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MOŽNA REVIZIJA DOGOVORA O ATOMSKI BOMBI

Zadeva pred skupščino Združenih narodov
DRŽAVNI TAJNIK BYRNES V ZAGATI
London, 8. jan.—Doznavo se, da bo Amerika pritiskala za revizijo dogovora o atomski bombi, ki je bil sklenjen na konferenci zunanjih ministrov treh velesil v Moskvi. Zadevne gosporice krožijo v Londonu na predvečer seje generalne skupščine Združenih narodov.
Trdi se, da bo skupščina povzvana, naj izpolni dogovor s forimiranjem komisije za kontrolo atomske energije. Skupščina se bo sestala v zasedanju v četrtak.
Ameriški državni tajnik James F. Byrnes je v zagati. Doznavo se, da bo senat zahteval revizijo dogovora o atomski bombi, obenem pa bo pritiskal za uradno olajšanje dogovora, ko se odpre zasedanje skupščine Združenih narodov.
Byrnes, ki je podpisal dogovor, se je zapletel v konflikt z nekaterimi senatorji. Vprašanje je, ali bo mogoč pridobiti britanskega zunanjega ministra Bevinja in ruskega zunanjega komisarja Molotova za revizijo dogovora. Sovjetska Rusija je proti reviziji sklenjenih mednarodnih dogovorov, kar je demonstrirala v času pritiska za revizijo deklaracij, objavljenih po konferenci v Moskvi. Velike trojice na Krimu in Potsdamu, Nemčija.
Ako dogovor o atomski bombi ne bo revidiran, bo Amerika skušala pregovoriti skupščino Združenih narodov za objavo izjave s pojasnilom, da bo atomska bomba sredstvo pri vzdrževanju in zaščiti miru. To bi bilo v skladu s stališčem predsednika Trumana. To stališče je Truman pojasnil senatorju Vandenbergu, republikancu iz Michiganu, ko ga je obiskal v Beli hiši pred odhodom v London kot član ameriške delegacije. Truman je zagotovil senatorja, da tajnosti produkcije atomske bombe ne bodo razkrile Rusiji brez odobritve ameriške vlade.

Izgledi za mir na Kitajskem

General Marshall konferiral z reprezentanti
Cungking, Kitajska, 8. jan.—Izgledi za mir in končanje civilne vojne na Kitajskem so se izboljšali.
General George C. Marshall ameriški poslanik v Cungkingu je konferiral z voditelji centralne vlade in reprezentanti komunistov tri ure. Po konferenci je izjavil, da je bila uspešna in da se bodo razgovori nadaljevali.
To je bila prva Marshallova izjava, odkar je prevzel vlogo posredovalca med centralno vlado in komunisti. General Cou Enlai, načelnik komunistične delegacije, je napovedal, da bomo kmalu izdalo povelje za ustavi-tele streljanja. Člani posvetovalnega političnega sveta se bodo sestali na seji in razpravljali o programu, ki naj bi postavil podlago enotnosti na Kitajskem.
Sinoci je bilo objavljeno poročilo, da so prve vladne čete v Korakale v Mukden, največje mesto v Mandžuriji. Istočasno so druge čete dospeli iz Peipinga v Cangcun, glavno mesto Mandžurije.
General Albert C. Wedemeyer, poveljnik ameriške oborožene sile na Kitajskem, je napovedal, da bodo ameriški parniki hitrejši 26.000 kitajskih vojakov v mandžurska pristanišča mesta.

Odmevi članske kampanje SNPJ

Tretji mesec kampanje beleži nove uspehe; 44 kontestantov že doseglo častno listo; čikaški Pionirji v ospredju, toda John Shaffer še vedno "on top"

Prva polovica članske kampanje v proslavo 20-letnice angleško poslušajočih društev je za nami. Dosedanji uspeh je kar zadovoljiv. Izmed prvih treh mesecev je bil zadnji (december) najboljši. Dasi točno število novih članov za december še ni znano, vendar sodi kampanjski direktor br. Michael Whelan, da bo to število znašalo okrog 375, in sicer približno 225 novih članov v mladinski in 150 v odrasli oddelki.
V oktobru, ko se je pričela kampanja, so agitatorji pridobili 297 novih članov, v novembru pa 337. Skupno torej okrog tisoč novih članov v prvi polovici kampanje, kar je tudi polovico skupne kampanjske kvote. Vse pretekle kampanje pa so pokazale, da je druga polovica vedno boljja kot prva. Torej če bo šla kampanja v tem tempu naprej, kar vsi upamo, bomo ili "over the top." Toda le pod pogojem, da kampanja nikjer ne poneha, marveč gre naprej še v večjem tempu.
Do sedaj se je že povzpelo na častno listo 44 kontestantov, od teh 23 v decembru. Torej tudi v tem pogledu je bil zadnji mesec najboljši. (Za častno listo je potrebno pet ali več novih članov.) Na prvem mestu je še vedno br. John Shaffer iz Crivitz, Wis., ki je svojemu društvu 537 že pridobil 38 novih članov v zadnjih treh mesecih. Na drugem mestu je znana Pueličanska Rose Radovich, tajnica društva 21, na tretjem pa John Jobkar, novi tajnik društva 265 v Southviewu, Pa.
Med društvu pa je na prvem mestu največje jednotino društvo čikaški Pionirji 559, ki so prekosili br. Shafferja za enega člana in v tej kampanji narasli za 39 novih članov. Od teh so jih pridobili v decembru 17. Ampak med ogromnim Chicagom in malo farmarsko naselbino v Wisconsinu je velikanska razlika! Torej je br. Shaffer še vedno prvi med prvimi. Čestitke! Med Pionirjevimi kontestanti se je prikazala iz skrivališča Ann Sannemann, voditeljica mladinskega krožka št. 26, ki je pridobila 6 novih članov in prišla na častno listo. Šešsoma se bodo prikazali tudi drugi kontestanti tega društva.
V decembru je bilo na drugem mestu društvo 209 iz Nokomisa Ill., kjer je blaginjska sestra Louise Desiak pridobila 10 novih članov. To društvo je v tej kampanji že pridobilo 15 novih članov — 6 več kot je kvota.
Gibljeno se tudi pri društvu 138 v Strabanu, Pa., kjer je zadnji mesec Francos Pedro, voditeljica mladinskega krožka, pridobila 7 novih članov, John Zigmara, tajnik društva, pa je k prejšnjim štirim dodal še dva. Tako sta prišla oba na častno listo. Še šest in društvo bo doseglo svojo kvoto.
Iz Minnesote pa se je zopet oglasila sestra Ursula Ambrosich, gl. podpredsednica 5. distrikta, s sedežem v Evelethu, kjer se ima vršiti naša prihodnja konvencija. Prijavila je nadaljnjih 7 novih članov. Tudi njeno društvo 130 potrebuje še šest novih članov za doseglo kvote, kar se bo gotovo zgodilo.
Po šest novih članov pa so prijavili: Sylvia Skedel (254), Bor Air, Pa., Frances Oblak (295), Bridgeville, Pa., in Frank Hrvatic (476), Salem, O. Tako so se tudi vsi trije povzpeli na častno listo.
Po pet zarez pa so v decembru napravili na svojih kampanjskih puškah: Mary Vidmar (3), Johnstown, Pa., Joseph Turck (104), West Allis, Wis., John Jobkar (265), Southview, Pa., Mary Maczek (643), Girard, O., Helen Ambrosich (747), Milwaukee, Wis., vsi tajniki svojih društev in vsi na častni listi.
Po štiri zारेze so napravili v zadnjem mesecu: John Kobe (64), West Newton, Pa., Tone Zornik (87), Herminie, Pa., Mary Rus (223), Greensburg, Pa., Frances Gorenc (262), Farrell, Pa., Louise Zupancic (299), Walsenburg, Colo., Jennie Petrich (322), Chisholm Minn., Frank Tehovnik (518), Detroit, Mich., Mary Rodina (690), Kansas City, Kan., Theresa Masgon (762), Hostetter, Pa., Mike Baloh (7), Claridge, Pa., Mary Dodic (450), Euclid, O. in društvo Nad 102, Chicago. Po tri pa so dobili: Lucas Dornovsek (237), Sheldon Wis., John Nemanich (172), Beadling, Pa., Mildred Bomestor (461) Midland, Pa., društvo 66, Trinidad, Colo., in društvo 292, Avella Penna.
Vsem od prvega do zadnjega najlepše priznanje!
Do zdaj je doseglo svoje kvote 15 društev, od teh štiri angleško poslušajoča. To število je štiri-več kot prejšnji mesec. Precejšnjo število društev se pa pomici k svojim kvotam in jih bodo gotovo dosegla ta ali prihodnji mesec. V drugi polovici kampanje se na požuri vsako društvo in naj pridobi vsaj nekaj članov, ako že ni more doseči svoje kvote. To naj bo kampanjska parola v novem letu. Naprej!

Goering ozmerjal pričo tožiteljstva

Nemci so nameravali pobiti 30,000,000 Slovanov
Nuernberg, Nemčija, 8. jan.—Hermann Goering, bivši nemški državni minister, je ozmerjal in preklinjal pričo tožiteljstva, ki je nastopila pred zavezniškimi sodiščem, pred katerim se morajo zagovarjati vodilni nacisti ki so obtoženi vojnih zločinov.
Priča je bil general Erich von dem Bach-Zelewski, bivši poslanec v nemškem parlamentu in desna roka Heinricha Himmlerja, načelnika nacistične tajne policije. On je povedal sodišču, da je Hitler odredil napad na sovjetsko Rusijo z namenom, da pobije 30,000,000 Slovanov.
Bach-Zelewski je povedal sodišču, da je Himmler sestavil načrt za usmritev 30,000,000 Slovanov. Dalje je razkril, da so nacisti formirali posebne brigade roparjev in morilcev za pobijanje slovenskih gerilcev in partizanov na vzhodu.
Ameriški prosekutor je dejal, da je vrhovno nemško poveljstvo odobrilo Himmlerjev načrt. Prizadeta sta Feldmaršala Wilhelm Keitel, bivši šef nemškega generalnega štaba, in Walter von Reichenau. Keitel je odobrila načrt mesec dni pred nemškim napadom na Rusijo.

Domače vesti

Vile poljanke
Chicago. — Družina Mirka Kuhlja, gl. blaginjska SNPJ in tajnika SANS, je zadnjo soboto narasla za novega člana, kakor bo tudi jednota. Naš Mirko je res kmpelje! To pot se je dogovoril z rojenicami, da so mu prinesle sinčka ravno na dan obletnice svoje poroke, prej pa so se že trikrat zglasile pri družini na isti dan v letu. Čestitke!

V bolnišnici
Chicago. — Joseph Kuhel, stric Mirka Kuhlja, se nahaja v bolnišnici South Shore, kjer je zadnji četrtek srečno prestopil težko operacijo na želodcu. Član je društva 610 SNPJ.

Obisk
Chicago. — Glavni urad SNPJ je obiskal v ponedeljek Milan Cebular iz Wandlinga, Pa.

Is Minnesote
McKinley, Minn. — Tukaj je umrla Rozalija Ruzich, stara 68 let, doma s Primoškega in članica društva 175 SNPJ. Zapuščica dva sinova in tri hčere. Mož ji je umrl pred 6 leti. Fantje se pridno vnašajo iz vojaške službe. Od društva 175 so se vrnili v civilno življenje: Joe Siskar, Bernard Germ, Andrew Lautizar, Joe Erchul, Joe Krall od mornarice, pri kateri je služil 38 mesecev, pa William Perko, sin tajnika društva. Istočasno je bil poklican v mornarico njegov starejši sin. Z bratom sta se srečala v Minneapolisu: mlajši je šel domov, starejši pa v Californijo.

Nov grob v Penni
St. Michael, Pa. — Tukaj je umrl George Kristell, star 58 let in doma od Rajhenburga na Stajerskem, kjer živi z bratom. Bil je samostojni zapušča-jevodnik. Pokopan je bil civilno. Bil je član društva 190 SNPJ, UMWA, Workmen's Benefit Funda in družabnega kluba.

Is Clevelanda
Cleveland. — Jennie Bradach, hči Franka in Mary Slibar, je v bolnišnici Glenville povila zdravega sinčka, ki ga je že tudi objavila SNPJ. Njen mož Pfc. Theodore Bradach se nahaja pri inženirjih v Tokiu. On je doma iz Aurora, Minn., pri vojakih že 41 mesecev. Frank Slibar, oče Jennie, je bil med ustanovitelji društva 17 SNPJ v Lorainu, O. — V bližnjem Bedfordu je v petek umrl Martin Mirtel, star 73 let, doma iz Beata, Pa. in v Ameriki 40 let. Tudi zapuščica žena, pet sinov, tri hčere, brata in sestro. — V Collinwoodu je umrl Tomo Klarič, star 80 let, doma iz Krivjaka na Hrvaškem in v Ameriki 50 let. Bil je član HBZ Zapuščica žena, tri sinove, dve hčeri in brata. — V bolnišnici Huon rd. se nahaja John Medvešek iz Collinwooda, ki je sročest prestal operacijo. — Iz armade ita bila častno odpuščen brata Frank in Bill Dezelan, dalje Frank Zagar, pri inženirjih 29 mesecev, od teh 20 mesecev na evropskih bojiščih; Frank Simončič, pri marinih 34 mesecev in se bojeval 19 mesecev na Pacifiku, in Anton Zakrajšek, sin pogrebniška Zakrajška, ki je služil 34 mesecev. — A. D. je dne 4. jan. priobčila pismo, katerega je prejel pobegli ljubljanski belogardistični škof Rožman od papeža. Pismo se končuje: "Brat, pravilno si delal (Pomagal je Hitlerju—ured.) Prepričan bodi, da kmalu pride čas, ko boš vodil svoje škofije s svoje stolice." Papež mu končno daje svoj blagoslov, kakor ga je v znani ljubljanski prisiški domobrancev dal škof Rožman tudi Hitlerju. "Gliha skup štirha," pravi znani pregovor.

Japonski polkovnik obojen v smrt

Jokohama, Japonska, 8. jan.—Japonski polkovnik Kei Huri je bil spoznan za krivega mučenja in umora ameriških vojni ujetnikov in obojen v smrt na večalnih. Obsodbo je izreklo ameriško vojaško sodišče.

SPORAZUM MED AVTNO UNJO IN KORPORACIJO

Ustanovitev posebnega sklada naznanjena
THOMAS IZRAZIL ZADOVOLJSTVO
Detroit, Mich., 8. jan.—Unija združenih avtnih delavcev, včlanjena v Kongresu industrijskih organizacij, in korporacija Kaiser-Frazer sta naznanili sklenitev meznega dogovora, ki bo tvoril podlago pogodbi. Korporacija se je obvezala, da bo prispevala pet dolarjev za vsak avtomobil, ki ga bo producirala, v posebni sklad. Denar iz tega sklada bo razdeljen med delavce, ki se ne bodo udeležili neavtorizirane stavke v dobi vsiljavnosti pogodbe.

Korporacija je pojasnila, da bodo delavci prejeli \$1.19 na uro in k tej plači bo dodano zvišanje, katero bo unija izvojevala v stavki proti korporaciji General Motors. Delavci, upošleni v tovarnah Ford Motor Co., prejemo zdaj \$1.19 na uro.
Skupno naznanilo o sklenitvi meznega dogovora sta objavila R. J. Thomas, predsednik avtne unije, in Henry J. Kaiser, načelnik odbora direktorjev korporacije, po konferenci v hotelu Book-Cadillac. Kaiser je po sklenitvi dogovora odletel iz Detroita v Californijo. Thomas je izrazil zadovoljstvo in naglasil, da je dogovor najboljši izmed vseh, ki so bili sklenjeni v avtni industriji.

Korporacija Kaiser-Frazer ni naznanila cen za svoje avtomobile, ker ni bila udeležena v produkciji avtomobilov 1. 1942, ko je urad administracije cen določil cene. Joseph W. Frazer, predsednik nove korporacije, je dejal, da bo letna produkcija znašala 300,000 avtomobilov. To pomeni, da bo korporacija prispevala v posebni sklad okrog \$1,500,000 in ta vsota bo razdeljena med delavce.

Thomas je naznanil, da bo odpotoval v Washington, kjer se bodo pogajanja med unijo in korporacijo General Motors obilovila. Dejal je, da bo dogovor korporaciji Kaiser-Frazer tvoril podlago drugim v avtni industriji.

Ugrabitelj razsekal truplo deklice

Chicago, 8. jan.—Policija išče radišičnega morilca, ki je ugrabil šest let staro deklico Suzanne Degan, jo umoril in razsekal njeno truplo. Deklica je bila ugrabljena iz sobe v stanovanju na 5943 Kenmore ave. Policija je našla glavo, noge in del trupla umorjene deklice v odvodnih kanalih v bližini njegovega doma, ne pa rok. Morilec je pustil v sobi deklice foto z zahtevo za odkupnino v vsoti \$20,000.

Jeklarska unija sklenila pogodbo

Easton, Pa., 8. jan.—Jeklarska unija je sklenila pogodbo z Lehigh Foundry Co., ki določa zvišanje plače od 12 do 24 centov na uro. Kompanija ne bo prizadeta, če bo oklicana splošna jeklarska stavka.

Japonski ujetniki zapuščajo Ameriko

Washington, D. C., 8. jan.—Besednik vojnega departamenta je dejal, da japonski vojni ujetniki zapuščajo Ameriko. Evakuacija bo dovršena do 15. januarja. V septembru se je nahajalo 5080 japonskih vojni ujetnikov v Ameriki.

Unija CIO se odločila za stavko

Intervencija federalne vlade se obeta
Chicago, 8. jan.—Unija United Farm Equipment & Metal Workers (CIO) se je odločila za oklic stavke proti International Harvester Co. v Chicagu in drugih mestih, v katerih ima kompanija tovarne. Stavka se bo pričela 21. januarja.

Zadevno naznanilo je objavil Gerald Fielde, tajnik-blagajnik mednarodne unije. Člani unije so se izrekli za oklic stavke, ko je kompanija zavrnila zahtevo glede zvišanja plače za 30 odstotkov.
Besednik kompanije ni hotel komentirati oklica stavke. Dejal je le, da je kompanija za nadaljevanje pogajanj z unijo. V čikaških tovarnah kompanije je upošlenih čez 15,000 delavcev. Stavka bo zajela tudi tovarne v Rock Islandu, East Molinu, Rock Fallsu, Ill., Bettendorfu, Ia., Richmondu, Ind., in Auburnu, N. Y.

Pogajanja med unijo in kompanijo, ki so se pričela pred tremi meseci, niso prinesla nobenega rezultata. Unija vztraja pri zahtevi za zvišanje plače za 30 odstotkov, kompanija pa je ponudila zvišanje za 10 odstotkov. Njene tovarne producirajo 65 odstotkov poljedelskih strojev v deželi.

Edgar L. Warren, načelnik federalnega pravnega biroja v Washingtonu, je apeliral na unijo in kompanijo za kooperacijo, da se odvrne preteča stavka. Naznanil je, da bo imenovana posebna komisija, ki bo skušala izravnavati konflikt. Warren bo skušal odvrniti tudi stavko klavniških delavcev, članov unije CIO, proti klavniškim kompanijam. Ta se bo pričela 16. januarja, če ne bodo kompanije pristale na zahtevo glede zvišanja plače za 25 odstotkov. Unija ima okrog 200,000 članov.

Reuther zahteva pojasnila od Wilsona

Korporacija naj razkrije stališče
Washington, D. C., 8. jan.—Walter P. Reuther, podpredsednik unije združenih avtnih delavcev in vodja stavke proti korporaciji General Motors, je pozval C. E. Wilsona, predsednika te korporacije, naj pojasni, ali odobrava reakcionarni program organizacije Sentinela.

Reuther pravi v telegramu Wilsonu, da je podnačelnik organizacije Sentinela Stephen Du Brul, ki je v službi avtne korporacije kot ekonom. Ta organizacija je objavila oglas v ameriških časopisih s pozivom na kongres, naj razveljavi vse delavske zakone, ki so bili sprejeti v zadnjih 14 letih.
"Ako bo vaš odgovor, da korporacija ne odobrava organizacije Sentinela in njenega poziva na kongres, naj razveljavi vse delavske zakone, sprejete v zadnjih 14 letih, me obvestite," pravi Reuther v telegramu. "Zelim tudi pojasnila, ali je Du Brul postal podnačelnik omenjene organizacije z vašo odobritvijo ali odobritvijo drugih odgovornih uradnikov korporacije General Motors? Ali bo Du Brul ostal podnačelnik organizacije in obenem obdržal službo kot ekonom korporacije? Ali korporacija finančno podpira aktivnosti organizacije Sentinela? Ta vprašanja so važna in želim odgovora in pojasnila od vas."

Chicago, 8. jan.—Prvič po oklicu stavke proti korporaciji General Motors pred sedmimi tedni so se sestali reprezentanti

SOVJETSKA RUSIJA IZDELUJE ATOMSKE BOMBE

Angleško-ameriška atomska bomba zastarela v primeri z rusko

BYRNES ODPOTOVAL V LONDON

London, 8. jan.—Dr. Raphael E. G. Armattoe, britski znanstvenik in direktor raziskovalnega centra biologije in človekoslovja v Lomešhiju, je izjavil v intervjuu, da je sovjetska Rusija razvila atomsko bombo, ki daleč prekaša angleško-ameriško bombo in je slednja v primeri z rusko zastarela.

Dr. Armattoe je dalje rekel, da je možna masna produkcija ruske bombe. On ni hotel razkriti vira svojih informacij, pozneje pa je dejal, da imajo nekateri člani štaba raziskovalnega centra v Lomešhiju zveze z organizacijami ruskih znanstvenikov.
Ruski znanstveniki so že preizkušali novo atomsko bombo, ki ni večja kot teniška žoga, ki pa kljub temu uniči vse v okrožju 53 milj. Vročina, katero razvije, znaša več milijonov stopinj.

Britski znanstvenik je dejal, da je bila ruska bomba producirana s pomočjo dveh nemških fizikov, katere so Rusi ujeli. Ruski znanstveniki, ki so vodili raziskave, so Joffe, Semjonov, Kapitzja, Zeldovič in Vilavov. Kapitzja je načelnik slovitega inštituta fizike v Moskvi.

Washington, D. C., 8. jan.—Državni tajnik James F. Byrnes je pred odhodom v London izjavil, da bo kongres imel zadnjo besedo v odločitvi, ali naj Amerika razkrije tajnosti produkcije atomske bombe predlagani komisiji za atomsko energijo Združenih narodov. On in njegovi pomočniki se bodo udeležili seje skupščine Združenih narodov, ki se prične v četrtak v Londonu.

Byrnes je povedal častnikarjem, da bo ostal v Londonu do ustanovitve komisije za kontrolo atomske energije. Zaključek, da se komisija ustanovi, je bil sprejet na konferenci zunanjih ministrov treh velesil v Moskvi.

Amerika sto let v ozadju za svetom

London, 8. jan.—Rev. Hewlett Johnson, ki je nedavno obiskal Ameriko, je dejal, da se strinja s kantaburškim dekanom, svojim prednikom, ki je tudi obiskal Ameriko, in potem izjavil, da je Amerika sto let v ozadju za ostalim svetom v vseh časih iz izjemo verskih. V verskih ozirih je v ozadju 150 let. "Polpolnoma se strinjam s to izjavo," je rekel Johnson na shodu, katerega je aranžiral list Daily Worker. On je bil v Ameriki v novembru preteklega let in takrat je obiskal predsednika Trumana v Beli hiši.

Finci utrjujejo zapadno obrežje

Stockholm, Švedska, 8. jan.—Poročila iz zanesljivih virov trdijo, da Finci utrjujejo zapadno obrežje in grade trdnjave ob švedski meji po navodilih iz Moskve. Iz tega namigi sklepa, da je Rusija omejila ekspanzijo proti zapadu ob Baltiku in finsko-švedski meji. Sovjetska unija dostavlja jeklo za gradnjo utrdb.
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Dne 15. januarja se prične po vsej Ameriki kampanja za zbiranje hrane in živeža za jugoslovanske otroke. Trajala bo dva meseca in pol in se zaključuje 31. marca. Kampanjo vodi Ameriški odbor za jugoslovanski relief, pod katerim imenom sedaj posluje za pomoč na akcija. Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt je častna predsednica tega odbora.

Lakota v Jugoslaviji je splošna, toda najbolj prizadene otroke, ki rabijo boljše hrane za razvoj svojega telesa. Poročilo iz Vlasence pravi, da dobivajo tam otroci hrano le vsak drugi dan. V okolici Šabca v Srbiji ima najmanj 12.000 otrok kostno jetiko vsled slabe prehrane. Mnogo jih je popolnoma oslepel radi nezadostnih vitaminov. V Jugoslaviji je 9 odstotkov otrok brez doma in med njimi je umrljivost skoraj neverjetno visoka—80%. Medtem ko si odraslo prebivalstvo pomaga kolikor pač more z domačimi pridelki, ne more nadomestiti enega, kar je pokral ali uničil sovražnik. Toda otroci so prvi, tega se zavedajo moški in ženske. Za to mora priti pomoč od drugod, kjer je največ—iz Amerike.

Za časa naše kampanje za otroke moramo pomagati vsi. Zbiramo konservirano hrano in trpežni živež ter pošiljamo vse v skladišče v New York (161 Perry st., New York, N. Y.) v čim večjih količinah.

"Vsi otroci so naši," je dejala Mrs. Roosevelt, ko je sprejela častno predsedništvo našega odbora. "Ali nas ni vojna naučila, da je blagostanje naših lastnih otrok tesno povezano za usodo otrok hrbene Jugoslavije, Rusije, Grčije in drugih naših zaveznikov? Nečak bodo današnji otroci delali skupaj z jugoslovanskimi za boljši, srečnejši svet. Ali ni zbiranje otroške hrane za jugoslovanske otroke dober način za pričetek bodočega prijateljskega sodelovanja?"

SLOVENIJA IN BODOČE MIROVNE POGODBE

V smislu zaključka moskovske konference imajo do 1. maja biti sestavljene mirovne pogodbe za razne evropske države, ki so se borile pod zastavo osi. Med njimi so tudi Italija, Avstrija in Ogrska, ki mejijo na Slovenijo. Da se uresniči tisočletna težnja slovenskega naroda, kakor tudi aspiracije njegovih sinov v Ameriki, morajo po teh mirovnih pogodbah biti vrnjeni federalni Sloveniji vsi kraji, kjer so kompaktno naseljeni Slovenci in ki danes še ne spadajo pod Jugoslavijo. To ne velja samo za slovensko Primorje, Trst, Gorice in Istro, temveč v isti meri tudi za slovenski Korotan, za del slovenskega Štajerja pod Avstrijo ter za rabške Slovence na Madžarskem.

Če pogledamo zemljevid, opazimo med severno jugoslovansko mejo v Prekmurju in med reko Rabo na Madžarskem kakih 100 štirjakihih kilometrov ozemlja, kjer živijo rabaki Slovenci. Ogrji jih nazivajo RABA-TOT. Ta del Slovenije gospodarsko silno propada pod Ogrsko. Ljudje se žive največ z seljenjskimi zaslužki iz Amerike, kamor so se moški izselili. Žene vzdržujejo domove. Porabski Slovenci so tudi organizirali osvobodilni odbor in zaprosili jugoslovansko vlado, da se pošegne zanje in jih sprejme v jugoslovansko republiko. Imena nekaterih slovenskih krajev v tem pozabljenem delu Slovenije so: Slovenska vas, Štefanovci, Otkovci, Ritkarovci, Rudinci, Mali Dolenci, Matjaževci, Rogoševci, Grineci, Salovci, Dankovci, Prosenjakovci, Rakičani, Ivanjci, Petkovci, Copinci, Sekalovci, Ženaveci, Veričevci in druge.

Po mirovni konferenci leta 1918 je ves ta kompaktno-slovenski teritorij bil oddeljen Madžarski, in s tem je bila preprečena vsaka možnost za "slovenski koridor" med Jugoslavijo in Čehoslovansko. Na ta način so se tudi povezali Nemci in Madžari na zgodovinsko slovenskem ozemlju. Ti kraji niso gospodarsko odvisni od Ogrske, pač pa od jugoslovanskega ozemlja proti jugu. Vsled tega

se je celo madžarska manjšina izrekla za pristop v Jugoslavijo. Ali bodo njihove želje upoštevane in izpolnjene, ko bo izdelana mirovna pogodba za Madžarsko?

V trikotu, ki ga dela reka Mura, ko doseže jugoslovansko mejo v Prekmurju, leži obširni del pristne slovenske zemlje, katero je prva mirovna konferenca oddelila Avstriji. S tem postopanjem je Slovenija izgubila Radgona in kos Prekmurja. Tudi ta del zelenega Štajerja in peštrga Prekmurja mora spadati Združenji Sloveniji.

Na Koroškem so bili Slovenci glavna tarča nemškega nacizma in avstrijskega šovinizma. Koroški Slovenci so se tudi na svoji zemlji prvi postavili Hitlerju po robu in v osvobodilni borbi utrpeli velike žrtve. Celo demokratski Avstriji so se pred svetom postavljali s "svojimi partizani na Koroškem," dasi so dobro vedeli, da so to bili koroški Slovenci, katere je organizirala slovenska Osvobodilna fronta in ki so se borili za svojo bodočnost pod Jugoslavijo in ne pod Avstrijo.

Tragedija "demokratskega" plebiscita na Koroškem leta 1920 je za premnoge ljudi že pozabljena reč. Ne za Korošce, ki so proti svoji volji bili priključeni avstrijski republiki in tako postali ločeni četrt stoletja od ostalega slovenskega naroda. Koroški plebiscit je bila ena največjih fars v zgodovini slovenskega naroda. Celo Avstriji so priznali zadnja leta, da je bil rezultat volitev zagotovljen v prid Avstriji, čim je bila napravljena meja med volilno cono A in cono B, da ne omenjamo umetne propagande proti Jugoslaviji, ki so jo med volilno kampanjo pomagali širiti takozvani "zavezniki."

Načrt za plebiscit je določal, da se južna Koroška razdeli v dva dela. Narod naj bi odločil za volitvami, kam hoče spadati—pod Jugoslavijo ali pod Avstrijo. Pogoj za volitve v severni coni B je bil, da voli narod le v slučaju, če dobi Jugoslavija večino v južni coni A. Zavezniška komisija pa je skrbno gledala, da so pod cono A prišle večje nemške vasi, ki so volile za Avstrijo ter tako odtelale tisti del slovenskih volilcev, ki niso nasledili protijugoslovanske kampanje in so volili za Jugoslavijo.

Rezultat je bil 54% za Avstrijo in 46% za Jugoslavijo. Veliko število Slovencev v coni B pa sploh ni imeli priliko glasovanja, ker je plebiscit v njihovem delu avtomatično odpadel. Koroška dežela, "najlepši nakit Jugoslavije, njen diadem, njena krona," kot so vzklikali poetični ljubljancje, pa je ostala v nemškem morju.

Kot pred 25 leti, tako tudi danes tulijo volkodlaki po slovenskem Korotanu. Jugoslovanska osvobodilna vojska se je morala umakniti iz tega osvobojenega ozemlja na povelje "zaveznikov," ki so slučajno isti kot leta 1920—Angleži. Slovenske ljudske oblasti so bile razpuščene, narodni voditelji odtirani v ječe

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Ves slovenski Korotan mora biti vrnjen njeni materni deželi Sloveniji. Avstrijski manjšini se obeta pod Jugoslavijo boljše garancija za svobodno narodno, kulturno in politično življenje, nego je more pričakovati zapostavljena slovenska večina pod Avstrijo, broječa do 120.000 ljudi.

Najvažnejše pa je vprašanje slovenskega Primorja, kjer je treba upoštevati do 650.000 Jugoslovancev, ki so bili od 1918 pod Italijo. Italijanska propagandna mašina, v katero pridno prilivajo olje tudi Slovanom neaklonjeni Amerikanci, se trudi na vse kriplje, da bi zavezniki svet pozabil na Mussolinija in njegove žrnosrajčne morlice slovenskega naroda v Primorju in v napadenem delu Slovenije. Na vsak način hoče prikazati Italijo za "demokratsko" državo, ki je "toliko prispevala" k skupni zavezniki zmagi, da bi morala dobiti prostor pri mirovni mizi. Toda vzlic vsemu prizadevanju, da bi svet videl danes le sedanjo Italijo in ne ono, kakršna je bila komaj pred par leti, ko je vse drvelo za Il Ducejem, se slovanski zastopniki pri izdelovanju mirovne pogodbe za Italijo ne bodo dali preslepiti.

Zakaj bi te tujec še vedno tlačil suženjsko? Slovan bo zdaj gospodaril nad svojo zemljico!

Slovanski narodi hočejo biti zaslišani in spregovoriti o svoji pravici do meja, ki bodo njihovo ljudstvo vezale v bodoče in ne razdvajale. Teh pravice jim ne more nihče zanikati niti ne odvzeti, kajti plačal je za nje s tisočletnim suženstvom, neizmernim izkoriščanjem in tiranijo zemljelačnih tujcev, ki so hlepeli po slovenski grudi. Te pravice si je Slovan priboril v borbi za svojo svobodo in v tej borbi je utrpel take žrtve, kot nikoli poprej kaka druga rasna skupina. In med temi slovenskimi narodi je tudi slovenski, ki je v svoji štiriletni borbi dokazal svojo pravico do življenja in do zemlje, ki mu bo dajala to življenje. Kdor je pošten, mu bo pomagal, da se mu odvzeta zemlja povrne.

Mirovne pogodbe za Italijo, Avstrijo in Madžarsko bi morale vzdržati slovenske zahteve in slovenske pravice.

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O REPREZENTACIJI

Cleveland, Ohio.—Pred nekaj tedni sem izrazil moje mnenje glede praktične spremembe za znižanje zastopstva na konvencijah na način, da bi se volili delegati po okrožjih. Omenil sem, da je večina društev že organizirana po okrožjih. Zdaj poslušajte mnenja 21 federacij, v katerih so zastopana društva 13 držav, v katerih državah se nahaja nad 42.000 članov. Ako bi se ustanovile federacije še v Indiani, Montani, Washingtonu in New Yorku, bi teh 25 okrožij lahko vsa društva brez posebnih razdalj. Izjema je le seštevna razdalja. Kanadska društva se lahko priključijo katerim obmejnim državam Unije.

Bolje bi seveda bilo, da bi se v nekaterih državah ustanovila še nadaljnja okrožja. Priporočljivo bi bilo, da bi imeli dva okrožja v državi New York. Eno okrožje za okolico mesta New York, v katero se lahko vključijo društva iz New Jerseyja. Drugo okrožje pa naj bi bilo v okolici mesta Buffalo in Niagara Falls, v katero se lahko vključijo tudi nekatera kanadska društva. Eno okrožje naj bi se ustanovilo za severni Wisconsin in severni Michigan. Društvo severnega Wis. lahko poslujejo z minnesotskim okrožjem, a bilo bi priročajše, če bi imeli svoje okrožje blizu meje Mich. Wis. Poleg teh so seveda še drugi kraji, kjer bi se dala ustanoviti nova okrožja, kar se bo izvedlo brez posebnih potežkoč, ako pride do priporočane spremembe.

Večina federacij zboruje mesečno. Zastopnike plačujejo društva sama ali pa federacije. Vzdružujejo jih včlanjena društva, pogosto z dohodki skupnih priredb. Kako naj se imenujejo okrožna zborovanja, ne dela posebne razlike.

Vzrok za potrebo spremembe je to, da ni potrebna konvencija s tako velikim številom delegatov kot imamo zdaj pri jednoti. Če bi naše konvencije ne bile tako velike, bi gotovo tudi ne trajale tako dolgo kot zdaj, in čeprav bi, bi bili stroški konvencij znatno nižji. Drugi vzrok je, nepraktični sistem združevanja malih društev za dosego potrebne števila članov in svrhu skupne volitve delegata.

Jednota posluje v 36 državah (vključivši Canade). Na zadnji konvenciji smo imeli delegate iz 20 držav. Od društev v 16 državah ni bilo delegatov na zadnji konvenciji. V 9 državah imamo menda le po eno društvo, katerih nobeden ne šteje polnih 100 članov. Zdaj se morejo združiti s katerim društvom ali celo v več državah za skupno volitve delegata. Ako se osvoji volitve delegatov po okrožjih, bi pa okrožnega delegata poslali v sosedno državo, če se društvo ne nahaja v boljšem središču kot druga društva istega okrožja. Isto velja za kanadska društva. Za nekatera je okrožje lahko v državi Washingtonu ali Montani, za druga v Michiganu ali New Yorku. Državne meje ne odločajo razdalje med društvi. Možno je, da imamo društvo v W. Va., kateremu so društva v Penni in Ohiju bližje kot pa katero drugo društvo v W. Va.

Res je, da se lahko veliko piše, posebno brezpomembnih zbadljivk se lahko veliko natrese na potrebnih papir, a kaj konstruktivnega jasno opisati ni tako lahko. Resnih problemov se je treba oprijeti z resnim delom, stvarnim razmotiranjem in razpravljanjem, ako hočemo, da bodo stvarno rešena. Pred vsem je treba proučiti sistem, ki povzroča problem, in najti hibe, zaeno pa iskati vir, s katerim bi se dalo hibe odpraviti. Če se že ne morejo nedostatki popolnoma odpraviti, naj se jih skusa vsaj omejiti.

Ako se uvidi, da se ne da hibe sistema odpraviti ali vsaj omejiti, se moramo oprijeti novega sistema. Do zdaj smo skušali odpraviti razne potežkoče, katere povzročajo sedajne dolžbe; jednota kolikor toliko raste in s tem potežkoče vsled zavednih dolžb. Vsled tega smatram, da je čas razmišljati o temeljiti spremembi teh dolžb. Če se bomo resno oprijeli

tega dela, sem uverjen, da bomo našli izhod za izboljšanje. Do prinesel sem vsled tega načrt, kateri bi po mojem mnenju problem zadovoljivo rešil.

Na zadnji konvenciji smo imeli 16 spornih delegatov, od katerih je bilo 14 od skupin, kar znači, da se nerednosti pri volitvah dogajajo največ pri društvi, ki se morajo po sedanjih določbah združiti z drugimi društvi za skupno volitve delegata. Izmed navedenih 14 spornih delegatov je morala konvencija odkloniti priznanje desetim, s čemer je bilo prizadetih 34 društev. Koliko društev ni volilo delegata, mi ni znano, a tu imamo 34 društev, ki so skozi združevanje volila 10 delegatov, ki vsled nerednosti pri volitvah niso mogli biti priznani. Posebno mala društva bi se morala zavzeti za odpravo obstoječega sistema volitve.

Blas Novak, 126.

ZAHVALA SNPJ

Grays Landing, Pa.—Podpisana se najlepše zahvaljujem SNPJ za finančno pomoč, ki sem jo prejela v moji strašni nesreči, ki me je zadel 30. oktobra 1945. Naj živi naša dična jednota!
Frances Castelitz.

VESTI DRUŠTVA 218 SNPJ

Denver, Colo.—Članstvu društva 218 SNPJ naznanjam, posebno onim izven naselbine, da so bili za l. 1946 izvoljeni sledeči uradniki: Mike Mavetic, predsednik, Frank Grande, podpredsednik, John Malovrh, tajnik, 3885 Meade st., Denver 11, Colo., Mary Grande, blagajničarka, Mark Težak, zapisnikar. Predsednica nadzornega odseka Josephine Tucker, zdravnik Joseph Delmar Sittin, 3738 Walnut st., Denver.

Društvo bo še nadalje zborovalo vsak tretji četrtek v mesecu; pričetek ob pol osmih zvečer v domovih prostorih. Na decemberski seji smo sklenili, da bomo imeli po seji v januarju malo prigrizka, ali bolje rečeno, večerjo in tudi za suha grla bo dovolj na razpolago, kajti članstvo se zaveda, da je upravičeno. Vse to bo na račun društvene blagajne, ker smo v l. 1945 lepo napredovali v finančnem oziru, kot še nismo nikdar poprej v zgodovini društva Columbine 218 SNPJ. Nismo pa tako povoljno napredovali v članstvu. To je tudi vzrok, da pridite na sejo meseca januarja, da se pogovorimo, kako in kje bi bilo mogoče pridobiti kaj novih članov, bodisi v odrasli ali mladinski oddelki.

Kvota našega društva v tej kampanji je 16 novih članov. Potrudimo se, da bomo to kvoto dosegli. Vem, da ste vsi zaposleni, zato bo vaše delo še toliko bolj upoštevano.

Nadalje bi prosil, da bi se vsi tisti člani, ki so bili odpuščeni iz armade, udeležili seje meseca januarja. Dobil sem listine iz gl. urada, katere boste podpisali, da boste zopet zavarovani za bolniško podporo in poškodbe.

Društvo Columbine je imelo v službi Strica Sama 33 članov. Vsi so mladi fantje, a bili smo toliko srečni, da nismo imeli nobenih izgub, pogrešan pa je Roman Cernich. Naša iskrena želja je, da bi ga našli zdravega. Obenem bomo na januarski seji delili nagrade članom, kateri so bili v armadi in so bili častno odpuščeni.

V l. 1945 je bilo naše društvo precej prizadeto, in sicer smo imeli sedem smrtnih slučajev. V kratkem času smo izgubili kar pet članov v odraslem oddelku. Prvi je nenadoma preminul Mark Kern, takoj za njim pa Louis Prosek, oba meseca septembra. Meseca novembra pa je smrt pobrala brata Johna Artacha, kateri je bil članstvu SNPJ zelo dobro poznan, posebno rojakom v Waukeganu, Ill. Bil je mož naprednega mišljenja in zelo delaven za jednota.

Meseca decembra pa smo izgubili kar dva člana: prvi je nenadoma preminul Frank Raicz, komaj pa smo njega spremlili na mirovdvor, že se je smrt zgodila, da bodo stvarno rešena. Pred vsem je treba proučiti sistem, ki povzroča problem, in najti hibe, zaeno pa iskati vir, s katerim bi se dalo hibe odpraviti. Če se že ne morejo nedostatki popolnoma odpraviti, naj se jih skusa vsaj omejiti.

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društvo tiste, kateri še niso sinovi in hčeri naše dobre matere SNPJ, da bodo tudi oni deležni dobrot, katere ona tako točno deli. Srečno in zadovoljno leto vsemu članstvu društva 218 SNPJ in vsem zavednim rojakom po vsej Ameriki!
John Malovrh, tajnik.

POROČILO O LETNI SEJI IN DRUGO

Joliet, Ill.—Vsi opomini na članstvo društva 115 SNPJ od strani društvenega odbora, da bi se udeleževalo društvenih sej v večjem številu, so ostali do sedaj brez uspeha.

Kaj je temu vzrok? Na dan z vročki in se pogovorimo med seboj in zadevo razrešimo po možnosti. Jaz nekoliko slutim vzrok, saj kar se tiče nekaterih članov. S tem, da se držite proč od društvenih sej, ne boste prišli do zaželenega cilja. V takem oziru je potrebno biti še bolj točen in s seboj privedi še druge, ki so vsa naša mišljenja in skušati prepričati vedno več članov in po malem se vam bodo želje izpolnile, ne pa se takoj razjeziti, ako niste s prvim vašim predlogom prišli do vrhunca.

Decemberske seje so se udeležili samo odborniki z izjemo nekaj žena, ki niso v odboru in nečejo prevzeti odborničkih mest. Stari odborniki so se že naveličali, poleg tega pa morajo pozirati še kritiko izven društvenih sej, in sicer od tistih članov, ki niso bili na seji že več let. Čestokrat je kritika prenesena po osebah, ki ne spadajo pod okrilje naše organizacije.

Po več kot enourni volitvi je bil izvoljen sledeč odbor za l. 1946: Predsednik ?, podpredsednik John Mandel, tajnica Helen Sternisa, blagajnik John Gerl, zapisnikar ?, nadzorniki ????. Na prihodnji seji boste še našli ves stari odbor iz l. 1945, nadalje pa kogar boste izvolili.

Podvojena je bila tudi plača vsega odbora razen tajnika, s čemer pa se jaz ne strinjam. Res je, da pri tem društvu dela samo odbor, vendar pa s tem ni rečeno, da mora ob koncu leta vse ljudi sam odbor pospraviti. Moj nasvet bi bil, da bi z denarjem, ki ga imamo v društveni blagajni, kupili zemljo, na katero bi si mogli postaviti svoj dom. Kupili bi loto in naj stoji prazna, ako ne moremo takoj z gradnjo. S tem bi se pričelo večje zanimanje na našem društvenem polju.

Pred nekaj leti smo nameravali prevzeti nekaj zemljišča, a nismo prišli do pravega zaključka. Ustrašili smo se enega samega člana, ki pa ga ni več med nami. Da, on je nas tako preplašil, da smo vsi zmetali puške v koruzo. Jaz bi priporočal, da bi puške zopet pobrali, jih nekoliko očistili in šli zopet na delo. Kaj mislite o tem?

Brat Barbič je udaril s precej velikim muhalnikom in ubil dve muhi z enim zamahom. Prvo nekje v Minnesoti, drugo pa pri nas ni Gabrovskovih Nežk, prav tako zelo malo v ostalih naselbinah. Tiste, ki so ostale, pa visijo na skrajnem koncu repa. Ake se dopisnik, katerega se tiče, ne strinja z mlekomo, mu pač zdravnik ni prepovedal uživanja alkoholičnih pijač.

Na svidenju na prihodnji seji 20. jan.; pričetek ob dveh popoldne pri Franku Sterniši.
Fred Ferlin, predsednik.

Federacije SNPJ

FEDERACIJSKI ZAPISNIK

Forest City, Pa.—Federacijska seja se je vršila 23. decembra 1945 v Forest Cityju, Pa.

Zastopana so sledeča društva: št. 129, 204, 432. Društvo 513 ni poslalo zastopnikov na to sejo. Predsednik nato pozove zastopnike k zborovanju. Zapisnik zadnje seje sprejet kot čitan.

Blagajnik poda finančno poročilo. V federacijski blagajni je 23. dec. \$91.13. Nato poročajo društveni zastopniki po redu. Ker pa nimajo posebnega poročila, konvencija pa se bo vršila čez leto, je sklenjeno, da se bo razpravljalo o enotnih problemih na prihodnji federacijski seji.

Preide se na volitve federacijskega odbora za l. 1946. Za predsednika je izvoljen Frank Vratarich, R. Končnik, podpredsednik, John Kogoj, tajnik in blagajnik, Louis Sasso, zapisnikar. Nadzorni odsek: Theodora Colina, Franc Ogrin, John Mar-

Od časa do časa

poročila in komentira Milan Medvedšek

Na mednarodnem ženskem kongresu v Parizu je jugoslovanska delegatinja dr. Olga Milosevic podala zelo tragično sliko o zdravstvenih razmerah v Jugoslaviji. Okupator je silno prizadel otroke. Na kongresu je bila nato podana primerjalna statistika o jetičnih otrokih v Evropi, ki je silno porazna za Jugoslavijo. V Angliji je 12% otrok, ki nosijo v sebi klice tuberkuloze, na Škotskem 20%, v Franciji 30-40%, na Poljskem in Italijanskem 80%, v Jugoslaviji pa 100%.

V petek, 11. januarja, se bo vršila redna mesečna seja društva Slavije 1 SNPJ; pričetek ob osmih zvečer v spodnji dvorani SNPJ. Tajnik bo pobiral assessment že ob sedmih; v istem prostoru bom pobiral assessment tudi vsako četrto nedeljo od devetih zjutraj do dvanajstih. Vse zadeve, tikaajoče se društva Slavije, naslovite: Milan Medvedšek, 2610 So. Lawndale ave., Chicago 23, Ill.

Pisma iz stare domovine nam najavtentičneje spričujejo, kakšne so danes razmere v Jugoslaviji in kaj vse se je godilo pod okupatorjem. Pisma pišejo prosti Slovenci, mnogi med njimi pobožni in bogaboječi ljudje, zato so toliko bolj resnična in zanesljiva. Skoro v vsakem pismu citamo o domobrancih, ki so v imenu vere in križi izdajali svoje rojake krutemu sovražniku.

Seveda, naši klerofašisti in črna reakcija, ki se zbira okrog A. D., je v veliki zadregi radi teh pism in skuša prepričati svoje pristaše, češ, narod je tam podivjal in da tudi partizani niso bili angelčki. Najprovo so trdili, da so bili partizani banditi, ubijalci, sedaj ko se grmadijo dokazi, da so bili domobranci faktično tisti ubijalci, pa se tolažijo, češ, tudi partizani niso bili angelčki.

Taki propagandi ne smemo naslediti. Resnica je, da so partizani kaznovali marsikaterega domobrancia, toda kaznovali so ga zato, ker jih je izdajal krutemu sovražniku. Partizani so se borili za domovino, domobranci pa za Hitlerjev rajh in papeža. Torej tu je tista razlika. Kadar so partizani kaznovali domobrancia, so samo zadoštili pravici, kadar pa so domobranci izdali, mučili ali ubili partizana, so storili dvojen zločin!

Ker so bila župnišča glavna gnezda domobrancev oz. švabobrancev, je razumljivo, da se danes prizadetim duhovnikom najbolj ne godi, na drugi strani pa so tisti duhovniki, ki so se borili z narodom in pustili na cedilu izdajalskega škofa Rožmana, spoštovani po vsej Sloveniji.

Med nami najdemo tudi osebe, ki menijo, da bi morali biti duhovniki nevtralni in sedaj bi bilo vse dobro. Tako naziranje je popolnoma napačno. Dolžnost slehernega duhovnika je bila, da bi se bil postavil na stran naroda, kakor se je Finžgar, dr. Mikuš in nekateri drugi, ne pa da bi bili nevtralni. Kadar gre za življenje naroda, ne moreš biti nevtralen, če si, pomagaš s svojo nevtralnostjo uničevati narod!

Nezmožnost in zastarelost kapitalističnega reda je v vsakim dnevom očitnejša, posebno pa se kaže v sedanjih prehodni dobi iz vojnih razmer v povojno. Veliki trebušniki so v vojnem času bogato želi, žrli in plesali huronski ples, sedaj bi pa radi nadaljevali, pa če vse druge takoj hodi vzame. Podobni so stari rimljanjki patricijem, ki so si natlačili želodec z dobro pijačo in jedajo, nato pa so na umeten način "čez vrgli" in si zopet natlačili želodec.

Rimljani so propadli in tako se bo zgodilo tudi s kapitalisti. V Ameriki še vedno jahajo na visokem konju, toda temelji zadnje kapitalistične trdnjave se že danes majoje.

Svobodno podjetništvo, kakor nekateri kličejo kapitalizem, ni nič drugega kot svobodno goljufanje—stani iz človeka, kar moreš, vzemi mu zadnji cent, pa nič. Prihodnja seja se bo vršila 31. marca; pričetek ob dveh popoldne v Scrantonu, Pa.
Louis Sasso, zapisnikar.

čprav na mestu pogine. Lep primer, eden izmed stotisočev, je sledeč: Neki veterani se je povrnil iz vojne in umrl. Zapusil je ženo, dva nepreskrbljena otroka in \$2.000 zavarovalnine. Seveda, veterana je bilo treba pokopati—pogrebnik ga je pokopal za \$1.620! Tako je svobodno podjetništvo!

Na dolu za stari kraj

VABILO NA SESTANEK

Cooperstown, N. Y.—Prošeni so vsi Slovenci in drugi Jugoslovani v okolici Cooperstowna, da pridejo na sestanek v nedeljo, 13. januarja, ob eni popoldne v Village Library, Cooperstown, N. Y., poleg pošte. Pričeli bomo pobirati prispevke v gotovini in druge potrebščine pod pokroviteljstvom Ameriškega odbora za pomoč Jugoslaviji.

Ni mi potreba opisovati razmere v Jugoslaviji, kajti kdor čita pisma iz stare domovine, ve, kako veliki siromaki so danes v stari domovini. Ljudstvo je izžepano do kraja—njima ne živeža ne obleke ne živine in ne semen, da bi obdelalo polje to popladi.

Pridimo skupaj in pomagajmo svojim krvnim bratom in se-

Društvene vesti

Ironton, Minn.—Pozivam članstvo društva 197 SNPJ, da prisostvuje društveni seji 20. januarja. Na dnevnem redu bo volitve tajnika. Na letni seji je bil sprejet predlog, da se bo s tistimi člani, ki se ne bi udeležili te seje, postopalo v smislu društvenega sklepa; izvzeti so samo bolni člani in tisti, ki morajo delati na ta dan, prav tako tisti, ki žive izven društvenega okraja.

Letna seja je bila zelo slabo obiskana in vsled tega nismo mogli izvoliti društvenega tajnika za l. 1946. Prošeni ste val, da se gotovo udeležite te seje.

Marion Korach, tajnica.

Summit, Ill.—Na letni seji društva 707 SNPJ so bili izvoljeni sledeči odborniki za l. 1946: John Primozich, predsednik, Martin Voglar, podpredsednik, Jacob Adam, tajnik, Math Debelak, blagajnik, Mary Adam, zapisnikarica. Nadzorniki: Frank Horvat st., Rose Voglar, Antonia Winter, društveni zdravnik dr. Alfred Nienow. Seje se obdržava vsako tretjo nedeljo v mesecu pri bratu Franku Horvatu, 5805 Archer Rout, Summit, Ill.

Jacob Adam, tajnik.

Brackensridge, Pa.—Naznanjam članstvu 375 SNPJ, da je bilo sklenjeno na letni seji, da od sedaj vsak član in članica v odraslem oddelku plača 5c več mesečno, za mladinski oddelki pa ostane po starem. Naznanjam tudi, da so odborniki za l. 1946 vsi stari, prav tako tudi društveni zdravnik, ki je dr. F. K. Booth.

Seje obdržavamo tudi po starem, namreč vsako tretjo nedeljo v mesecu, pričetek ob eni popoldne pri tajnici.

Kathryn Gasparic, tajnica.

Gary, Ind.—Na letni seji društva Nova sloboda 271 SNPJ so bili izvoljeni sledeči odborniki za l. 1946: John Valetich, predsednik, Ljubica Valedzich, podpredsednica, John Pavlovich, 4437 Connecticut st., tajnik, Mary Balaban, blagajničarka, Dora Jagunich, zapisnikarica. Nadzorni odsek: Marko Kerkez, pred., Dane Krpan, Tony Pishkur. Društveni zdravnik dr. Christ Stoykoff. Društvene seje se vrše kot običajno, vsako drugo nedeljo v mesecu. Prosim članstvo, da se redno udeležuje društvenih sej. Udeležite se gotovo januarske seje.

Mary Balaban.

Milwaukee, Wis.—Na letni seji društva 16 SNPJ so bili izvoljeni sledeči odborniki za l. 1946: J. Jenko, predsednik, C. Kramer, podpredsednik, Fr. Perko, tajnik, Anton Gornik, blagajnik, J. Kump, zapisnikar, društveni zdravnik J. S. Stefanez, zastopnik za Prosveto L. Barborich. Seje obdržavamo vsak drugi torek v običajnem prostoru, to je na vogalu 8. in National ave. Spremembe ni nobene za prihodnje leto, temveč ostane vse

stram! Vsakdo naj daruje po svoji moči. Če ima kateri kaj obleke, ki je ne potrebuje, naj jo odda za jugoslovanske siromake. O vsem tem se bomo pomenili na sestanku 13. januarja in izvolili odbor.

Adolf Krisch, John Stucin, Michael Selan.

VABILO NA SEJO

Chicago, Ill.—V ponedeljek, 14. januarja 1946, točno ob osmih zvečer, se bo vršila seja podružnice št. 8 JPO-SS in podružnice št. 60 SANSa. Seja bo v Tomažinovi dvorani, 1902 W. Cermak road, in vabljeno so na sejo vsi zastopniki in vse zastopnice društev, klubov in organizacij.

Seja bo zelo važna, kajti glede podružnice št. 8 Jugoslovanski pomočni odbor, slovenska sekcija, pride na dnevni red obstoj ali razpust omenjene podružnice in volitve odbora za tekoče leto tako za št. 8 JPO-SS, kakor tudi za SANS št. 60. Zato se udeležite vsi! Vsa društva, klubi in organizacije, ki so na en ali drug način pripomogle k uspehu teh dveh organizacij, so deležna do zastopnikov.

Rodobljubni pozdrav, John Gottlieb, tajnik.

po starem. Članarino za Prosvetno matice \$1 mesečno, za uvršljeni člani društvo nabavi v enec in avtomobil za pogreb. Vsač član in članica plača 20c za društvene prispevke. S tem denarjem krijemo društvene stroške.

Ena stvar pa je, ki ne sme ostati po starem, namreč plačevanje asesanta. Večina članstva hoče plačevati prispevke na domu tajnika kar v soboto in nedeljo. Prosim, opustite te dneve—pridite rajši drugi dan. Najumestneje je, da pridete na sejo in tam poravnate svoje prispevke.

Naj še omenim, da bomo to leto praznovali 40-letnico društvenega obstanka, zato je potrebno, da vsi sodelujete z odborom, da bo toliko lepši uspeh.
Fr. Perko, tajnik.

Cleveland, O.—Članstvu društva V boj 53 SNPJ naznanjam, da se bo vršila redna mesečna seja v nedeljo, 13. januarja, ki bo prva seja v l. 1946. Naša zadnja seja je bila precej dobro obiskana, kajti decemberske seje se je udeležilo nad 50 članov. Mi upamo, da se boste številno udeleževali društvenih sej tudi skozi leto, tako da se meni kot vašemu predsedniku, ne bo treba ozirati na priporočila, kako zabavati člane, da pridajo na sejo.

Moj namen ni, in upam, da me niste zato izvolili, da bi se seboj pri našel harmoniko in odpiral seje z igranjem polke, ali da bi nabavil sodček piva, nekaj petink žganja ter nastavljal tajnika, blagajnika in zapisnikarja za točaje. Ali naj na ta način rešujemo naše društvene zadeve?

Mi bomo vzeli priporočila na znanje in šli z dnevnim redom naprej, kakor veleva pravilnik. Torej ne pozabite društvene seje, ki se bo vršila v nedeljo popoldne, pričetek ob desetih zjutraj v društveni dvorani SDD, 15335 Waterloo rd.

Frank Barbič, predsednik.

Cleveland, O.—Na letni seji društva Delavce 257 SNPJ je bil izvoljen sledeč odbor: Cecilia Brodnik, predsednica, Jack Gustinčič, podpredsednik, Frank Knafelec, tajnik, John Tomažin, blagajnik, Josephine Gabriel zapisnikarica. Nadzorni odsek: Anton Peterle, Josephine Bizjak, Rose Buh. Seje obdržavamo vsak tretji četrtek v mesecu; pričetek ob pol osmih zvečer. Ker so seje premeščene, prosim članstvo, da upošteva to naznanilo in da se udeležijo seje v velikem številu.

Frank Knafelec, tajnik.

East Worcester, N. Y.—Članstvo društva Slovenski farmar 393 SNPJ je na letni seji izvolilo vse stare odbornike za leto 1946, in sicer: Frank Koren, predsednik, Joe Ivancic, podpredsednik, James Milavec, tajnik, Frank Russ, blagajnik in zapisnikar. Nadzorni odsek: John Mravija, John Devis,

Frank Koren ml. Društveni zdravnik je F. E. Bolt.

Članstvo bi prosil za boljše kooperacijo v l. 1946, namreč da bi bili bolj točni s plačevanjem društvenega asesanta, ker v obratnem slučaju bom postopal z vami po pravilih. Ne smete misliti, da bom vsakemu na razpologo kar ves mesec, ali kadar se bi komu zljubilo, da bi prišel plačat. Pomnite, da se moram tudi jaz držati pravil in poslati denar pravočasno v glavni urad, ako ne, je društvo suspendirano.

James Milavec, tajnik.

West Allis, Wis.—Sporočil sem že v tedniku Prosveti v dne 2. jan. o društvenem odboru društva 104 SNPJ za l. 1946, navzlic temu pa me članstvo sprašuje po telefonu, kdo je bil izvoljen in društveni odbor.

Izvoljen je bil ves stari odbor, seje pa bomo še vdno obdrževali vsak drugi petek v mesecu v Kraljevi dvorani. Ob tej priliki pa opozarjam članstvo, naj nikar ne pozabi zaključkov naše seje z dne 14. dec. ko ste bili prosljeni, da se v l. 1946 v večjem številu udeležite seji.

Sedaj pa vas prosim, da upoštevate navodilo glede pobiranja asesanta. Assessment bom pobiral zadnjo soboto v mesecu in zadnja dva dneva v mesecu od dveh popoldne do devetih zvečer, in na dan seje. Ob nedeljah in praznikih pa ne bom vzel asesanta od nikogar, pa naj bo kdor koli hoče. Jaz imam tudi rad prostost ob nedeljah in praznikih. Obenem vas opominjam, da plačujete prispevke ob pravem času, kajti zalagal ne bom za nikogar. Gotovo vam je znano, da mora biti assessment plačan v gl. uradu ob pravem času. Ako bi tajnik čakal na počasne in pozabljive člane, bi bilo društvo zmeraj suspendirano. Te besede so naslovljene na tiste, ki radi pozabijo plačati ob pravem času in pridejo deset dni prepozno, pri tem pa se izgovarjajo, češ, da so bili že dvakrat pri meni, a ni bilo nikogar doma.

Najbolje je, da pridete na sejo in tam poravnate assessment. Joseph T. Turek, tajnik.

Chicago, Ill.—V dolžnost si štejem, da opozorim članstvo društva Narodni vitezi 39 SNPJ na sledeče:

Na letni seji smo radi zelo slabe udeležbe izvolili ves stari odbor za l. 1946, in sicer: Charles Pogorelec, predsednik, Joseph Oblak, podpredsednik, John Potokar, tajnik, John Alich, blagajnik, Frank Udovitch, zapisnikar. Nadzorniki: John Hujan, pred., A. Koren in J. Oblak.

Nadalje smo sklenili, da v letu 1946 plačuje vsak član 10c več mesečno v društveno blagajno. Prosim, da ta sklep upoštevate vsi, ki se niste udeležili seje, ali pošiljate assessment po pošti. Seje se vršijo vsako tretjo sredo v mesecu v dvorani SNPJ. Prihodnja seja bo torej v sredo, 16. januarja; pričetek ob osmih zvečer.

Ker je seja že zaradi poročila nadzornega odbora zelo važna, želim, da se je vsi udeležite. Še nekaj! V primeru, da kdo izmed nas umre v tem letu, bo tajnik sklical izredno sejo z dopisnicami. Dolžnost članstva je, da se tudi teh sej udeležijo. Ne izgovarjate se, češ, bodo že brez mene vse uredili. Mislite si, kako bi vam bilo teško, če bi se v vaši družini prepetila smrt in bi bilo malo obiskovalcev. Vsem želim obilo sreče v l. 1946 in kličem na svidenje 16. januarja na seji.

John Potokar, tajnik.

Indianapolis, Ind.—Na letni seji društva 34 SNPJ, ki se je vršila 9. dec., je bil izvoljen za leto 1946 sledeč odbor: John Jeran, predsednik, Henry Traunan, podpredsednik, Stanley Ule, tajnik, John Matellič, blagajnik, Pete Cerar, zapisnikar. Nadzorni odsek: Gregor Luzar, Frank Marolt in Steve Skorjanc. Društveni zdravnik je dr. Petronoff. Seje se bodo vršile kot običajno, to je vsako drugo nedeljo, pričetek ob devetih popoldne v Slovenskem narodnem domu.

Ker sem malo oddaljen od slovenske naselbine, bom assessment pobiral dvakrat na mesec, in sicer na seji in vsako četrto soboto zvečer v Slovenskem narodnem domu. Moj naslov je: Stanley Ule, 1625 N. Livingston st., telefon 1743 M, Belmont. Stanley Ule, tajnik.

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RAZNE VESTI

Bridgeport, O. — Pred nekaj tedni je šel prostovoljno v armado Joseph Duch, član našega društva 13 SNPJ. Ker je imel biti vpoklican v kratkem, je pa kar sam vstopil. On je prestopil iz mladinskega v odrasli oddelku pred nekaj meseci.

V božičnem tednu sta prišla s Pacifika brata Albin in Fred Potnik. Prvi je bil najprvo v Alaski, potem pa prestavljen na Pacifik. On je član društva 640. Fred pa je v mornarici in bo tudi v kratkem častno odpušen. On je bil ves čas na Pacifiku. Je član društva 13 in nekaj sem postrani slišal, da si bo dobil v kratkem tovarišice. Obilo sreče, ko boš pa odpušen, jo pripelji v društvo 13!

Imeli smo več fantov na božičnem dopustu, iz armade in mornarice. Transportacija je bila tako natrpana, da so imeli vlaki kot busi po dve do tri ure zamude. Tako sem v soboto zvečer, 22. decembra, čakal dve uri na bus in dve na vlak, ko je prišla hčerka na dopust, to pa je meni in ostali družini preprečilo, da nismo mogli posetiti priredbe društva v Blaineju, ki se je vršila v pomoč našemu narodu v stari domovini. Pa ne samo čakanje na postaji, temveč smo tudi imeli mraz kot v Sibiriji. Ko je končno prišel vlak, je bil zelo natrpan, prav tako vozovi za prtljago s potniki obsega spola. Bili so vsi prezebljeni. Kaj taknega še nisem videl.

Razmere so tako nanesle, da so bili za praznike naši vsi doma, toda nekateri so morali tako, naza, ko drugi še niso prišli in tako se je zgodilo, da niso videli drug drugega, čeprav so se veselili, da bomo vsi skupaj po dolgem času.

Influenca je v teh krajih malo pogoleda radi hudega mraza. Božičnih voščil smo zopet dobili dosti. Najlepša hvala vsem!

Odkar sem tajnik društva 13 SNPJ, sem želel, da bi dosegli 200 članov in članic v odraslem oddelku. Ta želja se mi je izpolnila v mesecu decembru. Sedaj šteje društvo 201 člana in članice. Od vseh članov, ki sem jih jaz pridobil v kampanjah, smo izgubili samo tri v mladinskem oddelku in morda bomo enega v odraslem oddelku, kar pa še ni gotovo. Razumljivo, da so mednarodni slovenski novi člani in je tudi ljuljke vmes, kar ti da dosti dela. Vedno imam v mislih, da je treba take člane dvojno nadomestiti.

Čisti prebitek podružnice 33 SANSa od priredbe, ki se je vršila 24. novembra v korist trepčega slovenskega naroda v stari domovini, znaša \$431.65. Računi so zaključeni. Hvala vsem, ki so pripomogli do tako lepega uspeha. Ob zaključku želim vsem članstvu SNPJ, glavnemu odboru in štabu Prosvete prosperitetno novo leto. Želim, da bi delali v bratski slogi v prid SNPJ, delavstva in za pomoč našim bratom in sestram v stari domovini. Skušal bom tudi v bodoče delovati za vse omejeno.

Joseph Snoy.

IZ MILWAUKEEJA

Milwaukee, Wis. — V našem lokalnem listu se je pred kratkim obregnila ob mojo malenkost znamenita narodna dama. Zelo sem se čutil počaščenega, ker ni majhna reč, če se spominjam na uboga grešnika same po sebi priznane osebnosti. V resnici in hudo mi je žal, da mi primanjkuje časa in volje za polemiko z ljudmi, ki v našem javnem življenju poskušajo iz ničel napraviti številko, ki nekaj šteje in ki rešuje narod z maskerdami. Pa brez zamere!

Vsi tisti, ki ste obljubili, da pristopite k Napreju, vedite, da so se Naprejeve vaje pričele 8. januarja ob osmih zvečer v Reberniških prostorih, vodil W. Bruce in So. 6. cesta. Vgor ima veselje do petja, naj le korajžno pride med nas. Dosti fantov se je vrnilo z bojnih polj in ti bodo navzoči. Treba bi bilo več nas starejših, moških in žensk. Ali je vse mr-

tivo? Upam, da ne! Pridite nas pogledat k vjam k Reberniškemu—mogoče se nam pridružite.

Končno naj se zahvalim še vsem tistim, ki so v tako obilnem številku posetili SANSovo priredbo dne 9. decembra in so tako radodarno pomagali revnemu narodu v domovini. Le vsem tistim, ki so v tako obilnem številku sprejeli. Narod v domovini si namreč ne bo pomagala na noge s pomočjo tistih, ki se ponosno trkajo na prsa čez: "Slovenci smo in še Amerikanci po vrhu—temveč s pomočjo onih, ki ne kriče—ampak žrtvujejo! (Dospelo prepozno za zadnjo sredo.—Ured.)

Franc Pancer.

SLOVENSKI ZADRUŽNI
POGREBNI ZAVOD

Arma, Kansas. — Kaj pa naš Slovenski zadrudni pogrebni zavod? Je še vedno tukaj, dasi je malokdaj kaj aliati o njem.

Preteklo leto je ta zavod imel v oskrbi precejšno število pogrebov naših umrlih rojakov. Vendar še vedno se tako rado "pozabi" na ta domači zavod, kadar je potrebno odpremiti katerega izmed dragih na zadnjo pot; potem je pa tisto nepotrebno in prazno izgovarjanje: "se nismo spomnili," "je on drugi bil tako prijazen" (ali pa usiljiv) itd., ker pač čutijo, da niso storili prav.

Zadnje čase je zavod imel v oskrbi sledeče pogrebe naših umrlih rojakov: Wilmo Heccevar-Wilkerson iz Ringa, stara 30 let, Mary Miklauc iz Frontenaca, stara 61 let, Johano Joger iz Arme, stara 61 let, in Ignaca Burgarja iz Edlisona, star 63 let. Tako se počasi redčijo vrste naših starih naseljenjcev.

V nedeljo, 24. januarja ob 2. uri popoldne, se vrši letna seja tega zavoda, in sicer v lastnih prostorih v Frontenacu. Seja bo zelo važna, zato je vabimo vse člane, da se udeležite. Enako vabimo tudi vsa tista društva, katera so član tega zavoda, da pošljete zastopnike na letno sejo.

A. Shular, tajnik-blagajnik.

VABILO NA SEJO
IZLETNIŠKE FARME SNPJ

Cleveland, Ohio. — Zastopniki farme SNPJ so vabljani, da se udeležijo važne seje, ki se bo vršila v torek, 15. januarja, v Narodnem domu na St. Clair ave. Pričetek bo točno ob sedmih zvečer.

Ako vaše društvo še ni izvolilo zastopnikov za izletniško farmo SNPJ, potem je potrebno, da se udeležite te seje vsaj tajnik in predsednik. Na dnevnem redu bodo volitve odbornikov za prihodnje leto in kako izboljšati našo farmo v tem letu. Z dobro udeležbo in dobri mi nasveti bomo prišli do boljših zaključkov.

Na sejo vabim tudi gospodinjstki odsek farme. Žene in dekleta, pridite in storite vašo dolžnost!

Najvažnejša točka na dnevnem redu pa bo vprašanje, kako bomo zgradili novo dverano. Šli boste tudi cene naših stavbnikov. Torej ne pozabite seje, ki se bo vršila v torek, 15. januarja, začetek točno ob sedmih zvečer. Delujmo roka v roki za napredek našega kolektivnega podjetja, farme SNPJ.

John Šore, predsednik.

ČLANSTVU NAŠE JEDNOTE
IN OSTALI JAVNOSTI

N. Braddock, Pa. — Članstvo in društva SNPJ so bila vedno v ospredju v vsaki dobrodelni akciji. Zapadna Penna je že velikokrat našemu narodu v Jugoslaviji, ali vendar čutimo, da lahko še mnogo več naredimo, ker je SNPJ največja in najbolj napredna bratska organizacija in kot taka uživa največ ugleda med Slovenci po vsej Ameriki, na kar smo prav ponosni.

Dobro vemo, da so se mnogi že odzvali klicu iz domovine, da so dali svojico ponošeno obleko, čevlje, jedila itd. Toda resnica je tudi, da to ni vse kar zmoremo naši zavedni člani in čla-

nice. Na žalost je še veliko obleke po raznih omarah, katera bi v tej hudi zimi že lahko ogrevala na stotine prezebojčih "junakov v cunjah," kakor se danes naziva naš mučniški narod.

Ni važno, koliko kdo kaj da, kakor je važno, da vsak Slovenec in Slovenka prispeva nekaj. Če nima kdo obleke, pa se naj spomni z denarnim darilom, kajti tega se potrebuje za nakup zdravil itd.

Vabilo na velik javen shod
27. januarja

Slovensko in angleško poslušalci federaciji SNPJ se zavedajo velike potrebe naših revežev v Jugoslaviji. Iz tega razloga pripravljamo tudi letos veliki javen shod v nedeljo, 27. januarja, ob 3. uri popoldne v Slovenskem domu v Pittsburghu. Na programu so važni govorniki kot Joško Oven, videli boste tudi filmske slike o osvoboditvi Belgrade, in žalostne prizore iz begunskega tabora v Egiptu.

Na shod pride tudi eden od poveljnikov partizanske armade, to je dr. Slavko Zore, kateri je danes v Ameriki in sedaj vodi težko diplomatično delo v Washingtonu. On je bil priča številnih, ljutih bojov na vseh frontah in bo lahko podal izvirno in točno poročilo, česar si vsi tako želimo.

Odbor obeh federacij upa in želi, da bo tudi letos ta zimski prireditev zopet vsem v čast in ponos. Pripravimo se za omenjeni dan, da bomo vsi navzoči brez ozira na vreme. Vsa društva, samostojne klube in vse druge ustanove so prošnja, da pripravijo in pošljejo primerna darila, ker posebne vstopnine ne bo, in tako bomo zopet pokazali našim krvnim bratom v Jugoslaviji, da se jih še spominjamo, posebno sedaj, ko oni umirajo tam od gladi in mraza, medtem ko nam tukaj nič ne manjka.

Zato glejmo, da bo Slovenski dom napolnjen do zadnjega kotička, in da se vsi odzovemo klicu iz domovine, katera nam kliče, "Daj brat, daj sestra, mali dar, domovini na oltar."

Anton Rednak,
zapisnikar federacije.

PLANIRANJE
DRUŠTVENIH SEJ

Cleveland, O. — Preteklega novembra sem napisal vabilo za društveno sejo. Po tistem času sem videl v Prosveti več drugih pritožb o slabi udeležbi na naših sejah. V uradni številki Prosvete z dne 2. januarja pa razklada urednik v svojem uredniškem članku, da je zanimiva seja odvisna od društvenega predsednika. Ne vem, kako je naš urednik prišel do taknega zaključka.

Že več let vodim društvene seje in poskušal sem že na vse načine, da bi ustvaril med članstvom zanimanje za seje, toda bilo je vse zaman. Mislim, da je malo predsednikov, ki bi se posvetovali s tajnikom v toliki meri kot jaz. Ne da bi bil tajnik osebni prijatelj, toda dati mi moram vso čast za njegovo društveno poslovanje. Sam sem seveda ne poznam, ali sem dober predsednik ali ne. Bilo mi ne bi nič hudo, ako bi članstvo izvolilo drugega ali boljše, ga, toda noče. Torej ne leži vzrok nezanimanja za društvene seje v predsednikih.

Kakor sem že omenil, sem novembra pozival članstvo na letno sejo, toda bob ob steno! Kakor sem takrat omenil, naše društvo šteje okrog 650 članov obojega spola, glavne letne seje pa se je udeležilo 45 članov. Čeravno živimo v velikem mestu in je članstvo raztreseno, toda smelo rečem, da bi jih lahko prišlo, ne da bi se jim bilo treba peljati na poulični, na vsako sejo, ne samo na glavno sejo, dvakrat več, toda jih ni. Pozimi menda ni vzrok, da se ljudje razgubijo. Zakaj vendar se ne razgubimo tisti, kateri smo zmeraj na sejah?

Jaz sem član SNPJ od leta 1924 in nisem še zamudil 20 seje, razen če sem bil primoran delati v tovarni ali kjer koli. Brat urednik pravi, da prihajajo pritožbe po večini od majhnih društev. To je nekaj smešnega. Pri velikih društvih je prav tako ali pa še slabše, samo pri nekaterih društvih so gotovi uradniki, ki mislijo, da dokler oni živijo, ne sme biti soremembe. Ko se mi je nekoč neki član pritoževal o društvenih uradnikih, sem mu dejal, če vam ni prav, zakaj ne izvolite drugih, pa mi je dejal, "ali misliš, da imamo

pri nas volitve—saj je vsako leto enako. Ko pride čas volitev, stavi nekdo predlog, naj ostanejo vsi stari uradniki in volitve je konec."

Da ni zanimanje za društvene seje, je vzrok neke druge, pa naj bo kjer koli. Člani so čezdale bolj nemarni in jaz jih prištevam med žive mrlice, pa če se jim prav zamerim. Kako je mogoče predsedniku napraviti dober vtis na članstvo, če je prazna dverana?

Glede čitanja Prosvete pa tudi ni nič na boljšem, ker mi je dobro znano, da 80% članstva ne čita Prosvete. Odkar je prišla sprememba v uredništvu Prosvete, se je list dosti izboljšal, čeravno ni vse kot bi moralo biti. Seveda, danes ne more nihče čudežev delati in jik tudi urednik Prosvete ne more. Ljudje še vedno smatrajo, da tam ni nobene spremembe, da stvarno je najboljši slovenski časopis v Ameriki.

Pred nekaj leti je bil opuščer assesment v 51 skladu. Prosvete je to priobčila na prvi strani: velikimi črkami, ko pa so tajniki pobirali assesment, ni nihče vedel o tem. Bil sem z našim tajnikom pri pobiranju assesmenta in sem spraševal odrasle člane in članice, kako je to, da ne vedo o tem, ko je vendar bilo naznanjeno na prvi strani Prosvete. Dobil sem odgovor: "Jaz Prosvete ne vidim drugače, kot če jo žena dene na tla kadar poriba kuhinjo."

Torej, če članstvo ne vidi naznanila na prvi strani, bo še manj videlo, če jih društveni uradnik vabi na sejo ali pa ne prireditev. Brat urednik pravi da je danes lažje, ko so člani stari, kot takrat, ko je bilo treba orati ledino. Jaz pa smel rečem, da je ravno narobe. Člani, ki so se odtujili od naših društev, so izgubljeni za zmeraj za društveno življenje. Posebno pa tisti, ki so pod vplivom gotove propagande. Dane ni vojne samo na frontah, dane je podtalno skrita, danes se bje boj z jeziki, kateri so hušči od ruske "Katuške." Naša jednota pa je na strani delavca in to gotovo ljudi grize v njih trebih. Zato smo primorani, da vozimo tisti, kateri smo vpreženi, dokler ne pademo, ali pa izpeljamo naš voz iz doline na grič.

Želim vsemu članstvu SNPJ srečno in zadovoljno novo leto in prosim, da bi se članstvo ne samo pri mojem društvu, temveč pri vseh bolj zanimalo in prihajalo na društvene seje Pomagajmo držati pokonci našo dobro mater SNPJ!

Frank Cellin.

DELEGACIJA RDEČEGA
KRIŽA JUGOSLAVIJE
POSETI CLEVELAND

Cleveland. — Teden od 13. do 20. januarja naj bo posvečen Rdečemu križu Jugoslavije o Jugoslovanov v Clevelandu. Vršile se bodo prireditve, shodi in predvajani bodo filmi iz Slovenije. Govorniki bodo dr. R. Neubaur, ga. Nada Kraigherjeva in poročnik Gojko Ratkovič ki so pred kratkem prišli iz Jugoslavije kot člani Jugoslovanskega rdečega križa na povabil ameriških oblasti.

Na povabilo centralnega odbora SANSovih podružnic v Clevelandu, pridejo v nedeljo 13. januarja, v Cleveland član Jugoslovanskega rdečega križa Tu ostanejo ves teden. Vodji delegacije je dr. R. Neubaur bivši šef bolnišnice na Golniku na Gorenjskem, z njim je njegova tajnica ga. Nada Kraigherjeva iz Trsta in poročnik Gojko Ratkovič, Srb iz Hrvatske.

Dr. Neubaur bo prinesel zbirko slik in fotografij, dalje film o osvoboditvi Ljubljane ter kulturno-vojznojni film "Vrba," ki kaže lepote Prešernove rojstne krajine na Gorenjskem. Poleg tega ima nad tisoč rastavnih slik iz raznih delov Jugoslavije. Te filme in slike se bodo to pot prvi videle v Ameriki. V zvezi s predvajanjem teh filmov in razstavo slik se bodo vršila tudi predavanja o panogah dela, ki ga vrši Rdeči križ, ter o sodobnih socialnih vprašanjih in problemih federativne republike Jugoslavije.

Glavna naloga Rdečega križa Jugoslavije je seznaniti američko in jugoslovansko javnost v Ameriki o ogromnih potežkah jugoslovanskega Rdečega križa, ki nima sredstev in ne zadosti izvežbanega csebia za izvrševanje človekoljubnih dolžnosti. V Jugoslaviji je mnogo otrok brez staršev in ti iščejo novih gojiteljev. Veliko od teh je dobilo

zavetje pri dobrih ljudeh, toda smiljenje samo ne zadostuje, kadar primanjkuje materialnih sredstev za hrano, obleko, obuv in zdravniško postrebo. Narod v domovini je silno reven in izrpan in zunajna pomoč je tujno potrebna. Delegacija obiskuje tudi ameriške bolnišnice in proučuje tehnične pripomočke sodobne zdravniške vede.

V tednu, ko bodo gostovali člani Rdečega križa med nami v Clevelandu, se bodo vršile prireditve, kjer bodo govorili in kazali se bodo filmi iz Slovenije. Priredbe se vrše pod pokroviteljstvom centralnega odbora, odelovanjem SANSovih poružnic, Progresivnih Slovencev in Slovenske ženske zveze. Priredbe se bodo vršile po okrožjih, od avspicijo sodelujoče okrožne organizacije, ki so se prijale v ta namen pri centralnem odboru za pomoč Jugoslaviji. Te okrožne prireditve se bodo vršile sledeče dneve:

V nedeljo, 13. januarja popoldne bo delegacija Rdečega križa Jugoslavije gostovala pri bratih Hrvatih. Nastopili bodo na vrreditvi Hrvatskega narodnega veča v Slovenskem narodnem domu na St. Clair ave.

V torek, 15. januarja ob sedmih zvečer bo predvajanje filmov in govori v Slovenskem narodnem domu na St. Clair ave, po avspicijo podružnice št. 9 SANSa.

V sredo, 16. januarja ob sedmih zvečer bo predvajanje filmov in govori v Slovenskem društvenem domu na Reher ave, Euclid, pod avspicijo podružnice št. 106 SANSa.

V četrtek, 17. januarja ob sedmih zvečer, predvajanje filmov in govori v Slovenskem delayikem domu na Waterloo rd., pod avspicijo podružnice št. 43 SANSa.

V petek, 18. januarja zvečer bo pa skupna prireditev Progresivnih Slovencev in Slovenske ženske zveze v Slovenskem narodnem domu na St. Clair ave, kjer bo govorila o doprinosu žensk ga. Nada Kraigherjeva.

Med tednom čez dan bodo člani Rdečega križa obiskali razne bolnišnice in zavode pod vodstvom Ameriškega rdečega križa. Dr. Kern se je zavezel, da povabi skupaj vse ameriško-slovenske zdravnike v Clevelandu za skupni sestanek in pogovor z dr. Neubaurjem, go. Kraigherjevo in poročnikom Ratkovičem. Vsi trije obvladujejo tudi angleški jezik, kar jim bo v olajšavo.

Jugoslovanski rdeči križ je politično nevtralna organizacija in radi tega je vredna podpore od vsake ustanove, organizacije in osebe, ki čuti človeško.

Vstopnina na prireditve podružnic je prosta. Ker bodo priredbe po okrožjih mesta, bo imel tudi sleherni priliko poslati večerno prigodbo, tudi v službu slabega vremena. Zato Clevelandski Slovenci in ostali Jugoslovani! V tednu, ko bo posvečen Rdečemu križu Jugoslavije, vsi na plan! Pomagajmo tej človekoljubni misli Rdečega križa celbiti rane našim ljudem v domovini, ki jih je njim zadal kruti sovražnik.

Članom delegacije Jugoslovanskega rdečega križa pa kličimo: Pozdravljeni in dobro lošli v ameriški slovenski metropoli!

Louis Kiferlo.

VESELICA DRUŠTVA
TRIGLAV 82 SNPJ

Johnstown, Pa. — Društvo Triglav 82 SNPJ v Johnstownu bo orredilo letno veselico 2. februarja v SDD v Lorain Boru. Vabimo vse naše članstvo, kakor tudi cenjeno občinstvo iz Johnstowna in okolice, da nas posei. Zabave bo dosti za stare in mlade, za plesateljce pa bo igral Louis Kapuler in njegov orkester. Vstopnina je samo 50c. lavec vstet.

Ob tej priliki zaeno opozarjam članstvo našega društva, da troštvo sklep društvene seje z dne 9. dec., ki se glasi, da mora vsak član in članica prispevati 50c v društveno blagajno mesečno februarja. Članom, kateri se bodo udeležili društvene veselice 2. feb., se bo teh 50c priložilo k vstopnicam. Izvzeti so samo bolniki in pa člani, ki služijo Strica Sama. Prosim, da članstvo upošteva ta sklep, da ne bo pozneje kaknega nespoznanja.

Na svidenje 2. februarja!
Frank Chuček, tajnik.

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PRIPRAVLJAMO SE ZA KONVENCIJO!

Stopili smo v leto 1946, v katerem se ima vršiti konvencija naše organizacije, na katero se moramo pripravljati že sedaj, če jo bomo hoteli hitreje kot običajno in uspešno zaključiti.

S sugestijo o vprašanju, ne sedanje, ampak bodoče reprezentacije na naših konvencijah naj bi se ne zapravljalo posebnega časa, bodisi v glasilu ali konvenciji sami, najmanj pa glede sistema volitev delegatov po okrajih.

Poizkusi par članov, ki so za spremembo volilnega sistema delegacije v organizaciji, ni moglo zainteresirati članstva za njihov načrt, kar se lahko tolmači, da se članstvo zanj ne ogreva.

Konvencije, kakršne so Ameriškega narodnega bratskega kongresa, na katerih se le poslušajo dolgovozna razlaganja predmetov raznih veščakov, kot jih običajno predstavljajo in o katerih se malo ali nič ne razpravlja, ne morejo biti privlačne za one, ki so naprednega mišljenja.

Da individualni materijalizem, kakršen je poznan le v tej državi, tudi med nami dobiva pristaše, posebno med mladino, je resnica, ampak ravno tako je tudi resnica, da če postane naša jednota brezbarvna organizacija, bo obojena v smrt, kot je obojeno sedanje privatno podjetništvo.

Fakt je, da je načelno stališče naše organizacije v opori osvobodilnemu gibanju v Jugoslaviji napravilo velik moralen vtis med ameriški Slovenci, kar bo brez dvoma končno v vsestransko korist jednote.

Eno posebnih važnih vprašanj pred nami je, katero seveda ni novo—kako člane zainteresirati za društvene seje, ker vedno več pritožb prejemamo od lokalnih tajnikov glede tega problema. Člani, ki se ne zanimajo za seje svojega društva, je naravno, da se malo ali nič ne zanimajo za organizacijo, kar je slabo in obžalovanja vredno.

Ker se ni mogoče osebno vsakemu članu posebej zahvaliti za božična in novoletna voščila, ker bila so preštevila, se tukaj vsem, od katerih sem jih prejel, prav iskreno lepo zahvalim!

F. A. VIDER, gl. tajnik.

IZKAZ IZPLAČIL SMRTNIN V DECEMBRU 1945

Table with columns: Ime člana, Čl. št., Član društva—Member of Lodge, Vredn. (Amount), and Vredn. (Amount). Lists names and amounts for December 1945.

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Število in poslati na prihodnjo konvencijo svojega delegata brez združitve s kakim drugim društvom: Kaj pravite na to, bratje in sestre?

Large table with columns: Ime člana, Čl. št., Član društva—Member of Lodge, Vredn. (Amount), and Vredn. (Amount). Lists names and amounts for various lodges.

Glasovi iz nasebin

NOVO LETO, NOVE DOLŽNOSTI, NOVE ODBOR

S. Chicago, Ill.—Z novim letom nastopijo naše nove dolžnosti do društva in jednote. Z novim letom pregledamo naše delo minulega leta in v društvenih knjigah najdemo vse, kaj smo storili dobrega in slabega za društvo in organizacijo.

Z novim letom nastopijo naše dolžnosti do pravega bratstva, iskrenega in složnega dela za društvo in organizacijo. Najbolje je, da pričnemo v tem duhu že v prvem mesecu novega leta in tako nadaljujemo skozi vse leto.

Naša prva dolžnost je, da pojdemo na živo agitacijo za nove člane, da izpolnimo našo kvoto v tekoči kampanji, istočasno pa skrbimo za napredek društva in jednote, tako da bomo ob zaključku l. 1946 s ponosom gledali na lepe rezultate naše aktivnosti.

Rezultati naše aktivnosti v l. 1945 niso bili tako slabi ali mogoči bi bili boljši, če bi bilo večje zanimanje od strani vsega članstva. Naši do sedanjih odborniki so bili prav pridno na delu in storili kolikor so največ mogli za napredek društva in jednote.

V mesecu novembru preteklega leta so priredili zabavo v korist naših članov vojakov, ki se nahajajo v armadi. Lahko so ponosni z uspehom zabave, katera je zelo dobro uspela. Čisti dobiček znaša \$700, kar je lepa vsota za naše fante.

Na letni seji našega društva št. 8 so bili izvoljeni za leto 1946 sledeči odborniki: Mike Chanidick, predsednik, Frank Gorenc, podpredsednik, Josip Vučich, tajnik, Louis Mender, blagajnik, John Bajuk, zapisnikar.

Nadzorni odsek: Josip Kosic, pred., John Kolar in Zabkar, nadzornika. Seje obdržavamo vsaki drugi petek; pričetek ob pol osmih zvečer v Calumet Park Field House.

odborniki in društveni problemi.

Po seji pa bomo imeli malo zabave v počast našemu dosedanjemu predsedniku, ki je bil v društvenemu odboru blizu 25 let. Seja se bo vršila v Calumet Parku, zabava pa po seji v Popovičev dvorani, 95th in Ewing ave. Imeli bomo prigrizek in pijačo brezplačno.

Kot tajnik vas lepo prosim, da plačate svoj assessment ob pravem času. Ne zanašajte se na tajnika, češ, saj nas pozna in bo založil za assessment. Vaš tajnik je preprost delavec in on nima nobenega denarja v zalogi za zalaganje assessmenta.

Assessment lahko plačate na vsaki društveni seji, kar je najpriporočljivejše. Lahko ga tudi pošljete po pošti s poštno nakaznico ali pa bančnem čekom. Če vam bolj ugaja, pa lahko plačate na stanovanju vsakega 15. in 30. v mesecu. Te dneve bom doma in čakal na članstvo.

Na svidenje na seji 11. januarja ob pol osmih zvečer. Josip Vučich, tajnik.

Društvene vesti

Cleveland, O.—Ponovno pozivam članstvo društva Mir 142 SNPJ, da se številno udeleži seje 13. jan., to je drugo nedeljo v mesecu. Pričetek bo ob devetih zjutraj v Slovenskem domu na Holmes ave.

Na dnevnem redu bodo letni računi in rešiti moramo druge važne zadeve. Več kot nas bo skupaj, živahneje bo na seji. Ni treba reči, saj bodo brez mene opravili! Torej, bratje in sestre, na svidenje na januarski seji, obenem voščim vsemu članstvu društva Mir srečno in zadovoljno leto 1946!

Milwaukee, Wis.—Opozarjam članstvo društva Vijolica 747 SNPJ, da se bodo vršile naše redne seje vsako tretjo nedeljo v mesecu in ne vsako drugo, kakor je bilo prvotno sklenjeno. Do spremembe je prišlo vsled tega, ker je naredil pomoto lastnik dvorane, katero je že poprej oddal v najem na ta dan.

predsednik, Joseph Clarine, podpredsednik, Francis Potish, tajnik, Henry Striter, blagajnik, Sue Kerzner, zapisnikarica. Nadzorni odsek: Frank Sushnik, Louis Ambrozich in Inez Martinelli.

Gillespie, Ill.—Članstvu društva 465-SNPJ naznanjam, da je bil na letni seji izvoljen sledeči odbor za l. 1946: John Rugel, predsednik, Pavel Yesih, podpredsednik, Peter Menchak, tajnik, Mike Lobe, blagajnik. Nadzorni odsek: Pavel Sarjon, pred., Joe Hoznar in Mary Rugel; društveni zdravnik dr. O'Connell. Seje obdržavamo vsako tretjo soboto v mesecu; pričetek ob šestih zvečer na 402 E. Henry st.

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FEDERACIJA SNPJ ZA ČIKASKO OKROŽJE priredi božično priredbo za člane mladinskega oddelka v nedeljo, dne 16. decembra 1945. Prostor bo naznanjen pravočasno posebej.

PRIREDITVE FEDERACIJE DRUŠTEV SNPJ

OPOMBA: Društva naj prijavijo svoje prireditve tajniku Federacije na naslov: ANTON ZORNIK, Box 102, Hermine, Pa.

PRIREDITVE FEDERACIJE DRUŠTEV SNPJ ZAPADNE PENNSYLVANIE

FEDERACIJA SNPJ IN POSTOJANKE SANSA Zapadne Penna priredi velik JAVNI SHOD v korist in pomoč bednemu narodu v Jugoslaviji dne 27. januarja 1946 popoldne v Slovenskem domu na 57. streetu v Pittsburghu, Pa. Vabljeni ste vsi, da se udeležite to slavnosti.

FEDERACIJA ZA VZHODNI OHIO IN W. VIRGINIJO

Vas društva spodbujajo pod to federacijo naj naznanijo svoje prireditve tajniku dr. Louis Pavliniču, RFD No. 1, Box 52, Bellairs, Ohio.

PRIREDITVE FEDERACIJE DRUŠTEV SNPJ ZA CLEVELAND IN OKOLICO

Seje federacije SNPJ vsako četrto soboto v mesecu v S. N. Domu na St. Clair ave. OPOMBA: Društva, ki prirejajo svoje piknike in veselice, naj se pravočasno naznanijo tajniku listu enkrat mesečno—JOSEPHINE TRATNIK, 1116 E. 71st Street, Cleveland, Ohio.

Truman Appeals to the People

TWO WEEKS AGO, in summing up our domestic problems, we said that Congress is incapable of meeting the present industrial situation; that our representatives in Congress are too reactionary to act in the interest of the people, and that they are willing servants of powerful money groups.

We also said that the present industrial strife concerns each and everyone of us, that is, everyone who earns a living by honest labor. Since we are part of the great army of wage earners, we must do our part with the rest of the workers to try to solve the problem in a democratic way. Therefore, it is up to all of us to let Congress know what measures should be taken to bring about a fair solution.

Last week, in his first 1946 radio address to the nation, President Truman said practically the same thing when he proclaimed that "the time has come for every citizen of the United States to make his opinion known to his representatives in Congress."

Mr. Truman said that "the legislative branch of the government has done its full share toward carrying out its responsibility in foreign affairs." On the other hand, he added, "When we turn to our domestic problems we do not find a similar record of achievement and progress in Congress."

In short, the President asked the people to prod Congress in behalf of his legislative program to help build the foundations of a better economic and social order. Of course, opponents of his program stand pat for a reversion to the prewar days, which would inevitably lead to another disastrous depression.

THE PRESENT INDUSTRIAL strife has deep roots in the present capitalist system, in which private profit and "free enterprise" are the only aims.

Private profit rests on the exploitation of the many by a handful of powerful money lords. As long as this system remains, labor will continue to live on the crumbs that fall off the table of the mighty. Capitalism as such is unwilling to compromise and will not compromise as long as it is in power. Its power is felt in Congress as well as in all governmental institutions. Naturally, big business resents any and all interference and is 100% for the status quo.

The fact that labor, which is in huge majority, is only beginning to assert itself, presents a sore picture. Although organized labor today numbers nearly 15 million, politically it is practically impotent because it is without its own political party. Only the CIO has in recent years ventured into the political field, but not on its own ground; it is throwing its influence to the side that is "promising the most."

American labor will come of age only when it will embark on its own political field and show that it is able to play a decisive role in local, state and national government. There is no other way! American labor must follow British labor in politics if it wants to attain its economic freedom.

Whether labor will show any real inclination to organize a strong "third party" this year, which is an election year, remains to be seen. This could be done by forming a new progressive labor party or by rallying around the Socialist Party. Let's hope that something along these lines will soon emerge as a reality.

"THIS YEAR," the President said, "we lay the foundation of our economic structure" for the years to come.

All citizens who believe that we must go forward to a new age instead of back to an old one which would lead towards another depression, will agree that "something must be done" to avert and prevent such a disastrous course.

The President's legislative program is not a radical one. All he is asking is higher minimum wages and unemployment benefits; a permanent fair employment practice committee to prevent minority groups from being hammered back into the lowest wages and longest hours; "full employment" legislation; continued price control, and emergency action on housing. Labor is supporting him on all these points, but is strongly against his proposal for universal military training.

There is no question that Congress needs to be prodded. That's why it is necessary that the people write their representatives in Congress and let them know that they are for the above-mentioned legislation, and at the same time let them know that they are against the proposal which would saddle the country with a military strait-jacket. Under the present circumstances, in the absence of a labor political party, this is the only course that the workers can follow.

At the same time, organized and unorganized labor should be thinking of organizing its own political party; not only thinking about it but actually organize one that will make itself felt in all governmental institutions. Labor cannot hope to get its rights from either of the two old capitalistic parties.

United Slovenes

ST. MARYS, PA.—We, the United Slovenes, SNPJ Lodge 581, are starting 1946 with largest membership in our history, which is a very healthy sign.

In order to celebrate our 20th anniversary, which occurs this year, and also welcome home our fighting boys back from all parts of the world, we are planning a big celebration in May. For this affair we need everyone's cooperation. We are proud that we still have with us five charter members, namely, John Rohl, Anna Burdick, Josephine Bon and Mary Zore. We must not forget the work and effort of Math Shuster, Mary Terselic, Jacob Mozina and others during the early stages. We also feel proud of our boys who have served our country so gallantly. A real honor to them would be a large turnout.

The following officers were elected at our last meeting: Mary Holick, Pres.; Mary Burdick Jesberger, Vice Pres.; Ludwig Bon, Treas.; Gabriel Uljon, Sec'y; Mary Uljon, Assistant

Sec'y, Agnes Prudich and Michael Bukovac, Sick Committee, John Rojc, Jack Mozina and Michael Bukovac, Auditors. Lodge physicians, Drs. Sunder and Restak. Meetings at 2 p. m. each 3rd Sunday of the month at 523 Curry ave.

The SNPJ wall calendars have been mailed and if anyone has been overlooked, please notify us.

With the end of '45 I have completed 10 years as secretary of lodge 581, and I take this opportunity to thank everyone who has helped me in any way, and any help in the coming year will be appreciated.

At present many of our members are ill with the gripe or flu. We hope they will all recover soon.

Take note, veterans: The new applications for reinstatement of sick benefit have arrived. They are to be signed in presence of lodge officers, and, therefore, cannot be mailed.

Alphonse Bon of the Navy is enjoying a 30 day leave at his home, and T/Sgt. Frank Troha was just discharged from the navy.

Our next meeting will be held on Jan. 20. Please attend.

GABRIEL ULJON, Sec'y.

"Hoosier Pals" Dance January 13

INDIANAPOLIS, IND.—Just a reminder to all the members that the party is to be held at the SNH, Sunday, Jan. 13. It is hardly necessary to remind some members, but there are some who may not have heard about the party as yet.

All bowlers should be especially interested in this affair as April 14-15 isn't too far away and such dates have a way of sneaking up on us before we realize it.

If you want to know more details about the party, see Adolph Madley at the SNH, or see "Skeeter" Stornich at Turk's Tavern most any time. Speaking of Turk's don't forget your dancing shoes for the party, as both Joe and Frank Turk have promised us some good accordion music, and you know they haven't failed us yet.

How about all you members starting off the new year by paying your dues on time and trying to make the monthly meetings. Our meetings are held the 3rd Sunday of each month at the SNH, at 2:30 p. m.

Here's hoping to see a lot of you Sunday, Jan. 13, at the SNH.

FRANK KREFFEL, Pres.

Lincolnton Lodge

SPRINGFIELD, ILL.—At the annual meeting of Lodge Lincolnton the following officers were elected for 1946: Pres. Francis H. Lazar, Vice Pres. Frank Volk, Sec'y Rudy Kerar, Treas. Lucille Cunningham, Rec. Sec'y Mary Aldich, Sergeant-at-Arms Norman Davenport, Auditors, Joe Brinocar, Lois Volk, and Mary Ann Felber. Let us all give them the support which they so heartily deserve. Our Sec'y lives at 2240 S. 12th St. and appreciates having the members pay their dues promptly.

Comments
Last night we listened to the President's speech as did many others no doubt. As he named one by one the bills that are locked up in Congress he barely mentioned one that is most important to us all—the bill calling for peacetime military conscription. The President also pointed out that the American people form the strongest "pressure group" in the country. This we doubt. But let us make ourselves heard on this issue, because the continuation of any form of military conscription means only one thing—preparation for more wars.

A few years ago the government decided upon one year's military training for our country's youth—not in preparation for a war they told us, oh no, don't be silly—just a precautionary measure. All that has happened since is history already. But it might be well for us to do some thinking. If it is possible for us to do anything at all to keep this bill from being passed let us do it. Let us write our congressmen and inform them that we are against any kind of peacetime military conscription. If every person who is against it writes them we might make ourselves heard. Do not delay! Do it now! Remember it is the wheel that squeaks that gets the oil.

MARY BRINOCAR, 567.

Lodge 747 to Install New Officers Jan. 20

MILWAUKEE, WIS.—I wish to inform all members of SNPJ Lodge 747 that the meeting will take place on Jan. 20 at Sparrow Park Gardens, 3052 W. Fond du Lac ave. Hereafter, all meetings will be held each third Sunday of the month.

Our officers for 1946 are: Pres. Frank Kerener, Vice Pres. Joseph Clarine, Sec'y Francis Potisek (5227 W. Fond du Lac ave.), Treas. Henry Strieter, Rec. Sec'y Sue Kerzner. Trustees are Frank Sushnik, Louis Ambrozich and Inez Martinelli.

I urge you all to attend the meetings regularly, to give our full support to our newly elected officers. And also, enroll new members. The campaign is in full swing.

HELEN AMBROZICH, Sec'y.

Young Americans

DETROIT, MICH.—Young Americans, Lodge 564!

This is to notify members of Y. A. Lodge 564 that as of the first of the year I will take over the duties of financial secretary. I'm hoping that as many of you as possible, can will come to our next meeting so that we can all become better acquainted.

Assessment will be payable as heretofore at the monthly meeting or the last Friday of the month, 7 o'clock, at the SND, on John R.

Those wishing to remit by mail, please address all correspondence to Frank C. Hostnik, 8107 Forest Lawn, Detroit 5, Michigan. Telephone TW. 1-8870.

FRANK C. HOSTNIK, Sec'y.

Comrades' Note Book

By J. F. Fitch

Membership Drive
Gaining Momentum
CLEVELAND, O.—The Alden youngster recently admitted. Transfer card from Bob Yarshin, brother of Jean, passed along. The two Hoyt youngsters have joined the Comrade group. Jean Smoody had the writer call to sign up her husband John. Along with the child-birth recently from Gus Valentine, juvenile application for the child enclosed. Mother and family doing well.

A note from the Scherbaks with a request that the writer call to sign up sonny BILL. Dot Moanik, active supporter of Comrades asking that information be sent her for possible membership. Mr. Fencs, former custodian of the SNH, asking that application be forwarded to his son-in-law. We're contacting Adolph and Pepl to see about their boy. Mesojedic parents considering transfer of their youngster to the adult class.

Above indicates renewed activity. This can be helped considerably by you. Writer will shortly mail to all members having youngsters still not belonging to our lodge letter and application blank, stressing the advantage of joining. If there is any one in your family, any friend that might be interested, let me know. Let's see if the quota set up for the lodge cannot be met. With your help it should be possible.

General
Off to Florida for a rest, Joan Rossman, accompanied by her mother. We hope their stay is pleasant and Joan comes back healthy and strong.

"Goodbye Cleveland, here we come Lakeland, Fla." That is the way Frank and Julia Suhadolnik welcomed the new year. Frank, secretary of the Norwood Community Council, bid the city goodbye to embark with his wife in a business venture in Florida. The community will miss them, we wish them luck.

Many, many Christmas cards were received. To our many friends for their kind remembrance, thanks from the wife and myself.

The Beljans, Korana, Rosa, Prijatelja, Kerzes, Aldena, Plenels, Pauline Spik, friend Phil, Marie Zak, Albina Vehar, Antoinette Skok, among others, welcomed the new year in at the writer's home. A good time was had by all.

January Meeting
Our first meeting in 1946 will fall on Tuesday, Jan. 15. A good attendance is requested. Officers for this year will be sworn in. Our next dance which will be in March will be discussed and preliminary plans made. If you haven't used your extra ration, do so now.

In the Letter Box
A note from the Smoles in Huntington advising of a change in address, they've found something more suited to their liking.

Julius Pirnat Jr. just before leaving Cleveland to go back to Pensacola for more training, helloed greetings of the season to the gang.

We were sorry to hear that Bill Scherbak's dad passed away recently. Our belated condolences.

A nice letter from Ann Sannemann, Chicago, outlining probable plans for stopping in Cleveland in February.

"I hope you're getting on nicely at school," said Mrs. Jones to her small niece. "Now, I wonder if you can spell horse?"

For a minute the little girl thought hard, then a relieved look dawned in her eyes.

"I could if I wanted to, aunty," she said scornfully, "but don't you think it is rather old-fashioned?"

Reveliers' Column

AMBRIDGE, PA.—The annual bowling tournament of the ESL's of western Pennsylvania has come and gone, which marks another great milestone of success to the federation.

The weather was really bad but it hasn't kept the crowd away, and it really was a pleasure to meet new friends and old ones. Mike Kumer of Universal and Frank Tomsic of Strabane should be congratulated on their fine work to make the tournament a success. Also the lodges of Library should be congratulated on the fine way they handled the dance.

I want to take this opportunity to express thanks to the following members: The Revelier Bowlers, Tony Progar and Bill Tomsic of Strabane for their ride from Carriek to Library (and what a ride, eh, Gus and Joe?) and to Mary Kokal and Frances Dermotta of Library for the wonderful time.

Dates to Remember: Reveliers meeting on Jan. 20 at 7:30 p. m. at the Slovene Home. Entertainment for the members after the meeting.

The "Heart to Heart" dance on Feb. 10 at the Slovene Home in Library. VAL KOSELA, 699.

Lodge 615 Plans Dance Feb. 23rd

LOS ANGELES, CALIF.—SNPJ Lodge 615 held its annual meeting Dec. 16 and the following officers were elected for the year 1946: President John Fetritz, Vice President Vincent Chadaz, Secretary Mary Kotchnik, Recording Secretary Frances Ingersoll, Treasurer Frank Yurada, Auditors are John Brus, Mary Ercob and Tony Lipich.

Plans were made for a dance to be held Feb. 23 at American Croatian Hall, 330 S. Ford blvd. Let's all attend and make it a success. This is our first dance in two years. All members must pay the price of admission, which is 60c, including tax, whether they attend the dance or not, with the exception of members on sick list and boys in service. I would appreciate if members paying by mail would add 60c to their next assessment so I won't have to remind each one individually.

Let's all attend the Jan. 20 meeting at 3 p. m.

MARY KOTCHNIK, Sec'y.

Excelsiors

ALIQUIPPA, PA.—The chief concern of the Excelsiors in the first three months of the new year is the membership campaign. During the first half of this drive we have enrolled twelve new members which were credited to two of our active officers. Surely the rest of you can help Sisters Kathryn Derglin and Frances Zakrajsek in securing more new applicants in order that we may surpass our quota of fourteen.

Election: Officers elected for the year 1946 are: President Mike Zakrajsek Jr., Vice Pres. Frank Struble Sr., Secretary Kathryn Derglin, Treasurer Ann Ranics, Recording Sec'y Frances Zakrajsek, Sergeant-at-Arms Mike Zakrajsek Sr. Auditors, George Smrekar, chairman; Frank Struble Sr. and Josephine Struble. Physicians are Drs. J. L. Miller and G. B. Rush. The meeting will take place on the third Saturday of each month.

Servicemen: The Excelsiors had up to-date twenty-nine of their members in the service. The latest to be discharged are Vincent Sercel, Anthony Sercel, and Victor Derglin. It's beginning to look like old times again and we are glad to have you back. Remember you discharged members, get in touch with your secretary in regard to the waivers on sick and disability benefits.

The 12th Annual Duckpin Bowling Tournament which was held in Carriek certainly showed that a lot of members still are eager to bowl. A nice crowd attended this affair which always brings old friends together again.

What do you say, gang, let's get started and organize a few bowling teams again so that we may compete in future tournaments. A few years ago the Excelsiors were very active in inter-lodge affairs and visited many neighboring lodges participating in bowling. Those interested in bowling please attend our next meeting this month and give your opinion on the subject.

MIKE ZAKRAJSEK Jr., Pres.

Sharon Keystoneers

SHARON, PA.—The Keystoneers, SNPJ Lodge 735, hope that everyone everywhere enjoyed the past holiday season to the fullest.

As every previous year, the Juvenile Circle of Sharon presented their Christmas Eve program, and all the proceeds were given to SANC. Much thanks should be given to Slovene Dom which, as always, provided a huge yule tree and a free treat for all the kiddies, and also to their parents that attended. We can't forget Frank Kramer who always comes out with a welcome speech before the program starts.

The playlet, "Wildcat Willie Plays Santa," was well presented by the juveniles. Everyone enjoyed it very much. Johnnie Novak Jr., as Wildcat Willie, did a wonderful job, and we compliment him for it. The other children in the cast were Eddie Kramer, Bobby Zickar, Eleanor Zagger, Frances Bahor, Helen Okorn, Frances Luin, Patsy Okorn, Donnie Novak and Donna and Vickie Paulemich. Vickie, who is about 7 years old, did some wonderful tap-dancing for the audience. Donnie played several selections on his tonnet.

The quartet consisting of Frances Luin, Frances Bahor, Helen Okorn, and Patsy Okorn also sang very nicely. The chorus closed the program with some sweet carols.

The juveniles held their first dance of the year last Sunday, with music by none other than Ernie Benedict and his radio stars of WGAR of Cleveland, with Frank Zajc playing the accordion. Keystoneers held their monthly meeting Jan. 6 at 3:30 p. m. (Your letter reached us too late for last week's paper.—Ed.)

FRANCES NOVAK, Pres.

NOTATIONS

By Francis L. Rak

CHICAGO, ILL.—The first meeting of the year for Perfect Circlers will take place this Saturday morning, Jan. 12, at 10:30 o'clock at lower SNPJ Hall. The January project is collection of clothing for war-torn Yugoslavia. Members are requested to bring garments to SNPJ where they will be in turn sent to collection headquarters, Slovene Labor Center. We know that you members won't fall this worthy cause.

CIRCLE NOTES—Belated birthday congratulations to Ella Mae Selak who celebrated on Christmas day.—Speaking of birthdays, Edward Udovich had his eighteenth the day of Federation Yule party, but because of so many busy days the Sannemanns held a belated party on Edward two weeks later. We can safely say it was a grand time for all the Perfect Circlers and several grownups, too.—The December issue of "Gary Times" had articles contributed by Marilyn Reven and Don Pochly. (Gary Times is a grammar school newspaper.)—Evelyn Ures was in a dance recital Christmas week and we were proud of her waltz. Belated birthday wishes to Doris Reven's sixth on Dec. 30.

NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY—It was a gay evening at the Slovene Labor Center last New Year's eve. Large crowd and everyone was in the celebrating mood. Icy streets and very cold weather seemed to stop very few. Steblay from Waukegan furnished the accordion music for dancing. We kinda got those "goose pimples" when Frank and Luke Groser saw each other for the first time in several years; both were discharged from the army several days apart. Luke arrived New Year's day.

ANNUAL MEETINGS—Slovene Center Social Club will hold its annual meeting on Saturday, Jan. 26, at headquarters, 2301 S. Lawndale ave. Election of officers will take place after which a blood sausage and kraut supper will be served free to members. Meeting will start promptly at 8 p. m.

The Slovene Labor Center will hold its annual shareholders' meeting on Thursday evening, Jan. 31, at 2301 S. Lawndale at 8 p. m. You are reminded of these important dates, so don't make other plans.

SERVICEMEN—Pioneers are really arriving home fast these days. Besides the Groser brothers discharged, there are the following: John Olip Jr., Frank Krebel and Anthony Kegel.—Tony Medvesek, a neighbor of the Langenort family in Johnstown, Pa., sent the family snapshots which he took of Phil's grave on Guadalcanal; the family appreciates his kindness.

Mary Svetlik—Last Sunday we were shocked to hear of the death of Mrs. Mary Svetlik, a Pioneer member. She was a staunch SNPJ and a very good member of Branch No. 1 JSF. We often saw her working at various affairs, a job that she seemed to enjoy. She'll not only be missed by her family, but by us all, who knew her kind and helpful ways.

Mrs. Svetlik was taken ill last September and seemed to be getting better. As time went on, her one desire was to see her Coast Guard son and that he be married. It's consoling that those wishes were granted, for her son Tom Svetlik Jr. has been recently discharged and was wed on Dec. 16. She worked hard during her life, for she had six children, all of them are now married.

Pioneers shared the funeral with the ABZ Lodge. We furnished three pallbearers, namely, Alice Reven, Mary Reven and this writer. Sec'y Donald Lotrich spoke very appropriately at the chapel, followed by John Gottlieb of ABZ. At Woodlawn cemetery chapel, Charles Pogorelec spoke in behalf of JSF and Slovene Labor Center and John Rak read the SNPJ eulogy. The body was cremated.

Surviving are Tom Svetlik, the husband, and these six children: Mary Kraly, Pauline Pouhe, Bertha Videgar, Irene Vesely, William Svetlik, and Tom Svetlik Jr. We extend our very deepest sympathy to the bereaved.

ALL-AROUND—Leo Smaga, caretaker of SNPJ, is now a grad-babe of Xmas eve. Congratulations!—Mary Andres baked a delicious pineapple upside down cake and served it with whipped cream and coffee at Circle Yule party. Wasn't that nice?—Sam Reven had a birthday last Monday and his wife Mary celebrates next Monday. Our congrats!—Mary Andres has just found out that her grandmother—82 years old—is still alive in Yugoslavia. Needless to say she had more than her share of misery. Likewise Mary Reven's aunt in Croatia.—My folks hadn't heard from over there yet, so we're still concerned. Until again.

Sygan Lodge No. 6 Gives Dance Jan. 12

SYGAN, PA.—The annual New Year's Eve celebration was a grand turnout. That is one day when the good-will of Lodge No. 6 is noted by many people. It is no wonder that our membership is steadily on the increase.

The success of an organization as large as ours should not be expected of few members. So make it your duty to go to the meetings and take active part in our lodge affairs.

We were fortunate to get Marty King for our next dance Saturday, Jan. 12. This excellent orchestra draws a crowd from far and near. So come and have a good time at Sygan Club, a good place to meet your friends. Wishing all a successful and happy new year.

L. M. WIRANT.

Spirit-o-Grains

By Whoosit

ST LOUIS, MO.—Our first meeting this year will be held Friday, Jan. 11, at 8 p. m. Our new officers will be installed and here's hoping we'll have a large attendance and give our officers a good start for the year. Your Buddy for 1945 will be revealed at this meeting—also a new Buddy Club will be formed for 1946. The Dance Committee will give their final report on the Anniversary and Victory dance at the January meeting—so be sure and keep this date open and attend this all important meeting.

Reminding you again to be present at the SANC presentation of the "Liberation of Belgrade" movies to be held Jan. 19 at 8:15 p. m., Concordia Turner Hall, 13th & Arsenal. Mirko Kuhel, treasurer of SNPJ and secretary of the SANC from Chicago, will attend this affair. All SNPJ members and their friends are asked to be present and give Bro. Kuhel a welcome. Old clothes, canned goods and other household articles will be collected at this affair. Look around the house and see if you can get together all the clothes you no longer will need. These items are so important to the people in Yugoslavia, who have nothing. Please don't forget our people over there who are in desperate need for food, clothing and other items.

You haven't forgotten about the membership campaign, have you? Let's buckle down and see what we can do during the next few months. Time is slipping by fast, and before you know it the campaign will be over and then it will be too late to get in on those wonderful cash awards. Our quota must be filled—and with the cooperation of all the members I'm sure that we'll go over the top—so let's all start to do our best in securing new members.

THIS AND THAT—Joe Johnson has been inducted into the armed forces and at the present time is in Kansas City. Ann Brown's (Sophie Vertovsek's sister) husband's parents, who are missionaries, are visiting here en route to China. Pete Kokal expects to get his discharge from the Navy sometime this month. Sis Josephine Harvatin is still under doctor's care, but is recovering nicely. Members are asked to visit her or drop her a card of cheer.

Reminding you once again to be present at the January meeting, Friday the 11th.

Keystonians

HERMINIE, PA.—Our first regular meeting for 1946 found a few changes in offices of our lodge: Frank Gradisek, President; Martin Urana Jr., Vice President; Joseph Batis, Secretary; Robert McAlpine, Treasurer; Elsie Gondean, Recording Secretary.

The campaign for new members should still be in the mind of our brothers and sisters for it is a plan that will benefit both the individual and our organization.

Among the unfinished business was included a schedule of dances. Just now we wish to remind you to attend our Jan. 12 dance at which time our very popular Smiling Joe Koracin and his Slovene Aces will entertain. Dancing will be from 9 to 1 and you are assured of one swell time.

There will be plenty of refreshments served by our new bartender, John Klanchesser, assisted by his wife, Anna. Don't miss this music that Joe and his boys are going to furnish. Remember the date, Jan. 12, at the Slovene Hall, Herminie.

A KEYSTONIAN.



Our Times

By Louis Barbic

LEIGH WHITE, foreign correspondent of the Chicago Daily News, has written a series of articles from Jugoslavia.

His articles appear also in other papers and one of them is the Pittsburgh Press, according to a clipping I received last week from an anonymous friend, with the sole inscription "Please read."

Of course, I had read the dispatch previously in the Daily News which captioned it with a slight variation, but the intent "to kill" was the same, but the "to kill" Tito and his liberation movement before the American public.

Leigh White sees nothing good in Tito's Jugoslavia. He labels Tito as a ruthless dictator, another Fuehrer, who is just as tyrannical as was Hitler. In Jugoslavia, says White, there is no freedom of anything, and of course, there is no freedom of the press.

And yet this same White is able to write his propaganda pieces to his paper from the same Jugoslavia where there is no freedom of the press. If there were a Pulitzer prize given for lies, White would certainly be the one who would get it.

WHO IS THIS Leigh White, anyway? What is his background? Can we take his dispatches at face value? Leigh White usually roosts in Rome where he plagues the world with his reports that are extremely prejudiced. Now and then he makes excursions to the neighboring countries. He speaks Italian and on his jaunt to Jugoslavia he was supposedly able to "get along" without an interpreter, which would indicate that he either knows the language of the country or that he speaks German and is able to "get along."

I remember White's deplorably prejudiced dispatches sent from Trieste last summer. In them he showed that he was 100% against the Slovenes in particular and against Jugoslavia in general. Such is this "impartial" correspondent that is now sending highly damaging reports to the United States about Jugoslavia. Thus far he hasn't discovered one single good virtue in the present Jugoslav regime.

Evidently, the Jugoslav government feels quite strong enough to let such correspondents as White roam the country and send to the world propaganda reports based on lies.

TO BE SURE, the situation in Jugoslavia is not rosy; it cannot be an ideal situation now nor for a long time to come. Jugoslavia went through fire and hell. No matter how democratic a government it would have, it has to go through the reconstruction period with its economic life practically destroyed. It has to build from scratch. But the people of Jugoslavia, who were able to defeat the most ruthless invader and at the same time destroy the internal enemy headed by such quislings as Rozman and Rupnik, Pavelich and Nedich, with the blessing of the Vatican—will certainly know how to take care of their country now that it is liberated. From all this, it is quite apparent that Leigh White is spreading someone's propaganda against Jugoslavia and her government. Could that propaganda be in the interest of the British and the Vatican? The British are old masters in such nice affairs, aren't they? And the Pope is no novice in playing politics, either. After all, he is only trying to regain for himself and his boys what he so miserably but deservedly lost in Jugoslavia.

A number of other American reporters have visited Jugoslavia, among them M. W. Fodor of the Chicago Sun, but none of them has been able to "discover" there what Leigh White's "impartial" eye has been able to detect. Truly, propaganda lines know no limit.

MEMBERSHIP ENROLLMENT IN DECEMBER BEST IN 1945

New Record Set as 23 More Contestants Attain Honor Roll; Pioneer Lodge (559) Takes Lead; John Shaffer Still on Top

The year 1945 ended in somewhat of a "blaze of success" for the ESL 20th Anniversary Campaign. A new record was set in its closing month. While we are unable, as yet, to report the exact number of new adult and juvenile members enrolled in December, we do know that it was the most successful month in the current membership drive. It is expected that the total enrollment in both departments of the Society will be in the neighborhood of 375 members—approximately 225 juveniles and 150 adults, exceeding the respective totals of the two preceding months by comfortable margins. October, which was the opening month of the campaign, yielded a total of 297 members, as compared with 397 for November. It is evident from these figures, which show a steady increase for three successive months, that the ESL 20th Anniversary Campaign has finally begun to "click" true to form, and we can expect rapid improvement in nearly every quarter of the SNPJ right on up to the closing day.

From the standpoint of number of contestants who qualified for a place on the Honor Roll, the campaign showed remarkable improvement in the final month of 1945. No less than 23 contestants attained this goal, increasing the total in this group to 44 altogether. And for the third month in a row, John Shaffer of Lodge 537, Crivitz, Wis., leads all individual contestants with an excellent total of 38 new members to his credit. In second place is Rose Radovich of Lodge 21, Pueblo, Colorado, and in third place is John Jobkar, secretary-elect of Lodge 265, Southview, Pa.

The outstanding gain of the month was made by Pioneer Lodge 559, Chicago, Ill., who increased its campaign total by 17 new members and just managed to overtake Lodge 537 for the leadership—39 to 38. And so, after setting the pace for nearly three whole months, the lodge in the little farming community of Crivitz, Wis., has been forced to relinquish its place at the top—but, even though it has dropped back a notch in standings, it has one consolation and that is, it is second to the largest and most active lodge in the SNPJ. Among the Pioneer contestants first known to qualify for a place on the Campaign Honor Roll is Ann Sannemann, Manager of Perfect Circle, who, so far, has enrolled 6 new members, a very good beginning and, we hope, many more on the way. As for the remaining 33 members only two credit cards have been received and, for that reason, the Campaign Director is unable to give a detailed report as to identity of contestants and number of new members credited to each one.

The second best membership increase in December came from Nokomis, Ill., and this was made possible by Louise Desiak, Treasurer of Lodge 209, who secured 10 new members to her credit, equally divided between adults and juveniles. This lodge now has a total of 15 new members, surpassing its assigned quota by six.

The third highest gain of the month was that of 9 new members marked up for Lodge 138, Strabane, Pa., 7 of them for Frances Petro, Circle Manager, who now has a total of eight, and 2 for John Zigman, Secretary of the Lodge, who has six altogether, both advancing to a place on the Honor Roll in the same month. Six more new members is all this lodge needs to attain its campaign quota. Ursula Ambrosich, Fifth District Vice-President and also President of Lodge 130, Eveleth, Minn., ended the old year in splendid style by adding 7 new members to her previous total, moving the lodge up to within six of its quota.

A gain of six new members was made by each of the following campaigners, and qualified all of them for the Honor Roll: Sylvia Skedel, Lodge 254, Bon Air, Pa.; Frances Oblack, Lodge 295, Bridgeville, Pa.; and Frank Hrvatin, Lodge 476, Salem, Ohio, all three of whom hold the important office of Lodge Secretary. Contestants, who enrolled 5 new members in December, were Mary Vidmar, Lodge 3, Johnstown, Pa.; Joseph Turck, Lodge 104, Milwaukee, Wis.; John Jobkar, Lodge 265, Southview, Pa.; Mary Macek, Lodge 643, Girard, Ohio, and Helen Ambrosich, Lodge 747, Milwaukee, Wis., each one the financial secretary of his (her) lodge and now listed on the Honor Roll.

Gains of 4 new members in December were made by John Kobe, Lodge 64, West Newton, Pa.; Anton Zornik, Lodge 87, Herminie, Pa.; Mary Russ, Lodge 223, Greensburg, Pa.; Frances Gorence, Lodge 262, Farrell, Pa.; Louise Zupancic, Lodge 299, Walsenburg, Colo.; Jennie Petrich, Lodge 322, Chisholm, Minn.; Frank Tehovnik, Lodge 518, Detroit, Mich.; Mary Rodina, Lodge 690, Kansas City, Kan.; Theresa Masgon, Lodge 762, Hostetter, Pa.; Mike Bafsh, Lodge 7, Claridge, Pa.; Mary Dodic, Lodge 450, Euclid, Ohio and Lodge Neda (102), Chicago, Ill. . . . While 3 each were secured by Lucas Dornovsek, Lodge 273, Sheldon, Wis.; John Nemani'z, Lodge 172, Beadling, Pa.; Joseph Fiolet, Lodge 566, Cleveland, Ohio; Katherine Derglin, Lodge 721, W. Aliquippa, Pa.; Mildred Bomestar, Lodge 464, Midland, Pa.; Lodge 68, Trinidad, Colo., and Lodge 292, Avella, Pa. . . . From the highest to the lowest, congratulations to one and all!

In last week's article on "A Review of Our English-Speaking Lodges," the second paragraph, according to the original copy, should have read as follows: There are at the present time eight-five English-Speaking Lodges in the SNPJ with a combined membership of approximately 10,500 adults and juveniles. In this category we have included only those lodges which originally were organized as English-Speaking units, excluding some thirty-five to forty others which, since their organization, have been converted from a Slovene-Speaking status by conducting their meetings and official correspondence in English. . . . It was also pointed out that the combined quotas of the 35 leading ESLs totaled 470 new members and 270 (not 470) for the remaining fifty lodges in this particular group. The two added together make 740, which is a little more than one-third of the goal of 2,000 new members set for the entire Society.

Despite the fact that a few of the returns for the month of December have been omitted from the latest standings of the campaign (found elsewhere in this section), with particular reference to membership applications returned to lodge secretaries for correction or to those for which the main office is awaiting further information, we, nevertheless, have gone ahead with a tabulation of the standings on the basis of the records at hand, as of the closing day of 1945. If any important change is effected in these standings by applications receiving approval later, for which certificates of membership will be issued as of January 1, 1946, it will be reported in this column next week.

As seen from the records, only 15 lodges, four of which belong to the English-Speaking Lodge category, have been able to reach their respective quotas in the first three months of the campaign. This is a gain of four over the previous month. However, many others are gradually approaching this goal and, no doubt, will succeed in reaching it well before the conclusion of the campaign.

Let's not forget that in a new year as in a new snow, our trail is where we make it. . . . that to you, to me, to everyone, there is only one day in the week, and that day is TODAY! Let's make the best of every "today" (for tomorrow might be too late) by rally-

Veronian News

VERONA, PA.—With a blast of horns, the throwing of confetti and the singing of Auld Lang Syne, the Veronian Club ushered in 1946. Tears of joy expressed the feeling of some of our members and we all thought of our loved ones nearby and away, hoping for a much better year with our boys all at home. There were uniforms galore representing the Army, Navy and the Marines at the dance, all of them expressing the wish that it won't be too long before they are among our members permanently. Am just wondering who the sextette of girls leading the group in singing the old traditional songs were—don't tell me it was the "coquettes"? Nice going girls, we are looking forward to the pleasure of hearing you again. It is date time again for you dancers! A date for what you may ask—why, of course, a date with the Veronians for their dance Saturday, Jan. 12, dancing from 10 to 2, to the music of Frank Porovne and his band, and also the following Saturday, Jan. 19, when we again welcome Frank Porovne to entertain.

Keep in mind the regular monthly meeting Sunday, Jan. 13, at 2:30 p. m. We can all resolve to start the new year off right by attending the meetings each month. Matters of importance to all of us are up for discussion and your opinions and decisions matter considerably. To help us greet the new year were Eddie Ruskevich of the Navy and George Latin who was recently discharged. While many are returning home we understand Joe Hezar left for the Merchant Marines and we wish him every success.

After the exciting bowling games last Thursday the results now show that Patton and Hodges tie for first place with Eisenhower taking second place and Clark with only two games behind the third. We are almost at the half mark and everyone is anxious to see who will be the victors. We are sorry to learn of Eleanor Vrbancic's illness and extend get-well wishes for a quick recovery. Also on the sick list is Mary Kirm. Will close for now again reminding you to keep open the dates of Jan. 12 and Jan. 19 for our dance and also our monthly meeting. Will be looking for you then.

CORNELIA GORUM, 880.

"Colo. Rockies" Lodge Greet Returning Vets

DENVER, COLO.—At the monthly and annual meeting of the Colorado Rockies, SNPJ Lodge 646, held on Dec. 18 at the home of Sis. Ann Sullivan, it was decided to present each discharged member with a \$5 bill. To date, Anton Veldic, Louis Andolsek and John Cohara have received their discharge and are back with us. We wish the rest of our members in the service a speedy return. The next monthly meeting will

ing solidly behind the ESL 20th ANNIVERSARY CAMPAIGN and through it help to build fraternalism for a more secure future! Every member enroll a new member in the SNPJ in the first three months of 1946!

Honor Roll of ESL 20th Anniversary Campaign (as of December 31, 1945)

INDIVIDUAL CONTESTANTS		
Name	Lodge Place	Members
JOHN SHAFFER (837), Crivitz, Wis.		38
ROSE RADOVICH (21), Pueblo, Colo.		32
JOHN JOBKAR (265), Southview, Pa.		30
LOUISE DEZELAK (208), Nokomis, Ill.		15
THERESA MASGON (762), Hostetter, Pa.		14
ANTON ZORNIK (87), Herminie, Pa.		13
JOSEPH BELTE (7), Claridge, Pa.		11
LENHART WERDINEK (28), Thomas, W. Va.		11
LOUISE ZUPANCIC (299), Walsenburg, Colo.		11
JOSEPH TURCK (104), Milwaukee, Wis.		9
URSULA AMBROSICH (130), Eveleth, Minn.		9
MIKE BALON (7), Claridge, Pa.		8
FRANCES PETRO (138), Strabane, Pa.		8
JOSEPH HAUPTMAN (181), Wist, Ill.		8
JENNIE PETRICH (322), Chisholm, Minn.		8
HELEN AMBROSICH (747), Milwaukee, Wis.		8
MARY VIDMAR (3), Johnstown, Pa.		7
JOHN ZUGICH (58), De Pus, Ill.		7
MARTIN URBAS (285), Southview, Pa.		7
RALPH KONCHNIK (513), Scranton, Pa.		7
MARY GORENCE (690), Arma, Kan.		7
MARY RODINA (690), Kansas City, Kan.		7
JOHN ZIGMAN (130), Strabane, Pa.		6
JOHN KRIZICH (194), Kewawita, Minn.		6
SYLVIA SKEDAL (254), Bon Air, Pa.		6
LUCAS DORNOVSEK (273), Sheldon, Wis.		6
FRANCES OBLACK (295), Bridgeville, Pa.		6
FRANK HRVATIN (476), Salem, Ohio		6
FRANK TEMOVNIK (518), Detroit, Mich.		6
ANN SANNEMANN (559), Chicago, Ill.		6
JOSEPH FIOLET (568), Cleveland, Ohio		6
MARY MACEK (643), Girard, Ohio		6
MARTIN MEZWARICH (700), Roundup, Montana		6
JOHN SKARJA (713), Marysville, Pa.		6
KATHERINE DERGLIN (721), W. Aliquippa, Pa.		6
FRANCES ZAKRAJSEK (721), W. Aliquippa, Pa.		6
ANNE BRICELY (884), Johnstown, Pa.		6
LEO SEVNIK (98), La Salle, Ill.		6
JOSEPH KOBICH (8), S. Chicago, Ill.		6
FRANK ZREAR (38), Ely, Minn.		5
IVANA ZOBITE (322), Chisholm, Minn.		5
JOE KOLENC (561), Aquilar, Colo.		5
FRANCES LAZAR (567), Springfield, Ill.		5
FRANCES PODBOY (580), Strabane, Pa.		5

LODGES WITH ATTAINED QUOTAS			
Lodge No.—Place	Members	Lodge No.—Place	Members
559, Chicago, Ill.	39	181, Wist, Ill.	6
537, Crivitz, Wis.	38	747, Milwaukee, Wis.	6
265, Southview, Pa.	37	184, Kewawita, Minn.	7
21, Pueblo, Colo.	32	476, Salem, Ohio	7
7, Claridge, Pa.	19	513, Scranton, Pa.	7
208, Nokomis, Ill.	15	680, Johnstown, Pa.	7
762, Hostetter, Pa.	14	680, Kansas City, Kan.	7
28, Thomas, W. Va.	11		

(*) Asterisk denotes English-Speaking Lodge. MICHAEL VRHOVNIK, Campaign Director.

Juvenile Circles

Circle 28 to Conclude Clothes Collection Jan. 12

CHICAGO.—Because of the fact that the Slovene Labor Center will only accept clothes until Jan. 15, the Perfect Circle members will have to bring all the clothes they intend to bring to the two January meetings to the Jan. 12 meeting only. The clothes must be clean!

At this meeting the clothes for Jugoslav Relief will be sorted and then taken to the Center. Remember Perfect Circle members, bring all the clothes you can dig up to the meeting this Saturday. SYLVIA TROJAR, Sec'y.

Circle No. 15 Elects Officers, Plans Activities

VERONA, PA.—On Sunday, Dec. 22, the juveniles of Circle 15 had a meeting. We elected new officers. They are as follows: Tony Bozick, president; Frances Youk, vice-president; Helen Krulic, secretary; Dorothy Mehelic, sec. secretary; Richard Zibrec, treasurer.

Our new manager is Mrs. Mary Bozick and her husband, Mr. Frank Bozick, is assistant manager. Dorothy Doles and Dorothy Bozick were picked as reporters. We have agreed to have meetings each first Sunday of the month. At every meeting the juveniles are giving away a door prize of one dollar to any juvenile who may win it. We are also going to have Friday for the day for the juveniles to come down to the Veronian Club to enjoy themselves.

Our Christmas party, which was held on Dec. 25 and started at 7 p. m., was a success. It consisted of movies and later refreshments were served.

The juvenile members of Circle 15 would like to express their sympathy to Edward Kaus, a member of the Veronians, whose mother passed away.

DOROTHY DOLES DOROTHY BOZICK.

Circle 24 Elects New Officers, Holds Yule Party

WAUKEGAN, ILL.—At the Jolly Juveniles' annual meeting, the following officers were elected for the year of 1946: Frank Stritar, president; Clifford Latz, vice president; Rose Valencic, secretary; Robert Mescic, treasurer; Frank Furlan, sergeant-at-arms. Congratulations and good luck!

Both groups celebrated with Christmas parties a week before Christmas. The older group handled the party by themselves. They elected a decorating committee, entertainment, and a refreshment committee to assist with the party plans. The girls on the refresh-

ment committee donated sandwiches, and the cake, soda, and ice cream was purchased.

We started the evening off by singing a number of carols, until everyone arrived before we proceeded with games, then refreshments, and finally exchange of gifts.

The youngsters members used the older group's party decorations, to it they added a small Christmas tree they decorated with ornaments they themselves made. A number of chains made of construction paper, jingle bells, ornaments made from tin milk bottle caps, wreaths of cranberries, all of these decorations adorned the tree.

The Mexican Christmas game, otherwise known as "Rompienda la pinata," proved to be the children's favorite game. A large paper bag filled with candy and nuts was hung from a ceiling light in the center of the room, then each child was blindfolded and given one turn to hit the bag with a stick until the bag was torn and the contents dropped to the floor. Then everyone scattered to get his share of goodies.

Refreshments that were left over from the Little Fort Lodge social the previous night were donated to the party. There was lunch meat and cheese for sandwiches, pickles, olives, sandwich spread, all from Co-op store, and home made cookies from Mrs. Furlan. Cake and soda were purchased.

Last of all the children exchanged gifts by passing the articles around in a circle to music until the music stopped. Before the children left, they lined up to receive their Christmas goodies. Our Santa Claus became ill, so he was unable to pass out the goodies.

Thanks to Mrs. Koncilja for assisting with the party, and also to the mothers who donated paper plates, napkins, etc. JOSEPHINE BEZEK.

Circle No. 23 Has New Manager, Sta. Louis Leake

ROUNDUP, MONT.—I have given up the supervision of Circle 23, Junior Harmonizers because of other duties. I have had this position since July 1941, and liked presiding over the meetings. It gave me a great thrill to have the parties at my home. Many times my friends would say that I enjoy them more than the members.

Circle 23 has chosen Louise Leake as its new Circle Manager. She is very capable and will make it bigger and better. All Circle members and their parents are asked to cooperate with her in this work.

I want to thank the Circle parents and Lodge members for their fine cooperation and help they gave me during the years. Finally, a hello to members who have moved from Roundup, namely, Joan, Albina and Delmar Finco of Kettle River, Minn.; Donald and Kenneth Meklush of Big Timber, Montana, and Malin and Sharon Doles of Imbler, Ore.

Good luck and clear sailing to all you Circle 23 members and new supervisors. LEA OSET, Lodge 700.

This and That

By Peter Ellish

National Debt Scare SOME of my friends who follow the Chamber of Commerce, and the Hearst party line, are again somewhat vocal and hysterical.

Years ago, it was the WPA and the Social Security laws. Not so long ago, it was England and intervention. Their pet peeve, however, in or out of season, are the labor unions, and their demands. I will not delve on that in this article, but they have a new scare.

Have you heard about it? It is our national debt. Yep, it is around 280 billion, and they fear it will reach the 300 billion mark. "Then," they shake their head in gloom and say, "will be the end of free enterprise, and the end of our nation." And they will add how terrible it is for a party to burden our nation with this huge debt.

THEY DO not seem to realize that this huge debt is due to a war that had to be waged, and which was successfully terminated a few months ago.

For mobilization, and for waging the war, untold billions had to be expended.

Perhaps, these comrades of the Hearst party line, would prefer Hitler and a balanced budget.

It has not been so long ago when they preferred a balanced budget to aiding the needy.

Then, they argued that a national debt of 40 billion would wreck our economy.

Proposals of relief and work relief for the unemployed would be vigorously opposed by them on this spacious ground.

SINCE then our national debt soared upward, and our economy is still in a healthy state.

In fact, it is too healthy, if you can judge it by the dough that the owning class has garnered during the war years.

Today, this group is defying the government in their apparent sit-down strike against labor and the government, and of course, against the public.

Perhaps our national debt is getting too high. But I know one good way to reduce it.

And that would be a continuance of high taxes on those juicy profits that the corporations have been making, and which it seems, they will continue to make in the days to come.

"Naprej" Singers Begin Rehearsals

MILWAUKEE, WIS.—At the last meeting of the Slovene Singing Society "Naprej," it was decided that we begin the new year right, by again attending and resuming rehearsals, regularly. The opening date was Tuesday, Jan. 8.

Reports brought in disclosed that most of our discharged servicemen members are questioning our inactivity, and express their desire to again participate in the rehearsals of the good old Slovene folk songs. Therefore, I urge all the members to attend the rehearsals, so that we may again elevate "Naprej" to the degree it was in the normal times before the war.

I hope to see you present at Rebernik's (formerly Sostarich's) Hall at each rehearsal at 8 p. m. sharp. JOHN MAREN, 584.

were Paul Wolf, Tony Stare, Jean Kirk, Dolores Mikoley, Christine Kopic, Annette Kirk, George Mikoley, and Robert and Ronald Stuart. This added to the real spirit of Christmas.

Up to now the audience was duly entertained but while the show was going on the children in the audience were impatiently waiting for the arrival of Santa. Finally he did arrive and also had gifts for all the children. Soon the gifts for the younger children were distributed, then the big kids got theirs. When all the gifts were distributed Santa asked all the children to line up on each side of the hall facing each other. Then he stepped off the stage and threw a couple of pounds of walnuts down the hall. That certainly was exciting both for the children who scrambled on the floor to see how many nuts they could hold in their hands, and for the onwatchers.

No sooner did all the walnuts disappear when the Circle manager asked all the children to form a line for then the ice cream was distributed. But once again the big kids followed the little kids and the Mamas and Pappas had ice cream too. Ten quarts was donated by Brother George Mikoley for which we hereby thank him sincerely.

After the dancing followed and I am sure everyone had a most enjoyable afternoon and evening.

I wish to express a sincere thank you for the various donations received at the hall and the anonymous contribution of ten dollars and Joseph Petek and Elizabeth Kinko for their donations. We also wish to express our gratitude for all who helped at the hall to make this another successful presentation of Circle 56.

Through this presentation the Junior All Americans face the prospect of increasing their membership and are ready now to start on a new year. The first meeting is scheduled to take place Sunday, Jan. 13, at the Slove'c Hall, 253 Irving Avenue, Brooklyn. Until then I remain— JENNIE PADAR, Mgr.

CLEVELAND NEWS

CLEVELAND, O.—Frank Slibar was one of the first pioneers that joined the SNPJ Lodge No. 17 in Lorain, Ohio. Frank and Mary Slibar are now members of SNPJ Lodge No. 53 here. They have two daughters, Jenny and Josephine, both members of SNPJ Lodge 614.

Theodore Bradach came to Cleveland from Aurora, Minn., five years ago. He has been in the U. S. Army Engineers outfit for three years and is now in Tokio. Some time ago Theodore Bradach married Jenny Slibar. A week ago Jenny gave birth to a husky baby boy and named him Theodore Bradach Jr.

The other day I went over to Jenny and asked her if she would let little Theodore become a member of SNPJ. She readily consented but expressed concern because she is a member of Strugglers. I said I'll send the application to her lodge. So the Strugglers will receive a new member, Theodore Bradach Jr., and the secretary of Lodge 614 will change the name of his young mamma to Jenny Bradach by her order. Ziveli mali Teodorček!

Eugene Barbic, a captain in the Air Corps, was discharged from the Army on Dec. 27, and will be on Reserve Officers Branch. He served 48 months in the Army. He will be stationed at Wright Field at Dayton, Ohio, as a civil service employee in Engineering Department. FRANK BARBIC SR.

Socialism In America

By Beland Honderich

The Province of Saskatchewan, Canada, has what is known as a socialist government. It was brought about by the election of 47 out of 52 candidates for provincial legislature on a new party ticket called the Co-operative Commonwealth Federation. The results, after many months of operation, are here set out. It will be noted that a number of changes have been made with many more in the offing.

The world's political path is turning left. Elections in Britain and France, the complexion of governments in Belgium, Holland, Italy, and Yugoslavia, to say nothing of Russia and a big slice of China, make Americans ask themselves: "How would our way of life fare under socialism?"

With no near prospect of a "leftist" government in the United States some of the questions can be answered by North America's first socialist administration—in Canada's province of Saskatchewan.

These 900,000 people who have chosen socialism as a way of life are not "foreigners". The Midwesterners of Canada and the United States are more alike than residents of New York and New Mexico, or of Portland, Ore., and Portland, Me.

If Saskatchewan were flipped over to lie south of the border, it would cover parts of the Dakotas, Montana, Wyoming, Nebraska, Utah, Colorado, and Kansas—and nobody would notice much change in their neighbors. The people on both sides of the border belong to the same racial stock, attend the same churches, grumble at the same weather, drive the same make of cars, listen to the same radio programs, and read the same books and magazines.

Under socialism, however, the Saskatchewan farmer is working towards an eight-hour day and "city life". He no longer has to worry about his homestead because hail or drought destroyed his wheat crop.

In Saskatchewan's schools, budding farmers study soil chemistry instead of the Salye law and dieticians-to-be learn about amino acids instead of arithmetical progression.

Employers as well as employees are liable to jail sentences for unfair labor practices.

Civil service employees carry union cards. The government sells shoes and insurance, and every employee gets at least two weeks' vacation a year by law.

Civil Service Adopted

Today, after 17 months of socialism, the people of Saskatchewan claim to be happy about the whole thing, and proved it in the federal election last June by sending 18 CCF members (out of a total of 21) to the Dominion House of Commons.

The socialist government has jurisdiction over 250,000 square miles of prairie wheat lands and cattle ranches, industrial cities and towns, mining rocklands and timber forests. It was established because a majority of the people, in a routine general election, voted for the candidates of a non-professional political party called the Co-operative Commonwealth Federation.

When the Rev. T. C. Douglas, a smalltown Baptist pastor, found himself, overnight, the premier of the province, neither he nor his colleagues—farmers, workers, business and professional men—were experienced in governing. Perhaps that is why they took the unprecedented course of simply putting into effect their party election promises.

Some of the things they did not do were as significant as those they did. For example, civil-service jobs had always been given out in the past to supporters of the party in power. So when the CCF was elected, government employees started looking for new jobs.

Then Premier Douglas dropped a benevolent bombshell by declaring: "Nobody is going to be fired because they don't belong to our party. But there's one thing I'd like to suggest. This government is in favor of labor organizations. Why don't you civil employees form unions and bring us your demands?"

The civil employees began organizing at once. Soon several unions walked off with contracts which may well become models for labor agreements in the province—and perhaps farther afield.

The contracts provide for complete collective bargaining, maintenance of membership, the check-off system of dues collection, seniority provisions for war veterans as well as for other employees, wage increases ranging from \$12 to over \$100 a month, time-and-a-half to double-time pay for overtime, and a 48-hour limit for the hearing of grievances.

They provide for leaves of absence with full pay for union officials transacting union business, three weeks' holidays with pay, and a cumulative 18-day-per-year-sick leave plan.

Similar contracts are being signed with other groups of government employees as fast as they are formed. With strong union backing, these employees are freed forever from job insecurity due to changes of government. "And," as one government official put it, "the private employer cannot point his finger at the civil service and ask why we don't practice what we preach."

In addition to the establishing the first unionized civil service in Canada, the government set workmen's compensation benefits at 75 per cent of wages—and gave notice that it

would ultimately be established at 100 per cent; raised to \$2500 a year the maximum wage on which compensation may be obtained; named \$15 a week as the minimum compensation payable; and ordered benefits to start from the date of injury.

The government's official attitude towards labor is this: "We believe labor is entitled to adequate legislative protection, and we believe in encouraging the organization of employees into free, strong, and democratic trade unions."

To these ends, the socialists have placed on the lawbooks what they claim is "the most comprehensive piece of labor legislation in North America." The act makes collective bargaining mandatory once a union is recognized by the province's Labor Relations Board.

It prescribes penalties for unfair labor practices such as encouraging company unionism and intimidation of employees. Punishments are fine, jail terms, and seizure of plants for continued violations.

A special act gives all employees except farm workers two weeks' holiday a year with pay. A 40-hour week and a 48-hour minimum wage are also on the books, along with the abolition of abuses like the "split shift" and "kicking back" to the employer part of the legal minimum wage.

While Saskatchewan's labor laws were not passed primarily to attract workers to the province, government officials do expect an influx of skilled labor as a result, and part of its program is to provide employment for this labor by industrial expansion through "an orderly change to social ownership in the development of natural resources."

In some cases no change of ownership is involved, since the government establishes an industry which did not exist before.

Power to Buy, Lease, Build

A case in point is the woolen mill set up at Moose Jaw, the first in the province, "to bring greater returns to the 4000 wool growers in Saskatchewan, to bring better-priced woolen goods to the consumer, and to help stabilize the Saskatchewan wool industry." A second government building will be operated by a co-operative as a wool processing and handling depot.

The government has purchased the controlling stock of the largest electrical company in the province. This enterprise will pay for itself within 12 years. The government promptly reduced rates to save customers \$40,000 a year, and promised ultimate public ownership of a province-wide system of power distribution.

Other examples of government ownership of industry include: purchase of a brick plant to make building materials available for postwar housing by utilizing two important natural resources, coal and clay; establishment of the first fur marketing agency in the province to ensure a square deal for the Saskatchewan trappers; establishment of three fish-filleting plants to develop an important northern industry; purchase of a shoe manufacturing plant; and support for a horse-meat processing co-operative which will sell its products to European countries.

The socialist government gave itself power to enter the business world by a special act. It buys, leases, or builds its factories and mills, but has the right to expropriate property in the public interest as a last resort.

(Continued next week.)

Kansas City for Yugoslav Relief

KANSAS CITY, KANS.—On Nov. 10, at the Croatian Slovenian National Home, the Kansas City Women's Committee for Yugoslav Relief gave a "baby shower." The Yugoslav Red Cross informed us that there are 800,000 orphaned children in Yugoslavia who are desperately in need of food and clothing if they are to survive this winter. The shower was our response to this plea. Our quota is complete clothing for 450 children.

Mrs. Milena Gacoinovich of Pittsburgh, Pa., was our guest speaker. The Croatian Community Players Girls' chorus rendered a few songs and the Balkan Mountaineers played for dancing. The committee included Barbara, Anna and Catherine Dolinar, Mary Rodman, Ann and Mary Kvaternik, Catherine Poje, Louise Bizal, Anna Sayles, Julia Brelich, Dorothy Chelensnik, Edith, Mary, Sophia and Mary Kriss, Carole Stimetz, Catherine Rabuse, Mary Soptich, Helen Barlovich, Alberta Jackson, Elizabeth Josephine, Mary Sr. and Mary Jr., Grisnik, Ann Krasich, Mary Krizmanich, Mary Frankovich, Caroline Pazlar, Frances Newton, Bernice Tomasich,

Golden Eagles

GIRARD, OHIO.—No doubt all of you still remember good old Joe Umcek. Out-of-town—and out-of-state—people claimed him just as did the home town folks. He has been home just a short time but has already gathered around him several people as a beginning for an orchestra.

The Eagles are going to give the general public a chance to hear his orchestra again. Umcek and his Polka Kings will play for the Eagles dance set for Saturday, Jan. 26. Notify your friends and neighbors who don't receive the Prosveta. Don't deprive them of this opportunity to dance to a popular orchestra. Henry Cigolle is arranging for the tickets now and they should be in the hands of the members shortly. It is the Eagles' intention to sponsor at least a half-dozen dances this year. This is the year, in most cases, for unrestrained enjoyment. Make sure you get your share.

AT THIS TIME, I want to present some of our by-laws for 1946. Ninety per cent of our members—far, far too many—are never seen at any of these meetings. I will go out of my way a little at this time in order that they have full knowledge of some of their responsibilities.

Meetings will continue at the Slovene Hall the second Sunday of every month. Salaries of all officers remain the same with the exception of the secretary's which was increased an additional five dollars.

The Eagles will remain in the local SNPJ federation. We will also continue our membership in the Educational Bureau. As an aside here I would suggest that the SNPJ bathe this bureau with a little publicity. We maintain that we are all paying the same road and some of our actions do not add strength to this argument. Few of our English speaking lodges have attached themselves to this bureau and perhaps not too many of our Slovene speaking lodges. Soldier members will not pay any special assessments imposed by the local lodge.

The Eagles will continue to support the local branch of the Slovene American National Council. EACH MEMBER WILL PAY A SPECIAL ASSESSMENT OF ONE DOLLAR PER YEAR, PAYABLE ONCE A YEAR. If more of you members would attend our meetings and co-operate in our affairs, we could easily eliminate this assessment.

AMONG other items, I have this on my mind today. It will be agreed that contests in the SNPJ are few and far between. It seems to me that proper officials should notify contest winners as soon as the decisions are known. Winners should not have to hunt around in the official organ in search for their standing. This is a "cold" approach to the matter. If I were a member of the contest committee, I would see to it that each winner, especially since there were so few, would receive a warm, friendly, fraternally spirited letter offering congratulations, notification and such. This would be more in line with our SNPJ gestures. It is not for us yet to adopt the frigid policies of a commercial insurance company.

OFF THE RECORD—A letter from Henry Leskovec who is in Uncle Sam's Navy. He visited Milwaukee and the Golob. Quite a "wolf". He strutted around town with three of the Golob girls.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Ed Prevec on the birth of a baby girl on Dec. 29! The infant will be named Janet Marie.

Louis Muster, captain of Lodge 49's bowling squad, just hit the half century mark. He is a New Year's baby. A house full helped him celebrate his birthday. Then Louis Racick Jr., a former officer of our Circle, was home for the holidays. He was a welcome sight to his many friends.

Our congratulations to the forthcoming Tancek-Dreshar merger. "Santa" brought her an engagement ring for Christmas. Didn't I tell you that Ernie liked the scenery around here?

FRANK REZEK, 643.

Helen, Helen, Rose Sebal, Frances Matujec, Helen Persin, Matejha Ozbolt, Rose Rajiha, Mary Washich and Anna Oldham.

The campaign for clothing and food is still on. The following are some of the items needed: rice, coffee, dried soups, powdered milk, canned foods, dried fruits, etc.; clothing: thread, yarn, cloths, needles, soap, buttons, etc.; medical supplies: gauze, medical tape, iodine, etc.

The Yugoslav American Council of Kansas City is also raising funds to send a mobile hospital unit to Yugoslavia. On Dec. 15, five hand-crocheted articles valued at \$300 which were donated by one of our members were given away. Mrs. Louise Bizal is treasurer of the group.

We were proud of the success of the Yugoslav Partisans; let us show them our appreciation and admiration NOW by doing our part towards Yugoslav Relief.

MARY-KVATERNIK, 408.

Integrity Broadcast

CHICAGO.—Integrity lodge 1946 officers are: Agnes Mejasch, pres.; Martin Bergies, vice-pres.; Michael R. Fleischhacker, sec'y; Martin Abram Sr., treas.; Jennie Abram, rec. sec'y; Jim Modic, st.-at.-arms; auditors: Louis Baffetti, chairman; Mary Terrina, Catherine Modic; publicity com. and Prosveta, M. R. Fleischhacker; sick com.: M. Bergies, J. Modic, A. Mejasch, M. R. Fleischhacker; federation: A. Mejasch, M. Bergies, J. Modic, C. Modic, M. R. Fleischhacker; athletic league, L. Baffetti and M. R. Fleischhacker; lodge physicians, Drs. Westgate and Zaverinik. Meetings will continue to be held on the 4th Friday of each month; members will be notified by mail and in the organ about the place.

In 1946 dues collection will be strictly on business basis, therefore, see to it that your dues are paid up to date. You have 30 days each month to pay your dues; pay them either by checks, money order or at lodge meetings. It's our aim to bring as many as possible to the meetings, because the lodge will limit the time of paying dues in person at the secretary's house. Let's cooperate on this very important matter.

Our meeting attendance is lacking. Let's be serious about our affairs in the lodge meetings. Consider this: Would it not be unreasonable if a handful of members would impose special assessments on 175 adults in the lodge? Yet, never in the history of the lodge were you assessed to keep up the lodge, so will you try to be more active in the future? The good old days and good times can be yours again if you'll only support the attendance.

We are sorry to see Julius Abram, our past president, decline the office. He is one of the old-timers who worked hard for the Integrity lodge, only the cooperation from the membership was not what it should have been. We do hope that he will not be fit the class with the "vanishing group," that is, the old-timers who worked hard from the beginning of the lodge and then became inactive. Bro. Abram, do not let the Integrity lodge, and that goes for Martin Abram Jr. also.

January is the anniversary month of the Integrity Lodge. You members who recall the early days of the lodge, the fun, the pleasure and the work you had, I'm sure will never forget. Many of you are getting gray at the temples and your families are growing up. You have seen days in the Integrity which you will cherish; you made friends and some of you also met your better half and so on. The principles that were laid down at the formation of the lodge have been adhered to, always. The Integrity is still living, going and doing things for the SNPJ. No matter what obstacles had to be overcome, you see the banner of Purple and Gold still flying for the Integrity Lodge. United we stand! We ask every member to help put over 1946 with a bang!

Louis Baffetti was recommended for the SNPJ Athletic Board. He is well qualified for this post. As treasurer of the Midwest league and good worker for the Society ever since the secretary brought him in to the lodge, we know he would be an asset to the board.

Sick List: Mary (Dedich) Hague, Catherine Roycht, Rose Roycht, Frank Berioznik buck on his feet after an operation. Leonard Skarbinick is on the sick list. Pay him a visit.

Vet News: Joseph Jereb is back in civilian life, also Tony Janecik. Rudolph Trybalaki is in the Hines Hospital, after spending plenty of time in the Pacific area for which he received many decorations. Send him greetings or write to him. We would like to hear from some of our ex-GIs. Lt. Harry Heidenreich was married New Year's Day to a Wac lieutenant. Congratulations and best wishes.

Our Yule party was well attended by our juveniles and all enjoyed the movies and gifts. If more adults would take interest in lodge affairs, the Yule party for our juveniles could be one of the greatest affairs every year. We are sure the gifts were okay; we've done what we could. The secretary was not present at the party on account of state military duty that took him away from the party to help the GIs to return home for Christmas. I hope that in the future we will be able to muster out some of our members to put on a real party for our children.

The Integrity lodge is in 13th place as of Nov. 30. If total membership were counted we'd be in the 8th place. We hope to get right behind Little Forts if not ahead of them.

Edward Backus is now in civvie. Emil Heidenreich is on the sick list. We wish him a speedy recovery.

The secretary has completed 12 years in office. I wish to thank all members whom I had the pleasure of meeting and working with them. This is his 13th year, his birthday is on the 13th, and his name contains 13 letters. So let's make it "The lucky 13th in 1946" for the Integrity.

MICHAEL R. FLEISCHACKER, Secretary SNPJ Lodge No. 631.

Badgerland News

MILWAUKEE, WIS.—Although the meeting hall was not overcrowded, nevertheless the December meeting was a success from start to finish. The most important item was the election of officers for the coming year. The results were as follows:

President, Tony Verbick; Vice President, John Obluck; Secretary, Frances Debelak; Recording Secretary, Olga Golob; Treas. Frank Obluck. Your auditing committee consists of Frances Currie, Rose Uhle and Tony Obluck. Midwest delegates are Johnny Poklar and Tony Obluck. The nominee to represent the Wisconsin and Minnesota district on the Athletic Board is Marco Shappek.

The business session was taken care of in nothing flat and then we made merry to the music of Frankie Bevesek and his accordion. Thank you Emil Hrst for dropping to our meeting and saying hello to your many friends here. Mr. and Mrs. Rudy Pugel who were holiday visitors from Detroit were also welcome at the meeting. In time for the fun were the boys from the Remic Social Bowling league who came in a body. Rudy Smole who is home on a short furlough from the army was also present.

With the new year now upon us, we hope that you Badgers have made some resolutions. One of them should be that "I will attend as many meetings as I possibly can throughout the year. Resolved that I will take an active part in lodge activities and act on any committee for which I was elected." It seems that year after year you see the same faces doing all the work. I for one would like to see those two words "I decline" abolished for good. That has been a too familiar phrase in the past. So if you are asked to contribute a little time for your lodge, do it and do it willingly. Meetings and lodge affairs are for the interest for all, so let's all pitch in and make 1946 a year to remember.

By the way, who was the gal that was displaying that engagement ring at the meeting? We shall delve into the matter and get the details for you pronto.

Bowling Tips

Nothing to report as far as the Remic Mixed league is concerned, as the league suspended operations for the holidays. In the Remic social league we have some good totals for the past two weeks. On Dec. 28 the boys were really hot. Redeeming themselves in a big way were Frankie Kouchich and Cy Zvonar. Frankie cracked his all time high when he pilled a total of 605 into the pits on games of 196-213-196. Not to be outdone Matty Graf tied Frankie on games of 180-170 and a big 245. Cy Zvonar was in rare form too as he shot a dignified 563 total. Maybe a little ribbing once in a while has the desired results, eh, boys? On Jan. 4 the scores down to normal again. Matty Graf was tops with his 543 series. Tony Obluck had 538, Tony Spruck 536 and Eddie Ambrosch rounded out the 500s with 514. Slim Sedmak was the doggie for the night with his 469 being the low score on the books.

Reminding one and all to get into the habit of attending our regular monthly meetings and paying your dues on time. SALT, 584.

Amnesty Now!

In a war which has revealed the depths to which it is possible to sink in human degradation, the U. S. government's treatment of conscientious objectors does not stand out for particular viciousness. But since there is a basis of comparison with the civilized treatment of C. O.'s in Great Britain the harshness with which conscientious objectors have been treated here and the fact that their civil rights have been trampled upon hardly squares with the democratic phrases that accompanied the war.

More than 5000 conscientious objectors have been imprisoned, either because of refusal to compromise with their consciences or because Selective Service turned down many requests of persons who wanted to enter civilian public service camps. Subject to sentences considerably higher than those meted out to criminals, conscientious objectors have been given average sentences of 3 years, while the average for other federal offenses has been 2.8 years.

Men sent to Civilian Public Service Camps have been subject to forced labor, without pay, and with no provision for family, or for injury on the job.

It is a tribute to the alertness of the imprisoned conscientious objectors that they have made public the news concerning the 35,000 army men who have had severe sentences imposed on them because of infractions of military law. Included among the demands for presidential amnesty, in the campaign now being carried on by the American Civil Liberties Union and the various pacifist groups, is one for amnesty for these victims of military law.

Like the concentration camps set up for Japanese-Americans, the program for conscientious objectors is evidence of the inevitable withdrawal of civil rights under the impact of war and of the increasing power of the state. The fight for amnesty deserves the fullest support of those who realize that civil rights and democracy are not commonplace under capitalism, but must be fought for at every step.—The Call.

SNPJ Sports

Midwest Athletic League News

CHICAGO.—The Jolly Allis Lodge 686 of West Allis, Wis., will be the sponsors of the 1946 Midwest SNPJ Athletic League bowling tournament. We will all be looking forward to the hospitality that the Jolly Allis Lodge is known for. So all you Midwest SNPJ Lodges, get busy on your bowling teams!

The Midwest Athletic League will have its conference in Waukegan on Sunday, Jan. 20, at 10 a. m. at the Slovene Dom. We would like to see lodges represented from Sheboygan, Joliet, Springfield, South Chicago, Indianapolis, La Salle and, of course, Chicago.

We do hope that a very large representation will be on hand. The dues in the league are \$5 for 1946. Send it to the Secretary at 1642 N. Fairfield Ave., Chicago 47, Ill.

MICHAEL R. FLEISCHACKER, Secretary SNPJ M.W.A. League.

Close Race in Pioneer Bowling League

CHICAGO.—The SNPJ Pioneer Bowling League has reached the halfway mark with only seven games separating the bottom team from the top. Team standings on January 2 are as follows:

Team	Won	Lost
Joe Zaverinik	26	19
Dr. Nachtman	24	21
Dr. Walter	23	22
SNPJ Printery	23	22
Zefran Funeral Home	23	22
Lotrich Insurance	21	24
Lovrine Center	21	24
Lorraine Beverage	19	26

Louis Zefran, sponsor of the Zefran Funeral Home team, leads the league with an individual average of 175. Not far behind are Joe Kosnik 174, Joe Testen 171, Donald Lotrich 169 and Vic Komuchar 169.

Fred Bennett rolled the highest game to date, a nice 258. One pin behind is Vic Komuchar with a 257 game. Joe Kosnik is the star of the three game series having bowled 611, following is Al Ormanic with 590.

This is the tenth consecutive season for the men's division of the Pioneer bowling league. During that time almost every Pioneer member who enjoys this sport bowled in our league. A few haven't missed a single season while circumstances kept some away at times. Only through our bowling league was it possible to assemble so many members together week after week in all these years. They came every Wednesday to enjoy each other's company and to compete in a friendly fashion. This is one way that the Pioneer lodge has endeavored to show its members that they can get more than just insurance for their money from the SNPJ.

JOHN ALIC, Secretary Pioneer Bowling League.

Cleve Bowling League Presents 'Shutout Nite'

CLEVELAND, OHIO.—'Twas two days before Christmas and all through the night, the shutout sign was hung up repeatedly, till it was a sight. With friendly yuletide greetings exchanged by many and that yule spirit in the air, the lads in the Cleveland Bowling League stopped out at the bell and began dealing out goose eggs to their opponents. What friendly gestures, brothers! So for the first time this season it was three or nothing all the way around.

Team Results: Utopian Dudes 3, Utopian Dukes 0. Joe Zupanec 603, Carl Krause 559. Lunder-Adamic 3, Comrades 0. Joe Birk 528, Ed Prijatelj 485. Concordians 3, Loyalties 0. Tony Dusa 566, Chuck Drasler 519. Spartans 3, Utopian Dandies 0. Frank Spehek 611, Adolph Perdan 496.

300 Circle: T. Dusa 221, F. Spehek 216-211, S. Zupan 215, S. Lunder 213-210, B. Matelich 213-200, A. Lunder 212, J. Matthews 209, J. Zupanec 204-202, G. Jelinek 204, C. Krause 204, J. Japel 200.

Sideline Slants: The Utopian Dudes winning nine games in a row, six over the Dukes, and 14 out of the last 15 in their dash to 1st place. The Utopian Dukes nailed for nine consecutive losses, the longest losing streak possessed by any team so far which resulted in a drop from

1st to 5th place in three weeks. Bobby Perdan filling in for Bernie Zalar made the 3-7-10 split and yours truly polished off the 5-7-9 and 6-7-10. Mike Poklar almost made the triplicate grade with 175-175-174.

Harold Tauzel, Utopian member and tackle on Army's 3rd team, home for a one week visit. I had a long chat with Hal at the servicemen's dance at the Slovene Home on Holmes ave. Hal passing out the dope on Army's great football machine which rode roughshod over all their opponents the last two seasons. The clock work regularity of that fast charging duo of Blanchard and Davis who whizzed past the line before it could get started; also that Tucker, the quarterback and the finest exponent of ball handling in the T formation and a star passer. Your writer asked how the Army would stack up against the pros. Harold, who has attended four pro contests in New York this year, retaliated with "From the teams I saw, I think we could take them. Can't say anything about the champion Cleveland Rams, tho, maybe."

Well, that would have to be proved in which a great game would develop with Bob Waterfield of the Rams and Arnold Tucker of the Army conducting two of the best teams in the land in their class from the celebrated T formation. Good luck to you, Hal, and we're sure that you'll put in a valiant bid for that first team tackle position next year. JOHN J. SPILAR, Sec'y.

Lodge 540 News

ELIZABETH, N. J.—Greetings of 1946 to all from Lodge 540.

Our general meeting was held on Dec. 9 with a good attendance. Election of officers was held and the following officers were elected: President Anthony Pezdirc; Vice President, Louis Bettyas Jr.; Fin. Sec'y, Joseph Pasarich Sr.; Rec. Sec'y, Mary Pezdirc; Treasurer, Mary Skarl. Auditing Committee: Joseph Domina, Joseph Cipoth Jr. and Joseph Skarl Jr., chairman. Congratulations to you all and thanks go to all who held office in previous years, and thanks for the splendid work you've done in the past, also for your patience and cooperation.

All those members who attended each and every meeting without fail are to be thanked for their loyalty and faithfulness. It's members like you who keep a lodge this alive and functioning properly. Keep it up and may more members follow your example.

After this meeting we held our annual Yule party and it was a great success. Refreshments were enjoyed by all and the music was certainly enjoyed, too. An accordion played by a Slovenian friend. Thanks for your part in our party. As usual every year, the Domina family brought in a lovely trimmed Xmas tree which lent a holiday air to the hall. The children were delighted by it. At this meeting it certainly was nice to welcome back Frank Skarl who was recently discharged from the army.

Service News—John Bratnik in Germany; Theo. Cipoth in Oregon Naval Base; Frank Pasarich in Japan, and Joe and John Pasarich on their way home from Guam and Okinawa. Welcome home, boys. We are all looking forward when all our boys will be discharged. We have plans to hold a party or banquet for our boys and at future meetings details will be worked out. All members will cooperate at this affair, I'm sure.

We are indeed sorry to hear Mary Skarl is again ill. We wish her a full recovery soon. How about visiting her or send a card, 1491 Hiawatha Ave., Hillside, N. J.

The next meeting of Lodge 540 will be held Sunday, Jan. 13, at 2 p. m. at usual place, 111 First St., Elizabeth, N. J. Our meetings will still take place the second Sunday of each month.

Let's start the new year right by having a good attendance at this meeting. Reminding all to pay your dues on time and make that one of your New Year's resolutions. Good health and good luck to everyone.

Publicity Committee, MARY PEZDIRC, 540.

In Loving Memory
of our dear Dad
MARTIN MLEKUSH
who passed away January 14, 1945.

I like to think that far above the skies
There is a home where tired fathers dwell:
Their life work done, and peace within their eyes:
And in their cars a message: "All is well."

And though we mourn with grief too deep for tears,
There is a healing balm we come to know.
A consolation down the lonely years,
To bring to grieving heart a warmth slow.

And this the light upon the darkened way,
The loved one that we lost is safe above:
He's gone from us but for this earthly day
And he is happy in memory of our love.

His life of service, richly blessed,
His gift to us is sweet, eternal rest!

Sadly missed by Martin Mlekush Jr., Ross Maduros of Riverside,
Irma Anderson of Bradwin and Zella Hall of Auburndale, Mass.