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Ohio KSKJ Day Picnic

The 54th annual Ohio KSKJ Day Picnic will be held on Sunday, June 26 from 12 noon to 8 p.m. at Slovenska Pristava Recreation Center in Harpersfield, Ohio. It is sponsored by the Ohio Federation of American Slovenian Catholic Union (KSKJ) lodges as a social event for all KSKJ members, their families, and friends.

Everyone is kindly invited to come and join the get-together to renew old acquaintances and enjoy good fellowship.

The Joey Tomsick Orchestra will furnish music for our listening and dancing pleasure from 3 to 7 p.m.

There will be food and liquid refreshments available. A bake sale will feature homemade delicacies by the members. Free refreshment tickets worth \$2.00 will be given to children 14 years of age and under until 5 p.m.

Games and contests for children will begin at 4 p.m. The swimming pool will also be open at a cost.

Admission and parking are free.

Directions:

From Cleveland, take Route I-90 East to the Geneva Exit, State Route 534. Take Route 534 South for approximately 2 miles to South River Road. Proceed on South River Road for approximately 1 mile to Brandt Road. Brandt Road is the first street you will see while traveling on South River Road. It is easy to miss the road if you are not paying attention. Turn right on Brandt Road and proceed to Slovenska Pristava. The picnic area is a little over a half-mile down Brandt Road. You will have to make a right turn from Brandt to enter the picnic area.

--Joseph V. Hocevar
Ohio Federation President



(Photo by PHIL HRVATIN)

Father Kumse's Flowering Parish

by DAVE WHITAKER
Catholic Forester

Springtime, and St. Mary Catholic Church is in full bloom. While Reverend John Kumse's green thumb deserves credit for the flowers and vegetables that surround the church, it's his passionate leadership that has cultivated a vibrant spirit year-round.

As this historic parish's pastor for 18 years, Kumse leads a congregation blended from two distinct cultures. In its early years, the church and surrounding neighborhood were home to parishioners of Slovenian heritage. Many moved to Cleveland's suburbs years ago," Kumse explains, "but remain regular members."

In the last few decades, the neighborhood became home to many African-Americans. Kumse and the church reached out to the changing community, and today a majority of the parish's elementary school students are non-Catholic African-Americans.

"It's proven an interesting and, at times, challenging transformation," Kumse admits. "Too often, when residents leave the city for the suburbs, the perception arises that an area becomes old and decrepit. I think just the opposite. We made a commitment to meet the community's needs, to bring new life and enthusiasm to our neighborhood."

When St. Mary School's enrollment fell below 100 four years ago, it faced closure. "We had one year to turn things around," says Kumse, "so we went out and canvassed the neighborhood."

Enrollment blossomed to more than 200, and recently Kumse initiated a \$1.9 million building project that resulted in a new school gym and social hall.

He continues to nurture the traditions of long-time Slovenian parishioners with whom he shares a common heritage. "At the Center, we have a Slovenian Room where we hold special events. It has stained glass windows depicting scenes from that country," Kumse

says. "An open hearth for baking and heating comes directly from Slovenia."

Kumse feels the culture mix provides an ideal church community, where the parish serves as a spiritual gathering place and center of religious life. "The experience has opened people's eyes," he says. "There is great mutual respect here."

He agrees his personal hobbies may have played a positive role in molding two cultures into one church family. An avid biker, every May he leads a group on a 47-mile bike ride to the annual parish picnic grounds.

His flower and vegetable gardens always seem to spur conversation. "When I'm working in the yard, people stop to talk. Motorists often yell, 'Nice job' and 'Thanks for making it so beautiful.' It's important that people see beauty where they live. It helps them appreciate the beauty in their own lives and in themselves."

And then there's Vlado, Kumse's four-legged friend. Short for Vladimir, the retriever mix showed up about five years ago. "This dog kept following me around," Kumse recalls. "No one claimed him, and now he's king of the parish. Everybody loves Vlado."

Though he never imagined owning a pet, Kumse did envision joining the priesthood. "Ever since high school, I knew I wanted to dedicate my life to the church." Last May, he celebrated 25 years as a priest.

While serving at Cleveland's St. Vitus Church, Kumse joined Catholic Order of Foresters. "I've been very involved with the Foresters, and here at the parish, St. Mary Court (1640) members have helped with many functions and provided new spiritual direction."

The church celebrates its 100th anniversary this year, and according to Kumse, "With active parishioners and Foresters, we'll carry on our mission to support church, school, and community."

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Baraga Banquet Tickets on Sale

To order tickets for the Sunday afternoon, Sept. 4 Bishop Baraga banquet, send order to:

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Banquet tickets are \$25.00 each. Checks should be made out to: St. Vitus (Baraga Days Banquet).

A table of 8-to-10 will be reserved. Tables with less than eight will be assigned on a first come, first served basis to be fair to all attending this event. There are 235 tickets already allocated. The banquet will be able to accommodate 500 persons. Guest speaker will be His Excellency Archbishop Elden F. Curtiss, archdiocese of Omaha (NE).

Besides the banquet, there will be a short cultural program followed by the guest speaker, and then the annual proceedings for the Baraga Association.

The banquet will be held in the new parish center of St. Mary of the Assumption Church (Collinwood) in Cleveland.

Pristava 'Campers' Benefit Dinner

Summer has arrived and so has the much-anticipated Slovenska Pristava "Campers" annual steak/chicken dinner which will be held this year on Saturday, July 2nd.

This annual "sell-out" dinner will be extra special this year... as a kick-off to the 4th of July weekend.

Come and enjoy an evening at Pristava with a delicious home-made dinner: steak (cooked outdoors) or chicken dinners with all the special side dishes.

The dinner will have most of the proceeds donated to the new Pristava Hall project. So, come out and enjoy a delicious dinner and support a great cause.

The tickets are \$15.00 for steak, and \$12.00 for chicken. The dinners must be reserved in advance.

Bar opens at 2 p.m., and dinners served at 5 p.m. thru 7 p.m. only. For reservations, please call Terri Vogel (216) 529-0579, or Marge Znidarsic (440) 256-9237.

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Polka Mass at Shrine

by RUDY FLIS

Our Lady of Lourdes Shrine, is a place of prayer and contemplation for many who journey to Euclid, Ohio. This past Wednesday, it was much more. You not only sought Mary's help, but at 6 p.m. I went to Mass, a Polka Mass, celebrated by Fr. George Balasko, our beloved Polka Priest.

Father paid tribute to many polka greats, laced with stories of long ago, when he was a teenager and remembered Eddie Habat's Jack on St. Clair and Strawberry Hill while mentioning the wedding song, and of course, Fr. George did mention the passing of Tony Vadnal and others important to all us polka lovers.

The weather was threatening so the Mass was in the beautiful chapel, where Wayne Tomsic and his combo supplied a packed chapel with smooth notes to the words that praise God the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Father's keen insight of the music of our Church and of our heritage was part of his homily. It was an interesting, beautiful and inspiring Mass from the very first note, until the last person was anointed by Fr. George, which he had done last year and again this year. I was anointed and appreciated father's charitable gesture to the many present who can use all the help they can get.

After the Polka Mass had ended, and the anointing was over, Father was famished. I

didn't see him leave the chapel and make his way to the dining room, but I think he got there in record time, to eat some delicious food. If I were the devil, during the Polka Mass I would have put visions of stuffed cabbage, pierogi, and dessert in the mind of the priest at the altar. With Mass over, he must have felt like King David after fasting 40 days and nights in the desert. Father hadn't eaten for hours and it is a long ride from East Liverpool, Ohio to Euclid, Ohio.

The sisters in charge of the shrine fed all the hungry who packed their appetite in with their love of the Polka Mass and entered the dining room. I could not eat all the food they offered, no matter how good it tasted.

I hope Jesus and His Mother Mary were pleased with the love that poured from the hearts and souls of the loving flock that had gathered this special Wednesday afternoon when all present adored Jesus and prayed to Mary to the beautiful music that describes our heritage and the Mass that acknowledges our Catholic Faith. Thank you Lord for I loved every moment I spent there with You and Mary and the saints. Let's do it again.

On June 25th it will be 55 years since the Korean Conflict began. Please pray for all who served, but most of all who made the ultimate sacrifice, and may God have mercy on their souls and watch over those who serve our country today.

Eating Isn't Fun Anymore

by JOE GLINSEK
Sarasota, Florida

My figure is less ample than it was; that's good. Eating isn't fun anymore, and that's not good.

Enjoying one of life's greatest pleasures has become a very occasional sin. Various ailments cause cherished foods to become fading memories. As I heard someone explain recently: "My body can't process that." Sob.

Let's talk breakfast. A Sunday morning favorite was a soft omelet with brains, calf or lamb, but pig's will do. Grampa liked his 'straight' - boiled in vinegar water. A black sort of 'hair-net' outlined the nodules, but peeled away after cooking. It still looked like an illustration from a medical text, but the vinegar firmed the wiggly texture. Appearance was a deterrent, but mixing them in an omelet solved this problem. If you enjoy fried oysters, you'd probably like a brain omelet; taste and texture are similar. Once past the thought of it, the reward is delicious.

Leftover kidney stew with crusty bread dipped in the gravy, made a hearty cold-weather breakfast; reheating actually improved the flavor. You must be venturesome to eat kidneys, but they weren't

a problem for me: organ meats were part of my diet since childhood. Pork kidneys were the usual fare, but calf or lamb was better, though more expensive. Beef kidneys were big, cheap, and too gamey for most. A mild kidney was usually pale, pinkish-beige when raw. Mom made generous amounts of the stew for supper, always planning on leftovers for breakfast.

Very fresh chicken livers, lightly browned and slightly rare, with bits of bacon and onion: there's a breakfast fit for a king. Fabled breakfasts such as this are only memories, for I must eat more like a pauper than a king.

You might get the impression that we never ate a normal breakfast; not at all. Eggs, fresh off a farm truck weekly, their big orange yolks standing high and proud above whites edged with crisp brown lace, and sizzling in homemade lard and cracklings with bacon, sausage or ham, preferably all three. Mop this up with fat slices of homemade chive bread, toasted and thickly buttered, and wash it down with strong, hot coffee - that's a good breakfast. Sometimes we skipped the eggs and toast and substituted pancakes or waffles with butter and syrup. Served with crisp bacon and sausage, it was a serious breakfast - also high on my list. Orange juice and corn

flakes were not considered a breakfast, barely qualifying as a snack between meals.

Do you have room for lunch? The roof of our house was the source of this occasional delicacy. From an attic window, Grampa could reach the eaves where pigeons always nested. He was very skilled at snatching them from their roost. After bagging six, he'd dress them for the oven. Mom wouldn't eat pigeon, but prepared his roast squab, a fancy lunch he shared with me.

The fat, puffy pigeon, when dressed, baked, and ready for the table, was no larger than a child's fist. It took three to make a modest meal for one, but it was a novel experience. And like rattlesnake, the other exotic meats, squab "tastes just like chicken."

Pigeons are seriously deficient in 'smarts,' which may have given rise to the expression, 'bird-brain.' It's hard to imagine that he could reach out and grab them, especially after they'd just seen their buddies whisked away. I tried it, but didn't have the knack.

All this is erased from my life. The Food Police add items to their Forbidden List every month. Foods with calories, saturated fat, cholesterol, lactose, and uric acid were eaten daily in my youth, but 'fattening' was unknown to us. Limberger cheese; goose liver sandwiches with thick raw onion; smoked pork or blood and rice sausages, on and on: this list of my favorite childhood foods are now forbidden and forsaken for the hope of a life that will only seem longer.

At a cocktail party, one woman said to another, "Aren't you wearing your wedding ring on the wrong finger?" "Yes, I am. I married the wrong man." -Emma Pogacar

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Zakelj Family Chronicle

by ANTON ZAKELJ,
Translated and edited
by JOHN ZAKELJ

(Continued from last week)

After the pilgrimage, Mama sometimes felt much better, but not well enough to do the housekeeping. Aunt Mici took care of that for 3-4 years, then my sister Julka took over when she was about 14, and later my younger sister Mici. Mama still made bobbin lace whenever she could, but she never produced enough to even pay for her medicine. She had almost no money, but she liked to donate to anyone who needed help, especially the missions.

Constructing an Addition to Our House

During the early 1920's, Ata's shoemaking trade prospered. He hired more assistants and our home workshop became too small. Ata wanted to build a new building just for shoemaking. Our neighbors on both sides had hayfields that would have made good building sites, but they refused to sell any land.

Ata never discussed his plans with us. On Easter day, 1925, we were surprised to see master builder Gladek at our home. Ata and Gladek took measurements and pounded stakes that went from our house to the ditch in the back corner, within a meter of the neighbor's hayfield.

That spring we dug the foundation for our new addition. The ground behind our house was boggy, so we had to pound in many oak posts to support the foundation. We poured concrete for the foundation, and included some old pieces of steel in the concrete to make it more solid.

It was that year that Bahac built his brickyard near our village. Bahac and his workers dug peat and clay, formed them into bricks and baked them. Ata bought a few thousand bricks from that brickyard. While the bricks were being delivered, I got a break from working in the shoemaking shop for a few months. I moved every brick from the horse-drawn delivery wagon to a neat pile in our yard, and from there to the construction site. Whenever the bricklayers needed more bricks, I would bring them to the scaffolding. I moved every one of those bricks at least twice.

This was hard work, but I enjoyed it. There was only one time when I became afraid, when our neighbor, master carpenter Paradizar asked me to come up and help set up the roof beams. He often asked me to help get the beams up to the roof, three stories up. But I didn't like walking around up there. I wasn't used to that type of work and not too strong physically. The slightest mistake could have resulted in my falling, far down to the ground. When Ata saw what I was being asked to do, he called out to Paradizar: "Leave the boy alone. Why am I paying your assistants?" Ata didn't like the fact that Paradizar always expected a barrel of wine to be available for him. Paradizar would often dip a ladle into the barrel, sip from the ladle, and complain, "Ay, ay, I'm so thirsty."

During the winter, Paradizar had no construction work, so Ata paid him to build all the windows for our addition. But he was a carpenter, not a cabinetmaker, so the window construction did not go quickly for him,

and the windows wound up costing more than if we had paid a cabinetmaker.

While we were building the addition, Ata was so worried, he couldn't sleep. In the evenings, he would go to a nearby inn to play cards and would not return home until late at night. Mama was angry with him: "We have so many expenses with the house and he goes out and squanders." I defended him, saying that he needs to get out where he can relax. The next day Mama made me a special breakfast because "I defended Ata."

(To Be Continued)

Concert/Dance at SNH

The Friends of the Slovenian National Home, Inc., 6417 St. Clair Avenue are presenting a Concert/Dance featuring the Ansambel Ekart on Friday, July 15.

Doors open at 6 p.m., music starts at 7 p.m.

Advance tickets \$8.00; admission at the door is \$10.

Food and refreshments will be available.

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Veteran Robert Blatnik Earns 2 Gold Medals

NORMAN, Okla. – Robert Blatnik, an Army veteran from Rowlett, Texas, is one of more than 500 veterans in their "golden age" who were in Norman, Oklahoma from May 21-26 competing in the 19th National Veterans Golden Age Games – the largest sporting event in the world for senior veterans. All participants were U.S. military veterans from across the country age 55 and older, and receiving medical care through the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA).

Blatnik, 85, a combat-wounded veteran of World War II (European Theater), currently receives care at the VA medical facility in Dallas, Texas.

Blatnik (participant No. 175) competed in the following events:

- Shuffleboard (wheelchair) – 1 Bronze
- Swimming – 50 yards free (amb.) 1 Gold
- Swimming 50 Yards back (amb.) – 1 Gold
- Bowling (wheelchair/adaptive) – 1 Silver.

"The National Veterans Golden Age Games have inspired me to remain active and compete," said Blatnik. "Exercise is necessary for survival and good health. Swimming is my best activity and the VA provides the venue for that activity."

Blatnik said he met another Slovenian, a lady named Amy Stuart at the games. She grew up in the Collinwood area and attended St. Joseph School on E. 144th Street. Her great-great uncle was Father Hribar. Fr. Hribar was Blatnik's pastor at St. Mary's Church on Holmes Avenue.

The 19th National Veterans Golden Age Games is sponsored by the Department of Veterans Affairs, the Veterans of Foreign Wars and Ladies Auxiliary (VFW), and the Veterans Canteen Service (VCS). Hosted this year by the Oklahoma City VA Medical Center. The Golden Age Games demonstrate the value of regular exercise, recreation and friendly competition for all veterans, especially those dealing with age-specific illnesses.

Robert Blatnik is shown with his winning medals. Note he is wearing his Cleveland Indians baseball cap.

Butterflies taste with their feet. –Frankie Mlakar



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Mlakar Walks Down Memory Lane

by RAY MLAKAR

Well, if nothing else, we can honestly say the weather has been great lately. With the cool down in temperatures, I had hoped I would have gotten my garden in, but concentrated instead on getting up the weeds in the flower beds first. If everything grew like the weeds, I would think that I was on the other side of the Alps.

The guy across the street had his tomato plants in for a few weeks and already had blossoms that were about to turn into green tomatoes, but unfortunately Rudolph and his friends came by for lunch. He called them names I never even heard before. I tried to tell him that their names were Dancer, Prancer, Rudolph.

I have my plants ready to put in and plan to put them right next to the drive and have been going over instructions with Happy Harry that his *sole job* will be to insure that Rudolph and his friends don't stop by for lunch. But knowing Happy Harry, it all went in one ear and out the other. Got to admit that since I passed my 39th birthday many years ago, I am not operating at full speed, but then what can I expect at my age?

Well, time to get back to Ray's memory lane and Ray's Happy Marriage. What can I say, I lived like a



Happy Harry

king and we worked hand in hand. Josie helping me with the yard work and I insured that I was there to dry the dishes and on Sundays it was her day off and Ray's turn at the outside grill. During the summer months I cooked outdoors all the time. It was only many years later when Josie became sick that she realized that I could cook. What can I say, Ma did not raise any dummies. Now that I think of it, if I could have grilled a hot dog for Sister Bernadette, perhaps she would never have failed me and kept me for another year, but then by the same token with my cooking, perhaps she would never have let me go. What can I say?... Sister's loss, my gain.

The following year after our marriage, we decided to go to my mother's homeland, good old Slovenia for my mom still had a brother and one sister still living there. It was a trip we had really looked forward to and the way we packed, one would think we were never

coming back. I recall it was one huge plane. Now that I think back, at that time Helen Konkoy and her son Billy were also on that same plane making a visit there also to see some of her parents' relatives. It goes without saying that is one beautiful country, the Sunny Side of the Slopes. Rather than get into the stay in Slovenia in this column, I will save it for next week for once I get started, I don't know when to stop.

Time out for some jokes or would you prefer I give you a short quiz? Did you take notes? Only time will tell. Well, let's get back to some religious jokes and I can hear Bob Hope telling St. Peter, "Oh I remember that one when Ray gave it to me."

I had been teaching my three-year-old daughter Caitlin, the Lord's Prayers for several evenings at bed time. She would repeat the lines from the prayer. Finally, she decided to go solo. I listen with pride and she carefully enunciated each word right up to the end of the prayer, "Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us some e-mail, Amen."

With that, it is time to say "Amen" and may the Good Lord Bless and watch over all of you and keep you in good health.

Noteworthy Wines from Slovenia

by RICHARD NALLEY
Food & Wine



Sometimes the wine world's newest frontiers are also its oldest. That's true in the tiny country of Slovenia, a part of the former Yugoslavia, east of Italy and south of Austria, where wine has been made for centuries.

Free from the constraints of socialism since 1991, Slovenia is producing surprisingly good bottlings using a mix of old-time and cutting-edge wine-making techniques and a wealth of local grape varieties (Ranina, Zelen, Kraljevina). American sommeliers are taking note: Slovenian bottles appear on lists at newer spots like Swimclub 32 in Denver and Luna Park in LA, as well as at more established places. New York restaurateur Joseph Bastianich (Babbo, Lupa), who also owns the Bastianich winery in northeastern Italy, has even crossed the border to invest in Slovenian vineyards.

At New York City's Gotham Bar and Grill, wine director Michael Greenlee loves the "radically traditional" methods he saw in Slovenia, including some wineries fermenting grapes in ancient Greek-style amphorae. His favorites include the wines of Kogl, such as the "classically styled and balanced" wine 2000 Cuvee Bouquet, a blend of Pinot Gris, Chardonnay and Yellow Muscat.

Kristen Johnson, wine director for Assaggio Ristorante in Seattle, says, "We do very well with the wines from Movia." Movia's dynamic young proprietor, Ales Kristancic, who practices rigorous organic viticulture on both sides of the Italian-Slovenian border, has become the country's most renowned winemaker. Movia's 1999 Veliko Bianco is a luscious dry wine with a whiff of spicy yellow apples, made from the native Rebula grape.

Many of Slovenia's most successful wines in the current crop are food-friendly whites, but the country also turns out some reds and is making a name for itself in the tricky category of ice wines, as the rich, unctuous Golden Hill Laski Rizling attests. Winemakers like Dancing Man's Marko Podbukovsek envision a future for Slovenia as proud as its past: The wines from our neighboring countries are famous now, but during the days of the [Austro-Hungarian] Empire, everyone knew the top wines were always the Slovenians!"

Thanks to knowledgeable travel guide Mimi Stibil of Norwalk, Ohio for this informative article.

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Belokranjski Klub holds picnic in honor of Baraga

What do the following have in common? The number of days Jesus fasted in the desert. The number of days in Lent. The number of years Bishop Baraga ministered to the faithful in Upper Michigan. The number of years the current Belokranjski Klub has been in Cleveland. The answer to all of these questions is 40, a sacred number, complete, full of promise, and history.

For almost forty years (1831-1868) Bishop Frederick Baraga, the saintly missionary traveled the Upper Peninsula of Michigan preaching the Gospel to the Indians and early white settlers, overcoming great hardships and obstacles. Just before coming to America, Bishop Baraga served the people of Bela krajina at Sv. Nikolaj parish in Metlika. During those years Bishop Baraga is remembered as their confessor and inspiration. Bishop Baraga offered the assurance of God's love and forgiveness in contrast to the harsh rigors of the time. People flocked to his confessional with the lines forming well before dawn. He seemed to understand the plight and their desire to live good lives. To assist them he also began to write and edit devotional books for the common person.

Bishop Baraga inspired the Belokranjci, among them the most notable immigrant from Crnomelj, Janez Vrtin, who was ordained by Baraga and later became his successor as Bishop of Marquette, Michigan, in 1879. Bishop Baraga established the Marquette Diocese, while Bishop Vrtin is credited for its organization and continued growth. Bishop Vrtin obtained funding from family and friends for the building of the current cathedral, diocesan churches, rectories, and schools. Bishop Vrtin also attracted many priests and religious to the diocese.

Many members of the Belokranjski Klub, like Bishop Baraga, left their beloved Bela krajina and emigrated to America. At this time we remember June 29, 1797, as being his birthday. Baraga Days are scheduled to be celebrated in Cleveland this Labor Day weekend. The Belokranjski Klub would like to honor our Bishop Baraga on Labor Day, Monday, Sept 5 with a picnic at Slovenska Pristava. Please reserve the date, and plan to join us for special festivities. More details will follow.

--The Belokranjski Klub of Cleveland, Ohio

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The encounter will culminate on Aug. 27 when Mars comes to within 34,649,589 miles of Earth and will be (next to the moon) the brightest object in

the night sky. It will attain a magnitude of 2.98 and will appear 25.11 arc seconds wide.

At a modest 75-power magnification Mars will look as large as the full moon to the naked eye. Mars will be easy to spot. At the beginning of August it will rise in the east at 10 p.m., and reach its azimuth at about 3 a.m.

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Thanks to James V. Debevec, II, for submitting this article.

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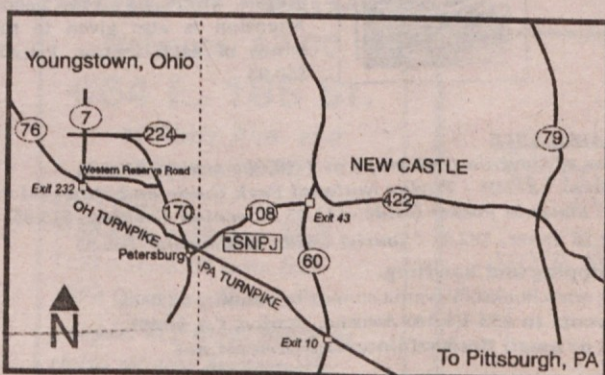
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FROM OHIO TURNPIKE — Take Exit 232 and follow Route 7N toward Youngstown, then turn right onto Western Reserve Road. Turn right onto Route 170S and travel approximately 6 miles to the blinking light in Petersburg, Ohio. At that light, turn left onto PA-108E and follow the signs on Route 108 to the SNPJ Recreation Center, approximately 2 miles.

Veterans Saluted at St. Vitus Picnic

St. Vitus Parish will have its annual parish picnic on Sunday, July 17 at Slovenska Pristava, a recreational facility in Harpersfield, Ohio.

The parish will observe the 60th anniversary of the conclusion of World War II (VE-VJ Day) by honoring fallen veterans with a special salute and flag raising recognition ceremony PRIOR to the start of the noon Mass. Mass will be celebrated by Father Stanko Gergolj, visiting priest from the archdiocese of Ljubljana in residence at St. Vitus.

Dinner will immediately follow the Mass with roast beef and prepared chicken with all the dinner trimmings. Cost is only \$12

for adults and \$6 for a child (12 and younger).

The kitchen will then be open the remainder of the day until 8 p.m. The alpine sounds of the Stan Mejac Orchestra will be performing for the listening and dancing entertainment of all from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. Members of the St. Ignatius High School Circus Club, a juggling and balloon organization will also be there.

Other activities will include a special raffle involving a week vacation at Hilton Head, SC (courtesy of the Zitnik family), open swimming for all (with a nominal fee for non-members of Slovenska Pristava), children's interactive arts and crafts with "Mitzi," craft raffles,

children's games, and for those seeking a real challenge, a rock climbing wall. There is no parking charge for this picnic.

Net proceeds from the parish summer picnic will go towards reducing the bank loan for the church roof renovation project.

Directions to Slovenska Pristava are: Take I-90 East to Geneva Exit (Route 534). Take Route 534 south to South River Road. Turn RIGHT at South River Road and take South River Road approximately one mile to Brandt Road. Make a RIGHT at Brandt Road. When you see the "Slovenska Pristava" sign make a RIGHT. SP is about 1/2 mile down the road.

—S. Kuhar

Coming Attractions

Sunday, June 26

SNPJ Lodge 126 annual dinner and dance at SNPJ Farm, Kirtland, OH. Dinners served 1 to 3; dancing to music of Captain's Crew and Sumrada Brothers Orchestra 3:30 to 7:30. Details call Grace Marinch at (440) 269-1334.

Sunday, June 26

First Picnic (Prvi Piknik) at Triglav Park in Wind Lake, Wisconsin.

Sunday, June 26

Ohio KSKJ Summer Picnic at Slovenska Pristava. from 12 noon to 8 p.m. Music from 3 to 7 by Joey Tomsick Orchestra. Games at 4.

Saturday, July 2

Campers of Slovenska Pristava annual steak (\$15), and chicken (\$12) dinner. Reserved tickets only. Call (216) 529-0579 or (440) 256-9237. Bar opens 2 p.m., dinners at 5. Music.

Sunday, July 3

Joe Fedorchak with the Jack Vasko Orchestra at SNPJ Farm in Kirtland, OH. Hosted by Cleveland SNPJ Federation. Dinners 1 to 3; dancing from 3:30 to 7:30. Details call Sophie Matuch at (440) 951-6906.

Thursday, July 7

St. Vitus Alumni meets at 7 p.m. in Slovenian Room of St. Vitus Village.

Sunday, July 10

Catholic Mission Aid picnic (MZA) at Slovenska Pristava.

Friday, July 15

Ekart Ansambel from Slovenia concert-dance at Slovenian National Home. Doors open at 6 p.m., music at 7. Advance tickets \$8, at door: \$10. Information call (216) 361-5115.

Sunday, July 17

Loyalites annual dinner and dance at SNPJ Farm, Kirtland, OH. Dinners served 1 to 3; dancing to Captain's Crew and the Cruisers, 3:30 to 7:30. Details call Dorothy Gorjup at (216) 732-9231.

Sunday, July 17

St. Vitus Summer Picnic at Slovenska Pristava. Noon Mass with roast beef and chicken dinner following. Meal is \$12 for adults, \$6 for children. Stan Mejac Band. Activity until 8 p.m.

Wednesday, July 13

Annual Picnic of Holmes Ave. Pensioners Club at VFW #4358 on White Rd. (between Bishop & Rockefeller Rds.) noon until 6 p.m. Everyone welcome. Free admission. Food & refreshments available. Fred Ziwich plays for dancing 2:30 to 4:30. Jam session follows. More information call 440-943-3784.

Sunday, July 24

St. Vitus Slovenian School annual Summer Pic-

nic at Slovenska Pristava.

Sunday, July 24

Strugglers annual dinner and dance at SNPJ Farm, Kirtland. Dinner 1 to 3; dancing to music of Frank Moravcik Orchestra 3:30 to 7:30.

Sunday, July 24

Mission Picnic (Misijonski Piknik) at Triglav Park in Wind Lake, Wisconsin.

Tuesday, July 26

Polkas at Euclid Library with Joey Tomsick Orchestra, featuring Phil Hrvatin on tenor sax.

Sunday, July 31

SNPJ Lodge 53 dinner and dance at SNPJ Farm, Kirtland, OH. Dinners served 1 to 3; dancing to music of Frank Moravcik Orchestra 3:30 to 7:30.

Sunday, July 31

St. Robert's Festival, 23802 Lake Shore Blvd., featuring Joey Tomsick Orchestra from 4 to 8 p.m.

Aug. 3 to 7

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Thursday, Aug. 4 and Friday, Aug. 5

Rummage and Bake Sale 10-5 p.m. at Collinwood Slovenian Home. Donations welcome, drop off after 12 noon from Aug. 1 - 3.

Sunday, Aug. 7

Dinner and dance at SNPJ Farm, Kirtland, OH. Dinners served 1 to 3; dancing to Don Wojtila Orchestra 3:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Sunday, Aug. 7

Picnic by retirees of Slovenska Pristava at Slovenska Pristava.

Saturday, Aug. 13

Old Bands reunion picnic at Slovenska Pristava.

Sunday, Aug. 14

SNPJ Lodge 5 dinner and dance at SNPJ Farm, Kirtland, OH. Dinners served 1 to 3; dancing to Ray Polantz Orchestra 3:30 to 7:30.

Sunday, Aug. 14

Primorski Club Picnic at Slovenska Pristava.

Sunday, Aug. 21

Second Picnic (Drugi Piknik) at Triglav Park in Wind Lake, Wisconsin.

Sunday, Aug. 21

St. Mary's Parish (Collinwood) picnic with "Trio Spica" from Slovenia at Slovenska Pristava.

Sunday, Aug. 21

Comrades annual dinner and dance at SNPJ Farm, Kirtland, OH. Dinners served 1 to 3; dancing to music of Joey Tomsick Orchestra from 3:30 to 7:30.

Saturday, Aug. 27

Kres Dancers perform at Slovenian National Home.

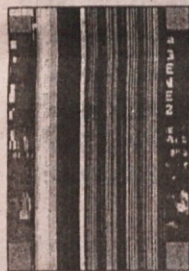


Eighty-five percent of all people killed by lightning are male.

In the year 2000 Pope John Paul II was named an "Honorary Harlem Globetrotter." —James V. Debevec, II

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Death Notices

JOHN ADAMS

John Adams passed away on June 12, 2005. He was the beloved husband of 62 years to Anna (nee Cebul); loving father of Kenneth J. (Doree) and David F.; devoted "Papa George" of Gregory, Steven, Christopher, Jennifer and Jacquelyn; son of Frank and Ivanka (both deceased); brother of Joseph (of Slovenia); and eight brothers and sisters (all deceased).

Mr. Adams was a U.S. Army 5th Armored Division Veteran of WWII, and recipient of five Bronze Stars.

Friends were received at Zele Funeral Home, 452 E. 152 St., Thursday, June 16 from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m., where services were held Friday at 8:45 a.m., and at St. Paul Church at 9:30 a.m. Interment All Souls Cemetery.

THERESA (ROSE) TROHA

Theresa (Rose) Troha, age 78, died June 11 at Hospice of Western Reserve on E. 185 Street in Cleveland.

She was the beloved daughter of Anton and Rose Troha; dearest sister of the late Frances Nepic (Anthony); beloved aunt of Diane, Lawrence, Marie, Barbara and Therese.

Theresa was a very caring and loving person and loved coming back to visit the St. Clair neighborhood.

Family received friends Tuesday, June 14 and Wednesday, June 15 at the Zak Funeral Home.

Mass of Christian Burial was held at St. Vitus Church at 10 a.m. on Thursday, June 16. Burial in Calvary Cemetery.

KRISTINA BRODNIK

Kristina Brodnik, age 95, died Sunday, June 19 at the Slovene Home for the Aged.

She lived in Mayfield Hts. before entering the nursing home 10 years ago. She was a member of KSKJ #172.

Kristina is survived by her daughter Meta (husband Nande) Krnec and two grandchildren. Her husband Josef and son Juri are deceased.

Mass of Christian Burial is at 10 a.m. Friday, June 24 at St. Mary's Church (Collinwood). Burial will be in All Souls Cemetery.

Family will receive friends at The Dan Cosic Funeral Home, 28890 Chardon Rd., Willoughby Hills, OH today, Thursday, June 23 from 4-8 p.m.

FRANK PILETIC

Frank Piletic, (age 50), beloved husband of Shirley (nee Dubos); dearest son of Frances (nee Repovz) and John (dec.); loving stepfather of Kimberley, Mark and Susan; dear brother of John and grandfather of five.

Family received friends Thursday, June 2 from 4-8 at the Zak Funeral Home, 6016 St. Clair Ave. Funeral Friday, June 3, at 9:30 a.m. chapel service, followed by 10 a.m. Mass in St. Vitus church. Interment All Souls Cemetery.

In Memory

Thanks to **Mary L. Sinkovic** of Willoughby, Ohio who renewed her subscription and added a \$15.00 donation in memory of her parents **Louis and Mary Marn**.

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Thanks to **Frances Mauric** of Richmond Heights, OH who donated \$25.00 in memory of her dear husband, **John Mauric**.

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Thanks to **Ann Kretic** of Eastlake, OH who donated \$20.00 in loving memory of her husband, **Edward Kretic**.

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Thanks to **Marcia Novsak-Jonke** of Akron, OH who donated \$50.00 to the American Home in memory of her aunt **Josephine Gorencic**, formerly of E. 61st St.

In Memory

Thanks to **Ciril Vehovec** of Euclid, OH who donated \$15.00 in memory of his wife, **Silvia**.

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Thanks to **Louis and Sylvia Loncar** of Concord, OH for the \$25.00 donation.

In Honor of Hrvatin

Thanks to Wachovia Securities broker **Steve Koren** of Gates Mills, OH who renewed his subscription and added a \$35.00 donation in "Honor of Cub Reporter Phil Hrvatin." He writes "Thank you for being a positive voice for the American Slovenian community."

Garlic Pill Payoff

Here is another reason to pop garlic supplements. As we age, the aorta - the major artery carrying blood from the heart - tends to stiffen, becoming less able to accommodate each burst of blood.

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Verne Meisner, Polka Musician

by Margalit Fox
The New York Times

Verne Meisner, a virtuoso accordionist and bandleader who helped keep the polka alive and swinging into the age of rock and beyond, died on Friday, June 10 in Milwaukee. He was 66 and lived in Waukesha, Wis.

The cause was complications of melanoma, his son Steve said.

Considered one of the titans of polka, Mr. Meisner was a bridge between the classics of the Lawrence Welk era and the pop-infused polkas of contemporary artists. To thousands of fans, he was second only to Frank Yankovic, the acknowledged king of polka, who died in 1998.

For more than half a century, Mr. Meisner played for local taverns and Las Vegas nightclubs, European cities and Midwest state fairs; and weddings, cruises and countless jam sessions. Many of his fans followed him from city to city to dance the night away. He recorded dozens of albums and was inducted into five polka halls of fame.

Mr. Meisner was a master of the Slovenian-style polka, also known as the Cleveland style, it features accordion and saxophone. But his own compositions - he wrote more than 60 original polkas - reflect an array of influences, from traditional German and Polish polkas to big band music and even rock.

The demand for polka is insatiable. The decades bracketing World War II were its hayday in the United States. And though the advent of rock sent polka into decline, for its most ardent fans, there was no giving up. They simply went underground.

Today there are polka parties and polka clubs, polka conventions and polka cruises, polka chat rooms and polka tours, polka museums and polka memorabilia. Concentrated in the Upper Midwest, the polka subculture spans the country, with tens of thousands of adherents, perhaps more.

One of the great pop-culture fads of 19th century Europe, the polka originated, possibly in Bohemia, in the 1840's. For the time, it was a daring dance: men and

women in a tight clinch, stomping across the floor to a vigorous 2/4 beat.

In the late 1800's, immigrants from Eastern, Central and Northern Europe carried the polka with them to the farms of Minnesota, the coal mines of Pennsylvania, the meat-packing plants of Chicago, and as far south as Texas and Mexico. Today, it remains a badge of ethnic and class identity, danced at blue-collar taverns and rural social halls.

LaVerne Donald Meisner was born in Milwaukee on Dec. 4, 1938, and grew up in Whitewater, Wis. He picked up his first accordion at 8, and by 11, he was playing in local bars. As a teenage, he toured with Mr. Yankovic's band and also formed his own, Vern Meisner and the Polka Boys. It made its recording debut in 1958 with "Memories of Vienna," one of his best-known original tunes; his others include "El Rio Drive."

Mr. Meisner's first marriage, to Judith Ann Kutz, ended in divorce. He is survived by their three children: Steve, of Whitewater, also an accordionist and bandleader; Daniel, of Seattle; and Michelle Bush of Milton, Wis.; a brother, Henry Jr. of Whitewater; a sister, Donna Borger, of Horicon, Wis.; and five grandchildren. His second wife, the former Shirley Tyson, died in the mid-1980's.

Mr. Meisner, who struggled with alcoholism after a lifetime spent playing in bars, quit drinking in his 40's and was sober for the last 20 years, said his son. In 1969, he was inducted into the International Polka Hall of Fame.

Partly because of artists like Mr. Meisner, the polka, often an object of derision in the larger culture, has endured into the 21st century.

"It's about being members of a community," Richard March, a folklorist with the Wisconsin Arts Board, said in a telephone interview. "Individual navel-gazing, which you have so much of in angst-ridden pop and alternative rock - the bulk of polka people would say: 'Get over it!'"

Thanks to **Peter Osener**
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George Matic Jr Talks About Unexpected Trauma

George T. Matic, Jr., was one of the senior speakers at the Fifteenth Annual Commencement ceremonies of Villa Angela-Saint Joseph High School on Sunday, May 29 at 3 p.m. in St. William Church in Euclid, Ohio.



Hello, my name is Junior Matic. Every adult in this audience probably has had an unexpected experience that helped shape them, and if my fellow classmates have not, I am sure they will sooner or later. Going into high school, I had a good feeling of what I wanted my high school career to look like. I played many sports while in grade school. I was planning on doing the same here at VASJ. Athletics was my number one priority. Academics of course are important to me, but I felt like I could make a name for myself by playing sports. However, by the time freshman year rolled around, I had two knee surgeries. I knew my soccer, basketball, and football careers were definitely over, but baseball was still an option I figured would carry me into college. I needed something besides sports, so I joined Student Council in my freshman year just so I would have a different activity under my belt.

The sophomore year helped shape who I am today. I figured Student Council went well during my freshman year, so I thought why not help lead my class for another year. Baseball that year was looking bright. There were rumors flying around that I might be on varsity. I couldn't wait. What could go wrong? How naïve I was. The first day of conditioning, with about 10 minutes left, I blew my knee out and had to have my third and hopefully final surgery. It's amazing how in so short of a time one's direction in life can change.

I had to sit in my doctor's office and listen to him tell me that I could no longer play side to side, or stop and go sports. Any athlete out

priest's words. How could I thank Him when I still blamed Him? Well, after turning this idea over in my mind several hundred times, I began realizing he was right. Yes, I did have a lot to be thankful for. I got a part time job which I've worked at for almost three years and stayed actively involved in student council, and I concentrated more on academics.

God does have a plan for each of us. Since my last surgery, I knew exactly what

God wanted me to do after high school. Becoming an orthopedic surgeon sounded right for me. I am graduating number one in the class which I believe would not have been possible if the Lord continued to allow me to play sports. He has guided me to The Ohio State University where I plan on majoring in sports medicine/athletic training with premed electives.

Sometimes it is important to remind ourselves not to forget about our Creator as we move on in various directions. Even if you move away from God, always remember that He does not move away from you. Our goals in life may be different from God's. I've learned that it's okay to question and get angry. But I also now know that when you do ask God for guidance; He is listening. You may not get your answer right away, but as long as you keep the Lord in your lives, then He will never lead you down the wrong path.

I'm sure as we move out of high school life, things will become difficult. We will feel like our Lord is not with us at times. But one thing I learned these past four years is that He is watching over us and will intervene when He feels it is necessary.

To the teachers, faculty and staff, mentors, parents: faith in the Lord starts with you. Be good teachers of the faith, and more than likely we will follow. To my classmates, remember to keep the Lord close to your hearts, thank Him when something doesn't necessarily go your way, and I guarantee you won't be dis-

appointed. Thank you and God bless.

George T. Matic, Jr. received the following awards: Outstanding Achievement in Mathematics and Religion. He was Valedictorian and Phi Beta Kappa. He was also "Best of the Class, News Channel 5," and was awarded "Ohio Academic Scholarship Commended Student Certificate of Achievement." He was a recipient of "The Plain Dealer Senior Standout Merit Roll," and Principal's Leadership Award. He was also a member of the National Honor Society and State of Ohio Diploma with Honors award.

He received scholarships from Ohio State University (Prestige), University Scholarship, Kent State University - Oscar Ritchie Memorial Scholarship and Book Scholarship, Kent Alumni Reach for Excellence, Founders Scholarship, Trustee Scholarship, Case Western Reserve University - Provost's Special Scholarship, Ohio Leadership Scholarship, and University of Rochester - Urban League Scholarship.

He is the grandson of Ivanka Matic, president of St. Vitus Altar and Rosary Society and member of the Bishop Baraga 2005 *ad hoc* committee.

Congratulations to all.

Informed

Thanks to Mimi Stibil of Parma, Ohio, who renewed her subscription and added a \$15.00 donation. She writes, "Without the American Home I wouldn't be able to keep up with all the activities across the (Cuyahoga) river. Thanks for keeping me informed. Stay smoochie."



Historians believe the Maltese was the world's first lap dog, developed more than 2,000 years ago.



BLAST FROM THE PAST: In this Oct. 28, 1978 photo are, left to right, Senator Frank J. Lausche, Adriana Pust, Father (now Bishop) A. Edward Pevec, and former U.S. Customs Chief from Cleveland District, John F. Kovacic (deceased). This picture was taken after the dedication of the Frank J. Lausche State Office Building in downtown Cleveland, Ohio. (Photo courtesy of TONY GRDINA)

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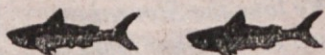
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The Unspoiled Beauty of Bohinj

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camping sites that hold up to 1,000 visitors. In 2004 there were about 5% more visitors than the year before. Among the foreign visitors, the most numerous are Germans, followed by British and Italian citizens. It is interesting to note that in winter, the most frequent visitors come from Hungary.

What can the Bohinj tourist workers pride themselves on? A new gondola lift to Mt. Vogel already began operating two years ago and gave a new élan to the highest Slovenian ski center. In the valley there are two new tourist boats on the lake which offer beautiful panoramic cruises. In Bohinjska Bistrica an Acqua park with pools, saunas, etc., has been built. It is open throughout the year.

The Jezero Hotel has also been modernized and enlarged, as well as the central information office, where it is possible to get information on the many activities available in Bohinj.

In the vicinity of The Pod Voglom hotel there is an "Adrenalin Park" which is especially attractive to young persons.

For the adventure seeking tourists there is a special rafting trip on the Sava Bohinjka River as well as canyoning and hydrospeed. Numerous bicycling tracks have been created in Bohinj itself, but longer bike excursions are also available such as "Around the Julian Alps by Bike," which means a five-day bike tour with 5 stages - Kranjska Gora - Bled, Bled - Bohinj, Bohinj - Tolmin, Tolmin - Bovec, and Bovec - Kranjska Gora.

A ride on the museum train, which is offered by Slovenian Railways, is also an unforgettable trip for many visitors. It also includes a special attraction - the famous tunnel of Bohinj, built from 1901 to 1906, which is considered to be the longest Slovenian railroad

tunnel. The ride on this train is organized in such a way that visitors have the chance to see many other interesting sites on the way including the valley of Trenta, the Kobarid Museum of the First World War, the gorge of Tolminska Korita, the Franja Partisan Hospital close to Cerklno and many other sites the tourist may visit.

Many visitors come to Bohinj simply because it is a starting point for numerous hikes and attractive trips to the mountains, in large or small groups, with a guide or without one. It is also possible to choose a more or less physically demanding hike to nearby mountain peaks with Triglav or along easier paths in the hills; one of such paths offered by Bohinj tourist organizers is "The Tourist Cheese Maker's Route."

While on the subject of the range of tourist services, we must mention that guests in summertime can also enjoy the abundance of quality events during the Bohinj Summer Music Festival, at the end of the summer season when the cattle return to the valley from the higher pasture, the locals prepare the traditional entertainment of "Kravji Bal" (Cow Bell). Any guest who stays for at

least one night is entitled to a Bohinj Guest Card, which provides many discounts for renting boats, sightseeing and many other things, including using the Internet.

A Look Into History

An accidental visitor to Bohinj, especially a foreigner, knows very little about the history of the area. Not many know what the names of places in Slovenian language mean, for example Stara Fuzina. Only the museums and a few books can teach us about the iron-making tradition in Bohinj.

Thus, we discover that iron ore was already being smelted in Bohinj in the Halstat period; remains of the settlement containing the iron-smelting works were found under the Ajdovski Gradec, close to Bohinjska Bistrica.

Evidence of the existence of a major ironworks in the Roman period can also be found. The iron production also continued after the settlement of the Slavs - archaeologists have in fact discovered traces of the ironworks from the 11th century and later. Many ironworks were established in Bohinj in the 16th century, which also brought workers from other regions who decided to settle there permanently.

An important person in

the history of Slovenia was Baron Ziga Zois (1747-1819), the owner of ironworks in Bohinj in the 18th century, also regarded as a universally wise man, the initiator of discoveries of the mountain world and a great patron of Slovenian culture. He was undoubtedly the richest Slovenian at that time.

The heirs of Zois later sold their ironworks to the industrial Company of Kranj and the iron production moved to Jesenice, where it still continues to this day.

Historians and archaeologists are still discovering things that are new, yet undiscovered. Thus, in 2003 they succeeded in uncovering valuable items during the excavation at Ajdovski Gradec, among them a prehistoric iron knife.

Tourism and Railroad

With the decline of the iron production that employed the majority of the population of Bohinj, many people moved, but the majority of the locals who stayed dedicated themselves to farming, especially cattle-breeding, for which the conditions were extremely fa-

vorable.

At this time cheese making developed and the Bohinj cheese became famous throughout the country.

At the turn of the century came the decision of the Austro-Hungarian Empire to construct the so-called Bohinjska railway from Jesenice to Gorizia and Trieste. The construction began in 1901 and was completed in 1906. The line was built by 13,000 workers, and its construction was very demanding since numerous tunnels and bridges had to be built. The longest tunnel was in Bohinj itself: it is 6,335 meters long.

The railway also encouraged the development of tourism in Bohinj. It started during the construction which attracted thousands of foreign visitors. But the real explosion started upon opening of the new railway.

We have a very important announcement for Bohinj - the tourism office is already thinking about how they will celebrate the 100th anniversary of organized tourism in 2007. It is an enviable tradition, of which the people of Bohinj are justifiably proud.

Some Presidential Quirks

Look what happens when a President gets elected in a year with a "0" at the end.

1840: William Henry Harrison (died in office)

1860: Abraham Lincoln (assassinated)

1880: James A. Garfield (assassinated)

1900: William McKinley (assassinated)

1920: Warren G. Harding (died in office)

1940: Franklin D. Roosevelt (died in office)

1960: John F. Kennedy (assassinated)

1980: Ronald Reagan (survived assassination attempt)

2000: George W. Bush: -?

Further coincidences:

Abraham Lincoln was elected to Congress in 1846.

John F. Kennedy was elected to Congress in 1946.

Abraham Lincoln was elected President in 1860.

John F. Kennedy was elected President in 1960.

Both were particularly concerned with civil rights.

Both wives lost a child while living in the White House.

Both Presidents were shot on a Friday.

Both Presidents were shot in the head.

Lincoln's secretary was named Kennedy.

Kennedy's secretary was named Lincoln.

Both were assassinated by Southerners.

Both were succeeded by Southerners named Johnson.

Andrew Johnson, who succeeded Lincoln, was born in 1808.

Lyndon Johnson, who succeeded Kennedy, was born in 1908.

John Wilkes Booth, who assassinated Lincoln, was born in 1839.

Lee Harvey Oswald, who assassinated Kennedy, was born in 1939.

Both assassins were known by their three names.

Both names are composed of 15 letters.

Lincoln was shot at the theater named "Ford."

Kennedy was shot in a "Lincoln" made by Ford.

Booth and Oswald were assassinated before their trials.

A week before Lincoln was shot, he was in Monroe, Maryland.

A week before Kennedy was shot, he was with Marilyn Monroe.

Lincoln was shot in a theater and the assassin ran to a warehouse.

Kennedy was shot from a warehouse and the assassin ran to a theater.

--Internet

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Slovenian Pensioners Club of Euclid

In our last newspaper article it was mentioned that the Pensioners Club of Euclid has been on a roll and we still are on that roll, even with the temperature soaring into the high 80s.

At our Special Father's Day meeting of June 1st, we had 103 happy people in attendance and no wonder, because our special guest was Pamela Irizarrys, belly dancer. Oh, not only was she beautiful, but a dancer she was. Every movement of the body was noticed and she danced for 30 minutes. Pamela answered questions from our group and told us how she started to be a belly dancer. Very interesting.

After Pledge of Allegiance, a silent prayer was held for our departed members and a moment of silence for our recently deceased members and friends: Edward Habat, Catherine Skully, Loretta Hlabse, Maria Volk, and John Adams. May they rest in peace. To their families, we extend our deepest sympathy.

Our birthdays and anniversaries were acknowledged. Many happy returns to all.

Our tour organizer Mimi Stibil, again elaborated on a number of tours scheduled

for the remainder of the year. I recently read that many times we miss great things right in our backyard. How true.

Before we continue, let us mention that our annual picnic is scheduled for Wednesday, July 27 at SNPJ Farm in Kirtland. Donation is \$13 per person. Dinner will be served at 1 p.m. (prepared by Josie Cerer) and music by the Captain's Crew. So, come out and enjoy the festivities and don't forget to bring your dancing shoes. By the way, tickets can be purchased by calling Elsie Frank at 440-205-0679 or Jackie Ulle at 216 486-3522.

Many thanks to the kitchen crew Vida Strukel, Marion Godec, Lillian Butina, Grace Schnick who served sloppy joe sandwiches, potato chips and beverages. A job well done.

Again, remember, we welcome new members. Our next meeting will be on July 6 featuring World War II fashion show.

Before closing and to our members: God bless, I pray for your health and happiness.

—Carolyn Ganzich
Recording Secretary

Eating More Whole Grain—A Small Change With Big Benefits

New Food Guide Pyramid Dishes Up Three Servings Or More Of Whole Grain A Day

by Dr. Susan J. Crockett

(NAPS)—The USDA gave whole grains a nod with the unveiling of the new food guide pyramid—in which whole grains play a prominent role. In fact, the USDA recommends that Americans get half of their daily serving of grain from whole grain. New research leaves little doubt that choosing more whole grain foods is an important factor in reducing risk of chronic disease—so why do Americans view adding whole grains to their diet as such a difficult feat?

As whole grains become more visible, they are also causing confusion among a public which, on average, eats only one serving of whole grain per day, not the three or more servings recommended by the USDA. In fact, nine out of 10 Americans don't get enough but it's surprisingly easy to dish up at least three servings of whole grain a day.

Whole Grain Foods Can Save Lives

Eating more whole grain foods may be one of the healthiest choices individuals can make to help cut their risk of both heart disease and some cancers. A number of large studies have shown that the risk of certain cancers is 20 percent to 50 percent lower in individuals who eat more whole grain. Another recent analysis of multiple studies showed that individuals who ate more whole grain foods cut their risk for heart disease by an average of 29 percent. The study also discovered that the soluble fiber from whole grain foods decreased cholesterol levels and even blood pressure.

Beyond heart disease and cancer, the number of individuals with type 2 diabetes is increasing rapidly and there is good emerging evidence that whole grain foods can help reduce diabetes risk. In a recent study of 160,000



people, eating more whole grain foods cut the risk of type 2 diabetes by up to 30 percent.

Managing weight can help prevent the onset of diabetes and, with Americans concerned about their expanding waistlines, eating more whole grains may become a new and healthy part of managing weight. In a 12-year study of more than 70,000 nurses, women who ate more whole grains weighed significantly less than did women who chose fewer whole grains. Eating more whole grains also was linked to gaining less weight over time.

Dishing Up Whole Grain Is Easy

Getting one serving of whole grain is as easy as pouring a bowl of cereal—all of General Mills' Big G cereals are now either a good source (8 grams) or excellent source (16 grams) of whole grain. Other easy whole grain sources include whole grain breads, whole-grain English muffins, popcorn, granola bars, whole grain crackers, whole grain pasta or brown rice, to name a few. One whole grain serving includes any food containing 16 grams of whole grain.

Two ways to tell if a food is whole grain is if the package or ingredient list has either of the following:

- A whole grain button or logo specifying that it is a good or

excellent source of whole grain

- Products that have a claim stating that diets rich in whole grain foods and other plant foods may reduce the risk of heart disease and some cancers.

According to the FDA, in order to qualify for a whole grain health claim, a product must contain at least 51 percent whole grain. These products must also meet fat, saturated fat and cholesterol criteria.

High Fiber and Whole Grain Are Not the Same

High fiber does not mean whole grain and whole grain does not mean high fiber. In fact, many high fiber foods, such as bran cereals, do not provide whole grain. But fiber is just one of many benefits of the "whole grain package." When it comes to reaping the health benefits of whole grains, the "whole" is truly greater than the sum of its parts. Whole grains include all the parts of the grain kernel, the rich bran, the starchy endosperm and the nutrient-packed germ. Like fruits and vegetables, whole grains contain a powerful package of health-promoting substances including vitamins, minerals, antioxidants and fiber. The evidence is convincing that eating more whole grain can help reduce the risk of serious conditions such as heart disease, cancer and diabetes and even help with weight management.

Dr. Crockett is the director of the General Mills Bell Institute for Health and Nutrition with responsibility for regulatory affairs, dietary intake research, nutrition science, issues management and health professional communication. She received her doctorate in epidemiology from the University of Minnesota and her bachelor's and master's degrees in nutrition and dietetics.

Confetti Casserole

- 2 cups unpeeled zucchini, cubed
- 3 tablespoons margarine
- ¼ cup chopped onion
- ½ cup shredded carrots
- ¼ cup sour cream
- 1 can cream of chicken soup
- 1 ¼ cups seasoned croutons

Cook zucchini in water for 5 minutes; drain. Sauté onion and carrots in melted margarine until onion is transparent. Combine zucchini, onion, carrots, sour cream, soup and croutons; pour into a greased casserole. Bake, uncovered, in a 350 degree oven for 25-35 minutes.

APPLE SQUARES

- 1 ¾ cups sugar
- 3 eggs
- 1 cup oil
- 2 cups unsifted all-purpose flour
- 1 teaspoon soda
- ¼ teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon cinnamon
- 5 cooking apples, pared, cored and diced
- ½ cup chopped nuts
- Confectioners sugar

With mixer at high speed, beat sugar and eggs for 5 minutes or until sugar dissolved. Add oil and dry ingredients. Beat at medium speed until well mixed. Mix in apples and nuts. (Batter will be thick). Bake in an ungreased 9x13-inch pan at 350 degrees for 1 hour. Cool, then cut in squares. If desired, sprinkle with confectioners sugar.



Rector of Primorska University Dr. Lucija Cok and U.S. Ambassador Robertson, after signing.

NEWS FROM SLOVENIA...

'American Corner' in Koper

Ambassador Thomas Robertson and Primorska University Rector Dr. Lucija Cok signed a Memorandum of Understanding to establish an "American Corner" in Koper. Once operational, this cultural and information center will be open to all interested users and will offer a publicly accessible book collection in addition to free access to the Internet and to electronic databases and journals with information about the United States.

The American Corner will be located in the south-

ern wing of the Pretorska palaca in Koper.

With the Embassy's strong support, Primorska University also signed separate agreements with the City of Koper and the Emona Obala corporation to respectively lease and refurbish the premises where the American Corner will be located.

The American Corners are partnerships between U.S. Embassies and host institutions such as universities, municipal libraries, or other educational institutions. The multi-media, book and periodical collections are open and accessible to the public, and some student

advising services as well as information on student and research grants in the U.S. are provided free of charge.

The book collection may also provide access to U.S. information through Internet access, audio and video products, CDs, and CD-ROMS. Host institution personnel staff the Corners. Access to American Corner collection is free and open to all who are interested.

Source: US State Department
Submitted by: Hrvatin.



– Vesti iz Slovenije –

Ženske napredujejo – Prvič ima ljubljanska Univerza rektorico, na čelu Kliničnega centra odslej dve ženski

V torek so na izredni seji senata Univerze v Ljubljani izvolili za rektorico 63-letno redno profesorico medicinske fakultete, predstojnico klinike za endokrinologijo in nekdanjo predsednico sveta RSlovenije za visoko šolstvo prof. dr. Andrejo Kocijančič. Za izvolitev je potrebovala 18 glasov od 34 senatorjev. Dobila jih je 19. Štiriletni mandat bo začela v oktobru, do takrat bo Univerzo vodil sedanji rektor dr. Jože Mencinger, ki mu je naslednica s toplimi besedami čestitala za dobro opravljeno delo.

Pretekli teden je pa svet Kliničnega centra v Ljubljani za novo generalno direktorico KC izvolil (7 glasov od 10) 54-letno magistrico ekonomije in pomočnico direktorja novomeške Krke Darinko Miklavčič. Ker je bila prejšnji mesec za strokovno direktorico izvoljena prof. dr. Aleksandra Markovič, je tako KC prvič v zgodovini dobil dvojno žensko vodstvo. Glavno sestro KC Jelko Mlakar je zamenjala Erna Kos Grabner, ki je že prej sodelovala z Markovičevo.

Dimitrij Rupel v Londonu – Konec meseca se bo mudil tudi v ZDA

Pretekli teden se je zunanji minister Slovenije Dimitrij Rupel z britanskim kolegom Jack Strawom (Velika Britanija bo s 1. julijem za šest mesecev prevzela predsedovanje Evropski uniji) v Londonu pogovarjal o aktualnih vprašanjih EU, naslednji finančni perspektivi, dvostranskih odnosih in o OVSE-ju. Sestal se je tudi s predstavniki slovenskih podjetij in s študenti, ki študirajo na uglednih britanskih univerzah. Slovenski gospodarstveniki so ministra seznanili z možnostmi za okrepitev blagovne menjave med državama. Lani je bila 643,6 milijona dolarjev, od tega slovenskega izvoza 295,5

milijona dolarjev. Lani je Slovenijo obiskalo 52.000 britanskih turistov, kar je za 48 odstotkov več kot leto prej.

Prihodni teden naj bi bil Rupel na obisku v ZDA. Za prvi dan julija organizira veleposlaništvo v Washingtonu sprejem ob slovenskem dnevu neodvisnosti in tudi dnevu vojske; nanj je bilo povabljenih tudi več ameriških rojakov.

V Sloveniji manj kot 90.000 brezposelnih

Konec maja je bilo na republiškem zavodu za zaposlovanje prijavljenih 89.835 brezposelnih (1,9 odstotka manj kot aprila, 1,8 odstotka manj kot maja 2004). Med njimi je bilo 53,9 odstotka žensk, 47,8 odstotka brezposelnih več kot leto dni, 24 odstotkov pa je bilo iskalcev prve zaposlitve. Maja je zaposlitev našlo 4943 oseb. Stopnja brezposelnosti po mednarodnih standardih ILO in Eurostata je bila v Sloveniji 6,9 odstotna. Aktivnih prebivalcev je bilo 903.000, delovno aktivnih 812.000, zaposlenih 730.000, samozaposlenih 81.000, število kmetov se je zmanjšalo za 6,5 odstotka na 31.359.

Včeraj naj bi bila seja sveta stranke LDS – Odločitev možen tudi v zvezi z Antonom Ropom in njegovim vodenjem stranke

Ob tem poročanju še ni razpolago poročilo o poteku seje. Napovedano je bilo, da se bodo svetniki odločili o novem generalnem sekretarju LDS in o sklicu programske konference. Dosedanji generalni sekretar LDS Roman Jakič je namreč presentil s svojim odstopom. Možnost je bila še, da bi se LDS odločila celo za kongres. V ljubljanski veji stranke je precejšen razcep. Kljub znatnemu padcu v strankini priljubljenosti med javnostjo, še vedno igra vlogo glavne opozicijske stranke. Nekateri komentatorji omenjajo možnost, da bi se LDS lahko tudi zlomila v dve ali tri stranke.

Iz Clevelanda in okolice

Piknik Ohijske KSKJ—

To nedeljo ima Ohijska federacija KSKJ društev svoj letni piknik na Slovenski pristavi. Piknik bo trajal od 12. ure popoldne do 8h zvečer. Imeli bodo vseh vrst okrepčil, igre za otroke, plavanje itd. Zabaval vas bo Joey Tomsick orkester. Vstop in parkiranje je prosto. Vsi KSKJ člani in tudi javnost lepo vabljeni!

Danes 88. rojstni dan—

Ravno danes, 23. junija, ima svoj 88. rojstni dan č.g. Victor Cimperman, ki je še vedno zelo aktiven pri župniji sv. Vida in tam tudi zelo priljubljen. Čestitamo in mu želimo dobrega zdravljenja in še mnogo let življenja v naši sredi!

Novi grobovi

Kristina Brodnik

Umrla je 95 let stara Kristina Brodnik, rojena Dežman, vdova po Josefu, mati Mete Krnec in že pok. Georgea, 2-krat stara mati, 6 bratov in sestra je že pok. Pogreb bo jutri, v petek, v oskrbi Cosicevega zavoda na 28890 Chardon Rd. s sv. mašo ob 10. dop. v cerkvi Marije Vnebovzete s pokopom na Vernih duš pokopališču. Ure kropljenja so danes od 4. do 8. zv.

Margaret A. Jarc

Dne 20. junija je umrla 59 let stara Margaret A. Jarc, hčerka Franka in Frances (r. Mocilnikar) Jarc (oba že pok.), sestra Williama, Jerryja, Clare Roeder ter že pok. Franka in Jamesa, 19-krat teta in 24-krat prateta. Pogreb je danes, 23. junija, v oskrbi Brickmanovega zavoda s sv. mašo v cerkvi Sv. Križa na E. 200 St. in pokopom na Vernih duš pokopališču.

Mary V. Jevnikar

Umrla je 78 let stara Mary V. Jevnikar, rojena Dremel 20. aprila 1927 v Clevelandu, vdova po Johnu, mati Jenien Beach, Johna in že pok. Roberta, 2-krat stara mati, sestra Francka in Virginije Riva (oba že pok.), članica AMLA št. 8, SNPJ št. 142, KSKJ št. 169 in Kluba upokojencev na Holmes Ave. Pogreb je bil 22. junija v oskrbi Želetovega zavoda s sv. mašo v cerkvi Marije Vnebovzete in pokopom na Vernih duš pokopališču.

Piknik MZA—

Vsakoletni piknik Misijonske Znamkarske Akcije bo v nedeljo, 10. julija, kakor običajno na Slovenski pristavi. Piknik se bo pričel s sv. mašo ob 12.30 pop., sledilo bo kosilo. Vsi lepo vabljeni, prebitek gre v korist misijonarjem po svetu.

Pristavski upokojenci—

Klub upokojencev Slovenske pristave ima sejo v sredo, 29. junija, pop. ob 1.30, na Pristavi. Člani vabljeni na udeležbo.

Zelo lepa predstava—

V torkovem Cleveland Plain Dealerju je zopet bila občasna posebna priloga z naslovom "Mosaic". V njej je vodilni članek o Slovencih, Slovakah in Čehih pripravil dr. Edi Gobec, direktor Slovenskega raziskovalnega centra. Bila je lepa in nadvse pozitivna predstava omenjenih treh narodnostnih skupin, ki so toliko prispevale k razvoju Clevelanda in ZDA sploh. Za dobro opravljeno delo zasluži dr. Gobec vso pohvalo.

Dobra večerja na Pristavi—

Ta bo v soboto, 2. julija, pripravili jo bodo tkim. "kamperji" SP. Nakaznice za večerjo (\$15 – stejk, \$12 – pečeni piščanec) se dobe v predprodaji, če pokličete ali Terri Vogel na 216-529-0573 ali Marge Znidarsic na 440-256-9237.

Ansambel Ekart—

Ta ansambel iz Slovenije bo imel koncertni nastop v SND na St. Clairju v petek, 15. julija, ob 7h zv. Za vstopnice v predprodaji (po \$8), kličite 216-361-5115, pri vratih bodo pač po \$10.

Naslednji dan, 16. julija, bo ansambel gostoval na Slovenski pristavi.

Piknik fare sv. Vida—

Ta se tudi bliža in bo sicer v nedeljo, 17. julija, na Slovenski pristavi. Pričetek bo s sv. mašo ob 12. uri popoldne. Sledilo bo kosilo (\$12, \$6 za otroka). Nakaznice dobite v župnišču. Od 3. pop. dalje bo imela kuhinja na voljo razne dobrote, hamburgerje, klobase, hrenovke itd. Od 3h dalje bo za ples in zabavo igral tudi Stan Mejáč orkester. Vstop in parkiranje bo prost.

Pomoč listu—

G. Franc in ga. Mary Hren, Richmond Hts., O., sta darovala \$25. Hvala!



PRIKRITO IN OČEM RAZKRITO – Pred nedavnim je bilo v Celju odprtje razstave, sicer strokovno pripravljene – o doslej prikritih grobiščih. Razstava je bila postavljena v muzeju novejši zgodovine v Celju, slavnostna govornica je bila dr. Spomenka Hribar, pri zgodovinarjih je imel največ vpliva pri razstavi dr. Tone Ferenc (na fotografiji), zanimivo je še, da je na odprtje razstave prišel tudi bivši predsednik Slovenije Milan Kučan, s svojo odsotnostjo pa so zbuvali pozornost številni vodilni člani sedanje vladne garniture. Razstava ponuja na ogled dokumentarno gradivo o raziskavi ter fotografije krajev grobišč ter najdbe iz grobišč – osebne predmete žrtev, njihove posmrtno ostanke.

Janez Janša, predsednik vlade Republike Slovenije...

Odporništvu je ohranilo Slovence kot narod

Uredništvo tržaške revije MLADIKA: "Zaradi pomembnosti poudarkov objavljamo v celoti govor predsednika slovenske vlade Janeza Janše na Mali gori pri Ribnici 27. aprila letos, na slovenski državni praznik dneva upora." Ur. AD: Zdi se, da se oblikuje nekakšna sinteza v gledanju na dogodke v 2. vojni in po njej s strani sedanje vlade in drugih vidnejših posameznikov, ki spadajo – širše rečeno – v krog tistih, ki odklanjajo gledanje na te dogodke, ki je izhajalo in še izhaja s strani prejšnjega režima. Pri tem je pomembno ne le to, kar ti ljudje rečejo, temveč tudi tisto, kar ne rečejo, in seveda, kako stvari povedo. Sedaj pa Janez Janša:



Ta govor Janeza Janše je bil objavljen v obliki uvodniškega članka v reviji MLADIKA 4/2005 oz. maja 2005.

Spoštovani veteranke in veterani, ekscelence, dragi rojaki!

Duh odporništvu, samoobrambe je bil med Slovenci vselej živ. Tako kot pri številnih drugih narodih je bil odpor oziroma samoobramba del naše narodne identitete, ki nas je na tem prepisnem delu Evrope, čez katerega so se selila ljudstva in številne vojske, tudi ohranili.

Slovenci smo morali v zgodovini nepopustljivo braniti svoje temelje: ozemlje, premoženje in jezik kot osnovo svoje lastne kulture. Naši predniki so svoje odporništvu pokazali med turškimi vpadi in še mnogokrat pozneje v zgodovini. Tudi v nepopustljivem in hrabrem boju Slovencev na soški fronti med prvo svetovno vojno vidijo mnogi zgodovinarji predvsem željo braniti svojo domovino.

Dejansko je vsa slovenska zgodovina eno samo narodno odporništvu, kajti le zaradi njega smo se lahko ohranili, čeprav nam je grozila izginitvev.

Slovenci, če odmislimo Mohorjevo družbo in Slovensko matico ter neka-

tera njim podobna kulturna podjetja, skoraj vse do leta 1918 nismo imeli nobene osrednje organizacije, ki bi skrbela za vse Slovence. Pa vendar je bil že do začetka 20. stoletja dosežen zavirljiv kulturni razvoj. In kultura je bila temeljna podlaga vseh pomembnejših odporniških podjetij v naši zgodovini.

Zakonsko podlago državnega praznika dneva upora proti okupatorju je določil zakonodajalec, prvi demokratično izvoljeni slovenski parlament, zakon pa je leta 1991 predlagala prva slovenska demokratično izvoljena vlada.

V zakonu je 27. april, ki se je v enopartijskem času praznoval kot dan OF, opredeljen kot dan upora proti okupatorju. V obrazložitvi in razpravi o Zakonu o praznikih in dela prostih dnevih je vlada poudarila, da je ta praznik namenjen počastitvi slovenskega odporništvu skozi zgodovino, še posebej pa v svojem sporočilu nosi značilnosti protifašističnega boja.

Pri sprejemanju je bil oblikovan tudi predlog, da bi bil 27. april še naprej dan OF, vendar je bil z veliko večino zavržen. In pozneje ni bil nikoli več formalno ponovljen.

Širša podlaga praznika je bila v javnosti sprejeta

z velikim soglasjem, ker neupravičeno ni izključevala nikogar, in to kljub temu, da so v posamičnih letih državne proslave skušale ožiti njegovo zakonsko vsebino.

Po 64 letih na Mali gori državna prireditve

Ker praznik v svojem sporočilu nosi še posebej značilnosti protifašističnega boja, za njegovo počastitev ni primernejšega kraja, kot je kraj današnje prireditve.

Danes je prvič po 64 letih tu na Mali gori nad Ribnici državna prireditve. Nikoli doslej je še ni bilo. Bile so samo društvene in občinske. Čeprav je ravno tukaj potekal prvi oboroženi spopad na slovenskem ozemlju med protifašističnimi uporniki narodnoobrambne organizacije TIGR in okupacijskimi silami po kapitulaciji jugoslovanske kraljeve vojske.

Slovenci, ali bolje slovenski Primorci, so ves čas fašizma dokazovali svoj odpor. Pri teh prizadevanjih se je v vojaškem pogledu najvišje povzpel TIGR, katerega pripadniki in simpatizerji pomenijo najstarejše oborožene protifašiste v Evropi. Poleg njih se je treba spomniti še duhovniške organizacije Društvo svečnikov sv. Pavla, ki je ogromno naredila za obrambo slovenstva na kulturnem področju.

Prizadevanja primorskih Slovencev so uživala moralno in materialno pomoč tudi pri številnih organizacijah in posameznikih v jugoslovanskem delu Slovenije in celotni takratni državi, še zlasti pa med primorskimi emigranti. Slovenski antifašizem torej ni iznajdba leta 1941 orizoma takrat

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Čenjenim bralcem slovenskih knjig, naročnikom slovenskih časopisov in revij, nakupovalcem in vsem, ki radi prihajajo v pisarno – če ne zaradi drugega, da vsaj vidijo, kaj je novega na naši mizi in policah – naznanjamo, da je naš podpredsednik, blagajnik in oskrbnik pisarne, Tone Oblak, odstopil.

Zaradi zdravstvenih in osebnih težav je moral Tone opustiti to delo, katerega je do sedaj tako vestno in z velikim veseljem, pa tudi z mnogimi žrtvami in dolgimi urami uspešno opravljal. Čeprav ga bomo vsi pogrešali, mu želimo mnogo zdravja in zadovoljstva v zasluženi upokojitvi, kakor tudi v novem domu v Vasi sv. Vida.

Mesto podpredsednika, blagajnika in oskrbnika Pisarne je sprejel njen novi član, Srečo Gaser. Na sestanku 18. maja smo ga z veseljem pozdravili z zahvalo, da je sprejel to dolžnost, in mu zaželeli veliko uspeha.

Ta ustanova ne more delovati brez nekoga, ki lahko položi mnogo časa in truda v to delo. Srečo je gotovo eden tistih, ki bo svojo sprejeto dolžnost vestno in z natančnostjo opravljal.

Tako so sedaj člani odbora sledeči: Predsednik je č.g. Jože Božnar, podpredsednik, blagajnik in pisarniški upravnik je Srečo Gaser; tajnica in zapisničarica je Zalka Likozar; knjižni referent je Mara Cerar Hull; odborniki so Ivanka Vidmar, Milka Odar in Vida Oblak; člana nadzornega odbora sta Frank Šega in Viktor Tominc. Vsi ti so vedno na razpolago vsej slovenski skupnosti za pomoč in nasvet.

Dejavnost Slovenske pisarne je naročanje, nabava in prodaja slovenskih knjig in tistih publikacij v drugih jezikih oz. angleščini, ki se nanašajo na slovensko literaturo, zgodovino in novice. Nadalje, Slovenska pisarna sprejema naročnine za slovenske časopise in revije, ki izhajajo v Sloveniji in zamejstvu, npr. v Trstu, Celovcu in Argentini. Časopisi in revije, s katerimi imamo dogovor za naročnine, so: *Svobodna Slovenija*, *Družina*, *Ognjišče*, *Nova zaveza*, *Naša luč*, *Misijonska obzorja* in *Katoliški misijoni*. Ob praznikih so v prodaji tudi slovenske božične kartice in občasno godovne.

Tajnikovo sporočilo: Srečo Gaser sporoča vsej slovenski javnosti, da bodo prostori Slovenske pisarne po 4. juliju redno odprti vsako soboto in nedeljo, in sicer ob sobotah od 10. do 12. ure, ob nedeljah pa po 10.30 maši. Naslednji dve nedelji bodo odprti, v kolikor ga bodo mogli nadomestiti drugi člani odbora.

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CLEVELAND, O. – Slovenski ameriški svet sporoča, da se bo 13. in 14. avgusta pridružil članicam Oltarnega društva fare Marije Vnebovzete in Sv. Vida na romanju v Lemont, da ob 60. obletnici našega begunstva počasti spomin škofa Gregorija Rožmana, ki počiva na lemontskem pokopališču.

Če se želite udeležiti tega skupnega romanja, pokličite v teku dveh tednov go. Ivanko Matič na tel. štev. 216-481-1514 za rezervacijo na avtobusu in za prenočišče v lemontskem samostanu. Če se boste udeležili tega romanja z osebnim avtomobilom, si morate rezervacijo za prenočišče urediti sami.

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Kirtland, Ohio

“Kdaj ti spomini oblede, kdaj želje v nas zaspe”

(Iz kantate Pozdravljena Zemlja)

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Za učiteljske smo morali polagati izpit. S prijateljico Anico sva šli v Novo mesto z vlakom. S kovčkom sva hodili do postaje v Žlebiču. Potem se je bilo treba prevesti v Grosuplju. Tresli sva se, kako bova našli prenočišče v internatu; k sreči nas je tam čakala znanka Marica, ki je bila že v tretjem letniku.

Internat sam naju je zelo presenetil. Videti je bil kot grad; nasproti ceste v Šmihelu je stala cerkva. Pozneje sva zvedeli, da je bil to nekdanji samostan Notre Dame sester. Tu smo prespali z drugimi študenti iz cele Dolenjske in šli z njimi čez reko Krko do učiteljskega, kjer smo polagali izpit.

Na koncu dne sem zvedela, da imam popravljalni izpit iz slovenščine. Popolnoma sem bila obupana; Anica je šla vesela domov, jaz pa tako nesrečna.

Takrat smo že delali prošnjo za v Ameriko in bi bila najraje na vse pozabila. Toda: kaj, če nam bodo zopet nagajali? Odločila sem se, da vsekoli poskusim z izpitom.

Ko je prišel dan odhoda sem bila sama doma. Košnja je bila in vsi drugi so šli daleč v Goro kositi in pripravljati seno. Lepega vremena ne moreš zamuditi. Poleg tega je v hlevu nenavadno mukala breja krava in nekaj je padlo iz nje, kar je bilo videti važno.

Predno sem šla sedem kilometrov peš do Žlebiča, sem tekla v Jelovec opozoriti starega ata, kaj se godi v hlevu. Pohvalil me je, da je bilo prav, da sem ga poklicala in sva se poslovila.

Kako me je skrbelo, če bom še znala najti internat in učiteljske, pa sem srečno vse našla. Drugi dan sem šla polagati izpit z drugimi nesrečneži, ki so z menoj "cepnili".

Za izpit so nam dali samo prosti spis. Ne vem, kaj mi je šinilo v glavo! Odločila sem se, da napišem zgodbo: "Moj stric, partizan". Moja do-

mišljiva je bila tisti dan izredno aktivna. Moj stric je bil v gozdu. Sovražniku je nastavljal past s tem, da je na jamo nametel veje in sovražnik se je tako ujel v past.

Še danes se sramujem, da sem nekaj takega izbrala za spis, toda bilo je učinkovito. Dobila sem dobro oceno in tudi tisto prvo (in zadnje) leto mojega učiteljskega spisa so me spisi rešili, da nisem cepnila v profesor Bačarjevi slovenščini.

Ob misli na to se kar zdrznem. "Premagani se je naučil samoobrambe!" Moje orožje je od tedaj bilo pero. Na žalosti je bila cena te taktike izguba samospoštovanja. Počutila sem se kot izdajalka.

V zvezi z učiteljskim so še drugi spomini:

Prvi Božič v Šmihelu. Na sveti večer so sošolke, ki so imele postelje blizu cestnega okna, zagledale gruče ljudi, ki so z lučkami prihajali v cerkev. Kmalu smo se vse gnetle, da bomo čim več videle (v tej sobi - "kasarni" nas je bilo okrog trideset). V duhu smo same poromale na svoj dom, v toplino dragih - k jaslicam.

Jaz vem, da sem na tihem točila solze; gotovo so jih tudi druge sošolke. Kako smo bile žalostne! Ta naš novi dom, nekdanji samostan, pa ni mogel popolnoma zabrisati nekdanjega namena. Če si dobro pogledal, so se na stenah pod novo barvo videli obrisi križanega. V kotih in stenskih vdolbinah smo vedele, kje je nekdanji kraljevala Marija. Kako bi prav danes rabili njene tolažbe!

Prav na tak način smo preživele tudi Veliko noč. Domov nismo smele, posebno ne na praznike. Mamo je skrbelo, kako bom opravila velikonočno dolžnost. Z Aničino mammo sta šli govorit z župnikom. Zmenili sta se za drugo jutro ob štirih, da nas ne bo nobeden videl. Tako se je tudi zgodilo.

Spovednik je moral biti dr. Stanko Lenič, nekdanji tajnik škofa dr. Gregorija Rožmana. Ravno tiste mesece je prišel v Sodražico iz desetletnega zapora. Rekli so, da je kazensko dobil našo faro, ker so bili "osvoboditelji" dobro zasidrani v sodražski vladi. Niso pa zmagovalci računali, da ga bodo ljudje tako vzljubili. Dobiti tako svetniškega človeka po starem župniku je bil pravi blagoslov.

Mama je bila vedno cerkvena pevka; pozneje tudi Pavli. Spominjam se, da je bil dr. Lenič med pevci za naš poslovljni večer. Mami je izročil pismo za škofa Rožmana, ko smo odhajali tisti septembrski dan (devetnajsti) v Ameriko.

V spominsko knjigo, ki jo hrani Pavli, je napisal spodbudne besede. Ta knjižica je lep spomin na pevsko družino in poznejšega ljubljanskega pomožnega škofa. Osebnostno pa hranim pismo, ki ga je dr. Lenič poslal 14. decembra 1956 v zahvalo za dar za orgle.

Odhod v Ameriko. Nekaj ur pred našim odhodom je stric Ivan našel

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ustanovljene Antimperialistične oziroma poznejše Osvobodilne fronte, ampak je bistveno starejši. Praktično je bil del politične in narodne zavesti vseh takratnih Slovencev.

Prvi oboroženi spopad Slovencev z okupatorji

Znameniti angleški zgodovinar A. J. P. Taylor je zapisal, da so bili Slovenci po zaslugi TIGR-a prvi zavezniki Velike Britanije v II. svetovni vojni. Dejansko je bil njihov boj na Mali gori 13. maja 1941 prvi oboroženi spopad Slovencev z okupatorji.

To dejstvo je tiste, ki so hoteli monopolizirati slovensko odpornišтво ne glede na zgodovinska dejstva, motilo ves čas po II. svetovni vojni. Tigrovcem so bili dejansko zamolčani. Polno priznanje jim je dala šele samostojna slovenska država. Tudi današnja državna proslava na tem kraju je del prizadevanj, da se popravi zgodovinska krivica.

Protiimperialistična fronta, ki je bila ustanovljena 26. aprila 1941 in se je šele pozneje preimenovala v Osvobodilno fronto, je dejansko nastala v duhovnem in političnem ozračju nemško-sovjetskega pakta iz leta 1939. Pri glavnih pobudnikih in organizatorjih ni izhajala iz načelnega antifašizma in antinacizma, ampak iz prepričanja nujnosti spopada imperialističnih taborov. Ker osnovni cilj Protiimperialistične fronte ni bil narodnoobrambni, med ustanovne skupine nikoli niso povabili organizacije TIGR.

Monopolizacija narodnoobrambnega boja

Ključni problem PIF, pozneje OF, je monopolizacija narodnoobrambnega boja, ki jo je OF formalno potrdila 16. septembra 1941, ko je vse, ki niso bili pripravljeni priznati njenega, to je komunističnega vodstva, označila za izdajalce slovenskega naroda. Nobena demokratična stranka ali vlada ne more pristati na posebno ideološko tajna nagla sodišča, na katerih so bili obsojenci ustreljeni brez pravice do

zaslišanja in pritožbe. S to monopolizacijo narodnoobrambnega gibanja se OF bistveno loči od večine zahodnoevropskih odporniških gibanj.

Slovenska država v imenu boja proti okupatorju ne more pristati na kršitve mednarodnih standardov vojnega prava in civiliziranih pravnih načel, ki tudi v vojnem času zlasti civilnemu prebivalstvu zagotavljajo pravico do življenja, osebne nedotakljivosti, verske in osebne svobode, nepristranskega sojenja in pravico do poštenega postopka ter zasebne lastnine. Ta načela in pravila obvezujejo okupatorje in upornike proti njim.

Okupacija - temelj vsega zla

Zaradi zgodovinske resnice ter nekaterih dvomov in skušnjav, ki se ponovno pojavljajo v nekaterih krogih v naši soseščini, moramo ponovno poudariti, da je temelj vsega zla, ki se je med drugo svetovno vojno in takoj po njej zgodilo v Sloveniji, tuja okupacija.

Brez nje ne bi bilo ne vojne, ne strahotnih žrtev, ne državljanskega spopada, ne fojbe in drugih medvojnih in povojnih zločinov. Tuja okupacija je šele ustvarila podlago za strahote, ki so usodno zaznamovale slovenski narod. V času, o katerem govorimo, se je v razponu polovice desetletja zgodilo toliko zla, ki ga nikoli ne bi smelo biti, da posledice zdravimo še danes.

Vsaka vojna je nesreča in prinaša s seboj trpljenje. Toda v času, o katerem govorimo, so se na slovenskem ozemlju zgodile stvari, ki se v človeški civilizaciji ne bi smele zgoditi:

Številna večina borcev NOB ni odgovorna za zločine vodstva

1. - Fašistični in nacistični okupator je s kršenjem mednarodnih vojnih konvencij, streljanjem talcev, uničevalnimi taborišči, množičnim preseljevanjem in genocidno politiko ustvaril razmere, ki posameznikom v mno-

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“Kdaj ti spomini oblede, kdaj želje v nas zaspe”

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svojo ljubezen. Poročil je Micko in postali smo večja, še srečnejša družina. Tako smo bili navezani eden na drugega, da smo vsi jokali, ko je prišel čas slovesa.

Začeli so prihajati domači in prijatelji. Micka je začela porodne popadke; kmalu je prišla babica in preselili smo se k sosеду. Baje ji je bilo tako hudo, da je mesec pred predvidenim datumom porodila malega Janija. Nekaj ur pred odhodom smo imeli priliko videti to malo dete.

Jani bo letos star petdeset let. Sestrična Marija me je že lani opozorila na ta važni jubilej svojega brata. S Pavli bova prisotni (malo bolj zgodaj bomo praznovali) za ta jubilej. Veliko praznovanja bo letos. Veliko spominov – srečnih in grenkih!

Ko bom z zborom Korotan sledila po poti mučenikov, se bom spominjala vrnjenih Jelovčanov – tistih, ki so preživeli veselo mladost z mamo in Dragom Koširjem. V Kočevskem rogu se bom spomnila rešencev iz grenjenj smrti. Spomnila se bom prijatelja Franceta Dejaka, ki mu je Bog milostno dopustil umreti naravne, a prezgodnje smrti. Spomnila se bom Milana Zajc, kateri bo te dni v duhu sam na Orlovem vrhu počastil svoje soborce, ki so žrtvovali svoje življenje za narod.

Spomnila se bom prijatelja Franceta Kozina, ki te dni sam obiskuje grezna in premišlja, kakšen je bil božji načrt za njega. Čuti moralno poslanstvo, da priča svojemu narodu resnico, samo resnico – in opomin: “Narod moj! Nikdar več kaj takega!”

Naj tu omenim, da sta se oba prijatelja po begu iz Roga skrivala v skednju pri naši sosedi, Kozinovi teti. Pavli je ob svetlih večerih večkrat videla sence prihajat med hišo in skednjem, pa jo je mama prepričevala, da so to otroške sanje – bala se je, da bi otrok to skrivnost zblebetal.

Ko bomo Korotanci poromali v Teharje, bom mislila na svaka Lojzita Kosem, ki ga nisem poznala, a čutim, kakšne grozote je devetnajstletni Lojzi doživel. Mobiliziran je bil v nemško vojsko pri sedemnajstih letih in prepeljan na rusko fronto.

Znanec Marko Perko nam je povedal, da je

bilo tako hudo, da se je Lojzi na skrivaj sam ustrelil v nogo, da so ga prepeljali v bolnico. Od tam mislim, da je ušel in se pridružil domobrancem. Z njimi je bil vrnjen. Njegov transport je končal v Teharjih. To vemo, ker je Marjanova sestrična govorila z rečencem, ki je bil z njim zvezan.

In mi! Kako vem iz tega obupa, te grozne preteklosti, teh mučnih spominov? Poslušajte Koširja, kako on zaključuje VAE VICTIS – GORJE PREMAGANIM:

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Za vse ponižane, za vse trpeče, za vse preganjane ...

*Tudi Jezus Kristus je sprejel trpljenje pravičnega,
Trpljenje križanja,*

kakor mnogi v rimskem imperiju.

*Molče je sprejel porogljivo zasmehovanje
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Križani in Vstali Božji Sin nam zagotavlja,

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Ampak zmaga je ljubezen in odpuščanje.*

Blagor odrešenim!



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Poglej v oči mi mati,
Obriši solze moje!

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izmij mi rano to!
Z oljem maziljenja namaži jo,
Poljubi jo!

Odpri široko roki svoji,
objemi me!

Pritisni na srce me,
kako Te ljubim mati-

DOMOVINA moja!

P.S. – Franceta Kozina je zadela možganska kap (s krvavitvijo) prvi dan po prihodu v Slovenijo, kjer je še zadnjič želel obiskati grobove svojih somučnikov ob letni spominski maši v Kočevskem rogu.

Rešilno letalo ga je prepeljalo v St. Catharines bolnišnico v bližini njegovega doma v Niagara Falls. Je zavesten, poskuša govoriti. Leva stran je hroma. Žena Anica pozdravlja vse Clevelandčane, ki ga poznajo in ga priporoča v molitev. Pred seboj pa ima dolgo pot rehabilitacije.



VAE VICTIS

DRAGO KOŠIR

Odpornišтво je ohranilo Slovence kot narod

(Nadaljevanje s str. 13)

gih primerih niso dopuščale nobene druge izbire.

2. – Komunistična partija je po navodilih Kominterne in prek OF s smrtno kaznijo prepovedala odpor proti okupatorju zunaj OF ter skušala izenačiti domoljube s tujo ideologijo, nato pa je VOS OF do konca julija 1942 pod različnimi pretvezami brez kakršnih koli sodnih postopkov postrelila stotine Slovencev.

3. – Protikomunistična stran je prisegla zvestobo okupatorju, česar moralno ni mogoče z ničimer opravičiti.

4. – V drugi polovici vojne sta komunistična in protikomunistična stran zagrešili vrsto zločinov nad posamezniki, sonarodnjaki, ki se niso mogli braniti.

5. – Že po končanih spopadih in vojni je zmogovita stran izvedla množičen poboj vojnih ujetnikov različnih narodnosti, pa tudi številnih civilistov.

Demokratična Slovenija kot del združene demokratične Evrope ob vsem spoštovanju do resničnega antifašizma in odporništva ne more pristati

niti na poskuse njegovega omalovaževanja niti na njegove zlorabe za cilje totalitarizma, saj bi se s tem odpovedala tistim načelom, na katerih sloni samostojna demokratična Republika Slovenija, pa tudi Evropska unija.

Za boj proti okupatorju ni bistveno politično prepričanje udeležencev. In pri veliki večini posameznikov, ki so odšli v partizane, politični motiv ni prevladal. Zato velika večina borcev NOB ni odgovorna za številne napake in zločine vodstva OF, saj so bili pogosto prav oni njihova prva žrtev.

Za demokratične, evropsko usmerjene posameznike in politične stranke ni in ne more biti problematičen boj proti okupatorju in še manj sodelovanje z zavezniki, ki so partizansko odporništvo priznali kot del antihitlerjevske koalicije, ampak vse tisto, kar je na obeh straneh doma onemogočilo dejanski enotni vsenarodni odpor proti okupatorju.

(drugi, zadnji del tega govora, ki je sicer namenjen predvsem, a ne izključno, organizaciji TIGR, bo obavljen prihodnjč.)

Pogovor z dr. IVOM URBANČIČEM...

Stare sile nimajo več racionalnih argumentov

(V tedniku Demokracija 19. maja je novinar Med Berlec intervjujal dr. Urbančiča. V zelo dolgem tekstu - v celoti tudi zanimivem - sem izluščil ledeči del, ki se nanaša na trenutno vročo temo "reinterpretacije" zgodovine za časa vojne in pojnega obdobja-revolucije. Ur. AD)



Rojen je bil leta 1930 v Robiču pri Kobaridu. Je doktor filozofskih znanosti. Bil je sodelavec univerzitetnega inštituta za filozofijo in sociologijo v Ljubljani. Je avtor številnih knjig in strokovnih člankov. Spada v krog intelektualcev, ki se zbirajo v okviru *Nove revije*.

Berlec: Zadnji tedni v znamenju konca druge svetovne vojne. Predsednik vlade Janez Janša je bil slavnostni govornik na Mali gori ob dnevu upora proti okupatorju in v Cankarjevem domu ob šestdeseti obletnici konca 2. svetovne vojne. Kako ocenjujete njegova govora?

Urbančič: Ne samo njegova govora, ampak celotno ravnanje vlade ob vprašanih je izredno premišljeno. Vlada (vladna koalicija) se ni ustila sprovcirati v ideološki in kulturni boj, za drugega ob teh vprašanih v resnici gre. Ni se ustila izzvati, da bi se preteklost delili in da se levo na podlagi tega dela koristi.

Janševa vlada in pred njeno stranka so strah izhajali iz tega, da na ideoloških temah preteklosti in na odhod do preteklosti ne utemeljevali svoje politike. In to je glavna te nove politike. Janša je v svojih govorih popolnoma jasno poka-

Zato menim, da je govor, ki ga je imel v Cankarjevem domu ob šestdeseti obletnici konca 2.

svetovne vojne, po svoji uravnoveženosti, po politični orientiranosti v prihodnost najboljši politični govor v zgodovini Slovenije. Takega še nismo imeli.

Želim, da se ta politika nadaljuje, da ideološke teme o preteklosti, o teh sporih okoli partizanov, domobrancev in neofašistov, ne postanejo osrednji predmet političnih razprav, saj je to tema, na kateri opozicija rada gradi in se v njej počuti doma. Janša je to uvidel, zato se je že pred volitvami tem temam spretno izogibal.

Njegov govor torej poleg uravnoveženosti nosi tudi jasen in nepristranski pogled na preteklost.

Drži. Janša, poleg tega pa tudi diferenciran pogled na preteklost. Gre za stališče, da je bil NOB tisti element, ki je bil del zmagovite zavezni-

ške mednarodne antifašistične koalicije in ki je bil v tem smislu osvobodilni boj. In je bil pozitiven.

Pri tem pa je razločil izrabo tega boja s strani manjšinskih komunistov za zločinsko komunistično revolucijo in enopartijsko oblast. To dvoje je treba razločiti, partizanski osvobodilni boj in njegovo zlorabo s strani komunistov.

Podobno je pri domobrancih. Njihova prisega in sodelovanje z okupatorjem nista sprejemljiva. Treba je razločiti tisto, kar je naredil vrh domobranstva kot kolaborant z okupatorjem in s prisego, in navadne borce, domobrnce, ki so v domobranstvo stopili zaradi samoobrambe.

To ne pomeni, da je treba NOB in domobranstvo izenačiti, ampak da na stvari gledamo objektivno, saj večina domobrancev ni bila izdajalcev domovine, ampak so bili izzvani s strani revolucije. Ni pa sprejemljivo, da so sodelovali po nalogu njihovega vodstva skupaj z okupatorji v ofenzivah proti partizanom.

Kot protikomunistični borci?

Kot že samo ime pove. Branili so svoje domove in življenja pred komunističnim terorjem, ki je potekal že med vojno. Pri tem pa ne gre za poskuse izenačevanja s partizanstvom, ampak za



Argentinski Slovenec, glaciolog inž. Peter Skvarča o dogajanju na ledini celini...

Antarktična katastrofa

To je naslov članka, ki ga je za Delovo rubriko "Znanost" 16. maja pripravil novinar Tomaž Švagelj. Sam članek je zelo tehnične narave in obravnava ugotovitve glede posledic segrevanja Zemlje na Antarktiko. Na tem področju je mednarodno znan strokovnjak inž. Skvarča. Kar sledi je biografski opis, ki ga je podal novinar Švagelj ob članku. Ur. AD

Argentinski Slovenec iz Buenos Airesa, inž. Peter Skvarča (rojen 1944 v Ljubljani), je glaciolog. V osnovno šolo je hodil na Prulah; prva letnika gimnazije pa je obiskoval na ljubljanski realki. Leta 1956 je z materjo Lucijo in starejšim bratom Juretom odšel v Argentino. Oče Janez, po poklicu bančni uradnik, je bil 1945 kot domobranski častnik ustreljen v Teharjah.

Leta 1963 je končal državno gimnazijo Estebana Echeverrié v Buenos Airesu, na buenosaireški univerzi pa je diplomiral iz geodezije in geofizike. Januarja 1969 se je kot prvi Slovenec povzpел na najvišji vrh obeh Amerik Aconcagua (6959 m) in tam izvedel prve težnostne meritve. Od leta 1980 predava antarktično glaciologijo, kot strokovnjak za ledenike vodi tečaj je argentinsko vojsko, od leta 1994 pa predava na mednarodnih tečajih za antarktično plovbo. Od 1973 do 2004 je sodelovali pri 34 znanstvenih odpravah na Antarktiko, številne od njih je tudi vodil. Od leta 1979 vodi glaciološki oddelek buenosaireškega inštituta za Antarktiko (Instituto Antártico Argentino, IAA).

priznanje zgodovinskih dejstev. Janša je te stvari jasno razločil in opredelil.

Zgodovinarji, ki so blizu prejšnji oblastni strukturi, zatrjujejo, da želi sedanja oblast reinterpretirati zgodovino.

Če pri tem mislimo, da gre za reinterpretacijo njihove interpretacije dejanske zgodovine, potem je to točno in nujno, da se dela.

Mi moramo vzpostaviti historično interpretacijo na način, ki ustreza razvoju dogodkov, ne pa ideološki podobi, ki je bila ustvarjena v prejšnjem režimu. To je nedvomno nujno in tu zgodovinarji stare šole nimajo prav.

Oni zabrisujejo nekatere stvari. Nočejo sprejeti razločitve med narodnoosvobodilnim bojem, ki ga je seveda organizirala komunistična partija, in re-

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Pater Pepi Lebrecht se je oglašil iz Benina, Afrika, z dolgim pismom z datumom 5. marca. Pismo hrani pošiljateljica Sonja Ferjan. Prav tako se je oglašil misijonar p. Miha Drevenšek iz Zambije; pismo nosi datum 25. maja. Sledi nekaj odstavkov:

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Toliko za danes. Čim bo končan DVD, vam ga pošiljam, da se bolj podrobno spoznate, kaj delamo nekaj za mlade, da bi imeli vsaj malo upanja za lepši jutri in tako v tem upanju se obdržali zdrave in kljub uboštvu doživeli lepo starost kakor pa samo kakšnih 20 ali 30 let.

Bogu hvala za vas, za vso vašo skrb, molitve in materialne darove."

Po dolgotrajni zimi so kar hitro nastopili pravi poletni vroči dnevi. Verjetno prav zaradi hitre vročine je tudi več nepričakovanih hitrih obolenj. Nekaj dolgoletnih dobrotnikov misijonarjev prosi molitve za vdano prenašanje boležni. V molitev se priporočajo tudi starejši, da bodo tegobe vdano prenašali. Priporočimo jih v svojih molitvah Srcu Jezusovemu, saj ga v juniju prav posebno častimo.

Še vroč misijonski pozdrav, za MZA Sonja Ferjan

Tržaški zgodovinar dr. JOŽE PIRJEVEC – Intervju

Slovensko odporništvo je bilo nekaj prav posebnega

V pričakovanju 60. obletnice konca druge svetovne vojne so Slovenijo znova pretresle polemične razprave o tem, kakšno težo je pravzaprav imelo slovensko osvobodilno gibanje, koliko je vanj posegla revolucija in kako globoko je Slovence razklala ideologija. Na tehtnici so se znašle zasluge in napake vseh vojskujočih se strani, nove interpretacije dogodkov pa naj bi dale drugačno razsežnost tako partizanskemu boju kot domobranskim odločitvam.

Za Slovence je bila druga svetovna vojna predvsem obdobje boja za golo preživetje. O dogodkih in interpretacijah druge svetovne vojne in njenem pomenu za današnjo samostojno Slovenijo smo se pogovarjali s profesorjem dr. Jožetom Pirjevcem iz Trsta, enim najuglednejših poznavalcev zgodovine 20. stoletja, predvsem pa dogajanja na Balkanu in v osrednji Evropi.

Vida Gorjup Posinkovič
odgovorna urednica uradnega glasila
Slovenske izseljenske matice
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Kakšen je pomen druge svetovne vojne za slovensko državotvornost?

Za slovenski narod je bila druga svetovna vojna odločilnega pomena, saj se je med letoma 1941-45 znašel v najhujšem

položaju v svoji zgodovini. Bil je razkosan med Nemčijo, Italijo in Madžarsko ter obsojen na smrt.

Nemci so svoje uničevalske načrte že začeli uresničevati, isto velja za Madžare in tudi Italijani



Dr. JOŽE PIRJEVEC

niso imeli boljših namenov, čeprav je bila v Ljubljanski pokrajini njihova politika na začetku vojne milejša kot pri ostalih dveh okupatorjih. O tem pričajo tudi izjave najvišjih italijanskih politikov.

V tem kontekstu skrajne ogroženosti je bilo nadvse pomembno, da je bil slovenski narod zmožen organizirati odpor in obenem položiti temelje za svojo državo.

Partizansko gibanje v Sloveniji je bilo zanimivo in celo enkratno v sodobni Evropi, saj je vzporedno z bojem proti okupatorju steklo delo za oblikovanje tistih struktur, ki so potrebne za suvereni obstoj nekega naroda. To je oktobra 1943 jasno zaznal tudi Milovan

Ivo Urbančič

(nadaljevanje s str. 15)

volucionarnim zločinstvom že v času druge svetovne vojne, ki je sprožilo državljansko vojno. Ne razločevati, to je tista ozkost teh zgodovinarjev, ki ni sprejemljiva.

V nekkih akcijah nekkih intelektualcev, ki so želeli usmeriti javne izjave proti neofašističnemu ravnanju v zadnjih časih v Italiji, sem se nedvoumno izrazil, da brez jasne obsodbe naših zločinov ne moremo podučevati neofašistov kako in kaj.

Najprej moramo počistiti pri sebi, potem pa lahko podučujemo tudi neofašiste. Ne pa da te stvari spet zamegljujemo. Ne smemo biti zrcalna slika neofašistov, ki prav tako zamegljujejo svoje zločine. Takih izjav ne podpisujem.

Djilas na Kočevskem zboru, ko je ugotavljal, da je slovensko odporništvo zaradi svoje državotvornosti drugačno od vseh drugih v Jugoslaviji.

Brez pretiravanja lahko trdimo, da je bilo drugačno tudi od vseh evropskih odporništev, kajti odlikoval ga je izjemen političen pa tudi intelektualen napor, ki je postavil pogoje za uresničitev naše osamosvojitve.

Slovensko odporništvo je bilo na začetku politično pluralno, pozneje pa so oblast prevzeli komunisti. Zakaj je prišlo do tega?

Ko je bila aprila 1941 ustanovljena Osvobodilna fronta, je predstavljala koalicijo različnih političnih sil pač v skladu z zahtevo Kominternina, da komunisti organizirajo vseljudoško odporniško gibanje.

V OF so bile torej zbrane tiste stranke in skupine – komunisti, levi sokoli, krščanski socialisti –, ki so se zavedale, da se bo treba upreti okupatorju z orožjem v roki.

Ta koalicija, ki je bila znotraj jugoslovanskega odporništva prav tako slovenska posebnost, se je v naslednjih letih seveda odzivala na dogodke, ne le pri nas in v drugih delih Jugoslavije, temveč tudi v Evropi in v svetu.

Z dolomitsko izjavo leta 1943 so komunisti prevzeli oblast znotraj OF, po mojem predvsem zato, ker so se zbalji za svojo hegemonijo v trenutku, ko so bili Nemci in Italijani poraženi v severni Afriki in je postajalo aktualno vprašanje odprtja nove fronte (poleg ruske) na evropski celine.

Spomladi leta 1943 so komunisti računali z možnostjo, da pride do izkrcanja Britancev in Američanov na Balkanu, pri čemer pa niso bili povsem prepričani, ali bodo v tem primeru še obvladovali struje znotraj OF, med katerimi niso imeli popolnega nadzora. Ukrepali so torej, dokler so imeli še nadzor nad položajem, in s tem hoteli

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Da "partizani ubijajo Nemce", kakor je drastično rekel Winston Churchill.

(SE BO NADALJEVALO)

NOVI GROBOVI

(nadaljevanje s str. 11)

Stanley Bencin

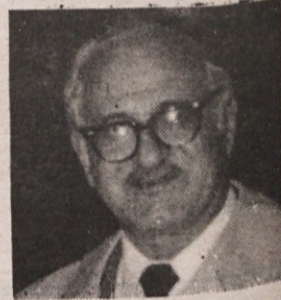
Umril je 81 let stari Stanley Bencin, vdovec po Sophie, roj. Kadunc, brat Johna in že pok. Alice, stric Alice Kozel, prastric, veteran 2. svetovne vojne, v kateri je služil v ameriških letalskih silah. Pogreb je bil 20. junija v oskrbi Želetovega zavoda s sv. mašo v cerkvi sv. Pavla na Chardon Rd. in pokop na Vernih duš pokopališču. Družina bo hvaležna za darove v pokojnikov spomin Slovene Home for the Aged Foundation, 18621 Neff Rd., Cleveland, OH 44119.

William A. Nosan

Umril je 82 let stari William A. Nosan iz Eastlakea, mož Helen (poročena sta bila 56 let), Patricije Bednarcik in Williama, 2-krat stari oče, sin že pok. Antona in Mary Nosan, brat Anthonyja in Josepha (oba že pok.), veteran 2. svetovne vojne, v kateri je služil v ameriški vojski. Pogreb v oskrbi Brunnerjevega zavoda v Mentorju je bil 18. junija.

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