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## Glasovi iz naših naselebin

NEKAJ MNENJ IN  
NASVETOV O TEDNIKU

Gross, Kans.—Zadnje čase je bilo precej razmotrivanja v Prosveti glede količine in kakovosti gradiva v obilglatni številki. Prav tako glede oblike uradne Prosvete, namreč kako bi bilo bolj priporočljivo porazdeliti slovensko in angleško gradivo v večje zadovoljstvo vseh. Pravi, da ne moreta biti volk sit in koza cela. Če se da več gradiva angleško govorečim članom, ga dobijo na račun slovenskega gradiva. Tako je storila zadnja konvencija, ki je ukinila eno stran slovenskega gradiva.

Prav tako so priobčeni z malo izjemo vsi oglaševalci slovenskih strani Prosvete. Tako tudi v zvezi s slovenski sekciji precej prostora uradna glasila. Če odštejemo razna naznanila društev in federacij, uradna in neuradna, ki morajo dobiti prostor v listu, ostane le malo kolon na razpolago za drugo gradivo.

Že pred konvencijo sem enkrat v razpravi o pravih zapisih in sedaj ponavljam, da se preneha z objavljanjem imen in vsot izplačane bolniške podpore. To sugestijo utemeljuje iz dveh razlogov: Prvi, v Kansasu to škoduje našim članom, ki prejema tisto miloščno v obliki starostne pokojnine od krajevnih oblasti, katera še od daleč ne zadostuje za najpotrebnejše. Kakor hitro je naš član na bolniški podpori, za katero je morda plačeval 30 ali več let, mu oblasti odtrgajo starostno pokojnino za toliko, kolikor znaša njegova bolniška podpora, torej mu koncem konca prejeta bolniška podpora nič ne koristi. Če bi ne bilo teh števil in imen v Prosveti, morda ne bi okrajne oblasti "šnofale" okrog društev, koliko je ta ali oni njihov klient prejel podpore in tako bi ostalo morda nekaj dolarjev našemu članu ali članom za priboljšek.

Tako pa oblastem kar pod nos pomolimo tiste dolarčke, tako da ne morejo sploh drugače postopati kot ustaviti podporo, češ, saj dobivate bolniško podporo. Drugič, imeli bi tedensko povprečno eno ali dve koloni več prostora za dobro gradivo. Sploh ne vem, komu koristijo objave bolniške podpore in zakaj je to potrebno. S priobčevanjem splošne bolniške podpore, se je pričelo po waukeganški konvenciji. Zagovorniki tega sklepa so poudarjali, da je potrebno objavljati imena in vsote bolniške podpore, da bodo vsi člani vedeli, kdo in koliko podpore prejme, da se tako lahko drži boljše kontrola nad društvom, češ, da mogoče kakšno društvo odobri podporo članu ali članom, do katere niso bili upravičeni v smislu pravil.

Kolikor je meni znano, ni nobeno društvo ali posamezni član v vseh 22 letih obtožil drugo društvo, da nakazuje bolniško podporo članom, ki niso v smislu pravil upravičeni do nje, in da je tako napako izadelil v priobčeni koloni bolniške podpore. Menda vendar zaupamo društvom, da so poštna in pravila pri odobritvi bolniške podpore. Sploh pa ne vem, kdo je in kdo ni upravičen do bolniške podpore pri drugih društvih. To je zadeva društva in pa bolniškega tajnika. Za lastno društvo glede bolniške podpore pa itak izvem vse podatke na društveni seji.

Naj še omenim, da bolniškemu tajniku vzame tudi precej časa pripravljane te kolone za tisk. Torej gl. odbor naj bi na prihodnjem zborovanju odglasoval za ukinitev te kolone. S tem bi olajšal delo bolniškega tajnika, obenem pa odprl tedenko za eno kolono ali dve prostora za dobro gradivo. S tem bi vsaj deloma nadomestil žrtvovano stran slovenskega čtiva, ki jo je zadnja konvencija odredila v prid angleške sekcije Prosvete.

Pravila določajo, da glasilo priobča vse uradne vesti in na tem potnjen na stran, tako rekoč obojen na smrt, tudi privatni zavarovalniški biznis.

Tako naziranje je po našem mišljenju povsem zmotno, kajti tako gigantičnega biznisa—50, 100, 200 milijard dolarjev—kakor ga predstavljajo mogočne zavarovalniške družbe, ne more nihče na stran potisniti, ne v eni niti v desetih generacijah. Mogoče ga je samo socializirati ali pa pustiti, da postane absolutni gospodar deleže.

znani iz glavnega urada, in krajevnih društev in drugo gradivo, katero določi izvršni odsek ali pa gl. odbor. Nikjer ni rečeno, da mora biti ta kolona priobčena v Prosveti. Torej tukaj pride v poštev le sklep glavnega odbora—in pa seveda manjše članstva.

Glede razdelitve Prosvete, to je slovenske in angleške sekcije, bi bilo na me. tu Barbičevu priporočilo, namreč da bi se tiskala prva, druga, sedma in osma stran v angleščini, notranje štiri pa v slovenščini. Tako bi bilo lahko izluščiti slovensko čtivo od angleškega in obratno. Če se potisne slovensko čtivo v notranjost, mislim da ne bi radi tega trpela čast starejšega članstva. Saj nismo tako občutljivi in natančni za spremembe, ki nič ne stanejo. Take spremembe pa so potrebne v korist angleško govorečih članov, tosej tudi v korist jedrci. Vedeti moramo, če hočemo, da jednota napreduje, bomo primorani dajati več ali manj koncesij angleško govorečim članom. Mesečni seznam o novo pristopilih članih, izkazuje, da so po večini angleško govoreči člani, morda 99 odstotkov.

Na drugi strani pa izkazuje seznam umrlih članov, da je odstotek umrlih članov približno isti. Z drugimi besedami, število angleško govorečih članov se mesečno veča, število starejših članov, to je nas, ki se trdno držimo materinega jezika, se pa hitro manjša.

Ne rečem, da bomo morda že v enem desetletju izumrli vsi, ki smo prešli preko luže, kajti smo še precej trdni in aktivni, kot pravi pomožni urednik M. Medvešek, vendar pa je dobro, da se zavedamo, da polagoma prehajamo pri naši jedroti in društvih iz slovenskega v angleško poslovanje.

Kvaliteta čtiva v obilglatni številki je izvrstna. Slovenska sekcija služi bolj informacijam, ker za drugo gradivo ni prostora, angleška sekcija, posebno sedaj, ko ima štiri strani, pa v veliki meri služi izobrazbi in v pouk o splošnih in predvsem socialnih razmerah dežele.

Člani, ki resno pogrešate peto stran slovenskega čtiva v obilglatni Prosveti, a še niste naročeni na dnevnik, naročite si ga, pa boste v njem za uho našli veliko dobrega čtiva, da boste skoraj pozabili na tisto izgubljeno stran v tedniku, ki nam jo je odvzela konvencija z dobrim in potrebnim namenom.

John Shular.

ZVOČNI FILMI IZ  
SLOVENIJE V CHICAGO

Chicago, Ill.—Prihodnjo nedeljo, 1. februarja, se bodo kazale premične zvočne slike iz starega kraja, in to pot v slovenski naselebinah severnega dela mesta Chicago, pod avspicijo podružnice 2 SANSa.

Kako so filmi zanimivi, krasne slike iz naših rojstnih krajev, dokazi važnih dogodkov med vojno in po vojni, je bilo že večkrat opisano v naših časopisih. Sedaj se vam nudijo prilika, da vse to vidite in slišite.

Slike se bodo kazale dobro uro in pol, pričetek TOČNO ob 3. uri popoldne. Pridite preje, da dobite sedež in da ne bo motenja med kazanjem slik.

Pričakujemo pa, da bo dvorana prav gotovo napolnjena pred 3. uro. Iz več naselebin, kjer so bile predvajane te slike, je bilo poročano, da tisti, ki so prišli pozno, niso mogli v dvorano, ker je bila že polna. Izognite se temu morebitnemu razočaranju in pridite zgodaj!

Po programu bo veselica, domača zabava, ima domača godba, ples in vse, kar spada k dobri postrežbi. Vstopnina za vse skupaj je samo 60 centov. Torej na veselo prijateljsko svidenje prihodnjo nedeljo popoldne in zvečer v Aldine-dvorani, 911 Armitage ave. Vas vse vlijudno vabimo člani in članice podružnice 2 SANSa.

Odbor.

PUSRNA VESELICA  
DRUŠTVA NADE 102 SNPJ

Chicago, Ill.—Društveni pripravljajni odbor je vneto na delu s pripravami za pustno veselico našega društva, ki se bo vršila v soboto, dne 7. januarja, v dvorani SNPJ, 2657 So. Lwmdale ave.

Na veselici isti večer bo tudi oddan ličen "portable radio", povrh bomo dale pa še tako zvani "door prize".

Kar se prigrizka in druge postrežbe tiče, se lahko reče, da bo za naše posetnike vse dobro in okusno pripravljeno. Preskrbljeno bo pa tudi za žejne. Ker sem že pri pisanju, želim ob tej priliki povabiti na veselico tudi članice krožka Progressivnih Slovk, kakor tudi njihove moče, da bo bolj "lušno". Vsem ključem na svidenje v dvorani SNPJ na omenjeni večeri!

Članicam Progressivnih Slovk pa obenem tudi naznanjam, da se za redno sejo dne 4. februarja pripravljajni muzikalni program, katerega bodo izvajale Omrzozi sestri in Angela Plaut. Tako priporočam, da se seje udeležite vse članice! Mesečna aprila, oziroma na aprilski seji, bomo pa imele razstavo ročnih del. Katera ima kaj lepega ročnega dela, se ji priporoča da z njim pripomore do boljše zbirke k razstavi.

Za majsko sejo pa ima nekaj posebnega za rokavom ses. Ann Sannemann in mladinski krožek. Program bo prirejen v počast materam.

Omeniti moram tudi to, da nam je po zadnji seji predeval Joško Oven in snov njegovega govora je bila poučljiva, kakor tudi zanimiva vseokoli, za kar mu v imenu krožka izrekam prav lepo zahvalo, ter upam, da nam prošnje ne bo odrekel, če ga še kdaj povabimo za slične namene.

Frances Vider.

PREDLAGA ZDRUŽENJE  
TREH DRUŠTEV IN AKCIJO  
ZA DRUŠTVENI DOM

St. Louis, Mo.—V St. Louisu imamo tri društva SNPJ, katera štejejo skupaj okoli tristo članov v odraslem oddelku. Nekaj članov našega društva 107 mi je omenilo, da bi o tem razpravljali v glasilu in da bi kaj dobrega okrenili v korist članstva in jednote. Nekateri namreč menijo, da bi bilo koristno združiti vsa tri društva, tako bi laže dobili dobrega in zmognega tajnika iz predsednika, kajti ta dva odbornika sta glavna voditelja društva; seje pa bi vodili v angleščini, tako ne bi bila taka mešanica, kakor je danes pri našem društvu.

Mnenje prevladuje, da bi se na tej podlagi tudi naša mladina bolj združila in zanimala za jednoto in društvo, kajti sedaj je popolnoma razkrojena, torej je skrajni čas, da o tem razpravljamo in kaj ukrenemo. Če bi se združila ta društva, bi bilo tudi laže pridobivati nove člane. Zdrženje mladina bi lahko pričela tudi gojiti atletiko, kar je sedaj skoraj nemogoče.

Vem, da bodo nekateri člani nasprotovali tej ideji, zato ste članih teh društev naprošeni, da izrazite o tem svoje mnenje v glasilu, kaj pa je mnenje vsakega društva, pa razpravljajte na sejah.

Vsekakor bi bilo koristno, da bi se omenjena društva združila. Sedaj iščemo dvorane za seje kot zajec svoje ležišče. Na jemmno moramo precej drago plačevati, povrh pa še tuju. Ali ne bi mogli spraviti tiste dolarje v svojo bisago? Bratje in sestri, izrazite svoje mnenje! Ali ne bi bilo na mestu, ako bi društvo kupilo kakšno hišo, ki bi imela 5 ali 6 sob. Prvo nadstropje bi preuredili za društveno dvorano, pritličje oz. klet pa v točilnico. Takšen društveni dom bi zadostoval za naše potrebe. Prostor naj bi poiskali kje v bližini Grand ave. in Gravoisa, kjer je dobra transportacija in snažna sosesnica.

Vem, da boste rekli, kje je denar, s čim naj kupimo tak prostor? Tudi na to lahko odgovorim. Najprvo bi pobirali prostovoljne prispevke. Ako bi del vsak član \$5, bi skupaj zbrali najmanj 1,500 dolarjev. Pre-

pričan sem, da bi nekateri za tako koristno stvar malo globlje posegli v žep. Tudi društva imajo nekaj dolarjev v svojih blaginjah. Potem bi dali tudi delnice v prodaj.

Kakor hitro bi imeli tak društveni prostor, potem bi imeli vedno dovolj tekočih dohodkov, kajti tu v St. Louisu se majhne dvorane vedno lahko oddajo v najem, poleg tega bi lahko sami večkrat priredili veselice, drugače bomo res popolnoma izumrli.

Naj še omenim, da bi se lahko vzajemno zedinili za tak društveni dom, četudi se ne bi združila društva. Saj imamo za to zglede po drugih naselebinah. Tak društveni dom bi postal središče vsega našega življa, zano pa v ponos nam in našim potomcem. Prepričan sem, da bi na vsaki prireditvi pridobili kakšnega novega člana.

Vem, da bodo nekateri člani temu oporekali, da bi nas svoj dom preveč stal. Tudi jaz ne uvidevam, namreč da ni tako lahko tako idejo uresničiti, toda korajža velja. Bratje in sestri, ako boste o tej ideji razpravljali na društvenih sejah, bi vam tudi priporočal, da izvolite dva ali tri zastopnike in mi pošljite na moj naslov njih imena in naslove, tako da bi lahko sklical zastopniško sejo, na kateri bi razpravljali, če je mogoče uresničiti to zamisel. Želim, da bi se še kdo oglašil in podal svoje mnenje. Moj naslov: 4745 Hummel ave., telefon PL. 2517.

Ciril Medved.

ČLANSTVU DRUŠTVA 121  
NA ZNANJE

Detroit, Mich.—Na redni seji 18. jan. so navzoči člani razpravljali, na kakšen način bi se najlaže privabili člani, da bi bolj redno prihajali na društvene seje. Po dolgem razmotrivanju je bilo zaključeno, da se bodo vlekla imena članov. Ako bo dotični član na seji, čigar ime bo klicano, bo dobil \$1, ako ga ne bo, ostane dolar v blaginji, tako da bosta drugo sejo \$2 na razpolago in vsako nadaljno sejo se bo vsota povišala za en dolar, ako ne bo dotičnega na seji.

Ako se ta poskušnja obnese, bomo nadaljevali, ako ne, bomo šli nazaj na stari sistem. Ni ravno lepo, da se poslužujemo te taktike. Bolje bi bilo, da bi se člani zavedali svoje dolžnosti, kajti organizacija pripada vsem članom, zato bi morali tudi biti vsi odgovorni za dobro ali slabo. V velikih mestih malo kdaj pridemo skupaj, zato ni več kot prav, da si vsak član rezervira dve uri na mesec za društveno sejo, da se bolj od blizu spoznamo. Na svidenje na društveni seji 15. februarja!

Josef Koršic, tajnik.

DRUŠTVO TAVOR SLOVANSKI  
NOV VABI NA VESELICO

San Francisco, Calif.—Prav lepo vabim vse članstvo društva 304 SNPJ na predpustno veselico, kakor tudi vse naše rojake in rojakinje. Veselica se bo vršila v soboto zvečer, 1. februarja, v Slovenskem domu, 2101 Mariposa st.

Upam, da se boste udeležili v velikem številu. Za ples bo igrala slovenska in angleška godba. Imeli bomo na razpolago tudi kranjske klobase, katere bo preskrbel brat Martin Jelenick.

Torej na veselo svidenje 1. februarja na veselici društva Tavor Slovanov!

Anna Barich, tajnica.

VESELICA SLOVENSKEGA  
DOMA V BURGETTSTOWNU

Burgettstown, Pa.—Človek je kaj rad poščen. Zahvaliti bi se moral vsem, ki so se udeležili naše zadnje veselice, a danes vabim že na drugo. Naj omenim, da smo imeli zelo veliko udeležbo na zadnji veselici. Naša prihodnja veselica pa se bo vršila 31. januarja v korist blaginje Slovenskega doma. V načrtu imamo namreč izgradnjo večje klubice.

Torej vabimo vse na plesno veselico Slovenskega doma. Za ples bo igrala izvrstna godba iz Strabana. Na veselo svidenje 31. januarja zvečer!  
Za odbor: Frank Laurich.

SMRT DELAVSKO  
ZAVEDNEGA ROJAKA

Los Angeles, Calif.—Od prijateljev iz Fontane sem prejel vest, da je tamkaj preminil tukaj daleč naokrog znan naprednjak, svobodomislec in borec za človeške pravice brat Anton Blažič, član društva 569 SNPJ v Fontani.

Pokojni Blažič—kot mi je sam pravil pred dobrim letom in pol, ko sem ga obiskal—je bil doma iz Gorenjske in v prvih letih njegovega bivanja v Ameriki je bil v Kansasu med premogarji. Pozneje se je bil naselil v južni Illinois, kjer je vršil isti posel; od tam pa je odšel pred več kot 20 leti v Fontano, kjer si je nabavil farmo.

V zadnjih nekaj letih je začel bolehati na pljučih, in slednjič se je moral podati v bolnišnico, kjer je dne 12. januarja t. l. podlegel. V kolikor mi je znano, neposredno v Fontani ženo, sina in njegovo ženo. Če je imel pokojnik kaj drugih sorodnikov v Fontani ali kje drugje v Ameriki, mi ni znano.

Pokojni Blažič je bil kremenit značaj; vedno čuječ nasledovalce lokalnih, narodnih in mednarodnih problemov, ki so izhajali bodisi iz delavskih vrst, znanstvenih, gospodarskih ali političnih institucij. Pri ustanovitvah mladinskih krožkov ali organiziranju odraslih, je bil vedno v prvih vrstah. Nedvomno ga bodo naši rojaki v Fontani, ki se zanimajo za društveno in prosvetno življenje, težko pogrešali. Tako se poslavljajo od nas naši stari prijatelji in borce... Sojaljen tistim, ki jih zapuščajo! Časten spomin pokojnemu bratu Antonu Blažiču!

Frank Petrich.

VAŽNE PRIREDEBE  
V CHICAGO

Chicago, Ill.—Kakor sem že poročal, se bo vršil v soboto, 31. januarja, koncert hrvaškega opernega pevca Tomislava Miloštica, v Sokolski dvorani, 1812 S. Ashland Ave., začetek ob osmih zvečer. Milostič je priznan umetnik, ki je pred kratkim prišel iz Južne Amerike, kjer je nastopal v operah in koncertih. Vabljeni so tudi Slovenci, saj smo vsi Jugoslavoani. Umetnik bo zapel tudi nekaj slovenskih pesmi. Kdor si želi rezervirati vstopnico, lahko pokliče Rockwell 2119.

Drugi dan, 1. februarja, pa bo podružnica št. 2 SANSa predvajala filme iz Slovenije v Aldine-dvorani, 911 Armitage ave., začetek ob treh popoldne. Citajte vabilo na to priredbo na drugem mestu današnje Prosvete. Naši društveniki iz severne četrti Chicago so zmeraj na prireditvah na zapadni strani, pa je prav, da jim vrnemo poset.

Naše rojake že zdaj opozarjamo na predavanje o Jugoslaviji, ki se bo vršilo v petek, 13. februarja v dvorani SNPJ. Predavala bosta literarka Mary Seton in njen mož. Oba sta se mudila dalj časa v Jugoslaviji in študirala tamkajšnje razmere. Še posebno sta se zanimala za literaturo in umetnost. Imela bosta veliko povedati tudi o Sloveniji, katera ju je še posebno očarala. Vse prebitek te priredbe bo oddan za Akademijo upodabljaljočih umetnosti v Ljubljani, katere je rektor znani slovenski slikar Božidar Jakac, ki je znan tudi ameriškim Slovincem, saj je bil tu skoraj tri leta.

Ta dva vrla Američana danes, po vrnitvi iz Jugoslavije, skušata prepričati ameriško javnost, da Jugoslavija ni res taka kot jo slika reakcionarno časopisje. Sama sta izrazila željo, da se daruje eventualni prebitek Akademiji upodabljaljočih umetnosti v Ljubljani, katera zelo potrebuje različnih risarski material.

Vstopnina bo prosta, po predavanju pa se bo vršila prosta zabava in ples v spodnji dvorani. Predavanje se bo vršilo pod avspicijo centralnega odbora čikaških podružnic SANSa.

V soboto zvečer, 14. februarja, pa bo plesna veselica društva Pioneer 559 SNPJ v isti dvorani. Za ples bo igral Joseph Kovich in njegov orkester. M. M.

## "Life insurance"—največji biznis—II

Ameriško ljudstvo se bo prej ali slej znašlo pred vprašanjem, ko bo prisiljeno socializirati ves zavarovalniški biznis, ali pa bo postalo suženj tega gigantičnega biznisa. Pred tem vprašanjem se sicer že danes nahaja, ampak se tega ne zaveda. In sicer se bo znašlo pred tem vprašanjem vsled velike koncentracije kapitala, ki se zbira v blaginjah gigantičnih zavarovalniških družb. To družbe so pod popolno kontrolo male skupine ljudi, to je direktorjev, ki poljubno razpolagajo s tem ogromnim imetjem in ki so obenem tudi člani direktorjev stotine drugih velekorporacij in finančnih ustanov.

Kot smo zadnjih omenili in tudi citirali iz članka Maxwella S. Stewarta, ki ga je priobčil v tedniku The Nation; znaša premoženje okrog 350 privatnih družb, ki se pečajo z življenjsko zavarovalnino, gigantično vsoto \$51 milijard. To je na primer več kakor znaša vrednost vseh ameriških železnice (okrog \$15 milijard), vse avtne, jeklarške, kavčukarske, premogovne, petrolejske in še par drugih večjih industrij po vrhu. Znaša tudi več nego premoženje vseh ameriških bank in drugih finančnih zavodov.

Iz teh primerov je razvidno, kako gigantičen je postal ameriški privatni zavarovalniški biznis. Ta biznis, ki razpolaga z velikanskimi investicijskimi vsotami, si naglo podreja vse glavne in tudi manjše industrije. Zavarovalniške družbe so na primer danes največji "farmerji" v deželi. V svoji posesti imajo stotine najboljših farm z milijoni akrov sveta, ki jih obratujejo bodisi skozi svoje korporacije ali pa jih imajo v najemu. V slednjo kategorijo spadajo manjše in srednje velike farme, katere so dobile v svojo posest od zadolženih farmerjev, ki niso mogli plačevati obveznosti. Te zavarovalniške družbe so danes tudi največji hišni posestniki po večjih mestih.

Ves ta proces akumulacije kapitala v področje zavarovalniških družb in širjenja njih kontrole na vse glavne in tudi manjše industrije se seveda stopnjuje iz leta v leto. Kot pravi M. S. Stewart, znašajo letne premije (assessment) od življenjske zavarovalnine okrog šest milijard dolarjev. Po obdobju zavarovalniških izplačil in stroškov je treba vse preostali kapital investirati, prav tako tudi vse "zaslužek" od investicij, ki znaša tudi milijarde dolarjev letno.

Kako naglo se koncentrira in raste ta kapital, nam ni točno znano; vemo pa toliko, da se premoženje tega "super" velebiznisa zadnja leta dviga za več milijard dolarjev letno. Sploh je znano, da so privatne družbe, ki se pečajo z življenjskim zavarovanjem, postale največje "hranilnice" ljudskega denarja. (Na drugi strani delajo ogromen biznis tudi zavarovalnice, ki se pečajo z drugimi vrstami zavarovalnine, toda o teh tukaj ne govorimo, dasi se tudi v njih blaginje steka ogromen kapital.)

Z drugo besedo: Ker ta zavarovalniški biznis zelo naglo raste (lani je zrastle za \$22 milijard, za katero vsoto so agente prodali življenjske zavarovalnine), bo prišel čas, ko bodo zavarovalniške družbe absolutno kontrolirale vse gospodarstvo dežele, vključivši tudi vso bančno industrijo. Njih kontrola je sicer že danes ogromna, toda v prihodnjih 50 letih, ako ne pride prej do fundamentalnih reform, ki bodo izpodnesla privatni kapitalizem, se bo ta kontrola sigurno podvojila ali početrila. Ako bo šel razvoj tega biznisa v bodoče tako naglo naprej kakor je šel na primer v zadnjih 20, 30 letih, lahko računamo, da bo premoženje privatnih zavarovalniških družb v prihodnjih 50 letih doseglo 150 do 200 milijard dolarjev—skoraj tako velika vsota kakor danes znaša ves narodni dolg—\$260 milijard.

Kdor bo razpolagal s tako ogromnim kapitalom, bo v veliki meri diktilral tudi svojo politiko dežele. Sicer se to že sedaj dogaja, kajti glavno besedo ima Wall Street, ki kontrolira tudi ves inšurenčni biznis. (Zato zavarovalniški agentje navadno silijo novim klientom tudi take zavarovalniške "police", ki so zanje in za svoje delodajalce najboljše, kakor pravi Stewart.) Toda v bodoče bo njih moč še večja—kolikor večja bo akumulacija in koncentracija kapitala, toliko večjo moč bodo imeli wall-streetarji.

Sicer je resnica, da so tudi vse privatne zavarovalniške družbe pod—državno kontrolo, kakor so tudi vse bratske podporne organizacije. Toda ta kontrola je v primeri gigantičnih privatnih družb bolj nominalna nego resnična, kajti znano dejstvo je, da si ta biznis sam piše "kontrolne" postavke, kakor kontrolira tudi "kontrolne" organe. Pred par leti je na primer ta biznis potisnil akociji kongres zakon, ki na eni strani postavlja vse zavarovalniške organizacije izven antitrustnega zakona in območja zvezne vlade, na drugi strani pa jih podreja izključno "kontroli" posameznih držav. In sicer iz prej navedenega razloga—ker je državne organe lažje kontrolirati kakor pa zvezne! Slične izjemščine od antitrustnega zakona zdaj iščejo tudi druge industrije.

Faktilčno je ves zavarovalniški biznis dozorel za—socializacijo. Prej ali slej ga bo morala prevzeti vlada in ga upravljati v interesu ljudstva, predvsem zavarovancev. Priti mora do tega, ali pa bo ta biznis absolutno kontroliral vso deželo, in sicer še v veliko večji meri nego jo kontrolira danes, dasi se zdi, da je ta kontrola že danes na višku.

M. S. Stewart, pisec omenjenega članka, se sicer ne ogreva za podražavljenje ali socializiranje privatnega inšurenčnega biznisa, marveč le za raztegnitev zakona o socialni zaščiti na način, po katerem bi vsem zavarovancem in njih družinam nudil tudi življenjsko zavarovanje, kakor tudi bolniško podporo in vso zdravniško oskrbo. On meni, da bi bil ta način zavarovanja veliko boljši in cenejši, kar je brez dvoma resnica. Meni tudi, da bi s tako raztegnitvijo socialnega zavarovanja odpadla potreba privatnega zavarovanja. Potreba bi se res zmajšala, toda ni verjetno, da bi bil

# MED NAŠIMI V ZAPADNI PENNI

Vincent Cankar, gl. predsednik SNPJ

V zapadnem delu države Pennsylvanije je naseljenih veliko naših ljudi in naravno, da imamo tam tudi mnogo slovenskih društev raznega značaja, ter seveda tudi mnogo društvenega življenja. Kajti naš človek je po naravi skrben in družaben. Kjerkoli v tej deželi si je našel kliček stalno delo, si je brž poskušal nabaviti ne le svoj lastni dom, pač pa je iskal tudi družabnosti in protekcije ali zavetja ter se je rad pridružil kakemu domačemu društvu, in ako ga tam še ni bilo, ga je poskušal ustanoviti in če le mogoče, zgraditi slovenski društveni dom. In po zapadni Penni jih je zgradil dokaj lepo število.

Naši ljudje so se tam naselili v toliki množini prvič iz razloga, ker tja ni bilo posebno daleč od newyorške luke, kjer se nas je večina došla iz starega kraja prvotno izkralca; in nadalje zato, ker je bilo v zapadni Penni tiste čase največ industrij, zlasti premogovarov in železnih tovarn ter nam je bilo tam najlažje najti delo in zaslužek. Marsikateri je pozneje seveda šel naprej "s trebuhom za kruhom", zlasti ki je tu delo poenjaval in je naraščala brezposelnost, marsikoga pa je gnala želja naprej za večjim zaslužkom, ki se je včasih nudil po rudnikih daljnega zapada ter se pozneje naselil tam. Z njimi pa se je zaneslo tudi na nadaljni zapad pionirsko delo naših društev in od tega je imela veliko koristi zlasti SNPJ.

Kdorkoli pa je imel priliko, da je kaj časa živel med našimi v zapadni Penni, se tega vselej rad spominja v razgovorih in drugače, pa seveda tudi rad pride pogledat nazaj, če mu le razmere dopuščajo. In tako je tudi z menoj—tudi jaz sem začel svojo proletarsko "karijero" na vzhodu in pustil nekaj svojih mladih let po odtonitih industrijah in naselbinah, in tako tudi mene zmeraj nekaj vleče nazaj tja. Rad vidim tiste romantične pennsylvanske hribe ter strme in vijugaste ceste: mikajo me dobro urejeni domovi naših ljudi s čednimi vrtni naokrog, gosto posejana slovenska društva in društveni domovi, rad se spet snidem s stariimi znanci in prijatelji ter z njimi malo pokramljam, zlasti pa z našimi društveniki in delavci za jednoto.

Naravno je torej tudi, da sem se rad odzval, ko so člani podružnice SANSa v Strabanu ter odtonitih dveh društev SNPJ sklenili, da bodo 11. januarja imeli skupno prireditev s slikami iz starega kraja, ter so me povabili, da sodelujem pri tistem programu. Obljubil sem jim, ko je naš izvršni odbor stvar odobrilo in se pripravil na pot. Toda stvar ni ostala tajna—za to je medtem izvedel odbor Slovenskega dneva za zapadno Penno, pod čigar pokroviteljstvom se vrši slovenski radioprogram vsako nedeljo ob 11:30 do 12. polpodne na postaji WLOA v Braddocku, ter me povabili, da ko se bom v nedeljo 11. januarja že nahajal v bližini, da sodelujem zeno pri njih programu. Tudi na to sem se dragevolje odzval in poskušal ustreči njih želji.

Kakor naši ljudje povsod, so tudi tam dokaj uljudni in postrežljivi. Ko je čikaški vlak v nedeljo zjutraj pripeljal na železniško postajo v Pittsburghu, me je že tam čakal avtomobil in takoj smo jo zavili proti radiopostaji. Drveli smo po tistih strminah gor in dol kot za stavo in dasi je Braddock precej oddaljen, smo bili kmalu tam. Za program je bilo nekoliko pregodaj in tako je bila priložnost, da smo najprej malo pozajtrkovali in nato še malo porokovali in se pogovorili s člani in znanci, ki so počasi prihajali na postajo.

Slovenski program na radiopostaji se mi je zelo dopadel. Vsebuje navadno društvene in druge domače novice, vključno z naznanila o raznih prireditvah, pevске in muzikalne točke ter vse tako, kar se smatra v interesu in v dobrobit slovenskega občinstva po tistih krajih. Postaja je močna, praviho, da se v ugodnem vremenu slisi nad 200 milj daljave. Lastnik je precej liberalen in gre našim prijazno na roke. Društvom in posameznim rojakom, ki podpirajo to naše kulturno podjetje finančno in moralno, gre častno priznanje, posebno pa še vodstvu, ki se toliko trudi in žrtvuje za to stvar!

Se predno sem mogel nasto-

vor in vidijo slike iz starega kraja. In kljub temu, da je bila dvorana nabito polna in da so ljudje stali okrog in okrog za krajem in povsod, kjer se je le kdo mogel stisniti, se je množica zadržala med pogovorom in celim programom prav lepo in dostojno. Povedali so mi, da je bilo medtem v spodnji dvorani ali klubovih prostorih skoro še enkrat toliko ljudi, ki niso mogli dobiti prostora v gornji dvorani.

Tako se torej lahko upravičeno reče, da je bila ta prireditev v Strabanu krasen uspeh, in to kakor z moralnega tako z gmetnega vidika. Ljudje so bili jako zadovoljni s programom, ki je bil zelo času primeren in za naše ljudi važnega pomena.

Samo pravilno in pošteno bo, da se omeni tudi to, da se je za to prireditev najprej zavzelo naše ondotno angleško poslušajoče društvo, ki sestoji iz same mlajše generacije. Ta generacija je tudi poskrbela, da se nekaj dobička od dvorane zmeraj daje na stran za graditev sklada, iz katerega se plačuje društvene prispevke za stare člane. Pa pravimo, da se nam mladina odziva in se pritožujemo čez njo. Bolj pravilno najbrž bo, ako rečemo, da se nismo v pravem času in ne dovolj pobrigali za pravo vzgojo svoje mladine. V Strabanu so se naši očividno dobro pobrigali in dobro podučili svojo mladino, zato zanjejo tudi dobre posledice.

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Chicago, Ill.—Zastopnike društva federacije SNPJ za čikaško okrožje opozarjam na prihodnjo sejo, katera se bo vršila v četrtek, 29. januarja, v spodnji dvorani SNPJ.

Na seji bo podal nadzorni odbor račune za zadnjih šest mesecev. Važna točka bo volitev odbora za tekoče leto. Radi tega pričakujem, da se zastopniki polnoštevilno udeležijo seje.

Ker mi nekateri tajniki k federaciji spadajočih društev niso poslali imena in naslove federacijskih zastopnikov in jih radi tega ne morem pisno obvestiti za to sejo, naj zanje velja ta opomin.

Frank Alesh, tajnik.

Cleveland, Ohio.—Cankarjeva ustanova je prejela precejšnjo številno prijavo čitalnic iz Jugoslavije, da se jim pošlje obljubljene vezane letnike Cankarjeve glasnik.

Dni smo priglasi s odpokliljanjem v sledeče kraje: Ljubljana, Ajdovščina, Celje, Črnomelj, Metlika, Idrija, Jesenice, Kranj, Trst in Bovec, Slovensko Primorje.

Nameravamo poslati še drugim čitalnicam, ki se bodo prav gotovo kmalu oglašile, toda žaloga vezanih letnikov je izčrpana, zato nameravamo dati v vezavo še nekaj letnikov, ako bo možno prejeti manjkajoče številke: Letnik I, številka 3—november 1937, letnik II, številka 3—oktober 1938, in številka 11—junij 1939, letnik III, številke 11 in 12—junij in julij 1940, letnik IV, številka 1—avgust 1940, letnik V, združena številka 2 in 3—september in oktober 1941, ki je edina z zelenimi platnicami, za katero se še posebno pričakujemo, in letnik VI, številki 1 in 2, avgust in september 1942.

Kdor ima katero teh številke še v shrambi in jo more pogrešiti, je prošni, da jo pošlje na tajnika Cankarjeve ustanove: Ludvik Medvešek, 6409 St. Clair ave., Cleveland 3, Ohio.

Ako dobimo nekaj teh številke, bomo lahko dali v vezavo še nekaj letnikov in jih poslali v Jugoslavijo, kjer jih željno pričakujemo. Vnaprej se zahvaljujemo vsem, ki se boste odzvali temu apelu.

L. Medvešek, tajnik.

West Allie, Wis.—Članstvu društva Združenje 104 SNPJ poročam, da bom pobiral assessment vsako zadnjo soboto v mesecu in zadnja dva dni v mesecu. V primeri, da zadnji dan pade na nedeljo ali praznik, bom pobiral assessment en dan prej, kajti ob nedeljah in praznikih ne bom vzel assessmenta od nikogar.

Prošeni ste, da upoštevate to naznanilo in plačate assessment ob pravem času. Ne čakajte zadnjega dneva. Sicer pa bi bilo najbolje, da bi prišli na sejo in tam plačali assessment. Seja se vrši vsak drugi petek v mesecu v Kraljevji dvorani, začetek ob osmih zvečer, assessment pa prične pobirati že ob sedmih. Če se boste ravnali po mojem na svetu, si boste prikrajšali mnogo dela, zeno pa boste navzoči tudi na seji. Torej udeležite se se, da tako pokazemo drugim narodnostim, kako aktivni smo na društvenem polju.

Ker smo v začetku leta 1946, tudi apelirani na naše člane in članice, da bi pridobili tudi kakšnega novega člana. Za vsakega člana, ki ga bi vi pridobili, vam jamčim dva za enega. To-

## PRAVI, DA NI PISAL DOPIŠOV PROTI JUGOSLAVIJI

Cleveland, O.—V uredniškem članku v Enakopravnosti z dne 21. januarja se lahko razume, da podpisani pošilja imenovanemu listu propagandne dopise proti Jugoslaviji. Da ne bo kdo meril svojih ficičaj name na prihodnji seji društva 53 SNPJ, ki se bo vršila 8. februarja, začetek ob pol desetih, želim pojasniti, da nima ne Boštjančič in ne Grill kakšnega mojega dopisa za priobčitev v E. Edini dopis, na katerega se opiram, je star leto in pol in se tiče mrtvega rojaka. Dotični dopis sem spisal v dostojnem tonu. Ker me Enakopravnost potrebuje v svojih vrstah, me kliče na sodelovanje, v enotnost. Ko pa je A. D. mene napadla, mi je Enakopravnost obrnila hrbet, češ, ti Barbič si pomagaj sam!

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Detroit, Mich.—Izredna seja slovenskega moškega pevskega zbora se bo vršila v petek, 30. januarja, v Slovenskem narodnem domu, 17536 John R., začetek ob osmih zvečer.

Pevski zbor bi zelo rad pomnožil članstvo. Z nadaljnimi pevci bi se zbor znatno dvignil. Na sejo vabimo tudi ženske, ki bi se zanimale za ženski zbor. Za vse nadaljnje informacije se obrnite na Henryja Retzela, telefon Lincoln 2-9583.

Henry Retsel.

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bo vsem dobro postregel, tako da ne bo nihče ne zejen ne lačen. Rose K. Doak, tajnica.

VABILO NA SEJE SANSOVH PODRUŽNIC V DETROITU Detroit, Mich.—Seja podružnice 1 SANSa se bo vršila 1. febr. v Slov. narodnem domu na John R. začetek ob treh popoldne. Seja podružnice 108 SANSa se bo vršila tudi 1. februarja, začetek ob treh popoldne v Slovenskem delavskem domu, 437 S. Livernois. (Ostalo bo priobčeno v dnevniku.—Ured.) Za podružnici 1 in 108 SANSa: Katherine Krains, Frank Modic.

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### JUVENILE CIRCLE ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS FOR 1947

The attractive trophies, appearing in the above picture, have been awarded by the SNPJ to four Juvenile Circles for outstanding achievement in 1947. Describing them in the order shown, left to right, they are as follows: The Voice of Youth, Attendance, Juvenile Circle of the Year, Membership Enrollment, and Sports Awards.

The large shield-shaped plaque, emblematic of the "Juvenile Circle of the Year," was won by Perfect Circle 26, Chicago, Illinois for best all-around achievement in social, cultural and educational activity at affairs and meetings. The same Circle was also awarded "The Voice of Youth" trophy, placing first in quality and number of compositions

to Circle No. 21, Sharon, Pa., who organized teams in basketball, bowling and softball, compiling a splendid record against competition provided by teams representing SNPJ Circles and other teams supported by local clubs and organizations. Frances Novak and her sister, Mildred, who have been connected with the Circle in a directing capacity since its organization in 1939, led the Sharon SNPJ juveniles through another successful year in recreational activities.

The four Juvenile Circles, who have been honored with annual awards for achievement in 1947, are congratulated on their success. It is hoped that the awards they have won will prove an incentive not

than thru active Juvenile Circles organized in localities where our lodges are thriving? What more appropriate gift could a lodge give to the Society, in honor of the 35th anniversary of the Juvenile Department and the 10th anniversary of the establishment of the Juvenile Circle movement, than a new and active Circle? Such a gift, we have been informed, was presented to the SNPJ on January 16 when a new Circle was organized by Sister Violetta Stavanja, Director of juvenile activities of Lodge 308, at Anaconda, Montana.

The initial meeting was attended by fourteen juvenile members of the SNPJ, thrilled by the prospect of this important undertaking, each

### You Are Invited to The Soudside Inter-Lodge Dance

CHICAGO, Ill.—Yes, folks, you are invited to attend the second annual bowlers' dance, sponsored by the Soudside Inter-Lodge Bowling League, Saturday evening, Feb. 7. The dance, preceded by a half hour showing of SNPJ movies, will be held at the I. O. S. Hall, 10105 Ewing ave., and will start at 8:30 o'clock. Tickets for this affair can be obtained from bowlers or the lodge secretaries. Admission is only 50 cents.

The Inter-Lodge league committee and officers held a meeting at Calumet Park Field House, last Tuesday evening, and reviewed all preliminary arrangements and also attended to such final details as are required for an event of this kind. A few more workers are needed to handle the various assignments of the dance. Each bowler will be expected to lend a hand wherever necessary, if and when called upon to assist with the work.

As we reported on several occasions in the past, good music has been engaged for those who enjoy dancing. Once more popular Frankie Kovsich and orchestra, who have made a good impression at our previous soudside dances, will play their repertoire of Slovene polkas and waltzes, along with selections of modern American music, in a style that is sure to appeal to everyone.

Prior to the dance, there will be a showing of technicolor movies of the 1947 national SNPJ Bowling tournament, plus a few choice scenes of several other Chicago SNPJ activities. The tournament movies, in which many soudside members appear, were shown only once before in the Chicago area—at a meeting of Pioneer Lodge last October. Since then many titles have been added to the film, as well as a number of scenic shots taken in Grant Park and along the lakefront, which greatly enhance their entertainment value. Also included in the showing will be scenes from the Trailblazer 35th anniversary celebration of last August and one or two other events, staged a number of years ago, which will have special significance for those who are expected to be present.

There will be no league bowling on the soudside the night of the dance. Instead, arrangements are being made to have teams, representing Pioneer and Victorian lodges of the Westside, to match their skill against picked squads from Delavec and Trailblazer Lodges and, possibly, another team from the Calumet Sentinels. Both men and women bowlers are expected to contest for honors in this goodfellowship meeting. Tentative starting time is set for 6:30. Members are invited to come out and watch these match games and give their favorites a boost.

Of special interest to those who have contributed or are helping to promote the drawing, a bowling ball, bag and shoes, as first prize, and a small radio, as second prize, will be given away on the night of the dance. All subscription books, now in hands of the bowlers, must be turned in not later than Saturday, Jan. 31.

Trailblazer Chatter—Since the writer is a member of Trailblazer Lodge 100, here are a few extra lines pertaining to its activities and members. First of all, the next meeting of the lodge will be held on February 19 at the new meeting place, 11356 S. Langley ave. Prexy Joseph Puzell and the remaining officers of the lodge are anxious to live up to our monthly get-togethers, so let's more of us get into the good habit of attending meetings and give them a chance to put their ideas across, with your cooperation and mine.

Two new members, who recently joined the lodge, are Frank Lazzeri and Katherine Matushek. Both members have been bowling in the inter-lodge league for the past season and a half, where they have made friends and enjoyed the weekly goodfellowship feasts. We're happy to have them as members of the Trailblazers and hope they find pleasant associations in our midst for many years to come.

Sister Mary Vrhovnik, who was recently operated on and confined in the Blue Island Hospital for several weeks, is now well on the road to recovery. Members of the lodge and her many friends will be glad to learn that she is getting along fine. The entire Vrhovnik family (Mary, Pete, Edward, Ernest, Bernice and Linda) are members of Trailblazer Lodge.

A note worthy of special mention, which was intended for an earlier column contributed by the writer, extends thanks to Sister Agnes Vranic for the very good cake do-

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### FLASHES

By Donald J. Lotrich

CHICAGO.—We hope our Pioneer members are active in the job of selling their Valentine Dance tickets, scheduled for Saturday, Feb. 14, because a large advance sale of tickets is always an indication of a good attendance and a certainty that we will net a profit. Louis Zorko has disposed of his allotment and he is the third member to pay for the full number of tickets. Our new member Ann Umek has inquired for her allotment and Marie Carlson asked for more tickets because they are going to promote this venture. Frank Mirtich, likewise, reports that he will make it a point to be at the dance because he is fond of such music which Joseph Kovich plays. Recently he was in La Salle to take in the appearance of Frank Yankovic there. The Slovene Dom was jammed to capacity, despite bad weather. If Joseph Kovich plays well, he will become Yankee No. 2 and make records for our people, everywhere. The next meeting of the dance committee will be held Monday, Feb. 2, at 8 p. m. at the Center. Let's have a full attendance.

Jean Bouffard has reported well; so has Filip Kmetec. Our sick list now contains eight members as follows: Louis Kramer, 3245 Sunny-side, Brookfield, Angela Zlogar, 1507 S. 58th Ave., Cicero, Anton Chermich, 2486 Blue Island Ave., Fred Plahutnik, 2139 S. Albany Ave., Anna Norris, 9915 S. Racine, Frank Klancnik, 648 Webster St., Charles Cirar, 2817 S. Ridgeway and Margaret Hergenrother, 7406 S. Langley Ave. A new system has been set up whereby members are being advised to visit these sick and Frank Sodnik is assisting the secretary in mailing out notices. When you get your card, please be sure to visit the particular sick member once a week for a thirty day period. That was decided at the regular meeting of the lodge.

We are trying to rig up some tents for the Eastern Invitational bowling tournament in Cleveland, Ohio, on February 21st and 22nd. This is our last call for bowlers to sign up, those who wish to compete. This is your last chance to enter.—Olga Knapich Shalins, now living in Brooklyn, inquires for information about Frank Yankovic and his band. Naturally, we advised them to hire the band if at all possible. We gave the same advice to the boys in La Salle.—In the last few days we were happy to see an excellent report on the situation in Europe in the People's Lobby circular. The report was the most sensible printed by any organization and is addressed to the State Department. The State Department was requested to give a reply, but none was forthcoming because they would have to evade the real issue if they were to answer this statement.—The alternative to World War 3 is the title of an address made by Konni Zillicus, a member of the British Parliament. He really talks sense about the whole situation in Europe and reports that people everywhere must realize that Europe is going through the pangs of a rebirth and that we shouldn't attempt to prevent the change to the newer life.

The Toman Library will have a very good lecture this Friday, Jan. 30, so those of you who will not be attending the annual meeting of the Slovene Labor Center at the Center

should go to the Library. The lecturer will be Olga Lengyel and the story she has to relate is a shocking one. She spent years in a concentration camp and therefore saw what all happened in these concentration camps. Our people should learn what suffering the last war brought to the peoples of Europe so that they will work that much harder to prevent another war, and so that they will appreciate a real peace.—At the Center meeting, we'll hear reports of the progress made in 1947 and ideas of what we ought to do in 1948. New directors will also be elected. All members should be there Friday, Jan. 30.—Quite a controversy has arisen whether the huge profits made by the industrialists are exaggerated and whether they are justified. It is interesting to note that a little booklet issued by the National Assn. of Manufacturers gives their slant on the subject. Naturally, it covers only their viewpoint. The real thing about these profits is that they are based on their total sales rather than on the actual investment in the corporations. From the standpoint of the consumer, the billions of dollars drawn into profits cuts down the value of the dollar. Other factors are also involved, such as the tremendous fees and salaries to the big moguls. Anyway, if these billions of dollars went into the treasury of a people's government, they could cut taxes a whole lot. But we haven't come to the point where the people are ready for such a change.

The Slovene Center Social Club held a good annual meeting last Saturday night. Reports and discussions were lengthy. Officers elected were Frank Lotrich, president, Anton Konchan, vice president, Frank Grosar, secretary, and Frank Sodnik, recording sec'y. A free meal was served to all the members and a social followed. The Club is becoming a useful unit of our social life.—We have heard from Mirko G. Kuhel, secretary of SANS, that certain supplies for the Children's Hospital in Slovenia have been ordered, but that because of the highly required need and the prevailing high prices, the purchases are being made slowly. The Yugoslav Government, he informs us, has promised to build the hospital, in its present five year plan and the instruments and equipment will be used for that specific purpose. While the need is great for medical service, it seems that these things must just take their course.—We are glad that several of our members have asked us to take their subscriptions for In Fact, the weekly periodical which carries a load of dynamite with every issue. As I glance back on some of the issues, a fellow just can't help but marvel at the facts about life, war, politics, economics, graft and the hundreds of other subjects about which George Seldes has written. Too bad, that the common people haven't learned to give real support to such a publication. I feel confident that if In Fact went to 5 million American families our war mongers would be quieted and the chances for the next world war would be far, far remote. Our folks should understand that Mr. Seldes is carrying on the battle for the common people and that it is necessary for the common people to support him.

It takes \$824 to buy now what \$500 bought in 1939, according to the U.S. Treasury.

### Will Celebrate Hall Remodeling

#### Moxham Slovene Workers Home

JOHNSTOWN, Pa.—With the completion of the remodeling of the Moxham Slovene Workers Home, the committee in charge is planning a huge celebration, commemorating a big job, well done.

A dance will be held on the 14th of February, and music will be furnished by Stan Kobal and Hank Racich and their "Airliners" orchestra from Girard, Ohio. This orchestra was formerly known as the "Jolly



Kobal and Racich

Jesters", and are now heard on the air every Saturday at 5:15 p. m. over station WRRN, Warren, Ohio, 1400 on your dial. I don't believe it is possible to get this station here in Johnstown, but I have received word from Hank that the station is going on 5000 watts in the near future, so keep trying to get this station and listen to the music of the "Airliners" featuring Stan and Hank and their accordions.

The Moxham Slovene Hall was first set up back in the early 19's by a few pioneering Slovenes, and financially backed by the SNPJ lodge "Triglav". This hall was just a one room affair, just big enough to conduct their lodge meeting; the lodge then was much smaller than it is at the present time. After several years had passed, and with the immigration of more Slovenes to the locality, naturally the lodge grew and alone with it the necessity for larger quarters, and so they added a little more to the original building.

As time went on, organizations such as the Moxham Slovene Band and the Jugoslavia Singing Society were formed. In order to get both the financial and moral support, they incorporated these groups, later taking in to this corporation the Moxham Independent Lodge, thus it became the Moxham Slovenian Workers Associated Home. These incorporated organizations grew, and in turn the younger generation began to take interest and to hold offices in these groups. With the demand for larger dancing space the plans were drawn up for the present enlarging program. The dance floor is now twice its former size, and all ultra modern. We can now boast of having the largest Slovenian Hall in quite a large radius of Johnstown.

The Slovenian Workers Home houses many different groups. The following SNPJ lodges hold their meetings and social affairs here: Triglav 82, Naša Slova 600, Trojans 749, along with the Moxham Independent. (Continued on page 7)

### SNPJ Wolverine Lodge 677 News

DETROIT.—Death struck in bunches among our Slovenes in Detroit last week.

The first death in the Wolverine Lodge in a number of years occurred last week when Mrs. Mary Anzick died after a lingering illness of almost a year. She is known as the mother of our well known members Mary Anne Golcar, Charlotte Benedict, and "Bud" Anzick. Six Wolverines acted as pallbearers and Henry Rupert, our president, read the last words at the grave. Mrs. Anzick was always a loyal member of the SNPJ and could always be counted on to make and donate an apple stud to the kitchen workers at almost every Wolverine affair. She will be missed by everyone and to the family we extend our deepest sympathies and regrets at her passing.

The sudden death of Frankie Jacklich stunned his many friends as well as relatives. Frankie's death resulted from a heart attack and his funeral was handled by the Young American Lodge of which he was a member. All bowlers in the SNPJ League paid their last respects to Frankie by standing in silence for a few moments before bowling.

Another death occurred last Saturday morning when Anton Benak passed away after suffering a stroke the previous evening. Mr. Benak was well-known amongst our Slovenes as the tailor. The Wolverines extend their deepest sympathies to the families of these two fine people.

The Wolverines January meeting was held last Friday night at John R. Hall. The changing of our meetings from Sunday to Friday night was a good move for we had a record turnout. The meeting was begun by the entire membership standing in silence in respect to the passing of Mrs. Anzick. Our meetings for the year of 1948 will continue to be held at the John R. Hall each third Friday of the month at 7 p. m. Due to the change in our meeting dates our Sgt-at-Arms Joe Makstel was forced to resign as he works on the afternoon shift at the Dodge Plant. "Preacher" Potocnik volunteered for the job. Doctor's orders forced Al Maccanti, our candidate for the Athletic Board, to withdraw his candidacy also. Al Padar was elected to replace him and once again the Wolverines are striving to place their member on

this Athletic Board. Al Padar, if elected to represent this district, would perform his duties quite capably and we think the only way of proving this is by giving a Wolverine a chance. Al also volunteered to handle the drawing that is to be held at the time of the SNPJ bowling tournament in Detroit in April.

The SNPJ League will not bowl on February 22 as many of our bowlers will be in Cleveland for the Invitational tournament. Beginning Feb. 5, the girls will bowl at 6 p. m. instead of 4 p. m. Please keep this in mind.

The Wolverines are combining with the IWO and Lodge 518 of the West Side and are holding a Valentine dance on February 14 at the West Side Hall. Music upstairs and refreshments downstairs are the promise of a night of real enjoyment. Gather your friends together and join in the fun of our Valentine dance.

The Bernick family has had an increase. This time it's Leo and Bertha who are proud parents of a boy, Leo Donald. Congratulations. MILLY BERNICK, 677.

### Lodge No. 41 of SNPJ Schedules Six Dances

IRWIN, Pa.—SNPJ Lodge No. 41 announces the following dances to be held at the Pleasant Valley Slovene Hall:

- Saturday, Feb. 7, featuring Frank Baloh's orchestra.
- Saturday, Feb. 21, featuring Bill Rogina's orchestra.
- Saturday, March 6, featuring Frank Baloh's orchestra.
- Saturday, March 20, Bill Rogina's orchestra.
- Saturday, April 3, Frank Baloh's orchestra.
- Saturday, April 17, Bill Rogina's band.

### Lodge No. 304 Slates Dance for Feb. 7th

SAN FRANCISCO, Calif.—The SNPJ Lodge No. 304 is holding its annual Past Dance on Saturday evening, Feb. 7. We cordially invite all our members and friends in San Francisco and the Bay area to come to the dance and have a good time. This is your chance to renew old acquaintances and make new ones. The dance will be held at the Slovene Progressive Home, 2101 Marinopolis st. There will be both Slovene and American music. The price of admission is 50c.

### Utopians Stage Birthday Dance

CLEVELAND.—To all Utopian members and friends. You are all cordially invited to the Utopian 21st Anniversary Dance to be held on Feb. 1st at the Slovenian Workers' Home, 15333 Waterloo rd.

Dancing to the wonderful strains of Frank Muller will be available to you in the upper hall while Pinstar and Gerchman will lead the entertainment in the lower hall.

With both kitchens and bars ready for action, we guarantee you a good time. Those fine delicious Slovenian klobase which will be on hand along with everything to drink, certainly promise to let no one leave the dance without a really a good time.

Yours truly, secretary of the Utopians was pleasantly surprised upon entering our last meeting. The walls were really bulging with members and friends, and especially the new members. Could it be that I've really frightened the Utopians into attending? Or do they just want to become active and enjoy themselves? Whatever the reason, I will have to start coming late more often.

ROSE SHUME, Sec'y.

### Two Fontana Lodges Hold Dance Jan. 31st

FONTANA, Calif.—Come one, come all—to the masquerade dance which the two local SNPJ lodges are sponsoring, namely, Lodges 569 and 723, this Saturday, Jan. 31, at 8 p. m. at the SNPJ Hall. Music will be furnished by none other than Louie Simoncic and his orchestra.

There is going to be plenty of refreshments, cats and drinks, for everyone. Also cash prizes will be given for the best and funniest costumes.

The members of the two lodges are planning to enlarge the Slovenian Hall, which they will start early in spring.

Don't forget the dance date, time and place. Everyone is welcome and all the nearby lodges and friends are cordially invited to come.

HELEN SVETE, 723.

### Attention, Members SNPJ Lodge No. 764

MILWAUKEE, Wis.—Attention, all members of Lodge Lily No. 764. I will collect dues one-half hour before and after our regular meeting on the third Friday of each month. Will collect dues at my home, 522 W. Walker st. Phone OR. 5794-M. LOUIS SELICH, Sec'y.

# S. N. P. J. SPORTS

## KEGLING KAPERS

By J. J. Spiler  
CLEVELAND, O.—Knock them down, pick us up, only three more to go! Whoever cops the toga in this torrid SNPJ pennant chase will have to beat the cream of the crop in these important knockdown series. Ten teams are bunched up within striking distance of first place with only a break needed in these knockdown affairs to make them potential challengers for the crown.

The fourth knockdown session found the league leading Concordian No. 1 team fangling with the tied-for-second Struggler No. 2 fellows and when the firing was over, the Strugglers had two games and a 1125 score which took runnerup honors in the handicap standings. The three point gain shaved the pacesetters margin to two markers and also ended their ten game winning streak. Frank Tolar's 531 series and Joe Karlinger's 212 in that heavy handicap blowout sparked the winners drive. Johnny Japel was best for his side with 547.

An aroused Comrade No. 1 crew ke ppace with the Strugglers by downing the third place Utopian No. 5 twice. After dropping the initial canto by six sticks, the victorious laddies had to put on steam to capture the final two on thrusts of 1047 and 1081 to their opponents 1013 and 1038. Anchorman Joe Koren and Eddie Stefanic starred for their respective squads with 575 and 568.

After being shaded by four and five pins in the first two stanzas, the Spartan boys were routed in the finale by the Concordian No. 2 up and downers who passed their victims and went into a tie for third with the Utopians. Joe Matulis pitched in a 530 set for the Concordians while Stan Zagar and Frank Lube did their darndest for the whipped warriors with series of 532 and 528.

Two teams tied for second, two for third, and now we have the Loyalty No. 1 bombers tied for fourth with the Spartans. The Loyalties walloped the Utopian No. 4 gang in the opening contest, squeezed through by eight pins in the next thriller which was featured by Morrie Debenak's 244 shot, then lost the last by thirty six. Besides having the high game of the evening, Morrie also took series honors with 595. Nick Sphar topped his mates with 488.

The up and coming Utopian No. 2 bowlers went up into (what, another one?) tie for sixth with their brother Utopian No. 4 members after polishing off the fifth place Lunder Adamic Hotshots twice. "Larrupin" Rudy Lisch and "Hammering" Hank Zorman had 548 and 532 (so nali fantje) and Mike Poklar came in with 544 for the Lunders.

Now that we have all the top tied for this place and tied for that place teams out of the way, let's have a look see in a sociable match further down the line. The Euclid No. 158 veterans (noise and all) had a lot of fun beating their Euclid No. 158 kin two times but lost the last and series total for two points apiece. Is everybody happy? No answer. Johnny Zgone zipped in a 563 series for the former while Tony Ogrinc was top man for the latter with 580.

Team Results: Concordian No. 2—3, Spartans 0, J. Matulis 530, S. Zagar 532, Loyalty No. 2—2, Loyalty No. 3—1, F. Miklich 524, E. Fleisivec 468, Utopian No. 1—2, Struggler No. 1—1, G. Jelinek 534, M. Podnar 512, Zdravce Bratje No. 2—2, V. boj 1, M. Pozun 478, T. Starman 552, Cleveland 2, Utopian No. 6—1, F. Ostaneck 564, B. Steffek 496, Zdravce Bratje No. 1—2, Utopian No. 3—1, T. Debeljak 462, J. Usic 531, Loyalty No. 4—2, Comrade No. 2—1, A. Tihyash 525, F. Ross 491, Loyalty No. 1—2, Utopian No. 4—1, M. Debenak 596, N. Sphar 488, Struggler No. 2—2, Concordian No. 1—1, F. Tolar 531, J. Japel 547, Euclid Yets No. 158—2, Euclid No. 158—1, J. Zgone 563, T. Ogrinc 580, Utopian No. 2—2, Lunder Adamic 1, R. Lisch 548, M. Poklar 544, Comrade No. 1—2, Utopian No. 5—1, J. Koren 575, E. Stefanic 568.

200 Circle, M. Debenak 244, S. Lokar 219, F. Marolt 218, D. Menich 216, J. Roberts 215, J. Koren 213, J. Karlinger 212, M. Krall 210, E. Grum 210, R. Lisch 208, E. Plešivec 201, A. Tihyash 200, C. Starman 200, J. Matulis 200.

Sideline Slants: Johnny Roberts, possessor of a 140 average, posted a 215 game to nab the opening shift purse. Confidence pays off, eh, John? Morrie Debenak eased in with his 244 for the late payoff pouch. Frank Ostaneck very consistent with 187, 158 and 189 scores in order. Four guys were on their way but fouled in bids for triplicates. Rudy Lisch had 170-170-206, Rudy Bavec 176-176-154, Joe Troha 157-157-139 and Tony Yuretic 155-155-180. Besides copying the jackpot, Johnny Roberts also took top honors for most over the average totals on 158, 215 and 172 games. Other best shooters included Tony Ogrinc (161) 183-133-207, Jim Rataic (122) 138-187-133, Bill Wujnovich (118) 135-127-179 and Joe Plešivec (132) 132-175-171.

Ex-t-r-a! Louis "Shorty" Zadelci smashes 607 series in the East 152nd St. "A" League. First time that Shorty has ever made the grade in the 600 circle and we hope there's more. Henry Zorman also re-

ticket can obtain one from any bowler. More details about the dance will be published in the Prosveta in the near future. Again I urge that all SNPJ members in Johnstown help make this dance a success.  
THOMAS BRICELY,  
League Secretary.

## Southside SNPJ Interlodge News

CHICAGO.—In last week's Southside's SNPJ Interlodge League the Mustangs bested the Panthers twice, the Ramblers took two from the Tigers, the Bears won three from the Rangers and the Sentinels also won three from the Wolves.

High scores for the week included Chandrick's 591 (199), F. Lazzeri's 582 (202), Wantuck's 571 (215), M. Kubel's 556 (203), E. Kubel's 553 (218), Zatkovich's 542 (207), Forslund's 538 (183), Joe Kosich's 536 (189), S. Tome's 537 (202), Bayuk's 536 (195), L. Kubel's 536 (200), Brijavec's 535 (186), M. Vranicar's 538 (199), R. Kubel's 535 (198), V. Tome's 523 (204), Triller's 518 (187), Grum's 518 (182), M. Vrhovnik's 520 (184), E. Vrhovnik's 504 (171) and Kosec's 504 (186).

K. Matushek's 562 (194), G. Buck's 523 (191) and D. Mender's 512 (184) were the high scores rolled by the women.

ALL THAT SORT OF THING. The Southside Interlodge League's annual dance and social will be held Feb. 7 at the L. O. S. Hall, 101st and Ewing ave. Frank Kovacic's fine music will be featured. At 8:30 there will be a showing of interesting films of SNPJ activities—many Southsiders will be on the films. Attention all bowlers: Please return your subscription books this week-end Jan. 31. Each bowler is expected to dispose of his quota by Jan. 31.

On Jan. 31 the Westside Interlodge league holds its annual dance at the SNPJ Hall, Mike Vrhovnik is willing to take a car full of bowlers over to the dance after bowling. It would be fine if other Southsiders went to the Westside for the dance.

There will be no league bowling on Feb. 7. But some fine interlodge bowling events are being scheduled. The Victorians are expected to compete with the Traffalblazers with a full team of men and of women. The Pioneers will take on a good Delavec team, and may also send over a team to tackle the Sentinels. These events will start at 6:30. A meeting of league officers and team captains will be held on Feb. 3 at the Calumet Park Field House. All bowlers are welcome at this meeting. Final details for the Feb. 7 dance and social will be discussed. The Sentinels meet Feb. 11 at Ladi Kubel's home. Last week found all the Kubels in the league bowling better than 500 scores. So long, until again.

L. K., 610.

## Pioneer Bowling News

CHICAGO.—With the teams at the bottom of the standing in the Pioneer men's league knocking over the top teams, the race for first place is closer every week. Cerebell Inn is tied with Lawndale Tap for first place after last Tuesday bowling closely followed by the rest of the league.

Dr. Nachtmann's in winning three games from Dr. Walters shot high series (with handicap) for the season, 2715, and knocked over 982 pins for high game. Zefran's Undertakers shot 970 to take over second high game. Steinbach shot a 243 game to take over high single game topping Joe Kosich's 241; he totaled 542 for the three games. Harry Andreas shot a 222 game and Leo Vider hit the pins for a 208 game.

Latest standings are: 1. Cer-Bell Inn 33-27, Lawndale Tap 33-27, Zefrans 32-28, Dr. Zavernick's 32-28, Parkview Laundry 31-29, Dr. Nachtmann's 31-29, Dr. Walters' 30-30, Skyline Tap 28-32, Lotrich Insurance 28-32, SNPJ Printery 28-32, Ed's Tap 28-32, Slovene Cretser Social Club 26-34.

Midwest Meeting  
Last Sunday Midwest meeting was very well attended and the main topics for discussion were bowling and softball. The Sheboygan committee reported that the entry deadline is Feb. 17. Since the tournament will take place at two bowling establishments it is very urgent that entries be sent in as soon as possible. Singles will be at one place and doubles at another. Hotel rooms are available so send in your reservations to Frank Resnik, 1418 Martin ave., Sheboygan, Wis. The tournament will not have the moral sanction of the A.B.C. as stated on the entry blank; it will be a sanctioned tournament. Lodge Moderns will pay the fees needed. Those traveling by train from Chicago can go by the Northwestern. More details on this later. Andy Obosia, pres.; Tony Oblak, vice pres.; John Poklar, sec'y, and Louis Baffetti were reelected as the officers of the Midwest League for this year.

Lodges are to give more cooperation to the Juvenile telegraphic tournament. From reports a much larger entry is expected than last year. Also, Juvenile Circles are invited to join the Midwest League and take part in its meetings. There will be no entry fee charged. The Little Forts of Waukegan are sponsoring a mixed doubles tournament at the Recreation alley May 22 and invite all to participate. The next meeting of the league

# BADGERLAND NEWS

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The meeting went along in good fashion with many taking part in the discussions. That is a good sign and we hope to see those faces thru-out the year at our meetings. Henry Strukel was really welcomed as we haven't seen him in many a moon. Kathy Hausner was another whom we haven't seen in a long time.

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# Morning Stars 665

PITTSBURGH, Pa.—The new year is well on its way and so are the Morning Stars with activities planned for the whole year. Several dances featuring leading orchestras will be held, also an anniversary celebration commemorating our 20th birthday. On the list there are bowling, softball and golf.

We have a fine group of men and women in our membership and I know that they will all enjoy the "social and athletic calendar for 1948." Of course every member is cordially invited to participate so when the call goes out don't forget to answer—it will be to your benefit.

All activities in an organization tend to promote a better understanding of fraternalism and a true spirit of cooperation. We are in the second half of the present bowling season with all teams representing big league baseball clubs. The Pirates are already in a slump, I'm sorry to report, the Indians being in the lead. As for the intra-lodge matches the men's team won three at Avella and their second contest was called off by Ambridge. The women are not participating this year. The softball team is getting lined up for a meeting to plan their season and the social committee is working on the dance program, all dates to be announced very soon.

Our meetings are very well represented and we do get into some heated discussions which to my mind, shows that the members are interested in what is going on in the world around them. To you members who have not attended one of our meetings let me urge you to do so next month, you will find it stimulating and educational—meetings are held the second Sunday of each month at 3 p. m. sharp. A drawing is held at each meeting and the member whose name is drawn gets his assessment paid for that month provided he is present at the meeting. Last month's winner was John Ujchic.

The officers who are in charge for 1948 are: Pres. Sylvia Fabec; V. Pres. Edward Skrosas; Sec'y, John Ujchic; Treas. Anthony Golatz; Rec. Sec'y, Frances Odioso. For all social activities contact Chairwoman Elsie Stefanic, 218-57th Street; for all athletics contact Chairman Charles Franciscus, 5306 Camella Street; for intra-lodge bowling contact Dan Fabec, 906-56th Street, (phone St. 5899). Monthly assessments are payable to the secretary at the meeting or at his home. Please be prompt and pay before the end of the month. That's all this time. SYLVIA FABEC, Pres.

# Reveliers Column

AMBRIDGE, Pa.—The Reveliers' regular monthly meeting was held on January 20 and was fairly well attended. The new officers were sworn in and then took over.

As one of his first duties, President William Bono thanked our former secretary, Kate Grandovic, for the good job she did in the past years. Our softball business manager, Spotty Rosenberger, was also given a big "pat on the back" for his good work last summer.

It was an interesting and much enjoyed meeting. Plans are being made for card parties to be held in the SND meeting rooms. The committees for these card parties is Kate Grandovic, Bill Bono, Spotty Rosenberger, Jack Hettish, and Eddie Uhernik.

Happy birthday wishes this week go to a lot of our "Local Yokels." (Of course, a few of them are belated.) To Dolores Bursh, Joe and Frank Tekalar, Betty Nestor, and Betty Mikhalic go our best wishes. January certainly is the month of birthdays.

The big dance sponsored by the Rozmarin Singing Society finally came. It was a big success. Frankie and his Yanks had the usual big crowd from Pittsburgh, Aliquippa, Verona, Beaver Falls, Sygan, Bridgeville and wherever all those people came from. There was only one complaint that your reporter has heard of. That one came from the man who runs a store on the floor below the Penn Roof. It seems as though there was too much dancing, which caused the plaster to fall.

The first half of the League bowling league ended on January 18, with the Cavaliers taking it. The second half starts on Feb. 1st. Let's all turn out for the second half. How about it?

A new game was picked up by a group of singers; a few weeks ago and it's quite the rage now. It's called "Prunes" and has any other kissing game beat. For further details see Lou Rosenberger, alias "Prunes."

Wedding bells will soon ring for two of our Reveliers. The happy couple is Mitzi Posega and Mike Smolinsky. Mike "popped the question" on Christmas. Quite a nice Christmas present, Mitz. Best of luck to you both.

The Obed family now has a new addition. The new member is no one but Danny Jr., who is the picture of Danny Sr. (He even has the thin hair and high forehead.) How about that, Dan? Well, until next time, so long! BETTY PLESE, 699.

# NEWS AND COMMENTS

CLEVELAND, Ohio.—During my absence, Fran Preseren and Lou Jartz did a good job of carrying on. Catching up a few back items, we might state that our Christmas dance was one of the best. Our December meeting was very well attended. The results of the first dance of the new year failed to measure up to expectation due to various conditions. Looking back we find 1947 was very bright. There was a fine increase in juvenile and adult membership. Our financial standing was lower than the previous year. This was brought about by heavy contributions to our bowling activities, the SNPJ Farm and other worthwhile projects. Retrenchment on this phase of activity is the watchword for 1948.

The first meeting of the new year saw a fairly good attendance. Frank Grum was present to receive the \$1 award. Frank, incidentally, is leaving the city for the country around Chagrin Falls. Frank Wallencheck was not present for the \$2 drawing. Tony Grdina and Marge Beljan were sworn in. Sick benefits for Ann Orenik and Max Spik approved. The new officers, Tony Kerz, President, Pauline Spik, Vice President, Pauline Ross, Treasurer, Joe Fifolt, Secretary, Fran Preseren, Recording Secretary, renewed their oath of office. A lively discussion on athletics took place, reminding us of our old time meetings. The lodge voted to support three girl and three men teams entry in the Eastern invitational. One thing brought out was the fact that from now on for any affair, members interested will make it their job to contact the Athletic Directors, Frank Golob and Pauline Ross, rather than having them worry and fret the last minute. This will apply to tournaments, organization of bowling teams, etc.

Comrades By-Laws  
Over a period of many years the lodge has voted certain procedures which become part of the unwritten law. Many lodges have lodge by-laws, others do not. The Executive Committee feels these procedures should be put in writing and at the February meeting these will be brought up for discussion and final adoption as of Jan. 1, 1948. What has been the practice and what will be the practice in the future will be put down on black and white eliminating many arguments. The membership is hereby advised that items, point by point, will be discussed. We therefore suggest you circle the date Tuesday, Feb. 17, on your calendar and put in your appearance.

Perfect Circle (Chicago) invitation to attend their Valentine affair during the week of the Supreme Board meeting, is awaited with interest. We had a good time last year.

Any suggestion, complaint (in writing) you might have towards improving the Slovene National Home on St. Clair will be welcomed. Send them to me and I'll be glad to bring them before the monthly directors' meeting.

Thursday, Jan. 29, will be the meeting of the Norwood Community Council. After the meeting we'll take in the March of Dimes dance.

The national bowling tournament to be held at Detroit this year is receiving due attention from most of the lodges. The Utopians are all out with a drawing to raise funds for the trip, the Loyalties are staging a Bowlers' Dance. These groups realize that extra effort is necessary these days, if funds will be available for tournament and out of town trips.

The bright news covering the SNPJ Farm these days, was the recent announcement by the Struggler lodge of a donation to provide a merry-go-round, which will be in operation this summer. Our hats off to the Struggler lodge. Which lodge will be the next one to sponsor a project?

The Eastern invitational, the National picnic, wiener roasts, Fall Dance, National SNPJ Day, Farm and Federation events, will provide sufficient activity this coming year. The response to my request that delinquent members come across to pay prompt payment of their past dues was gratifying. See that in 1948 you do not fall behind. While we are in the thank you mood, we don't want to forget our appreciation for the many Christmas and new year cards received, also the good wishes for the success of our gift and baby store.

Cleveland Federation. The January meeting of the Federation drew a very large crowd, practically all the lodges of Cleveland and vicinity were represented. Relected to the same office were the individuals who ran the organization in 1947. This indicated a vote of confidence for the fine work performed the past year. The question of a combined Christmas party or split affairs among the various National Homes, was to be discussed at lodge meetings and reported back to the Federation in Feb. After the meeting the group went downstairs to partake of food, refreshments and music by the up and coming Mauer orchestra, as a reward for services rendered during the past SNPJ Day.

CHICAGO.—The Integrity lodge 1948 officers are as follows: Martin Bogles, president; Jim Modic, vice pres.; Michael R. Fleischhacker, sec'y (new phone Armitage 4512); Mary Tersina, treas.; Edward Tersina, rec. sec'y; Josephine Baffetti, Sgt.-at-Arms.

We wish Bro. Emil Heiderich a speedy recovery. He has been ill for a while year or so. Members are asked to pay him a visit or send him a card of cheer at Horatia Gardens, R. 1, Prairie View, Ill.

Sis. Rose Roycht will say "I do" on Feb. 14 at Smithboro, Ill., to Richard Obermark. Wish you a lot of luck and happiness, Rose, in behalf of Integrity lodge.

MEETING: It has been too often stressed that the attendance of members at regular monthly meetings and committee meetings is very important. Many members believe the lodge doesn't need them at the meetings. This attitude is wrong. The meeting attendance is the backbone of your lodge. Do you wish to have your lodge just on paper? Of course not! Therefore, be sure to attend as many meetings as possible. You see, meetings could create very unpleasant matters for you if the members who attend the meetings put in effect special assessment. See to it that you attend the next meeting and all the following meetings as well. The next meeting will be on Feb. 27 at 8 p. m. at 2741 W. North ave. at Viking Hall, 2nd floor.

DUES: See that your dues are paid on time. In 1948 the secretary will not help the members with their dues. Each member should realize that in order to be in good standing his or her dues must be paid on time. You have a whole month to do this. It is for your benefit that your lodge obligations are up to date always.

The Integrity lodge is closing its books for the 20th year. The past two decades have been a struggle for the lodge and its loyal standby members, a struggle which is the lot of many local lodges. Would that we could have more of the good times and events of our early years again! Our old-timers could help revive the old lodge spirit by becoming active again. Let's do it again, gang! For the sake of all of us. Don't let the little gray hair stand in your way. Let's get that old Integrity red-pepper action!

Congratulations to the following members who have recently become owners of homes: Mr. and Mrs. Nick Tersina, Mr. and Mrs. Andy Podlessnik, Mr. and Mrs. Rudy Venisnik, and Sis. Emma Zager (Franczak). M. R. FLEISCHHACKER, Sec.

# Veronian News

VERONA, Pa.—The regular monthly meeting for the Juveniles will be Monday, Feb. 2. Mary and Jennie, the directors, also advise that each and every Monday night is Juvenile night. If you juveniles want these affairs, remember to attend them for they are for your benefit. This is on a trial basis and if you juveniles want them, attend Juvenile night.

The regular Veronian monthly meeting will be Sunday, Feb. 8, at 2:30 p. m. sharp. Had a fairly nice attendance at the last one, but hope to see more of you. Remember, the club belongs to each of you and the success or failure of an organization depends upon the members as well as its officers. If you have any suggestions or complaints, the meeting is the place to bring them.

Have you members of the different lodges made plans to attend our dance Saturday, Feb. 14? This being Valentine's day, why not bring your favorite boy or girl friend down and join the Veronians for an evening of dacing pleasure when we will again be entertained by the Musical Stylists.

The chairman of the bowling committee, Mike Lipsky, states they are shy 2 bowlers to make 4 six man teams. If anyone is still interested in joining the league, get in touch with Mike. Remember, bowling is on Sundays at 6 p. m. at King Pin Alleys.

Once again the March of Dimes drive is on. This is certainly a worthy cause and remind you members to contribute at least one dime to help some little fellow walk again.

If any member has any news they want published, all they need to do is write me at home or in care of the club.

So long for now, remember to attend our dances, for even though it is cold outside, you can soon forget it by dancing to those snappy polkas, fox-trots and waltzes. CORNELIA GORUN, 680.

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# Juvenile Circles of the SNPJ

## Circle 27 Slates Valentine Party

STRABANE, Pa.—On Jan. 16, Circle 27 held their monthly meeting. Gerald Yarkosky read a letter which we received from the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis asking to contribute to the March of Dimes fund. We contributed \$3.

We are going to have a Valentine party on February 5. Each person is to bring a valentine.

Mary Chesnic urged the members to come to the meetings. She said that everyone should come to at least one meeting out of three months to be entitled to come to all the parties.

Our Circle will send out membership cards and birthday cards.

About 40 members were present at this meeting. Movies were shown and enjoyed by all members present. The meeting was adjourned and refreshments were served.

MARGIE ORAVIC.

## Circle No. 58 Reporting

DETROIT, Mich.—The monthly meeting of the SNPJ Circle No. 58 was held January 18. The new officers were installed and took their places, and the Circle discussed many things.

One of the main subjects brought out in the meeting was cooperation. Without cooperation the Juvenile Circles would not progress. Our Circle at the present is not very large but we all enjoy it with our hard working and understanding leader, none other than Mrs. Gertrude Taucher.

So, come on you young members of the SNPJ and make this one of the most outstanding Circles so we can be proud of it. All the members are urged to attend the regular meetings and bring in new members.

If there is anyone who would like to join this fine Circle, we would appreciate it and enjoy them to share our good times. Cooperation is our goal, so come on and do your best. Our meetings are held each third Sunday of the month at the Slovene Workers Home, 437 S. Livernois.

MARGARET DEVYAK, Pres.

## Circle 39 Holds Valentine Party

BON AIR, Pa.—The Starlighters, Circle 39, are holding a Valentine Party on Feb. 9 at the Slovene Home. The event will begin at 7:30 with an admission of 15c. Don't forget to bring an extra nickel, members, to purchase a ticket for the cake-walk we are having. The lucky winner wins a delicious valentine cake. There will also be a door-prize.

Refreshments will be served at 9 when we're sure everyone is present. And there are so many cute games the committee has thought of! You'd better be there if you don't want to miss them.

We'll dance, after refreshments are served, to the music of a juke box. But maybe Joseph Widmar Jr. and John Milavec Jr. will surprise us by bringing their accordions. You never can tell.

So don't forget, members, Feb. 9, at the Slovene Home, at 7:30, admission 15c.

VIRGINIA KORBER, Sec'y.

## Perfect Circle News and Views

CHICAGO.—Perfect Circle held a regular meeting last Saturday morning, and besides having a very good attendance, the meeting itself was outstanding in many ways.

The installation of officers for the year 1948 was one of the highlights of the morning's session. We were honored and happy to have Mr. Frank Zaitz as our installing officer, and his visit was very much enjoyed by all the Circle members.

Mr. Zaitz is the president of Slavija Lodge, the Chicago Federation of Lodges, and editor of Proletarec newspaper. As a result he is a very busy man and the Circle appreciates the fact that he could find time to attend our morning meeting and to cooperate with us as he did. For this, and for his very appropriate speech to the group, Perfect Circle says "Thank you very much, Mr. Zaitz."

### Special Birthday Meeting

Following the installation ceremony, the new officers took over completely and conducted a special session of the meeting that commemorated the 8th anniversary of Perfect Circle. This consisted of a quiz, special Circle information concerning our very own Circle itself, as well as material sent out by the main office dealing with the "whys and wherefores" of Circles and their objects in general, and the meeting ended in quite an impressive manner.

The officers are to be complimented highly on this, since the entire presentation was on the more serious side, and the response and cooperation of the Circle membership was wonderful.

### Valentine Program & Social

We had to dispose of some business matters so as to hold our birthday session, although plans were about completed for our coming

Valentine program and party. We start rehearsals for this affair this week, and a general rehearsal for all participants will take place on Saturday morning at 10 o'clock. Members are looking forward to this annual event, as we always try to make it a pleasant affair, and usually have a good time doing it as well.

Our bowling plans are in the making, but it is Perfect Circle's intention to hold the bowling tournament for the juveniles in this vicinity and surrounding parts right here in Chicago. As soon as we have more definite information concerning matters, we will go into more detail and correspondence with those interested in participating in this event.

Circle members please be on time Saturday for rehearsals, so that we may have a "free play" period directly afterwards. See you all then.

ANN SANNEMANN, Director.

## Jolly Quips Show Steady Progress

ALIQUIPPA, Pa.—The Jolly Quips' Circle 56 annual meeting held this month was a great success. All the members were eager to accept a position as an officer. The juvenile officers for 1947 received gifts from the directors for doing a fine job this past year.

Thanks to Mary Ann Rudich for the splendid work she did in holding her position as president to finish the year after she was transferred to the adults.

The meetings will be held on the same date as last year, the first Sunday of each month. During the summer months they will be held outdoors on the lawns of the director's home.

The Circle received many Xmas cards from other Circles which they enjoyed reading.

An Anniversary dance for this spring has been planned and also a picnic for sometime in August.

Our juvenile members are very anxious to write in The Voice of Youth after seeing all the grand prizes in store for them. They have made a promise to write every month for which they will receive a gift from yours truly if they fulfill the twelve months' pledge.

On Saturday, Jan. 17, yours truly and 14 of the juvenile members gathered together in front of the State theater before entering to see Mickey Rooney in "Thomas Edison," which is a fine movie for school children and for just a small admission. The Women's Auxiliary of Aliquippa are doing a grand job in promoting such pictures at our movie house.

At this juvenile meeting it was passed that any juvenile member wishing to participate in our next Xmas party will have to attend at least six meetings this year.

FRANCES ZAKRAJSEK, Co-Director Circle No. 56.

## Circle 60 Plans Valentine Party

IMPERIAL, Pa.—Juvenile Circle No. 60 has elected its officers for 1948; they are: Peggy Roth, president; Gerald Decutnes, vice president; Shirley Ann Logar, secretary; Patricia Bray, treasurer; Nancy Pike, recording secretary.

I want to thank all the old folks and the young who were at the Christmas party and play held at the Slovene Hall. The affair was a great success. Many of the people who were present said if the program were only a little longer. But a good time was had by all. Santa gave bags of goodies to the children, while the adults had a "big time" downstairs after the program. Also thanks to Paul Redick, California Hollow's magician, who did some of his acting before the play started, as well as to Santa for he had a busy night.

Birthday greetings go to our two juvenile members, Albert Franchick and Joseph Sladick.

Plans are in the making for a Valentine party and names were drawn among members to exchange gifts. We had a discussion on the working bench. Any boys that are willing to make and do things get in touch with Ralph Taucher, and the girls can come to my house.

Frances Zitko, who has been ill, is feeling better. Hurry and get well, Frances.

POLLY SLADICK, Director.

## Circle No. 36 Elects Officers

SYGAN, Pa.—On December 29, we had our last meeting of 1947. During the meeting we elected officers for the new year. We chose Joanna Baroni for president, Sylvia Visknar, vice president, Shirley Ann Usnik, secretary, Anna Rose Bo, in, recording secretary, Lucille Baroni, treasurer.

After settling our old business, we decided to change the monthly meeting from the fourth Monday to the third Sunday of the month. The time is from 1 to 2. We also discussed having a bowling team and the selection of committees.

We have mentioned all of the activities of our Circle this far. We will close with the wish for many new members in the new year.

DALE DI MARCO.

## Circle 4 to Hold Valentine Party

MILWAUKEE, Wis.—Just peeping out to give you the latest on Jr. All Star activities. With temperatures of 10° below and colder you have to shiver with every thought. One little Jr. All Star member said to me, "My dog sleeps in a box by the radiator, you know, and with it being so cold that's where I'm going to sleep."

At our January meeting it was decided for the month of February only, our meeting would be changed to the 2nd Saturday of the month, February 14. On this day we are going to have our Valentine Party. Games, prizes and surprises are in store for you at Rebersnik's Hall, 2 to 4 o'clock. Please tell all the members. We will have an attractive decorated valentine box and into it the members may deposit their valentines. In addition we are asking each member to bring a valentine without any name on it.

A combined toboggan, sleigh and skating party to be held very soon, for details please contact me.

MARIE ERMENC, Director.

## Warren Circle 31 Will Reorganize

WARREN, O.—At last the SNPJ Lodge 321 has decided to reorganize Circle 31, "The Juvenile Buckeyes." A special meeting will be held at the Croatian Hall on Burton Street on Sunday, Feb. 1st, at 1:30 p. m. All SNPJ juvenile members are asked to be present at this first meeting as the election of officers will take place and other important business matters will be brought up concerning the reorganization of this Circle. All parents are welcomed at this first meeting and urged to bring their juveniles. LOUISE SAVOR, DOROTHY TOMAZIN.

## Speaking of Sports

CHICAGO.—The girls of Perfect Circle, being "just like a woman" and never leaving a man alone, have been pestering yours truly to do something for the good of the Circle, and being just like a man where women are concerned, I decided to "show 'em."

I feel that sports are still a man's world and so shall offer comments concerning same from time to time, and concerning those of Perfect Circle mostly.

Usually after Circle meetings, members set up tables and play ping-pong, a game requiring not so much brawn as skill. I blithely challenged "Slush" Trojar, Circle secretary to a game or two. I still think sports are a man's world even though she beat me six out of six!

The Circle has only two tables for playing, but plans have been made to increase this to six, as many of our younger members are beginning to take an active interest in this game sport.

Among the older children, Lewis Reven has developed a "drop-ball" that is a fooler, while Frankie Sternishna evidently thinks this game requires more brawn than skill, or else he feels that he is "up to bat" (ask "coach" Sannemann).

Bowling with the Circle also has its amusing moments. I sincerely believe that the "swish" of Ella Mae Selak's "new look" helps to blow down the pins and give her that high average. Myra Beniger's "hop, skip and jump" approach produces a slow roll, which brings unbelievably powerful results (if you know what I mean).

The Circle bowls every Sunday morning at the Lawndale Lanes at 10:30 and everyone is welcome to come and watch the fun. Until next time—

RONNIE ERICKSEN.

## Sharon Keystoners

SHARON, Pa.—Thanks for the beautiful music rendered by the Vagabonds at our New Year's eve dance held at the Slovene Home by the Keystoners of Lodge 755.

The hall was elaborately decorated in blue and white forming a beautiful canopy, joined in the center by a large plastic bag of multi-colored balloons, which were released at midnight. The hall was decorated by the Keystoners under the supervision of Lois Steibly. Thanks, Lois, and the committee; it sure was beautiful. I also wish to thank Mitz and Kay for the delicious sandwiches served during the entire evening.

The dance was a huge success. Remember the Keystoners hold a dance the first Sunday of each month at the Slovene Hall. Here's hoping we have a lot more dances as successful as our New Year's eve dance. MARIE DILLON, Sec'y.

### POSTAL REGULATIONS

A SUGGESTION: Postal regulations prohibit publishing or mentioning in any way items covering raffles or games of chance, in newspapers. Papers containing this information are refused admittance to the mails. Our members will, therefore, kindly eliminate such subjects from their articles.

## Universal Comets

UNIVERSAL, Pa.—Dates to remember: Feb. 7—Dance by Veronian Lodge 630, SNPJ Hall, Verona, featuring Frank Porovac and his Musical Stylings.

Feb. 14—Dance by Comets Lodge 715, Slovene Hall, Universal, featuring the Vagabonds orchestra.

June 27—Pennsylvania SNPJ Day at South Park.

### E. S. Federation Meeting

A meeting of the E. S. Federation of SNPJ Lodges of Western Pennsylvania was held at the SNPJ Hall, Sygan, on Sunday, Jan. 18. Twenty-eight (28) delegates representing nine (9) lodges were present. Brothers Ambrozic and Lenjak were present representing the Slovene Speaking Federation.

Chairman Kiffler reported on the merger committee meeting of representatives from the E. S. and Slovene Speaking Federations. This committee recommends on the basis of a lengthy discussion that a merger is unnecessary at this time. The opinion prevailed that so long as the federations enjoy more than a quorum at each meeting; that so long as both are carrying on activities for the good of SNPJ; and that so long as mutual relations continue that a merger is undesirable. It was agreed that a merger would simply result in a nod to those who are indifferent to our activities but do carry on as their obligations to the Society to retire entirely from further activities. It was further recommended that the younger "people in the lodges of the Slovene Federation be invited to join in all activities of the E. S. Federation on the basis equivalent to being members of the latter federation. This report was fully approved by the meeting.

A motion was passed that the Federation have 2,000 SNPJ membership cards printed and distributed among its federated lodges to be issued to its lodge members. Since membership cards are required to enter Clubs in Pennsylvania, this action will allow free access to the various Slovene Clubs without the risk of punishment to the Clubs.

The Slovene Radio Program reported on a meeting to be held in Pittsburgh and requested us to send delegates. Two delegates were elected to attend.

Athletic committee reported that the Federation Bowling League is in progress, and that plans are being made for the annual duckpin tournament in the spring.

Entertainment committee reported on the success of the Federation dance held in Verona, and that it invites lodges to participate by cooperating to hold either a spring or fall federation dance in their respective halls.

Present at the meeting was Georg Vuchnich, executive secretary of the American Slav Congress of western Pennsylvania. He was permitted to address the meeting. In addressing the meeting, Vuchnich reported on the activities of the American Slav Congress, and emphasized on the need and importance of peace, progress, and security. He further reported on the paper which the local American Slav Congress is editing and publishing, and asked the Federation to cooperate by purchasing an ad. Following his address and departure, a lengthy discussion followed, and no action was taken to purchase an ad or to cooperate with the congress.

Motion was carried that a committee of seven be elected to prepare for the annual Pennsylvania SNPJ Day together with the Slovene Federation.

Avella was chosen for the April federation meeting. Brothers Grandovic and Laker were elected to represent our federation at the meeting of the Slovene Speaking Federation.

Election of officers: they are as follows: President, Elmer Eiffler; Vice-president, M. R. Kumer; Secretary, James M. Maglich; Treasurer, John Lipesky; Recording Secretary, John Ujeich; Auditing Committee, John Mikilancic, Frank Opeka, and John Wirant; Athletic Committee, John Lipesky, Elmer Eiffler, John Richter, John Schrin, and H. C. Ward; Entertainment Committee, John Fabec, M. R. Kumer, Elmer Eiffler, John Lesar, and Frank Opeka; Publicity Committee, M. R. Kumer, John Ujeich, and James M. Maglich.

Motion was carried that the salaries for 1948 remain the same as in 1947. Motion was carried that the Executive Board recommend a pay scale for the Athletic Committee. John Lipesky is recommended to the Supreme Board for election to the National Athletic Board. Adjournalment.

### News and Views

The shocking news of the lawsuit against Prosveta and two other progressive Slovene newspapers was revealed in the English section of Prosveta on Jan. 14. It was revealed and discussed in previous issues in the Slovene section.

This suit requires a real fight from all SNPJ members. The amount involved is large, but it is insignificant compared to the real intent of the plaintiff. In this lawsuit we find more than an individual attempting to become stinkier (rich or richer) at the expense of three newspapers and organizations who are dedicated to a good job of organization of our people. We

discover in this lawsuit a clash of ideas, one represented by the three papers in favor of common good as against an idea that breeds despair, poverty, war, and enslavement of people.

We do not know the plaintiff personally, but we do know his kind. We became personally acquainted with them while in London. His colleagues were satisfied with the past dirty politics of Europe and consented to accept them after the war; they were a part, together with the plaintiff, of the dark reactionary regime of Jugoslavija.

As SNPJ members we are called upon to fight this lawsuit; we are called upon to fight reaction. Our stake is our organization because the intent is to liquidate Prosveta. Without Prosveta we will really not be a fraternal organization. We would simply become another insurance organization. More about this later. Meanwhile, prepare yourself for a fight, and let us start by giving money to the SANS defense fund: John Pollock, 24495 Lakeland Blvd., Cleveland 23, Ohio, treasurer of the fund.

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## Will Celebrate Hall Remodeling

pendent Lodge, Jugoslavija Singing Society, Moxham Band, a local miners union, the Youth of America Juvenile Circle, the Slovene Progressive Women's Club, and the Loran Sportsmen's Club.

I am proud to say that there are no rental fees asked for the privilege of using these quarters for meetings, and we are allowed a quota of social affairs free of rent. I also wish to comment on the kind way the Juvenile Circle is received. We are grateful to the Moxham Slovene Home.

The officers of the hall are: Frank Tomase, pres.; Louis Nszak, sec'y; Frank Kluchevsek Jr., rec. sec'y; Louis Omar, treasurer. The directors, composed of all the incorporated groups, are Frank Tomase, Louis Nszak, Louis Omar, Frank Kluchevsek Jr., Tony Zolar, Joseph Culkar, Frank Kluchevsek Sr., John Kobal, Matt Krasovec, Joseph Glavach, and Mike Krofina.

The following committee was in charge of the remodeling job: Louis Nszak, Joseph Culkar, Joseph Glavach and Frank Kluchevsek Jr. These fellows had quite a problem on their hands, what with the shortage of materials and workers, but they came through with flying colors, and only proved that where there's a will there's a way. Summing it all up I think we can apply the following saying to our Slovene Workers Home—Good, better, best. When it's good, make it better, when it's better, make it best. And that is just what they have done. We now have one of the best Slovene Homes in all of Johnstown and its vicinities.

Now in order to continue to be progressive and successful, it will be necessary to continue to work together, and to keep in mind that the building is there for all of us to use. It is up to all of us to help to keep it looking nice and to refrain from any actions that will cause any destruction. And above all, work together, the young with the old.

I want to again remind you to keep the 14th of February in mind, and help celebrate the completion of this remodeling job. I also want to state that in the near future, the hall will sponsor an orchestra every Sunday night, also every Saturday that the dance floor will not be rented to another group. So plan to spend these evenings right in your own backyards, so to speak, for the hall is so located that it is near for all of us. Remember Feb. 14, at the Moxham Slovene Hall.

Elsie Culkar.

## Lily Social Club Lodge No. 764

MILWAUKEE, Wis.—We would like to start out by letting everyone know that our dance was a huge success. Our thanks to everyone who assisted in any way to make it so. Our special thanks to the members of the committees who sacrificed much of their time for the success of the dance.

We were informed that a good time was had by all who attended. There was a large crowd in spite of the below-zero weather that we had. It seems nothing can keep the fun-lovers away.

Two new members joined our ranks at the January meeting. A few more new members are promised for the February meeting. Our club is growing rapidly and the success of our dance has brought in a few more members.

Don't forget on April 11 Lily Lodge will present a program and dance with music by Louis Bashell. See you all at the monthly meeting. BUTCH, 764.

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## P. S. W. A. News

CHICAGO, Ill.—These following bits of news and activities are past due, and I'll try to be a little more prompt hereafter. I must say that we had a very nice attendance at the January meeting. Our meetings are held the first Wednesday of each month, at the Slovene Labor Center.

With the December dues, we sent in twenty-six new applications, as follows: Rose Antolich, Frances Baskovitz, Marie E. Bates, Nikolina Bozicnik, Marie Cankar, Anna Dular, Eva C. Garden, Angelina Godina, Frances Godina, Mary Haintrich, Mary Hovecar, Ann Kolar, Emily Mautjen, Helen D. Muha, Frances Omerza, Albina Podgornik, Mildred Solvitsch, Anna Terdin, Angelina Umek, Anna Umek, Anna Vertnik, Mary Vertnik Sr., Frances Werblick, Mary Zajec, Elizabeth Zefran, and Anne Zordani.

January applications accepted were Mary Owen, Agnes Pirc, and Angela Zlogar. One new member was also nominated, Louise Robaus was appointed by the chair to act as sergeant-at-arms. Louise Harmond and Josie Prezel were elected delegates to the SANC meetings.

Anne Beniger and Dorothy Sodnik reported for the educational committee, and it looks as if we'll be booked solid for "specialties" for several months. They promise us a musical night for our next meeting, in February. For March, plans aren't quite definite yet, but in April we'll have a handcraft exhibit. Anyone interested, whether member or not, and who has something special they have made themselves or had given to them, may bring your pretty things and we'll display them for all of us to see. It can be anything homemade, rugs, lace, wearing apparel, embroidery, mechanical. That's for April. May will bring us a Mother's Day program.

We hereby acknowledge two lovely lace scarves donated and made by Mary Jelenc, and lovely lace pillow cases donated by Agnes Bohinc. To both of these Progressive women, we say thank you. Also a thank you to Louise Vogrigh and daughters Rose and Anna for their food donations for January meeting. The Zefrans now own a delicatessen on 26th street near Ridge-way. Our refreshment committee, which consisted of Toncka Erdeck, Jennie Gradisek, and Theresa Gratchner, served sandwiches and coffee or tea.

The feature at our January meeting was the lecture given by Josko Owen. I overheard one of the women say that when she knows that Owen will speak, she does not miss it. Maybe that's the way a lot of us felt. Owen spoke on the high cost of living, also touching the everyday problems, international, national and local. He concluded with an endorsement of Wallace for president. Many of us raised the question as to number of votes he could poll, since all the big unions are not endorsing him. But, he said many changes can be made between now and November. So—we'll wait and see.

In concluding these notes, we want to remind you again of our February meeting, which is set for the 4th, commencing at 8 p. m. Our educational committee has contacted Angelina Pluth, soloist, and the Omerza sisters, pianists, to perform for us. Don't miss this musical program. After the meeting and program refreshment committee promises us a treat. I'll be seeing you then and there.

FRANCES L. RAK, 304 S. Keeler Ave. Telephone Bishop 3188.

## Planning Trip to Library Feb. 14th

SHARON, Pa.—Come on Vagabond fans, let's start the new year out right by attending the Heart-to-Heart dance Feb. 14 held by the J. Z. Jrs. at Library. Of course, music will be furnished by our one and only Vagabonds. As usual we are chartering a Greyhound bus. Remember the swell time had by all on our last bus trip to Broughton. By the way, we wish to thank the members of the Slovene Club for the wonderful hospitality shown us on our visit. The klobase and zelje sure hit the spot. We sure hope to meet some of our swell friends from Broughton at Library Feb. 14. Anyone wishing to make reservations for the trip get in touch with Mitz or Frit.

MITZIE GERMADNIK, 755.

## Detroit Male Chorus Meeting January 30

DETROIT, Mich.—Please remember the special meeting of the Male Chorus of the Detroit Slovene Singing Society, Friday, Jan. 30, at 8 p. m. at the Slovene Nat'l Home, 17556 John R. The chorus is very eager to increase its membership. With additional voices, our chorus could be greatly improved.

We request any of the Slovenian women interested in organizing their own chorus group, or anyone interested in either American or Slovenian choral singing to be present at this meeting.

For any additional information you may contact Henry Retzel, Lincoln 2-9 583.

HENRY RETZEL.

## You Are Invited to the Southside Inter-Lodge Dance

(Continued from page 6) nated by her to the Yule party last December. Every member, who ate a piece or two or more, most surely appreciated it.

A letter from Zora Tisot informed her folks that she arrived safely at her destination in Germany, where her husband is now serving in the occupational forces of the U. S. Army. She thoroughly enjoyed the first trip over, not once becoming seasick, altho traveling the ocean lanes over a round-about-course for nearly three weeks. The fact that she gained twelve good American pounds proves the point.

Are the Trailblazer Juniors going to enter a team in the National Juvenile Telegraphic Bowling Tournament, April 2, 3 and 4? Three of the boys (Melvin Vranicar, Roland Kuhel and Edward Landis), who participated last year, are still eligible. Likewise, Arthur Kuhel and Frank Kosich of Lodges 610 and 8, respectively, who completed the team. How about it, boys? Let's get together and practice a few times, and then enter a team in the tourney sponsored by Perfect Circle on the westside.

The three Trailblazer bowling teams are continuing to hold their own against some pretty stiff competition in the Southside Inter-Lodge League. The Ramblers are still pounding at the door of the Delaware Mustangs, who are leading the league at the two-thirds mark. The Tigers are in third place only two games behind the Ramblers, while the Panthers, who have lost considerable ground in the last three weeks, mainly due to the absence of one of their bowlers, are in fifth place. They hope to return to more winning ways as soon as the vacancy is filled, starting next week.

Teams are now being organized for the Midwest Bowling Tournament at Sheboygan, March 6-7. Any one interested in making the trip and participating in this special event are asked to contact Michael Vrhovnik. Well, folks, this is all until again and, in the meantime, if you have any news item of interest for the Trailblazer column, we would appreciate it very much if you give or send it to the lodge secretary. See you at the next lodge meeting. —EMVEE.

## A.V.C. Is Working With Union Labor

WAUKEGAN, Ill. — Considering the fact that the SNPJ with its Prosveta is a progressive organization, I wonder why those members who are entitled to do so are so slow in joining the only Veterans' organization the American Veterans' Committee?

Unlike all the other Veterans' organizations, the A.V.C. is working with organized labor, not against it. The A.V.C. is also trying to tackle the problems here and abroad in a realistic manner for the common good.

The local AVC chapter is to sponsor a forum every month at the Slovene National Home. The speaker at the first forum which is to be held on Sunday, Feb. 8, at 2:30 p. m., will be the radio commentator, Sydney Ordower. His subject will be "Henry Wallace and the Third Party." Movies will also be shown. Plan to attend. The admission is free. WILLIAM JEREB, 568.

## UAW Abandons Hope of Price Rollback

DETROIT—(AP)—The forlorn hope of a rollback in prices, either through Congress or industry itself, has finally been abandoned by the United Auto Workers (CIO) and lines are being laid for an industry-wide wage raise, beginning with General Motors Corp. Pres. Walter P. Reuther flayed both old parties Jan. 6 saying:

"Failure of the government to curb the inflation Americans are suffering under today can be attributed directly to unscrupulous political maneuvering by both the Democratic and Republican parties. The failure of both government and industry to stop inflation leaves labor no choice but to demand and win further wage increases."

New York residential construction dropped 20% in the first nine months of 1947 from the similar period in 1946.

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# PCA BACKS WALLACE, OKAYS 3RD PARTY

By LOU STONE

CHICAGO—(FP)—Backing up its unanimous indorsement of Henry A. Wallace for President in '48, the Progressive Citizens of America closed its 2-day annual convention here Jan. 18 by authorizing merger or affiliation of national PCA and its local units with the aborning third party.

The 600 delegates gave enthusiastic approval to an all-embracing 74-point program appealing "not to any group or faction but to all Americans who love peace and freedom and hate tyranny and war."

Preamble to the program, expected to form the basis for a third party platform, declared: "Under the leadership of the Truman government both parties, united in their bipartisan policies, have embarked upon a campaign to destroy all of our hard-won liberties. They have shackled labor, set aside the bill of rights, embarked upon a foreign policy which, if unchecked, can lead only to war—and unthinkable destruction."

Decision to merge or affiliate PCA with a third party once it is formed was left to the national board, provided two-thirds of the state chapters approve. The convention also authorized state chapters, in consultation with the national office, to affiliate or merge with new state party organizations for Wallace.

The committee on organization reported that in some states chapters already are planning eventual merger into the new state parties or Wallace-for-President committee to avoid duplication of resources and effort. In other states the chapters wish to continue as separate entities and, therefore, plan affiliation with the Wallace movement. The semi-autonomous divisions of the Arts, Sciences & Professions and the Youth were left free to set their own courses of action.

Anticipating the calling of a national conference to establish a new party, the delegates authorized PCA representation at the parley. The conference will be called April 12, probably in Chicago.

Before electing officers at their closing session, delegates voted approval of a resolution in support of the Chicago AFL printers' strike which was submitted by J. W. Gitt, publisher of the York (Pa.) Gazette & Daily and a PCA vice-chairman.

Top officers elected by the convention were: Robert W. Kenny, former attorney general of California, national chairman; Thomas E. Emerson, Yale law professor and former chief OPA counsel, secretary; and Abraham Pomerantz, U.S. prosecutor at the Nuernberg war crimes trials, treasurer. Among the vice-chairmen elected to the 200-man national board were C. B. Baldwin, Norman Corwin, Clark Foreman, Mrs. Elinor Gimbel, James McGill, Dr. Harlow Shapley, Ira Hirschman, Bishop R. R. Wright Jr., Gregory Peck, Leo Krzycki, Quentin Burdick, Paul Robeson and W. E. B. DuBois.

The adopted program, which hewed closely to policies voiced by Wallace in his speech to the opening session, covered foreign affairs in nine points, giving major attention to domestic issues, labor, agriculture and social welfare.

On foreign policy, the program urged replacing the Marshall plan with the Wallace plan for aid to Europe without political strings and through the United Nations. It opposed universal military training and called for reducing expenditures to an absolute minimum consistent with a peace policy.

Highlights of the domestic program were: price controls and rationing of essential commodities; an excess profits tax to discourage profiteering; a \$1 hourly minimum wage; strengthening of rent controls; a federal housing law calling for 500,000 subsidized public housing units each year; increased subsistence payments for student veterans; exempting from income taxes families and individuals whose income now falls below the minimum.

## Warning Against Crooks

"Do not give money to any person who asks for payment to help you get social security benefits and who says he is an employee of the Social Security Administration," Mr. James D. Ellis, manager of the Social Security Field Office at 225 N. Pulaski rd., Chicago, warned recently. "If you are entitled to social security benefits, any Social Security Field Office will help you secure those benefits without charge."

A Chicago widow paid \$30 just a few weeks ago, Mr. Ellis said, to a man who told her she could get \$5000 in social security benefits but that a \$30 fee was required. The stranger said he was the assistant manager of a Social Security Field Office and unfortunately the widow believed him.

"Our employees do call occasionally at the home of widows and other persons," Mr. Ellis said, "in connection with claims for benefits." They may do so, for example when the person is physically unable to go to the Social Security Field Office. These employees always carry official "credentials" by which they can be identified, and there is no charge for their services.

# THE UPPER CRUST



"And he says that high prices really help labor because they keep profits up."

standard budget of \$3,152 for a family of four.

Labor points called for repeal of the Taft-Hartley law and the so-called "portal to portal" act, expansion of the wage-hour act and support of the unions' wage increase campaign.

Other points called for abolition of the House committee on Un-American Activities, repeal of the Truman loyalty order, passage of the federal anti-lynch bill, anti-polltax bill and the bill setting up a permanent FEPC.

## Japanese Workers Face Stern Tests

By MAKOTO KAN, Chairman of Japan's Congress of Industrial Unions

TOKYO—(ALN)—Has the old order in Japan, responsible for incalculable death and destruction throughout Asia, been completely destroyed? Has Japan become a thoroughly democratic nation?

Very definitely not. The old Japan is fighting hard to survive. It has powerful friends in high places and its zealots are simply waiting for a chance to begin a new journey along the road to power and empire.

Today Japanese big business, which financed and planned Japan's imperialistic adventures, is steadily intensifying its pressure on the workers, farmers and middle class. In 1948 Japan's six million organized workers face stern tests—and the outcome will affect profoundly the progress of democracy here.

Since the end of the war the industrialists and bureaucrats have tried to make the people pay the entire cost of defeat by heavy taxation of low-income groups and by forcing down real wages. In devious ways they have sabotaged industrial production and have deliberately encouraged inflation.

The Katayama cabinet, for instance, pegged wages at a level 27 times that prevailing before the war. But the official prices it fixed are 65 times as high as prewar prices. And since goods often are not available on the controlled market, workers must frequently pay the still higher black market prices.

Japanese business is planning to carry out what it calls "enterprise readjustment." This simply means the mass firing of workers. At the same time anti-labor intrigues to split and suppress our new unions are on the increase.

Against this reactionary offensive the Congress of Industrial Unions, which represents over 1,200,000 workers in key industries, is struggling militantly. We are striving for a higher living standard for our people, for labor unity and for joint action with farmers and other groups. In this way we aim to create an indestructible base for democracy in Japan.

We watch with concern and respect the fight of American workers against the Taft-Hartley law and the similar struggles going on in Europe and elsewhere. We seek aid and support from foreign workers and we wish to take part in the world struggle for democracy and peace. Hence our eagerness to join the World Federation of Trade Unions.

We politically-conscious Japanese workers are ashamed that our small prewar unions were unable to prevent the rise of the militarists to power. But the unions, which exist today are many times stronger than those which the militarists and big business destroyed in the '30s—and we are determined that it won't happen again.

## Nat'l Board of Review Hails 'Three Men' Film

New York (CNS)—The National Board of Review, leading reviewing organization in the film field, hailed the co-op film production, "There Were Three Men" in a recent issue of its Weekly Guide to Selected Pictures.

"The animation is a delight in this clever tale, the folk quality combined with bright cartooning to tickle the eye, the mind, and the heart. For gatherings on the fence about cooperatives, the film should do a fine selling job," the review states.

"There Were Three Men" is a 16 mm sound and color animated cartoon short. It is available from regional cooperatives or from the Co-operative League, 167 West 12 St., New York 11, N. Y.

## BEHIND THE 'IRON CURTAIN'

"Everywhere we found freedom of worship. Even in Jugoslavia, where some Catholic leaders like Monsignor Stepinac were convicted of collaboration with the Nazis, churches were open and crowded. In Poland and Hungary religious instruction by priests is still compulsory in state schools. Nowhere has there been an official attempt to prevent people from worshipping as they please." —Walter Kerr, Ned Russell, Russell Hill and William Attwood, Foreign correspondents of the New York Herald-Tribune, who surveyed the other side of "The Iron Curtain." —Herald-Tribune, Oct. 10, 1947.

## RELIGION IN JUGOSLAVIA

(Concluded)

### ORTHODOX AND MOSLEM COLLABORATION

Least there be any belief that this conflict involved only Roman Catholics, with a division of loyalty among both priests and people, we wish to emphasize that a similar taking of sides occurred among the Serbian Orthodox and the Moslem population.

With the emergence of the Partisan Movement, the Serbian Chetniks began more and more to collaborate with the enemy and to fight their own kin. The Serbian higher clergy, assisted and influenced from outside the country, tended to side with conservative political elements and to foster monarchist sentiments. The new People's Front did not appeal to them.

When we visited the magnificent building belonging to the Patriarchate in Belgrade with its lovely Byzantine chapel, its grand refectory and a throne room fit for a king, we sensed why the new People's Authority would be hard for such old-school ecclesiastics to accept. The lower clergy and many of the bishops, who judged political developments from a broad national viewpoint and gave their personal loyalty in terms of the groups that actively engaged the national enemy—the Italians and Germans—seem solidly behind the government, and not a few of them now hold office in it. At the Orthodox headquarters we talked with several Orthodox priests and a bishop. When, before we visited the headquarters, we asked for the privilege of interviewing the Patriarch at the same time, we were told that he was not well and was resting at a mountain resort.

Among the Mohammedan population in Bosnia, during the course of the occupation, there turned up the Grand Mufti of Jerusalem, El Hussein, who spent a week in Sarajevo and blessed the formation of a "Manjok" ("Long Knife") Division of SS troops of Mohammedan persuasion. Little by little, as the Partisans grew in strength, these Moslem units came over to their side. In the last few months the Mohammedan Congress has voted full support of the new government.

#### BEGINNINGS OF TOLERANCE

Dr. Nussbaum, who had been in Jugoslavia several times between World Wars I and II, expressed frank amazement at the present cooperation among the various religious groups in the country, and between them and the government. He reminded us again and again of the traditional bitter conflict between these ancient communions. His astonishment was shared by all of us when we dined in several cities with Roman Catholic, Serbian Orthodox, Jewish, Mohammedan and Protestant leaders together around the table. That would be an achievement here in America; in the Balkans it is almost millennial.

There is in Jugoslavia today a genuine equality of religion before the law and the beginnings of a true tolerance.

Of course, only two and a half years after a terrible war, there are tension points yet to be resolved, with the possibility of occasional outbreaks of violence, just as there

are in the young United States toward Tory clergymen and laymen of the Church of England following the American Revolution. But the basic patterns seem sound, and the door seems open to a religious peace such as the Balkans have never known in the past.

It appeared to us that the majority of laymen and priests who we met, apart from the older irreconcilables and those under direct foreign orders, are determined to help build a united post-war nation without foreign interference, either political or clerical, and with full freedom internally on a basis of legal equality. The Protestant ministers whom we interviewed said frankly that they have today a security which in the past they never enjoyed as a small minority in a Roman Catholic Croatia and an Orthodox Serbia.

In view of the old divisiveness which wrecked the Balkans, it is not difficult to understand the bitterness felt by the new Jugoslav generation against any churchmen who seek to resurrect the old Croat or Serbian nationalism, or ecclesiastical conflicts. That way, to them, lies death; in "unity and brotherhood"—their national slogan—they see life.

#### OUR WITNESS

The members of our deputation are all men who have given their lives to the Christian ministry and to the extension of the Christian church. Wherever there is irreligion, wherever religious freedom is endangered or denied, we are as quick as any to take alarm and to oppose. Our Protestant heritage is one of freedom, and we cherish that freedom beyond all else.

It is because we have found this fundamental freedom—freedom of worship—existing in Jugoslavia that we are able to bring back so encouraging a report. It will be only by the sympathetic understanding and support of the constructive attributes in the life of the nations of Eastern Europe that the gulf between our life and theirs can be bridged, and a final world war prevented.

EMORY STEVENS BUCKE\* GEORGE WALKER BUCKNER, Jr. PHILLIPS PACKER ELLIOTT WILLIAM HOWARD MELISH GUY EMERY SHIPLER SAMUEL TREXLER CLAUDE WILLIAMS

The two laymen who accompanied those whose names are signed above, join in endorsing this report.

EDMUND DEVOL, M. D. JEAN NUSSBAUM, M. D.

Note: The signers of this report regret that its publication was delayed, because there was no opportunity of preparing it in Jugoslavia, because three of the group visited other parts of Europe after leaving Jugoslavia, and because the members of the group live in different parts of the United States.

\* Since Dr. Bucke was present only at the first study of documents in Zagreb, and could not be present at later studies or at the interview with Stepinac, he has signed all sections of this report except that dealing with the Stepinac case.

## Excelsiors Lodge 721 UTOPIANS Anniversary Dance

ALQUIPPA, Pa.—The results of the Excelsiors' election of officers for the year 1948 held at our last month's meeting are as follows: President, Mike Zakrajsek Jr.; Vice President, Louis Gerzel; Secretary, Anna Ranics; Treasurer, Joseph Derglin; Recording Secretary, Frances Zakrajsek; Sgt.-at-arms, to be appointed at each meeting, Auditors, Mary Smrekar, Sophie Simonic, and Josephine Struble. Sick Committee, Anna Ranics and Sophie Siminich. Purchasing Committee, Frances Zakrajsek, Paul Yaklich, Mike Zakrajsek Jr. Trustee for the Excelsiors' Hall are Anna Ranics, Frank Derglin, Frank Struble Jr., Juvenile Director, Josephine Struble, and Co-Director, Frances Zakrajsek.

The stork has paid a visit to Mr. and Mrs. Emil Stinger and also Mr. and Mrs. William Yaklich during the past few weeks. Congratulations to all six of you.

Members on this month's sick list are: Tony Zagar, Steve Mazer, Tom Mayanovich, Mileva Bjelos, Mary Celap, and Miles Bulat. Tony Zagar as of January 17 was reported in the Rochester Hospital.

In the Excelsiors' lodge good news such as marriages, births, birthdays, dances, etc., is always swell to read and hear about. But, unfortunately, a little bad news sneaks up on us all. A few weeks ago in this scribe's article three marriages were reported and now the sad news of three deaths in the Excelsiors in a short period of less than a month is hard to believe. On Dec. 16, Mike Barrila passed away at the age of 73. Emelia Videc (formerly Celon) died Jan. 4 at the age of 53. John Staklusa passed away Jan. 14 at the age of 67. Our deepest sympathies to the families of the above deceased members of the lodge.

The Excelsiors approved donations to the American Slav Congress and the March of Dimes at our Jan. 17 meeting.

The Juvenile Director and her assistant have two groups in the Jolly Quips Circle 56. One group of youngsters is seen heading for the Orpheum Bowling Alleys every play night, whereas the other one is headed for the cinema. The largest movie house in town is showing films especially adapted for grade school and high school students every Saturday noon during the winter months. These pictures are educational and interesting.

The Progressive Women of America local circle in Aliquippa have increased their membership in the past two months by fifty percent. Emelia Videc mentioned in this column was a member of this Women's Circle. This month's meeting was climaxed by Theresa Gerzel. She took some flour, apples, and other ingredients and with the aid of a rolling pin made a swell apple strudel which the thirty women present all got a large piece to sample. The ladies also tell this scribe that in the future many a surprise will be in store for the circle members. When a surprise for the ladies is planned, you can bet your last dollar they'll all be on hand.

Now that the Excelsiors have a new secretary the members will be

CLEVELAND.—Sunday, Feb. 1st, marks the twenty-first year of successfulness for lodge Utopians and we are celebrating the occasion with an Anniversary Dance, being held at the Slovene Home on Waterloo Road. There will be music galore in both upper and lower halls—plenty of dancing, plenty of refreshments and plenty of good old-fashioned fun for everyone. This is another of those gala affairs you just can't afford to miss.

#### Meeting, Feb. 14

Due to the Eastern invitational tournament falling on our regular meeting date, the next regular meeting of Lodge Utopians takes place one week earlier, Saturday, Feb. 14.

The January meeting was indeed a splendid one. Some fifty members or more witnessed the installation of our 1948 officers. President, Nick Spehar; Vice Presidents, John Pinasky and Rudy Zakely; Secretary, Rose Shume; Treasurer, Frances Zorman; Recording Secretary, George Jelinek. Auditors, Henry Zorman, Rudy Lisch, and Frank Bohinc.

Thus far nothing has been mentioned concerning the Utopians' an-

paying their dues to Anna Ranics instead of Kathryn Derglin who has done a fine job for the past five years as secretary especially after the merger of Lodges 122 and 721 in 1946. To make it easier for all secretaries, especially newly elected ones, the members should see to it that their dues are paid before the first of each month. The outgoing officers of the Excelsiors deserve credit for their fine work during 1947 and to the newly elected officers congratulations and the best of luck and cooperation from the members.

The new secretary's address is at 240 Main Ave., West Aliquippa, at the Ranic's Electric Store.

MIKE ZAKRAJSEK Jr., Pres.

annual meeting and Christmas party, therefore, I must say that Marge Maslar, Juvenile Director and her committee did remarkably well in arranging the party, purchasing the very pretty gifts for all the children, etc. This was by far the most successful December meeting and Christmas party ever staged in the history of Lodge Utopians.

#### Bowling News

Our Kegling Kapers reporter keeps the readers well informed weekly as to the progress the boys are making in their bowling. The girls, however, are less fortunate, but I'll take the opportunity of informing you that the Utopian girls are represented in the Girls' SNPJ League with four teams. For several weeks during the earlier part of the season Utopian No. II team, under the leadership of Frances Zorman, was in the lead. Now we are proud to state that the leadership for the past month has been taken over by the Utopian No. I team. Mary Perdan, captain of this team, can well be proud of the way Mary Recher, Mary Zorman, Sophie Klein and Caroline Opalk are cooperating with her in leading the team on to victory. Mary Strazisar's No. III team is making its way closer to the top. And may we tip our hats to Utopian No. IV team, captained by Rose Shume, for they're still in there plugging. In spite of the fact that this team has quite a number of losses chalked against them, they always come up smiling. What a grand bunch of girls!

#### Drawing

Just a word to the members concerning the coming drawing. Members do YOUR share in promoting the success of this undertaking. The committee has put forth with endless efforts planning and preparing so please may we count on you to carry your portion of the burden? Sell your quota and then sell some more. Jean Jelinek, KE 1799, will be very happy to keep you supplied with books in the event you run short.

Remember the Anniversary Dance Sunday, Feb. 1st.

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First Mortgage Loans .....	\$1,989,017.65
Share Loans .....	13,158.47
Real Estate Sold on Contract.....	10,416.23
Investments and Accrued Interest.....	163,449.03
Cash on Hand and in Bank .....	108,219.00
Office Building—Depreciated Value .....	15,366.56
Furniture and Fixtures—	
Depreciated Value .....	1,139.23
Deferred Charges .....	1,092.04
Accounts Receivable .....	7,270.69
<b>Total Assets .....</b>	<b>\$2,309,128.90</b>
Paid-in Capital .....	\$1,800,201.61
Dividends Payable .....	2,138.55
Notes Payable—Due Federal Home Loan Bank of Chicago.....	316,312.00
Accounts Payable .....	5,638.62
Loans in Process .....	51,494.66
Escrow Advances by Borrowers.....	30,713.91
Specific Reserves .....	3,823.70
General Reserves and Undivided Profits .....	98,805.85
<b>Total Capital, Liabilities, and Reserves .....</b>	<b>\$2,309,128.90</b>

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