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VPRAŠANJE NAPREDNE KULTURNE REVJE

Vsakdo, ki se resno zanima za naše kulturno, socialno in gospodarsko izboljšanje, se gotovo že dolgo zaveda občutne vrzeli, ki jo ustvarja pomanjkanje napredne mesečne revije, ki bi se pečala s temi vprašanji ter nam obenem v tem pogledu služila za barometer in kroniko. Nekoč smo imeli Keržetovo mesečno revijo "Čas," ki pa že dolgo več ne izhaja in smo od tedaj brez česa podobnega. In vendar je zadostitev tej potrebi vitalne važnosti za nas. Mi se udeležujemo kulturno, socialno in gospodarsko, a nimamo ene samcate revije, ki bi bila posvečena izključno tem vprašanjem. Imamo sicer dnevno in tedensko časopisje, ki pa nikakor ni primerno za to, ker je njegova naloga predvsem beleženje vsakovrstnih dnevnih dogajanj in ker je po svoji naturi prekratkega življenja: danes vzamete dnevnik v roke, ga površno preletite z očmi, jutri je pa že kdo ve kje. Z revijo je drugače: česar danes ne utegnate prečitati, lahko prihranite za poznejši čas, ker je že po svoji obliki pripravna za shranitev, česar se o dnevnih časopisih ne more reči. Argumentov v prilog take revije je dovolj, da se bi z njo lahko prepričalo še tako trdega nasprotnika uresničenja te ideje.

Toda, kako to idejo uresničiti? smo se vpraševali vsi, ki smo želeli, da bi se ustvarilo nekaj takega. Težave je delala finančna plat cele stvari. Brez zadostnega začetnega kapitala se take revije ne more začeti izdati. Kje dobiti denar? Da bi kak posameznik finančno podvzel, ni bilo misliti, niti bi ne bilo lahko najti manjše skupine ljudi, ki bi bili zmožni in voljni prevzeti nase breme financiranja revije. Zavedati smo se začeli, da bodemo prišli do zaželjenega cilja le v slučaju, da pridobimo za idejo vso našo napredno javnost in njeno moralno in gnotno oporo.

Ko smo nekateri že skoro obupavali, da bi kdaj prišlo do tega, je ideja za ustanovitev napredne mesečne revije nenadoma dobila pristašev v akciji za počastitev Cankarjevega spomina. Zastopniki društva, ki so se pridružila tej organizaciji, so najprej sklenili podvzeti samostojno akcijo, da se dostojno počasti spomin Ivana Cankarja, prijatelja in zagovornika ponižanih in razžaljenih. Kako? Sugestirano je bilo, da bi financiral izdajo Cankarjeve biografije. Ugajala nam je ta ideja. Potem pa je bilo sugestirano, da bi se podali na delo ter ustanovili v njegov spomin slovensko napredno mesečno revijo za ameriške Slovence. Zastopniki so prislunili. Ideja se jim ni videla napačna. Če bi jo uresničili, bi s tem lepo počastili spomin velikega pisatelja, obenem bi pa zadostili eni izmed naših najvažnejših kulturnih potreb. Dva uspeha z eno potezo!

Izvoljen je bil odbor, ki je imel obe sugestiji preučevati ter priporočiti tisto, katera bi se mu videla najpriporočljivejša. Odločil se je odbor za idejo ustanovitve revije ter predložil seji, ki se je vršila 30. junija v Slovenskem Narodnem Domu, zadevno resolucijo, ki je bila po tehtnem razmotrivanju soglasno sprejeta.

(Dalje v 6. koloni)

Zakasnela zahvala

Kar težko je začeti. Minulo je leto dni, pa še nobenega pripoznanja glede proslave, ki se je vršila 6 in 7 junija v Slovenskem Društvu Domu. Lahko si vsak misli, da smo pozabili vse skupaj, pa to ni res. Po pravici povedano vsak se boji prijeteži za pero, najbolj pa moški, in tako se stvar zavleče. Pa naj bo že kar hoče, jaz se bom potrudil s par črkami, in se bom zahvalil vsem, ki so na kakšen način pripomogli, da je proslava bolj uspeša.

Kakor je vsem znano, ni bilo toliko pompa in ropota in županov in gospodičen kakor prejšnja leta, pa v kljub temu je cela stvar povoljno uspeša, zato se moram v imenu direktorija predvsem zahvaliti našemu gospodinjskemu odseku, ker brez njega bi bila proslava skoro mrtva. Članice tega odseka so se trudile za korist Doma že od početka, do vrhunca so pa prispele v zadnjih šestih mesecih. Ne bom našteval kaj vse so naredile ampak vsem članicam gospodinjskega odseka najlepša hvala in še tako naprej. Ne smem pozabiti naših dobrodušnih trgovcev, ki nam priskočijo na pomoč, kadar jih prosimo za količkar.

Naj navedem tu imena onih, ki so priskočili z njih darovi: Grovewood Bakery iz Collinwooda za kekse; Frank Jelerčić za cvetlice, Ferlin Coffee Co. za kavo; Spang Bakery za kekse in Tony Leopold za kokiši.

Rojaki podpirajte jih kadar vam je mogoče. Sedaj pridejo na vrsto pa še vsi trgovci in obrtniki, ki so darovali oglašne. Imena vseh ste videli v programski knjižici in jih ravno tako priporočam, da jih obiščete ob priliki.

Hvale so deležni tudi vsi posetniki naše proslave, ker brez njih ne bi bilo uspeha. Ob priliki vam povrnemo. Kaj pa ostali delavci in delavke, to je pobiralci oglasov, postavitelji soto-rov, itd. Tudi vam naj bo izrečena hvala za vse vaše trudopolno delo. Obenem so hvale vredni tudi pevski zbori, ki so peli, in sicer, "Adrija", "Slovan" in "Škrjančki".

Mislil, da bo mogoče kakšen izpuščen v zahvali za kakšno delo ali pomoč, pa vseeno hvala vsem.

Minula je zopet ena obletnica "Bele Ljubljane" to je že od začetka. Kakor sem že omenil ni bila kakšna veličanska reč, ampak glavno je bilo otvoritev klubovih prostorov. Direktorij je bil neumorno na delu za dobavo "klubove" licence. Sedaj ko je vsa pičala na razpolago v Domu bi apeliral na cenjeno občinstvo, da bi posejali Klubove prostore in se ohladili pri čaši dobrega jemenovca ali pri glažku dobrega žganja, zraven pa še malo pripomogli do krstitve novega Doma. Star pregovor pravi: "v slogi je moč" in to velja povsem za nas Slovence. Odkar je postalo dramatično društvo "Naša Zvezda" odsek Doma, in je mladinski pevski zbor "Škrjančki" pri volji pomagati in če se še ostala društva odzovejo s pomočjo z delom in denarjem, potem ne bo dolgo ko bo enkrat obletnica za krstitve Novega Doma.

Se enkrat povdarjam, bratje in sestre, stopimo skupaj, pustimo mržnje na strani in delujmo na to, da bo enkrat. Novi Dom v Beli Ljubljani. Lahko bi napisal cele strani o potrebi novega Doma, ali kaj pomaga pisava, če ni moči za skupno delo. Toliko je prerivanja in natolcevanja in če bi šli na sodnijo bi nam pa rekli, "You are all nuts, go home".

Še par besedi o dramatičnem društvu "Naša Zvezda". Kakor

veste bo v soboto, 11. julija prosta domača zabava za člane in njih prijatelje. Takrat boste slišali govor o pomenu dramatičnega društva. Ako vam je pri srcu dramatika pridite v soboto, ako niste član, se vpišite za majhno svoto 10 centov mesečno. Naša Zvezda deluje direktno za dom in upam, da se boste odzvali mojemu povabilu.

Predno zaključim, še enkrat hvala vsem za vse.

Za direktorij Slovenskega Društvenega Doma,
John Korošec

Piknik dr "Delavec"

V nedeljo 12. julija, priredi na dobro poznanem prostoru pri Zornu na Bradley Rd., društvo "Delavec" št. 257 SNPJ, piknik, ter vabi vse delavce in prijatelje delavcev širom Clevelanda in okolice, da se vdeležijo in skupaj pozabavajo v prosti naravi.

Vršila se bo tudi tekma balin-carjev, za kar se bodo razdelile tri nagrade. Člani in prijatelji iz West Parka, kateri nimajo avtomobile se prosijo, da pridejo ob 1. uri na vogal Kirtan Ave., in 130 ceste kjer bo čakal truck, da jih odpelje na piknik. Dotični truck bo tudi vozil od Harvard-Denison kare od 2:30 in 4. ure popoldne. Izstopite iz kare na vzhodni strani Denison mostu, kjer boste videli truck z napisom SNPJ. Ta vas odpelje na prostor. Igrala bo tudi fina godba za ples. Za druge ugodnosti bo skrbel odbor. Na svidenje 12. julija pri Zornu. Za društvo "Delavec",

Frank Mlaker

Akcija za počastitev Cankarja
pred velevažno kampanjo

(Dalje iz 1. str.)

drugi kulturni panogah, poročila o delovanju naših dramatičnih odrov, pevskih zborov, šol, domov in drugih naših kulturnih, prosvetnih, socialnih in tudi gospodarskih ustanov, da bo čim popolnejše ogledalo našega kulturnega, socialnega in ekonomskega izživljanja, obenem pa nam bo služila za živo vez, ki bo nas vse združevala pri našem skupnem prizadevanju za kulturni in splošni napredek slovenskih delavcev v Ameriki.

Da ta cilj dosežemo, je potrebna združena akcija vseh slovenskih naprednih kulturnih, prosvetnih, socialnih, podpor-nih in drugih organizacij in ustanov v Ameriki, kajti naloga, katere smo se lotili, je velika in splošnega pomena in važnosti za ves naš napredni živelj v Ameriki in jo bomo uspešno izvršili le z združenimi močmi. Zato s tem apeliramo na vsa naša napredna društva, klube in ustanove v Clevelandu in v širom Ameriki, da se pridružijo naši akciji ter nam pomagajo, da bo čim bolj uspešna. Predno bo namreč mogoče začeti izdajati revijo, bo treba zbrati primeren začetni fond in dobiti večje število naročnikov, da bo obstoj revije zagotovljen najmanj za eno leto, dokler se je ne postavi na solidno finančno podlago. Da to dosežemo, je potrebno složno sodelovanje vseh naših naprednih organizacij in ustanov in posameznikov.

Našemu odboru naročamo, da pripravi podroben načrt za organiziranje naših naprednih organizacij v ta namen in za predstojajočo zadevno kampanjo, obenem pa naj podrobno sezna našo javnost z našim načrtom potom našega časopisja.

Konferenca se dalje izreka za nadaljevanje boja proti klerikalnemu zasmešanju spomina Ivana Cankarja, ki je izraženo v nameri, da se njegovo, iz Ljubljane poslano soho, postavijo poleg sohe škofa Barage v

takozvanem Jugoslovanskem kulturnem vrtu v Rockefellerjevem parku v Clevelandu. Ivan Cankar je bil naš, je zastopal naš svetovni nazor, klerikalno in sploh vsako licemerstvo in zavajanje je sovražil in ostro bical, s klerikalci ni imel nič skupnega, česar so se slovenski klerikalci tako dobro zavedali, da so mu do smrti strupeno grenili življenje, zato se tudi clevelandskim slovenskim klerikalcem ne sme dovoliti, da bi se tako nesramno norčevali iz njegovega spomina! Proti temu se bomo z vso energijo odločno še nadalje borili.

Soglasno sklenjeno, da se gornjo resolucijo pošlje v objavo vsem slovenskim listom v Ameriki.

V Clevelandu, O., dne 30. junija, 1936.

Za Konferenco za počastitev spomina Ivana Cankarja:

Louis Kaferle, predsednik, Vatro J. Grill, podpredsednik, Joseph Franciškin, blagajnik, Ivan Jontez, tajnik, Joseph Jauch, zapisnikar, John Prudich, Andy Božić in Agnes Kallan, nadzorniki, Milan Medvetšek, J. F. Terbižan, Frances Ilc, Anton Skapin, John Prusnik, pomožni odbor.

Iz stare domovine

Strela ubila očeta ter udarila v cerkev, ki je zgorela

Kamnik, 13. junija. — Bli-skovito se je v Kamniku raznesla vest, da je strela ubila Janeza Romšaka iz Studencev, očeta šestanske rodbine. S svojim 12letnim sinom se je ppdal nabirat planinski mah in druga zelišča. Nenadoma se je močno stemnilo, vila se je ploha in začelo je treskati. Hoteč se umakniti najhujšemu, je rekel očetu sinu, naj mu pomaga zadeti koš na ramena, kar je sin tudi storil. Ko pa je dvignil koš, se je nenadoma močno zablistalo in strela je na mestu ubila očeta, dočim je sina vrglo nekaj metrov v stran, kjer je nezavesten obležal. Zaradi hude plobe in viharja se je sin kmalu zavedel in ves omamljen in preplašen iskal svojega očeta, katerega je našel štiri korake od sebe, seveda vsega ožganega, ležečega na trebuhu in mrtvega. Le nogavice so še ostale cele. Zgorelo je tudi koš, ki je ležal poleg njega. Sin, misleč kreniti proti domu, da obvesti svoje domače o nesreči, je v zmedenosti krenil po napačni poti in prišel na Dol, kjer je po naključju prišel skupaj z nekim turistom, kateremu je ves preplašen pripovedoval o nesreči. S turistom sta skupaj krenila nazaj na planino, kjer sta našla žrtev strele in odredila vse potrebno, da spravijo očeta domov.

Istega popoldne je strela zažgala cerkev Stangrob, ki je gornjegrajska podružnica. Ta cerkev je bila zanimiva in bogata po svoji starinski notranjosti. V velikem oltarju je stal sv. Peter, v enem od stranskih oltarjev Marija Snežnica, v drugem pa sv. Martin. Cerkev je z vsemi zgodovinskimi dragocenostmi zgorela do tal.

V Gozdu pri Kamniku je ubila strela posestnika Lovrencu Sušniku eno najlepših krav na njegovem pašniku.

Strela udarila v zvonik

Horjul, 12. junija. — Popoldne okrog 2 pa je nebo potemnelo in v daljavi se je slišal za-molkel grom. Naenkrat udari strela, tako močno, da je strela vso okolico, in nato se vlije huda ploha. Na hribu Samotorici, kake tri četrt ure oddaljenem od Horjula, se je pričel valiti proti nebu gost dim in se je pomešal med oblake.

"Na Samotorici gori! Treščil-



"Ali je res, da Miha sedi?"
"Res!"
"Grdi lažnik! Rekel mi je, da gre za dva meseca k svojemu bratu."

"Saj se ni zlagal. Njegov brat namreč tudi sedi."

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"Ampak, gospod oštr, pri tem ropotu na kegljišču nikakor ne morem spati. Povejte no ljudem, naj bodo vsaj malo obzirni ter naj vsega ne mečejo po tleh!"

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Skot pride v London in vidi, kako pelje voznik za škropljenje cest pripravljen sod vode po ulici. Ko je voznik začel škropiti, Skot prestrašen zakliče za njim: "He hoj, he hoj, zapri, zapri če ne ti bo vse iz soda izteklo..."

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"Kje pa boste sedaj živeli, ko ste obe hčerki srečno omožili?"

"Moja dva zeta se baš o tem prepirata, eden hoče, da bi živela v Ljubljani, drugi pa hoče, da v Mariboru."

"Srečni ste, ker imate tako idealna zeta."

"Oh prav ni idealna nisto! Ljubljanečan hoče, naj živim v Mariboru, Mariborčan pa, naj kar v Ljubljani ostanem."

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"Moja žena bi rada za zajtrk le čaj, jaz pa kavo."

"O, to je pa res nerodno, za dva različni kuhati."

"Nič ni nerodno, ko pa oba pijeva zjutraj le čaj."

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lo je!" se je čulo okrog.

In kmalu pride vest, da je treščilo v zvonik sv. Mihaela — to je podružnica horjulske župnije na Samotorici in da je strela istočasno vžgala tudi bližnji kozolec posestnika Pavla Bradeško, Samotorica, št. 11, ki je pogorel do tal. Na zvoniku je strela udarila v strelodod, a je pri tem upalila nekaj starih deščic na strehi prav na vrhu zvonika. Gašenje ni bilo mogoče, ker brizgalne ni bilo pri rokah. Hitro pa je bila poslana pošta horjulskim gasilcem, ki so bili takoj na nogah — in so z vso naglico upregli konje v manjšo staro brizgalno in poglali po cesti na hrib. In ker se na zvoniku ogenj ni hitro širil, so se prišli pravčasno, da so ogenj pogasili v sredini zvonika.

Elektrika ubila družinskega očeta

Dol pri domžalah, 16. junija. — Zopet je prišlo na odcepnem drogu električnega daljnovo-da pri Trzinu do tragične nesreče, kakršne se na naših električnih napravah zadnja leta že kar malo preveč pogosto dogajajo. Mirko Matičič 38-letni delavec Kranjskih železnih elektrarn iz Doba pri Domžalah, oženjen in oče štirih otrok, se je odpravil pleskat drogo. Vodstvo mu je bilo naročilo, naj obide drogo-ve velenjskega daljnovo-da, ki ga pravkar popravljajo in je iz-ven toka. Matičič je naročilo očitno napak razumel in je sple-žal na odcepni drog vzporednega voda, ki nosi elektriko 20,000 voltov in je bil ta čas pod tokom. Nič hudega slutec se je Matičič dotaknil žice in posledice so bile katastrofalne. Truplo nesrečnega delavca je ko kraja zoglelo ob vissenju na drogu.

Navidezna smrt

Podoba neaktivnega življenja.

Ze Goethe je proučeval sposobnost ko organiziranih bitij, da morejo obstati videno mrtva v stanju, ki onemogoča življenjske pogoje. Če se normalni življenjski pogoji obnovijo, te živali spet ožive, da bi kazale znake katere koli okvare. Med vrste rib, kakor krap, se dajo zamrzniti v led, krokodili se zarijejo v blato, ki skrog njih popolnoma izsuši, tako krap, kor krokodili pa prežive takšne periode jega življenja ali navidezne smrti brez de. Takšni pojavi, ki so pri višjih živalih bolj redki, so zelo pogosti pri mnogih nižjih organizmih.

Poskusi v fiziološkem zavodu v Berlinu so pokazali, da morejo neke nizke živali se sušiti v mahu, prebiti cel dan v temperaturi minus 253 stopinj. Ko so im spet ovlažili, so se te živalice prebudile nekoliko minutah, kakor da ni bilo nič. Prav tako so oživele po ovlažitvi v nekaj minutah živalice, ki so jih hranili 15 mesecev popolnoma izsušene v suhem zraku, to jih ogreli na 72 stopinj Celzija in jih topili v tekoči zrak s temperaturo minus stopinj.

Ti poskusi so pokazali, da so v živcah med izsušitvijo prenehale vse življenjske funkcije. Odtgnili so jim popolnoma ves kisik, ki bi ga mogle v tem stanju uporabiti. Pokazalo se je, da so živalice, ki z njimi tako ravnali, po prebuditvi živeli celo delj časa nego živalice v normalnih količinah.

Navidezna smrt, ki je ni ločiti od prave smrti razen potem, da ne pokaže na oči nismo nobenih znakov razpadanja, morje, smatrati za neko vrsto neaktivnega življenja. To navidezna smrt moremo dojeti mehanično. Mislili bi lahko na navito uro, je ne moremo razločevati na zunanji od ne-vite, če jo ustavimo. Ob najmanjšem stiku pa bo začela ta ura teči. Za vitalizem pa navidezna smrt problem. Po najnovejših mikrokinematografskih opazovanjih so se lekuli v stanični protoplazmi v nekem ritmu nihajočem nemiru. V stanju omenjenih navidezne smrti med popolno izsušitvijo odtrelotjio bi si lahko predstavljali zati ostanek tega molekularnega življenja v v. V koliko pa ta predstava ustreza resnici, pokazalo šele nadaljnje eksperimentalno raziskavanje.

IZUMIRAJOČI BIZONI

Čeprav veljajo bizoni za izumirajočo valsko vrsto, ugotavlja neka varšavska statistika, da jih živi samo v Evropi še okoli 170. Ta vrsta ima dve vrstici, evropsko in ameriško. Evropskih bizonov je vsega skupaj kakšnih 70 ter se delijo spet v bialove in kavkaške. Poljska jih ima 21, v Nemčiji jih je 18, Anglija jih ima 11.

V Rusiji so poskusili križati izumirajočega evropskega in ameriškega bizona, kar je rega je dosti več, in ta poskus se je posočil. Rusija ima 28 teh križancev. Potem di Nemčija z 20 križanci. Zanimivo je, da baš Nemčija, ki je vendar nasprotna vsi rasnim zmešnjavam, trudi v tem pogledu vse pretege. Seveda upa, da bo na ta na-osvežila in okrepila kri evropskih bizonov, potem pa da bo z novimi poskusi ameriškega pravila. Toda mešanje ras je vendar še za kaj dobro, navzlic vsem idej-gijam nemških rasistov.

(Dalje iz 1. kolone)

ta in ki je objavljena na drugem mes- v današnji številki "Enakopravnosti."

Odbor je zdaj na delu, da pripr-podroben načrt za organiziranje akci-ki ga bo predložil prihodnji seji kon-rence dne 30. julija. Potem si bo tre-zavihati rokave ter se podati odločno-delo. Kampanjo bo treba zanesti v s-herno slovensko naselbino v Ameriki-pritegniti k delu vse naš napredni o-ment. Dela bo mnogo, toda cilj, ki si je postavila ta organizacija, je vred-vsakega napora in žrtve. "Enakopra-nost" se z veseljem pridružuje tej akci-ter ji obljublja vsestransko podporo-sodelovanje, našo napredno javnost-opozarja že zdaj, naj si stvar vtisne-spomin, razmišlja o nji ter se priprav-da bo pomagala, da se to važno in le-idejo čim prej in na čim bolj uspešen-čin uresniči.

O stvari bomo še obširno pisali v kom prihodnjih tednov in mesecev.

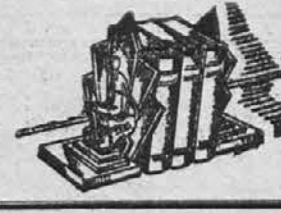
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English Speaking Lodges Attain Greatest Momentum In Last Four Years — Reports Mirko G. Kuhel, Supreme Treasurer

I am a firm believer in the statistics and most of my recommendations at the Supreme Board meetings or in my articles in the official organ were based on them. I sincerely believe that question of the OLD AGE BENEFIT should be settled as soon as possible. If it is your desire to continue this feature, a precedent created by the SSPZ first of all our fraternal organizations, without any further increase in the assessments or diversion of means from other funds, then let us pay \$5.00 per month to the same number of the oldest members as the income of the fund may stand, or in the alternative—to an equal number of most needy old members. Any increase in the assessment for this purpose will meet with dissatisfaction on the part of our younger members, and since we are staking our future on the younger element, let us not drive them away by increasing assessments for the old age fund. While we must give all the credit and glory to the founders of the SSPZ, we must not forget that the old age fund was not thought of until 8 years ago, when its need was realized, therefore the older members should not expect that all future members will carry this ever increasing burden. Under the present system 22 cents per month from each and every member will hardly suffice four years from now.

Does any one recall any of our Conventions at which time all the funds were self-operating and without a deficit? This Convention can be proud of the fact that in spite of the greatest economical upheaval this country has ever known all of our funds show favorable balances. This clearly indicates that the last Convention came down to the earth and faced the confronting problems face to face and worked each and all of them on the basis of dollars and cents. Whatever remained unfinished, was completed by the Supreme Board, even through introduction of drastic and radical measures, such as elimination of \$2 sick benefit fund.

I do not favor any drastic changes in the sick benefit payments. During the last eight year I had the opportunity of performing the duties as the secretary of sick benefit department. The last three years have convinced me that the present system of payments is the best yet devised in keeping the promised benefits within a self-provided budget. While changes of minor importance in the sick benefit structure are timely and necessary, we must refrain from over-rating its strength and must not attempt to weaken it for the benefit of a score of members by impairing the security of several thousands.

An attempt will be made at this Convention to create a Convention Fund to take care of the per diem of the delegation. While this may be an important and advantageous argument for the benefit of some lodges, it may not be as advantageous nor beneficial for the majority of our members. This means an increase in the assessment to provide the estimated \$5000 needed to carry over the plan. And do the members want an increase in the assessment? If such a fund is created, however, do not neglect to provide means for its subsistence.

Our OFFICIAL ORGAN has been a problem to our expense fund the last Convention. While the contract calls for two pages of official material every week, the actual usage of the space has really exceeded the contract by at least one page per week. Adding to this the cost of the Vrtec and Forum pages, plus the cost of the self-imposed system of exchanging two or more weekly issues per family for a daily newspaper at the expense of the Society—it increased the cost of the Organ by at least 33%. There is hardly any control over this situation, unless this self-imposed practice of exchange is terminated immediately, or unless this Convention should decide to issue our OWN organ. In 1935 we paid for the official organ the sum of \$6,377.25. In view of the fact that more and more space is needed especially for the Forum and Vrtec pages, and because of the fact and common knowledge that the best medium of advertising self is our own organ, I would recommend establishing our own publication, should its entire cost not exceed much the average now paid to a hired printing house.

The English-Speaking Lodge movement has attained its greatest momentum during the last four years, the cause of which can be placed directly at the door of our conservative encouragement of intra-sectional athletic competitions, which have become an annual institution. It is only partly financed by subventions from the benevolent fund and mostly through the activities of the participating Lodges. This movement should be encouraged even more in the future, for after all the success of such enterprises means another step in the right direction—the future. VRTEC, too, has become a prominent factor in our



Mirko G. Kuhel

existence. All the help should be extended toward its further development. To direct the movements of these two groups an official is needed whose primary duty would be the future development and current administration of English-Speaking Lodges and Vrtec units. Under the present by-laws this cannot be done unless the Convention legislates such powers and duties to a permanently employed officer.

The future of the Society depends on the plans that are at present in the process of creation. To assure this we must introduce new, better known plans of insurance, so that we may successfully compete on the field of fraternal security with the best of the land. Our existing NRC certificates are a barrier to a faster movement towards the goal. It is hoped that this gathering will take the necessary steps to equalize the insurance cost on the proportionally equal basis, and offer all the members the same protection and security on the basis of their contributions. When this is performed and our past investments improve to the standard required by the Illinois Law, we shall have the right to step forward with the assurance that the sword of Democles has been removed from above our heads.

These are some of the most important points I thought should be mentioned in this report. Other recommendations I shall be bound to bring forth during the course of the Convention.

The majority of my time in the Home Office has been consumed by the regular work, mostly as an assistant to the Supreme Secretary, which work I performed in addition to my duties as the treasurer. I have represented the Society in all legal and technical matters, where the presence of an executive has been required. With the Supreme Secretary and other employees in the Home Office we worked in harmony and complete confidence, for which I am grateful and which eased the strain of the official duties. In order to expedite matters I recommend that in the future the official duties of the Supreme Secretary and the Supreme Treasurer, or any other member of the Supreme Board employed in the Home Office, be segregated distinctly, so that each may devote his time and attention to the matters that are under his own jurisdiction and thus avoid possible predicaments that may arise from doubt as to the powers and duties of one or the other.

During my term in office I have devoted my best ability and energy toward the improvement of the Society and its conditions for the benefit of the membership as a whole, with-in and without my official capacity. I sincerely believe and trust in the future of the SSPZ, when guided by conscientious and proficient executives who have established their principles on stabilized and financially sound fraternal ideas.

Cordially Yours,

Mirko G. Kuhel

PICNIC AT LIBRARY, PA., SUNDAY, JULY 19 AT WHIPPOORWILL GROVE

LIBRARY, Pa. — Boom! Bang! Boom! Ladies and gentlemen, attention please!

The S. S. P. Z. Federation is going to hold their annual picnic at Whippoorwill Grove on July 19, 1935. There will be good music furnished for the young and old. Refreshments will be served.

Everybody is cordially invited to attend.

The regular Vrtec meeting will be held on July 12th. Hoping to see the members attend with a better attendance. See you at the meeting on the 12th and at the picnic on the 19th.

Don't forget "you guys and gals" to make July 19th a date to visit Library for a good time.

Frances Dermotta,
Secretary of Vrtec 118

OUTLOOKERS AMATEUR PROGRAM PRESENTED FOR UTOPIANS

CLEVELAND, O. — Outlookers, don't forget to attend our next meeting on Monday, July 13 instead of our regular meeting which would have fallen on Friday, July 3. If you can sing, play an instrument, dance, or tell a good joke, please don't hesitate to display your talent on our amateur program which we are giving for the entertainment of the Utopians on the fore-mentioned evening. Everyone be there at 7:30 p. m. This is an important meeting.

Anne E. Gaenik, Sec'y

UTOPIANS MEETING

CLEVELAND, O. — Utopians regular meeting will be held on Monday, July 13 at the Slovene Workmen's Home, Waterloo Rd., at 7:00 p. m.

All the Utopians are urged to attend—not only to present their ideas for our summer activities; but also to enjoy the amateur hour, that our Vrtec, No. 11, has prepared to put forth.

Refreshments and dancing will follow.

Attend and make this a 100 per cent meeting.

Elsie Pucel, Sec'y

SPARTAN'S OUTING SET FOR SATURDAY, JULY 11

CLEVELAND, O. — Lest you forget, our regular monthly meeting is next Wed., July 15 in the usual quarters at 8:00 p. m. Members are requested to attend.

"Variety is the Spice of Life," seems to me, the adopted slogan of Spartans. They have planned a variegated program for the rest of the year and part of next in order that the membership may enjoy themselves in one friendly group.

A beach party is first on the list. It will be held this coming Saturday evening, July 11th. All members and their friends wishing to attend this affair, please call Stan Zagar, phone, Liberty 3837 after 4 p. m. Everyone attending, meet at Opeka's, 1127 E. 71 St., at 8 p. m. sharp. Have your reservations in by Saturday, 4 p. m. All you Spartan lads and lassies, let's all be on hand for this affair and I'm sure everyone will have one grand time.

Labor Day! Oh! Labor Day! (Who does that remind you of?) That's when we board some sort of vehicle and travel west to Chicago to help make S. S. P. Z. Meet a great success and naturally, bring home the bacon as well.

United Lodges of Cleveland will celebrate their 10th Anniversary on Oct. 15 in S. N. H. All the SSPZ lodges belonging to this federation will participate in the program. Keep this date open. Further details given later.

On April 24th and 25th, 1937 Spartans will observe their 10th Anniversary with exclusive entertainment, nothing but the best. Preparations will be in order within a few months. May I take this opportunity in asking our neighboring and other lodges to keep this date open so that we may have you as our guests on those two days. Watch S. S. P. Z. official organ for more information later on.

I'll agree with you, that's quite a number of dates to remember but if you'll fetch out your memorandum, copy these dates, you're just bound to forget your troubles by enjoying yourself with us.

For the month of July we have six new members with us, namely: CHARLES WICK, ELSIE SELAN, TONY GRABENJA, JOSEPH STUPKA, ANN GUSTINCIC and JOE LISCH. Welcome to Spartans! We're more than glad to have you with us.

Miscellaneous: "UNCLE" CHARLIE KOMAN was back from his visit with the relations (cousins) and left again for the same parts—Joe Lisch, a transferred member, is the brother of our Supreme Vice-President—he is employed here—ANTONIA ZAGAR motored to Detroit over the holidays—Vrtec No. 5 and No. 11 are holding a joint picnic Sun., July 19 on Surtz's farm—Spartans are invited—Quite a number of Spartan lassies are seen, nowadays, along the boulevard on bicycles—and they all possess equilibrium—May we extend our congratulations and best wishes to the Spartans that were married the past month—FRANK KALISTER, JOE HOCEVAR, DR. A. L. GARBAS, and EMMA CANNON now MRS JOSEPH STUPKA—AUGUST GROBOLSEK is on the sick list—Speedy recovery—Sorry we couldn't be present but we're wishing Lodge No. 89 of Sygan, Pa., great success at their 25th anniversary celebration on July 4th—That's all—A. M. O.

Michael Vrhovnik's Report to Convention

Brothers and Sisters, Delegates of the 9th Regular Convention:

In bringing to you the following report of the progress the Society has made since the adjournment of the 8th Regular Convention at Pittsburgh, Pa., may I remind you that in as much as I would like to present to you a detailed account of the Society's work during the administration of the incumbent Supreme Auditing Committee, I feel that to do so would entail a repetition of much of that which has been stated in our previous reports to the Supreme Board, and which, also, appeared as minutes in the Official Organ. For that reason, this report will cover only such matters as are believed to be of more than average importance to you with the hope that you will be the ultimate beneficiary of whatever good the facts it discloses may convey.

Before going any further, let me assure you that, to the best of my knowledge, we as the Supreme Auditors, in making our semi-annual examination of the assets, receipts, disbursements, and all other matters pertaining to the welfare of the Society, exercised the duties and power, allotted to us in the By-Laws, as strictly and as fraternally as was possible under the circumstances and conditions which prevailed.

As Chairman of the Supreme Auditing Committee, I tried to give you what I believed to be an honest and true account of the financial status of the Society. By that I do not mean that my semi-annual reports, and those of the first and second Supreme Auditor, were complete in every detail, but I do wish to emphasize that at no time did we knowingly, or otherwise, try to conceal that, which, in my opinion, appeared necessary to your knowledge. And whatever you may have thought of the criticism (especially mine) directed against certain lenient practices, particularly those related to investments, let me assure you that it was done simply because it was sincerely believed that, by bringing such practices to your attention, was the best and speediest way of

correcting them and preventing future repetition of the same. It is true that the effects were both constructive and destructive, but I am positive that the good results far exceeded the bad and have aided in molding a finer and sounder fraternal spirit throughout the environs of the Society.



Michael Vrhovnik

The Financial Statement

The financial report which has been prepared for you is a consolidated statement showing total income and disbursements for the four years immediately preceding January 1, 1935. The assets are divided, both, according to type of investments and to funds; also, a comparison is drawn between the balances as of December 31, 1931, and that of December 31, 1935. A special chart of the Adult Department has been arranged which should prove of much interest to you because it shows the number of certificates in force, book and market value of our assets, rate of solvency, rate of interest earned on our investments, and mortality rate for each of the last five years. Little is offered in the way of clarification of the Juvenile Department work since its excellent condition does not warrant it. Footnotes serve to further explain and clarify the figures. You will do well to study them carefully. The financial statement follows:

FINANCIAL STATEMENT — Dec. 31, 1931 — Dec. 31, 1935.	
ADULT DEPARTMENT	
Balance as of December 31, 1931	\$644,113.11
INCOME:	
Assessment	\$604,228.84
Interest from bonds	55,667.18
Interest from mortgages	26,162.85
Interest from savings account	566.45
Interest from collateral loan	420.00
Interest from premium loans	21.95
Rentals from real estate	2,787.00
Liquidation dividends from bonds	1,528.84
Transfer from Juvenile to Adult expense fund	8,475.92
(1) Transfer from "Escrow Account"	1,003.16
(2) Transfer Juvenile Trust Fund	22,947.65
Lodge supplies	596.70
Cancelled checks, fees, etc.	476.58
Total income	\$724,883.12

DISBURSEMENTS:	
Mortuary claims (Class A & B)	\$166,573.35
Trust Fund Claims	4,590.59
Permanent disability	5,975.00
Sick benefits	195,594.55
Operation benefits	31,365.00
Old Age Relief	16,970.00
(3) Benevolent Fund donations	12,059.17
Refund on commuted certificates	10,443.84
Salaries, per diem, mileage, medical and organizers' fees, etc.	41,396.89
Home Office rental and maintenance	2,808.11
Printing, stationery and advertising	4,485.43
Postage, express, telephone & telegraph	1,793.05
SSPZ emblems	592.87
(4) Official Organ	22,665.10
Legal expenses (attorneys' fees)	2,092.54
Furniture, fixtures, etc.	541.92
Taxes, insurance, repairs, janitor, etc. on Real Estate holding No. 1	2,094.06
Actuary's fees, surety bonds, safety vaults, etc.	2,895.74
Tax on checks, collection fees, sales tax, etc.	720.16
Bondholders' Protective Committees	1,150.00
Bonds reduced by liquidation	1,528.84
Loss on bonds	42,530.38
Loss on mortgages	899.80
Loss on stocks	10,975.00
Premium loans reduced by lapse	1,615.12
Total disbursements	\$584,356.31
Total increase	\$140,526.81

BALANCE AS OF DECEMBER 31, 1935	\$784,639.92
TOTAL ASSETS (Investments and Cash)	

	Dec. 31, 1931	% of Assets	Dec. 31, 1935	% of Assets
HOLC bonds	\$5,900.00	75	\$4,503.75	5.29
State bonds	41,503.75	10.19	131,025.78	16.70
Municipal, County and District	65,644.20	10.19	168,095.00	21.42
Industrial bonds	220,242.50	34.19	177,258.40	22.59
Utility bonds	213,692.24	33.17	9,175.00	1.18
Railroad bonds	9,175.00	1.43	41,155.00	5.25
(5) Stocks	20,875.00	3.24	130,745.99	16.66
(6) Mortgages	103,345.59	16.05	270.00	0.03
(7) Scrip certificate	—	—	38,197.31	4.87
Real Estate holdings	—	—	21,833.34	2.78
Bank deposits & Cash on hand	11,138.58	1.73	19,480.35	2.48
(8) Premium loans	—	—	—	—
TOTALS	\$644,113.11	100.00	\$784,639.92	100.00

TOTAL ASSETS DISTRIBUTED BY FUNDS

	Dec. 31, 1931	Dec. 31, 1935	Gain or Loss
Mortuary Fund (Class A)	\$625,250.99	\$533,167.38	\$92,083.61
Mortuary Fund (Class B)	—	199,027.57	199,027.57
Sick Benefit Fund	2,899.19	25,636.85	22,737.66
Disability & Operation Fund	6,110.98	2,812.87	3,298.11
Old Age Relief Fund	13,585.60	13,377.59	208.01
Benevolent Fund	8,043.36	3,100.42	4,942.94
(9) Expense Fund	445.05	7,517.24	7,072.19
TOTALS	\$644,113.11	\$784,639.92	\$140,526.81

REAL ESTATE INVESTMENTS AND HOLDINGS

Real Estate Property No. 1 (Home Office Bldg.)	
Purchase price	\$22,500.00
Permanent improvements	1,942.98
Real Estate Property No. 2 (Formerly Mtg. No. 55)	
Mortgage Note	\$3,000.00
Release deed (paid to mortgagee)	200.00
Taxes	138.48
Interest due and accrued	585.00
Attorney's fees	90.00
Real Estate Property No. 3 (Formerly Mtg. No. 49)	
Mortgage Note	\$7,700.00
Release deed (paid to mortgagee)	250.00
Taxes	855.15
Interest due and accrued	770.00
Title Guarantee policy	78.95
Attorney's fee	86.75

Total Real Estate Holdings

Income:	
Rental receipts (Property No. 1)	\$2,787.00
Rental receipts (Property No. 2)	—
Rental receipts (Property No. 3)	—
Total income	\$2,787.00

DISBURSEMENTS: (Property No. 1)

Insurance (Fire, Wind, Plate Glass, etc.)	\$410.36
Repairs and decorations	625.34
Fuel and furnace repairs	457.51
Taxes (1st Installment)	247.51
Janitor's service and expense	204.35
Rubbish removal	22.50
Building inspection	5.00
Net disbursements	\$1,942.98
Net income	\$844.02

GENERAL ANALYSIS OF THE ADULT DEPARTMENT FOR THE FIVE YEARS

	Certificates in force	Book Value of Assets	Admitted Value of Assets	Interest Earned	Mortality Rate
Dec. 31, 1931—7,321		\$644,113.11	\$425,083.60	4.82%	131.00%
Dec. 31, 1932—5,875		635,354.88	407,865.01	3.53%	125.00%
Dec. 31, 1933—5,891		662,479.35	368,108.41	2.90%	140.00%
Dec. 31, 1934—6,277		743,568.97	426,090.26	3.18%	112.00%
Dec. 31, 1935—6,543		784,639.92	490,194.29	3.13%	86.50%

Explanatory Notations of the Financial Report

(1) The sum of \$1,003.16, shown as having been transferred from "Escrow Account" to the savings account of the Potter Title & Trust Company of Pittsburgh, Pa., was originally taken, less \$3.16 in interest, from the Benevolent Fund and was intended to be used to defray any expense incurred in obtaining a charter from the Insurance Department of the State of Pennsylvania. The \$3.16 is the interest earned from the time the money was transferred from "Escrow" to the time the actual transfer was made.

(2) The Juvenile Trust Fund assets were transferred to the Adult Mortuary and Sick Benefit Funds at the request of the Illinois Insurance Department. The assets of this fund were divided as follows: \$20,880.11 to the Mortuary Fund and \$2,175.41 to the Sick Benefit Fund.

(3) This item includes the expenses incurred by the 8th Regular Convention held in 1932. The amount expended for this purpose was \$5,685.52.

(4) The income for our Official Organ, for the 4 years ending 1935, at rate of 6% cents per month from each member, amounts to approximately \$19,000 as compared with disbursements of \$22,665.10. The big difference between cost and income may be attributed mainly to one source and that is that an additional \$25.00 was paid by the Society for every extra page over the number (two pages weekly) called for in the contract. Previous to July 1, 1932, no limit existed and the cost fluctuated according to the number of copies issued to members of the Society, but not to the number of pages used.

(5) With the exception of 100 shares of Continental Shares, Inc. (book value \$10,000), all stocks were acquired, either, in part payment of interest or in exchange for bonds thru a reorganization of one kind or the other.

(6) A second Mortgage for \$980.00

(Continued next week)