

Borba za Balkan se pričinja

RUSI NA SOVRAŽNEM OZEM-LJU; NEMCI POPARJENI

London, Anglija. — Poročilo iz Moskve omenja, da so čete druge ukrajinske armade pod vodstvom generala Koneva dosegle reko Prut na 53 milj dolgem kraju. Drugo poročilo iz Švedske pa omenja, da so ruski zračni padalci že v zaledju na zapadni strani reke Prut na več krajih, kjer pripravljajo prehod preko reke v Rumunijo.

V Moskvi so slavili v nedeljo nove zmage s posebnimi slavnostmi. Stalin je uradno razglasil, da so ruske čete po 1009-tih dneh dospeli nazaj na kraj, kjer je sovražnik napadel Rusijo. To se je zgodilo 20. junija 1941. V počastitev zmage so oddali 24 salj iz 320 topov.

S tem, da so ruske čete do spele do reke Prut se začela borba za Balkan. Reka Prut, ki teče iz Bukovine doli pod kar-

patskem pogorju po nižavi kakih 30 do 55 milj vzhodno, se steka v reko Donavo pri mestu Galati. Po tej nižavi bodo ruske armade zdaj gotovo prodirale proti jugu, kjer bodo skušali priti do pokrajine. Ploesti pod transilvanskimi alpami, kjer so rumunski petrolejski vrelci. Obenem pa se bodo skušale razliti ruske sile preko Donave na Balkan, kjer bodo prišli v stik z jugoslovansko gerilsko vojsko. Nemci se sicer na (Nadaljevanje na 6. str.)

"ODLOČITEV BLIZU," PRAVI CHURCHILL; DRUGE VESTI

London, Anglija. — Angleški prvi minister Winston Churchill je govoril zadnjo nedeljo popoldne na radio. Njegov govor je bil vzpodbudilen. Med drugim je vehementno povdaril: "Ura največjih naporov in največje akcije se bliža. Ura odločitve je blizu, ko bodo naše sile udarile na sovražnika."

Churchill je dalje svaril domačo in vso zavezniško javnost, da predno se bo začelo izvajati udar na sovražnika bo dosti vznemirjenih vesti, ki jih bodo razširjali v svet sovražniki. Možno je tudi, da bo nas sovražnik napadel zopet s kakim novim orožjem. Toda, če bo naša zavest neomajana, da sovražnik to dela, da bi nas premotil v naših prizadevanjih, ne bodo take sovražne vesti ničesar dosegle. Ura odločitve se bliža in čim bližje je, bolj je sovražnik vznemirjen, je dejal premeteni Churchill v svojem govoru.

Iz Berne na Švicarskem poročajo o velikih izgredih in nemirih v Italiji. Nemci so baje ustrelili nad 300 Italijanov. Med ustreljenimi je tudi 83 letni bivši italijanski državnik

NEMCI SPOZNAVAJO, DA JE VOJNA IZGUBLJENA

Uman, Ukrajina. — Poveljstvo druge ukrajinske armade, ki ji poveljuje general Konev, je zadnje dni vodilo izpraševanje nemških vojnih ujetnikov, katerih na tisoče Rusi ujemo vsak dan. Posebni častniki tvorijo izpraševalno komisijo, ki ujetnike zaslišajo in izprašajo o vseh mogočih podrobnostih. Tako n. pr. en častnik izvleče iz ujetnika kake razmere vladajo med nemškimi vojaštvom, drugi, kako taktiko uporabljajo v bojevanju, tretji kdaj in kaj je ujetnik dobil zadnje vesti od domačih sorodnikov od doma. Kaj so mu pisali o razmerah doma itd. Tako dobijo iz ujetnikov do malega vse kar želijo vedeti.

Dalje opazujejo in izprašajo ujetnike zopet posebni psihologi, ki ugotavljajo kako visoko se stoji morala nemškega vojak. O tej pravici, da so Nemci še vedno hudo ošabni in zelo prevzetnega duha. Vendar pa že kažejo zavest, da so vojno zgubili. A upajo pa, da se bo

vse uredilo tako, da jih ne bodo zadele prehude posledice. Vedo tudi, da se nahaja v Rusiji odbor takozvane "Proste Nemčije". Dalje vedo povedati, da bodo Angleži določili posebne direktorja, ki bo vladal po vojni Nemčijo in druge take pripovedke. O kakih grozovitosti, ki jih uganjajo nemški vojaki, ne vedo ničesar.

Da so pa vojno zgubili pa sklepajo iz tega, ker že celo leto grede vedno nazaj pred Rusi. Ob tej zavesti se bo nemškemu vojaštvu prej ali slej končno tudi posvetilo, da jih je Hitler zavedel v strašno propast in kadar pride to, bo Hitlerja konec.



Veliki Gromovnik
Ves svetel in čist je bil odpeljan ta velikanski top iz neke jeklarne v Bethlehem, Pa., ter bo kmalu krasil krov kakšne ameriške križarke ali vojne ladje. Japonci ali pa Nemci bodo lahko slišali, kako zalaja, pa tudi futili, kako ugrizne.

"THE SONG OF BERNADETTE" JE KRASEN KATOLIŠKI FILM

Chicago, Ill. — V Chicagu kažejo že dalj časa krasen film, ki nosi ime "The Song of Bernadette". Film je prirejen po resnični pripovedki o pobožni francoski kmečki deklici Bernadette, ki jo je spisal pred več leti Franz Werfel, rodom jud. Film je velik nauk za vsakega, ki ga vidi. Sodobni svet je zatopljen čez glavo v vsakdanji materializem in je že davno zgubil vsak smisel za pravo duhovno življenje. V tem filmu se prikaže človeku košček podobe pravega duhovnega življenja, katerega tudi v dobi Bernadette mnogi niso razumeli, kakor ga ne razumejo niti danes. Film nazorno pokaže, koga vodi brezčutni materializem in eksotičnost in koga vodi duša in čut po lepšem božjem življenju, ki pride za točasnim zemskim življenjem. Lepi film je vreden, da ga vidi vsak.

PREDRZNI LETALCI ARETIRANI

New York, N. Y. — Mornariške oblasti so aretirale tri drzne letalce, ki so pri večanju z letali nad glavnim delom mesta Manhattan krožili in izvajali svoje akrobatične zaobračaje. Po naše bi rekli, da so se hoteli postaviti, da znajo letati in sukati svoje letalo na vse načine in v zraku prevačati z letali "kozolce". Zgodilo se sicer ni nič, toda nad glavnim delom mesta ni pravi kraj za tako večanje, ker če bi se kaj zgodilo, bi bila lahko velika škoda. Japonci so o tem dogodku poročali, da so se nad New Yorkom pojavili trije ameriški letalci in da so jih Amerikanci sestrelili iz zraka, misleč da so sovražna letala.

GOSTILNICAČARJI BODO RABILI VEČ CENTOV

Chicago, Ill. — S prvim aprilom pride v veljavo nov davek na pijače, ker ta davek znaša nekako od 1c do 4c. na kozarec raznih pijač, OPA urad ne dovoli višjega povečanja v ceni za pijače, kakor le za toliko centov, kolikor znašajo davki. Zato bodo za naprej morali računati gostilničarji le samo toliko več za pijačo, kot 11c, 12c ali kakor že bo. Radi tega bodo gostilničarji potrebovali mnogo več centov pri plačevanju in menjavanju denarja.

KRIŽEM SVETA

London, Anglija. — Radio postaja iz Moskve je objavila, da je vrhovni svet Sovjetov podelil ameriškega načelnika generalnega štaba generalu Georgu C. Marshallu Suvorov red prvega razreda. Suvorov red je v Rusiji zdaj najvišje odlikovanje za junaštva in zasluge.

Joliet, Ill. — Na križišču McDonough in Railroad ulice sta trčila skupaj dva prevozna busa. Zraven sta bila zadeta od te kolizije tudi dva avtomobila. Voznik enega busa je vsled poškodb nato umrl v bolnišnici. 12 potnikov je pa več in manj poškodovanih.

Dublin, Irsko. — Predsedirke republike Eamon de Valera je naslovil apel na obe bojujoči se stranki v Italiji, naj prizanesete večnemu mestu Rimu z razdejanjem. V svojem apelu podaja nasvet naj to stranki uredite potom posredovanja.

Mexico City, Mehika. — Sinarchistična Unija je objavila proglas, da se ne bo udeleževala nobenih političnih aktivnosti toliko časa, dokler ne bodo dovoljene mehiškimi državljani popolne civilne pravice ne glede na kakim verskim skupinam spadajo. Katoličani so tam še vedno zapostavljeni.

Washington, D. C. — V kongresu urgirajo, da naj se podaljša zakon za kontroliranje cen za najmanj dve leti še po vojni. Na ta način trdijo zlasti zastopniki industrije, da bo mogoče mirno in uspešno spremeniti proizvodnjo nazaj v normalni tir, ne da bi industrija podlegla inflaciji.

London, Anglija. — Hitler je ukazal mobilizirati vse Madžare za vojno službo. Vse od 18 do 60 leta. Na ta način upajo naziti, da bodo dobili v Madžarski nadaljnjih 800,000 mož za svojo vojsko. Madžari so upali, da bodo poceni prišli skozi s Hitlerjem, zdaj kaže, da jih bo ta odril do kosti.

Lisbona, Portugalska. — Nazijski vohuni so razširili po tukajšnjih katoliških cerkvah letake, na katerih trdijo, da se Nemci borijo za ohranitev pozitivnega krščanstva. Kardinal Cerejeira je to početje javno obsodil in izjavil, da naziji s tem zlorabljajo cerkve.

VSI MOŽJE MED 18 IN 26 LETOM MORAJO NA ZDRAVNIŠKI PREGLED

Washington, D. C. — Vrhovni naborni urad je obvestil koncem zadnjega tedna vse lokalne naborne urade, da se ima poklicati na zdravniški pregled in preiskavo vse moške od 18 do 26 leta starosti, neglede v katerem razredu so klasificirani. Za one, ki so v neobhodno potrebnih službah se bo sprosti določilo, ali se jim bo dovolila izjema še dalje ali ne, da bodo še nadalje ostali izven aktivne vojne službe. V kratkem se bo na isti način izvršil natančen pregled tudi za starejše nad 26 letom. Izjeme se bodo dovoljevale za naprej le za najbolj potrebna in nujna dela, ki so neobhodno potrebna za vojno.

KAKO SO NAZIJI ZASEDLI OGERSKO?

Stockholm, Švedska. — Nemci so slutili, da Madžari iščejo po svojih potih mir z zavezniški. Hitler je hitro povabil ogerskega regenta Horthyja, potem prvega ministra Kallaya, notranjega ministra Keresztes-Fischerja in načelnika generalnega štaba Szombathelyijam, vse štiri na posvetovanje v Nemčijo. Med tem, ko so se mudili na posvetovanju in podpisovali neki dogovor so nemške čete že zasedale vse važnejša mesta na Ogorskem. Nemci so jih preslepili in tako brez odpora zasedli deželo.

LAVA IZ OGNJENIKA KONČALA 30 OSEB

Neapelj, Italija. — Lava iz ognjenika Vezuva, ki se vali že več dni naprej in naprej je dosegla neko bližnjo naselbino in jo poplavlila. Goreča lava je dosegla naselbino ponoči in zalila več hiš. Do 30 ljudi je našlo smrt v goreči lavi. Vulkan bljuje naprej in bati se je še večjih nezdod.

VOJNE TOVARNE V STUTGARTU RAZDEJANE

London, Anglija. — Nemške vojne tovarne v Stuttgartu na Nemškem, ki izdelujejo potrebščine za gradnjo vojnih letal, so od silnega zračnega napada zadnjih dni skoro popolnoma uničene. Razdejanje teh tovarnic bo nemška vojna industrija gotovo zelo občutila v bližnji prihodnosti.

JUGOSLOVANSKA KRIZA IN GENERAL SIMOVIČ

London, Anglija. — Kralja Petra pogajanja so zavita v plašč največje tajnosti, tako da nikdo ne ve ničesar o tem, kako se razvijajo njegovi poskusi, da razreši politično krizo jugoslovanske vlade. Najrazličnejše vesti in govorice pa krožijo o politični bodočnosti generala Dušana Simoviča, bivšega jugoslovanskega predsednika vlade, ki je izvedel državni udar v Beogradu leta 1941, ter s tem sprožil nemško akcijo, ki je dovela do okupacije Jugoslavije. Kot znano, se je general Simović pred mesecem dni odločno izjavil v prilog maršalu Titu.

Del omenjenih govoric, ki krožijo v Londonu, zatrjuje, da se bo obrnil kralj Peter k generalu Simoviću, ter poskusil z njegovo pomočjo najti izhaja iz sedanje krize. Vendar pa je videti, da Simović nikakor še ni privolil v to, da prevzame namenjeno mu vlogo posredovalca.

Nekateri osebni prijatelji bivšega ministerskega predsednika trde celo, da je trdno odločen ostati v ozadju. Drugi zopet pravijo, da bo le staval nekatere predpogoje predno bo pristal na to, da zopet prevzame predsedništvo vlade.

JUGOSLOVANSKI KRALJ UŽIVA MEDENE TEDNE

London, Anglija. — Kralj Peter uživa svoje medene tedne, politični kritiki pa so mnenja, da je radi tega morda zaigral svoj prestol. Opozicija trdi, da narod Jugoslavije ne bo razumel svojega kralja, ki se ženi v takem težkem trenutku.

Ti kritiki pravijo, da bi bil narod zelel, da se kralj udeleži bojev v Jugoslaviji. Kot okolnost simboličnega pomena navajajo dejstvo, da je ravno na dan poroke vdrla dvojica Titovih divizij v ozemlje Srbije, kjer bo tako vstopavljen neposredni kontakt med partizanskim voditeljem in srbskim narodom.

Opazovalci poudarjajo tudi, da noben voditelj strank, ki so spremljali kralja v izgnanstvo, ni bil prisoten pri poroki, le fastna mati kralja Petra tukajšnjem jugoslovanskem poslanstvu.

Le predsednik vlade Božidar Purić je svojo pozicijo močno utrdil, ker je kralju dovolil, da po dolgem odlašanju ženitve vendar izvede svojo voljo. Drugi predsedniki vlade so ga pri tem ovirali.

Značilno je tudi to, da so izmed raznih kraljev in kraljic, ki se sedaj slučajno nahajajo v Londonu, vsi bili prisotni pri poroki, le fastna mati kralja Petra II. kraljica Marija ne.

RUMUNSKI POSKUS ZA MIR SE JE IZJALOVIL

London. — Te dni smatrajo v Londonu, da rumunska dobrikanja zaveznikom niso ničesar dosegla in da se je princ Bardu Stirbey podal na svoje mirno poslanstvo v Kairo za stonj.

Princ Stirbey se boji iti nazaj v Rumunijo, ker bi ga Nemci, ki so medtem trdneje zgrabili to državo, brez odloga vtaknili v luknjo.

Tudi ko bi se bilo mogoče zaneesti na rumunske voditelje, je vseeno očitno, da ne morejo narediti ničesar, kar bi privedlo njihovo deželo iz vojne.

Hitler ni čakal, temveč je hitro uredil, da so njegovi vojniki zasedli vse prometne in obsevalne zveze v Rumuniji in imajo tudi rumunske vojaštvo pod svojo kontrolo. Kaj pa morejo zdaj rumunski voditelji?

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SOMETHING WE SHOULD KNOW

We invite readers of this English section to make certain to read and study closely every word of the vital and constructive message contained in a reprint taken from The Fraternal Monitor, which is to be found in the columns to the right of this page under the heading of "The Future Of Fraternal Societies."

For several months we wanted to bring this wonderful address of Mr. F. Wm. Heckenkamp before our membership, because many lessons learned may be of great value to the progress and future welfare of our own WSA. We hope our officers and all members will benefit by it, and judge themselves accordingly through loyal efforts to make and maintain our Association always as a strictly fraternal society.

OUR LATCHSTRING IS OUT

The latchstring on the door of the WSA is out inviting entrance to all eligible men, women and children. This is nothing new, only this year through the Insure the Family Campaign we hope all supreme and lodge officers and the entire membership will unite in a determined special effort to make certain that every present member make certain his or her entire family is enrolled. Special endeavor is urged to invite and enroll new families.

How long since you have made a survey of the protection you should have to insure the carrying out of plans you may have made for those depending on you? Is your present insurance coverage adequate?

It is the bounden duty and responsibility of a father to provide for ample protection of his entire family. Mother is greatly concerned and has a natural instinct to take upon herself the duty for the welfare of her family. Mothers, therefore, must insist that every member of her family is amply insured.

We must continue to enroll men, women and children singly as in the past, but our primary aim in the campaign of this year is to enroll the entire families, being certain to insure especially the children. Our invitation is addressed to parents.

Herewith is quoted an illuminating bit of advice to parents contained in a paragraph taken from the report of our worthy Chairman Supreme Board of Trustees, Bro. Thomas J. Morrissey, in which he drives home the point children must be taught the great value of fraternalism.

We quote: "You and I know that it is our bounden duty to provide ample insurance for our loved ones. Husbands, it is your moral obligation to protect your wives and families. Wives, it is imperative that you be insured in an amount which will enable your husband and children to carry on after you have closed the book of life. Both of you can drive home these lessons to your offspring by making them members of the Western Slavonic Association and informing your children of the reasons for insuring all of them in our order."

Our Association is itself a large family circle or group of individuals who "dwell in one house" for the common good and welfare and mutual aid of one another. The duty of each of us in the spirit of brotherhood is to invite others to become a part of our happy and secure family.

BOOST OUR JUVENILE DEPARTMENT—THE FUTURE OF OUR ASSOCIATION!

From the Office of the Supreme President WSA.

In this all important pre-convention year campaign known as "INSURE THE FAMILY CAMPAIGN" we should all make a concerted drive not only to enroll as many family groups as possible into our Association, but we want every lodge to show a decided improvement in every other respect. We want and expect much greater efforts on the part of each and every lodge to bring our Association and its wonderful fraternal service before the public in general. In the "INSURE THE FAMILY CAMPAIGN" we offer the same terms as to the awards as last year with the exception that this year any lodge securing 25 or more members, regardless of its standing amongst the winners, will also be entitled to a cash award.

I feel that everyone of our members sincerely wishes our Association to expand—to grow bigger and better from year to year. But wishing alone will not bring us the desired results. This time we must all pitch together and really go to work and work hard. Each of us should devote at least a few hours per week for the good and welfare of our Association. As I have mentioned before, we should make a concerted drive to enroll as many family groups as possible, but above all, we must enroll as many new juveniles as possible because these are the ones which will be mostly benefited by our generous protective policies. Needless to say and to amplify the fact that there are still an untold number of uninsured children who may be secured if you only take the trouble to approach their parents and explain to them the splendid opportunity the Western Slavonic Association is offering to insure the children for a very nominal sum payable every month.

It is also well to bear in mind for each and every member that the remaining months of the "Insure The Family Campaign" are at present of greatest importance because of the Juvenile Delegate Contest which will come to a close on December 31st. Any adults working in the interest of his or her Juvenile to become a juvenile delegate must within this period secure a total of 50 new members (either juveniles or adults), in order for that child to become and qualify as a delegate to our convention next year. Watch for further announcements regarding the Juvenile Delegate Contest

A JOYFUL EASTER

The Supreme Board, and the Editorial Staff of the W. S. A. Official Organ extends to all members and readers Easter Greetings. May you and yours have a most joyful and happy Easter.

INSURE THE FAMILY CAMPAIGN INFORMATION

In the first two months of the campaign 22 lodges joined the parade of producers to bring in 58 new members. St. Catherine No. 29, Cleveland and Trail Blazers No. 41, Denver, made the best showing in February. Trail Blazers lead in campaign standings; North Eagle No. 21, Ely, Minn., is next; St. Catherine, Cleveland, is third in a tie with Hrabri Slovani No. 17, Frederick, Colo.; Planinski Bratje No. 5, Leadville, Colo., is fourth; these are followed by St. Martins No. 1, Denver, Hribski Bratje No. 45, Ruth, Nevada.

Commissions and Prizes

To the proposer of every adult in any class of insurance and juveniles in the 20-payment and endowment classes the sum of \$1.00 will be paid for \$250.00 insurance written; \$2.00 for \$500.00 and \$3.00 for \$1000.00, and 75c for each juvenile admitted in the 15c monthly class.

The lodges securing the most new members from January 1 to Dec. 31, 1944 will be eligible to compete for the following prizes as soon as they obtain the quota of 25 members: \$50.00; \$45.00; \$40.00; \$35.00; \$30.00; \$25.00; \$20.00 and \$15.00. To every lodge obtaining 25 members who do not win one of the eight prizes the WSA will award \$10.00. The sum of \$250.00 will be paid any or all lodges enrolling 200 or more members during 1944.

Juveniles accepted in the JA Class (those paying 15c monthly) receive the first month's dues free for a limited time. Supreme Officers have under consideration a suggestion whereby when an entire family joins a special inducement will be offered

that family, or, if any present member enrolls the rest of his family to make it complete the latest new members joining will benefit. Watch for full explanation and complete information at a late date.

A man and wife, or man and wife with one or more children is naturally considered as an entire family.

Help Us Compile Record

We would like to announce the names of entire families admitted, or if a part of family now belonging enroll the remainder of said family to make it complete. Our attention has not been called as yet whether or not any entire families have been enrolled. We have no way of knowing this. The proposer of an entire family, the local secretary, or the family itself, must notify the Supreme Office when the whole family group has been enrolled.

Besides bringing a commission for the proposer, every member taken in counts for his or her lodge towards one of the eight prizes, and they also count as a credit for your favorite juvenile who will qualify as a juvenile delegate to the next convention. Fifty (50) such credits are needed to qualify.

When sickness strikes, as it does sometimes, are you provided with sick benefit? Are you insured for operations and indemnity benefits? All this protection is provided in addition to three classes of mortuary insurance in the WSA. Investigate the various plans of complete insurance and protection for the entire family.

EVERY MEMBER GET A JUVENILE — EVERY JUVENILE GET A PAL TO JOIN.

OFFICE OF THE JUVENILE DEPARTMENT

Report of New Members and Transfers to Adult Department
Month of February, 1944

Lodge No. 1—Juv. Br. No. 1—Entered: (1) John E. Zgainer. Trs. to Adults: (2) Frank Cic and Mary Gerze.

Lodge No. 3—Juv. Br. No. 3—Entered: (1) Frank Pershin. Trs. to Adults: (1) Anthony E. Blatnick.

Lodge No. 5—Juv. Br. No. 6—Entered: (3) Edith M. Kenick, Barbara J. and Herman J. Zueck. Trs. to Adults: (1) Frank Hren.

Lodge No. 9—Juv. Br. No. 4—Trs. to Adults: (1) Joe Legan.

Lodge No. 14—Trs. to Adults: (1) Willie Zele.

Lodge No. 21—Juv. Br. No. 13—Trs. to Adults: (2) Julia Kostelec and Rudolph Strbenk.

Lodge No. 29—Juv. Br. No. 7—Entered: (3) Irene Kolenc, Agnes and William Cic. Trs. to Adults: (1) Richard J. Kochevar.

Lodge No. 32—Juv. Br. No. 9—Trs. to Adults: (2) Anthony Strazisar and Annette Olesinski.

Lodge No. 33—Juv. Br. No. 2—Entered: (1) James J. Hellman. Trs. to Adults: (1) Anthony Zokal.

Lodge No. 36—Juv. Br. No. 5—Trs. to Adults: (1) Jack D. Buck.

Lodge No. 41—Juv. Br. No. 1—Entered: (5) Raymond G., Dolores D. and Albert K. Miller.

Lodge No. 51—Entered: (1) Billie J. Softich.

Lodge No. 53—Trs. to Adults: (1) Gloria E. Shaddy.

Lodge No. 59—Trs. to Adults: (1) Margaret Knapp.

Lodge No. 60—Entered: (2) Anna E. and Marian F. Kamakaris.

A JOB FOR PARENTS AND MEMBERS

My occasional message in this spot will be made brief by merely urging you to read a reprint published in this issue under the title of The Future Of Fraternal Societies, giving careful reading, attention and thought to the part under the caption: **Could Aid in Prevention of Delinquency.**

Then let us ask ourselves if we are doing the right thing by the juveniles of our Association. We do have a big job in this respect insofar as making of them worthwhile citizens and true Fraternalists is concerned.

Let us continue with increased vigor to properly and actively maintain our present juvenile branches, organize more of them or at least get the juveniles of every lodge together in some manner for fraternal educational purposes.

It is for the future welfare and well being of your own children that you must endeavor to interest them in worthwhile activities. As a loyal member of the WSA it is your duty to boost for our Juvenile Department—the future of our Association.

Help to make the juvenile enrollment of new members in the "Insure the Family Campaign" of 1944 the greatest record of children enrolled in our history, then lend every effort to make their fraternal activities beneficial to them.

May you and yours have a most Joyous Easter.

GEO. J. MIROSLAVICH, Sup. Juv. Supervisor.

CHILDREN—Invite your playmates and schoolmates to join. Every juvenile get a pal. Every member get a juvenile.

which will be published from time to time in our Official Organ by our worthy Supreme Supervisor, Bro. George J. Miroslavich. An important announcement regarding a special campaign will be published in our Official Organ next month. Be sure not to miss it.

Wishing you all very happy and pleasant Easter Holidays, I remain,

Fraternally yours,

LEO JURJOVEC, Supreme President.

W. S. A. NOW 138.58% SOLVENT

We are deeply pleased to announce that the solvency of your Association has increased from 134.15% to 138.58%. This remarkable increase of 4.43% in spite of the present times is due to excellent management and careful administration in the supreme offices, to wise investments and alertness of the Board of Supreme Trustees and in a large measure because of your splendid enrollment of new members last year. All these things tend to make strong and prosperous your Association, and you should be proudly elated that we are progressing in this respect. It is our duty to make these facts known to prospective members and immediately enroll them thereby greatly increasing the number of our membership. Strive to enroll entire families this year.

Trail Blazers Lodge No. 41 Denver, Colorado.

Calling All Members To Leap Year Dance

The next event of primary importance needing the support and attention of every Trail Blazer is the Leap Year Dance at the Slovenian Hall on Saturday, April 15th. Folks want us to promote more and more dances, so naturally we wish to satisfy the public. Many wish to have these dances to provide a place of entertainment of servicemen who usually come to our neighborhood and other folks who just love to drop by for a visit in our community.

It takes work to conduct these things, and usually the same members have the burden, yet, when the affair turns out to be a great success socially and financially to the contentment and satisfaction of all we feel it was a venture well undertaken. We're happy about the whole thing!

We would, however, like to see more Trail Blazers and other WSA members from the city and vicinity attend these public affairs sponsored by lodge No. 41. Bring a crowd with you and all enjoy a whirl or two, a bit of refreshments or a chat and visit with old and new friends. You'll spend a lovely evening at 4468 Washington the first Saturday after Easter.

The committee is arranging an evening of gayety, fun and entertainment appropriate for Leap Year. The ladies will predominate as it will be in order for the fair sex to do the "asking for dance" so that not a man in the place will be idle. There will be stunts, tag dances ladies' choice, etc. Perhaps you will have an idea to create more hilarious fun. See you there? Thanks.

You Should Be Proud

Your Trail Blazers lodge now numbers 260 adults, being in first place on the Honor Roll, and 350 juveniles, having the largest juvenile membership, or a total of 610 in both departments. It is the largest lodge in the Association. We enjoy the happy honor of being Champions of the 35th Anniversary Campaign of last year having taken all special awards, the first campaign prize and the Matt J. Kochevar trophy. We missed the Grand Award of \$250.00 by only 50 members. All this accomplishment was achieved by a small percentage of our membership.

We want to maintain this honorable record and repeat our great accomplishment of last year. We must, and we will, reach a quota of 200 members in the current Insure Family Campaign to win the 250 bucks if more of our members will help out. Let us quickly obtain the initial quota of 25 new members thereby assure for sure the first \$10.00 for our treasury, then climb up the ladder towards the first prize of \$50.00. There is a total of \$300.00 waiting anxiously to nestle into our lodge treasury. Easy money! See that your entire family is in the Trail Blazers lodge, then enroll your relatives, friends, neighbors and coworkers—their whole families.

Lodge meeting every fourth Thursday.

Supreme Prexy

On Flying Trip

Supreme President and Mrs. Leo Jurjovec Sr., accompanied their son Ensign Frank Jurjovec by auto to his station at Corpus Christi, Tex. They were to return to Chicago by airplane.

THE FUTURE OF FRATERNAL SOCIETIES

By F. WM. HECKENKAMP,
Supreme President, Western Catholic Union
An Address Before Missouri Fraternal Congress

(Edit. Note—One of the outstanding features of the Missouri Fraternal Congress, held in St. Louis, Oct. 12, was this address of Mr. Heckenkamp. He is a staunch believer in the fraternal system, and in nationally advertising its merits. He is frank in stating his convictions on the necessity and the merits of the lodge system. His address is deserving of careful reading and thought, for in it are the conclusions of a fraternal leader who has been active in the field for more than 45 years.)

What I have to say today is principally to fraternal societies of men, since the ladies are as a general rule keeping up the fraternal side of our work.

When I look over field of fraternal societies in this country the thought often comes to my mind "What's going to become of them if we keep prodding along the lines that are now being followed by most fraternalists. I am not an alarmist, in fact, I think I am recognized as a born optimist, yet, I sense a real danger to the future of our fraternal system.

The few thoughts that I want to bring home to you are based on my experience of over forty years as an official of a fraternal society. Those of us who have been connected with the fraternal system for any great length of time realize that there has been a tremendous change. There was a time when fraternal societies were booming. The average citizen could not afford to buy commercial life insurance, at least he felt he could not, but the greatest appeal for fraternal societies was helpfulness, friendliness and sociability enjoyed when fraternalist came together either in meetings or in social gatherings. Since the rate adjustments, however, most societies it seems devoted their entire time and their attention to the life insurance feature of our work and in so many cases the fraternal side of our organizations were almost entirely overlooked.

Unknown to American Public

We now have our house in order when it comes to up-to-date, safe and sound, permanent life insurance, and, of course, we want to continue to promote the interest and the necessity of life insurance. In my opinion our greatest drawback is the fact that the big American public has been weaned away from fraternal societies, due largely to the fact that they all had to change their rates. The big American public does not know the fine and substantial basis upon which our fraternalists are operating in this day, so it is my opinion that the first and the most necessary thing to do is to let this big American public know what we have to offer. This will cost money, but the right kind of advertising has always paid and the right kind of advertising of the fraternal system throughout the Nation will also pay. It is my opinion that the fraternal system in order to be really successful must concentrate its effort not only on selling modern and up-to-date life insurance, but also on selling modern, up-to-date fraternalism. In other words, brotherly love. We must let the public know that we are not only in the life insurance business, but that we have another mission, namely, that the very foundation of our system is based on brotherly love. We have modernized our insurance system; we must also modernize our fraternal system. We all know that good life insurance can be bought today on almost any street corner in the country, but fraternalism means more than simple life insurance. In our system we promote the protection of the morals, the home and the re-dedication of brotherly love on the basis that we are our brother's keeper. We are equipped to do this. As leaders of our fraternal societies we know that no society can grow and prosper unless its membership has something to do besides selling life insurance. I repeat again, we must change the attitude so prevalent today, namely, that life insurance is the only thing that fraternalists have to sell. While this phase of our work is one of the principal features of our fraternal system, but it is not the whole system, to promote fraternalism properly we must educate our own members, so that they too may realize the great need of promoting the fraternal system among humankind. When we do this, fraternal societies will again come into their own.

Please remember that I do not mean that we must relinquish the promotion of life insurance. Not by any means. We must continue to impress upon our friends and the public that life insurance has become a necessity, but in doing this we must not overlook the other wonderful features and the reasons for which fraternal societies were organized. We often hear it said "Men and women will not attend meetings like they used to." This is true, and why? There must be a reason. I want to repeat what I started out to say to you today, namely, that we have given almost all our attention to the selling of life insurance. Our field men talk of Life Insurance and nothing else, but no one can convince me that people have entirely lost the spirit of fraternalism. There are a few societies today that have really nothing else to offer except the doing of good for others. The real practice of brotherly love. These societies are constantly growing. Members attend their meetings and some even meet weekly. They contribute funds not only for assistance in sickness and distress, but funds for the education and the care of widows and orphans and the aged.

There may be some of you who feel that I am putting too much stress on the fraternal side of it. If you think so, I would like to refer you to the official organs of most of our fraternal societies, and especially to the fraternal magazines that reach our desks each month. When you open them up you will find that there are pages of advertisements, full of life insurance technicalities and hardly a word about fraternalism, pages of reading matter about life insurance, and only a little, if any, about fraternalism, in fact, commercial companies could use our fraternal journals to advertise their business, and these fraternal journals only reflect the leadership and the spirit among the leaders of our fraternal societies.

Could Aid in Prevention of Delinquency

The American home is in reality the foundation upon which the future of this country must depend. If this home is to be a place only to eat and to sleep and get out of the rain, then God bless America. There is consternation today in America, due to the fact that we are in the clutch of public immorality worse than at any time in the history of our country. Our good citizens are alarmed as they watch the Juvenile delinquency growing with leaps and bounds; when they see the increase of sex crimes among our boys and girls; in the burglary and bandit field; crimes created by the youth under 20 years of age, including murder. Fathers and mothers have this condition staring them in the face. What are they to do about it? I contend that there is nothing next to religion that can do more to bring about a betterment than our fraternal societies. We have the equipment to do it. We take in the children from birth and as soon as they are able to think for themselves we take them, or at least should take them into our Juvenile meetings. No father or mother need worry when his child or children are in a fraternal society Juvenile meeting. Here we have the opportunity to supplement the teaching of morals by the church, Sunday school and by the parents. We have an opportunity to do this in a way that will induce the child to like it and as it grows up we must make room for this child in our adult company, in our adult meetings. Once we have our system modernized in this manner from the fraternal side, then with our splendid insurance system we can do much to alleviate the terrible conditions that now exist. Once the fathers and mothers know this they will realize that the fraternal system is one big ray of hope for their children and their future, that it is insurance with a heart.

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Enroll the Entire Family in the Western Slavonic Association

WESTERN SLAVONIC ASSOCIATION

DENVER, COLORADO

Names and addresses of Supreme Officers:

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Leo Jurjovec, President, 1840 W. 22nd Place, Chicago, Ill.
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OFFICIAL ORGAN:

"Amerikanski Slovenec", 1849 W. Cermak Rd., Chicago, Ill.

All remittances for assessments and official correspondence shall be addressed to the office of supreme secretary, and all complaints of appeals to the office of the president of judiciary committee. Applications for admission into the adult department, increase of insurance, sick, accident, operation and indemnity benefit certificates shall be mailed to the office of supreme medical director.

The WSA invites any male or female person of the Caucasian or white race between the ages of 1 and 50 years to join its ranks. Persons who desire to become members of the Association, should contact any officer or member of the nearest WSA lodge or write direct to the headquarters of the Association. Eight adult members are required to organize a new lodge in localities where there is no lodge of the Association. For all additional information in regard to organizing lodges, or becoming members, please write to the office of supreme secretary.

JOIN THE WESTERN SLAVONIC ASSOCIATION TODAY!

FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE WSA FOR FEBRUARY, 1944

FINANČNO POROČILO ZA MESEČ FEBRUAR 1944

Lodge No.	Receipts	Disbursements	Lodge No.	Receipts	Disbursements
Dr. št.	Prejemki	Izdatki	Dr. št.	Prejemki	Izdatki
1	\$412.30	\$171.50	33	204.11	110.00
2	444.73	626.00	34	11.79	17.50
3	105.87	33.50	35	195.27	—
4	319.47	1002.50	36	47.69	—
5	76.26	—	37	86.53	29.00
6	319.75	8.00	38	482.88	—
7	47.41	573.36	39	57.59	—
8	225.92	16.00	40	68.70	31.00
9	37.47	17.00	41	31.13	—
10	24.43	—	42	84.63	57.00
11	239.06	101.00	43	59.02	45.00
12	452.14	144.00	44	15.37	—
13	137.97	91.00	45	68.80	—
14	263.35	207.00	46	34.58	89.50
15	69.94	58.00	47	58.53	—
16	96.90	65.00	48	12.65	—
17	90.43	—	49	13.08	—
18	62.13	66.00	50	74.05	—
19	20.75	—	51	15.36	—
20	23.83	—	52	12.94	—
21	149.40	14.00	53	4.49	—
22	11.40	—	54	32.72	—
23	23.61	—	55	45.03	19.00
24	154.81	21.00	56	5.46	—
Total — Skupaj		\$5,529.75	\$3,592.86		

Interest on Bonds — Obresti na obveznice:

\$8000 Ordway, Colorado Imp. Acc., 4%	26.00
Accrued Int. on war bonds — Določeni obresti na vojnih bonjih	57.48
Interest on FHA and Mortgage Loans — Obresti na FHA in hip.	480.61
Taxes on FHA — Davki na FHA posojila	93.48
Fire Insurance on FHA — Zavarovalnina proti ognju na FHA	6.16
FHA Insurance — Zavarovalnina na FHA posojila	10.93
Profit on Bond sold — Dobiček na prodanih bonjih	838.20
Certificate Loans Increased — Posojilo certifikatov zvišano	25.37
Total receipts from lodges — Skupni prejemki od društev	5,529.75

Total receipts — Skupni prejemki 7,067.98
Balance January 31, 1944 — Preostanek 413,365.38

Total — Skupaj \$420,433.36

Disbursements — Izdatki:

Death Claims — Smrtne	\$1,774.36
Sick Benefit Claims — Bolniške podpore	1,665.50
Operation Claims — Operacijske podpore	150.00
Total disbursed to lodges — Skupno izdato društvom	\$3,592.86

Miscellaneous — Razno:

SANS	500.00
Officials' Salary — Uradniške plače	200.00
Home Office Employee — Pomočnica v gl. uradu	77.54
Postage and Telephone — Poštnino in telefon	16.90
Lights — Razsvetljavo	8.27
Subscription to Fraternal Age	2.00
Packing Jumbo size calendars	11.03
Insurance Departments — Zavaroval. departementi	182.00
Switch	1.02
Plumbing	6.00
FHA Insurance — Zavarovalnina na FHA	12.72
Taxes on FHA — Davki na FHA	6.22
Exchange Charles on Coupons — Vnovenje kuponov	1.80
Total disbursements — Skupni izdatki	\$4,618.36

Sick Benefits Paid — Bolniške podpore plačane:

Ldg. No.	Name	Amount	Ldg. No.	Name	Amount
Dr. št.	Ime	Vredn.	Dr. št.	Ime	Vredn.
1	Cesar John	\$17.00	4	Presto Anton	10.50
1	Grande Frank	21.00	5	Balant Joe	29.00
1	Mezner Anton	61.00	5	Gruđen Mary	39.00
1	Pavlovich George	16.00	5	Malover Matt	39.00
1	Primozich Frances	19.00	5	Salmich Mary	4.00
1	Starr Nick	14.50	5	Shober John	36.00
1	Tanko Frank	14.00	5	Penikvar John	40.00
3	Okorn Rudolph	93.00	5	Pezdere Nick	15.50
3	Papez Ignac	30.50	7	Maring Josephine	8.00
3	Radovich Nick	32.00	8	Baloh Rosie	19.00
3	Zigich Dimitor	13.00	8	Slopas Frank	35.00
3	Tekavcic Martin	17.50	8	Syinger Frank	27.00
4	Kaber Frank	23.00	8	Terip John	18.00
			9	Javernick Fred	16.00

11	Kosec Joe	17.00	38	Bacca Mike	22.00	
14	Pozun Slava	67.00	45	Merchun John	31.00	
14	Simon Mary	34.00	51	Hribernik John	27.00	
16	Klancher John	26.00	51	Hribernik William	30.00	
16	Schumi John	50.00	52	Davey Mary	39.00	
16	Tomsick Frank	60.00	52	Kosec John	6.00	
16	Vecchio Josephine	8.00	55	Baltizar Sylvia	37.00	
17	Lazaroff Slavo	26.00	55	Belle Joe	13.50	
17	Marolt Jennie	31.00	55	Muhlich Angelina	19.00	
17	Proietti Benedetto	34.00	64	Bianchi Luigi	19.00	
21	Bobinc Margaret	28.00				
21	Erzar Frank	13.00				
21	Mike Matt	7.00				
21	Orazem Mary	35.00				
21	Puzel Fred	34.00				
21	Zaic Joseph	16.00				
22	Kocevar Elizabeth	27.00				
22	Rose Angelo	31.00				
23	Gorshe Erasmus	35.00				
23	Nacada Leopold	30.00				
26	Strazisar Jennie	66.00				
28	Chandek Rose	14.00				
32	Hribar Mike	14.00				
32	Sibert Frank	7.00				
33	Ozolt Pauline	35.00				
34	Yaksekovic Jakob	17.50				
38	Meteff Pete	7.00				
				Total — Skupej	\$1,668.50	
				Operation Paid —		
				Operacijske podpore:		
				21	Zaic Joseph	\$75.00
				21	Debevec Anfon	75.00
					Total — Skupej	\$150.00
				Death Claims — Smrtine:		
				3	Lessar John	\$500.00
				5	Salmich Mike	800.00
				8	Brill Albert	474.36
					Total — Skupej	\$1,774.36

CHANGES IN MEMBERSHIP OF THE WSA FOR FEBRUARY, 1944

SPREMENBE V ČLANSTVU ZSZ ZA MESEČ FEBRUAR 1944

New members — Novi člani:

K št. 1 iz ml. odd.: Frank Cic, Cert. DD-1420, R. 18, zav. \$500; Mary Gerze, Cert. BB-741, R. 18, zav. \$1000 in \$1.
K št. 3 iz ml. odd.: Anthony Blatnik, Cert. DD-1427, R. 18, zav. \$500 in \$1.
K št. 5 iz ml. odd.: Frank A. Hren, Cert. DD-1419, R. 18, zav. \$500 in \$1.
K št. 9 iz ml. odd.: Joseph Legan, Cert. DD-1416, R. 18, zav. \$500 in \$1.
K št. 14 iz ml. odd.: Willie Zele, Cert. CC-146, R. 18, zav. \$500 in \$1.
K št. 21: Mary Anzich, Cert. BB-742, R. 27, zav. \$500 in \$1; iz ml. odd.: Julia Kastelic, Cert. DD-1421, R. 16, zav. \$500 in \$1; Rudolph Sterbenk, Cert. DD-1422, R. 18, zav. \$500 in \$1.
K št. 29: Frances Cic, Cert. DD-1423, R. 47, zav. \$500 in \$1; iz ml. odd.: Richard Kocevar, Cert. DD-1424, R. 18, zav. \$500.
K št. 32 iz ml. odd.: Annette Olesinski, Cert. DD-1428, R. 18, zav. \$500 in \$1; Anton J. Strazisar, Cert. DD-1429, R. 18, zav. \$500 in \$1.
Lodge No. 33 from Juv. Dept.: Anthony Zokal, Cert. DD-1426, C. 18, ins. \$500.
Lodge No. 36 from Juv. Dept.: Jack D. Buck, Cert. BB-743, C. 18, ins. \$500 and \$1.
Lodge No. 41: Dr. John R. Shafer, Cert. DD-1417, ins. \$250; John J. Folcik, Cert. BB-741, C. 47, ins. \$500.
Lodge No. 53 from Juv. Dept.: Gloria E. Shaddy, Cert. CC-145, C. 18, ins. \$1000 and \$1.
Lodge No. 59 from Juv. Dept.: Margaret Knapp, Cert. DD-1429, C. 18, ins. \$500 and \$1.

Withdrawn from all benefits — Odstopili od vseh podpor

Lodge No. 14: George Bratkovich, Cert. DD-973; Frank Perla, Cert. D-139.
Lodge No. 41: George Raitz, Cert. BB-639.

Reinstated for all benefits — Zopet sprejeti za vse podpore

Lodge No. 59: Helen Delasko, Cert. DD-777; Helen Delasko, Cert. DD-1402; Frank Skerly, Cert. DD-1391.

Changes in Insurance

Lodge No. 9: Adam Kimick, Cert. 2546 to D-1416.

Died — Umrli:

Pri št. 5, umrl dne 9. Feb. 1944: John Fabian, Cert. 2716, star 67 let. Vzrok smrti: Cardiac Failure. Pristopil v Zvezo 11. apr. 1924. Zavarovan je bil za \$500, R. 47.
Pri št. 9, umrl dne 17. feb. 1944: John Jamsek, Cert. 827, star 70 let. Vzrok smrti: Lobar Pneumonia. Pristopil v Zvezo 13. jul. 1912. Zavarovan je bil za \$500, R. 38.
May their souls rest in peace and to the bereaved families we express our heartfelt sympathies.

FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE JUVENILE DEPT. OF THE WSA FOR FEBRUARY, 1944

FINANČNO POROČILO ML. ODD. ZSZ ZA MESEČ FEBRUAR 1944

Lodge No.	Receipts	Lodge No.	Receipts
Dr. št.	Prejemki	Dr. št.	Prejemki
1	\$44.92	33	57.69
3	32.01	34	15
4	3.00	36	22.05
5	16.80	37	1.80
6	3.80	38	22.29
7	6.75	41	55.99
8	2.25	44	2.10
9	7.95	45	9.30
11	1.35	46	90
14	21.22	51	3.45
16	36.94	52	15.03
17	14.10	53	2.30
21	30.85	54	3.00
22	4.50	55	4.07
23	2.43	56	14.30
24	7.80	57	75
26	1.95	59	9.40
27	75	60	3.97
28	90	61	1.65
29	7.05	63	1.50
31	1.35	64	75
32	8.85		
Total — Skupaj		\$489.46	

Interest on Musselshell, Mont. Ref., 2% 20.00

Total receipts — Skupni prejemki 509.46
Balance January 31, 1944 — Preostanek 32,011.47

Total — Skupaj \$32,520.93

Disbursements — Izdatki:

Reserves refunded — Rezerve povrnjene:

Ldg. No.	Name	Amount
Dr. št.	Ime	Vredn.
9	Benigar John	\$ 5.05
21	Chimzar Frank	6.40
41	Pecjak Louis	1.00
41	Lambrecht Sylvia	1.90
46	Mangino Elizabeth	4.65
54	Dussart Louis	1.90
Total — Skupaj		20.90

Exchange Charges on Coupons — Vnovenje kuponov .15

Total disbursements — Skupni izdatki 21.05

Balance February 28, 1944 — Preostanek \$32,499.88
Denver, Colorado, March 16, 1944.

ANTHONY JERSIN, Sec'y-gl. tajnik.

THE FUTURE OF FRATERNAL SOCIETIES

(Continued from page 3)

Every member of a fraternal society has only to ask himself or herself this question: "Are we as helpful to our brother and sister members as we could be and should be?" When a brother or sister member is taken sick do we offer consolation and encouragement? When we give our children and the adult members educational features in the meetings, when our members meet together socially from time to time and thereby get better acquainted with one another and thereby keep them in a time, wholesome environment; when we prove to our brother and sister members that we are interested in their material welfare, in their health, do you not believe they will appreciate this? Is it not worth while when a member of ours is out of work or in distress that we rush to his or her aid to render what assistance we can? I could continue along this line and point out many

In Memoriam

In loving memory of the late Chairman of Supreme Board of Trustees, Matt J. Kochevar, who passed away March 22, 1942.

BUY MORE AND MORE WAR BONDS AND STAMPS

of the fine things that could and should be done by our fraternal. I say again, we have placed our financial house in order, we must also place the fraternal side of our house in order in a back-to-the membership program.

We all know that we have special privileges under our state laws, privileges that commercial companies do not have, therefore, do we not owe it to the law-makers of the different states to prove that we are worthy of these privileges? I am afraid that if they are once convinced that we are a pure and simple life insurance institution they will no longer allow us to sail under false colors. We will be obliged to comply with all the rules under which commercial companies operate.

We are now free from taxation. How long will we be free? I contend that as long as we prove that we are not only a life insurance institution, but that we are all that the law provides we should be as a fraternal society, we will have no trouble. I have talked to many fraternalists along this line and they say "Well, it has been tried a number of times to tax fraternal societies." There were cases in Arkansas against the Modern Woodmen of America, Woodmen of the World Life Insurance Society and in Iowa, and in each case the fraternal system won out. True, but in none of these cases were the fraternal societies charged with not living up and carrying out the lodge system and the cooperation of the members. As I remember it, in every case it was a question whether or not we had the right to charge rates based on legal reserve. I do not know of a State that has anything in its laws that prohibit fraternal societies from selling legal reserve life insurance, but I do know that every state that grants fraternal societies a license does so on the strength that the society will live up to the laws as laid down in the statutes.

Societies With No Lodge

Recently I talked to a fraternal leader who went so far as to say that to him the word "Fraternal" is out-moded; does not mean anything, and "we do not care whether our lodges have meetings or not, as long as we have a secretary who will collect dues and send them into headquarters." I know of societies that write insurance in a fictitious lodge of their organization. In other words, they have no lodge, but the field man appoints a secretary who collects the dues and sends them into the supreme office. While there are only a few that I know of who follow this line, but I can see where many of them are drifting and drifting toward the same goal, and if this is done generally, I believe you can all visualize the end of the fraternal system, and what a pity that would be. There never has been a time in the history of the world when real fraternalism, in other words, brotherly love, was needed more than just at this time. To me the word "Fraternal" is a holy name.

You all know that in our fraternal societies we issue what is known as a certificate of membership. Pick up your fraternal journals and you will find that this term is very seldom used. They simply use the term that commercial companies do, namely, policy. In my mind there is a tremendous difference between a certificate of membership in a fraternal society, and a policy as issued by a commercial company, for a certificate of membership embodies more than a policy in a commercial company. In this many of our societies are imitating commercial companies.

Again we see the word "Dividend." To my mind there never was a greater misnomer than the word dividend as now used in life insurance. What is a dividend? A dividend is a financial reward for money invested, derived from a profit. We in fraternal societies, as well as commercial companies, collect a certain stipulated contribution based on a standard mortality table. If for any reason these designated contributions prove to be more than necessary we give them back to our members. This is a refund. If we bargain with a groceryman for a dozen of eggs at 40c a dozen today, and send our boy down the next day to get them and he charges only 35c, which then is the prevailing price, he gives the boy back a nickel. The boy comes home with it, and I am sure there is not a person living who would call this nickel a dividend. It is a refund. The word dividend has been so common that it is going to be difficult to change it.

Use of Commercial Expressions

Then, again, our payments for membership in our fraternal societies are in most of our societies called "premiums." Another imitation of the commercial company. I simply bring these thoughts out to prove my contention as to where we are drifting, right smack into the commercial field. My contention is that when we sell a membership to a man, woman or child we give them more than life insurance. In other words, we give more than any commercial company. We furnish all the fine privileges that go with the fraternal system, or at least that should go with them. It is to my mind the one outstanding argument that we can use in promoting the growth of our societies, namely, we are giving more than any commercial company gives or can give, and at the same time we give our members the last word in safe and sound and permanent life insurance protection. We give our members the opportunity to regulate their own business. We have a representative form of government where the members through their representatives make the laws for our organization. They elect their own executive officers, they map the program for the conduct of our society. We grasp the hand of our fellow members and practice the virtue of brotherly love.

I have given you a few thoughts to take home with you. No doubt many of you will not agree with me. Possibly I am wrong. At any rate, as I said in the beginning, I base these thoughts on my long experience in the fraternal field and I have come to the conclusion that we have all been more or less responsible for the conditions that I have pictured here. We send our field men out, whether they work on a salary or commission, or both; we have allowed them to preach the gospel of life insurance and nothing else. It has been a long time since I have heard a field man talk fraternalism. We have schools where field men in the fraternal system receive a special education as to how to sell life insurance, not how to sell fraternalism. It is time that we awaken. Let's bring our thoughts back to the time fraternal societies were organized; let's take them back to the time when they were booming, and if we do this and modernize the fraternal side of our society, as we have done with the financial side, our membership will grow with leap and bounds instead of as it is doing now, slipping year after year, simply because we have only been selling life insurance, something, that I repeat again, can be bought at any street corner.

"Stand On Our Own Feet"

KNEZ SEREBRJANI

— ROMAN —

Rusko — A. K. Tolstoj — Poslovenil — Al. Benkovič

"Nosi svoj križ, Nikita Romanič!" je ponovila Helena. "Pojdi, kamor te pošilja car. Nisi se dal vpisati v opričnino in tvoja vest je čista. Pojdi nad sovražnike ruske zemlje; jaz pa ne jenjam moliti za vaju oba do svoje zadnje ure!"

"Z Bogom, Helena, z Bogom, sestra moja!" je vzkliknil Serebrjani in planil k njej.

Njene mirne oči so se srečale z njegovim potrptim pogledom; objela ga je kot brata in trikrat poljubila brez strahu in zadrege, kajti v teh poslovnih poljubih ni bilo več tistega čustva, katero jo je pred dvema mesecema pri ograji Morozovega vrta proti volji in nezavedno vrglo v knezov objem.

"Z Bogom!" je ponovila, spustila naličje in naglo odšla v svojo celico.

Pričelo je zvoniti k večerni molitvi. Serebrjani je dolgo gledal za Heleno. Ni slišal, kaj mu je rekla opatica, ni čutil, kako ga je prijala za roko in spremila k ograji. Molče je sedel na konja, molče je jahal z Mihejičem nazaj po smrekovem gozdu. Zvonenje samostanskega zvona ga je nazadnje vzdramilo iz otroposti. Šele sedaj je razumel vso težo svoje nesreče. Srce mu je trgalo to zvonenje, a poslušal ga je z ljubeznijo, kakor bi zvenelo iz njega poslednje slovo Helenino, in ko so enakomerni udarci, zlivajoč se v daljni odmev, nazadnje zamrli v večernem zraku, se mu je zdelo, da se je vse, kar mu je bilo dragega, odtrgalo od njegovega življenja, in od vseh strani ga je objela hladna, brezupna osamelost.

Drugi dan je oddelek Serebrjanega nadaljeval svojo pot, poglobljajoč se čezdalje bolj v temne gozdove, ki so se z manjšimi presledki zlivali v brjanski pragozd. Knez je jezdil na čelu oddelka, Mihejič pa mu je sledil od daleč in se ni upal motiti njegovega molčanja.

Serebrjani je jezdil s povešeno glavo, v njegove mračne misli, v njegovo brezupnost pa mu je sijalo kakor daljna zarja eno samo tolažilno čustvo. To je bila zavest, da je v življenju izpolnil svojo dolžnost, kolikor mu je bilo dano, da je hodil po ravni poti in da se niti enkrat vedoma ni umaknil z nje. Dragoceno čustvo, katero živi sredi žalosti in bede kot neizgubljen zaklad v srcu poštenega človeka in pred katerim je vse bogastvo sveta, vse, kar je cilj posvetnega stremljenja, — samo prah in prazen nič.

Samo ta zavest je dajala Serebrjanemu zmoglost, da je prenašal življenje. Predstavljal si vse okolnosti svojega slovesa od Helene in ponavljajoč si vsako njeno besedo, je našel žalostno tolažbo v misli, da bi res ne bilo prav, veseliti se v sedanjih časih, in da se sedaj ne odtuja bratom, ampak da skupaj z njimi prenaša težo splošne nesreče.

Tudi besede Godunova so mu prišle na misel in bridko se je nasmejal, ko se je spomnil, s kakšno uverjenostjo je Godunov govoril o svojem poznanju človeškega srca.

"Vse kaže," je pomislil, "da Boris Fjodorčič ne zna uganiti vsega! Državne posle in srce Ivana Vasiljeviča pozna; naprej ve, kaj poreče Maljuta, kaj stori ta ali oni opričnik; toda kako čutijo tisti, ki ne iščejo svoje koristi, to mu je neznan!"

In nehoti se je spomnil Serebrjani tudi Maksima in pomislil, da bi njegov pobratim ne sodil tako. Ne bi mu rekel: Saj ni vzela Morozova iz ljubezni, čakala te bo! On bi bil rekel: Hiti, brat! Ne izgubi niti trenutka, ugonobi konja in jo zadrži, dokler je še čas!"

In ob misli na Maksima se je zazdela Nikiti Romanoviču njegova osamljenost še brezupnejša, ker je vedel, da se nihče več z njim ne zveže tako tesno, da mu nihče ne izpolni duše s svojo dušo in mu ne pomore razjasniti marsičesa, česar si je bil sicer v svojem poštenem srcu svest in čemur pa v nemiru dogodkov ni mogel dati

jasne oblike...

Njegovo življenje bo teklo svojo pot brez ozira na to, se li strinjajo boljše stremljenja, z njihovimi težkimi zahtevami ali ne, in bo morda dolgo pletlo svoj pisani vzorec, v katerem nima nobena podrobnost sama zase razumljivega smisla, pa so vendar vsi pojavi zvezani med seboj z nepretrgano verigo ter se iztekajo drug iz drugega v strogi doslednosti.

Serebrjani je povesil glavo, popustil vajeti in korakoma jahal skozi molčeči smrekov gozd, ki je bil mračen kakor njegove misli. Umerjeni koraki razbojnikov so se kalili tišino pustinje. Njeni divji prebivalci, verve in kune, na tem brezljudnem kraju niso poznale strahu pred vojskaki, ampak so se samo vzpenjale na višje veje in odtam radovedno gledale nanje. Pisani, detali so se oprijemali mahaste skorje drevesnih debel, obračali svoje rdeče glave proti prišlecem in mirno nadaljevali s svojim trkanjem po suhem drevju.

Eden izmed vojakov, ki ga je bila izpodbudila slovesnost prirode, je polglasno ubral zategnjeno pesem; drugi so pritegnili in kmalu so se vsi glasovi zliili v en sam zbor, ki je v zvočnih prelivih daleč odmeval pod dremajočo streho dreves...

Tu bi lahko končali to žalostno povest, a treba je še povedati, kaj se je zgodilo z drugimi osebami, katere so morda s Serebrjanom delile bravčevo zanimanje. O Nikiti Romanoviču samem bomo slišali še enkrat na koncu naše povesti, zato je treba obrniti sedemnajst težkih let in se prestaviti v Moskvo, v slavno leto osvojenja Sibirije.

40. Poslanstvo Jermakovo.

Mnogo let je preteklo od tistega dne, ko je Serebrjani odjahal iz Slobode na čelu pomiloščenih razbojnikov. Od tistih časov se je v Rusiji marsikaj izpremenilo. A Ivan je zdaj kakor poprej sumnil in moral najboljše ljudi, najznamenitejše državljane, potem pa se je zopet spametoval, se kešal pred vsem narodom in pošiljal v samostane bogata darila in dolge zapiske z imeni umorjencev in ukaze, naj molijo za njih duše. Izmed prejšnjih njegovih ljubljencev ni ostal pri življenju niti eden. Zadnji in glavni izmed njih, Maljuta Skuratov, ki ga niti enkrat ni zadela nemilost, je bil ubit pri obleganju Pajde ali Weissensteina v Livoniji; njemu na čast je sežgal Ivan na grmadi vse ujetke Nemce in Švede.

Stotine in tisoči Rusov, ki so izgubili zadnje potrpljenje in nado v boljše čase, so trumoma odhajali v Litvo in na Poljsko.

En sam srečen dogodek se je pripetil v teku teh let: Ivan je izprevidel vso brezko-riznost tega, da je razdelil deželo na dve polovici, od katerih je manjša mučila večjo, in je pod vplivom Godunova odpravil osovraženo opričnino. Vrnil se je prebivat v Moskvo in strašni dvorec v Aleksandrovski Slobodi je osamel za vedno.

Medtem je prišlo mnogo nesreč na našo domovino. Glad in kuga sta pustošila mesta in vasi. Parkrat je vdrl han v naše kraje in je v enem izmed svojih napadov požgal vse naselbine okrog Moskve in večji del mesta samega. Od severa so nas napadali Šved; Stefan Batori, ki ga je za Zigmundom sejem izvolil za kralja, je obnovil litovsko vojno in nas je kljub hrabrosti naše vojske premagal s svojo umnostjo in nam vzel vse zapadne dežele.

Carjevič Ivan, dasi se je udeleževal z očetom njegovih zločestev, je to pot vendar občutil ponižanje carstva in prosil carja, da bi smel z vojsko proti Batoriju. Ivan je slutil v tem namero, da ga pahne s prestola, in carjevič, ki ga je nekoč Serebrjani rešil pri Nečisti luži, sedaj ni ušel kruti smrti.

(Dalje)

RUSI NA SOVRAŽNEM OZEMLJU; NEMCI PO-PARJENI

(Nadaljevanje z 1. strani)

vso moč trudijo, da bi rusko napredovanje zaustavili. Kajti že to, kadar jim bodo Rusi vzeli rumunske petrolejske vrelce, jim bodo prerežali važno žilo njihove letalske sile, ker Nemci bodo potem odvisni le od svojega umetnega olja iz premoga, ki pa daleč ni to, kar je pravo olje.

Nemci mobilizirajo zdaj vse svoje sile in jih pošiljajo v Rumunijo, da ustavijo Ruse. V Karpatih se jim bo to za nekaj časa najbrže posrečilo, ker hribovit gorski teren bo nudil boljšo obrambo. To pa bo le začasno. Poročilo iz Stockholma pripoveduje, da vedno večje in večje število ranjencev, ki jih zdaj dovažajo v Nemčijo dela mučen utis na nemško javnost. Ranjenci pač najbrže pripovedujejo, kako se morajo Nemci zadnje čase umikati in to porazno vpliva na domačo javnost. Splošna poparjenost je znamenje, da Nemci vidijo in spoznavajo, da so vojsko zgubili in da jih je njihov slavi blazni "firer" pripeljal v popolni propad.

EDEN MISLI RESIGNIRATI

London, Anglija. — Koncem zadnjega tedna se je razširila vest, da angleški zunanji minister Anthony Eden misli podati v kratkem resignacijo kot zunanji minister. Ostati pa misli

še dalje kot voditelj poslanske zbornice v parlamentu. Glede te vesti javnost različno komentira. Nekateri so mnenja, da Eden ne odobrava nove Churchillove politične linije v Evropi.

JAPONCI SPREMENJAJO GENERALE

Sidney, Avstralija. — Glasom japonske radio postaje je japonska vlada zopet predstavila več armadnih poveljnikov iz enega kraja v druge kraje. Tudi načelstvo vojnega častniškega kolegija je v novih rekah. Vzroki za te spremembe niso znani.

RACIONIRANJE KRUHA V RIMU ZNIŽANO

London, Anglija. — Radio vest iz Italije je omenjala, da so oblasti mesta Rima znižale racioniranje kruha za eno tretjino dnevno. Določba velja do prihodnje žetve, pravi poročilo.

SE MORAJO ŽE SLADKO SMEHLJATI

Ameriškim deklicam najbrž ne bo nič kaj dobrodošlo poročilo, da se je v sedanjih vojni do konca dec. 1943 nič manj kot 637 ameriških fantov poročilo z deklicami iz Nove Zelandije pri Avstraliji. Če novozelandsko dekle poroči Amerikancu, ne izgubi s tem svojega britskega državljanstva. Če hoče postati ameriška državljanka, mora posebej prositi za to.



NAZNANILO IN ZAHVALA

Z žalostnim srcem naznanjamo vsem našim sorodnikom, prijateljem in znancem, da je v Gospodu zaspal 20. februarja 1944 moj soprog in oče

JOHN KLUN

Rojen je bil leta 1873 v vasi Breže, fara Ribnica. Pokopan je bil iz cerkve Marije Pomagaj. Pokojni je spadal k društvu sv. Jožefa št. 7 KSKJ.

Hvala lepa Rev. Danielu Gnidiču za cerkvene obrede. Hvala Mr. Johnu Germu za lepo petje in molitev na grobu. Tudi pa ne morem najti primer-nih besed, da bi se zadostno zahvalila za cvetlice in vence in za sv. maše, ker jih je bilo res veliko. Nikdar nisem mislila, da je imel moj pokojni mož toliko prijateljev, ki so se pokazali v tej žalostni uri.

Hvala vsem, ki ste prišli moliti rožni venec v tako velikem številu na večer pred pogrebom, in ki ste se udeležili sv. maše in pogreba. Hvala lepa hčerki Miss Mary Klun in mojim sestram Mrs. Laurich in Mrs. Virant, ki so prišle na pogreb iz Chicage in Helen Villers iz Kalifornije. Torej še enkrat lepa hvala vsakemu posebej in vsem skupaj.

Ti pa, dragi moj soprog in oče, prestal si zemeljsko trpljenje in se preselil iz te doline solz, počivaj v miru. Mi Te ne bomo nikdar pozabili, pač pa Te bomo vedno v srcih nosili, dokler se spet ne združimo pri našem Stvarniku v svetem raj.

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KRIŽANI STEBER

IN MESTO SVETEGA JAKOBA STAREJŠEGA

(Konec)

V petnajstem stoletju se je tu prav naravno začelo peka predprotestantstvo, a vendar v katoliških mejah obstoječe gibanje, ki je stremelo po krščanski pogleditvi s politično-demokratskimi smotri in je bilo naperjeno zoper omejeno mišljenje tako zvanih katoliških kraljev in njihovih naslednikov. — V devetnajstem stoletju se je ljudska duša radi boja zoper francoske vsiljive pod Napoleonom nekam posebno povzpela. To duhovno vstajenje je vplivalo do današnjih dni in je obnovilo življenje. Galicijsko pesništvo in slikarstvo poganja še zmeraj nove kali. Univerza je tako zvana delavna univerza. Galicija je podarila Ameriki svoje najboljše moči in jih še danes daje. Galicijci so najboljše učitelji, upravni uradniki, stražniki, služničad vsega polotoka. Čeprav Madrid tako po mačehovsko skrbi za to provinco, vendar je mimo Katalonije, Navare in baskijskih dežel najbolj skrbno obdelana, kar najbolje dokazujejo dobro ohranjene ceste po deželi. Seveda se drugi Španci posmehujejo Galicijcem in najbolj je to izraženo v ustnih in tiskanih galicijskih dovtipih, kar je podobno smešnemu nemškega "Mihelna." A tisti smehljaj, ki ga dovtipi vsebujejo, vzbuja ljubezen, tiho ljubezen za pristne, čeprav večkrat precej "purgarske" reči.

To ljudstvo s svojim granitnim mestom hodi granitna pota. In ko sem videl katedralo, to čudovito delo galicijske ljubezni in vere, ki je tudi iz granita, tedaj se mi je zazdelo, da nosi steber z železnimi svodi skrivnost galicijskega življenja zato, ker je postal steber.

Nalahno, krotko se dviga v milo, s srebrnkasto lučjo ko zvezdnato nebo nadahnjeno temo. Večkrat je ta temina tudi nebeško-zlata; še večkrat mrko nabuhnjena, težka in strahotna ko vzdusje, ki se oblači nad duševnimi prepadi. In na tej, v duhu zmeraj pri-čujoči globini, temelji steber. Stirioglat podstavek ga drži v objemu; obroč ga obkroža. Hoče se vrtinčiti in dvigati. A tedaj ga zaloti usoda. Ne more se dvigniti sam v svoji krasoti, da bi bil krog in krog okrogel in svoboden, kot so njegovi kraljevski jonski in korintski bratje iz davne Grške; na levi in na desni stoji ob njem opora ko dve steni. Tudi ta opora ni sama zase, marveč je le stranica četverokotnega stebra in polokroglo vzbočeno truplo stebra je prirastlo nanj. Druga polovica njegovega bivanja se mu boči na hrbtu in ob njem se po bratovsko stiska vanj drugi par polovičnih stebrov. Členi so in tvorijo skupno a stebrom novo združeno celoto. Ko sem ga videl, kako se krotko in vdano in močno dviga v trdoti svoje hrbtnice, tedaj se je ljubko-nežno povzpelnjevanje njegovega vstajenja in nastajanja spremenilo v tiho-zvenečo pesem: "Nihče ne more sam živeti. Ali veš, o človek, ki hodiš vsepovsod svobodno okrog in hitiš preko najbolj daljnih dežel in morij, kaj te bo prevzelo že prihodnji trenutek in te napolnilo in te zavedlo, da boš brezsrčen, zakrknjen, da boš hlepel po oblasti ali pa po ljubezni? Od nekoga bo prišlo, ki te hoče zaslužniti. Ali veš, kaj te bo v prihodnji minuti tako zmedlo, da ti bo, ko da vsrkavaš soke ka-

ke korenine, ki razprostira svoje izrastke po brezmejnih globinah src drugih ljudi ali po globinah tvoje domovine! Ze stoletja prihajajo k meni romarji katoliškega krščanstva vsega sveta. Njih pogledi so obviseli na meni in njih notranji drget je ko duhovni strah ob mojem trupu. V njih pogledih je bil odsev njihovega hrepenenja, s katerim je njih duša stremela iz globin po luči odrešenja. Ko so ti ljudje, ki so priromali iz daljnih krajev, stali tako pred menoj in me ogledovali, so bili prikovani na daljo, na svojo domovino in dvignili so se iz svojih pozemskih spon, ko jaz iz tal. Ali ne občutiš tudi ti, kje koreniniš s svojim telesom? Ali te ne bo vse težilo tja, kar je te rodilo, in te dvigalo tja, kar te nosi v nebo? Ali veš, da moraš najprej sam k sebi priti domov, preden dospel do občestva vseh ljudi in plemen in z njimi do Boga? Poglej me! Kako se vzpenjam potrpečljivo in krotko samo kot del, kot člen stebrišča! Rad bi se zgenil, pa se ne morem. Granitno breme teži na meni ko železo. Trpim, ker sem razcepljen, rad bi bil prost, pa sem vkleknjen. Dvigam se ko steblo in moj cvet je glava, vsa obdana s podobami pozemskih strasti, izrednih živili in rastlin, izredno nape-tih in vzdihujočih človeških obrazov. Moja glava je vsa ovita; bolijo me grehote in upanja. A tudi tega ne dvigam svobodno; s tem nosim obok, vzvišen in visok obok, poln somrakov, ki skozi vse letne čase oklepa življenje zemlje. Pa pogledj, kako je navzlic vsemu na meni vse jasno in lepo in lahko. V tem ljudstvu, ki tu živi, in v tem njegovem templju je spojeno vse na tisti način, kakor je bil združen s križem Kristus, Sin v troedinem Bogu. Tako grozna je bila Zveličarjeva žrtev, da se je do dna pretresla vsa priroda. A njegov smehljaj križa je razsvetlil ono pot, ki rešuje in nas, ki smo tako navezani na zemljo, pripelje v nebesa, našo skupno domovino. Jaz sem križani steber. Pojdi okrog in vsi moji bratje ti bodo pričali o sreči, ki je luč nad brezdnimi nesrečami!"

Sel sem krog stebrov, ki stojijo tesno drug pri drugem. Visoki nos s triforiji srednje ladje in križnim svodom stranskih ladij nosijo ti stebri in tvorijo latinski križ s temi, ko za večne čase napravljenimi granitnimi kamni, ki se blestijo v temnih zrcnih. Nad sečiščem, ond, kjer počiva Odrašenikova glava na prečniku križa, se srebrno dviga v bogastvu vsega, kar premore zemlja, glavni oltar nad grobom apostola, ki je tudi iz srebra in še iz jape in alabastra. V neki vdolbini nad oltarjem kraljuje apostolova soha, vsa v srebru, zlatu in dragocenih kamnih. Ta glavna kapela je skoraj preoblečeno baročna in se zdi, ko lice človeka, ki od notranje vzhičenosti in veselja ne ve, ne kod ne kam, da obvlada breme telesa. A krog in krog stojijo križani stebri v molčeči preprostosti. Oni sprejemajo vase vso baročno ljubkost, vso baročno vijugasto in zavito zve-ničenje in ga z veliko potezo prenašajo v spono Onega, ki s svojim križevim potom veže zemljo z nebesi.

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