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How Do You Stand?

Now that our country has been at war for quite a period of time it is timely to ask ourselves if we measure up to the standard of being a 100% American. Are we worthy of all the sacrifices our boys are making so that we will live in a better, peaceful, democratic and free world? Let us ask ourselves, AM I —

Buying all the War Bonds I can afford every month?
Participating in all salvage campaigns such as scrap-metal, used fats, silks, rubber, etc.?

Doing my part in helping the worthy work of the Red Cross?

Cooperating with my government in all that it asks of me including sharing by rationing?

Helping my local branch in Civilian Defense work?

Heeding safety rules and regulations at home and at work?

Working in my Victory Garden to help America on the food production front?

Conserving gas, oil and tires so that our boys will have "enough and on time"?

Stopping rumors and keeping from disclosing information about troop movements and activities which may fall on enemy ears?

Writing regularly to that serviceman who is a relative, neighbor or friend of mine in the armed forces?

Doing my utmost in helping my country and its Allies to hasten victory and lasting peace?

If you can truthfully answer yes to all the above questions you are a true American; the type of American that is a pride to the United States and its huge family of inhabitants.

The time has also come when we should ask ourselves if we are fulfilling our obligations as members of the American Fraternal Union. Do we truly appreciate all the benefits our AFU offers us as members? Let us ask ourselves, AM I —

Attending monthly lodge meetings whenever possible?

Paying my dues promptly so that the secretary doesn't have to keep reminding me that they are overdue?

Doing my share in the membership campaign by telling my neighbors and friends about all the benefits the AFU has to offer to its members?

Making use of the official organ, the Nova Doba, to publicize and discuss lodge and Union matters and activities of my lodge?

Offering friendly advice and constructive criticism at lodge meetings on matters pertaining to the progress and development of my lodge?

Ready to take office when elected, to serve my lodge in any capacity when called upon to do so?

Willing to spread the spirit of fraternalism by helping other members whenever I can?

Following the rules of the AFU by-laws and helping to make it a better and bigger organization?

How do you stand in answering the above questionnaire? If you have neglected certain lodge duties now is the time to make amends and pledge to follow through as a loyal AFU member of whom the Union will be proud!

Latest Results in AFU 45th Anniversary Membership Campaign

AFU 45-Point Honor Roll:

Lodge No. 21, Denver, Colo.
Lodge No. 114, Ely, Minn.
Lodge No. 2, Ely, Minn.

Lodge No. 225 of Milwaukee, Wisc. is still heading the list of lodges with a total of 34 points. Other lodges having 10 or more points to their credit are as follows:

Lodge No. 70 of Chicago, Ill., 33 points; Lodge No. 28 of Kemmerer, Wyo., 28 points; Lodge No. 190 of Butte, Mont., 23 points; Lodge No. 55 of Uniontown, Pa., 20½ points; Lodge No. 66 of Joliet, Ill., 20 points; Lodge No. 101 of Walsenburg, Colo., 19 points; Lodge No. 132 of Euclid, Ohio, 18½ points; Lodge No. 84 of Trinidad, Colo., 15 points; Lodge No. 229 of Struthers, Ohio, 14 points; Lodge No. 43 of East Helena, Mont., 14½ points; Lodge No. 1 of Ely, Minn., 13½ points; Lodge No. 44 of Barberton, Ohio, 12 points; Lodge No. 88 of Roundup, Mont., 12 points; Lodge No. 140 of Morley, Colo., 12 points; Lodge No. 37 of Cleveland, Ohio, 12 points; Lodge No. 57 of Export, Pa., 11½ points; Lodge No. 120 of Ely, Minn., 11 points; Lodge No. 170 of Chicago, Ill., 11 points; Lodge No. 30 of Chisholm, Minn., 10 points; and Lodge No. 40 of Claridge, Pa., 10 points.

We notice that Lodge No. 120 of Ely, Minn. passed the 10-point list last week making a total of 21 lodges now having 10 or more points to their credit. The lodge secretary is Sister Rose Svetich, Second Supreme Judi-

Slovene Girl Receives Promotion



Lt. Helen F. Grimsic, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob J. Grimsic, 841 Wadsworth Ave., Waukegan, Ill., was recently transferred to the Lawson General Hospital at Atlanta, Georgia. Lt. Grimsic who is with the fourth auxiliary surgical unit, was previously stationed at the general hospital, Fort Custer, Michigan. Before entering the service of Uncle Sam she was supervisor of surgery at the St. Therese Hospital at Waukegan, Ill. She graduated from the St. Therese School of Nursing in 1941 as president of her class. Prior to this she had been a student at the Mother of God School. Recently she continued her studies at DePaul University in Chicago, until the time of her enlistment. With this new promotion she carries the distinction of being one of the outstanding Slovene girls who is contributing her share to the cause of her country. Lt. Grimsic's parents are members of Lodge No. 94, AFU. The Slovene population of Waukegan and North Chicago feel proud of her accomplishment and wish her well in her new work.

(Photo cut through courtesy of Joseph Zorc.)

Gowanda Lodge Postpones Picnic Because of Rain

Due to rain, the picnic sponsored by Lodge No. 89, AFU of Gowanda, N. Y. which was to have been held July 4th, has been postponed until July 11, this coming Sunday. There will be plenty of refreshments on hand so I hope to see everybody at this gala affair. Entertainment will consist of a program and games. Music will be furnished for dancing and the admission is only 10 cents. So until next Sunday when I hope to see you at Mentley's Grove, this is so-long.

Violet Widgay
Lodge No. 89, AFU
Gowanda, N. Y.

ciary. This lodge has always been active in all our campaigns.

The city of Ely, Minn. has seven lodges in the American Fraternal Union. Two lodges have already attained the 45-Point Honor Roll, Lodges No. 114 and 2. Two lodges have made the 10 or more points list and the remaining three are actively participating in the campaign. This is a fine showing by the members of our Union in Ely, Minn. Other lodges would do well to follow their example.

When enrolling new members don't forget the juveniles. These young members will carry on when the adults will pass away. Every new member is an added support to the growth and prosperity of our Union. Enroll that new member now!

News of Lodge 2, AFU, Ely, Minn.

Members of Lodge No. 2, AFU of Ely, Minn. are asked to attend the next meeting which will be held July 11th at 9 a. m. As the members have already read in the Nova Doba, there is a special referendum from the Supreme Office which will be voted upon. This is an important resolution concerning every member. This subject will be discussed and voted upon at this meeting. The result will depend upon the majority of the membership votes. If the resolution is accepted, there will be an additional 25 cents assessment after Sept. 1, 1943.

The following are members of Lodge No. 2, AFU who are serving in the U. S. Armed Forces:

Veronica Kosmach, WAAC, Joseph Belehar, Louis Dejak, William Dejak, Steve Golobich, Anton Golobich, John L. Glavan, Frank Golin, John Hutar, Edward Hutar, Bernard Hutar, Frank Indihar, Frank Kromer, Albert Kovall, Bernard Kovall, John Klancher, Jacob Kosmach Jr., Augustine Kosmach, Tony Kuzma, Rudolph Kosir, William Klun, Louis Lesar, John Landa, Peter Lekatz, Joseph Lekatz, Mike Lekatz, John Marinshek Jr., Stanley Mestnick, John Perko Jr., Joseph Perko, Frank Prosen, Stanley Pechaver, Albert Pechaver, Louis Pechek, Albert Pruse, Bernard Pruse, Fred Perushek, John Perushek, Victor Perushek, Rudolph Perushek, Joseph Perushek, Edward Perushek, Stanley Perushek, Tony Perushek, Frank Papesh, John Papesh, Joseph Pucel, Louis Pucel, Frank J. Pucel, Louis Pucel, Charles Pusavec, Albert Prijatelj, John V. Prijatelj, William Rom, Frank Rozman, Albin Rozman, Fred Rozman, Louis Rozman, Jack Stalcar, Tony Shober, Louis Seme, John Seme, Tony Seme Jr., John Shober, Edward Shepel, Joseph Turk, William Vidmar, John Vidmar, Joseph Zaic, John Zbasnik, Edward Zbasnik, John Okasich, Tony Okasich.

At this time I would also like to express my thanks to the members who helped to fill the AFU membership campaign quota. Let's not stop now but keep on enrolling new members. Thanks to Joseph L. Champa, lodge president; Louis Champa, AFU Supreme Treasurer; John Mehle, recording secretary; and members, Anton Seme and Walter Kangas.

Fraternally yours,
Anton Knapp, Sec'y
Lodge No. 2, AFU
Ely, Minn.

Saving for a rainy day?
Do it the American way.
Buy more War Bonds!

Cleveland Boy Completes Parachute Training



Henry Kovitch, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Kovitch, 19621 Shelton Dr., is serving Uncle Sam in the Parachute Battalion. Pfc. Henry Kovitch completed his basic training and is now a full-fledged paratrooper. He is a member of the Betsy Ross Lodge No. 186, AFU of Cleveland, Ohio. We wish him much success in his new field of work.

Friends may write to him at the following address:

Pfc. Henry Kovitch
Parachute Replacing Co.
School Battalion Training
Center
Camp Elliot, Calif.
(Photo cut through the courtesy of Mr. G. Kovitch.)

Lodge No. 205, AFU Loses Faithful Member

The members of Lodge No. 205, AFU of Canonsburg, Pa. were very sorry to hear that Sister Anna M. Smith, 27 years old, passed away into the Great Beyond on June 29th at the Canonsburg General Hospital after an illness of three weeks.

(This is the first member our lodge lost through death since its organization, 14 years ago.) The deceased was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Martin Semian. She was born in Strabane, Pa. on May 22, 1916. Besides her parents she also leaves her husband, John Smith and two children, Joan Adele and John Douglas; brothers and sisters, George Semian and Mrs. Mary Pucker of Canonsburg; Joseph, Mrs. Veronica Goldbough and Miss Helen Semian of McKeesport, Pa.; Pfc. Michael in North Carolina and Pvt. Andrew in Miss.

Funeral services were held from her home on July 2 and burial took place at St. Patrick's Cemetery. The pall-bearers were Joseph, George and John Semian, and Steve, Joseph and Charles Smith.

The late Sister Anna Smith was a member of the AFU since June, 1940 and was transferred to our lodge January, 1943 from Lodge No. 232, AFU of Meadowlands, Pa.

In the name of our lodge members, I wish to extend our sincere sympathy to the bereaved family upon the loss of their dear one. We shall always cherish her memory as a beloved sister-member.

Louis Polaski, Sec'y
Lodge No. 205, AFU
Canonsburg, Pa.

Self-confidence is the first requisite to great undertakings.
—Samuel Johnson

Office of the Supreme Secretary AFU

IMPORTANT NOTICE TO OUR LODGES AND MEMBERS IN OHIO

Advice has been received from the Office of the National Fraternal Congress of America to the effect that the General Assembly of the State of Ohio has passed an Act amending Section 9468 of the Insurance Code, relative to admission to membership in fraternal benefit societies.

Said Section of the Insurance Code, as now amended, provides that any society which shall show by its annual valuation that it is accumulating and maintaining the full reserve required by a table of mortality not lower than the American Experience Table of Mortality and interest at three and one-half per cent on all insurance contracts being issued, may accept, for a face amount of life insurance not more than two thousand dollars on any one life, or any member admitted to beneficial membership not more than fifty years of age who shall make acceptable declarations of his insurability as provided by the laws of the society.

Due to the passage of said Act, Section 474-A of our Constitution and By-laws, which permits the admission of applicants between the ages of 16 to 35 years and for not more than \$1000.00 life insurance without a medical examination, has now become operative also in the State of Ohio.

Applicants for membership desiring to be admitted without a medical examination must submit their applications on "Form 1-NM."

If an applicant transferring from the juvenile department desires to insure himself for \$250.00 or \$500.00 life insurance only, then he should only fill in the first and last page of the application. If he desires to be insured in the sick and indemnity and/or welfare fund also, and for not more than \$1000.00 death benefit, then he must fill in all four pages of said application.

If a juvenile member transferring to the Adult Department has any physical or mental defect, or if he is not in good health at the time of such transfer, he may insure himself in the Adult Department for \$250.00 or \$500.00 death benefit only.

All other applicants between the ages of 16 and 35 years, desiring to be admitted without a medical examination and for not more than \$1000.00 life insurance only, must fill in all four pages of application "Form 1-NM." If such applicants desire to be insured in the sick and indemnity and/or welfare benefit fund also, then they must make their applications on "Form 1" and submit to a medical examination.

When all four pages of "Form 1-NM" are required to be and have been filled in, such forms must be forwarded to the supreme medical examiner.

All applications on "Form 1-NM" must be filled in and signed in the presence of the lodge secretary who must sign the same as witness.

A special award of \$1.00 is allowed the lodge secretaries for each application made on "Form 1-NM" where all four pages of the application are required to be and are filled in.

Fraternally yours,

ANTON ZBASNIK, Supreme Secretary.

Former Nova Doba Correspondents Receive Promotions on Newspapers

Two additional Nova Doba contributing correspondents of Strabane were recently rewarded for their early training received through weekly articles to the Nova Doba, it was learned here today, when Veronica Barbish and Francis Zele, were added to the editorial staff of The Daily Notes, published in Canonsburg, Pa. and serving the Canonsburg and Strabane area.

The two girls, graduates of the Chartiers Township high school just this year, replaced Stan Progar, another former contributor to the Nova Doba who joined the news staff of the Pittsburgh Sun Telegraph. Progar was the sports and news editor of "The Notes."

Replacing him as the sports editor is Miss Barbish while Miss Zele will fill the position of news editor, assisting George A. Anderson, editor.

The two girls will be remembered as regular contributors to the Juvenile Page which was active a few years ago. Both were very popular writers and enjoyed a large reading audience among the Nova Doba readers.

The new sports editor of "The Notes" will be remembered as the Veronica Barbish who was a delegate to the 1939 Juvenile conference which took place in Ely, Minn. Following her return home, she kept the juvenile members of the American Fraternal Union well in-

formed of the experiences enjoyed by all juveniles during the convention week in Ely.

Both began their new positions June 28 and according to a reliable source, are "doing nicely" and assuming their new responsibilities in a credited manner.

Progar, who joined the news staff of the Sun Telegraph July 1, will be remembered as the author of the "Rambling Chatter" and the "Sports Flashbacks" columns which were regular features of The Nova Doba for a period of about six years, his association with the Nova Doba ending when he joined the "Notes" staff.

We congratulate these AFU members on their appointments and wish them much success in their new work.

Vacation trips this season will be two-wheel affairs for many people. The Greater Cleveland Safety Council asks bicycle vacationers to keep in mind that traffic laws and safety rules apply to two wheels as well as four. The Council urges that bicycle riders travel at the extreme right-hand side of streets and highways, carry front and rear lights at night, and use hand signals when stopping or turning. And remember, you crowd safety off, if you let someone ride on your handlebars!

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Juvenile Voices

Superior, Wisc. — Hello Juveniles: I have been at Superior, Wisc. since June 12th. I am spending my vacation with Mr. and Mrs. Coombs. They have two girls and a small boy, the cutest youngster you could ever find. Mrs. Coombs was in the St. Mary's Hospital in Duluth and I went with the family to see her. This trip was my first sight of Duluth and Superior. I have seen many interesting things, places and people. It is a wonderful experience for me.

The Coombs family is very nice to me. I attended many different theatres and other public places of interest. By bus you can go to Duluth or any other part of Superior. You also cross a bridge in going to Superior from Duluth which opens so big boats and ships can pass through.

Note to Helen Urbas: Welcome to our Juvenile Column. Your first letter was very nice and interesting so write again. Thank you for the compliment on my writing.

My sister, Florence, is now in Washington, D. C. where she is employed by the F. B. I. and she says that she likes Washington and her work there.

I like Superior and am enjoying my visit very much. So long until next time.

Margaret M. Startz (Age: 14)
Lodge No. 1, AFU of Ely, Minn.

Traffic Accidents

It has long been recognized that the most frequent victim of traffic accidents, especially as pedestrians, are the men and women of older years. Seventy-five of the 127 fatalities last year involved people over 45 and most were in the age bracket between 55 and 64.

In many cases the action of the victim was an important cause but a significant fact is revealed in the monthly trend of accidents in the six months of this year. The percentage of older people involved in accidents shows a reduction of one half from January to June.

This trend shows the great responsibility resting with the driver for accident free driving despite all of the difficulties. Accidents decreased as the hours of daylight increased proving the importance of visibility to the driver and the person on foot. The accidents happened mainly because the motorist did not see the man or woman in the path of his car. Perhaps his attention was not entirely devoted to driving, the speed may have been too fast for conditions or a seemingly trivial defect like a worn windshield wiper or an improperly focused headlight may have caused the loss of a life.

Let's remember at all times that any error in judgment or any defect in your car may cause you to kill or injure another.

—Cleveland Police Dept

the amount of tax he has withheld. **Keep this. It is your tax receipt.**

On or before March 15, 1944, you will be required to file, in the usual manner, your income tax return showing your actual income for 1943, and figuring in the usual deductions and credits. The tax withheld by your employer, both before and after July 1, 1943, the income tax installments you paid March 15 and June 15, and any tax you may have already paid in addition to the above-mentioned payments will be shown on the return as credits. In other words, you will add up the tax payments you made on March 15 and June 15, 1943, plus the total amount that has been already withheld for Victory Tax purposes, as well as the amounts withheld from your pay since July 1 by the Withholding Tax, plus any other amounts you may have paid on September 15 and December 15. If the total comes to more than your liability, the Government will credit you with the difference against the next year's tax payments. If it comes to less, you will pay the difference.

—Office of War Information

Pfc. Jos. Sterle Writes Again

Hi Folks:
Well here I am back with more adventures of the fighting 499th Engineers. First I'll have to quiet down the crap game that is going on down at the end of the hut, it sounds like they're going to knock out the sides of the walls with those big dice. "They're sure hot" as they say. I'll have to stop writing for a minute or two for I hear those horse-shoes galloping around in the mess hall so we'll have to go in and see if the horse is ready to be chewed up.

Here I am back from chow and it wasn't horse meat, some say it was goat steak and some say it was pork. We have eaten so many different kinds of meat that we don't even know what it is half of the time.

I think I hear the dice rolling again. Boy I'm telling you this bunch of boys in our outfit are a real bunch. For instance, Pfc. Hill who drifted from the state of Oklahoma. He tries to sell us used oil wells for post holes. He says when a well is empty, he pulls the hole out of the ground and then cuts it in three-foot lengths for post holes. Then we have Pfc. Gundlach who came floating out of Sandusky, Ohio, he's always "Deaming of a White Christmas" in this hot weather. (Of all the nerve.)

Then we have Pfc. Shank who also came floating from Johnstown, Pa. He cheers the boys up with a good tune on his mouth-organ. Pfc. Rose from Mass. is always laughing about something or other. He's the one who read my article in the Nova Doba and he told me that the soldier who had to stand in the doorway of the train while going home on furlough sure had a bad break. He also laughed about it and when he got down to the bottom and saw my name on it, that's when he realized that I wrote it. You ought to have heard him laugh then. In this other corner we have Pfc. Purcell who adores the army. He comes from the state of Kentucky. Hold everything! There's Shank again giving the boys a little tap dance. Now we have Pfc. Lech from Ohio who says he would like to raise a little hell but everyone is busy writing letters so if this hut isn't here in the morning, it will be his doing. Where is Cpl. Lodes? He's down in Alexandria with his wife. I'll bet he's having a swell time there. We're having a little jam session at the present led by Sgt. Good of Pennsylvania with music by Pfc. Shank and they're really going to town. What a life, it's really great if you can take it.

That just about takes care of hut #10. Oh yes, I almost forgot about Pfc. Lowewenhagen from Wisconsin who just came back from Boom Town. He says there's a lot of pretty girls there. (What do you say, men, let's investigate a little.) There goes Pfc. Hoeking from Detroit, climbing up a bed rail. I don't know what he's up to. It must be something pretty high up whatever it is. I hope he gets it. Boy, join the army to have fun, says Pvt. Holahan from Pennsylvania. He's a heart-breaker. He just left a little "dove" up in St. Louis. He's a little sick at times and I don't blame him a bit. It's something to fight for, he says.

We also have Pfc. Sheehand who keeps the hut in shape after the boys from hut #10 get done with it. He's our carpenter and he's good to have around; saves us a lot of extra duty. Here comes Sgt. Waggoner out of Columbus, Ohio. He says the rain is wet outside so there goes Rose and Hill out in bathing suits to find out.

Pfc. Joe Sterle
499th Engr. Co. E U T C
Camp Claiborne, La.

Meeting Reminder of Lodge 149, AFU, Strabane, Pa.

Members of Lodge No. 149, AFU of Strabane, Pa. are cordially invited to positively attend the next regular monthly meeting which will be held Sunday, July 11 at 2 p. m. Every member has probably read in the Nova Doba about the new resolution presented for a general referendum by the Supreme Board. We shall vote on this resolution at the meeting. I do not think it is necessary to emphasize how important it is that every member attend the next meeting and cast his vote according to what he thinks is best. The resolution concerns every adult member. If the resolution is passed by the majority of the membership we shall begin to pay an additional 25 cent assessment beginning Sept. 1, 1943. This assessment will have to be paid by every member of the adult department for the duration of the war and six months thereafter. Therefore members, you can see how important this issue is. Members can vote only at the meeting. I have the ballots on hand and all that is necessary now is that members attend the next meeting and vote according to their own convictions. I hope to see all the members at the next meeting, in the usual place on Sunday, July 11 at 2 p. m.

John Boles, Sec'y
Lodge No. 149, AFU
Strabane, Pa.

Teach me to feel another's woe,
To hide the fault I see;
That mercy I to others show,
That mercy show to me.
—Alexander Pope

out looking for another crap game. I hope he finds one for he says it's a long time 'til payday. There goes Cpl. Juney of Michigan with some more of his jokes. He's really got some good ones stored up. Last but not least is Pfc. Clendenin. He's from the cotton belt and says he would like to be back pickin' cotton.

Well that winds up the 17 wrecks of hut #10 until next time. Maybe something will turn up soon. We just moved again this week from a Bivanac area and the boys sure miss that life. It sure is swell. We stayed there for two days. It rained when we put up our tents and it was still raining when we took them down. I hope some day we'll be lucky enough to go back there again. The boys certainly miss it.

Now we are back at the main post again which is about three-fourths of a mile from the gate. The happy day will come when we go through it. That's what the fighting 499th is waiting for. We really think we're on the eight ball and not behind it.

I don't have much more to say except that I enjoy reading the Nova Doba very much. That's one day I like to listen to the mail call for I know there will be news coming from the home town and letters in the paper from the AFU servicemen. Come on you AFU members, let's do a little writing. I'm sure the folks back home enjoy reading the paper too.

By the way, let's hear from Barberton, Ohio. What's the matter out there? I'm sure you can find a little time to write so come on and get out your pen and paper. Well I'll have to close now with the hopes of hearing from some one. Until next time I'll be saying so long and good luck.

Hitler's Lies

(Conclusion)

May 9, German government memorandum to Dutch and Belgium government: "The Reich government declares that Germany has no intention of touching the sovereignty and kingdom on the Netherlands or Belgium, either with regard to their European or colonial possessions."

June 21, German broadcast to France: "The French have but to lay down their arms and lasting peace and security will be assured."

Dec. 10, Hitler speech in Berlin: "How often have I stretched out my hand to them (British). "Ever since I came to power I have had not the slightest wish to re-arm."

"We have demanded nothing of course. We have been drawn into a war against our will."

1941
Jan. 30, Hitler speech in Sportspalast, Berlin: "The so-called National Socialist Revolution defeated 'democracy' in the days of democracy by means of democracy. It ensured power for itself by perfectly legal means."

"I stand before you today on the basis of the mandate entrusted to me by the German people."

"When I came to power I did not wish to carry out my program by force. Instead I did my utmost to accomplish my purpose by persuasion alone."

"What offers I made to democratic statesmen! How earnestly I begged them to be sensible and not curtail the vital requirements of a great nation. What did I not do during those long years to pave the way for an understanding with them?"

April 6, Hitler "Order of the Day" to Reich army, after Germany attacked Yugoslavia: "The German people can enter into this new struggle with the inner satisfaction that its leaders have done everything to bring about a peaceful settlement."

May 4, Hitler to Reichstag: (explaining invasion of low countries). "The British warmongers . . . aimed to advance the front to the Rhine by involving the Belgian and Dutch states."

"The Reich never pursued any territorial or any other selfish interest in the Balkans . . . The Reich has never taken the slightest interest in territorial problems and internal conditions in these states for any selfish reason whatsoever."

"The German Reich of the National Socialist Revolution has prided itself on being a fair and decent partner offering in exchange high-quality products instead of worthless democratic paper money."

1942

Jan 30, Hitler speech in Berlin: "We were entirely innocent in starting that war (1914)."

"My fame . . . will consist in . . . works of peace."

April 26, Hitler speech to Reichstag: "When on September 3, 1939, after endless German efforts for peace . . . we had to despair of the reasoning powers of a world which forced this catastrophe . . ."

"In this fight truth is on our side."

Oct. 1, Hitler's propaganda minister, Goebbels, speech in Berlin: "We can not remember ever having tried to extort something from a small state which considered it right to be neutral."

—Office of War Information



Save Those Squeezed-Out Tubes:

Perhaps some of you think it's a bother to turn in those messy squeezed-out toothpaste tubes and shaving cream cans, but the fact is that this form of war-time conservation really does recover a lot of precious tin. For instance, figures released reveal that up to 1941, Ohio ranked sixth in the nation for collection of collapsible tin tubes, with a total of 228,843 pounds. New York with 625,272 pounds; Pennsylvania was second with 888,000 pounds; and California with 344,327. Therefore Americans, keep turning in those collapsible tin tubes!

What's Your Order?

An alewife may sound like a bar-maid but it's merely one of the fish that the Co-ordinator of Fisheries wishes we would eat more of. Of the 160 species of fish caught by commercial fishermen, only about 25 are caught in any quantity and of these account for four-fifths of all the fish we eat. Some of the varieties we are being urged to try are smelt, herring, puffers, which taste like fried chicken; stewed squid; be served with tomato sauce; skate wings and shark steaks.

Garbage Cans and Ice Boxes

A few more garbage cans and ice boxes may find their way into circulation in the quarter as WPB has upped quotas on both of these necessities. The revised quotas mean that greater production is allowed but unfortunately they don't guarantee that garbage cans and ice boxes be made since the supply of steel and other materials is a real limiting factor. Some increase is expected.

Ration Points for Men on Furlough:

When Johnny Dough comes home on leave he's able to obtain ration allotment to share with the family whose table he eats. Formerly it was necessary for a man of the armed services to present his leave papers at his ration board for a point certificate. Now a serviceman is provided with a completed ration form before he leaves camp which he turns over to the person named as the provider of his meals. Said provider then submits the ration form to the local board, 15 days after the serviceman's furlough ends to do this.

Butter, Sweet and Salted

The reason why OPA authorized a price of four-fifths of a cent higher for unsalted butter than for salted butter is that manufacturing costs are higher when salt is left out.

NEW PEDESTRIANS

A lot of us may have had much experience in our role as pedestrians, so here's a suggestion from the Cleveland Safety Council: a few steps to save your life. In other words, cross streets at the corners, and don't cross against traffic. Jaywalkers are high in the list of pedestrian fatalities.

Office of the Supreme Secretary of A. F. U.

GENERAL REFERENDUM

The Supreme Board of the American Fraternal Union has, by and under authority of Sections 5 and 65 of the Constitution and By-laws of said American Fraternal Union, adopted the following resolution which is hereby and herewith referred to the members of the American Fraternal Union for a general referendum:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS our beloved country now finds itself unavoidably engaged in a devastating world-wide war; and WHEREAS millions of our citizens of military age are risking their lives on foreign fields of battle to preserve the liberties of those of us who remain at home; and WHEREAS nearly 1700 of our American soldiers are members of the American Fraternal Union holding certificates of life insurance in the Union; and WHEREAS such certificates necessarily, under sound and safe insurance practice, must exclude the heavy risk that is involved in military service; and WHEREAS it is the desire of every loyal member of our Union that every death that may occur among our soldier-members shall be recognized by us as a valid claim for the full amount stated in the certificate; and WHEREAS the insurance contracts provide that the amount payable out of the Mortuary Fund of the Union in event of death resulting from military, naval, or air service in time of war shall be limited to the amount of the reserve on such certificate; and WHEREAS it is estimated that the additional amount required to make payment of the full face amount under such certificates could be provided by a very small extra assessment on all our loyal members; and WHEREAS notices have already been received of the death of a number of our soldier members;

RESOLVED that a special fund, to be called the Patriotic Fund, be created and maintained by the levy of a special assessment of 25c per month per member, payable at the same time and together with the regular monthly rate due under each member's certificate, over a period of one year commencing with the month of September, 1943; AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that such special assessments be levied for successive periods of twelve months so long as the war lasts and until six months thereafter, provided that at the end of said six months the amount remaining in said Patriotic Fund, if any, shall be transferred to the surplus of the Mortuary Fund; AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that an initial sum in the amount of \$150,000 be transferred from the surplus now held in the Mortuary Fund to the said Patriotic Fund so established under this Resolution, AND RESOLVED that this Resolution be forthwith submitted for approval to the members of the American Fraternal Union in their respective lodges assembled, and upon such approval by an affirmative vote of a majority of all votes cast and recorded, the Supreme Board shall thereby be vested with authority to execute the provisions of this Resolution.

The referendum on the foregoing resolution shall commence June 2, 1943 and close August 2, 1943.

Members may cast their ballots only at regular meetings of the lodge and each and every member is required to sign his or her ballot. Only members in good standing at the time are permitted to vote. Voting by mail or in the home of the secretary or any other officer of the lodge is not permissible, except where and when regular meetings of the lodge are held in such homes. A ballot on the resolution shall be taken under Order No. 7 of the order of business prescribed in Section 432 of the By-laws and after both, the English and Slovene text of the resolution have been read by the secretary. The full text of the resolution will not be printed on the ballots, but there will appear on the ballot the following question: "SHALL THE RESOLUTION OF THE SUPREME BOARD TO CREATE AND MAINTAIN A PATRIOTIC FUND BE APPROVED?"

A report of the result of the balloting must be forwarded to the Supreme Secretary not later than August 12, 1943. Ballots will be sent to the lodge secretaries under separate cover. Completed ballots need not be returned to the supreme secretary, only a report of the vote should be sent.

SUPREME SECRETARY'S MEMORANDUM

The supreme board is submitting the foregoing resolution to referendum vote of the entire membership for two reasons, first, because of the increased objections to the war clause which is so recommended, second, because it is so recommended, by the insurance department of the State of Minnesota.

The war clause contained in our By-laws and attached to each membership certificate was adopted at our last convention at the suggestion of our actuary who wished to protect the Union from catastrophic losses which any war of long duration may incur. Our supreme board was in full accord with the actuary and re-affirmed this position at its special meeting held in the month of December, 1942, in Cleveland, Ohio. On that occasion the supreme board also pledged itself to recommend to the next convention approval of payment in full of all war losses, provided they were not too high, or at least such portion thereof as may not seriously impair the solvency of our mortuary fund.

A considerable number of our members, however, did not agree with our supreme board and the objections to the war clause continued on an increased scale. Numerous inquiries regarding the war clause were also received by the Minnesota Insurance Department which, however, had no remedy because the clause was adopted in a legal manner and was binding upon all members. The insurance department, however, did invite the supreme secretary to St. Paul, stating that it had a few suggestions and ideas which might be worthwhile. They pointed out that, being a Minnesota organization, they are interested in our future and that they feared that the present exclusion (war clause) might nullify the fine progress we have made during the past 15 years. They also felt that, judging from the inquiries they have received, our membership may not now be in favor of the war clause and suggested that our supreme board re-consider this war clause matter and possibly submit the question to a referendum vote of the entire membership. Being a fraternal society, they said, it should be possible for us to present a plan to the membership whereby, if it so desires, the war clause

American Slav Congress to Honor War Hero, Cpl. John Yaksich

With best wishes from Vice-President Henry Wallace, and with the arrival in Detroit of Guadalcanal war hero, Cpl. John T. Yaksich, who will be guest of honor, the preparations for the Slav Day Rally on July 18 at Keyworth Stadium, Hamtramck, received a new impetus.

The unexpected arrival of Cpl. Yaksich on a 30-day furlough was a pleasant surprise to the organizers of the Rally and all Detroit Slavs who are proud of him. The 20-year old Marine fighter is modest about his deeds which won him the Silver Star medal, but the Slav Congress prevailed upon him to

be at the Rally on July 18 and tell the story of how he wiped out a six-man Jap machine gun nest and crawled back to his own line, fearful of being reprimanded by the commanding officer for acting without orders.

Many other prominent speakers will appear on the Rally program. The main feature of the Rally, which will be a tribute to the Slav and other American war heroes, will consist of presenting the Army with a tank, purchased with War Bonds by the Slavs of Detroit and vicinity. The tank will be christened "Michigan Slav" at the Rally.

Secretary of Lodge II Omaha, Neb., Discusses Present Resolution

One after another we leave for the place from which there is no returning. On May 15th, Sister Mary Cepuran, 72 years old, passed away. Surviving her are her daughters, Anne Car, Mary Cerovsky, Lucy Schimker, Rose Nittler and Theresa Cepuran; a son, Joseph Cepuran; and a sister, Barbara Stanesic. May she ever be remembered.

The members of Lodge No. 11, AFU of Omaha, Neb. are reminded to attend the next regular monthly meeting in as large a number as possible. It will be held Sunday, July 18 in the usual meeting place at 10 a. m. At this meeting we shall discuss and vote upon the resolution which was presented by the Supreme Board for a general referendum. If this resolution is passed, every adult member will pay after Sept. 1st, a special assessment of 25 cents for the duration of the war and six months thereafter.

Members, I wish to remind you to take advantage of your privilege to vote and to think it over well before you vote. I heard many members state that they will rather leave the lodge and organization than pay this high monthly assessment. Our members who are serving in the American Armed Forces do not demand this change, they do not want the membership to be assessed highly because of them. If a member dies in the line of duty, his family will not have any expense for his funeral for all expenses are paid by the government. The greater amount of the death benefit is considered important to cover the cost of the funeral expense. If a member who is a civilian dies and is insured for \$500, the undertaker charges \$500 for the funeral; in this way we see how much is left to the beneficiary from the death

benefit. This won't happen to the servicemen. Up to the present, not one serviceman has publicly stated that he demands such a change in our by-laws. The Supreme Board thinks up something and then gives it to the members for a general referendum. If the present resolution is passed, it will cause a revolution in the organization. How can the older members pay such a high assessment when they can hardly pay their present dues? And how can the secretaries collect that quarter assessment month after month? Who will want to take over the secretary's job? How many young members will leave the lodge and the Union? Why does the Supreme Board come out with such matters when the convention is just before us, as you might say.

I read the article from Lodge No. 1, AFU of Ely, Minn. with which 99 per cent of our members do NOT agree. I also read the article written by the secretary of Lodge No. 21, AFU and if all secretaries were like that, the Supreme Board would not recommend such high assessments. In short, my opinion is that this whole matter be postponed until the next convention which is near. If we will have the money, we will be able to pay then and it won't be too late.

The following members of our lodge are serving in the Armed Forces: James Suty, Frank Balkovec, Fred Cvetas, Frank Cvetas, Joe Weiss, Ernest Weiss, Edward Radanovich, Frank Jershin, Fred Misas, Charles Brodarick and Carl Kastelic. Fraternal regards to all.

John Urek, Sec'y Lodge No. 11, AFU Omaha, Neb.

could be eliminated and an additional charge or assessment made on the entire membership for the purpose of meeting the unexpected mortality which is bound to come about because of the number of our young members who are now in the armed forces. They suggested a special assessment of \$4.00 per year for each \$1000.00 insurance. It is understood that in case the members would not approve of such plan the war clause is to remain in full force and effect.

The supreme secretary made a report of said conference to the supreme board and also submitted a plan by the sub-committee of the supreme executive committee which plan is embodied in the foregoing resolution. The supreme board approved the resolution and it also carries the approval of the Minnesota State Insurance Department. If the resolution will also meet with the approval of a majority of the membership participating in the referendum, then all war losses will be paid in full and without any deduction, and regardless when a soldier-member has been accepted into the Union and in what plan he had been insured. If, on the other hand, the resolution should fail of approval on the part of the membership, then the war clause will remain in full force and effect at least until our next convention.

It is sincerely hoped that the resolution herein and herewith submitted will be acceptable to the members of our Union and that they will cheerfully approve of the same.

Ely, Minnesota, May 27, 1943. Fraternally yours, ANTON ZBASNIK, Supreme Secretary

Meeting Notice of Lodge 190, AFU, Butte, Mont.

The next meeting of Lodge No. 190, AFU of Butte, Mont. will take place July 15 at 7:30 p. m. at the usual place. At the regular June meeting we did not have enough members present to open the meeting. I would like to see the members take a little more interest and come to the meetings.

We have another resolution submitted to us for a general referendum from the Supreme Board. This resolution is to decide if we should pay the beneficiaries of servicemen killed in this war the whole death benefit or not. If the resolution is passed, we shall pay an additional 25 cent assessment beginning Sept. 1, 1943 which will last for the duration. It is the duty of every adult member to attend our next meeting and help decide the issue for the benefit of our membership and our Union.

If the boys in the Armed Forces are willing to fight for us, I think we should be patriotic enough to be willing to pay a small sum of 25 cents toward this fund.

Our 45th Anniversary Membership Campaign is now in progress and it would be well if our lodge did its share in this respect; if every member tries to enroll a new member. The secretary can't do it all, he or she needs a little help. We already have attained 24 1/2 points, now let all of us members get busy and write up some new insurance.

I want to congratulate the lodges that have already attained the 45-point goal. Hoping to see all the members at the next meeting, I remain, Fraternally yours,

Mary Predovich, Sec'y Lodge No. 190, AFU Butte, Mont.

Meeting Notice of Betsy Ross Lodge

The Betsy Ross Lodge No. 186, AFU of Cleveland, O. will hold its next meeting on Sunday, July 11th at the Slovenian Workmen's Home on Waterloo Rd. at 1:30 p. m. This meeting will be a very important one and every member is asked to attend. The voting on the Supreme Board resolution will be held at this time. Every member should attend for you can only vote at the meeting. Fraternal regards to all.

Catherine Krall, Sec'y Lodge No. 186, AFU Cleveland, Ohio.

Let's all add to Hitler's sorrow By turning in our scrap tomorrow!

Member's Viewpoint On Present General Referendum

More than One-Hundred Twenty per cent solvent is the battle cry we so often hear from some of the Supreme Officers of our organization.

My opinion is that there is no need of creating a special assessment when the mortuary fund is over 100 per cent solvent. It is surprising to see members that were at the last convention flag waving for our boys who may die. Oh how nice some of their writings would have been at the last convention when it suspended all members of the Armed Forces of our country from disability, sick and other benefits without a word against the proposal. Little did the "Father" of that by-law think that without this liability there was also a loss of thousands and thousands of dollars in assessments for these funds. The over 100 per cent solvency, suspension of assessments dividends are all misnomers and the real words should be over assessments and refunds.

Since the by-laws give the power to the Supreme Board to levy an assessment whenever a fund is in need of such assessment, therefore there is no need of a referendum to collect a 25 cents special assessment.

Let's hope that the next convention will correct the mistakes made by the last by giving the members of our Armed Forces the full benefit which is granted to other members of our organization and by correcting any losses that have been sustained on account of said discriminating by-law. Fraternally yours,

William B. Laurich, member Lodge No. 170, AFU Chicago, Ill.

Here is a message to truck drivers from the Greater Cleveland Safety Council: In a check-up on one truck fleet, it was found that fifty per cent of all accidents were caused by faulty or careless backing. You truck drivers and your wartime loads are too important to your country to become casualties because of a backout black-out!

BICYCLES

With school closed, juvenile bicycle traffic is at its peak during the summer. The Greater Cleveland Safety Council reminds us. School children have been trained—through Safety Education programs—to ride carefully and to observe traffic signals. But after all, they're just kids, and occasionally they may forget what they have been told. Let's look out for them—and for adult bike riders as well.

Meeting Notice of Lodge 132, AFU Euclid, Ohio

The members of Lodge No. 132, AFU of Euclid, O. are urged to attend the next meeting which will be held July 9, 1943 at 7:30 p. m. at the Slovenian Society Home on Recher Ave. An important subject will be discussed and the members are the ones to voice their opinion in regard to the matter. It has appeared in the Nova Doba for quite some time. The matter concerns the new resolution which, if passed, will mean a 25-cent additional assessment per month.

If the resolution is passed and members will have to pay a 25-cent additional assessment and if you were not present at the meeting to vote upon it, do not come and argue with me about it later. You have your chance to vote according to what you think is best. Use this privilege!

Fraternally yours, John Cecelic, Sec'y Lodge No. 132, AFU Euclid, Ohio

MAKE THAT PHONE CALL BRIEF

A lot of us don't realize that Uncle Sam has six or seven million men coming to dinner, as it were, and also expecting to be sheltered, clothed, armed, trained and transported for the toughest war in history. His ordering must be done over party telephone lines that he shares with all of us. He has to make a great many calls—two thousand are involved in the making of a bomber—and he's in a desperate hurry.

We can all help by making fewer and briefer calls. Unnecessary, long-winded and wrong-number calls are out for the duration. You can help by:

- 1. Making only necessary calls and then being brief.
2. Don't be a number guesser. Wrong numbers take three person's time.
3. Don't ask "information" for numbers you can find in the directory.
4. Don't be a hook, jigglor. If the operator doesn't answer pronto, it's because the calls are coming in faster than she can handle them. Wait patiently.
5. Be considerate if you share a party line.

VLOGE v tej posojilnici zavarovane do \$5,000.00 po Federal Savings & Loan Insurance Corporation, Washington, D. C. Sprejemamo osebne in družbene vloge. Plačane obresti po 3% St. Clair Savings & Loan Co. 6235 St. Clair Avenue HEnd. 5678



WAAC'S TAKE TO WATER—Members of the WAAC learn the fundamentals of water safety from two Red Cross swimming instructors at a southern training camp. Their aquatic training is identical to that taught to thousands of men in the Army and Navy through the American Red Cross First Aid, Water Safety and Accident Prevention Service.

