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Resolucija o svetovnem miru

(Sprejeta na 13. redni konvenciji)

Ljudstva že od pamtveka hrepene po miru, sanjajo o miru in molijo za mir, toda vsak mir je bil do danjšnjega dne le priprava za novo klanje in razdejanje. Dokler bo človek izkoriščal človeka za svoj profit, dokler bo človeška družba slonela na imperializmu, bodisi kolonialnem ali dolarskem, dokler bo trošila svoja bogastva za oboroževanje, za militarizem, za vojno, dokler bodo države skrivale svoje agresivne nagone za masko absolutne suverenosti, dokler bo tako zvana kriščanska civilizacija skrivala svojo etično in moralno nagoto pod zmotno dogmo, da so na svetu manjvredni in superiorni narodi, dokler bo vsaka država videla le svoje sebične interese, dokler bodo bratstvo, svoboda, enakopravnost in socialna pravičnost le na jeziku, ne pa v srcu, toliko časa bo malo upanja na mirno sožitje narodov in reševanje mednarodnih konfliktov za zeleno mizo namesto na bojnih poljanah.

In vendar je vprašanje svetovnega miru danes najbolj aktualno in pereče vprašanje za sleherni narod. Ako se svet zopet znajde v novi vojni, v atomski, raketni in bakteriološki vojni, tedaj je malo verjetno, da bo od kake prizadete dežele ostalo kaj drugega kot razvaline, na katerih bodo poleg pokopališkega miru gnezдили le gavrani in podgane. Ako zopet spregovori orožje, od katerega atomska bomba mogoče ne bo niti najbolj strašna, tedaj je gotovo to, da veliko število mest čaka usoda Hirošime in Nagasake, dasi tudi usoda Coventryja, Amsterdama, Berlina, Varšave in Stalina-grada ni bila lahka.

Toda kljub temu, da je ta strašna perspektiva znana v vseh prestolnicah—znana je ali bi morala biti znana v vseh slojih in krogih—vidimo na eni strani slepo in zlobno kampanjo hujkanja proti vsemu, kar prihaja od vzhoda, pa naj bo dobro ali slabo, na drugi pa glupo pripravljjanje za novo svetovno klanje in razdejanje v obliki mrzličnega oboroževanja vseh glavnih in tudi manjših sil "zmagovalcev" in "miroljubnih" držav ter v obliki cinčne borbe za sfero vpliva in vojaške baze križem sveta.

Slovenski narodna podpora odločno odklanja podporo in obsoja vsako tako politiko, ki stremi za oboroževanjem, za militarizmom, za hujkanjem naroda proti narodu, za izkoriščanjem človeka po človeku, za lakanjem imperialističnih sfer in vojaških baz tisoče milijov od naravne in legitimne meje, kakor tudi iskanje trgov na principih dolarske diplomacije ali mednarodnih monopolističnih kartelov, kajti vse to ne vodi drugam kot v nove konflikte in v nove vojne.

Slovenska narodna podpora jednota se na svoji 13. redni konvenciji pridružuje onim silam in krogom, ki vidijo možnost in delujejo za realiziranje trajnega svetovnega miru in mirnega sožitja narodov:

1) V čim hitrejši ustanovitvi svetovne vlade enakopravnih in enakovrednih narodov, katera edina bo zmogla vzdrževati svetovni mir, oziroma preprečiti razlivi oboroženega konflikta v svetovni požar. Kot organ svetovne vlade lahko služi organizacija Združenih narodov, pod pogojem seveda, da ji bodo priključeni narodi, predvsem velesile pripravljene dati potrebne legalne in druge svojstvene atribute:

2) V splošni in čim hitrejši razorožitvi vseh narodov in zadavitvi militarizma, ki namesto v Nemčiji in na Japonskem danes dviga glavo v Ameriki, Angliji, Rusiji, na Kitajskem in sili na dan tudi v manjših državah Evrope in zapadne hemisfere. Ta razorožitev mora in mora priti le s splošno akcijo vseh držav, bodisi skozi Združene narode ali skozi separatne svetovne razorožitvene konference. Dokler bodo države oborožene do zob, toliko časa bo tudi mir v nevarnosti, organizacija Združenih narodov pa zgrajena na pesku. Države se morajo odreči pravici do vojne in se glede svoje varnosti nasloniti na svetovni organ, ki je ustvarjen in poklican za vzdrževanje svetovnega miru. To mora biti edini suvereni organ, ki naj razpolaga s tako močno vojaško silo, kolikor je potrebna za ohrano in vzdrževanje svetovnega miru:

3) V svetovni kontroli atomske energije, kakor to predvideva ameriški načrt, ki je na vsej črti fundamentalen in dalekosežen. Toda nujna potreba je, kakor zahteva Rusija in tudi drugi narodi, v kolikor se upajo oglašati, da Amerika takoj preneha s izdelovanjem atomskih bomb in na podlagi mednarodnega sporazuma uniči svojo zalogo tega strašnega orožja, s katerim le povzroča živčno vojno, mednarodno nezaupanje in oboroževanje:

4) V pravičnem miru, ki ne sme sloneti na maščevanju, ampak dajati vsem narodom priliko do svobodnega kulturnega, političnega in gospodarskega razvoja v svojih mejah v interesu svojega ljudstva in v mednarodni areni do dostopa do surovin in legitimnih trgovinskih potreb na podlagi enakopravnosti:

5) V sanaciji Evrope v čim tesnejši gospodarski, politični in kulturni povezavi vseh tamkajšnjih narodov na podlagi bratstva, svobode in enakopravnosti in na podlagi uničenja ostankov fašizma in kreiranja novega reda socialne pravičnosti. V kolikor Rusija, ali katera koli druga sila zasleduje te cilje v Evropi, ki je bila v zadnjih 400 letih žarišče treh četrtin vseh vojn na svetu, za služi podpora in simpatije vseh miroljubnih ljudi, ne pa sovražne gonje, ki je za svetovni mir izredno slaba klima:

6) V tem pravcu je naša borba za trajni svetovni mir in realiziranje največje in najbolj stare želje vsega miroljubnega človeštva.

ČLANOM IN PRIJATELJEM
SNPJ V CLEVELANDU

Cleveland, O.—Člani in društva Slovenske narodne podporne jednote prireajo že več let takozvane lokalne in narodne dneve SNPJ. Namen teh prireditvev je seveda, razširiti zanimanje za našo veliko organizacijo in na ta način pomagati k njenemu večjemu napredku. Te proslave se vršijo včasih v kaki večji dvorani, največkrat pa zunaj v naravi, v kakem parku ali pa na farmi.

Teh proslav se pogosto udeležijo mnogo tisoč ljudi. Prav dobro se še spominjam ene teh prireditvev, ki se je vršila pred nekaj leti na farmi družtev SNPJ v Chardon, O. Takrat je prišlo skupaj šest do sedem tisoč ljudi. Obiskovalci so prišli ne samo iz Clevelanda, ampak tudi iz drugih mest države Ohio in nekateri celo iz sosednjih držav.

Za časa vojne so bile prireditve te vrste jako otežkovane. Primanjkovalo je jestvin in pijske, ki so neobhodno potrebne za pravilno razpoloženje na izletih. Razen tega tudi ni bilo gasolinov za izletno vožnjo. Vendar se je s proslavami dnevo SNPJ nadaljevalo, če tudi v manjšem obsegu.

Tudi letos se vrši v Clevelandu tako praznovanje dneva SNPJ. Prireja ga federacija clevelandskih društev. Vrši se v nedeljo popoldne, dne 1. septembra, in sicer na naši zadrugi in farmi v Chardonu, Ohio. Prvotno je bil naš namen imeti to prireditev v ponedeljek, na Labor Day, toda na zadnji seji smo naš prejšnji sklep spremenili.

Odbor je na delu, da preskrbi godbo, pijske in jestvine, ki so potrebne da ustvarijo pravilno razpoloženje. Bolj težko je seveda za transportacijo. Upam, da tisti, ki imate svoje avtomobile, povabite s seboj tiste svoje znanke, ki nimajo lastnih prevoznih sredstev.

Člani in članice ter prijatelji SNPJ! V nedeljo, dne 1. septembra, vsi na izlet, ki se vrši na naši zadrugi in farmi. Vzemite cestno št. 6, (Chardon road) do Heath road in tam na desno, četrt milje. Ker je drugi dan Labor Day, se lahko zabavate do poznega večera.

Torej na svidenje!
Matt Petrovich, predsednik federacije.

LEP USPEH VESELICE
GOSPODINSKEGA KLUBA

Imperial, Pa.—V imenu gospodinskega odseka društva 106 SNPJ se iskreno zahvaljujem vsem, kateri so se udeležili veselice, ki se je vršila 17. avgusta. Udeležba je bila prav lepa.

Zahvaljujem se tudi godcem, ki so tako lepo igrali in oglaševali veselico po radiu. Orkester Billyja Perniska iz Finleyville, Pa., namreč igra na radio postaji vsako nedeljo popoldne ob štirihi, in sicer na oddaji WJPA, Washington, Pa.

Prav lepo se tudi zahvaljujem uredništvu Prosvete za dvakratno oglaševanje naše veselice. Vsem skupaj najlepša hvala!

Anna Gorenc.

SMRT ČLANICE
DRUŠTVA 3 SNPJ

Johnstown, Pa.—Že zopet se oglašam v naši Prosveti, in sicer z žalostno novico. Komaj sem prestopila prag svojega doma, sem zvedela o smrti članice Teresije Hreščak. Kaj pomeni taka novica tajnici, ki ljubi svojo družino, si vsak lahko misli. Zelo obžalujem, da se je to zgodilo v času moje odsotnosti. Ker sem prišla s konvencije nekaj ur prepozno, se nisem mogla udeležiti pogreba.

Odsoten je bil tudi predsednik, zato ni bilo vse tako kot bi moralo biti. Pokojnica je umrla 17. avgusta jutraj. Bila je priljubljena daleč naokrog. Bila je mirnega značaja. Zupala enega sina in dve hčeri. En sin in mož pa sta umrla pred njo. Tako pada list za listom. Pogrešala je ne bo samo njena družina, kateri je bila skrbna mati, ampak vsi, ki smo jo poznali.

Za vselej je utihnil lepi glas

njenega grla, s katerim je tako rada pomagala oživljati slovensko petje. Naj bo dragi pokojnici ohranjen blag spomin, užaloščenim sorodnikom pa v imenu društva Adrije št. 3 SNPJ globoko sožalje!

Tako, bratje in sestre, smrti ne izbira—danes tebi, jutri meni... Pride in vzame, a te ne vpraša, hočeš ali ne, temveč moraš z njo. Tu pa briše solze pokojnikovim sorodnikom SNPJ. Trinajsta redna konvencija se je zavedala važnosti agitacije in izvolila v ta namen osem distriktnih podpredsednikov. Moja skromna želja je, da se bodo skazali vredni zaupanja, ki ga jim je poverila delegacija. Ker smrt posega v naše vrste in dela dan za dnemov vrzeli, bo treba biti vedno na straži, da ne začnemo nazadovati. Pozdrav vsemu članstvu SNPJ.

Mary Vidmar, tajnica št. 3 SNPJ.

IZ BRIDGEPORTA

Bridgeport, O.—Novice iz Bridgeporta niso nič vesele. Pri društvu št. 13 SNPJ smo izgubili v teku šestih mesecev kar tri člane. Najprvo je umrl Martin Koss, potem Joe Snoy, dne 18. avgusta pa Mike Bretcel.

Pokojnik je zapustil soprogo, štiri sinove in šest hčera, v Pennsylvaniji pa brata Antona. Zadel ga je kap in po enem tednu je preminul. Torej, dragi brat Bretcel, dokončaj si svojo življenjsko pot, jednota pa je zopet izgubila starega in zvestega člana.

Dругih posebnih novic v naši naselbini ni. Ker ni mogoče dobiti piva, nismo imeli v letošnji sezoni nobenih piknikov. Sedaj nam obetajo, da bo zopet dovolj piva. Veselico bo priredila federacija tukajšnjih društev SNPJ na starega leta večer v Društvenem domu v Boydsvillu, O.

Dela se tu še vedno prilično, kajti tovarne obratujejo od pet do šest dni v tednu, premogovniki pa vsak drugi dan. Razumljivo, kapitalistom se nikamor ne mudi, kajti v času vojne so si nagrabili ogromne dobičke, dočim so majnarji dobili malo povška, toda sedaj je vse zelo drago in tako so na istem kot pred zvišanjem plače.

Ako bi še živel brat J. Snoy, bi bil gotovo vesel, kajti žena njegovega sina je povila hčerki. Upam, da jo bodo zapisali v naše društvo.

Na koncu pa vabim vse članstvo društva 13 SNPJ, da se v velikem številu udeležijo septembrske seje, na kateri bo podal naš delegat poročilo o 13. redni konvenciji SNPJ. Pridite gotovo! Mary Potnick, tajnica.

JANKOVICHEVO TEDENSKO
POROČILO O AGITACIJI
V DALJNI MINNESOTI

Eveleth, Minn.—Čitajte poročilo "večnega popotnika", kateri se kreta med prijaznimi rojaki v lepi in zračni Minnesoti. Naj omenim, da sem zdrav, vesel in korajžen.

Med konvencijo nisem preveč agitiral, le tu in tam sem vprašal tega ali onega delegata in delegatino, toda so malone vsi naročeni na dnevnik Prosveto. Tiste, ki niso naročniki, menda vseh skupaj jih je pet, sem "pobaral" in so obljubili, da se bodo naročili. Ne bo dolgo, ko se bom s pismom obrnil do njih.

Takoj drugi dan po konvenciji sem šel na agitacijo med prijazne Evelethčane, med člane in članice SNPJ, kakor tudi nečlane. Z ozirom na kratak čas, je bil rezultat zelo dober, in sicer v Evelethu, kakor tudi v Gilbertu.

V Evelethu so se naročili sledeči: John Agnich (član društva 69), John Strah (69), John Klemenčič (69), John Železnikar (69), Paul Kochar (69), John Sedaj (69), John Debevec (nečlan), Matilda Reberto (130), Joseph Kaplja (69), Frank Syan (69), Anton Stavich (nečlan), Frank Andolšek (69), Jennie Satkovich (130), Frances Russ (130), Martin Eriavec (69), Carol Perusek (69). V Gilbertu pa so se naročili

sledeči: Frank Žganjar (182), Mary Perian (182), John Bradach (182), Joseph Tomsich (182), Frank Press (182), John Ocepek (61), Jack Drobnič (61), John Kunstel (182), Louis Sberzich (182). Poleg teh pa sem dobil naročnika za staro domovino, in sicer Karla Brusa, Hotederšica pri Logatcu.

Torej "večni popotnik" je dobil v zadnjem tednu oz. v treh dneh nič manj kot 25 novih naročnikov. V kratkem pričakujem dobiti še več naročnikov. Drugače se počutim dobro in ljudje mi gredo imenitno na roke. Vsem najlepša hvala in bratski pozdrav vsem novim naročnikom! Anton Jankovich.

CLEVELANDSKI DAN SNPJ

Cleveland, O.—Radi pomanjkanja raznih potrebščin, kakor tudi transportacije, nismo imeli zadnja leta nobenih piknikov. Sedaj pa je vse to za nami, zato so sklenili zastopniki clevelandskih federacij društev SNPJ, da bomo priredili letos clevelandski dan SNPJ, ki se bo vršil v nedeljo, 1. septembra, na izletniških prostorih društev SNPJ.

Letošnja proslava bo pač bolj skromna, ker smo bili še vedno v negotovosti, ali bomo imeli dovolj okrepčila za zabavo. Ples se bo pričel ob treh popoldne na hribu v začetni dvorani. Igral bo "Lefty" Miklaucic, naši natakariji pa bodo skrbeli za žejne kar z dveh stojnic, in sicer na hribu in v dolini. Lačnim pa bomo postregle kar v kuhinji. Sicer je bolj majhna, vendar pa bomo vseeno postregle vsem.

Torej udeležite se clevelandskega dneva SNPJ! Vabljeni so vsi člani in članice SNPJ, kakor tudi prijatelji in znanci! Na svidenje v nedeljo, 1. septembra, na izletniških prostorih SNPJ!

Josephine Tratnik, tajnica federacije.

ŠE VEDNO ZBIRAJO
PRISPEVKE ZA
OTROŠKO BOLNIŠNICO

Joliet, Ill.—Nekaj besed glede zbiranja prispevkov za otroško bolnišnico v naši naselbini. Če pomislim na velikost naše naselbine Joliet, me je kar aham, ker smo zbrali skupaj tako majhno vsoto. Ne vemo kaj je temu vzrok.

Z zbiranjem še nismo prenehali, zato imate še vedno priliko, da darujete za ta plemeniti namen. Pokličite tajnico po telefonu in ona bo prišla do vas, ali pa kateri drug član ali članica društva 115 SNPJ, kajti vsi člani in članice so pooblaščen za pobiranje prispevkov.

Naj omenim še, da namerava iti v staro domovino mrs. J. Škala, 1003 Elizabeth ave. Potovala bi rada v družbi s kakšno drugo osebo. V Prosveti je čitala, da namerava iti v Jugoslavijo Agnes Pasarič iz Lindena, N. J. Prosim, da bi ji pisala na zgornji naslov. Njen mož pozna Agnes Pasarič osebno, ker je doma iz istega kraja. Prav tako želi, da bi ji pisal kdo drugi, ki namerava iti v Slovenijo.

Helen Sterniša, tajnica.

VABILO NA
DOMAČO ZABAVO

Springfield, Ill.—Tukajšnji gospodinski klub Slovenskega delavskega doma bo priredil domačo zabavo v nedeljo, 1. septembra, pričetek ob treh popoldne v Slovenskem delavskem domu.

Ker nismo imeli take prireditve že dolgo časa, upamo da se bodo springfieldski Slovenci odzvali v velikem številu. Ves čisti preostanek je namenjen za gospodinski klub SDD. Ženske se bomo potrudile, da boste dobro postreženi z jedačo in pijačo.

Vljudno vabimo vse od blizu in daleč, kakor tudi naše rojake iz sosednega Auburna. Ako bo imel kdo po veselici kakinega "mačka", bo imel drugi dan, na Delavski praznik, dovolj časa, da ga ozdravi. Vstopnina je prosta. Vsi dobrodošli—na veselo svidenje!

Ursula Zattich.

ZAPISNIK

13. REDNE KONVENCIJE

Slovenske narodne podporne jednote,

vrišče se v srednji mestni šoli

od ponedeljka, 12. avgusta, do sobote, 17. avgusta 1946,

v Evelethu, Minnesota.

ČETRTA SEJA—13. avgusta popoldne

Konvenčni predsednik br. Petrovich otvori sejo ob 1.30 popoldne. Br. Petrovich predstavi zbornico rojaka Josipa Bogdanica, katerega pomembne slike so razstavljene na odru in so posvečene Slovenski rodni podporni jednoti ena, druga mesečniku The Voice of Youth, tre Ameriškega družinskega koledarja, četrta pa Slovenskemu muzeju Clevelandu, Ohio. Mnogo drugih slik tega umetnika je razstavljen te štoli in si jih zborovalci lahko ogledajo. Številne pozdravne napisne v dvorani, v krajevnem domu SNPJ in na več ulicah je tudi naš Bogdanich.

Rojak Bogdanich se zahvali bratu predsedniku in pozdravi konvenca par besedami.

Br. Lotrich poroča, da je krasen šopek rož, ki krasijo oder, poslalo društvo Šmarica, št. 338 SNPJ, Virginia, Minn.

Poverilni odbor poroča, da je navzočih 293 delegatov in glavnih odnikov.

V imenu odbora za plače predlaga br. J. Ambrozich, da se zviša plače stroške na 6c na miljo.

Br. Modic protipredlaga, da naj ostane 5c, kakor je bilo doslej.

Br. Barbich stavi posredovalni predlog, da se zviša stroške na 5c miljo in opozori, da to ne krije samo dejanskih stroškov, ampak tudi denice za časa potovanja.

Vsi trije predlogi so podpirani.

Br. Simon predlaga, da se razprava zaključí. Predlog je podpiran soglasno sprejet.

Br. Petrovich izjavi, da ako ni ugovora, se bo glasovalo o vseh predlogih, in sicer samo za predloge, tisti predlog, ki dobi največ glasov bo smatran sprejet.

Z veliko večino je sprejet predlog za 6c.

Br. Petrovich pozove odbor za resolucije, da poroča.

Br. Kobi pozove brata Maxa Kumerja, da prečita resolucijo o penzijski skladu, ki so jo predložili jednotlivci in službenici.

Br. Max Kumer prečita resolucijo.

Razvije se kratka razprava, v katero poseže več delegatov in glav odbornikov.

Br. Cvtekovich predlaga, da se to resolucijo začasno odloži, in da dokler ne bo sprejeta resolucija v prid starih članom. Predlog je podran in soglasno sprejet.

Br. Garden predloži v imenu odbora za resolucije resolucijo o SVETOVNEM MIRU: (Priročena je na drugem mestu kot uvodnik.)

Med živahno razpravo, ki sledi čitanju resolucije, je priporočano, da morala resolucija vključevati tudi nasvet, da se deluje na to, da se od vsega sveta nauče enega jezika. Dalje, da se bi naj resolucija skrajša za zapisnik, v angleškem delu Prosvete pa priročila v celoti v obliki uršnih člankov. Priporočano je nadalje tudi, da se resolucijo pošlje zaženim narodom.

Br. Kaferle v imenu resolucijskega odbora pojasni, da ta resolucija in nekaj resolucij, ki bodo kasneje predložene, določajo predvsem smeri uredniku.

Resolucija je soglasno sprejeta kot citana.

Izrečeno je tudi priporočilo, da bi se resolucijo mimeografiralo, a od za resolucije pojasni, da bi to povzročilo precejšnjo zamudo in vrhu to so sledeče resolucije krajše.

Sestra Ambrozich poroča glede banketa v četrtek zvečer in pa o milicnih slikah, ki bodo nočjo predvajane v tej dvorani. Vpraša tudi, se želi konvencija slikati.

Br. Lotrich predlaga, da se v četrtek popoldne na konvenciji slik Predlog je podpiran in soglasno sprejet.

Petnajst minut odmora.

Br. Kobi predloži v imenu odbora za resolucije sledečo resolucijo:

RESOLUCIJA O ZADRUŽNISTVU

Lani je minilo sto let, odkar si je mala skupina revnih in izkoriščanih delavcev v Rochdale na Angleškem zamislila idejo samopomoči na gospodarskem polju s ustanovitvijo prve prave zadrugne trgovine. Centra samile ideje rochdalskih zadrugarjev je bila: a) izključevanje privatne profita in obratovanje zadrugne v korist članov-odjemalcev; b) zavarovanje demokratične kontrole in uprave zadrugne s tem, da ima vsak član samo en glas brez osira na število delnic.

V teku prvega stoletja je iz malega rochdalskega zrno zrastle velike drevo, danes že mogočno svetovno zadrugno gibanje s več kot sto milijoni članov. To gibanje je že v mnogih deželah postalo zelo važen gospodarski faktor in faktično predstavlja še močan zapovednik novega gospodarskega sistema, nove človeške družbe, ki ne bo slonela na privatni profitu, niti na konfliktih, ki se v kapitalistični družbi razvijajo v vojne marveč na potrebah in blaginasti vseh delovnega ljudstva.

V zadnjih 15 letih je tudi zadrugništvo v tej deželi, naši novi domovi napravilo zelo lep korak in ustanovljenih je bilo tisoče novih zadrug podjetij v raznih gospodarskih področjih. Zadrugno gibanje beleži velik napredek posebno med ameriški farmarji, po mestih pa je še bolj šibko, vendar pa se zadnja leta širi tudi na Main Streetu—industrijskim in poklicnim delavstvom. Ta zadrugni razvoj je velike važnosti tudi za ameriško kapitalistično civilizacijo, ki je od vrha do tal prežeta s gonjo za privatnim profitom s posledico, da se periodično gospodski sesede in vrše milijone delavcev na cesto, končno pa išče izhoda iz vojni in danes tudi v militarizmu. Stalno in čim hitrejši ječenje zadrugne gospodarskega sektorja je velikega pomena posebno za delovno ljudstvo, ker je bres močnega zadrugništva kot kontinenti popolnoma prosto na milost profitarskih "free enterpriserjev" in monopolistov.

Slovenska narodna podpora jednota, ki je sama faktično delavska banka zadruga, na svoji 13. redni konvenciji s veseljem pozdravlja ta zadrugni razvoj in v tej deželi in tudi širom sveta in urgira svoje članstvo, da ni razmah v tej deželi in tudi širom sveta in urgira svoje članstvo, da aktivno udeležuje tudi pri širjenju zadrugništva in na drugih poljih gospodarskega sektorja. Jednota priporoča svojim članom in članicam, kakor tudi delavcem, da se pridružijo ali sodelujejo pri ustanovitvi konumnih drugih zadrug kjer koli je to mogoče, kajti s tem le delujejo v svoj lastnem interesu in obenem pomagajo graditi novo družbo bodočnosti principih zadrugništva, bratstva in socialne pravičnosti.

Resolucija je brez razprave soglasno sprejeta.

Br. Kobi predloži v imenu odbora za resolucije sledečo resolucijo:

RESOLUCIJA O SOCIALNI ZAŠČITI

Kljub temu, da je Amerika najbogatejša dežela in največja industrijska sila na svetu, s največjim delavskim razredom, je misel o socialni zaščiti tačela pridirati v njenih zakonodajnih zbornicah šele zadnje leta. Vsi potrebe te zaščite se je dežela začela zavestno šele zadnje leto predvo krize, ko je bil sprejet v kongresu sedanji zakon socialne zaščite. Ta zakon je zelo pomanjkljiv in je potreben temeljitja izboljšanja. Delavci nudi le majhno zaščito, bodisi v področju starostne ali pa bresposelnost podpore, v področju zdravstvenega zavarovanja pa nisočas.

Kot delavska podpora organizacija, sestojeca skoraj izključno iz mladih delavcev in njih družin, se je SNPJ še zgodaj v svoji zgodovini delu pridružil onim naprednim in socialno čustvenim delavskim skupinam, ki propagirale potrebo dobre delavske in socialne zakonodaje v svrhu poizvedbe delovnega ljudstva, ki je najbolj podvrženo in izpostavljeno vohazardnostim življenja. Zvesta tem svojim načelom kot zaščitnica in vohazardnostim življenja. Zvesta tem svojim načelom kot zaščitnica in vohazardnostim življenja. Zvesta tem svojim načelom kot zaščitnica in vohazardnostim življenja.

governica delovnega ljudstva in socialne pravičnosti, se za doslej najboljše in skrajno potrebne socialne zakonodaje 13. redna konvencija SNPJ izreka:

1) Za izdatno liberaliziranje zveznega zakona socialne zaščite v ročju starostne pokojnine: a) s zvišanjem mesečnih dajatev na točko, bo delavcem na stara leta omogočila dostojno življenje—vsi stili. b) v slučaju potrebe ne bodo odvzeli od privatne ali javne miloščine: b) znižanjem starostne meje s 65 na 60 let, ko naj bo delavec upravljen pokojnine;

2) Za izboljšanje bresposelnostne podpore: a) Z USTANOVITVJO UNIFORMNEGA ZVEZNEGA SISTEMA, kar pomeni odpravo kršitve se in na splošno zelo slabih državnih zakonov; b) s povišanjem tedenske podpore in raztegnitvijo zavarovalne dobe vsaj na 26 tednov v letu: (Dalje na 3. strani)

More Convention Highlights

THE 13TH REGULAR convention of the SNPJ, held at Eveleth, Minn., Sept. 12 to 17, was both one of the shortest and largest on record. The 12th convention held at Pittsburgh in 1941 numbered 338 delegates and executives and was therefore larger than this year's convention because of the merger of SNPJ and SSPZ. The 1946 convention numbered 296 delegates and executives.

In spite of being one of the largest, the convention proved that much can be accomplished in one week. There were twelve regular sessions and one evening session, which was necessitated by the fact that the two Thursday sessions were cut short due to addresses delivered by three invited speakers and because of preparations in connection with the convention banquet and the taking of pictures. The speakers were Ethel Kristan, Louis Adamic and Dr. Slavko Zore.

The delegation was satisfied with the convention city and especially with the high school auditorium where the convention was held. The auditorium is spacious and well equipped with modern facilities and a number of classrooms were at the disposal of our convention committees. The city of Eveleth with a population of about 7,000, accorded the delegates an enthusiastic reception.

THE CONVENTION adopted several progressive resolutions which are far-reaching in content and meaning. These pertain to the old country, to world peace, to labor unions, to political action, and a resolution on cooperatives, social security, and on political policy to be followed by the Society's publications.

The convention donated an additional sum of \$15,000 to the proposed children's hospital in Slovenia, making a total of \$25,000 for this purpose. In addition, individual delegates also contributed towards this fund, the goal of which is \$115,000 which is expected to be reached this fall. For the political action of SANC the delegation collected \$800.

Concerning the various benefits and operations, the convention made several changes by liberalizing the benefit payments. Likewise, disability benefits were also increased. However, because of state insurance laws, certain benefits could not be increased without increasing assessments. On the other hand, a provision has been made whereby old members in need of help will be entitled to certain benefits. This pertains to members aged 65 and over who are members of the organization 35 years or more. In the main, assistance will thus be given to needy members in this group in meeting their assessment obligations. Assistance will come from the special benefit fund and will not affect the members' mortuary benefit.

APPROPRIATIONS for the athletic fund have been increased to \$10,000 annually, and \$5,000 has been allotted for cultural activities of our juvenile circles. Also, the executive committee was instructed to prepare and print a Slovene primer for juvenile members.

Turning to elections, all executive officers were re-elected: supreme secretary, treasurer, editor, secretary of sick benefit department and juvenile director without opposition, while president, manager and assistant secretary were re-elected against opposition. Also re-elected by acclamation were three committee heads: Frank Zaitz, chairman of supervisory, Matt Petrovich of finance and Anton Shular of judiciary committee.

The new 1st vice-president is Ray Travnik and 2nd vice-president is Joseph Culkar. The eight district vice-presidents are: John V. Cebular of Philadelphia, Frank Gradisek of Herminie, Pa., James Maglich of Oakdale, Pa., Joseph Fikolt of Cleveland, John Spiller of St. Louis, Ursula Ambrozich of Eveleth, Minn., John Petritz of Los Angeles and Frank Polsak of Roundup, Mont. Supervisory committee members are: Michael Kumer, Matt Turk, Louis Kaferle and Andrew Grum; finance committee, Jacob Zupan, Rudy Lisch and Donald Lotrich; judicial committee, Frank Vratarich, Andrew Vidrich, John Kobi and Camilus Zarnick. Other convention details will be found in the official minutes.

Gala Vet Home Coming Sept. 1st

HERMINIE, PA.—SNPJ Lodge "Protonislec" No. 67 and Lodge Keystonians No. 613 will celebrate Vet Homecoming together this Sunday, Sept. 1.

The Slovene speaking and English speaking lodges of Herminie have combined their efforts to celebrate the Homecoming of their veterans who have served our country so gallantly. Exactly 70 members were sent to war and the lives of all have been spared. With a few exceptions all will attend the banquet held in their honor. Serving in all theaters of war and divided for years they once more will be together this day. What a day of rejoicing it should be to be back home with their families and friends and the honors of war left behind.

The committee on preparations have spared no effort or cost in making this day complete. A souvenir booklet listing the names and pictures of all who have served has been printed. It was only through hard work by the booklet committee in obtaining ads from our businessmen and collecting the necessary information that this has been made possible. The booklet will contain reproductions of pictures of

our veterans and will become a prized possession by all fortunate enough to receive one. Considerable expense was involved in getting the cuts made.

The following program will begin immediately after the banquet which begins at 2 o'clock:

Selection, National Anthem, Master of ceremonies, Joseph Batiz. Welcome address, President of lodge 613 Frank Gradisek. President Herminie Lions Club Ogie Kaiser. Military Tap, Mona Lee Mayfield. Address, Michael Kumer, member supreme board. Augustine Kelly, congressman. Tap dance, Carol Ann Smart. Hawaiian song and dance, Carol Ann Smart and Mona Lee Mayfield.

After the program the social room will be opened for refreshments of all kinds. There will be plenty available in spite of all the shortages that exist.

Dancing to Frank Proven's Musical Stylists will begin at 7:30. So if you are unable to attend the banquet come and spend an enjoyable evening dancing to this fine orchestra. All lodges near and far are welcome. Will your lodge be represented?

JOSEPH BATIZ, Sec'y.

Lodge 319 Anniv. Dance Sept. 1st

CUDDY, PA.—I am wondering how many of you are planning on attending our anniversary dance, Sunday, Sept. 1. This is my final reminder to you of the affair so please keep it in mind.

In the afternoon we will have Johnnie Krek entertain us with his delightful music—a lad who is rapidly gaining popularity here, and you, I know, will be filled with the same feeling of satisfaction. There will be music in the evening by Jack Guzel.

Let us count on your attendance, won't you? MOLLY, Lodge 319.

Gowanda News

GOWANDA, N. Y.—Picnics looked rather doubtful this year but then a couple of weeks ago our Hidi Mayor Bohinc left for the convention and in the meantime we were able to replenish our beer supply and so now Sunday, Sept. 1, is the day of the first and only picnic of the year. Stan's orchestra from Buffalo will furnish the music for the dancing feet. There will be plenty of refreshments and amusements, also prizes will be given away on the grounds. Mentley's Grove will feature this great attraction. Hope to see every one there and really raise a little whoopee. In the event of rain the picnic will be held the following day.

Here are some recent marriages: Ted Palic and Adeline Waligus; Benjie Korbar and Frankie Roter; Frances Smrke and Ted Lipinski; John Vojcina and Mary Wolitz; Helen Selan and Frank Michael; and Ray Schmitt and Vickie Ralport. A recently engaged couple are Dorothy Steklara and Laue Korbar. A boy was born to Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Korbar and a girl to Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Korbar. Congratulations and best wishes to all of the above named.

Sports have picked up quite a bit in Gowanda. The fellows have formed softball teams and are really playing some good games. The VFW is leading with Slovene Club second, Moose third, Legion fourth. Tannery fifth and last but not least the Glue Factory.

Our Mayor of Hidi really arrived in style at the convention, chauffeur and all. Just noticed the other day on the street that Joe Pernik has finally received his 1947 car. Boy, that's really a class car, made to order. I still wonder why our Hidi Mayor didn't hire him for his chauffeur.

Just a word to the Circle members. The next meeting will be Sunday afternoon, Sept. 8, at 2 o'clock at the Slovene Club. Hope to see all of you present as there are many things to be discussed at this meeting.

Mrs. Olga Leonard is on the sick list. Wish you a speedy recovery. VIOLET WIDGAY, 325.

Spirit-o-Grams

By Whoosit

ST. LOUIS, MO.—Our next regular meeting will be held Friday, Sept. 13, at 8 p. m. Members are asked to be present since a report of the convention will be given at this meeting. Also other important matters will be discussed.

Bro. and Sis. Spiller attended the convention in Eveleth, Minn., and really had a wonderful time there meeting some of their old friends. They also reported that the weather was perfect during their stay in Eveleth.

The bowling team held their first game Aug. 20 at the Bevo Bowling Alleys. They did pretty well, too. They will bowl every Tuesday evening from now on at 9 o'clock. Members are asked to come to the alleys and give our bowlers a good helping hand. The following members are on the team: Edward Harvatin, Stanley Hervatin, John Yurzee, Tony Petrovich Jr., and John Easterni. Don Doslak and Al Kacin are extras.

Wedding bells will ring sometime in September for Mary Bursich. Lots of luck and happiness to you, Mary, and congratulations to the lucky man.

Whoosit wants to make a correction. A few weeks ago the article stated that Lillie Hrvatin is to be married Oct. 12. The correct name is Lillie Harvatin.

Triglav Athletic Club Dance Sat., Sept. 14

JOINTSTOWN, PA.—The Triglav Athletic Club, SNPJ 82, is going to hold its first postwar dance at the Moxham Slovenian Hall in Lorain Borough on Saturday evening, Sept. 14. Music will be by that ever-popular Joe Koracin and his Slovene Aces of Greensburg.

We would like to extend an invitation to all our neighboring lodges: Kelso, Friendly City, Flood City, South Fork, St. Michael, Central City and all others.

Comrades' Note Book

By J. F. Fikolt

CLEVELAND, O.—Attendance at the Comrade meeting was not much to brag about at the August meeting. Tony and Marge Kauss from Pennsylvania were present as visitors. Nellie Shine proposed Mary DeLoat as a new member, while Dot Mosnik stated she is going to persuade Miss Jereb to come into our fold. Writer commented on the results of the convention. The question of surplus funds for Jugoslavia brought up. Tony Kerze won the \$1 award, while Vida Grmsek was absent when her name for the \$9 was called. Copy of the Pioneer souvenir booklet was passed around and admired.

Dance Sept. 7
Comrades will open up the Slovene National Home on Saturday, Sept. 7 for the initial dance of the season. Music will be by Peter Sznick. S. N. P. J. matches advertising the organization will be passed out that night. We also hope "to collar" a few more members. Tony Kerze has promised definitely that beer will be available that evening, we already have a supply. Pauline Spik has things pretty well lined up with the exception of a few more workers. Dance tickets have been mailed to all members. If the initial response is any indication, everyone will accept the one ticket mailed. Dot Mosnik has already requested additional.

Picnic Sept. 15
No rest for the wicked. Sunday, Sept. 15, Comrades will have another picnic at the S. N. P. J. Farm. Music for the occasion will be furnished by Joey Francel, popular Utopian musician. Those who were unable to be with us at our first affair will have a chance to mingle with the crowd this time.

Bowling Season
September will see the opening of the bowling season. The girls have already lined up two teams. Joe Koren is lining up the boys. If you are interested suggest that you contact Joe at once. Bowling for the boys will be on Sunday evening at the Waterloo alleys. Athletic League is calling a meeting for Sunday, Sept. 1.

Promotional Activities
The writer at the last Supreme Board meeting commented on the fact that greater promotional activities were required to advertise the SNPJ at our various affairs. Signs, souvenirs, literature, etc., telling prospective members who is sponsoring the affair and the advantages gained from becoming a member of our organization, should be in evidence more so than we have had in the past. Outside street signs, banners should also be abundant.

"Dinner at the White House"
Louis Adamic's latest book, "Dinner at the White House," may result in quite a controversy. The price for the book is \$2.50. If enough members would like to secure a copy, writer can send in a quantity order and obtain them at a lower price. Let me know if you are interested.

Convention Comment
Considerable comment has been heard regarding the shortness of our convention. No one believed it possible that it could be held down to one week. The delegates themselves were responsible. They backed the executive committee selections, who labored in advance to prepare the material. The by-laws committee headed by Frank Grover with Ludvik Medvesek as secretary, consisting of Matt Turk, former supreme secretary of SNPJ, A. Wapotich, E. Tancsek, and the writer, also Sis. C. Stritar, performed a very creditable job. L. Medvesek's presentation was outstanding and so convincing that practically all of the committee's recommendations were accepted without change. Bro. Matt Petrovich, convention chairman, demonstrated again his capability as presiding officer.

Absent from the supreme board meetings will be our friends Josephine Mocnik and Frank Barbic from the judicial committee; John Olip and Fred Malgasi from the supervisory, also Edward Tomsic, district vice president. Newcomers will be J. Kobi from Minnesota, L. Kaferle from Cleveland, Matt Turk from Chicago, Perita from Los Angeles and Frank Polsak from Roundup, Montana, as district vice presidents. Sis. Ursula Ambrozich will be the sole lady board member to fight for their cause.

tation to all our neighboring lodges: Kelso, Friendly City, Flood City, South Fork, St. Michael, Central City and all others.

Come on out all you guys and gals and have a good time dancing all those wonderful Slovene polkas and waltzes. We guarantee you plenty to eat and drink too.

MARY A. LOGAR, Treas.

SNPJ Lodge 273 Picnic Sept. 2

SHELDON, WIS.—Lodge 273 is having a picnic on Labor Day, Sept. 2nd, at the New Sheldon Park. A dinner will be served at noon and sandwiches served all day, as well as many other refreshments.

Members who do not attend are asked to donate \$5c as in previous years to help build up our treasury. We cannot expect a few members always helping the lodge as others get just as much benefit from it. So let's all come and help make this a big success.

The next meeting will be held Sept. 20 at 8:30 p. m. We hope we will have as good attendance as at our last meeting. See you all Labor Day at the Sheldon Park.

EMMA DERNOVSEK, Sec'y.

Veronian News

VERONA, PA.—To start the month of September, we have a dance scheduled for Labor Day, Monday, Sept. 2nd, music by the Musical Stylists. The town of Verona is having its Welcome Home Celebration that day and the committee have asked us to cooperate with them and have our club open for dancing in the evening. So we ask all you to attend, for we expect quite a few of the veterans of Verona to be there.

Thursday, Sept. 5 is the regular monthly meeting for the juveniles so we ask you parents to remind the children to be there at 8 p. m. One of the things to be discussed is the dance Saturday, Sept. 14, also a wiener roast or corn roast has been brought to our attention and plans have to be made regarding same.

Dance time again Saturday, Sept. 7, dancing from 10 to 2 to Frank Porovne's Musical Stylists, and we invite all you members from the different lodges to attend for we know a good time is in store for you.

Extend congratulations to Josephine Samec and Lenny Schwartz on their recent engagement. No definite date has been set for the wedding. Congratulations go forward to Mr. and Mrs. Ira Shank of Sandy Creek who are the proud parents of a boy, born Aug. 4. Mrs. Olga Flajnik Drost flew to New York last week and we wish her a pleasant visit, also to Joe Hezar who left for California.

You members who plan to enter the golf tournament, have you made arrangements with Elmer? If not, you had better do so for Sept. 8th is only about a week off, and you don't want to be left out when the golfers leave at 7:30 a. m. for Sylvan Heights at New Castle.

Want to again remind you who plan to bowl with us this season to get in touch with me so that teams can be established and bowling can get under way.

CORNELIA GORUN, 680.

Struggler Views

CLEVELAND, O.—Strugglers wiener roast date has been tentatively set for Saturday, Sept. 7, at Sabel's Picnic Grove. It's the same place we held our picnic last month and members who attended the picnic seem to think that it is the ideal spot for a wiener roast. It's close to home and big enough to accommodate us all. All details will be made by the entertainment committee and your scribe will let you know through next week's edition of the Prosvelta. So watch for it and plan to attend.

In Sympathy
It is with great sorrow and deep regret that we announce the passing of another Struggler member, none other than Bro. Frank Janecic. Although he did not attend the meetings regularly we know that he has been with us a great number of years. Frank resided in Perry, Ohio, and is survived by his parents and sister Anne Jakse. To his family our heart-felt sympathies.

Newcomers
"It's a girl!" at Sis. Mary Saver's and we offer our congratulations. Quite a few members attending the dedication ceremonies of the Honor Hall at the Slovene Workmen's Home. Jo Lokar convalescing at Brecksville Hospital. Here's to a speeding recovery, Jo! Seems like the Strugglers will have one girls' bowling team in the SNPJ league according to Jo Hoffert and Frances Perusek. And how about the men? Are you going to have a team? Quite a lengthy discussion at our meeting between Paul Golob and Florence Zamen and it certainly was an interesting topic. C'mon members, how about planning to attend our future monthly meetings? Every month we find those "faithful few" attending and they are the ones who do all of the work at the Affairs. It's pretty discouraging to how about some new members pitching in? We'll be seeing you.

ANNE S. ZELE, Rec. Sec'y.

Cleveland S. N. P. J. Day Sunday, Sept. 1

CLEVELAND, O.—On Sunday, Sept. 1, the SNPJ Recreation Farm will be the place for you to go for some lively entertainment. The occasion will be the annual SNPJ Day, which is sponsored by the Cleveland Federation of SNPJ lodges.

There will be music, refreshments for everyone. The polkas will start off with a bang at three o'clock in the afternoon. So be sure to attend this gala occasion and bring your friends to join in the fun.

J. F.

Sunday, Sept. 1, at SNPJ Farm located off Chardon Rd., Route 6, Cleveland Federation will reinstate its annual SNPJ Day.

Picnic festivities will start as early as you like and continue as late as your stamina can absorb. Music will be furnished by the tantalizing accordions of "Lefty" Miklavac and his associate.

Refreshments will include the unusual along with regular reinvigorating "coolants." Kitchen will offer food in prewar style under the supervision of our diligent Federation secretary, Sister Tratinik.

We ask all of you with passenger accommodations to stop at your

nearest Slovene Homes and help transport as many carless people as possible. Due to unavailable bus and truck facilities it would be most appreciated by the people who have no means of getting there and to the Cleveland Federation who would like to see a good crowd of loyal SNPJ members and friends present.

Out-of-towners are cordially invited. Sunday, the day before Labor Day, is the Cleveland SNPJ Day. A grand day to get together and play ball, dance, sing, pitch horseshoes, meet your friends and picnic from early morn to late in the evening.

CLEVELAND, O.—Lack of supplies and transportation difficulties during the war years prevented holding large-scale affairs and picnics. However, things are different now and once more we can enjoy ourselves at such outings.

The Cleveland Federation of SNPJ lodges is holding its annual SNPJ Day affair this Sunday, Sept. 1, at the SNPJ farm. This year's affair promises to be one of the best. There will be plenty of refreshments and good entertainment. It will start at 3 p. m. Music will be furnished by Lefty Miklavac.

A cordial invitation is extended to all lodges and friends to attend. Be sure to come and bring your friends. Let's make this year's Cleveland SNPJ Day a big success.

JOSEPHINE TRATNIK, Federation Secretary.

Sharon Keystoners

SHARON, PA.—No, it is not that Keystoners are getting short of news, or not enough activity in the lodge; it was just summer heat and vacation time. From now on you'll again enjoy reading the news or witeups of the Sharon Keystoners.

First, reminding all members that the Sept. monthly meeting will take place Thursday, Sept. 5, instead of Monday, which is Labor Day. We are very glad to report that our meetings are attended more and more by our returned veterans. Thanks, boys, for the fine cooperation. A light lunch and drinks are served after the meeting which is very much enjoyed by everyone. Sec'y Mary Robich is in charge of the next meeting's lunch.

A committee will be picked out for our 8th anniversary dance which will be Sunday, Sept. 8. Music will be furnished by our very popular Slovene Vagabonds of Sharon, featuring the famous guitarist Stan Novak who is also a Keystoner.

Please all nearby SNPJ lodges keep this date open for the Keystoners' 8th anniversary dance which will be Sunday, Sept. 8. Thank you.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Novak on the arrival of a fine healthy baby boy. That makes me an aunt again. Am just as proud as Frances Dermotta of Libary. (Kaj ne, Francka?) The same goes to Mrs. Rose Nespor Mohn with her baby boy. Also to Mrs. Frances Mazuren who gave birth to a baby girl. From Cleveland the news came that a baby girl, Charlotte Ann, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Novak who, including their son Gerald, are all Keystoners. Again, congratulations to these happy parents.

Thanks for all the greeting cards that I received from many delegates who attended the SNPJ convention in Minnesota. Mrs. Frances Gorence, delegate for lodge 262 of Sharon, is a busy person answering all questions asked about the convention and reports it to be very interesting.

Our Juvenile Circle spent a very happy day at the outing and wiener roast July 28. Swimming, fishing, boat riding, mushball, and horse-shoes were the main topic of the day.

This coming Sunday the Circle is having its annual Field Day, which will be the great event of sports and races for all ages. Watch for the final report next week.

I will also report the trip to Ambridge Dam which will be made by a busload from Sharon to their remodeled Dam.

FRANCES NOVAK, 755.

SNPJ Lodge No. 265 Dance Sat., Aug. 31

SOUTHVIEW, PA.—This Saturday, Aug. 31, our SNPJ lodge 265 is sponsoring a dance at the SNPJ Hall. Music by Al Medofar and his Polkaaters. Dancing from 9 to 1. We extend an invitation to all neighboring lodges. Bro. Anton Bupar, our delegate and Bro. John Jobkar returned from the conven-

News of Young American Lodge

DETROIT, MICH.—The people of Jugoslavia need tools, machines, scientific instruments, apparatus and text books: saws, hammers, pliers, wrenches, cutting and machine tools, drills, planes, braces, squares, triangles, drafting instruments, typewriters, adding machines, microscopes and microscopes, eye glasses and lenses, pruning shears, painters' brushes, bricklayers' trowels and levels, hammers and anything else useful in the house, barn, school, workshop or factory.

We Young Americans have most of these useful tools and if we do not have them, we can buy them. In Jugoslavia the people cannot buy tools, because there are none. And tools are needed for reconstruction.

The peoples of Jugoslavia helped us defeat the nazi-fascist barbarians. Let us help them rebuild their war torn country.

Ours is a wonderful heritage. We owe much of what we are today to the fact that we stem from a freedom loving people. Jugoslavia has proved to the world that they will be free. We can help them rise to be the greatest democracy in Europe by helping.

Don't let's give them some material help. How about it? What are we going to do? What do you say, let's all go out to the garage or down in the cellar and dig up some of those tools you have no use for. Bring them down to our next meeting or down to the SND any time. We'll crate them and send them on their way to eager hands that'll make good use of them. Remember, our next meeting will be on Friday, Sept. 13. Let's all come loaded down with tools.

FRANK C. HOSTNIK, Sec'y.

Reveliers Column

AMBRIDGE, PA.—Dates to remember: Sept. 15, Reveliers' monthly meeting at the Russian Hall, Third and Maplewood ave. at 7:30 p. m.

The last Revelier meeting was very well attended, with six new members joining the lodge, plus 15 members who will join at the next meeting.

Delegate Kate Grandovic has returned from the convention with some very interesting notes and news.

The Revelier Duckpin League will start to bowl Sunday, Sept. 15, at 1:15 p. m. at the Club Alleys on Maplewood ave. All male members are urged to give their names to Joe Tekstar or Gus Rosenberger.

The bowling committee members are notified that there will be a meeting of the committee on Sept. 13, bowling matches on Sept. 13.

VAL KOSILA, 686.

tion. Bro. Jobkar was among the 10 honored for securing the new members in the last campaign.

Our Times

By Louis Beniger

NEVER BEFORE, not even during the heroic resistance in the recent war, did Yugoslavia receive so much publicity as it did last week. In spite of the fact that this country was extremely unfavorable to the greater part based on hysteria, Yugoslavia was able to present its case to the world.

Yugoslavia claims that there were more than a hundred illegal flights by American and British planes over her territory, which was violation of her sovereign rights. Yugoslavia also claims that she had received several warnings with the offer of planes continued their violation and disregarded the warnings of Yugoslav authorities.

From this it would appear that a small nation cannot protest against the big nations, that is, that a small nation's protests can be ignored by the powerful nations at will.

JUDGING the situation from the press hysteria, one would come to the conclusion that all the fault this case lies with Yugoslavia. The press went wild with attacks on the Yugoslav government. In fact, this was a climax of the terrible propaganda waged against Yugoslavia in the past months. It seems that propaganda knows no bounds. Instead of trying to settle differences in a peaceful way, propaganda of the most vicious type is used to lead to a permanent and just peace, or will it lead to another world conflict a hundred times worse than the one conducted a year ago? In view of the fact that each small nation has to live on a bigger nation, it is "incidents" like this that must eventually lead to another foolish conflict.

FUTURE WARS can and must be prevented. This cannot be done by merely violating the rights of other nations. The world cannot afford another war, for another war would mean the destruction of everything. While I am pondering these grave matters, I do not wish to make the position that Yugoslavia was, absolutely right in shooting down American planes. Although Yugoslavia is trying to justify her act by saying that her warnings were completely disregarded, I believe that these means could have been found to prevent a repetition of such violations.

In a larger sense, what happened in Yugoslavia was in reality a fight between the big powers—Russia, England and America—a fight for spheres of influence. And even this problem is but a side issue for dominance, with the Dardanelles and other strategic points as the main issues.

Integrity Broadcast

CHICAGO.—The Integrity's monthly meetings are very poorly attended. Out of 180 adult membership we should have better results. The backbone of your lodge is your meetings. Many important matters are transacted at the meetings and if you are not present, you might not know anything about them.

The meetings are held every Friday of the month at 8 p.m., 224 W. North ave., 2nd floor. There is no reason why we cannot have better attendance. Your duty is to attend the meetings and voice your opinion. So let's get together every month at our meetings. Do remember the good old times when we used to have meetings? Well, you can be yours at all times, but it is up to you to come and promote the lodge.

Will you come to the September meeting and from then on try to do your best to come more often. For the Integrity progress to come, it is up to you to keep up the spirit that you should keep always.

Many pay dues on time as many of you are always behind. It is very important to you to have your dues paid on time.

Pioneer Bowlers

CHICAGO.—All Pioneer bowlers are urged to attend a meeting Friday, Sept. 6 at the Slovene Center, 2645 W. Lawrence, at 8:30 p. m. The meeting will elect officers for the coming year and discuss the progress of the league. We have contracted for 16 teams this year and are seeking one more team. We are also inviting our sponsors to participate and with the addition of 4 teams will be a total of 20 teams. All interested in bowlers should contact D. J. Lot-

WAUKEGAN SCENE OF BIG MIDWEST SNPJ GATHERING THIS SUNDAY

Golf, Balina, Field Day Events and Dance Main Attractions; Stan Gregorin Orchestra to Furnish Music

Waukegan, Illinois, will be the center of SNPJ sport and social activities in the midwest section, all day this Sunday, September 1. Golf, balina and juvenile field tournaments, together with a big dance, are expected to attract several hundred members from local lodges and from Chicago, Milwaukee and other surrounding localities.

First on the day's program will be the golf tournament, an eighteen hole event that will bring together many of the Society's best golfers in the midwest area, which will decide both the team and individual champions of the SNPJ in that section. The tournament will be staged at the Suburban Country Club on Green Bay Road, about five miles north of Grand Avenue. The first foursome is scheduled to tee off at 10 A.M. Others will follow, as soon as possible, after checking in with the tournament secretary. Golfers, who are also entered in the balina tournament, are requested to make a special effort to appear at the golf course early enough to complete their round in time to participate in balina later in the day, without causing unnecessary delay or forfeiture to the opposing team.

The next important attraction of the day's sport program will be the Juvenile Field Meet, consisting of several running races, broad jump, high jump and baseball throw. These events will be conducted on

The "Last Roundup"

EVELETH, MINN.—Our 13th convention was brought to a close with the song "Hej Sloveni." Then the delegates trekked down to the auditorium for their last bowl of soup, then to the Slovene Dom, official meeting place during the past week.

The parade was cancelled due to the sudden rain; so the delegates began to arrive at the "Spa" to celebrate their "Domaca zabava." This affair planned and executed by the English speaking delegation was a fitting climax to a week of work and fun. I'm sure a precedent has been set that will be followed at every future convention. A vote of thanks to the committee of three who made the necessary arrangements for refreshments, etc., namely, Frances Dermotta, Donald Lotrich and Mike Kumer.

Never before have I ever seen such a gathering of shouting, singing, smiling Slovenians. From my corner I can count at least sixty-five delegates, several members of the supreme board and guests. "Never before have I heard the 'Detroit polka' played so often. On my left I see a painting by Joseph Bogdanich, who must have worked for months, painting all the "Welcome" signs distributed all over Eveleth.

Right now the group on my left are singing "Happy Birthday" to John "Curly" Darovec, our 60 year old guest. With us was Emil Hrst, our SNPJ booster. Assistant head-waiter was Tony Verbie. Excuse me while I dance with Mr. Sampson. This Mr. Sampson is the reason we all had a bunk this past week. He has done a good job, Ray Travnik was trying to restore order and quiet but it was hopeless. Mr. Cebular is a very strong booster. Everyone seems to miss Mike, Moxie, and Cassol, the absentees from the "Penslovenija" delegates. I see athletic board member Marco Shappek.

Over at the other table is our "predlagam, da se debata zaključi" boy, J. Janz, taking it all in. Any one who thinks the fraternal spirit in the young and older SNPJs is gone, should be here. Ann Opeka and friend Rose are leading some group singing on my right. Lawyer Zorman is tripping the light fantastic with a sophisticated lady in black. Sylvia Fabee and Roy are starting another song. I love Slovene songs, but did you ever try to listen to "Zidana marea" with one ear and another song with the other? Another "full of fun" couple is Mae and Frank Groser of "Chicaha".

It's raining the proverbial cats and dogs, but our guests are still arriving. Josephine Spendal seems to be everywhere. Dan Obed of the Wolverines is taking time out for a snack. That's the keynote of this party—eat when you're hungry, drink when you're thirsty, dance and sing because you're happy. The Penny trio consisting of Frances Dermotta, Emma Korosec and myself are having the time of our lives. Can it be so early some delegates are really going home? Seems so. There's John Spiller, representative from St. Louis, saying good-by.

All in all, our convention turned out very well. We are a more compact, united group; working for the good of the organization as a whole; not individually. Lack of space prevents my reporting further but I'm sure you can imagine the rest. So, until we meet again—So long!

HELEN RIBARICH, 292, rich at Lawndale 2344. Your cooperation will be appreciated.

the local high school playing field and will commence at 12 o'clock noon. Contestants and spectators will first meet at the Slovene National Home and from there proceed in a group to the scene of the tournament. As this report is being prepared, it is known that 21 juvenile entrants, about evenly divided between the members of Perfect Circle of Chicago and the Jolly Juvenile Circle of Waukegan, are entered in the first sectional Juvenile Field Day of the SNPJ. The meet will be a dual contest between the Chicago and Waukegan groups for championship honors, trophies and other worthwhile awards. Since this will be their first experience in track and field competition, the ultimate outcome is very much in doubt and for that reason no prediction is ventured. However, may the best team and individual contestants win.

The closing sport event will be the balina tournament. This, undoubtedly, will be the feature attraction for most of the older members present and quite a few of the young people, too. The tournament will be conducted as a team event with men and women competing in their own class, and will take place on the alleys adjoining the Slovene National Home at 10th St. and McAllister Ave. The first round teams in the women's class are scheduled to go into action at 2 o'clock in the afternoon, and the men's teams will follow two hours later. Both the women's and men's balina events will continue until only one undefeated team (the champions) remains in each class. Team captains are reminded to have their players ready when their turn comes up and to report their respective line-ups to the tournament secretary at least 15 minutes before starting time.

The big dance will be held in the Slovene National Home, starting in the afternoon, and will last late into the evening hours. Stan Gregorin and his orchestra has been engaged for the dance and will furnish the kind of tunes that will make everyone happy and glad they came.

At about 8 o'clock in the evening, dancing will be interrupted long enough to allow for the presentation of attractive trophies and medals to the SNPJ Midwest Golf, Balina and Juvenile Field Day Champions of 1946. Pictures will be taken of the champions.

In conclusion, we might add that although the midwest tournaments and dance were planned on very short notice and right in the middle of preparations for the 13th Regular Convention, when lodge officers had to devote much of their time to other more serious matters, yet the results obtained by the local committees and tournament secretaries are more than satisfactory, for all indications point to a large gathering of members and friends, contestants and spectators, at Waukegan this coming Sunday. Plan to be there.

MICHAEL VRHOVNIK, Juvenile Director.

Young Americans

DETROIT.—Here it is Labor Day again and you start thinking of the many SNPJ days that were enjoyed in all sections of the country. Here's hoping this will be the last Labor Day weekend that will be missed.

I take this opportunity to congratulate our two Young American members who were re-elected to the supreme board. Raymond Travnik, 1st vice-president and Andrew Grum, finance committee. The Detroit delegation to our recent SNPJ convention have finally been successful in getting Detroit chosen as "Convention City" for 1950. It will be the first opportunity that our SNPJ members here in the city will have to be hosts to such an important event, and (maybe) we might have a new SND for the visitors to enjoy.

Sports

All sport-minded Slovenes and friends were at Ford Field in Highland Park Sunday, Aug. 18, to witness the first game of a three game series for the SNPJ softball championship of Detroit. It was an interesting game all the way. The Wolverines scored the first run on a walk and error in the first inning, and scored again in the sixth on two hits, the Young Americans scoring— one run on a hit and an error in the third inning. Three runs in the fourth (without a hit) on a walk, hit batter and an error, one run in the fifth on a walk and two hits, two more runs the seventh on two hits and a fielder's choice.

Totals: Wolverines, 2 runs, 3 hits, 3 errors. Young Americans: 7 runs, 9 hits, 1 error. The cunning pitching of Bucky Weirbecki featured the game; he held the Wolverines hitless until the sixth when Rudy Klucvek got the first hit. Stanley Krainz and Mgr. Blake were the batting stars. Stanley had two singles and a triple and El had two singles.

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Juvenile Circles of the SNPJ

All Around Circle 21 SNPJ Has Varique Activities

SHARON, PA.—Well, here we go again living up to our title the "All Around Circle of the SNPJ." The end of last month we went on an all-day outing to Fruitfills and before that our trip to Presto. So we decided at our last meeting August 18, that we'd like another and more exciting outing to Fruitfills on Aug. 25. At this outing we had different contests in which the juveniles competed against one another and prizes were awarded.

We also discussed plans about holding one dance every month on the third Sunday. We'll all try to make them a great success and would like to see lots of friends from out-of-town. We love to have those from out of town attend and we'll try our best to show them a good time at our dances.

Frances Novak, our manager, has also planned a tour for all us "kids." We're going to get a bus and if all goes well we'll all go out to Pittsburgh and visit a zoo, museum or another such institute. We hope to have a nice and interesting time, and know it will be a special treat for our very young juveniles, who have never had the opportunity to visit such a place.

Our boys' ball team is getting along swell and we're all for them and know they'll fight for the honors of the SNPJ Circle 21. The girls get together every once in a while and we have a swell workout at playing ball. There aren't any other girls' teams around that are our ages, so we can't very well compete against other teams.

Bowling will soon start and then both the girls and boys will have a team and meet once a week and have a "bowling good time." The girls have never bowled very much with tenpins, so there's no time like the present to start right in and learn.

FRANCES KAY BAHOR, Vice Pres.

Perfect Circle No. 28 Will Meet Saturday, Aug. 31

CHICAGO.—Perfect Circle members are reminded that a regular meeting will be held this Saturday morning, Aug. 31, at 10:30 at SNPJ Hall. Last minute plans concerning our trip to Waukegan, where we will participate in the Juvenile Field meet, will be completed at this meeting, and we have news about our coming fall program and dance.

While I was away attending the SNPJ convention in Eveleth, Minn., Circle activities were carried on very efficiently. Members attended an all Victor Herbert concert at Grant Park, had a good time at Riverview Amusement Park, and worked out regularly at Gary Playground, preparing for Waukegan Juvenile Field meet. The credit for helping things rolling along goes to Edward Udovich, asst. mgr., Marion Cervenka, president, Sylvia Trojar, secretary, Ella Mae Selak, baseball chairman, and Richard Zasadil, Circle alumni. Bob Sannemann, my better half, acted in the capacity of general adviser, and you all did a fine job.

As to the Circles' message to me, saying I should hurry home because I was missed, well, the compliment is returned tenfold. I never was so happy to see the friendly, welcoming faces of the Perfect Circle family. It's good to be back with you all.

In closing, Perfect Circle members, and myself as well, extend best wishes for a most successful Field Day affair to our Waukegan lodges, friends, and neighbors. See you all on Sunday.

ANN SANNEMANN, Mgr. Perfect Circle 28 SNPJ.

Convention Guest



Here we have a recent picture of Frances Debelak, active secretary of Lodge 584, Milwaukee, Wis., one of nine grand prize winners of the ESL 20th Anniversary Membership Campaign, who was rewarded with a free round-trip to the 13th Regular Convention of SNPJ at Eveleth, Minn. Sister Debelak won this honor by enrolling forty new members, finishing eighth among the leading contestants of the campaign.

The first and worst of all frauds is to cheat one's self.—Bailey.

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Report of Second Vice-President

The past five years during which I held the position of Second Vice-President were difficult ones, in that we were occupied in activities pertaining to the war. Even the conclusion of this great struggle in which America was involved did not immediately reverse our position to normal living.

In the first place, our organizations had to do without the leadership and working efforts of hosts of our young men who served in the armed forces scattered throughout the world.

Secondly, our various lodges were called upon for much outside work, such as participation in War Bond drives, special Red Cross drives, and drives to help our unfortunate, suffering people in Yugoslavia.

Despite these great tasks which were before us, our organizations did not fall back. We did the best possible in enlarging memberships and in gaining as many friends as possible for the Slovene National Benefit Society.

In making this report I wish to stress three factors which I have mentioned before as means of strengthening our organization. These are:

1. More Organization of Juvenile Groups
2. Encouragement of Sports in English-Speaking Lodges
3. Follow the Policy Which the Supreme Board Has Taken in the Political Issues

Our organization was founded on the principles of helping the working classes, and it is very necessary that we continue to support this group. With all the difficulties within the labor and capitalistic fields in this country, it goes without saying that we continue to be unbiased and unprejudiced in the writings in our official SNPJ organ. I am certainly proud of the standard our Prosveta has taken in backing the Yugoslav people in their efforts to obtain a just peace.

In spite of the obstacles that we have had to overcome during the past five years, it seems that every campaign which we undertook was a success. In that time I have done all that was possible for me to do in the organizational work and other work which is indirectly connected with the SNPJ.

In our last campaign I was very successful in getting new members, and I hope that in the future I shall be able to do even better; that our organization may continue to grow and maintain unceasing effort to improve our entire program. An active, well-rounded program will help the growth and development of our Society.

CAMILUS E. ZARNICK, Second Vice-President.

Report of the Supreme Secretary

Brothers and Sisters:

After a period of five years, we are again convened for the purpose of summarizing the operation of our organization, make necessary changes in the by-laws and accept other decisions we deem essential and timely.

Because of unusual war time circumstances which prevailed in this country, as in other parts of the world for almost five years, the convention of our organization, which should have been held last year, was postponed until this year. This means, of course, that our reports are prepared to cover a five year period instead of a four year period. This is not particularly practical from the viewpoint of statistical comparison, but it cannot be helped. From past history and actual experiences during these years, we have learned much. Consequently, we are better equipped to cope with the many important economic and other problems which confront us, especially those in regard to the organization's principles, which are still the driving force among the membership. That our principles and theories are sound and correct, is proved by the fact that they are being embraced by the masses throughout the world. We must not, therefore, stop in the middle of the stream or even live in the past, but go forward with unwavering determination, for our goals are not in the past but in the future.

Even though we were not prepared for the war which came upon us suddenly and claimed about 200 casualties among the membership, the Society paid full mortuary benefits to the beneficiaries. Of those soldier members, who at the time of their induction into the armed forces signed waivers for sick and disability benefits, 3,148 requested reinstatement up to June 1, 1946. This already predicts a great majority, inasmuch as all were not previously insured for said benefits. In all truthfulness, it can be said that no soldier member suffered any material losses; on the contrary, those in need received ample help in a true fraternal manner.

MEMBERSHIP

Report on membership progress is, at this time, much more satisfactory as compared to the period before the last convention. This is not credited entirely to the merger, but the organization has progressed generally. Many a delegate, I am certain, is interested in knowing exactly how many members the Society gained due to SSPZ merger. Altogether there were 7,347 members, of which 5,358 belong to the adult and 1,989 to the juvenile department. From the time of last convention to December 31, 1945, we enrolled 14,344 new members, 6,650 of which are credited to actual progress. Total gain in membership during this five year period is 13,997. Because of death we lost, in the same time, 2,400 members in the adult and 100 in the juvenile department, total 2,500. For the sake of comparison, let it also be mentioned that in the four year period before the last convention, we canceled 2,888 members in the adult and 1,707 in the juvenile department, or a total of 4,595 cancellations. On the other hand, during the last five year period we recorded a total of 5,194 members, 2,344 in the adult and 2,850 in the juvenile department. This shows that members drop out in spite of good economic conditions in the country.

That the Society has shown such remarkable progress in membership is primarily due to the ceaseless efforts of our active members in the organization. These solicitors are deserving of highest recognition for their splendid work. To them, as well as to everyone who in one way or another contributed toward the progress, I wish to express my sincere gratitude.

FINANCES

Personal financial operations for the past few years is of special importance, because only within their limitation can we figure on further improvements, etc. In this instance, also even though we had unusual mortuary obligations due to war, the organization progressed for \$3,347,864.82. Our finances thru merger have increased for \$1,027,592.55 while general financial gain for five years totals \$2,410,234.45. In other words, the Society averaged during the five year period \$482,046.00 annually or \$122,509.00 annually more than before the last convention. It is suggested that the delegates carefully look over the detailed financial report especially prepared for this purpose.

Total assets of the insurance department at the end of year 1945, including liabilities, were \$12,046,161.67; membership insurance increased for \$12,724,246.00, while total membership insurance of mortuary funds up to December 31, 1945, was recorded at \$45,609,920.00.

OPERATIONS AND DISABILITIES

Regarding operation and disability benefits, about which several suggestions already appeared in the official organ, I can only say that we must be very cautious indeed. Furthermore, we must avoid any extreme decisions, otherwise we may run into unforeseen difficulties. Figures speak for themselves, and thus it has been noted that operation and disability obligations during the past five years have increased on the average of 246 cases annually. This is much more as compared to the proportional

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This and That

By Peter Ellish

End of an Era

Senator Robert M. La Follette Jr.'s defeat in the recent Wisconsin primaries has ended the long tenure of public offices held by the La Follette family in Wisconsin.

Since 1903 when "Fighting Bob" La Follette was first elected to congress, a "La Follette" has represented that state in public office. At one time, "Young Bob" and his brother Phil M. were senator and governor, respectively, of their state.

"Young Bob," the present senator, was first appointed in 1925 to fill the vacancy created by the death of his father, and up to this year has been re-elected three times. Phil M. was governor three times.

A great many of the humane and progressive laws on the statute books in Wisconsin have been due to the La Follettes. In Congress, the La Follettes have been champions of liberalism, and have constantly fought for the rights of labor.

Old "Fighting Bob" was a crusader for the common man, and when he first came to Washington, the predatory interest had full control of the government. It was due to his persistent fight that some social legislation was enacted by the federal government before the advent of the New Deal.

In 1924, disgusted with the reactionary policies of the major parties, he launched the Progressive Party. He was its standard bearer. The party pulled five million votes, but it only carried the state of Wisconsin.

The defeat of Senator Robert M. La Follette Jr. is due to the new conservatism in the midwest.

At the turn of the present century, and until the thirties, the west was seething in revolt. Eastern financial interest held it in peonage. Mortgage sales were frequent, and by control of loans, big bankers drove hard bargains. When hard times came, the western farmers were first to suffer.

Also price manipulations by grain brokers reduced their hard earned incomes.

So the farmers elected men like Frazier, Norris, Borah, La Follette, Berger, and a score of others.

Today, the picture has changed. Their farms are prosperous. They have their own local industries and banks. They don't need as much help from the federal government as in the past. Farmers, and small town folks are traditionally conservative the world over, and in the long run the midwest is no exception.

We can expect, unless severe times hit the midwest, the election of conservatives from that area.

And the new liberalism has moved to the cities, the mill and mine towns where the social inequalities are now more apparent.

SNPJ Delegation Rallies for SANC

CHICAGO.—On the initiative of the delegates and supreme board members representing the younger generation at the 13th regular convention of the SNPJ, the delegates were asked for financial contribution in behalf of the Slovene American National Council. The leading spokesmen for this cause were Rudy Lisch, Michael R. Kumer, Donald J. Lotrich, Frank Vratarich and others.

Ann Opeka, Sylvia Fabee, Helen Ribarich and Frances Dermotta distributed the envelopes among the delegates and visitors, and reported the result. The collection amounted to \$775.69; subsequent donations raised the amount to \$793.69. Andrej Cizek, delegate of Lodge 18, Chicago, then decided to round up the amount by donating the sum of \$6.31, thus raising the total to \$800.

The list of donors will be published in the daily Prosveta (Friday).

This progressive action on the part of the younger generation is a positive proof that our American born members are definitely interested in the functions of SANC and they deserve our deep appreciation.

To the sponsors and the donors I wish to extend in behalf of SANC sincere gratitude and appreciation.

MIRKO G. KUHEL, Sec'y SANC.

Memorial Services

DETROIT, MICH.—Memorial services will be held Friday evening, Sept. 20, for the members of our Lodge 364 who made the supreme sacrifice for their country in World War II.

A bronze plaque will be unveiled, and the mothers of our service dead will be honored. All members and friends of the immediate families are urged to be in attendance.

FRANK C. HOSTNIK, Sec'y.

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increase in membership. These funds, being under a rigid state control, must be kept on a solvent basis, otherwise we may have trouble. On the basis of present contributions, no experimenting of any kind with these funds, i. e., benefits, is feasible. It is hoped that we will abide by this suggestion.

RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN LODGES AND THE MAIN OFFICE:

Relationship between lodges and headquarters has been thoroughly satisfactory and amicable, which resulted in successful and prompt attention in matters concerned. There have been instances, of course where certain orders have been somewhat delayed. This, however, was caused by the wartime conditions, if one takes into consideration that most business establishments suffered because of it, this being especially true for those not directly connected with wartime production. By way of correspondence we always reached satisfactory adjustments, whereby the Society's interests never suffered materially. No particular complaints were received from the membership in general, and we can safely say that throughout the war years, harmony and good will prevailed in the organization. In view of all aforementioned, may I extend my deep appreciation and thanks to all lodge officers, and especially secretaries with whom the main office has most contact, for the splendid cooperation during these trying times.

CHARITABLE WORK AND SIMILAR ACTIVITIES DURING WAR TIME:

Among other matters, I deem it necessary to report on the work accomplished by membership during the war time in order to attain victory over fascism and about the financial support to various organizations we have given, so that justice may reign after victory. The Society, in this effort, did not procrastinate. Besides urging membership to cooperate with the government and the army toward final victory thru its official organ, we also invested over four million dollars into government securities. Donations to the American Red Cross totaled \$20,100.00; Yugoslav Relief \$14,000.00 and \$10,000.00 promised for the Children's Hospital; SANS received \$5,000.00 and Russian Relief \$10,000.00. Total amount during war time, given by the Society for various charitable, government and other institutions of our allies, was \$49,100.00. It would undoubtedly be interesting to know the figures showing donations by individual lodges and members. These, I regret to say, we do not have at our disposal. To say it briefly, the organization, as well as membership, has loyally supported the government in all its war time efforts. Over six thousand of our members fought on various battlefields, for better ideas than certain conservative elements are trying to impose upon the nations at present. Because we believe in evolution, we are certain that justice and true democracy will finally prevail.

MISCELLANEOUS:

It has been reported to us, that some lodges have a difficult time holding lodge meetings, because membership does not seem to be interested in attending them. In order that the situation may be rectified, it has been suggested by the members that an article to the effect of enforcing members to attend be inserted in the by-laws. Personally, I am not in favor of any method by which the members would be forced to attend lodge meetings. From such an enforcement, to my way of reasoning, we cannot expect any satisfactory results. On the other hand, I believe that through new initiative and life in the lodge itself, a better attendance may be expected. Various debates regarding Society's and social problems, lectures, socials, etc., at the lodge meetings, especially in the fall and winter months, I am convinced, would attract many a member. Dry business matter on the agenda exclusively, is not at all interesting. However, if the delegation is of the opinion that the problem may be solved through enforcement, then it is privileged to insert such a clause in the by-laws.

EMPLOYMENT IN THE MAIN OFFICE:

Year 1943 was rather unusual for the main office, due to events which do not occur frequently. In the month of July, as you know, I had the misfortune of breaking a leg; a few days after, our bookkeeper was inducted into the armed forces and on August 10th Bro. William Rus, assistant secretary and a most cooperative colleague, unexpectedly passed away. May he rest in peace! During the time of my illness, I continued work on certain important matters, advised and made necessary explanations where occasion required. At this opportunity, my thanks goes to the officers and employees for their cooperation. The supreme board elected Bro. Anton Trojar as the new assistant secretary.

So that he could devote all his time to the Slovenian American National Council as its secretary, the supreme board allowed Bro. treasurer a leave of absence in the month of September, 1944. From September 18, 1944, until April 9, 1945, Bro. treasurer was entirely in the service of SANS. Since then, he works at the office of SNPJ three days per week. Most of the treasurer's work has fallen to the office of secretary, which has been and is still being completed with regular help only. Occasionally, so that the work is not retarded, overtime is necessary, but no extra help has been hired for this purpose.

SANS AND UCJRA:

As a member of executive committee for SANS and the United Committee for Yugoslav Relief Action, I devote my time to both organizations to the extent as circumstances and time permit me. Kind of work performed by those organizations is known to all of you, so I will not report in detail. I should like to mention, however, that the members of the executive have done their share in helping Yugoslavia in its effort to solve vital problems of Julian March and the Trieste for the best interest of Yugoslav people. Only the future will show how much consideration our efforts will receive. Our satisfaction lies in the knowledge that our Society was the first which publicly supported the partisan movement, and the executive committee took the necessary steps toward organization of political action for a federative republic for the nation of our birth.

THE CASE OF DR. ARCH:

It is not my intention to cast reflections, but I do consider it my duty to point out what may result from deception and lack of foresight. Based on years of experience, the undersigned suggested, and which suggestion has been accepted at the 11th regular convention held in Cleveland, that the Society's medical examiner would not be a member of the supreme board. I took the same stand before the by-law committee at the Pittsburgh convention, as before the convention body itself, but the majority ruled otherwise. Because of this thoughtless step, which should ever remain in our memory, the Society is involved in a law suit, Dr. Arch being the plaintiff. The case is dragging in its fifth year. Detailed information about its proceedings will undoubtedly be furnished by the president, as he is in charge of the case and hired attorneys for the Society's defense. The supreme board recommends that the convention, that is, the delegation adopts the same by-law ruling regarding Society's medical examiner as was in force before the Pittsburgh convention. It is hoped and expected that the delegation will act accordingly.

LIQUIDATION OF BENEFITS—BENEFICIARIES IN THE OLD COUNTRY:

I think it is necessary to mention also, that we receive more and more correspondence from the old country in which relatives, that is, beneficiaries ask that mortuary benefits be paid them. As per suggestion of the legal advisor for Yugoslav Embassy in Washington, D. C., Ivan Zore, we turned to "Denarni Zavod Slovenije" and asked for their intercession in this matter, so that these mortuary benefits would be received by the rightful beneficiaries. To date, however, we received no reply to our communication. As far as the Society is concerned, the money is always in readiness to be paid out, but as mentioned before, we cannot yet do so because we have no trustworthy intermediary. Our people must also take into consideration the fact that the state of war still exists and we must abide by various regulations which do not apply to peacetime conditions.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

Article 85 of the by-laws, regarding operation benefits, in my opinion, could be modified to the extent that full operation benefit be paid for the type of operations which are of vital importance for saving life, even though the operation is performed by other means than direct incision of the abdominal wall. This does not mean that the benefit should necessarily be increased. In all instances, if we are to manage wisely, we must see to it, that income will cover disbursements.

Because of low interest rates the Society receives from its investments, and as it seems that they will be decreased rather than increased, and also because the economic trend of the country is such that no improvement on this point is expected, I would suggest that the convention authorize the supreme or the executive board, that in case of necessity, it may issue

present-type of certificates to new members, instead of at 3 1/2% interest rate to 3 or 2 1/2%. Such a measure need not be effective immediately, but we would do well to be prepared in advance. After all, we do not know what the future will bring and we may undergo some radical changes in a four year period. You may rest assured that neither the supreme board or the executive committee will take advantage of this authority unless in absolute necessity.

At the last supreme board meeting, we, the members of executive committee, have explained in detail the situation regarding our office and storage space in the Society's presently occupied premises. Because you had the opportunity to read about it in the report already published in the minutes of the Supreme Board, repetition of same would only be a waste of time and paper. The organization, not the officers, must have a new building sooner or later, because the present one no longer suffices the necessities and is not nearly enough spacious. That proper action may be taken, it is suggested that delegation accept a decision, whereby the supreme board will be authorized to use finances from the mortuary funds of the adult and juvenile departments for this purpose.

Regarding the resignation of editor of Society's publications, I only wish to mention that the stand he has taken as far as new Yugoslavia and events in Russia are concerned, could not lead to anything else but to what has taken place, or else moral disaster of the organization would be inevitable. Anyone who had the least bit of national feeling and love of humanity, sympathized with the people who resisted the occupator with superhuman effort and fought with true spartan heroism, until, with the help of our Russian and other allies, they drove him from the blood-soaked Yugoslav soil. Such a nation, which during its brave fight won the respect of the entire world, deserves our sympathy and unlimited support, regardless of what kind of government it chooses; such a nation must be preserved!

It is our duty, that we also devote more time to the cultural aspects, within and without the scope of Society's affairs, financially and morally. It is understood that our organization will progress only thru progressive directed ideas. As long as we will abide by the basic principles chartered by the founders of our organization, we may be sure of progress. Should we deviate from these, we are well aware of what awaits the Society. A new dawn is breaking in this universe and the time will come when its rays will penetrate thru dark clouds of reactionary forces. We must take our stand beside those who fight for justice, economic welfare and human prosperity, because these, beside financial benefits, are our main objectives from which we must never part.

My sincere hope is that all the decisions accepted at this convention will serve the best interest of all our members, as well as the working class in general.

Much more could be said in this regard, but I believe that the main points have been covered. If, however, anyone wishes further explanations, it will be so done at the convention.

F. A. VIDER, Supreme Secretary.

Report of the Assistant Secretary

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

You are undoubtedly familiar with the fact that after the sudden death of Bro. William Rus, I was elected assistant secretary in November 1943, and took over the duties of said office in January, 1944. The reason for lapse of time in this case was that no one replaced me sooner in my previous work at the main headquarters. At that time, no one was seeking employment with us, because war time activities in full swing just then, afforded better compensation and privileges than at the SNPJ.

By-laws provide that the assistant secretary's duties are assigned to him by the supreme secretary or the executive committee. Consequently, I was appointed where help was most needed. Because of frequent changes in employees during war-time, it was necessary for me to take over wherever needed, in order that work was not retarded. Most of the time I worked in the tabulating department, where monthly reports are prepared, assessments and expenditures divided into various funds. This department also takes care of lodge orders, mailing of checks, correspondence and all other matter from the secretary's office. All the work is being completed by card system and we must maintain a very exact card index. This includes suspensions and cancellations, transfers from one lodge to another, change of beneficiaries, decrease or increase of insurance and all other changes in membership. All these must be completed before monthly reports are prepared and mailed to the lodges.

Since last convention, the Society shows a splendid financial as well as membership progress. With it, the work increases also. Modern machinery, in this case, is of enormous help to us, as for instance one known as the International Accounting Machine, which the Society installed some years ago. Simultaneously, we installed a new card system, which enables us to complete all reports for actuary's use and other statistics. Every phase of work on this electrical machine requires specially prepared sets of cards. The machine itself must be set up in order to answer the necessity of each individual problem. In preparing monthly reports, we need as many cards as we have members. To illustrate—tabulation of sick benefits for actuary's use requires almost 8,000 cards. The number of these cards is steadily mounting, and so is other printed matter completed on this machine. Records must be kept and we find that lack of space is a serious problem, because our vaults are not sufficiently accommodating. With the above, I hope I was successful in presenting at least a general idea of this department's operation.

Close observation of suspended and canceled members, which we should endeavor to keep in the organization is, to my way of thinking, both necessary and important. I have prepared the following table which will give you a clear picture of suspensions and cancellations for the past three and a half years, that is, from the time this record is being kept thru the use of new machinery.

1943	Suspended members	Suspended, paid 1 ann't, remain susp.	Reinstated suspended	Canceled	Canceled, paid 1 month dues, remain canceled	Reinstated Canceled
Jan.	474	.....	306	76	8	45
Feb.	333	.....	387	99	9	58
Mar.	348	.....	304	66	16	46
Apr.	333	.....	277	76	12	31
May	373	.....	275	61	9	34
June	325	.....	288	105	9	27
July	330	.....	258	82	9	52
Aug.	313	.....	279	67	9	43
Sept.	352	.....	250	56	10	40
Oct.	301	.....	296	70	5	34
Nov.	278	.....	249	58	5	27
Dec.	269	.....	234	54	7	19
Totals	4029	219	3402	870	108	456

S. N. P. J. Bowling League of Girard, Ohio



The four team SNPJ Bowling League of Girard, Ohio, composed of adult and juvenile members of Lodges 49 and 643, concluded a successful 1943-44 season with a bowlers' banquet some time ago. Pictures were taken of the members who participated in this affair, the results of which are shown above. The men bowlers are as follows: (front row, l. to r.) Louis Rakic, Louis Muster, Joe Umcek; back row, l. to r.: Frank Rzek, Stanley Hribar and Gilbert Robel. The ladies are as follows, front row, l. to r.: Mitzi Matekovich, Beatrice Muster, Marjorie Macek, Jeanette Tanek and Bernice Muster; back row, l. to r.: Ann Gantar, Mary Rzek, Frances Matekovich, Mamie Zitnik, Betty Macek, Edith Tanek, Mary Macek and Margaret Umcek.

1944	292	.....	258	48	7	25
Jan.	260	.....	234	61	8	15
Feb.	251	.....	203	71	11	18
Mar.	373	.....	208	61	6	27
Apr.	362	.....	199	64	11	45
May	292	.....	258	71	11	34
June	299	.....	258	50	9	27
July	335	.....	232	38	8	29
Aug.	304	.....	295	54	5	30
Sept.	448	.....	271	50	8	27
Oct.	251	.....	205	43	8	20
Nov.	236	.....	211	50	7	19
Dec.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Totals	3362	307	2852	661	99	316

1945	349	40	206	44	5	29
Jan.	199	51	294	54	6	19
Feb.	229	42	159	61	5	19
Mar.	105	41	211	31	10	24
Apr.	105	24	148	37	10	12
May	182	10	146	40	9	18
June	182	14	149	41	10	20
July	196	23	117	44	9	14
Aug.	226	24	142	73	10	23
Sept.	200	28	171	70	14	40
Oct.	196	22	158	72	8	30
Nov.	162	15	161	48	8	28
Dec.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Totals	2451	334	2059	615	104	276

1946	225	10	127	73	7	13
Jan.	335	20	139	96	12	15
Feb.	168	27	237	104	8	35
Mar.	209	15	124	82	12	22
Apr.	239	16	157	64	9	15
May	240	22	136	105	.....	27
June	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Totals	1416	110	920	524	48	127

From the above table you can see, that many members are suspended and canceled each month. It also proves that the number of suspended members had decreased, despite the increase in membership. This is indeed a good sign and a fine showing for the lodge secretaries. The number of cancellations has increased during the last nine months, which is probably the result of war. General opinion has it, that about 200 members have dropped out since return into civilian life. If we add the number of deaths, approximately 45 per month, let it be a warning that a membership campaign must be always in progress, if announced thru the main office or not, because it is the only assurance of Society's progress. I have no special recommendations at this time. Because the entire structure of the organization seems to be satisfactory, I feel that any drastic changes might do more harm than good. By this, I do not mean that a peak of perfection has been reached, for minor changes as much as caution and circumstance demand, are always necessary. On the other hand, it is of utmost importance that we rekindle and abide by the principles upon which the SNPJ grew and became the strong organization that it is. Our Slovene language, too, must not be forgotten. Let us stand united, inflame the spirit of brotherhood and mutual cooperation, so that we shall continue to be successful in the future.

I conclude my report with the wish that the 13th regular convention will complete its work in the spirit of true fraternalism and solve all confronting problems in the best interest of the Society and membership.

ANTON TROJAR, Assistant Secretary.

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FAMILY HELPMATE

By Dorothy Sodnik

"The things we holler most about are the things we've learned to do without."

I don't think anyone moaned louder than I when rice became a scarcity on our markets.

Anyhow, due to the rice shortage, I discovered a rather tempting dish made from leftover meat. It is a good fill in for a Monday night's supper with Sunday's leftover roast or chicken or just any other cooked meat.

Quick Stuffed Peppers

Precook thin spaghetti broken into small pieces, or elbow spaghetti. Parboil green peppers and save the water. Meanwhile grind up the meat, season to taste and add 1 teaspoon of tomato paste if you have it. It adds flavor. Drain spaghetti and add to meat mixture, stir well. Stuff peppers and place in a deep utensil. To that water you saved add tomato paste or juice and season. Put a little of this juice into each filled pepper and the remainder pour into the utensil. Add a slice of tomato on each pepper, close lid on tight and place over medium low flame. Let this steam through 15 minutes, open and serve. A bowl of soup and cooked vegetable completes the meal. Spaghetti can be used in place of rice with hamburger for stuffing cabbage rolls.

Did you know that sprinkling tobacco among your woollens keeps away moths? With moth balls on our scarce item list, maybe the man of the house will allow his tobacco to do double duty.

Tip for the lip. Melt all your

leftover bits of cream, rouge and lipstick, pour into a rouge case while hot. Presto, an unusual blend.

While doing your regular shopping or on a tour of the stores, have you ever come across some lovely cards at the card counter? Some just beautiful and some with catchy phrases and fitting verse. You say to yourself, "Too bad I can't think of anyone, just now, to send them to." Grab them! Then when you need them, there they are and no last minute rushing around.

And now again until next week—

Editor's Note

TO CONTRIBUTORS: Several articles have been crowded out of this issue by pressure of official material and most articles have been deleted for the same reason. Contributors are asked to limit their articles to the minimum in order that all scheduled events will find space in the paper. In addition to the supreme board reports now appearing in the paper, the convention minutes are also being prepared for publication in these columns. Therefore, let's be as brief in our write-ups as possible.

Plenty of Time

The captain stopped the private walking across the parade grounds. "Have you seen the sergeant-major about?" he asked. "Yes, sir," replied the private. "He's in the gym, hanging himself." "Good heavens!" ejaculated the captain. "Didn't you cut him down?" "No, sir—he isn't dead yet," answered the private.

Sylvan Heights Is Site of Western Penna. Golf Tournament

UNIVERSAL, PA.—Have you ever heard of the golf tournament to be held at Sylvan Heights Golf course Sunday, Sept. 8? See your congressman and for the nominal sum of \$3 you will enjoy a game of golf, one of the finest public courses in Pennsylvania, as well as be admitted to the banquet scheduled for the evening. At this writing, are already assured of 90 entries and shooting for the 100 mark.

Sylvan Heights, as is well known, is located about 2 miles from Castle, Pa. The golfers from Western Penna. lodges have entered a bus for the trip, and players from Universal, Moon Run, Ambridge and Pittsburgh have indicated travel by train. The tournament will start promptly at 10:00 a. m. We will endeavor to have a tentative line-up of foursomes and starting times in next week's issue, but we will be glad to accept late entries and try to place them.

Golf Tournament Rules

(1) One round of 18 holes will be played to determine the individual and four-man lodge team championships. In case of tie, the players shall vie in a "sudden death" extra hole play-off.

(2) All members as of Sept. 1, 1944, are eligible to enter, but the certificate number must accompany the notice of entry.

(3) There shall be conducted first, second and third division tournament. Members of 1st division, who average 83 and under will be on handicap. Second division, members scores from 84 to 95, and third division, 96 and over. Each player upon his honor will select his age score, and his division and handicap is thereby chosen. Prizes winners in each division.

(4) A kicker's handicap with handicap for all players based upon net between 70 and 80 will be based on each person contributing 25¢ toward separate prizes.

(5) Prizes shall be awarded separate events such as driving test, nearest to pin on #5 hole, longest drive on fairway on #1 hole.

(6) A trophy will be awarded individual shooting low gross score. It will be kept permanently by person winning for any 3 years.

(7) Ground regulations of course shall govern the conditions of play, but winter rules shall prevail.

(8) A lodge may enter any number of teams and players, but men comprising a certain team, should have a captain, should be designated in advance.

(9) A foursome shall consist of no more than 2 players from same lodge.

(10) Ineligibility of any player disqualifies the other members of the team for team prizes.

(11) Members of the juvenile dept. are eligible to enter.

(12) All players shall wear Society's athletic emblem or letter but no other advertisement.

(13) A record of the entries and fees will be kept by the tournament chairman and a copy mailed to Bro. Michael Vrhovnik, Athletic Director and a copy to Bro. Larry Cass, sectional athletic representative.

LOUIS V. KUMER, Chairman.

Committee: George Remetz, Universal; Elmer Effler, Verona; Komatz, Harmarville; Dan Fyfe, Pittsburgh; Jack Drobnic, Sylva; Val Uranker, Moon Run; Joseph Becek, Ambridge.

Young Americans

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gles. For the Wolverines Eddie B. Nick featured with his pitching and fielding. It was a losing proposition for the Wolves all day, they paid for the 1/2 barrel of beer. A cordon music was played by the talented trio of Pink, Krainz and Baloh.

The Slovene-Croatian Bowling League was reorganized at the August 11 meeting. The league is split into two divisions this year, a division of twelve teams will play on Friday evenings starting Sept. 8 at 9:15 p. m. and another division on Sundays starting Sept. 8 at 2 p. m. The bowlers have chosen Lucky Strike Recreation, Grand River and E. Grand Blvd. for the bowling spot this year. For the girls' division, plans haven't been announced as yet. Any bowler wishing information please contact Bob Travnik, our sports chairman.

A golf tournament has been arranged for Sunday, Sept. 1st, composed of all organizations of the Slovene-Croatian Bowling League. A member wishing to enter a team, contact J. Golis, Tw-1-2651, before Aug. 31st.

Open house was held at the residence of Johnny Smoltz, who after his discharge from the Army after serving a year in Japan. His friends were all glad to see him and the party broke up way after daybreak.

Congratulations are in order Mr. and Mrs. Joseph F. Zrimmer on the arrival of a son, also to Mr. and Mrs. Max Culkar on the arrival of a baby girl. JOSEPH GOLIS, Ath. Board Chairman.

The trophies seen in the picture on the right were won by members of "Dawn of Youth" Circle 7 in the girls' division of the National Telegraphic Tournaments in 1945 and 1946. The large trophies are emblematic of team championships, while the two small ones, held by the winner herself, represent the singles and high game honors won in this year's tournament. With the bowling sport about to resume the spotlight, the Girard bowlers are preparing to organize their league again and, no doubt, anticipate an even more successful season than the last. We hope the league will continue to grow in popularity and be a source of much pleasure and recreation for our members in the Girard locality.