

RUSI SE BLIŽAJO GLAVNEMU MESTU VZHODNE PRUSLJE

Britska armada v ofenzivi na holandski fronti TOKIO PRIZNAL KRITIČNO SITUACIJO

London, 24. okt.—Maršal Stalin je v odredbi dneva naznanil, da je ruska armada, katere poveljnik je general Ivan D. Černjajovski, prodrla 35 milj daleč v Vzhodno Prusijo. Moskva je prej poročala, da so čete te armade osvojile 900 vasi in naselij, med temi čez 500 nemških, v ofenzivi. Skoro vse ozemlje pri Memelu, luki ob Baltičnem morju, katerega je morala Litva odstopiti Nemcem pod pritiskom 22. marca 1. 1939, je pod kontrolo ruske oborožene sile.

Izgleda, da bo Memel kmalu padel. Rusi so obkrožili to mesto, kjer se nahaja močna nemška vojaška posadka. Ta je v pasti in nevarnosti uničenja.

Berlin je priznal, da so Rusi po okupaciji Goldapa, strateškega pruskega mesta, prodrli do reke Angreap. Sovjetske čete prodirajo proti Insterburgu in Koenigsbergu, glavnemu mestu Vzhodne Prusije.

Nemčija je osma tuja država, kjer so v akciji ruske čete. Berlin je naznanil rusko invazijo Norveške iz severne Finske. Sovjetske čete prodirajo proti Kirkenesu, veliki mornarični bazi na Norveškem.

Maršal Tito, poveljnik jugoslovanske osvobodilne armade, je naznanil okupacijo Onisa, luke in vojaške trdnjave ob Jadranskem morju, ki leži na južnovzhodni strani Splita.

Zavezniško poveljstvo poroča, da oddelki druge britske armade napadajo Hertogenbosch, nemško trdnjavo, ki štiti vso zapadno Holandijo. Zasedli so po luti bitki Schijndel, Middelbode, Olland in Bruggen. Več sto Nemcev je bilo ubitih in ujetih v bitki.

Hertogenbosch ima 41.000 prebivalcev in je glavno mesto province Brabant ter križišče petih železnic. Nemci so zasedli to mesto 12. maja 1. 1940.

Čete sedme ameriške armade so se približale nemški trdnjavi St. Die v prodiranju po Vosgeskem gorovju. Poročilo pravi, da so oddelki te armade prekorčili reko Mortagne.

Leyte, Filipini, 24. okt.—Ameriška invazijska sila je izvajala nove uspehe na tem otoku z obkrožitvijo japonskih čet v glavni dolini. Japonski napad v enem sektorju fronte je bil odbit.

General MacArthur je naznanil osvoboditev treh otokov v bližini Leyta. Ameriška invazijska sila kontrolira obrežno cesto in hribe ob dolini.

Domačini se vračajo v Palo, drugo največje mesto na Leytu, ki je bilo osvobodeno. Filipinski predsednik Sergio Osmena je v svoji prvi poslanici Rooseveltu izrekel zahvalo ameriškega ljudstvu, ki je s svojimi napori omogočilo njegovi vladi povratek na filipinsko ozemlje. Dejal je, da je popolnoma uverjen, da bo ameriška oborožena sila kmalu osvobodila Filipine.

Washington, D. C., 24. okt.—Japonski premier Kunaiki Koisi je v svojem govoru po radiu naznanil, da je vojna na Pacifiku pršla v kritično fazo, zaeno pa je apeliral na ljudstvo, naj poveča vojne napore. Masanori, besednik poveljstva bojne mornarice, je prej priznal, da je Japonska v defenzivi.

VESTI IZ JUBILEJNE KAMPANJE SNPJ Odstavljeni OGRSKI REGENT V NEMČIJI

“Stare korenine” pridno na delu v pridobivanju novih članov; štiri nadaljnja društva izpolnila kvoto; še pet tednov kampanje

Slovenska narodna podpora je lahko ponosna na svoje “stare korenine”, ki so tudi v tekoči jubilejni kampanji pridni kot čebelice. Prav tako so nanje lahko ponosna tudi njih društva. Ti pridni agitatorji in agitatorice so faktično stebri jednote in jim vse priznanje!

Kot omenja kampanjski direktor br. MICHAEL VRHOVNIK v svojem poročilu v angleški sekciji, je bil prošli teden na prvem mestu med kontestanti br. LUCAS DERNOVSEK ST., tajnik društva 273, Sheldon, Wis., ki je prijavil sedem novih članov, med temi štiri v odrasli oddelku. V tej kampanji je še pridobil 23 novih članov, kar je več kot dvakrat toliko kot znaša društvena kvota. Enako število jih je br. DERNOVSEK pridobil tudi v zadnji kampanji v proslavo 30-letnice mladinskega oddelka, v kampanji zmaga pa 76 novih članov! Br. DERNOVSEK je “stara korenina” v pravem in najboljšem pomenu besede, kajti član jednote je še od leta 1911 in na svojem križu nosi že 33 let, toda v agitaciji prekosil vsakega mladeniča ali mladenko. Br. DERNOVSEK vaa čast!

Druga korenina je ANTON SKOBERNE, tajnik društva 275 v Maynardu, O., ki je zadnji teden prijavil šest novih članov, tri za odrasli, tri za mladinski oddelku. V tej kampanji je še povečal svoje društvo za 16 članov. Tudi on je član jednote že čez 30 let, toda je še vedno pridno na delu. Tudi br. Skobernu vaa čast!

Neprekosljiva sestra MARY UDOVICH se je v glavnem uradu zopet oglašila s šestimi novimi člani. Kot znano, je ona tudi v tej kampanji daleč na čelu vseh kontestantov. Do sto ji manjkalo še štiri nove člani, ki jih ima gotovo že “na pikli.” Ko doseže to število, bo skupno pridobila v tej in prejšnjih dveh kampanjah 420 novih članov, torej že za močno društvo! Mary st je v zgodovini jednote še pridobila častno mesto kot njena resnična graditeljica.

Cleveland in svoje ponosno društvo Naprej št. 5 pa častno zastopa tudi “stara korenina” LUDVIK MEDVEŠEK, oče pomočnega urednika Milana Medveška. Ko je bil Milan še v metropoli, sta z očetom skupno pričela kampanjo. Potem je Milan prišel v Chicago, oče pa naprej nadaljuje s kampanjo. Tako je društvo Naprej št. 5 naraslo za 36 novih članov—še štiri in kvota bo izpolnjena. Pridni Ludvik Medvešek se gotovo podviza, da doseže to kvoto, kakor jo je tudi v prejšnji kampanji. Zadnji teden je Ludvik prijavil zopet pet novih članov in je s tem prekosil društvo V. broj 59, kateremu tajniku je enako marljivo br. Durn, za osem članov.

V St. Louisu se pa vrši bitka med društvi 107, 659 in 678. Je še precej časa, odkar je četrti distriktni podpredsednik JOHN SPILLER naznanil, da prične s tem kontestom in zdaj so še vidni rezultati. Društvo 678 je prvo doseglo svojo kvoto, zadnji teden pa je tudi društvo 659 prijavilo pet novih članov—tri je pridobila sestra MARY SCHMIDT, dva pa sestra MATHILDA DUCOTE. Ti društvi se bližata za prvenstvo, toda sta le za dva člana pred društvom 107, ki jih zna še doiti v celoti celo prekositi.

Sestra MARY VIDMAR, pridna tajnica društva 3 v Johnstownu, ki v soboto zvečer proslavlja svoj in jednotin jubilej, je sporočila, da se je precej opelila in da zato zadnje čase ni mogla biti tako aktivna v kampanji. Vendar pa ne miruje in se je oglašila s štirimi nadaljnjimi novimi člani, tako da jih je v tej kampanji še pridobila 26. Njeno društvo je lahko ponosno na tako pridno in zavedno tajnico.

Pri nekem poročilu br. JOEVA RITONJE, tajnika društva 747 v Milwaukeeju, je očitno prišlo do pomote. Zda poroča, da onih sedem novih članov, ki so bili njemu kreditirani, ni pridobil on, marveč br. JOE TAMSE. Ta popravek s veseljem napravimo in obenem čestitamo br. Tamseu na uspehu. Društvo ima dobiti samo še enega novega člana, da doseže svojo kvoto.

Sestra IDA B. DANIELS od društva 8, Sygan, Pa., se je zopet oglašila s petimi novimi člani. Skupaj jih je še pridobila lepo število 35 v tej kampanji, društvo kot celota pa 54, kar je silajno za tako nasebino. Društvo Bratstvo je na drugem mestu, takoj za čikaškim Pionirji (559), ki so še pridobili 93 novih članov. Na tretjem mestu pa je žensko društvo Venera 192 v Milwaukeeju s 53 novimi člani, vsakakor ponos vsem Milwaukeeanom, predvsem pa Venerčankam. Čestitke!

Sestra MARY RODINA, blagajnica društva 690 v Kansas Cityju, Kan., se je zopet oglašila s petimi aplikacijami in s tem stopila na prste TONETU SHULARJU, predsedniku gl. porotnega oddelka iz Arme, Kan. Ker imata vsak po 18 srez na kampanjski pučki, je vprašanje, kdo bo v prihodnjih tednih smagel.

S štirimi novimi člani se je zopet oglašil THOMAS MILHARCIC, tajnik društva 41 v Irwinu, Pa. Pridobil ima še dva in bo prišel na častno listo kontestantov in tudi šel “over the top” s društveno kvoto. Po tri nove člane so priglasili: THERESA SPECK (107), MARY VASIL (192), JACOB BENCHAN (217), JOHN JOBKAR (265), JOHN STRUZNİK (627) in JOHN GABRENJA (126). Vsem priznanje za dobro delo!

Na častno listo kontestantov pa so se prošli teden povzpeli: JOHN JUST, tajnik društva 89, Midway, Pa., JOHN JOBKAR od društva 265, Southview, Pa., FRANK TEHOVNIK, tajnik društva 518, Detroit. Vsakdo izmed teh je pridobil deset novih članov in bo torej deležen posebne nagrade.

Svoje kvote so izpolnila štiri nadaljnja društva, in sicer ST. 217, Davis, W. Va., ST. 265, Southview, Pa., ST. 434, Arma, Kan., in ST. 690, St. Louis, Mo. Tudi število “mrtnih” društev je padlo na 242. 690, St. Louis, Mo. Tudi število “mrtnih” društev je padlo na 242. 690, St. Louis, Mo. Tudi število “mrtnih” društev je padlo na 242.

Ta “mrtna” društva imajo še pet tednov časa, da rešijo svojo čast in pridejo na listo živih društev. Samo še pet tednov časa in kampanja bo zaključena. Na noge vsi, posebno pa—“mrlič!”

Sin ameriškega generala ubit v akciji

Staunton, Va., 24. okt.—Žena stotnika Alexandra M. Patcha je bila obveščena, da je njen mož padel v akciji v Franciji. Stotnik je bil sin generala Patcha, poveljnika sedme ameriške armade v južni Franciji.

Anglija dovolila potovanja po Franciji

London, 24. okt.—Angleški trgovci in drugi, ki bi radi obiskali Pariz in druga mesta v osvobojenih francoskih pokrajinah, bodo dobili zadevna dovoljenja. Notranji minister je naznanil preključitev restrikcij glede potovanja po Franciji.

Revolta v severni Španiji! Bitke med rebeli in Francovo armado

London, 24. okt.—Radio Madrid je priznal izbruh revolte v severni Španiji in krvave bitke med republikanci in četami redne armade diktatorja Francosa.

Središče revolte in bitk je v Navarri v bližini špansko-francoske meje. Obseg revolte proti fašističnemu režimu diktatorja Francosa še ni razkrit. Vesti iz drugih virov omenjajo ljute bitke med rednimi četami in rebeli v več krajih Pirenejskega gorovja.

Glavni stan španskih republikancev v Londonu trdi, da se revolte, katere cilj je strmoglavljenje Francovega režima, širi. Madrid poroča, “da so ameriške čete razorožile več španskih komunističnih grup, ki so pobegnile iz Španije v Francijo. Francoski vojaki so razorožili 40 rebelev v enem kraju.”

Vest iz Leride, Španija, pravi, da čete redne armade čistijo ozemlje v dolini Aran, kjer so v akciji rebeli. Komunikacijska zveza z Viello, največjim mestom v tej dolini, katero so rebeli pretrgali zadnjo nedeljo, je bila vzpostavljena. Enote španske armade so reokupirale vhod tunela železnice, ki vodi iz Leride v Barcelono.

Španski republikanci v Londonu pravijo, da je v revolti, ki se je pričela pred nekaj meseci v malem obsegu, zdaj zapletenih več tisoč mož. Rebelna sila stalno narašča s prihajanjem novih rekrutov. Vodstvo revolte je v rokah vrhovne junte narodne enotnosti, ki se je odločila za strmoglavljenje Francovega režima.

Predsednik lutharske ogrske vlade umorjen? Istanbul, Turčija, 24. okt.—Nepotrjeno poročilo pravi, da je bil Ferenc Szalasi, predsednik lutharske ogrske vlade, umorjen zadnjo soboto v Budimpešti. Umorjeni so bili tudi člani njegovega štaba v puču, ki so ga izvršili vojaki in častniki, lojalni regentu Horthyju, ki je bil odstavljen.

Krvave bitke med ogrskimi naciji in elementi, ki so ostali lojalni Horthyju, se nadaljujejo v Budimpešti in drugih ogrskih mestih. Promet na več ogrskih železnicah je paraliziran zaradi stavke železničarjev. Poveljnik nemške oborožene sile na Ogrskem je apeliral na avtoritete v Berlinu, naj pošljejo več tisoč nemških železničarjev na Ogrsko.

Poročila, da čete redne ogrske armade prodirajo proti Budimpešti, se vzdržujejo. Gabor Vajna, notranji minister v lutharski vladi, je odredil konfiskacijo premoženja političnih strank.

Krvavi izgredi v italijanskem mestu Rim, 24. okt.—Najmanj 19 ljudi je bilo ubitih in čez sto ranjenih v izgredih v Palermu, italijanski luki. Množica je napadla italijanske vojake, ki je stražil pomole.

ZINKA MILANOVA



Ta sloviša jugoslovanska operna pevka nastopi v nedeljno popoldne na proslavi 40-letnice SNPJ v jednotini dvorani v Chicagu.

Domače vesti Nov grob v Iowi

Albia, Iowa.—V Beaconu, Ia., je 21. okt. umrl star naseljencec Ignac Masel v starosti 77 let, doma iz Zagorja. Bolehal je štiri leta za naduho in srčno hibo. Član društva 163 SNPJ v Albiji je bil 32 let.

Vile rojenice Baggaley, Pa.—Pri mladi zakonski družini Herman Mekic so se zglasile vile rojenice in pustile prvorojenčka, ki je bil že vpisan v društvo 318 SNPJ. Oče služi pri vojaki in se nahaja v Geiger Fieldu, Wash.

Milwaukeeke vesti Milwaukee.—Pevski zbor Naprej je zopet pričel z vajami. V nedeljo bo nastopil na proslavi 40-letnice SNPJ v dvorani South Side Turn. Želja mnogih Milwaukeeanov je, da Naprej resnično oživi in zopet širi slovensko pesem.—Dne 4. okt. je umrl zadet od kapi Joe Moranshek, star 52 let in doma iz Radmirja v Savinjski dolini na Štajerskem. V Ameriko je prišel kot osemletni deček. Poleg žene zapuščal štiri poročene hčere, očeta, tri brate in dve sestri.—Miss Lorraine Kopushar, hči družine Joe Kopushar, je bila nedavno imenovana za stalno učiteljico angleščine na srednji šoli South Division. Ona je graduirala na univerzi Marquette v filozofiji in žurnalizmu.—Poročili so se: Edward J. Erchull in Virginia Worich, Joseph Brolini in Blanche Mochnik, Kurt Schubert in Alice Maurich.—Vile rojenice so se zglasile pri družini Edward M. Barich in Rudolph Paucek in pri obeh pustile sinčka.

Pomoč kanadskih Jugoslovancev Toronto, Kanada.—Kanadski Jugoslavlani pošljejo s prvim parnikom v Jugoslavijo sledeče stvari: Okrog 2000 ton moke, 7000 parov čevljev, 6000 komadov odeje, 25 ton mila in večjo količino obleke. Kanadski Rdeči križ je tudi obvestil jugoslovanskega konzula v Montrealu, da odpošlje za \$50.000 medicinskih potrebščin jugoslovanski osvobodilni armadi. Po vseh jugoslovanskih naselbinah širom Kanade se kosa, kje bodo nabrali več denarja in blaga za pomoč Jugoslaviji. Upravni odsek SNPJ je prispeval v njih sklad \$500 v imenu jednote.

Tajnik postal stari oče Chisholm, Minn.—Pri družini Joe in Angeline Nelson so se ustavile vile rojenice in pustile krepkega prvorojenčka. Mati je hči Franka Jenkota, tajnika št. 110 SNPJ in članica društva, kakor tudi vsa Jenkotova družina. Tudi njen sinček je bil že vpisan v jednoto.

Boyan Alesh promoviran New York.—Boyan Alesh, sin Franka in Minke Alesh iz Chicaga, oba aktivna enotarja, je bil na svoji ladi izbran in poslan v unijsko šolo, da se izvežba za aktivnega voditelja ali unijskega agenta. On služi v trgovski mornarici že blizu treh let. Kot nadarjenega in delavskega mislečega mladeniča ga je izbrala National Maritime Union CIO in ga poslala na svoje stroške v šolo, katero vzdržuje unijska in vlada za mornarske voditelje.

Avina nasečeta De Pue, Ill.—Zadnjo nedeljo sta se radi goste megle v avtni koliziji težko poškodovala Martin Keržan in žena, oba člana društva 59 SNPJ. Žena ima zlomljeno nogo, mož pa je močno poškodovan na prsih od volana. Oba sta bila takoj odpeljana v bolnišnico v Spring Valley. Mladi Albert Resetich, ki je vozil, je bil le malo po obrazu opraskan, prav tako 16-letna Anna Keržan in 18-letna Dorothy Juvan, ki sta bili v zadnjem sedelu Keržanovega avta.

ZAVEZNIKI PRIZNALI ZAČASNO VLADO V FRANCJI Ameriški državni department naznanil ureditev odnošajev

Washington, D. C., 24. okt.—Francoska republika se je dvignila kot suverena država, ko so Amerika, Rusija in Velika Britanija priznale režim, čigar predsednik je general Charles de Gaulle, kot začasno vlado.

Na podlagi te akcije je general Dwight D. Eisenhower, vrhovni poveljnik zavezniških armad v Evropi, poveril De Gaulleu administracijsko oblast v vseh osvobojenih krajih, med katerimi je tudi Pariz, sedež začasne vlade. Ameriki, Rusiji in Veliki Britaniji so sledile druge države, med temi Brazilija, Peru, Venezuela, Kanada in Avstralija.

Predsednik Roosevelt je že prej imenoval poslanika za Francijo. Ta je Jefferson Caffery, ki je nedavno došel v Pariz in prevzel svoje posle. Takoj po priznanju je državni department naznanil ureditev odnošajev med Ameriko in Francijo.

Diplomatični in finančni krogi v Washingtonu so napovedali hitro “odtjanje” francoske imovine v Ameriki, ki je bila “zamrznjena”. Ta znaša čez milijardo dolarjev. Federalni zakladni department je naznanil priprave glede obnove trgovskih vezi s Francijo. Zadevni koraki bodo storjeni v nekaj dneh. Naznanilo, da je Amerika priznala De Gaullovo vlado, je objavil državni podtajnik Edward Stettinius.

Paris, 24. okt.—Naznanilo, da so Amerika, Rusija in Velika Britanija priznale De Gaullovo vlado, je izzvalo veliko veselje v Franciji. Vladni krogi so uverjeni, da je priznanje odpravilo mnogo potožkov. Zunanji minister Georges Bidault je na sestanku s časnikarji izrekel upanje, da bo Francija imela večjo besedo na zavezniških konferencah.

Francoski urednik obsojen v smrt

Paris, 24. okt.—Georges Suarez, urednik lista Adjurdhul, ki je širil nacijsko propagando v času nemške okupacije Francije, je bil obsojen v smrt na obravnavi pred posebnim sodiščem. Porotniki so se posvetovali samo 20 minut in potem podali svoj izrek, da je Suarez kriv, kar mu očita obtožnica.

Obsojba je bila izrečena šest ur po otvoritvi obravnave. Bila je prva obsodba zaradi izdajstva. Suarez je takoj vložil priziv pri sodišču. Če ga bo to zavrnilo, bo apeliral na začasno vlado, katere predsednik je general Charles de Gaulle. Ako bo ta tudi zavrnila apel, bo postavljen ob steno in ustreljen.

Obravnavi je predsedoval sodnik Auguste Ledoux. Vrnila se je na podlagi zakonov francoske republike. Pred to sodišče pride nadaljnjih 1500 oseb, ki so obtožene izdajstva in sodelovanja z nemškimi vojaškimi avtoritetami.

Rus Boris Teodošenko, ki je bil v službi Gestapa, nacijske tajne policije, kot špijon, je zdaj prišel pred sodišče.

Jugoslav War Relief Needs Your Help! Urgent Appeal to Slovene Americans

Three weeks ago we stressed here the fact that our people in Slovenia need immediate help, and that we must not fail them in the hour of their greatest emergency. It is the duty of each one of us to help organize our forces so that assistance can reach them as soon as possible.

We do not need to recite here the details of devastated Slovenia. Our people here are well acquainted with the horrors that struck Yugoslavia more than three years ago, as well as with the incomparable courage with which our people have met their lot. News reports picture the situation in Yugoslavia daily; however, the situation is many times worse than these reports are able to tell.

Suffice it to say here that the people of Yugoslavia have been waging a fight for their existence against the most brutal enemy, the Nazi oppressors and their collaborators in Slovenia, Croatia and Serbia. The Partisan forces under the leadership of Marshal Tito have convinced the entire world not only of the fact that theirs is a just and noble cause, but that by their splendid resistance they have greatly helped the United Nations in the final destruction of the Axis.

The Yugoslav Army of Liberation, known as the Partisans, is one of the main factors which is decimating the enemy systematically and most effectively. The Allied high command is fully cognizant of this fact and has been helping the Partisans militarily. However, the need for help in Yugoslavia is so great that the military command cannot cope with the situation alone. That's why we are called upon to come to their aid—to help the Partisan fighting forces in Yugoslavia as well as the civilian population. And we must remember that the civilian population needs our help most—now—immediately!

Right now a nation-wide campaign for collection of clothing and other material is being conducted by the War Relief Fund of Americans of South Slavic Descent, with headquarters in New York.

With this worthy organization the Slovene American Nat'l Council is actively cooperating through its local branches. In other words, the said Yugoslav War Relief organization is appealing through SANC to our people in every Slovene community to collect clothing and other essential material and send it directly to its headquarters at 282 Ninth Avenue, New York, N. Y.

The slogan of the campaign for funds and clothing is an appropriate one—He who gives quickly gives doubly!

Let not this slogan be an empty phrase! It is our duty to make it a living thing by organizing our communities for Yugoslav War Relief promptly and effectively. Only in this way will we be able to offer relief to our stricken people across the sea. They are in the greatest need now! Another winter is facing them. Shall we fail them? Shall we remain totally indifferent to their plight? Or will we act at once so that we will be able to say that we did our share in relieving their desperate condition when the need was most pressing?

We hear thousands of voices from the ranks of our young Slovenes as well as from our older people answering the voices of our pleading brothers and sisters and their innocent children in Slovenia—with a unanimous and positive "We shall not let them down! We will rally our forces for their cause and help them overcome their plight!"

We are happy to report that the Slovenes in Greater New York have been among the first to answer the call for help. Within a short period of a few weeks they have succeeded in collecting substantial funds and clothing.

The Slovenes of Greater New York have shown that they thoroughly understand the situation. For this purpose they have organized a committee—the Slovene Committee of War Relief Fund of Americans of South Slavic Descent—with a number of group or subcommittees to effectively carry on the work. In Chicago, a central committee has been organized, with four local relief committees and subcommittees to carry on the work.

It has been reported that a relief ship from Yugoslavia is on its way to New York where "Bundles for Yugoslavia" will be loaded as its cargo intended for the liberated parts of that country. Latest reports have it that so far about 80 tons of clothing are ready for shipment—but what is this against the 3,000 tons needed to fill the ship for its trip to home port?

That is why we appeal especially to our young people everywhere to organize and help the older Slovenes collect clothing and supplies for Yugoslav Relief. Remember that the Slovene American Nat'l Council through its local branches is helping the Yugoslav War Relief attain its goal. Therefore, you can work through your local SANC unit and send all collected material to the address stated above.

He who gives quickly, gives doubly!

Veronian News

VERONA, PA.—Everyone is talking about it, about the dance that's going to be held at our Veronian Club this Sunday night, Oct. 29. The reason for so much interest in this affair is because it will be the first of its kind, a masquerade dance.

Will Louis Patonich's band be in masquerade regalia? Will we be able to look through the disguises of Mary Bozick, Kate Youk or Helen Majcan? Who is going to win the prizes with their masked surprises? The answers will easily be solved if you attend this masked ball Sunday, Oct. 29, at our Veronian Club. See you there.

Veronian congratulations go out to Frank (Tuffy) Bontjancic and his wife on the arrival of a new baby boy born at the West Penn Hospital a few weeks back. Tuffy used to be third snoker on the Veronian football team and for the past two years was in Uncle Sam's army down in Panama. Sometime ago this lad who is always at our club, was given a medical discharge. On

his return, a short rest, and then back to his old job at Seaford Co. in Oakmont.

Our Boys in the Service: Frank (Porky) Bouma and Joe Luzer have arrived at their destination which is France. Joseph Cestnik who was wounded while fighting in France, has been awarded the Purple Heart. His brother Bill who is in the navy, is stationed in the Aleutians. George Lipsky, who has seen action in the Pacific theater, has been for the past three months in a hospital somewhere in New Guinea.

In Guam are these two Veronians: Vincent Crider and also Rudy Dugan. From France comes a report that Bobby Elder is getting along okay. Home on furlough were Frank (Copper) Bergoich, Andrew Lipsky, Eli Sucheveh, and Stevie Kratsas.

Mary Melle, who was suddenly stricken with an acute appendicitis a few weeks back, is now convalescing at her home on 7th st. Good luck, with hopes of a speedy recovery to you, Mary, and also to our

Cavaliers Hold Dance Nov. 4th

NEW YORK, N. Y.—I sincerely hope that by now each Slovene family has searched its attic, chests and closets for clothing and shoes which are serviceable and could be used by the destitute in our war-torn homeland, and brought all this apparel, properly cleaned, to the clothing depot in your community for classification, packing and shipment to the New York Central Depot.

We have been informed that winter clothing in Yugoslavia is only available to each fifth person and that the food supply by mid-December will be below the amount required for subsistence of life due to destruction by the enemy. The mortality rate among the civilian population and among the wounded soldiers of the Army of Liberation (Partisans) is high due to lack of proper medical equipment and supplies and due to the lack of proper food and clothing.

It is imperative that within the next few weeks we collect sufficient amount of clothing and other supplies to save our people in their homeland.

You must realize that for each one of us here, in the land of plenty, there are about 10 of our brothers and sisters starving and freezing in our former homeland. Therefore it behooves us that each one of us calls upon 10 American families for old clothing which is in serviceable condition. You will find no difficulty in obtaining the clothing from our American friends. It just requires your individual initiative to make the call upon them. Go out and do it now! He who gives quickly gives doubly. This is a good and true motto to be accepted by each one of us.

There seems to be some confusion as to the collection of shoes. We definitely need used shoes as the people in our homeland are practically barefoot. Of course the shoes must have good tops and bottoms. The soles should be in condition to insure a three or four months wear. Thus it is necessary for all donors in many cases to have the shoes repaired, namely, half-soled before they are given to the clothing depot for shipment to Yugoslavia. You must bear in mind that the space on the ship is very valuable (due to scarcity in shipping industry) and the goods and material shipped to the old country must be of necessity of good and serviceable condition for long wear and use.

In New York the All Americans, SNPJ lodge 580, are actively participating in the work of the Slovene Committee of War Relief Fund of Americans of South Slavic Descent of Greater New York. Are you, Pioneers, Strugglers, Badgers, Young Americans, Keystoneans, Keystoneers, Comrades, Little Forts, Strabane Pioneers, Library J's, Veronians and all the other lodges actively engaged in the humanitarian work for your parents' homeland? Get out, mobilize all your forces! Get to work to extend relief to our brothers and sisters in our destitute and war-torn homeland! Give suggestions to us for more effective collection of material so that we can all benefit from each other's experience.

Arrange dances and parties at which the admission is to be 25 to 50 lbs. of old serviceable clothing. It is a good method to get some clothing quickly. We must get it, as the mercy ship will arrive from England within a very short period.

To date we have collected about 80 tons of clothing in our central New York warehouse. As you see, it is quite short of 3000 tons. It'll require energetic work from each one of us to get 3000 tons of clothing collected and shipped to New York within the next 14 days. It appears that due to the indifference of some of us it may come to pass that the ship will arrive in New York harbor and will have to wait for the arrival of the material or will have to sail partially loaded.

This must not happen! Go to work at once! Load the ship!

JOSEPH ZAVETNIK,
President SNPJ Lodge No. 56,
Chm'n. Slovene Com. WRA of SSD.

Lodge No. 747 Holds Card Party Nov. 5

MILWAUKEE, WIS.—For an afternoon of good entertainment stop and attend the card party sponsored by Lodge Vojilica No. 747 SNPJ, Sunday, Nov. 5, at 2 p. m. at Spardor Park Gardens, 3060 W. Fond du Lac Ave. Come on, folks, take home a good prize. Admission free!

FRANCES POTISK, 747.

soldiers who are ill or have been injured wherever they may be.

Coming to the Veronian Club sometime in November are the Streamliners with a new band.

MICHAEL LIPESKY, 680.

BURGETTSTOWN, PA.—We are happy to announce that we are again holding a dance on Saturday, Nov. 4, for our special Soldiers Fund, featuring the Slovene Swing Kings, from 8 to 12 o'clock. All men and women in uniform are admitted free of charge. Hoping to see many new faces, and all neighboring lodges are especially welcomed.

I wish to thank Mrs. Virginia Benedict, Frances Korosec, Mrs. Margaret Bongiorno and Emma Korosec who helped prepare the Christmas packages that we sent to the 14 members who are in the armed forces, and also the few who attended the meeting and gave their suggestions in preparing these service packages.

Another urgent appeal is made to all members to visit Mary Daniels who has been on the sick list for the past four months and who has been very poorly visited by the members.

Don't forget our special benefit dance on Nov. 4. Hope to see all of you.

Publicity Committee,
CAVALIERS, Lodge 741.

SNPJ Lodge No. 3 Will Give Banquet Oct. 28

JOHNSTOWN, PA.—All members of Lodge No. 3 SNPJ are invited to the banquet held Saturday, Oct. 28. No admission price and the food is free. Please leave children at home because there is not any room for children. The speakers will be Supreme President Vincent Cankar, Bro. Andrew Vidrich, Bro. Joseph Culkar, and State Senator J. J. Haluska. Then we will have a little dance.

MARY VIDMAR, Sec'y.

SNPJ Lodge 319 Gives Mask Ball on Sunday

CUDDY, PA.—A most cordial invitation is extended to all to attend the harvest and masquerade dance at Cuddy, Sunday, October 29. This time you will have the pleasure of dancing to the music of Jack Guzel and his Melody Mixers. Prizes and fun galore for everyone! Come on the 29th!

MOLLY, Lodge 319.

Brothers Serve



Cpl. Joseph Grgurich Jr., serving in the Army Air Corps, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Grgurich of 8 Guthrie St., McKees Rocks, Pa. Cpl. Grgurich has been drafted February 14, 1941 and is now stationed at Columbia, S. C.



Pfc. Rudolf Grgurich, serving in the U.S. Marine Corps, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Grgurich, 8 Guthrie St., McKees Rocks, Pa. He enlisted December 26, 1941 and is now stationed overseas on the Island of Peleliu.

EDITOR'S NOTE
TO CONTRIBUTORS: Space limitations make it necessary that we omit a number of articles and reduce to shorter paragraphs letters of no immediate importance. All omitted matter will appear in next week's paper.

Zinka Milanov at Chicago Federation Fortieth Anniversary Program Sunday

Badgerland News

MILWAUKEE, WIS.—Our regular monthly meeting will be held tomorrow night, Friday, Oct. 27. Please make it a point to attend our monthly meetings. They only last a short time, and are well worth your time. We have our usual monthly drawings and you may be the lucky one. Also new ideas are always in order to make the meetings more interesting. So again I ask each and every one of you to come to Sostarich's Hall, 6th and Bruce st.

Dates to Remember
The last chance to remind you to attend the Federation dance in honor of our Society's 40th Anniversary. This Sunday, Oct. 29, at the Collins Meyers Clubhouse, 725 W. National Ave. A very interesting program has been lined up for your entertainment. It will be an afternoon and evening affair. So let's see a goodly number of Badgers attend this worthwhile affair. See you all there.

Plans are going nicely for our annual fall dance to be held at Leo Schwieger's Place, 1300 S. 13th st., corner of Manitoba. So keep that date in mind, Sat., Nov. 18.

Did you write to that service boy or girl? If not do so at the earliest possible moment. We can put enough stress on the matter of writing to our members in the service. Some people have approached me said, I would like to write but I haven't a thing to write about. Let me assure you that just telling about the weather and saying hello and so long will help. At the present time I am writing to 10 boys in service. The answers I receive in reply well repay me for my efforts. So again I say write and keep on writing. The addresses for this week: Pfc. Carl Evanich, 36249246, Co. F, 379th Inf., A. P. O. 95, c/o P. M. New York, N. Y.—William Owen, A. M. 3/c Division 7 Shop 818-N, A. S., San Diego, Calif.

Bowling Tips
This past week only three honor scores were posted by our Badger boys and girls bowling in the various leagues thruout the city. The most notable were hit by Rudie Puget who crashed thru with a mighty 693 last Tuesday night in the All-star wheel on individual games of 192 214-287. On Thursday night Rudie came thru with a neat 638 total in the same league which bowls twice a week. Another topnotch bowler within our ranks came thru with his first honor score of the season. Namely Al Maren who hit 626 in the Remic Mixed league. The league bowls every Monday night on the Remic Lanes. Quite a few of the Badger boys and girls bowl in that league. So come down some Monday evening and lend them your moral support. Clara Medved is currently leading all the Badger girls with an average of 182 for the season so far. Clara, you really put some of us men on the spot. More power to you Clara and we will be pulling for you all season. Clara bowls in the Marinos Ladies league

SALTY, 584.

Relief Activity of N. Y. Slovenes

NEW YORK, N. Y.—The New York Slovene Committee of the War Relief Fund of Americans of South Slavic Descent is actively engaged in collecting clothing for Yugoslavia. The response from the Slovene colony is very gratifying as the store at 665 Seneca Ave., corner Gates Ave., has become a regular beehive. Each evening you see several women sorting the clothing into seven categories and a larger number of them repairing the clothing so that it will become more useful. Over one ton of clothing has been delivered which is the cause for the activity at the store.

The United Slovene lodges of Greater New York have contributed \$20 and the delegates at the special meeting contributed another \$20 to the fund for purchase of material to make necessary repairs to clothing and for other expenditures continuing with the operation of the store.

It is planned to make a more intensive campaign for the collection of clothing and shortly the United Slovene lodges of Greater New York will mail a letter to each Slovene in Greater New York which will contain several copies of an appropriate circular appealing for the need of Bundles for Yugoslavia, which is to be distributed among their American friends.

On Sunday, Oct. 15, a very successful meeting was held at the

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Brilliant Program Scheduled at SNPJ Hall October 29

CHICAGO.—The fortieth anniversary celebration of the SNPJ by Chicago District Federation at the SNPJ hall Sunday, October 29, will surpass all previous programs sponsored by local Slovenes.

Zinka Milanov, famous Croatian dramatic soprano of the New York Metropolitan Opera, will be the stellar attraction. Her record of internationally important engagements presents an amazing achievement.

In addition, there will be other attractions on the program. The Perfect Circle No. 26 will perform by staging Slovene dances, the boys and girls dressed in national costumes, who will also sing Slovene songs.



From Milwaukee, Wis., we will have an interesting trio, namely, Louis and Dolores Ivanchich and Tom Leskovsek, whose picture appears above.

On the program will also be two speakers. Donald J. Lotrich, president of the Federation, will speak in English, and F. A. Vider, secretary of the Society, will be the Slovene speaker.

All members and their friends in Chicagoland are cordially invited to attend. Dancing will follow the program, and refreshments will also be served.

COMMITTEE.

FLASHES

By DONALD J. LOTRICH

CHICAGO.—Everything is set for the big 40th anniversary celebration at the SNPJ hall this coming Sunday, Oct. 29. An excellent program has been carded which will be topped off with renditions from Zinka Milanov the famed singer of the New York Metropolitan Opera. Those of you who read our local papers know that Zinka Milanov received an ovation for her brilliant performance in "Aida" last Saturday afternoon for which the critics gave her plenty of space in last Sunday's reports. We have explained before and wish to repeat that she has a most remarkable voice, a most pleasing voice, so clear and so refined that no one can fail to admire it. The American critics are beginning to realize this fact now. Most of us had said as much when Zinka sang her first "Aida" in Chicago a few years back. Nay, most of us had recognized that fact when she first sang for our celebration a few years back. We can justifiably say that it's a rare treat you shall have Sunday, Oct. 29, if you attend the 40th anniversary program at the SNPJ hall.

rendered to its many members deserves full recognition. One positive way of extending this recognition is to participate in this important observance Sunday. All loyal members will discharge their duty in their most effective manner Sunday. We look forward to a capacity attendance.

It is necessary to report that the Pioneers held their regular monthly meeting last Friday night at the SNPJ hall. That, among other things, we accepted and approved membership applications for no less than 21 new members for the month of October and that, this has put us considerably over the 100 mark for new members during this year's 40th anniversary campaign. We are out now to treble our quota before Nov. 30 rolls around. That meeting last Friday, incidentally, was a fine meeting; one of the best this year. It was reasonably well-attended and the conduct was a credit to the Pioneers. We heard the various reports, selected John Simon to represent us at the JSF conference in Waukegan on Nov. 26 and awarded \$2 each to Leon Schluge and Mary Vertnik Sr., and \$50 to Marilyn Reven as meeting awards. Refreshments were served in the nature of delicious sandwiches and coffee. Visitors included Mary Bratkovich of Brezzy Hills, Kansas, Josephine Smolik's mother from Johnson City, Illinois, and George Vertnar, one of our boys who has served in the Aleutians for a couple of years.

All of us here were shocked by the catastrophe which befell Cleveland last week. We know that many of our fine people are directly involved in the tragedy and we only hope that not too many will have to pay with their lives for the neglect or deficiency which caused the tragedy. How such explosions can happen in a modern city is hard to understand and we hope that the numerous boards of inquiry will be able to determine the causes and eradicate them. In these saddened

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Our Front CAMPAIGN HIGHLIGHTS OF THE WEEK

By Louis Beniger

Belgrade, capital of Yugoslavia, is free! It was liberated last week by the Russians with the aid of Tito's Partisans.

With the fall of Belgrade the Allies have thus far liberated six capitals, with six more to go. Rome, Paris, Brussels, Bucharest, Sofia and Budapest are in Allied hands; Warsaw and Budapest will soon be added to the list of liberated capitals. The other four remaining capitals under the Nazi yoke are Vienna, Prague, The Hague and Oslo. It is now certain that the rest of the capitals along with their countries will soon fall, that is, it will take much less time to liberate them than it did the already liberated ones.

In addition to these capitals, there is a string of provincial capitals, among them Ljubljana, capital of Slovenia, and Zagreb, capital of Croatia.

It can safely be predicted that Zagreb will be one of the first major cities to be rescued from Hitler's clutches, and at the same time from the clutches of the quislings.

What about Ljubljana? All indications are that it will be one of the last to be free of its foreign and domestic oppressors. For Ljubljana, like Zagreb and Belgrade, has its traitors headed by General Rupnik with the collaboration of Bishop Rozman. These Slovene clerofascists who are today helping Hitler might tomorrow find themselves in a very unpleasant position. Of course, Bishop Rozman will very likely find refuge in the Vatican or he may be spared in Ljubljana itself. Rupnik will doubtless run for his life into Germany but even there his pursuers will soon catch up with him.

Be that as it may, the days of the traitors and Hitler's collaborators are numbered. The victorious Allied armies are closing in on them mightily fast.

Speaking of Slovenia and Yugoslavia in general, relief for war victims there is desperately needed. Of particular importance now is the collection of clothing.

A nation-wide campaign is now in progress for this purpose. It is being conducted by the War Relief Fund of Americans of South Slavic Descent, with offices in New York City. The Slovene American National Council is aiding the relief organization through its local branches which are called upon to lend their support. In Chicago, a central committee for Yugoslav War relief has been organized, with four local relief committees and subcommittees to carry on the work. Local No. 25 SANC has its headquarters or collection depot at 3936 W. 26th St. Our people in this locality are asked to bring clothing to this address between 6:30 and 9 p. m. Also, they are asked to help at the depot. It is up to all of us to rally our forces by collecting clothing in our respective communities and sending all bundles so collected to New York.

Slovenia has been devastated by the enemy. Our people there are in great need of help. We are in position to give and give generously, also quickly. Let us do our humanitarian duty by contributing whatever we can.

Membership Drive Closes Nov. 30

We take the opportunity in this opening paragraph to remind all of our members again, that the SNPJ PAYS THE FULL DEATH BENEFIT TO THE BENEFICIARIES OF MEMBERS WHO DIE IN THE ARMED SERVICE OF THE COUNTRY, whether at home or abroad—on land, sea or in the air. This cannot be said for a great many commercial insurance companies or even some of our fraternal organizations. Only last week a letter from the Secretary of Lodge 432, Wilkes Barre, Pa., informed the main office that the parents of one of our members, who recently gave his life while serving with the military forces, will receive only what was paid in premiums (assessments) to the insurance company of which he had been policyholder number so and so—and continued his letter by expressing pride in the fact that the same parents will be paid the face value (full benefit) by the SNPJ.

There are people (perhaps you are one of them) who believe the giant commercial insurance companies are the last word in protection because they have billions of dollars behind them to cover liabilities, and huge reservoirs of surplus and contingency reserves. Why shouldn't they have them? The case above can be taken as one good example. . . . The commercials pay dividends, too, but did you ever stop to think that the dividend might be included right in your premium cost—so much for mortality, so much for expense, and so much for dividends? That's another source for surplus expansion, enormous salaries for the officials, and "juicy cuts" as dividends for the stockholders. People should get wise to themselves and join cooperative organizations like the SNPJ.

To avoid disappointment and distrust, you are advised to read carefully the provisions of the policy you intend to take. Know what it provides in time of peace or war before signing the original application for insurance, or at least before you have completed too many payments. Remember that facts will not come to you without thought. You must go to them, study and dig them out for yourself—and that goes for everything else in life.

And now for some late news and views about the SNPJ 40th Anniversary Campaign. Everything looks exceedingly good as we near the homestretch drive for new members. We do not expect miracles to happen, but we are looking forward to many big surprises in the closing five weeks of the campaign. It's going to be very interesting, you can be sure of that.

Lodge 273, Sheldon, Wisconsin, can well be proud of Lucas Dernovsek Sr., who never seems to tire of campaigning. By enrolling 7 new members last week, four of whom were adults, he increased his total to twenty-three. This figure is one more than double the lodge's quota. Twenty-three is the same number of new members obtained by him in the Juvenile 30th Anniversary Campaign last fall, and the records also show that he enrolled 76 new members in the Victory Campaign which ended early in 1943. For one who has been in the SNPJ since 1911, and who last week reached his 63rd birthday, that's an excellent record. Congratulations, Brother Dernovsek!

Another of our old-timers, who hit the campaign "jackpot" during the past week, was Anton Skoberne, Secretary of Lodge 275, Maynard, Ohio. He did this by securing 3 juveniles and the same number of adults, to give him a total of 16 to date. Like Brother Dernovsek, he, too, has been a member of the SNPJ for more than 30 years and is still going strong. . . . And, of course, we are glad to be able to say the same for Mary Udovich, who also gained six more new members since the previous report, and now lacks only 4 of having an even hundred. When this mark is reached, she will have enrolled the amazing total of 420 new members in the last three campaigns!

Lodge Naprej (5) of Cleveland, Ohio, whose official contestant is Milan Medvesek, but whose secretary is his father, Ludvik Medvesek, is leading all SNPJ Lodges in the Slovene Metropolis with a total of 36 new members, an increase of 5 over last week. This is 8 more than is credited to Lodge 53 and only 4 less than the lodge's quota. It appears very likely that Lodge Naprej will become the first in the Cleveland area to reach the maximum quota of 40 new members. When this happens, it will mark the second time in a little over a year that the quota assigned to this lodge was attained.

Campaign news from St. Louis, Mo., reveals that all three local SNPJ lodges (107-659-679) are beginning to function successfully. It was quite some time ago that Brother John Spiller, 4th District Vice-President, announced the organization of a local contest between the three lodges and this arrangement is finally yielding good results. Incidentally, Lodge 679 was the first of these to attain the quota, and last week was followed by the E.S. Lodge 659 on a gain of 5 new members, three by Mary Schmidt and two by Mathilda Ducote. These two lodges are tied for the lead, but are only two ahead of Lodge 107, which makes the competition very close and interesting. Watch developments in St. Louis!

We received word from Sister Mary Vidmar, Secretary of Lodge 3, Johnstown, Pa., informing us that she accidentally suffered severe burns and for that reason was unable to participate in the campaign as actively as she would like in recent weeks. However, to prove that she has not laid away her campaign "tools," she enclosed 4 more applications, 3 adults and a juvenile, to boost her total to 26 altogether at this writing.

From Joe Ritonja, Secretary of Lodge 747, Milwaukee, Wis., came a letter requesting the following correction. It seems that quite some time ago, he was given credit for enrolling 7 new members, but wants it understood that it was not he who got the members, instead, it was Joe Tomase. We gladly make this correction and at the same time extend hearty congratulations to Brother Tomase on his fine work. The lodge now lacks only one of attaining its quota.

Five new members were again secured by Ida B. Daniels of Lodge 6, Sygan, Pa., and now her total has grown to 35 and that of the lodge to 54, placing it in the runner-up position, second to the Pioneers (559) of Chicago, who lead the way with 93 members. In third place is Lodge Venera (192) of Milwaukee, with 52 members to its credit. . . . Mary Rodina, Treasurer of Lodge 690, Kansas City, Kansas, came through with her second gain of 5 new members in two weeks, and is now tied for the state leadership members in two weeks, and is now tied for the state leadership members with Anton Shular, Supreme Board member of Arma, Kansas, each with 19 members. . . . A surprising gain of 4 new adult members was turned in by Thomas Milharic, Secretary of Lodge 41, Irwin, Pa., who now needs but two more to qualify for a special award and pass the lodge's quota. . . . Three members each were

Juvenile Circles of the SNPJ

Perfect Circle No. 26 Will Meet Saturday, Oct. 28

CHICAGO.—Perfect Circle No. 26 will have a regular meeting this Saturday, October 28, at 10:30 A.M., lower SNPJ hall. All members are requested to be present, as the drawing for the two Louis Adamik's books will be held. These books were donated, one by the author, and the other by Vincent Cankar, and the free drawing is open only to Perfect Circle members. Results of our recent bazaar will be discussed, and all ticket money should be turned in.

ANN SANNEMANN, Mgr.

Circle No. 28 Plans Halloween Party Saturday

ROUNDUP, MONT.—The regular monthly meeting of the Junior Harmonizers, Juvenile Circle No. 28, took place on Oct. 8 at the usual place and time. The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as read.

We have \$34.07 in the Circle treasury. Kathleen Hilderbrand received a check for \$1 and Joan Finco received \$1 in war stamps. Plans for our annual picnic were discussed and made. The picnic was held on Oct. 13. All members met at Lea Oest's home at 4:15. Also plans for a Halloween party were discussed. Our Halloween party will be held Saturday, Oct. 28.

Our next meeting will take place on Sunday, Nov. 12, at the usual place. All Circle members are urged to attend.

JOAN FINCO, Sec'y.

Festival-Bazaar of Circle 26 Is Complete Success

CHICAGO.—The fall festival, bazaar and dance of Juvenile Circle No. 26, about which many of us wrote in last week's Prosveta, took place Saturday evening and, as predicted it would be, was attended by a large crowd of old, middle aged and young people. The affair was a complete success. The juveniles and their leaders proved once more that success is the only answer to "It can be done! We'll do our best!"

The bazaar in the upstairs hall resembled a carnival in some ways, except that there were no chance wheels in sight and missing, of course, were all signs of a merry-go-round or ferris-wheel. The spirit and enthusiasm, usually found at carnivals, was unmistakably present. Tables were lined up along both sides of the hall and down through the center. The carnival atmosphere was most predominant on the right side. Here the boys were in charge of various games of skill and luck, mostly luck.

The best of these in the writer's opinion was the "Smack Hitler in the mouth—three balls for a nickel." This contraption consisted of a stand with a large cardboard attached to it on which was painted Hitler's face, with a hole cut out where his mouth was supposed to be. Each player received three balls for a nickel and if two of the three were thrown into the mouth, he won a prize. It seems everyone wanted a crack at Hitler. It's too bad he wasn't there to meet the crowd, for judging by the number of people who played this game, he would have been in for a royal reception. Other games were also enjoyed immensely by everyone, and when the evening's till was counted, they proved quite profitable, too, for the Circle.

The tables on the left and in the center were loaded with displays of fine needlework, sewing and stuffed animals. It was really something to see and made a very good impression on all of us. The juveniles had their own table containing heart-shaped pin cushions, ration-book holders and book-markers, which they had made, and very nicely done, they were, too. There were tables with aprons, some of which were made by members of the Circle, potholders, and other useful handiwork. The stuffed animals, especially, attracted a great deal of attention and were bought up quickly. In fact, less than two hours after the doors were opened, nearly every article was sold.

Behind each table, waiting on the customers, were the juvenile sales-ladies, each a member of the Circle, getting, perhaps, their first real taste of salesmanship experience. Without exception, all proved they knew their wares and handled their sales successfully—always giving the customer the benefit of the

gained by Theresa Speck (107), Mary Vasil (192), Jacob Benchen (127), John Jobkar (265), John Struznik (627) and John Gahrenja (216). Nice going—Keep up the good work!

During the week just ended, three more of our contestants, namely, John Just, Secretary of Lodge 89, Midway, Pa.; John Jebkar, Lodge 265, Southview, Pa.; and Frank Tehovnik, Secretary of Lodge 512, Detroit, Mich., each qualified for a special award by enrolling his tenth new member of the campaign. . . . On top of that four more lodges succeeded in reaching their quotas, and these are as follows: Lodge 217, Davis, W. Va.; Lodge 265, Southview, Pa.; Lodge 424, Arma, Kansas; and Lodge 659, St. Louis, Mo. . . . Furthermore, the number of non-participating lodges has been whittled down to 242, five less than previously reported.

MICHAEL VRHOVNIK, Campaign Director.

NOTATIONS

By Frances L. Rak

CHICAGO.—At the Pioneer monthly meeting we had quite a few good reports on membership, bowling, servicemen's gifts, the Federation, Circle, Yugoslav Relief, etc. More new faces were present and among them: Josephine Smolik, Pauline Dolenc, and John Tratar. Newly initiated members were: Ann Horejs, Ella Radick, Andrew Spudich and Richard Zasadil. Our visitors included Dolly Rawlins, Anna Bratkovich of Kansas, Rose Stueker of Johnson City, Ill. and a soldier, Cpl. George Vrtar of Roslyn, Wash., member of lodge 75 SNPJ, who stopped off en route to Georgia after a furlough at his home, Leon Schluge of the Navy was the serviceman winner of door prize; Mary Vertnik Sr. was the lucky adult, while Marilyn Reven was the juvenile winner. Delicious ham sandwiches and coffee were served after the meeting.

Fall Festival-Bazaar.—A very large crowd came early and stayed late. Everything was sold with the exception of a few articles on the display tables. All the hard work that was put into the affair has spelled into the one big word SUCCESS! Yes, I'm talking about Perfect Circle's fall festival and bazaar held last Saturday evening at SNPJ hall. Every Circle member was assigned to a special job to carry it out. The parents and friends cooperated to the fullest extent by donations and helping where work was needed. The head table was in charge of Josephine Slansek and assisted by Marilyn Reven and Joanne Rak. The frog pond which, by the way, was a complete sellout in one half hour's time, was in Rob Ann Sannemann's charge. The circus animals followed suit in a hurry. Marion Cervenka had that responsibility and also Joseph Svehla. Ruth Prazak had the table with pot-holders and notions and did a bang-up business, while Myra Beniger proved she was a good sales-girl in the embroidery and towel section.

Perhaps the largest and most profitable tables were those that Mildred Kaiser had charge assisted by little Carlotta Kaiser. The corsage donated by Kolar florists caused a little "stampede" for just a few minutes till they were sold in a "flash" by Mildred. Ella Mae Soklak was assisted by Antoinette Schiovinini at the bride's table, Grace Ann Gerdenace was in charge of the mother and daughter apron table while Sylvia Trojar, assisted by Joyce Andel, took charge of all other aprons. Dorothy Galavan was ably assisted by Myra Andres at the popular table where people were trying to guess how many beans and corn were in that particular jar, and also the canned goods, lovely fruit basket and the ham. Robert Sannemann was overseer of the boys who handled the various games and prizes. "Hit Hitler" proved to be very popular.

The basket of fruit was won by Ruth Medic, while the ham was won by Mrs. Mirko Kuhel. The beautiful national costume dolls were won by none other than the president of Juvenile Circle, Edward Udovich who turned them back to Erma Vertnik who then auctioned them off and Ann Vogrich is now the proud owner. Erma Vertnik and Ann Sannemann took charge of the "Cake Walk." There was plenty of hilarity as there were eleven winners. Mary Andres had complete charge of kitchen and was ably assisted by Anne Beniger, Eva Zordani and Mrs. Pavce. Mary made excellent apple strudel. Anton Trojar was in charge of the bar, while John Rak sold chips. Wilma Gratchner was at the door. The Circle Manager and her assistant, Ruth Medic, were here, there and everywhere to see that all went well, while Mary Reven put in a big full afternoon and evening in

doubt. It was mighty good experience for them. The adult members in charge, supervised by Anne Sannemann, Circle Manager, were everywhere seeing that the affair was conducted according to plan. All who gave and all who came and bought shared in the most successful juvenile venture of the year.

This was no ordinary festival bazaar. It was something different for the SNPJ, and the nicest thing about the whole affair was that there was a constant air of jollity and friendliness present from which no one could escape. And this was equally true of the dance and other entertainment that followed in the lower hall. If you were there, you will agree it was one grand evening.

MICHAEL VRHOVNIK, Juvenile Director.

all arrangements. Since the Circle intends to publish a complete list of contributors it's useless for me to repeat. So watch for the Circle article in Prosveta.

Servicemen's Benefit.—There's only a good two weeks left and the Pioneers Servicemen's Benefit will be here. The date is Nov. 11 at the SNPJ hall and the Gradisek-Omerza orchestra will furnish the dance music. Donation tickets are being sold right and left. As you've been told, it will be bingo and cards again, as last year, so we will need many donations. A committee meeting is scheduled to take place Friday, Oct. 27, at 8 o'clock at Slovene Labor Center. It's important, so try to be there.

Federation.—Here's what Felix Borowski, Chicago Sunday Sun columnist had to say about Zinka Milanov, who last Saturday sang the title role in Verdi's "Aida," quote:

"In the title-role Zinka Milanov achieved not only some of the finest singing that has been heard from her in the course of the last season or two, but some of the most remarkable singing of the exponents of Aida in many years. Not only does this artist handle a voice of great power and beauty with a proficiency that makes her mistress of every element of bel canto, but she has at her command that subtle skill which enables her to reflect the emotional content of the text with its exact counterpart in vocal tone."

Zinka Milanov, as you all know, is going to appear on the stage at SNPJ auditorium in observance of SNM's 40th Anniversary—being celebrated by the Chicago District Federation. There will also be a professional act from Milwaukee, and Perfect Circle is going to present "In Slovenia," songs and dances by twelve girls and boys in national costumes. The date is Sunday, Oct. 29, at 3 p. m. No reserved seats, so if you want a seat come early!

Servicemen.—Sam Reven received by the telegram some very happy news. The Reven brothers, three of them, are looking forward to a reunion with their other brother, T. Sgt. Ernest Reven of the U. S. M. C., who is due here for a 30-day furlough in a week or so. Nang of us have yet seen Ernie in his uniform and we'll all be very happy to see him again. Ernie has 20 months of overseas duty behind him. We listened with great tension on Sunday to radio station WJJD at 5 o'clock thinking we'd hear Ernie's voice but were disappointed, although his name was one of the six Chicagoans that was announced. Sgt. Charles Rak is finishing up his furlough with his parents at Nokomis, Ill. He's leaving the Windy City on Wednesday evening for Vegas, Nev. Word has reached this writer that the Kamnikar family of Johnstown received news from the War Department that their son, Ludwig Kamnikar, was missing in action somewhere in France. We regret hearing this news and hope that by the time this is in print the family will be notified that he's been found. Ludwig is a member of Triglav SNPJ Lodge and is the second Johnstown Slovene youth listed as missing, the other one is Otto Kaushek.

All-A-Round.—Edward Udovich plays with the six-piece A. Y. R. music makers. Mrs. Gerdenace guessed the closest to any other contestant how many beans and corn were in the jar at Perfect Circle's bazaar, her prize, all in fun, a can of corn. John Simon will be a delegate to the next JSF conference to be held at Waukegan on Nov. 24. Regular rehearsals are being held for drama "Norec" which will be presented at SNPJ hall on Dec. 10. Several Pioneers have parts. Carlotta Kaiser sold the most bazaar tickets, fifty. I believe she's the youngest Circle member, too. Just a reminder, remember the Pioneer committee meeting and the Federation program on Sunday.

Relief Activity of N. Y. Slovenes

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church hall at 62 St. Mark's Place. A women committee was organized and they will have their clothing depot at this place. The hall will be open three evenings each week for collection, sorting and mending of clothing. Slovenes in Manhattan are urged to deliver their clothing to this depot.

The organizers of this committee have made voluntary contribution of \$307.

—Since last report we have obtained voluntary contributions for aid in Yugoslavia from the following: \$30 each, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Zajc; \$25, Rev. Plus J. Petrich; \$22, Partisan Star Fund; \$20 each, Frank Melten, Karol Zajc; \$15 each, Mr. and Mrs. L. Habjan, Tessa Archul; \$10 each, Ignatz Miklos, Jos. Zvertnik, Paula Musich, J. Grill family, Jerica Peterka, Mary Meglich, CsPenko, Vinco Ovca, Mihela Zora, Tessa Kovach, Anne Seme, Mary Prelovack, Joe Pirc, Toncka Juvan, Frank Corar, Mrs. Roje; \$5 each, Anna Zorman, Anna P. Krassa, Cyril Gile, Ivan Rudgav, Elizabeth Shabel, Mary Prelovack, Jacob Corar, Helen

Spirit-o-Grams

By Whoosli

ST. LOUIS, MO.—November 18 is only a few weeks away. You all know that the 40th Anniversary Dance will be held that day at the Swiss Hall. All members are urged to get out and sell as many tickets and books as possible because we must make this dance a great success. If anyone needs more tickets or subscription books—please get in touch with Mildred Doslak.

All members who have not responded to the letters that were sent out by the relief committee, regarding financial and material help to the people of Yugoslavia, please do so as soon as possible, so that the committee can get together all the donations and have them ready for shipment when the drive is over. There is very little time left to mail your card today to anyone on the relief committee.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Mahnich on the arrival of their new daughter, Norma Frances, born Oct. 18.

Out Our Way.—Bouquet goes to Sis. Mary Schmidt for originating and donating the "Guess Box" idea for the Servicemen's Fund. A box containing a useful article is brought to each meeting by a certain member, and the members try to guess what it is by paying a certain sum set by the lodge for each guess. Last Friday's meeting the idea brought in \$3.10 which went towards the fund. Mrs. Leo Vanderwerker won the guess. Thanks to Sis. Schmidt for her donation and for volunteering a Guess Box for our November meeting. It's a lot of fun, try it.

We also enjoyed the social after the meeting. The girls served a variety of sandwiches, cake, hot coffee, soda and beer. What more do you want for nothing. Do you get such service from an insurance company? Is there any insurance company that sends gifts to your boys in service?

Bro. Ben Ducote's nephew Marshall Johnson, a handsome lad who is home on a 14-day leave from the Aleutians, surprised us with a visit at Friday's meeting. Noted four gold bars on the sleeve, which means that he saw overseas action two years. Wish him luck.

Word has been received that Sis. Anne Kokal's brother, S/Brt. Christy Domitrovich, is missing in action since Sept. 11 in the European front. We are hoping for the best. Another brother, S. 2/c Nick Domitrovich, had a narrow escape when his ship was torpedoed and he swam for five hours before a buddy in a rubber raft picked him up. He is home now on 30-day leave, in fact came home when the telegram arrived about Christy. Anne's third brother is stationed at Ft. Crockett, Texas and her husband, Pete Kokal, S. 2/c, is stationed at Solomon Branch, Washington, D. C.

Anne Spiller's brother T. Sgt. Leo Jernovic, was home for 15 days, in time for his daughter's first birthday, and she surprised him by walking and greeting him "Daddy." He is stationed in Santa Fe, New Mexico. Anne's brother Joe, stationed at Grubers Field, Okla., came home for three days in time to see brother Leo whom he hasn't seen for 18 months.

Sis. Anna Boranich, Collinsville, has left for Arizona to speed up good health, and we Spirits wish her a rapid recovery, hoping she will be in our midst soon. How about you members sending her a card of cheer. It means so much when you are ill and far from home. Sis. Lorraine Kountz, our attractive recorder, was exhibiting a diamond on her left hand. Lucky boy is Harold Bachman, son of Wm. Bachman, owner of Bachman Tool & Die Mfg.

Sorry to report that Bro. John Zimmerman is on the sick list. Members should visit him or send cards. His address: 41640 Ocelo. Here's wishing you a speedy recovery. Bro. Zimmerman. Thanks to Bro. Richard Ducote for furnishing the music for our after-meeting social. He certainly can play those polkas on his accordion. We really enjoy it. Sis. Mildred Doslak and Helen Hervatin attended the world series on a Sunday and waited in line from 7 a. m. They say it was worth it, cheering for the two Croats, Kreevich and Verban. Uri ga!

Pointing Out Conduct

Augustine Birrell, the famous English lawyer, once took a case for a client who was in very reduced circumstances. After he had won it, the man gratefully handed over 15 shillings which Mr. Birrell pocketed in order not to give offense.

Another lawyer heard of it and reproached Birrell for "unprofessional conduct" in taking less than gold.

"I took all the poor beggar had," said Birrell. Then, smiling meaningfully at the other lawyer, he added, "Even you will admit that is not unprofessional."

Kapla, Veronika Ruppe, Mary Stimetz, M. Cogan, Katie Keple, Frances Umek, Mary Stare, Tercek family, Potrata family, Ernestina Pakir, Frank Skrajner, Frances Corar; \$3, Frances Pavlic; \$2 each, Angela Hribar, Agnes Koss, Tereziya Oswald; \$1, unnamed.

Thus to date the Slovenes of Greater New York have contributed \$1268.55 in a period of two weeks!

JOSEPH ZAVERTNIK, Pres. SNPJ Lodge No. 59.

This and That

Democracy and Elections

We are in the midst of one of the most crucial elections in the history of this nation, and in the history of democracy.

The office of the President of the United States, Senators and Congressmen, and in most states the Governors and the State Legislature members are to be elected. Most of these offices are legislative and policy making.

Vital issues pertaining to the needs and desires of our people, particularly the problems of our foreign policy, not to mention the conduct of the war, are at stake.

The colossal problems of the post-war world and peace, and the problems of reconversion and planning of our internal economy are demanding solution.

And still when we tune in our radios or when we listen to political speeches at rallies, speakers are more interested in indulging in vicious personal attacks on rivals and public figures, than in the problems that confront us. Thusly, the vital issues are smoke-screened behind political demagoguery.

A candidate for the Presidency is now indulging in this sort of activity in his desire to garner votes.

Sometimes, we get discouraged to think that in this greatest democracy on the face of the earth, and in the history of the world, that this has to be.

But that is the way of democracy—a great deal of chaff is sown with the grain. It is for us to separate the chaff from the grain.

It is our duty as citizens never to be lulled to the real issues that are at stake; never to be smoke-screened by unscrupulous men who are more interested in winning elections than in the truth.

If we fail to do this, than that what has happened to the democracies of Greece and Rome, and more lately to the democracies of Germany and Italy, will happen to us.

