

Lewis pozvan pred federalno sodišče

Pojasniti bo moral bojkotiranje Trumanovega preiskovalnega odbora

Washington, D. C., 30. marca. — John L. Lewis, predsednik rudarske unije UMWA, je bil pozvan pred federalno sodišče, da mu pojasni bojkotiranje odbora, katerega je imenoval predsednik Truman in mu povelj preiskavo konflikta med unijo in operatorji. Rudarji so odložili orodje 15. marca in s tem podprli Lewisa, ki je obdolžil operatorje, da se ne drže provizije pogodbe glede plačevanja pokojnine rudarjem. Pogodba je bila sklenjena v juniju lanskega leta.

Sodišče je izdalo pozivnico, ko je Lewis naznanil, da ne bo nastopil pred člani preiskovalnega odbora. Lewis ali njegovi odvetniki bodo morali danes nastopiti pred sodiščem.

H. Graham Morrison, pomožni federalni justični tajnik, ki je sprožil akcijo proti Lewisu, je dejal:

"Ako bo sodišče zavzelo stališče, da pozivnica ne bi smela biti izdana, bo zadeva zaključena. Ako bo odločilo, da mora Lewis nastopiti pred preiskovalnim odborom, se bo moral pokoriti."

Odbor je izdal pozivnico na podlagi Taft-Hartleyevega protidelavskega zakona. Zakon določa eno leto zapora in plačitev \$5,000 za kršitelje. Lewis se ni hotel odzvati pozivu odbora in mu pojasniti razloge konflikta z operatorji, ki je rezultiral v ustavitvi obrata premogovnikov. Odbor ima na podlagi Taft-Hartleyevega zakona oblast do zaslišanja prič. Federalni justični departament se je v konfliktu postavil na stran Trumanovega odbora.

Lewis je v pismu Shermanu Mintonu, načelniku odbora, pojasnil, zakaj ne nastopi pred odborom. Naglasil je, da ni storil ničesar glede zakona in da sta dva člana odbora prežeta s predsodki proti rudarski uniji.

"Pisec in rudarska unija nista storila ničesar, kar bi spadalo v področje zatiranja zakona," pravi Lewis v pismu. "Analiza zakona, na čigar podlagi skuša odbor funkcionirati, ni potrebna. Dva člana Trumanovega odbora imata predsodke proti rudarski uniji in sploh ne bi smela biti člani. To sta Mark Ethridge, izdajatelj listov Louisville Times in Courier-Journal, katera sta objavila uvodnike z blatenjem mene in rudarske unije, in George W. Taylor, profesor na državni univerzi v Pennsylvaniji, bivši načelnik federalnega delavskega odbora. Slednji ni zamudil nobene prilike za persekucijo pisca in rudarske unije.

Cyrus Ching, načelnik federalne posredovalne službe, je bil direktor United States Rubber Co. On še vedno gleda na konflikt skozi oči te kompanije."

Lewis je bil zadnji petek pozvan pred Trumanov odbor, toda poziv je ignoriral. Pred odborom je nastopil Thomas E. Murray, newyorški bankir, bivši nevtralni član odbora zaupnikov, ki upravlja blaginjski in

Ogrska vlada raztegnila podržavljenje industriji

Budimpešta, Ogrska, 30. marca. — Vlada se je odločila za raztegnitev podržavljenja industriji. Na seji članov kabineta je bil sprejet zaključek, ki določa podržavljenje vseh podjetij, ki imajo sto in več delavcev na plačilni listi. Prometni minister Erno Geroe je naznanil, da so vse štiri politične stranke, ki tvorijo vladno koalicijo, izrekle za raztegnitev podržavljenja industriji.

Konferenca ameriških držav v Bogoti

Vprašanje komunizma na zapadni hemisferi

Bogota, Kolumbija, 30. marca. — Diplomati 21 ameriških republik so dospeli v to mesto, kjer se bo danes pričela konferenca. Ameriški državni tajnik Marshall in trgovinski tajnik Harriman sta bila topla pozdravljena in sprejeta, ko sta stopila z letala na tukajšnjem letališču.

Konferenco bo danes odprl Mariano Ospina Perez, predsednik Kolumbije, v palači državne zbornice. Vršile se bodo diskusije o vprašanju komunizma na zapadni hemisferi, kakor tudi o drugih problemih. Glavni predmeti razprav bodo:

Reorganiziranje medameriškega sistema v okviru organizacije Združenih narodov. Reorganiziranje predvideva formiranje močnega medameriškega bloka.

Osvojitve programa ekonomske pomoči latinski Ameriki.

Sklenitev pakta glede mirne izravnave razlik med ameriški republikami.

Mnenje prevladuje, da bo konferenca rezultirala v trdni povezanosti ameriških republik. Latinske republike so zlasti zainteresirane v ekonomske faze konference. Izrazile so bojazen, da bo Marshallov načrt rezultiral v zavlačevanju ekonomske in tehnične pomoči latinski Ameriki.

Taylor zahteva ostavitve Forrestala

Washington, D. C., (FP) — Senator Glen Taylor, demokrat iz Idaho, je 21. marca rekel, da bi predsednik Truman moral obrambnega tajnika Forrestala odstaviti, ker je deloval proti razdelitvi Palestine. "Forrestal je to delal v interesu ameriških oljnih družb," je rekel Taylor, ki je kandidat za podpredsednika na listi tretje stranke. Taylor je dalje rekel, da ameriška zunanja politika sloni na imperikalizmu ameriških oljnih družb, katere Forrestal odprto podpira, zato ne bi smel meti mesta v Trumanovi administraciji.

Sovjetska unija je edina država za takozvanim železnim zatorom, ki ima podmornice.

RIBIŠKI MAGNATI POŽELI VELIKE PROFITE; ODKLANJAJO POGAJANJA

Seattle, Wash., (FP) — Milijonski profiti, ki jih je lani in predlanskim požela velika družba Alaska Salmon Industry Inc., so omogočili, da se nece pogajati z unijo CIO, v kateri so vključeni ribiški delavci.

Leta 1946 je ta družba požela 58 milijonov dolarjev profita, lani pa 91 milijonov profita. Družba se čuti močno dovolj, da kljubuje uniji, ki šteje 3,500 članov, uposlenih v tovarnah za konzerviranje rib. Unija ribiških delavcev zastopa svoje člane že deset let in vsako leto je ta družba obnovila pogodbo. Sedaj se družba upira pogajanjem z unijo.

Na družbo pritiskajo ostale unije v tej industriji, katerih člani so organizirani v neodvisnih unijah. Sezona konzerviranja rib se začne sredi aprila, priprave za obrat v tovarnah pa se prično tedne prej.

Družba se izgovarja, da se ne bo pogajala z unijo, ker njeni zastopniki nočejo pristati na provizije Taft-Hartleyevega protidelavskega zakona. Ta določa, da morajo unijaki uradniki podpisati nekomunistične izjave. Prudenico P. Mori, tajnik lokal-

Domače vesti

Iz Clevelanda

Cleveland. — V bolnišnici je umrla Mary Frances Oblak, rojena Sešek, stara 67 let, doma iz Devica Marije v Polju pri Ljubljani, v Ameriki 42 let, članica KSKJ, WC in SZZ. Zapuška dva sinova, poročeno hčer in štiri vnuke. — Po dolgi bolezni je umrl v bolnišnici John Jakely, samski, star 55 let, doma iz Mirne peči, Dolensko, v Ameriki 36 let, član društva 49 SNPJ v Girardu, O., kjer je prejšnja leta živel. V Nileu, O., zapuška strica Antona Rusa, v starem kraju pa brata in sestro. — John Hrvatin iz Collinwooda se je vrnil iz bolnišnice in se zdaj nahaja doma pod zdravniško oskrbo.

Se vedno bolan

Chicago. — John Medved iz Sheledona, Wis., ki je prošlega decembra prišel iskat si zdravja v Chicago, je še vedno bolan. On je bivši Okazan in zvest član SNPJ. Živi pri svoji poročeni hčeri na 2253 N. Nagel ave. Komur je mogoče, naj ga obišče, kar mu bo v tolažbo.

Smrti v starem kraju

Indianapolis, Ind. — Louis Urbančič je prejel vest iz starega kraja, da sta v Nadejem selu pri St. Petru na Krasu v kratkem umrla dva brata, in sicer Tomaž, star 69 let, in oženjen ter Silvester, star 53 let in samski. Starejši brat je bil pred prvo svetovno vojno v Ameriki — v Clevelandu in Indianapolisu. Tukaj zapuščata dva brata in sestro, v starem kraju pa tri polsestre.

Einstein podprl Wallacea

Ameriško ljudstvo mu lahko zaupa

New York, 30. marca. — Albert Einstein, slovitni znanstvenik in avtor teorije relativnosti, je dejal, da je Henry A. Wallace oseba, "ki nas lahko reši pred grozno notranjo in mednarodno situacijo."

Naznanilo, da je Einstein podprl Wallacea, je objavil odbor za Wallacea v New Yorku.

Einstein je komentiral novo knjigo "Toward World Peace", katero je Wallace spisal. Knjiga bo izšla 15. aprila. Einstein je dejal:

"Le možje, ki stoje nad malenkostnim pričkanjem dneva in nimajo sebičnih interesov, nas lahko rešijo pred grozno notranjo in mednarodno situacijo. Tako možja sta bila Roosevelt in Willkie in tak mož je sedaj Wallace. Ta knjiga je jasna, poštena in neprevzeta kot je njen avtor. Ako jo boste skrbno in brez predsodkov prečitali, se boste strinjali z njenimi temeljnimi premisami. To je moje mnenje."

Kaišekova stranka obdolžena sleparij

Nanking, Kitajska, 30. marca. — Hsu Fuling, načelnik demokratične socialistične stranke, je obdolžil Kaimintang, stranko diktatorja Kaišeka, sleparij pri splošnih volitvah v decembru lanskega leta. Dejal je, da je Kaišekova klika odrekla sedeže v parlamentu socialistom, ki so bili izvoljeni pri volitvah, da lahko še nadalje dominira vlado.

Rumunski vladni blok zmagal pri volitvah

Bukarešta, Rumunija, 30. marca. — Iz prvih poročil je razvidno, da je vladni blok pod komunističnim vodstvom zmagal pri volitvah v Rumuniji. Kandidati za poslance na listi bloka so dobili 93 odstotkov pri volitvah oddanih glasov. To pomeni ojačanje levčarske kontrole dežele.

Baruch pred senatnim odsekom

Dejal je, da mora Amerika izreči odločitev

Washington, D. C., 30. marca. — Bernard M. Baruch, newyorški finančnik in svetovalec ameriških predsednikov, je pred člani senatnega odseka za vojaške zadeve dejal, da se mora Amerika najprej odločiti glede korakov, katere naj bi podzvela v svetovnih zadevah, potem pa podpreti svoje stališče z vojaško konskripcijo, obvezno vojaško službo in vežbanjem in ekonomsko mobilizacijo. Potrebni so zakoni glede mobilizacije industrije in delovne sile in vzpostavitev kontrole cen in plač.

"Mobilizirati se moramo sedaj za mir," je rekel Baruch. "Ako se ne bomo, se bomo morali mobilizirati za vojno pozneje."

Barucha je podprl Charles E. Wilson, predsednik General Electric Co., ki je tudi nastopil pred senatnim odsekom. On je naglašal, da mora Amerika mobilizirati industrije in delavce v sedanjih krizi. Wilson je bil podnačelnik odbora za vojno produkcijo. Njegov argument je bil, da mora biti Amerika pripravljena na vse, kar lahko pride.

Bela hiša je istočasno zankala poročila, objavljena v Londonu, da se bo velika trojica sestala morda v Berlinu. Trojico tvorijo predsednik Truman, premier Stalin in premier Attlee. Charles G. Ross, Trumanov tajnik, je komentiral govorice, da bo Truman morda obiskal Turčijo to pomlad. Dejal je, da predsednik nima nobenega načrta glede obiska.

Proti vojaški konskripciji sta se izrekli mrs. Stewart iz Chicago in pisateljica Pearl Buck. Obe sta nastopili pred senatnim odsekom. Stewart je udarila po Trumanovi administraciji in mornaričnemu tajniku Sullivanu. Obdolžila ju je podžiganja vojne histerije. Sullivan je zadnji teden povzročil senzacijo z naznanilom, da ruske podmornice krožijo v bližini ameriškega

TITO SPREJEL REPREZENTANTE ITALJANSKIH DELAVCEV V BELGRADU

Belgrad. — (Tanjug) — Maršal Tito je sprejel in pozdravil reprezentante italjanskih industrijskih, poljedelskih in kulturnih delavcev, ki so se prej kot delegati udeležili kulturnega festivala italjanske manjšine v Rovinju, Istra, in potem potovali po Jugoslaviji. Reprezentante je sprejel v navzočnosti podpredsednika vlade Kardelja, notranjega ministra Rankoviča in ministra brez portfelja Djilas. Po ceremonijah je Tito dejal:

"Pozdravljam vas, dragi prijatelji. Rad bi slišal, kakšne vtise ste dobili v Istri. Mislim, da ste se prepričali ne samo v Istri, temveč v vseh krajih, katere ste obiskali na poti v Belgrad, da ima italjansko ljudstvo prijatelje, ne sovražnike, med jugoslovanskim ljudstvom. Nova Jugoslavija bazira svojo zunanjo politiko glede odnosov s posameznimi sosednimi državami na drugačni podlagi nego jo je stara Jugoslavija. Dokazala je, da hoče živeti v miru s svojimi sosedi. Veseli nas, ker ste prišli v Jugoslavijo in videli, da v krajih, v katerih Italijani in Jugoslovani bivajo skupaj, prevladuje prijateljstvo. To omenjam, ker sedanja situacija zahteva solidarnost demokratičnih sil v vseh državah in enotnost v pobijanju propagande vojnih hujskavcev.

Mi v Jugoslaviji z zanimanjem opazujemo prizadevanja demokratičnih sil v Italiji, ki hočejo ustvariti pogoje za boljše življenje italjanskega ljud-

Akcija za vzpostavitev vojnega nabornega ustroja

Opozicija proti vojaški konskripciji narašča. Wallace bo nastopil pred senatnim odsekom

Washington, D. C., 30. marca. — Akcija za vzpostavitev nabornega ustroja, ki je funkcioniral v vojnem času, je bila podzvela. Vzpostavitev je predlagal kongresnik Allen, republikanec iz Illinoisa.

Allen je načelnik odseka za pravila, ki igra važno vlogo v kongresni mašineriji. On je predlagal imenovanje krajevnih nabornih odborov, pri katerih naj bi se registrirali vsi fantje v starosti 18 do 26 let, kateri pa ne bi takoj stopili v vojaško službo. V armado bi bili pozvani, ako se mednarodna napetost poveča in pojavi nevarnost izbruha vojne.

Opozicija proti vojaški konskripciji v mirnem času narašča v senatu in nižji zbornici. Kongresniki in senatorji se obotavljajo, ker je to volilno leto. Boje se poraza pri volitvah, ker je znano, da je večina ljudstva proti vojaški konskripciji.

Allenov predlog predvideva registracijo veteranov iz druge svetovne vojne, toda ti ne bi bili poslani na fronte v slučaju izbruha vojne. Vojaško konskripcijo in obvezno vojaško službo ter vežbanje priporočajo predsednik Truman, državni tajnik Marahall, obrambni tajnik Forrestal in generali ter admiralji, ki imajo besedo v administraciji.

Forrestal je dejal pred senatnim odsekom za vojaške zadeve, da se mora ameriška oborožena sila takoj povečati za pol milijona mož, da bo Amerika pripravljena na vse, kar lahko pride. Poudarjal je, da mora obrežja. Buck je izjavila, da je nameu Trumanovega programa ustvaritev militaristične kaste v Ameriki in da hoče predsednik posnemati Nemčijo in Japonsko, kateri je militarizem pogljal v katastrofo.

Amerika stori potrebne korake, "da ne bodo svobodne evropske države prišle pod sovjetsko dominacijo." Na vojni boben toležejo skoro vsi člani kabineta, generali in admiralji.

Senatni odsek za vojaške zadeve bo obnovil zaslihanje o načrtu vojaške konskripcije danes. Pred njim bo nastopil Henry A. Wallace, kandidat za predsednika Združenih držav na listi tretje stranke, ki v svojih govorih napada Trumana in njegove svetovalce in jim očita, da postiskajo Ameriko v vojno.

Eisenhower ne bo kandidat

Prizadevanja demokratov ne bodo uspela

Washington, D. C., 30. marca. — General Dwight D. Eisenhower ne bo kandidat za predsednika Združenih držav na listi demokratske stranke pod nobenimi okolištni. Je v njegovem imenu izjavil general Floyd L. Parks.

Parks je dostavil, da je Eisenhower sedaj zaposlen s pisanjem svojih spominov v Fort Myeru, Va., in da ga prizadevanja demokratov, ki so obrnili hrbet Trumanu, da Eisenhower postane predsedniški kandidat, ne zanimajo.

"Eisenhower se drži izjave, katero je podal pred nekaj tedni, da nima političnih ambicij," je rekel Parks. "To velja za obe stranki, demokratsko in republikansko, in grupe volivcev. On ni in ne bo revidiral svojega stališča."

Nekateri prominentni demokrati pritiskajo na Eisenhowerja za sprejetje kandidature za predsednika Združenih držav. Javno so izrazili mnenje, da Truman, ki si je nakopal sovražnike, ne more biti izvoljen za predsednika, če bo nominiran na konvenciji demokratske stranke, pri volitvah v novembru.

Obnova pogajanj med tiskarji in listi

Chicago, 30. marca. — Besednik tiskarske unije ADF je naznanil obnovo pogajanj z izdajatelji petih listov, proti katerim je bila oklicana stavka. Možnost je, da bodo pogajanja rezultirala v preklicu stavke. Woodruff Randolph, predsednik mednarodne unije, je po konferenci s federalnimi odvetniki naznanil revizijo stališča. Odločil se je za pogajanja z izdajatelji v svrhu sklenitve pogodbe.

Ameriška letala spet nad Jugoslavijo

Washington, D. C., 30. marca. — Jugoslavija se je pritožila, ker so ameriška letala ponovno invadirala njeno ozračje. To je sedaj razkril državni departament. Besednik departamenta je dejal, da meja med Jugoslavijo in Italijo, katero so prekoračila ameriška letala, še ni jasno začrtana.

Predsednik filmske unije oproščen

Hollywood, Cal., 30. marca. — Sodnik William R. McKay je oprostil Herberta K. Sorrella, predsednika unije filmskih delavcev, in trinajst drugih, ki so bili obtoženi zarote z namenom kršenja injunkcije, ki je prepovedovala piketiranje. Injunkcija je bila izdana v teku stavke l. 1946.

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GLAVNI ODBOR

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VINCENT CAINKAR, gl. predsednik
ANTON TROJAR, gl. pomoćni tajnik
MIRKO G. KUHEL, gl. biseričnik

Podpredsednika

RAYMOND TRAVNIK, prvi podpredsednik
JOSEPH CULKAR, drugi podpredsednik

Dистриктни podpredsednici

JOHN V. CEBULAR, prvo okružje
FRANK GRADISEK, drugo okružje
JOSEPH FIFOLT, treće okružje

Gospodarski odbor

MATI PETROVIĆ, predsednik
VINCENT CAINKAR
F. A. VIDER

Perolni odbor

ANTON ŠULJAR, predjednik
FRANK VRATARICH
ANDREW VIDRICH

Nadzorni odbor

FRANK ZAITZ, predsednik
MICHAEL R. KUMER
MATTHEW J. FURK

NOVOPRISTOPLI ČLANI

Table with columns: No., Ime, Cert. št., Srst-in. št., nina odlik., Bol. podp. št., Death Sick Bene-Fit

ADMITTED MARCH 1, 1948

Table listing names and details of members admitted on March 1, 1948.

ADMITTED JAN. 1, 1948

Table listing names and details of members admitted in January 1948.

ADMITTED DEC. 1, 1947

Table listing names and details of members admitted in December 1947.

ADMITTED NOV. 1, 1947

Table listing names and details of members admitted in November 1947.

POROČILO O NAKAZANI BOLNIŠKI OPZORNI

Nakazana dne 18. marca 1948

REPORT OF SICK BENEFIT PAYMENT

Payment of March 18, 1948

Table listing names and details of members receiving sick benefit payments.

KREDIT ZA ABESEMENT ČLANOV MLADINEGA ODEDELKA

prestopli v odelok odraslih meseca marca 1948
Credit for assessments given to juvenile members who transferred into the adult dept. in March, 1948

Table listing names and amounts of credit for assessments of juvenile members transferred to the adult department.

Dr. št. Ime člana Ček priložen tajnik Vesta

Table listing names and amounts of checks received from members.

204 Anna Vratarić 230, Martin Stojsković 247, Michael Uchal 216.

Table listing names and amounts of checks received from members (continued).

Mich. Fleischhacker 32.00
Walter Matoschik 12.00
John Kumer 45.00
Anton Sifer 14.00
Amelia Fishenden 3.00
Skupaj - Total \$987.00
F. A. VIDER, gl. tajnik - Supreme Sec'y.

URADNA OBJAVA

BARVE GLASOVNIC ZA PRIMARNE VOLITVE
S tem se uradno objavlja, da bo barva za uradne primarne glasovnice demokratske stranke za volitve, ki se bodo vršile v torek, dne 13. aprila, 1948, ROZNAJE; uradna barva glasovnic republikanske stranke za primarne volitve, ki se bodo vršile v torek, dne 13. aprila, 1948, bo KANARČKOVO RUMENE barve.

MICHAEL J. FLYNN COUNTY CLERK OF COOK COUNTY

Datirano v Chicago, Illinois dne 17. marca, A. D. 1948.

Listina uredništva

Ker poštni zakon prepoveduje vsako oglašanje kakršnega koli srečanja v listih, prosimo vse dopisnike, ki oglašajo priredbe svojih društev ali drugih organizacij, ali pa kako drugje akcije za zbiranje denarja, naj v svojih poročilih ne omenjajo srečaj ali srečanja, kakor tudi ne kartnih ali tombulskih zabav, ako je znanje določena vstopnina. Poštna uprava zahteva od nas, da mora vse tako oglašanje iz lista. Prosimo, držite se tega.

"PROSVETA" 2657 S. LAWNDALE AVE.

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Vaša naročnina na "Prosveto" je potekla z dnem

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Prišlete se sme le one člane iz družine, ki to dovolijo in ki žive ali stanujejo na enem in istem naslovu.

V nobenem slučaju ne več kot 5 tednikov.

Pojasnilo: -Vselej kakor hitro kateri teh članov, ki so prišlete, preneha biti član SNPJ, ali če se preseli proč od družine in bo zatehval sam svoj list tednik, bode moral tisti član iz dotične družine, ki je tako skupno naročena na dnevnik Prosveto, to tako naznaniti upraviteljsko listo, in obenem doplačati dotično vsoto listu Prosveta. Ako tega ne stori, tedaj mora upraviteljsko znižati datum za to vsoto naročniku ali pa ustaviti dnevnik.

PROSVETA, SNPJ, 2657 S. Lawndale Ave., Chicago 23, Illinois

Prišlene pošiljam naročniku za list Prosveto vsoto \$

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BUCKEYES' SNPJ Wolverine Lodge BROADCAST

By OH

BARBERTON, Ohio.—Remember, I told you last week that our regular meeting would be a week earlier this month? It's to be Wednesday, April 7, for this once, and will commence promptly at 7:30. I hinted that there would be something doing, too. Well, one of the Buckeye buddies has promised to show us some movies. If you missed the Louis-Wolcott fight pictures at the local theaters, come and see 'em with us. Also some other selections of local interest. You'll enjoy 'em and the girls will play hostesses by serving coffee-n'. You may invite a friend for the after-the-meeting social. The gals and guys are all planning to be there.

Have you made your deposit and reservation for the bus trip to the National Bowling tournament in Detroit on April 24-25? If not, we're warning you to get it done. The gang's all going and the gals are knocking themselves out trying to get seating accommodations with Ernie Selak—well, it IS leap year!

We have one girls' and one men's team lined up and they are all set to scatter the pins and shatter some records! There's a complete new line-up on the girls' team and we'll be looking for the trophy which this dept' and teammates couldn't seem to catch up with! We had quite a time trying to catch up with the Grabnic-Naglic doubles combo in the men's division, but we made it!

Speaking of the bus trip, the man was right when he said that Greyhound bus lines are eager to serve. It happened that Vi Janiga got a phone call from the Slovene Center early last Wednesday. "Your Greyhound bus is here for the Buckeye trip to Detroit," came a voice over the wire. Vi, in astonishment, talked to the driver and it was discovered the dispatcher sent him to Barberton a month early! All of which goes to show how high the interest is for the trip to Detroit!

FOR DE BOIDS: Koke & Gabe Gable are the busy ones these days getting lined up for moving to the other end of town. While Mitz Zednik and family are moanin' low over the snail's pace their house is getting built. Lilly and Frankie Spelich are being congratulated these days on account of their March 22 heir-riyal and the Buckeyes won't be left out. Congratulations from us too! Measels, measels everywhere. Joanne Janiga doesn't care, 'cause she has a sort of flair for getting over 'em, so there! But her ma don't want no measels comin' 'round her do'. For Joanne gets to be a woe when she's confined, so, measels, blow! Shux, we are glad tiny Joanne is over 'em!

Members, note this Buckeyes' activity schedule for April: Wednesday, April 7, meeting and movies. Friday, April 16, balloon blowing and decorating the hall. Saturday-Sunday, April 17-18, 20th Birthday Celebration. Saturday-Sunday, Apr. 24-25, trip to Detroit for the SNPJ Nat'l bowling tournament. Get in on all this, gang!

SNPJ Wolverine Lodge

DETROIT.—Spring is well on its way and with it has come many important dates of lodge activities.

First on the agenda, and much talked about among our Juvenile Circle here in Detroit, is the National Telegraphic tournament April 3-4. Last year some of the kiddies came home with trophies so here's wishing them luck to do the same this year. After the tournament, which is to be held at the Palmer Park alleys at 2 p. m., there will be a spaghetti dinner at the John R hall at 5 o'clock for the juvenile bowlers.

Sunday, April 18, at 3 o'clock, there will be presented a drama at the West Side Workers Home, 437 S. Livernol. It is being given by the members of SANS and 101. The name of the play is "World Without Hatred." After the program, there will be dancing to a well known orchestra and refreshments will be served.

Then on April 23-24, the National Bowling tournament is to be held here in Detroit. By now most of you should know that Frank Yankovic is engaged for our dance on Saturday night at the Agricultural Building at the State Fair Park. Jack the Bellboy will be making daily announcements of our dance featuring Yankovic over his program 3 o'clock on Station WJBK, 490 on your dial.

Frances Yuvan and Mary Beauprey will help to keep the out-of-owners satisfied by serving breakfast, lunch, and dinners at the John R Hall, just behind our bowling alleys headquarters. Detroit plans to have the best National Bowling Tournament ever held in the history of the SNPJ.

Just one year ago, the Juvenile Circle 58 on the Westside was organized by Albert Kirm. It took a little time to build up the membership. During the past year, they have had three parties, the biggest one being the yule party. Now they are ready to present a program on Mother's Day, May 9, at 3 o'clock at the West Side Hall, 437 S. Livernol. They will present a play called "Wildcat Willy" at which they are working very hard. Included in the program will be some surprise acts by the youngest and oldest members of the Circle. There will be dancing and the women of Lodge 518 are going to serve refreshments after the program.

Women's Lodge 600 Spring Dance April 3

JOHNSTOWN, Pa.—Women's Lodge Naša Sloga 600 is now sending out the last reminder to their Spring Dance which will be held at the Moxham Slovenian Hall, April 3, evening.

We are very proud of our newly remodeled hall and are anxious to have a big crowd. Friends from far and near are very welcome to spend the night of fun with us. For wherever the very popular orchestra, Stan Kobal-Racich of Girard, Ohio, entertain, everybody has a good time.

There will be plenty of refreshments for everybody. So let all roads lead to the Slovene Hall in Moxham on April 3. Don't forget. MARY KONCHAN, Sec'y.

On May 15, the men's bowling banquet will be held at the John R Hall. All girl bowlers on the Slovene league are invited. (Aren't we lucky?)

On July 18, the Federation will have its annual picnic at Welcome Park. A drawing will be held for a Chevrolet, a Philco refrigerator and combination radio. Tickets are in the possession of almost every SNPJ member, so get your right away. There will be prize for the fella and girl who sells the most tickets. The prize is a share for each for the new Home.

This and That: There are quite a few members who are interested in organizing a softball team. With all the young fellas of the Wolverine lodge we should have some good representation. Also there are some members interested in golf. So let's get together and organize this sport too.

Double birthday congratulations to Al Maccani and daughter, Igne Cerne's mother is here visiting from Kansas for the Easter holidays. Sorry to hear that Margaret Deviak is ill. Better hurry and get well so you can practice for that Mother's Day program. It's a boy for Joe and Val Jacklich. Anyone wishing to have a team picture or individual picture, contact Stanley Kapel at the West Side hall or his home. LOUISE PINK, 677.

Cavaliers Have Two Dance Dates

BURGETTSTOWN, Pa.—The Cavaliers 741 will open the spring season with two dances, our 15th anniversary dance on April 10, music by Al Medafor and his Polka-teers, and then again on April 24, music by Joe Taz and his orchestra. Tickets are being sold for our anniversary dance and as usual everyone is welcomed to both dances.

Our regular monthly meeting will be held on April 4 at 2 p. m. This meeting should be well attended in celebration of our 15th anniversary, so please make it a point to attend.

Congratulations go to Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Lonik on the birth of little Gary Paul, also to Mr. and Mrs. Joe Moshun on the birth of their little girl. A personal "hello" goes to Helen Ribarich out California way.

Cavaliers wish to extend their deepest sympathy to the Klarich family of Detroit on their recent bereavement.

Bro. Mike Kucic has reported on the sick list and all members are urged to make their visit.

EMMA KOROSEC, Sec'y.

Reveliers Slate Big Dance May 30

AMBRIDGE, Pa.—Lodge Reveliers 699 is planning a grand and glorious affair on May 30. Hold that date open as we are sure you'll all want to be on hand for the celebration.

A REVELIER, 699.

STRABANE PIONEERS

STRABANE, Pa.—With Easter Sunday behind us, and lovely spring weather to look forward to, we should all be in a good mood for happenings. First of all remember this Sunday, April 4, at 8 in the evening, will be meeting nite. Come to help plan our social dates and the more serious business end of things. We had a wonderful representation at our March meeting and we sure hope to double that attendance this month.

Don't forget to tune in to the Slovene hour on the Braddock station WLOA which will feature Strabane's SNPJ lodges. An interesting program is planned for your entertainment, so give moral support right in your own home by tuning in at around 11 a. m. Sunday, April 4.

Pioneer Personalities

Happy birthday to 3 of our juveniles, Junie Curtis, Helen Rosemary Kesnowski, and Rudy Okleson. Also birthday wishes go to little Rudy's mother Elizabeth, "Lizzie's" brother-in-law "Shim" Krulec, too. By the way, the "Shim" Krulecs are in line for congratulations on a wedding anniversary too; family field day in felicitations, huh? We will be missing the genial "Slim" Tershel at the club very soon now. Tony is going to a linoleum school in Lancaster, Pa. Best wishes for success in this new venture.

Congratulations are in order for our neighboring Lodge 245 (my old "Alma Mater") at Hill's Station. They certainly are working hard at improvements in their club. It has that "new look," you know. They are also talking about forming a Juvenile Circle soon. Isn't that wonderful? All the nice children there will be delighted. Anything we can do to help form it, just let us know.

Johnny Twardy isn't feeling too good after that tonsilectomy, but with your girl, Johnny, you'll get along O. K. We are all wondering what's cooking in Navy man Tony Progar's pot? We don't see too much of him around. You aren't thinking about enlisting, are you, Tony?

Bowling Buzzes

The men's SNPJ bowling league standings are as follows: 1st figure won. 2nd will be lost. C. B's 16-2, Infantry 13-5, Cavalry 12-6, Sfabies 10-8, Aircrops 8-10, Tankers 7-11, Marines 5-13, K. P's 1-17.

The girls are going great guns too. Their standings are as follows: Braves 21-9, Cubs 21-9, Phillies 19-11, Bucs 14-16, Bams 13-17, Giants 11-19, Cards 11-19, Reds 11-19. The Reds are getting there if you'll note.

Everyone is working up a lather that is going to the Detroit national 10-pin tourney. We certainly are going to have a good showing. We hope to bring home most of the honors this time. My goodness, that tourney better roll around fast or else some of the keggers will lose some of their bowling skill, especially "Erf" Krulec. He is so anxious to "show them how!"

MARY KOVAL, 589.

Fourth Annual SNPJ National Juvenile Telegraphic Tourney

Circle 26 Host to Visitors at Lawndale Lanes; Dance and Banquet at SNPJ Hall

CHICAGO.—Perfect Circle 26 is all set to play host to quite a group of SNPJ juveniles who will gather at the Lawndale Bowling Lanes, 26th and Avers, to participate in the 4th annual SNPJ National Juvenile Telegraphic bowling tournament on April 3 and 4.

Coming from Milwaukee will be at least three teams representing the All-Star Jrs. Circle, and we were happy to hear that they will be able to make the trip. Housing accommodations for these juveniles have been arranged, as well as for the adults who will accompany them to the Windy City, and we will do our best to make their stay with us as pleasant as is possible.

Trailblazer Lodge 100 of South Chicago have entered a team of boys, some of whom bowled with us last year in the tournament. They were such a grand bunch of youngsters, and we're looking forward to renewing our acquaintance with them again.

Delavec Lodge No. 8, also of So. Chicago, are sending down a team of boys, and this was good news to all of us, as it is the first time for them in the tournament, and we know they are going to enjoy the experience.

Pioneer Lodge 559 has also entered a team of boys for the first time, and they have had a sort of initiation in the past weeks as they bowled match games against the Circle's teams; it was a good way for us to get acquainted.

Singles and doubles events are scheduled to begin at 2 pm Saturday. Signs bearing the team names will be posted on the alleys and tournament secretaries Sylvia Trojar and Wilma Scordato will have all other information available.

A Bowlers' Ball will follow the singles and doubles events in the evening at the SNPJ upper and lower halls. Joe Kovich and his popular orchestra will be featured, and that means a good time is in store for all who attend.

Team events will be bowled Sunday morning, beginning at 10:30 sharp, and we are asked to be prompt in this as the alleys are used at 1 o'clock by the SNPJ inter-lodge groups.

A Bowlers' Banquet will take place in the lower hall following the team events Sunday, and it is to be one of the highlights of the weekend festivities. Besides delicious food, there will be community singing, the playing of "sit-down" games, and some good SNPJ fraternalism. Mary Andrea, whom we affectionately call "Circle Chef," will not only be in charge of the kitchen Saturday night, but has generously offered her services to cook a good wholesome meal for the children. You can't beat cooperation like that, and we all sure do appreciate this very much. The meal will be served at a reasonable sum depending on current food prices.

SNPJ Circle Activity movies will be shown after the banquet by Michael Vrhavnik, Juvenile Director,

and these promise to be a treat as they are some that most of our juveniles haven't seen as yet. Bro. Vrhovnik has been most cooperative and helpful to Perfect Circle in many of the tournament matters, and we are looking forward to having him as our special dinner guest.

Social dancing will wind up the day's activities and by this time we should all be so well acquainted with each other that we will already be talking about "next time."

General information: A special welcoming committee will be on hand to greet the Milwaukee group at the station and bring them to the SNPJ hall. The hall will be open, and other Circle committee members will be on hand at 1 pm to greet any other bowlers who wish to come there first. The bowling alleys are only a few blocks away from the hall, and it is planned for all to walk over as a group. The hall also will be open after bowling on Saturday for the convenience of those who do not wish to make long trips home, and thus be on tap for the dance in the evening.

A cordial invitation is hereby extended to all our SNPJ family to come and see what is going on, and to attend any and all the activities planned for this weekend. A good time is being planned for all, and you won't be sorry that you came.

Best of luck, and good wishes are now in order for SNPJ juveniles all over the country to have a grand and successful SNPJ Juvenile Bowling tournament. We hope you all have a wonderful time.

PERFECT CIRCLE 26-SNPJ.

Veronian News

VERONA, Pa.—Remember our regular dance this Saturday, April 3, beginning at 10 p. m. when the Musical Stylists will entertain for your dancing pleasures.

Had a grand crowd from the different lodges at the last dance. From Lodge 41 of Irwin we had C. A. Klavonick who plays bass with Frankie and his Trio. Understand this band will be heard on the Slovene program April 17. From Irwin we also had George Klavonick and Carl Beretta. Sygan, Cloverdale, Universal, Pgh., Harnarville, were also represented at the dance and the Veronians enjoyed having you and again bid welcome to you to attend the dance April 3. Be with us then.

Remember the bowling tournament Sunday, May 2, and make your plans now if you anticipate attending same.

CORNELIA GORUN, 680.

Spartan News

CLEVELAND.—Hello again all you Spartans, hope you all had a wonderful Easter. As you read in my previous article, I will write all news, read, heard, and seen.

The last meeting held March 21, was very well attended in spite of the bad weather. Refreshments were served as always. Let's have some more of you old-timers coming back.

Doc Garbas started out on a bad game in bowling March 21, but he brought himself back for some good games helping our boys to defeat Zdruzeni Bratje. Nice going, Doc, and also you others. Ed Dietz is flying from California to Detroit to bowl in the tournament. Hope you make it, Ed.

Two socials were held this past month, first the Federation which was very successful. Few of the members attending and working were Ann Opeka cleaning tables, Meklen in the kitchen, M. Petrovich at the door. The other event was the Utopian social, which is always merry until the wee hours. Attended by Sisters Opeka, Lucia, and Tomsic.

On the sick list is Stanley Race who is in the hospital recuperating from an operation. Get well soon, boy. Mr. Stork brought a bouncing baby girl, Shirley Diane, to Rose Nosse. Congratulations! I guess it's time to stop this ink from flowin'.

And say goodbye 'til next time. When there will be more, I'll be knowin'."

SNOOPY, 576.

Wedding Bells

McKEESPORT, Pa.—Joseph Korbar and Ann Pavlic Vodopivec became husband and wife March 20. Our best wishes, health, and luck to the newlyweds. REPORTER.

BADGERLAND NEWS

MILWAUKEE, Wis.—The March meeting has come and gone. With a fairly good crowd on hand, the reports of the officers and the various committees were right on the beam. The sick applications of Henry Maren, Clara Yahnke, and Joe Herzich were approved. Many members acknowledged receiving birthday cards which means that Sis. Hammel is doing a good job and we know that job is in good hands.

July 25 has been selected for our picnic date which will take place at Sagadin's Grove, located at S. 38th and W. Burnham st. We hope that the lodges will take note of this date so there will be no confusions, providing, of course, that other SNPJ lodges didn't reserve this date before we did. If that is the case our sec. should be notified at once so if possible a change can be made.

Many people we haven't seen for months were present. Jane Perko, Frank Perko, Carl Evnich, Doc Schuler, Gedrige and Fred Nick, Eddie Ambrosch, Johnny Robernisek, Matt Pugel. A surprise visitor was Rudie Pugel from Detroit.

The after-meeting entertainment was certainly something to write home about. The setting was big-time with a real nightclub atmosphere with members seated at tables and being served in style by the attractive waitresses. The band with Tommy Leskovack and his accordion, Frank Perko and his banjo, Frankie Bevsck at the piano and Doc Schuler with his hemmedeod contraption, for which there is no name but which he casually calls his idea of a bass fiddle, sure outdid themselves and a person had to look closely to make sure it wasn't the Yankovic band playing.

The emcee was Freddie Pugel who is well qualified in that field. Awards were handed out to those who were present for their efforts in the Midwest bowling tourney held in Sheboygan. Some members were called on to display their talents; Frank Ermene and Frank Perko gave their version of a Slovene song called "chici-dole" or something to that effect which was way over my head. Tony Obluck sang a song in his guttural voice which was hard to understand. Evelyn Erickson staged a solo dance which went over with a bang. The big event of the evening was staged by Tony Verbiick and Fritz Pugel who gave their version of some of the boys struggling into their hotel rooms in the wee hours of the morning at the recent bowling tourney.

Well done, people, and you can rest assured that one and all enjoyed your renditions and we hope there will be more of these affairs in the future. Many thanks to Sis. Hammel, Kuker, Uhle, Nowak, and Debelak who worked diligently to put over this affair.

Bowling Taps

No. 1 spot goes to Joe Glavan who really went to town in the Remie 875 loop to just miss the national honor class as he powdered the set-ups for a big 694 total. Joe got his total on ind. games of 213-245-236. Eddie Starich had a 639 series on games of 210-288-201. Frank Szalowski cracked the pins for a 618 set as he had games of 199-190-229.

In the Badger gals' loop the girls hit them thusy. A 488 series by Lil Bakke was tops. Lil Hammel spilled 475, Frances Dobylak 470. Jean Kanter came thru with 457. Rose Kraemer spotted 446 and Ceil Groth 444.

The Verbiick boys were again in the spotlight shooting in the Kuglitch 900 wheel. Tony came thru with 641 and Frankie made it with 607. SALTY, 584.

Lucky Stars Plan Two Hops in April

IMPERIAL, Pa.—Last reminder for the dance Saturday, April 3, at the Slovenian Hall here by the Lucky Stars 716. Music by the Streamliners, so we hope to see all. There will be plenty of klobase and other refreshments. Also, don't forget our dance on Saturday, April 17, music by the Vagabonds of Sharon.

We are all planning for the W. Penna bowling tournament on May 2. We will have two teams, one women's and one men's, in this event. Let's get ready and have more teams.

Henry Kubulinski is still on the sick list. We all hope he will be soon out and 'round. Eddie and Ann are two busy bees trying to get up their home. See you all April 3 and 17. POLLY SLADICK, Sec'y.

FLASHES

By Donald J. Lotrich

CHICAGO.—It looks like a record number of entries for the Pioneer handicap bowling tournament on Sunday, April 11. More important, we anticipate wide representation also. It's going to be something if the Lincolnites should come through with a couple of entries from Springfield.

One entry has already come in from La Salle, Integrity and Victorians will be well represented. Delavec has sent in three entries and we are assured that the Trailblazers will have 3 squads. Lodge Lily of Milwaukee has entered 2 teams and Lodge 14 one. At the present time the Pioneers have hooked up 16 squads already, themselves.

We expect some entries from the Badgers and Little Forts and perhaps even the Moderns of Sheboygan. John Alic and Frank Zordan will try to have the schedule ready for publication in next week's Prosveta.

Pioneer bowlers met last Friday night and went over the details of the handicap tournament as well as the bowlers dance, scheduled for Saturday, April 10. There is a lively interest in the dance also. Many of the bowlers are doing a splendid job of ticket disposal. We still have good ten days in which to spread our invitation and draw a large attendance to the Lawndale Masonic

Temple, 2300 S. Millard, where the dance will take place.

At the meeting last Friday night it was decided to give the bowlers recognition for participating in the national tournament, by paying their team entry. The Pioneer athletic committee, with the help of Josephine Mersol, Frank Zordani and Frank Groser, lined up 9 full squads for the national tournament. That's a good job, and we certainly hope that some of the prize money will come back to the Pioneers.

It was decided also to get a special coach on the New York Central for the train leaving at 11:30 p. m. on Friday, April 23. The train will leave from the Twelfth st. station. Other local groups are urged to join with the Pioneers in this special car. If necessary we will get two coaches. Those who will make the trip with this train, should let us know.

We have heard from Joseph and Mary Oven who are in Mexico visiting with their daughter Milt, that it is warm there.—Joseph Zaubi is home from the Hines Hospital. He lives at 818 N. 11th ave., Melrose Park.—From the Valley of the Sun we heard from Cookies Di Cenzo. Fine climate, she says.—Doris Ludvigsen has reported well.

SNPJ GIRLS' BOWLING CHAMPIONS OF 1947



Pictured above is the number one girls' bowling team of Perfect Circle No. 26, Chicago, Illinois, who won the championship in last year's National Juvenile Telegraphic Tournament with a record score of 1706. The members of the 1947 champions are (l. to r.): Rosemary Merhaut, Dorothy Gelavan, Ella Mae Selak, Grace Ann Gerdenes, captain, and Rose Podbevsck. With the exception of Rose Podbevsck, who has transferred to Gerdenes, captain, and Rose Podbevsck. With the exception of Sylvia Trojar, secretary of the Circle, the adult department of the Society and is being replaced by Sylvia Trojar, secretary of the Circle, the defending champions will be on hand this weekend, at the Lawndale Bowling Lanes, where they will attempt to repeat their performance of last year and, if possible, also set a new scoring record.

Detroit Ready for SNPJ Tourney

DETROIT.—Welcome to Detroit and the 12th National SNPJ Tenpin bowling tournament. Bowling will take place at the beautiful Palmer Park alleys. We will have 42 alleys at our disposal, so come on, SNPJ bowlers and friends, let's make it a date to visit Detroit April 23-24-25.

The national bowling tournament committee has been busy for the last two months making plans to make this the biggest and best SNPJ bowling tournament ever held. The entertainment committee has gone to a big expense to contract the best of entertainment for this great occasion.

On April 24, at 8 p. m., a gigantic bowlers' dance will be held at spacious Agriculture Building, located at the State Fair grounds in Detroit. The orchestra will be none other than that ever-famous Frankie Yankovic and his Yanks. So to you thousands that have listened to Yankovic records, now is the time to see and hear him in person at the bowlers' dance.

The State Fair grounds, where the Agriculture Building is located, is about 7 1/4 miles from downtown Detroit on Woodward ave. So if you are staying at any downtown hotel, Woodward ave. is very handy to any hotel. If you are driving, just follow Woodward ave., the main street of Detroit, and between 7 and 8 Mile rds. on the righthand side is located the Michigan State Fair grounds. A large billboard advertising the Fair can easily be seen, and ample signs will be posted to direct you to the dance hall. This building houses a very large dance pavilion which can easily handle 5,000 dancers at one time, and there are acres of parking space. If you decide not to drive, then just take a new streamlined Woodward-State Fair streetcar and it will take you direct to the grounds. Also, the site of the dance is only a mile and a half from the Palmer Park bowling alleys and the Slovene National Home.

So to all you SNPJs and friends from all parts of the United States, you do not necessarily have to be a bowler to be in Detroit on April 23-24-25. We welcome all to this gala event. There are many interesting sights here in Detroit and we know that many of you out-of-towners will enjoy viewing many of the features of the motor city—dynamic Detroit. The entertainment committee is very fortunate in having very capable men handling the big job for this event. So, lots of credit and many thanks to Vic Stroman, entertainment chairman; Elwood Blake, Al Padar and Bucky Wierbicki for the excellent job they did in contracting the mammoth dance hall for the bowlers' dance.

Also of interest to you bowlers, next to the Agriculture Building, in the State Fair Coliseum, the ABC bowling tournament is now in progress and will be going on for the next two months. So why not visit Detroit and see the ABCs in action and then join in the big doings of the SNPJ bowlers at the Agriculture Building and Palmer Park Recreation. So, until April 23-24-25, we'll be seeing you.

VIC STROMAN, Ent. Chm., HANK RUPERT, Ass't Chm.

Waukegan Pin League Plans Dance-Tourney

WAUKEGAN, Ill.—On Saturday, May 22, the bowling league of the Waukegan lodges is holding a dance at the Slovene Nat'l Home, an evening that everyone will enjoy dancing to the music of Stan Gregorin's orchestra.

In conjunction with this dance, the league is also sponsoring a mixed-doubles handicap tournament, inviting all SNPJ members to participate in this invitational tournament.

Limited to bowlers having an established average, the highest league average as of May 1, providing that a minimum of 21 games have been bowled. The handicap will be figured on the basis of 300 scratch two-thirds handicap. One out of every five to receive a prize. Entry blanks with the rules will be sent to lodges in this area so that anyone interested will have them available. We hope that Chicago, Milwaukee, and other midwest lodges will have entries in this tournament. More information will be given in the near future.

VICTOR BELEC, 568.

Southside SNPJ Interlodge News

CHICAGO.—Some good scores were rolled last week in the Southside SNPJ Interlodge league. The Delaware Wolves, with Joe Kosich hitting a 644 series, rolled a new high for team scores with their mark of 2878 as they downed the Rangers for three games. Johnny Zack came thru with a 631 series to help the league leading Mustangs win two from the Ramblers. K. Matusek's 537 totals was a boost to the Sentinels as they won three games from the Bears. V. Tome's 593 was high for the Panthers as they took two games from the Tigers.

High scores rolled by the men included: Joe Kosich's 644 (240), Zack's 631 (241), S. Tome's 614

Kegling Kapers

By J. J. Spilar

(220), V. Tome's 593 (222), Pelozo's 586 (205), Brijavec's 585 (215), M. Kuhel's 577 (204), Channick's 573 (221), B. Vrhovnik's 566 (197), Korosec's 545 (196), Ivancic's 531 (194), Forslund's 531 (185), Propat's 528 (185), L. Kuhel's 528 (203), E. Kuhel's 525 (190), Grum's 525 (184), Landis' 517 (198), Zatkovich's 513 (181), Triller's 508 (175), Abran's 507 (188), and Bajuk's 504 (185).

D. Mender's 568 (185), K. Matusek's 557 (187) and Mil Vrhovnik's 528 (182) were the high marks rolled by the women.

ALL THAT SORT OF THING. It is just a couple of more weeks for the Interlodge League to finish its schedule. Plans for the league's annual sweepstakes will be announced soon. The Delaware Mustangs hold on 1st place seems to be strong. Mike Zatkovich's 181 average is high for the league. Dolly Mender's 616 and M. Pecher's 228 are high marks for the women.

Three games high belong to the Delaware Mustangs with their 2878 series. Team's single high belongs to the Trailblazers' Tigers with their 1023. Triller's 559 for three games and E. Vrhovnik's 280 singleton are high scores for the men. Ladi Kubel, captain of the Sentinels, has rounded up a team of Goranz, E. Kuhel, Crepinsek, Kosele and himself to enter the Pioneers' Handicap Tournament. So long, until again.

L. K. 610.

Midwest Athletic League Meeting

MILWAUKEE, Wis.—The SNPJ Midwest Athletic League will hold its next meeting on Sunday, April 11, in Chicago, at 10:30 a. m. at the Slovene Labor Center. A lot of things will be discussed.

Plans for softball this year will be thrashed out. At the present time, no lodge has officially notified me that they were having softball teams. There should be a report on bowling activities and on the Midwest bowling tournament. All lodges are urged to send their representatives to the meeting.

All of the Juvenile Circles in the Midwest are urged to send a representative to this meeting. Either the director or an assistant could be sent. The SNPJ Midwest Athletic League intends to cooperate more fully with the Juvenile Circle in the promotion of sports activities. We would like to hear the views of the different Circle representatives. Sports activities among the juveniles are just as important as other sports activities. (Address: John J. Poklar, 381 E. Bay St., Milwaukee 7, Wis.)

JOHN J. POKLAR, Sec'y.

Conemaugh Valley SNPJ Bowling News

JOHNSTOWN, Pa.—I want to remind everybody in Johnstown and vicinity, that a dance will be held by our Bowling League April 10 at Mosham Slovene Home, music by Rudy Grandia's Polkaaters, who are very popular in Johnstown.

The SNPJ bowling tournament is approaching. There will be at least nine teams from Johnstown represented in Detroit, that is seven men's teams and two women's teams from Bon Air lodge. During the season they participated in the City Metro League, which is a 12-team league, a very fast women's league. Good luck to you ladies from Bon Air, we hope you come home with all the bacon.

Our own league enjoyed a very successful season. The play-off between the Trojans and Triglav 1 will be played April 18. Our annual banquet will be held in the evening of April 18. Triglav is now on top by three games, Trojans are second, Bon Air third. The Trojans being winners of the first half made it necessary to have a play-off between the two teams.

Here are the standings of the teams and individual honors: Triglav 1, 44-12; Trojans, 41-13; Bon Air, 36-20; Kelo, 28-20; Triglav 2, 17-30; Kelo 2, 2-54.

High average is held by Lohr of Triglav 1, also high 3 games with a 668. Second high for 3 games is held by yours truly with 594. High for one game is held by a very capable bowler, Smear, from Kelo with 238. Second high by Lohr 255 and third high by Rodokovick of the Trojans with 225.

Team high for 3 games is held by Triglav 1, 2602, not bad for a class B team. Kelo 1 is second with 2501. Team single high game belongs to Triglav 1 with 911. Second high to the Trojans, 882.

Don't forget our dance April 10. You can get your tickets from any bowler or the night of the dance at the door. See all of you April 10. THOMAS BRICELY, Sec'y.

JUVENILE BOWLERS READY FOR NATIONAL TELEGRAPHIC TOURNEY

Seven Local Tourneys Scheduled This Weekend; Record Entry Will Participate; Attractive Prizes for Winners of First Three Places in Each Event

A record number of entries, consisting of 27 teams—eighteen squads of boys and nine of girls, 54 doubles, and 102 singles will participate in the 4th Annual National SNPJ Juvenile Telegraphic Bowling Tournament this weekend, April 2-3-4. These totals exceed the previous highest marks by seven teams, twenty-three doubles, and forty-two singles, setting a new record.

Altogether 144 juvenile members, representing nine Circles and four lodges in five states, will compete for championship and runner-up honors and prizes in the seven local tournaments. These will take place in the three Pennsylvania towns of Sharon, Strabane and Imperial, Cleveland, Ohio, Detroit, Mich., Waukegan and Chicago, Illinois, as shown in the following schedule:

Table with columns: Circle or Lodge No., City/Town, Bowling Place, Team Event, Boys, Girls, Doubles, Singles. Lists tournaments in Cleveland, Milwaukee, Sharon, Waukegan, Chicago, and Imperial.

Chicago will be the scene of the largest gathering of bowlers in this year's telegraphic tournament. Here eleven teams will meet at the Lawndale Bowling Lanes, 3816 W. 26th Street, only three blocks from the SNPJ Headquarters. Four of the teams will represent Jr. All-Star Circle No. 4 of Milwaukee, Wis., four will carry the colors of Perfect Circle 26, hosts of the tournament, while the remaining three will represent Pioneer Lodge 556, Teutoburg Lodge 106, and Delaware Lodge 6, all of Chicago.

Bowling will get under way here early Saturday afternoon with doubles and singles scheduled first. The team event will be rolled on Sunday morning. Sandwiched in between the two bowling sessions will be a big dance at the SNPJ Hall on Saturday evening and, after completion of tournament play on Sunday, a dinner, movies, games and dancing. A very busy week-end awaits our young midwest SNPJs. The Milwaukee juveniles, especially, are in for many pleasant surprises, thrills and fun. It will be a trip and visit they will long remember, and the same will be true of our Chicago juveniles who will be in on all the treats and enjoy every minute of the two-day program.

The honor of entering the largest number of bowlers in this year's tournament goes to the "Spirits of Detroit," Circle No. 29, who will be represented by five teams, three of boys and two of girls, and in addition to these 13 doubles and 26 singles. Lots of good competition will, no doubt, be provided by our Detroit juveniles, among whom are numbered many promising bowlers. One of the more outstanding participants in these events will be Frances Nspotnik, winner of the singles title in 1947.

Utopians, Lodge 684, was the first of our Cleveland lodges to enter a team in the juvenile telegraphic tournament. This team will be captained by Rudy Pordan, five-year-old kegger who has won acclaim as one of the nation's youngest bowling stars. Rudy bowls along with the men folks in the local inter-lodge league, sporting an average of close to 100 which is mighty good shooting for a lad of his tender years. The Utopian Jrs. aren't expecting to set any records in this tourney, but watch out for these fellows in another year or two. The "Go-Getters," Circle No. 2 of Cleveland, also came through with their first entry. This in form of a doubles combination in which Delores Kaucic and Ann Lipold are teamed up. Alma Zagar, who recently took over the duties of Director of this Circle, reports that this is only a beginning. Next year the Circle will be sure to have an entry in the team event, also.

Four powerful teams, each with its share of individual stars, will give their all to bring home the top honors for Circles 19 and 27 of Strabane, Pa. Without a doubt some of the best bowling of the tournament will be seen here when the number one teams of these two active Circles square off against each other. It has all the earmarks of another "do-or-die" match, the kind that has stirred the whole town with excitement these past four years. Fred Dolost, who blasted the maples for a nine-game total of 1685 to win both the singles and all-events titles in last year's tourney, will be the anchor man and captain of the Circle 27 team, while Harry Barbish, James Kern and Lillian Kocian will lead the three Circle 19 teams in their friendly, competitive fray.

Two great teams will again defend the bowling reputation of "All-Around" Circle 21 of Sharon, Pa. in the National Telegraphic tournament. Although weakened some by the loss of three of its best bowlers from the championship team of a year ago, through transfers to the Adult Department of the Society, the Circle has succeeded in building another strong team, a potential champion, which is definitely in the running for its third straight title. The girls' team, minus two of its stars, Dorothy Paulenich and Frances Bahor, doubles and all-events winners in 1947, have been strengthened with new material and are, likewise, entering the tournament hopeful of annexing the highest honors.

Jolly Juvenile Circle 24 of Waukegan, Illinois, directed this year by Dick Peklay and Mildred Gregorin, will have two teams in action in the tournament, the same as last year. But, instead of traveling to Chicago, as they did then, both teams will stay at home and do all their bowling at the Bowlarium Lanes in nearby North Chicago. Bowling on familiar alleys will be an advantage, especially to those who are bowling in their first

tournament. The surprise entries were the two teams sent in by Circle 66 of Imperial, Pa., just before the deadline. Polly Sladick, Director of this active group of juveniles, is doing a grand job of getting her members more SNPJ-minded through the medium of sports. Last summer it was softball, and now it is the popular game of bowling. Here's wishing them and all the rest of the bowlers the best of luck in the 4th National Juvenile Telegraphic Bowling tournament. May the best teams and the best individual bowlers share the highest honors and prizes.

Final Instructions for Juvenile Bowling Tourney

All bowlers, participating in the National Juvenile Telegraphic Bowling Tournament, must be members of the SNPJ and in good standing, having joined on or before February 7, 1948. Members, admitted into the Society after that date, are not eligible to participate in the tournament, except by request and special permission granted by the national Juvenile Director.

In case a substitution must be made for a bowler, because of sickness or other good reason, verify first of all that the substitute is a member of the Society and otherwise qualifies under the rules. The name and certificate number of each such bowler shall be reported, as soon as possible, to the Juvenile Director.

Under no circumstances are you permitted to use an ineligible bowler. Doing so will not only cause forfeiture of the scores of the bowler himself, but also of the team and doubles entry with whom he participated in the tourney.

All bowlers are required to wear the Society's athletic emblem or the letters "SNPJ" on their shirts, blouses or dresses during tournament play. No other advertisement, except that pertaining to the Society, lodge and Circle, is allowed.

All bowling must be conducted on alleys sanctioned by the AMERICAN BOWLING CONGRESS. Each event shall be rolled across two alleys and no two events shall be rolled on the same pair of alleys by the same bowlers, unless there are fewer than six alleys in the bowling establishment.

The tournament secretary shall notify the bowlers in sufficient time when and on which alleys they are scheduled to bowl. Each team captain shall be responsible for his bowlers' appearance at the alleys and report to the secretary at least thirty (30) minutes before time to bowl. This also applies to doubles and singles entrants.

All tournament scores must be entered on official score sheets furnished by the Main Office, showing what each bowler rolled in each frame of every game. The score sheets must be signed by the tournament secretary. It is very important that reliable persons be engaged upon whom you can depend to keep score accurately and correctly.

As soon as events have been completed and the scores thoroughly checked, the tournament secretary shall immediately forward a complete report, along with the official score sheets, to the Juvenile Director. This shall be done not later than Monday, April 5, 1948.

Attractive trophies shall be awarded by the Society to the champions and second and third place winners in the team event of both boys' and girls' classes. Trophies shall also be awarded to the doubles, singles and all-events champions, while second and third place winners will each receive appropriate medals. The high-game winner in each class will be rewarded. Awards shall be sent to the winners as soon as the final and official results are known.

Those in charge of the local tournaments should try to make arrangements for pictures to be taken of all the bowlers as a group and of the winners, separately. When developed, send them to the Main Office for publication in the Official Organs.

MICHAEL VRHOVNIK, Juvenile Director.

Pioneer Tourney And Dance

CHICAGO.—With the bowling entry deadline past and all awaiting to find out what time we will bowl at the Pioneer handicap tournament, we are making final plans and inviting all to attend the Bowlers Ball at the Lawndale Masonic Temple, Saturday, April 10. Frank Debevec and his popular orchestra will play for the dancers. Tickets for this dance can be gotten from Pioneer bowlers, at Jugoslav Savings & Loan office or at the Center. Part of the proceeds of this dance will be used to pay the team entry fees of the bowlers participating in the National Tournament in Detroit.

National Tournament

The Pioneers entered 9 teams (6 man and 3 woman teams), plus doubles and singles, in the SNPJ National Tournament in Detroit, April 24-25. Many have not as yet made hotel reservations. Those who want hotel reservations can either write direct to the Detroit Hotel, Detroit, Mich., or call D. J. Lotrich at Lawndale 2844 or Frank Groser at Spaulding 7768. So that plans can be made for train reservations, notify the committee if you plan to go by train. We plan to leave Friday night, April 23, at 11:30, and arrive in Detroit at 7:30 a. m. Pioneers, their friends and other SNPJ members are invited to make the trip with us. On the committee are Jo Mersol, Sophia Svoboda, Frank Groser, D. J. Lotrich and John Rak. If the Badgers, Little Forts or any other lodges are interested, please contact D. J. Lotrich at 2610 S. Lawndale ave., Chicago 23, Ill.

PIONEER COMMITTEE.

National Bowling Tournament News

DETROIT, Mich.—The 1948 SNPJ Bowling tournament without a doubt will exceed all records since last year's mark of 125 teams has been surpassed. Complete details will appear in these columns next week.

The Detroit SNPJ Bowling tournament committee, take this means of thanking all participating lodges for their wonderful cooperation, and with your continued help, no doubt this year's tournament can well be an example for future years. It is a difficult task we face since all bowling must be completed within the short space of one weekend.

The site of this year's tournament is the Palmer Park Recreation, located on Six Mile Road and Woodward. (Woodward is Detroit's main street.) There are 42 Brunswick alleys available and since most of the Detroiters will have bowled on Friday, April 23, we shall do all in our power to accommodate the out-of-towners to their full satisfaction. However, remember everyone must be on time.

Headquarters for the tournament are at the Slovene National Home, located at John R. and 6 Mile rd. (one block east of the Palmer Park Recreation), and also the Palmer Park Recreation.

The beautiful Agricultural Building, located on the State Fair Grounds on Woodward, will be the scene of the tournament dance. The main attraction will be none other than Frankie Yankovic and his Columbian orchestra, including Johnnie Pecon. The Fair Grounds are only 1 1/4 miles north from the Palmer Park Recreation. The Woodward-State Fair streetcar will take you directly from the Hotel Detroit to the Palmer Park Rec., or on to the dance hall at the Fair Grounds. As you will have noticed all places used for the tournament are within one block from Woodward, which should make traveling for the out-of-towners very convenient.

So far, not all of the average sheets to determine Class "B" bowlers have been received by the secretary. It is very necessary that all Class "B" bowlers be able to prove this so be sure yours is turned in prior to your bowling time. RAY TRAVNIK, Chm., RUDY GRUM, Sec-Treas.

Planinski Raj Lodge Holds Dance-Party

ST. LOUIS, Mo.—On April 3, Saturday evening, the Planinski Raj 107 Lodge will have a dance and Easter party combined at the Swiss Hall, third floor, Arsenal and Iowa streets.

The Juvenile Circle 68 will put on an interesting program with folk dancing included. The committee urges every member to be present. Bring the children as there will be a lot of fun for them.

Our Juvenile Circle deserves all the moral support we can give it for the hard work it is doing. There will be no excuse for your absence. Refreshments and old-fashioned "kolo" will be served. Adults 25c; children free. Everybody welcome. THERESA SPECK.

JUVENILE BOWLERS OF CIRCLE 29, DETROIT, MICH.



The five boys, whose picture appears above, participated in their first SNPJ telegraphic tournament a year ago. They represented the "Spirits of Detroit," Circle No. 29, and will do so again, this week, in a second try for championship honors and attractive prizes which the SNPJ is offering. With another year of experience in their credit, these boys are confidently looking forward to a successful climax to the 1947-48 season by finishing among the top leaders of the National Telegraphic Tournament. Reading from left to right are George Stimac Jr., Philip Maszer, Anthony Tschiltch, Thomas Stimac and Anthony Aabel.

S. N. P. J. BOWLING TOURNAMENTS

Table with columns: Name, Date, Place, Deadline. Lists National Juvenile Tourney, Pioneer Handicap Tourney, National Tenpin Tourney, and Annual Duckpin Tourney.

Juvenile Circles of the SNPJ

Jr. All Stars to Bowl in Chicago

MILWAUKEE, Wis.—All aboard! Yes, this is the weekend Jr. All Star bowlers and chaperones journey to Chicago to participate in the National SNPJ Juvenile Telegraphic tournament for the days of April 3 and 4. Circles all over the country who have entered the tournament will be competing either to hold their championships or anxious to gain the titles for their respective Circle. Competition will be great excitement and suspense overwhelming.

Back in Milwaukee the Jr. All Star dancing group will be rehearsing Slovenian folk dances under the direction of Mrs. Tillie Vodnik (during my absence) preparing to perform on the Lily Lodge concert and program April 18 at the Collins Meyer Post. Keep this date in mind and be sure to attend the affair.

At our last meeting discussions were carried on extending opportunities to attend travels and lectures at the Museum, also to witness broadcasts over local radio stations. The first occasion was Wednesday afternoon where our group attended the Granddaddy Noon Day Luncheon Show over WTMJ. Softball teams for both boys and girls will be resumed for the coming baseball season. It was also decided to continue bowling until the season ends sometime in June. A glorious time coloring eggs was climaxed with each juvenile receiving a huge Easter bunny carrying candy, and refreshments were served. The bunnies were presented to us by Millie Kucuk and it was a very pleasant surprise. Almost everyone wore a touch of green and some were very outstanding. Pres. Helen Ruppe and Dick Pugel took top honors.

A very special thank you to all parents and adults for attending the meeting and assisting in many ways. Circle your calendar for April 17 as that is our next meeting.

MARIE ERMENC, Director.

Spirits of Detroit Circle No. 29

DETROIT.—The days are drawing close for the Fourth Annual SNPJ Juvenile Telegraphic Bowling tournament. The boys and girls are arriving to go. Good luck to you all. This goes for all the Juvenile Circles that have teams entered in this tournament. This event is to be held at the Palmer Park Recreation at Woodward and Six Mile. Doubles and singles are to be bowled on April 4 at 10 a. m. Boys and girls participating must be at the alleys one half hour before bowling time.

After bowling on Saturday there is to be a spaghetti dinner for all the Circle members and bowlers at the SND. We would appreciate the offer of help from the Circle mothers in preparing this dinner. You can contact me at Tw. 3-1086. We also need more scorekeepers. Let us all get out these two days and show our youngsters we are behind them. This will conclude their bowling season.

The next monthly meeting will be held on Saturday, April 10, at 2 p. m. Also bring your opera book along as there will be rehearsal after the meeting. Everyone get out and cooperate with us in making this a bigger and better Circle in the future. It takes more than a few people to put any affair over successfully.

We have entered one Juvenile boys' team in the National SNPJ Bowling Tournament.

HELEN STIMAC, Director.

Perfect Circle 26 News and Views

CHICAGO.—Last Saturday morning, Perfect Circle held their Easter social and party, and we are happy to report that one grand time was had by all.

We started out by making colorful Easter baskets which were filled with candy, then Easter cards for Mom and Dad were prepared, and finally we made a clever standing lolly-pop bunny (complete with cotton-tail) for ourselves. After all were completed, they were put on display for the remainder of the party, and they made a festive sight. The older girl members of the Circle were placed at tables with our very young members and they did a fine job of helping and instructing them.

Lunch, of course, was the most important thing on the day's agenda, and we had plenty of hot-dogs, buns, picallilli, mustard, cookies, milk, and the most delicious individual ice-cream cakes: made of fudge ice-cream and peach whipped topping, they really were a treat. The older boys took complete charge of the kitchen, even to serving, and they not only performed well, but they left the kitchen spotless.

While the older members straightened up the hall, this writer gathered up the young ones, and we held a story-telling hour. They decided

that they liked "The Story of the Easter Egg" the best, and I guess I did, too. Next came the playing of games, some old and some new, and as usual one would think the stakes must be awfully high, but we were playing just for the fun of winning, plus having a good time to boot. The Circle juke-box was then put to work, and even our little members decided to "cut a rug," and with a little practice they should really make "ribbons" of it!

The party and all its activities were planned and carried out by the bowlers of the Circle, and they really went all out to show the members a nice time. This was to keep an even balance in our general Circle activities, and our youngsters were very appreciative of all that was done for them. Of course nobody wanted to go home, but all things must come to an end, and so we had to use a little persuasion.

Joseph Svehla and Lewis Reven brought their flash bulb cameras and took many of the activities that were going on during the party, and we are all anxious to see them as the boys were very professional and technical about the whole thing.

After we were all through and reviewed the day, we felt very good about the fact that with such a mixed age group of children we had some of the finest cooperation seen, whether it was in playing the simple games, or watching over the kindergartners, or getting them dressed and off for home.

Regular Meeting Notice

There will be no meeting Saturday, April 3, but a meeting will be held on Saturday morning, April 10, and all members are requested to keep this date in mind, as we will have new activities to plan and discuss. Plan to be present so you don't miss out on any of them.

ANN SANMANN, Director.

Activities of Circle No. 27

STRABANE, Pa.—On March 4, Circle 27 held their regular monthly meeting. We planned for an Easter party, which was scheduled for our next meeting April 1. The one who brings the nicest dyed egg, wins a prize. Also at our next meeting we are going to receive our parts for our Mother's Day program. The meeting was adjourned and light refreshments were served. We danced before we went home. Music was furnished by Gilbert Yurus on the piano.

MARGIE ORAVIC.

Circle 51 Plans New Activities

AVELLA, Pa.—Our last regular monthly meeting was held March 26, at which time we staged an Easter egg hunt.

After the Feb. 13 meeting, the members exchanged valentines and played a few games which were enjoyed by all the members. A glass coffee maker set was given away later on in the evening; it was won by Mrs. Olerio Buff. The net profit from this drawing amounted to \$37.56, which helped boost the treasury. Nice work, children, keep it up!

We'll also be planning a Mother's Day program as soon as we receive more material to begin work on. A card party will be held for the benefit of the Circle on Thursday, April 8, at 8 pm on the 3rd floor of our Club. Everyone is invited to attend. Also, we are planning to have our grand opening and the tentative date is April 10, but more definite information as to date will be announced later.

VERA BRESKO, Assist. Director.

Circle 56 Plans Birthday Dance

ALIQUEPPA, Pa.—The monthly meeting of the Jolly Quips was held on March 7 with a fairly good attendance. We had an extra good meeting. There were many topics to discuss.

We had a quiz contest made up of the questions and answers everyone should be familiar with about the SNPJ. The questions and answers were sent to us by Juvenile Director Michael Vrhovnik. The questions were divided into two groups: the less complicated ones for the young children and the harder questions for the older children. Of the younger group Robert Struble and Eleanor Zakrajsek were the winners. Elsie Kobay was among the older group. The questions were very interesting and our visitors enjoyed the quiz contest. Prizes will be given to the three winners.

On April 10, the Jolly Quips and the Women's Circle of PSW are holding their 1st anniversary dance at the Sons of Italy Hall in West Aliquippa. Music of a popular orchestra will feature the evening's event. The members of the Circle will wear their flower, lily of the valley, attached to their corsos, red and white ribbons. This is going to be one of our biggest events and we

Struggler Lodge

STRUGGLERS' STAR-GAZETTE

CLEVELAND.—Are you looking forward to our Twenty-First Anniversary Dance this Sunday? Quite a few of our loyal friends and boosters are anticipating a rip-roaring good time and I do mean good time! Some of the ele-timers are coming out of hibernation and are getting a crowd together so they can celebrate the Strugglers' birthday in a manner befitting the occasion.

When a person reaches voting age there is reason for celebrating but when a lodge reaches twenty-one years in existence that's really something! We have weathered a depression and have seen World War II take quite a few of our members but still one finds the spirit of fraternalism reigning supreme amongst our fold. Sure we argue at meetings but when it's all over we are better friends than ever.

It may be news to you but this year we have elected a new set of the entertainment committee. He is not a stranger but happens to be one of the most active silent Struggler members, that is, a member who is always present at every social function that the lodge has ever had and in more ways than one helped make our affairs a social success. May I present Frank Line. To those who do not know him or can't place him, you may have the opportunity at our dance; he'll be busy as a bee but nevertheless will be always at your command.

As you all know, the dance will be held in the upper hall with the lilting rhythms of the Vadrnals who really know how to play those soothing waltzes or peppy polkas. To those who would rather dance to modern music, who else but the Vadrnals could fulfill the bill? Your slightest wish is their command. And, say, there will be plenty of refreshments, both the sandwich and liquid variety. What more could you ask? Plenty to eat, drink and sister lodge members by the dozens! This invitation is not only extended to our fellow-Strugglerites but the Concordians, Cleveland, Concordia, Loyaltos, and the senior lodges as well. Don't forget, the date is Sunday, April 4, at the Slovene Workmen's Home on Waterloo rd. beginning at 8 p. m. and lasting until 11. This invite not only includes our sister lodges but you and you, and I mean YOU! Until Sunday I'll be seeing you!

ANNE S. ZEJE, 614.

Our next monthly meeting will be held on April 9 at 7:30 p. m. at SND. If you want to find out how things are progressing for the tournament, etc., get out for this meeting.

And again lest we forget, get out on April 3-4 and watch our future SNPJ bowlers do their stuff during their SNPJ Fourth Annual Juvenile Telegraphic bowling tournament.

HELEN STIMAC, 564.

Yukon News

YUKON, Pa.—The Yukon SNPJ Lodge 117 will sponsor a dance on May 22, at the Yukon Slovene Hall. Music will be by the famous Ernie Benedict's Polkatcers from Cleveland. Dancing will take place from 9 to 11.

We are hoping to see all you people at this dance. Come out and enjoy yourself with the rest of your friends. A gala Slovenian affair will be in store for both young and old. A prize will be given to the SNPJ lodge that has the most members present and the lodge coming from the greatest distance. So don't forget to let us know where you hail from. Your lodge may be the winner.

And if you wish to purchase any tickets let us know, as they are on sale already by our lodge members. So come on out and help make this dance a success. With all plans well on their way and loads of fun in store for all, I'll say, "We'll be seeing you on May 22."

HELEN J. KOSEC, Rec. Sec'y.

Wallace Rally at Milwaukee April 12

MILWAUKEE, Wis.—I wish to bring to your attention that a mass meeting will be held for the purpose of helping elect Henry A. Wallace for the next president. I am making a special appeal to all our young citizens, particularly our ex-service men to voice their opinions on the present policy that is bringing us closer to World War III, or if we are to elect Wallace, the only man that dares to oppose the warmongers. Whatever the case, I'm sure that you will enjoy listening to some very good speakers, such as Henry J. Bergquist, a progressive. Attend a meeting called by Wisconsin Citizens for Wallace Club on April 12 at Lenko's Hall, 739 W. National ave.

HELEN AMBROZICH, 747.

Tried to Be Original

A man arrested for stealing a car gave the novel excuse that he found it standing in front of a cemetery and thought the owner was dead.



Waukegan News

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Waukegan, Ill.—Saturday, April 3, at 7:30 p. m. sound movies of Yugoslavia will be shown at the SNH under the auspices of SNPJ lodges 14 and 118. Michael Vrhovnik will show the movies and Mirko Kubel will tell us a few things about them. After the movies, dancing downstairs and refreshments will be served. Admission 65c.

North Chicago and Waukegan voters will have an opportunity to express their interest in education Saturday afternoon, April 10. About a dozen candidates are running for membership on the high-school board of education, only one of whom resides on the side-side of Waukegan where five grade schools and the high school are located. If elected, Jacob Luukku, manager of Cooperative Trading, will replace Anthony Pierce, who is not running for reelection. All voters are urged to make a careful study of the list of candidates and vote for the one who is genuinely interested in education and is not using this opportunity as a springboard to further his political ambitions.

No one should miss the concert that will be staged by Prosveta Matica on Sunday, May 9, at the SNH at 2 p. m. Included in the program are the Zarja singers of Cleveland, Napredje of Milwaukee, Prosveta of Chicago, and our own SNH choral group. Dancing after the program. Admission only \$1.

The SNH Choral Society will present an operetta at the SNH on Sunday, June 12, under the direction of Christine Stritar. Rehearsals are held every Wednesday night at 7:30 at SNH and there is still room for new singers.

The SNPJ bowling league tournament will be held May 23, followed by a dance in the evening at SNH.

ALBINA L. FURLAN.

News & Comments

By J. F. Fifolt

CLEVELAND, Ohio.—Comrades' March monthly meeting was well attended. The Public Relations Department of the Cleveland Police was on hand to show a movie of their latest safety film. The writer secured a film Steel-Man's Servant. Both films were received very responsibly by the group.

Prize money from the Eastern invitational was distributed, also the money made at our last Bowlers Ball. Caroline "Mickey" Moze, new member, was introduced, likewise Frank and Sophie Grkman, transfers from Yukon, Pa. Bowling was discussed and there will be three men and three women teams entered in the National at Detroit in April.

Joe Sircel was selected representative to attend the meeting on the status of the Slovene Museum. Frank Golob reported on the boys' bowling team which is at present battling for first position. The girls are also up near the top. Two weeks ago the girls went on a rampage scoring second high. Frank Tomasic must have had a lot of pepper and pickles, she came thru with a 579!

April meeting.—Unless advised otherwise, our April meeting will be held Saturday, April 10, room 1, new building. This meeting will commemorate the 22nd anniversary of our lodge. An invitation is hereby extended to all of the old-timers to be with us that night. After the meeting is over a social will follow. Leon Novak and his orchestra will be on hand to provide the music. Refreshments will be in charge of the bowlers and the proceeds used for the forthcoming National in Detroit. We want the meeting to start promptly at 7:45 p. m. Let's mark this date on our calendar and show up in large numbers. Our sister lodges should also consider this as an invitation for them to be with us.

General.—Process of reorganizing our new place of business, which we will occupy after April 1st, has kept the writer rather busy during the month of March. Mike Presseren, Bob Yarschen, Frank Ross and Joe Sircel helped make the initial moving.

Recent transfers to Napredne were Matilda Joniec, Helen Fellich and Harold Menta. Mary Turk who recently transferred to our lodge signed up three of her youngsters. Changing over their old policy recently were John Kerne, Chas. Prijatelj and Albina Vehar.

Belated congratulations to Marion Sdnikar, Ottila Juby and Antonia Frydyck, on their recent additions. Happily married Violet (Svigel) Reed and husband stopped over the other evening.

On the sick list Martha Malovac, by Mary Jelcic and Agnes Bohinc will be given away and refreshments will be served. Don't forget to attend.

Congratulations to a newly organized Circle, this time it was at La Salle, Ill. Our national secretary, Josie Zakrajsek, was there to organize the group. We understand that our president, Frances Vider, met her at the station and they had a few hours together downtown before she returned to Cleveland.

F. L. RAK.

Cankar Players Stage Comedy

CLEVELAND.—On Sunday, April 4, at 4 p. m., SANS, Cleveland Chapter 39 invites you to a performance by the Ivan Cankar Dramatic Society of "Zadrega nad zadrego," the delightful comedy which was originally presented in January. Because this play was such a rollicking success, SANS invited the Cankar players to present it again, as it literally sparkles with wit and good fun—and many requests for its repetition have been heard through out the community.

The original Cankar players have generously consented to repeat their very successful initial performances: Frank Kokal, Josephine Milavec-Levstik, Stanko Marin, Frank Plut, Frances Ile, Joyce Gorshke-Plemel, Andrew Turkman, Emma Plemel, Olga Marn, and Jack Plemel.

"Zadrega nad zadrego" might well be called a "Comedy of Errors" for it is filled with situations arising from mistaken identities, and its lines give marvelous opportunity for clowning and comic by-play, which is abundant and very effectively handled under the experienced direction of Josip Skuk.

You will note that as in every really enjoyable play, these players give the impression of having themselves a wonderful time during their performance, particularly in the roles of the two very mischievous gentlemen who are at the root of all the difficulty. Kokal as the sly father, and Plut as his side-kick.

SANS cordially invites you to share in a most enjoyable afternoon and evening. Admission is 75 cents, and proceeds go to the SANS treasury for its many worthy activities.

VIDA SHIFFRER.

Lucky Stars Plan Dances April 3-17

IMPERIAL, Pa.—The Lucky Stars, SNPJ Lodge No. 716, are sponsoring a dance Saturday, April 3, featuring the ever-popular Streamliners. A dance will also be held on Saturday, April 17, with the music of the Sharon Vagabonds. So remember the dates and come out for a good time to Imperial. Will be seeing you all April 3 and 17.

ALBERT LENGVARSKY, Pres.

Spirit-O-Grams

ST. LOUIS, Mo.—The next meeting of Lodge 659 will be on April 9 at the Concordia Hall, starting at 8 p. m. sharp. All members are urged to attend as it will be a very interesting meeting.

The organization meeting of our new Juvenile Circle was a great success, thanks to Ann Sanmamm, director of Circle 26 of Chicago, who was present and helped us get started. Thanks also to the local committee, namely, Tillie Duote, Ida Kacin and Anne Spiller, director and assistant directors, respectively. Much of the credit goes to John Spiller, district vice-president, as it was he who kept on plugging for the committee meetings. Some fine pictures were taken by yours truly of the doings, which will be shown at the next meeting.

On the sick list are Stanley Schieber, John Zimmerman, Anton Hervat and Mary Petrovich. Tony's wife is also on the sick list and is in the hospital. Little Bobby Kacin was down with the measles and had to miss the Circle meeting.

The next date to remember is the May Dance which will be held on Saturday, May 8, at the Liederkrantz Hall, Grand and Find, music by Abbatiello. A combination radio set will be given away at the dance.

Radio News: Do you ever listen to station WJWV, 110 Belleville, Ill. Sunday morning at 10:15 and hear some good news that will make you sit up and take notice of things being done every day. Well, think of it the next Sunday and get 15 minutes of some real surprises and then turn your dial to station KXII-W-20 and get another half hour of good music and announcements of different lodge affairs in and around St. Louis.

We had our former member Mrs. Mary Bratash and hubby Joe from Cleveland as visitors at our last meeting; was good to see them again. Sorry to hear about the automobile damage caused by the tornado which struck Gillespie, Ill.

Bowling news: The Spirits had their ups and downs last few weeks but came back strong last week and won 3 games from the Camis cafe. Eddie Harvatin had a 547 series and a 212 high game followed by Johnnie Lasterni with 535 series and a 229 high game, then yours truly got lucky and had 508 series with a 202 high game.

Members, don't forget the city tournament April 4 at the Ar-way alleys at 5 p. m. and then on to Detroit to take part in the SNPJ national tourney April 24-25. The team will go by train and leave on the Washah Friday night, April 23, at 6:15. Get in touch with Al Kacin, PH. 7926 before April 21.

JOHN F. YURGEC, Pres.

California Capers

LOS ANGELES, Calif.—Distance really doesn't mean a thing any more. I walked in and a voice said, "Who's taking care of the softball team back home?" Believe it or not, but it was Southview's (Pa.) number one booster, Mr. Bozic. The Avella-Southview games were always quite controversial, but we were always best of friends afterwards. It was old home week to have the Bozic family, friends from Compton, Calif. Dad's special brand of California grapejuice, and Stan the accordion-man, all in Mom's front parlor. If you folks back home haven't heard Mr. Bozic tell his version of the historic Ljubljana earthquake, be sure to ask him when he returns.

So Bro. Kness, Lodge 9, doesn't understand why the English section carries mostly kegling and lodge news? Have you ever noticed the block that generally appears on the top left-hand corner of page 2 of the weekly? Let me quote line 5, "Organ of and published by SNPJ." It doesn't mean simply that SNPJ owns the printers. It means Prosveta is written of, by, and for the SNPJ. And SNPJ means every member whether he be in Timbuctoo or Mulberry. Our section was undoubtedly started to get and keep the young Slovenes interested in the SNPJ.

If we are interested in sports and fraternal congregating, why should we not publish the facts in Prosveta and thus incite other lodges to become active and progressive? Why shouldn't we profit by the experiences and methods of our sister lodges? Reading about one lodge's activities may give us ideas for our next meeting or dance. The last convention enlarged our section to four pages to provide for cultural and educational articles. Surely you enjoyed Jereb's (568) "Museum Stories" and Kumer's (715) article on the third party? I notice it drew quite a few comments in the Slovene section but not one in our section at this writing. The English section is only as good as we ourselves make it. Constructive criticism is fine, but let us each do our part and I'm sure our section will be bigger and better. In fact, I'll promise to write an article on California for every one you write on Kansas. How about it, Bro. Kness?

On March 7 six members of Lodge 615 attended the conference of the Slavic Council of Los Angeles. Like most of you, I like to find out for myself just what is going on. I must admit the conference was very interesting and gave one food for thought. The speakers were good and their subjects of interest to wide-awake Americans. Do you read your newspaper, listen to your favorite commentator, and then sit back and consider yourself well informed? Every paper you read usually has something in it about the four freedoms, but I wonder if they are being practiced as much as we think. If the average man found out tomorrow that something was put over on him when he wasn't looking, he would be up in arms immediately! But tomorrow may be later than you think! Why let it happen?

Now is the time for the average man and woman to seek the truth and act accordingly. Are we too busy pursuing the almighty dollar to care what happens to our principles? Perhaps what the commentator does not say and what the papers do not print is closer to the truth than what they do say and print. Suppose you prepared a radio address and four lines were censored? Perfectly all right if they were libelous to any man or against the principles set by our Constitution. But the lines cut from the radio address of Zlatko Balokovic were not libelous or contrary to our principles. Where is our Freedom of Speech? The four lines were four true facts. Why did they not want the radio audience to hear the truth? Are we not capable of deciding for ourselves whether these things were good or bad?

Someone is putting something over on us. It is our own fault because we are asleep, are unaware, are too busy. Especially the women. The Back-fence Brigade is as American as ham and eggs. It is our teenager as well as ourselves, and even our children, who will either suffer or enjoy the results of what we do now. They are our business, fellow members of the Back-fence Brigade! Do you realize the power we hold in our hands? Let us begin to ask questions and demand true answers. Let us prove that the Back-fence Brigade can be more than a waste of time, and that we intend that our young people (and we ourselves) shall enjoy, not suffer because of what we do or do not do today!

I will report more that was said and done at the conference and in the discussions that followed, in future. We cannot practice true Democracy unless we learn the truth, think it over, and then do what we think best. What do you think?

HELEN RIBARICH, 615.

BOWLERS' BALL sponsored by **Perfect Circle No. 26 SNPJ, SATURDAY, APRIL 3, 1948**
SNPJ Hall, 2657 S. Lawndale Avenue **Dancing begins at 9 P. M.** **Music by Joe Kovich and his Orchestra**

WORLD EVENTS

By Scott Nearing

(Continued)

"WHEN I WRITE that communism is spreading rapidly, I am using the world communism as President Truman and other frightened spokesmen for private enterprise use it, to describe the new social institutions and practices which have survived every capitalist-imperialist assault during the past four decades and are extending their influence over widening areas of Europe and Asia, and even of Africa and the Americas.

The movement really began with the Mexican and Chinese revolutions of 1910 and 1911. Since 1917, however, it has centered in the Soviet Union. Consequently, many people who have cut their political eye-teeth since 1920 or who believe what they hear over the U. S. A. radio and see in the U. S. A. press are convinced that Russia is the well-spring of this new life. True, more of it has come to the surface in the Soviet Union than elsewhere, but its earliest manifestations appeared in Mexico and China half a dozen years before the Bolsheviks gained power. What we are witnessing is an outpouring of human energy through new or partly new social channels. It is the historical situation which has brought this new energy to our attention. Soviet Russia is merely the area which is geographically the most extensive and socially the most favorable for the break-through of the new forces.

Let me try to clarify this point by setting down some typical expressions of the new social order which is breaking through the war-damaged pattern of 19th century capitalist-imperialism. I will begin with economic changes.

Until 1910 the economy of East Europe rested primarily on the land. The big landlords were the monarch and aristocrats. Their sons of fiefed the armies. The church had extensive land holdings. Landlords, military leaders and ecclesiastics directed public affairs in East Europe. In this semi-feudal social drama the growing business class played, at least, a minor role.

Since 1910 four important changes have been made in East European economy.

1. The big estates, with minor exceptions, have been broken up. The land is now held chiefly by individual farmers outside the Soviet Union and by farm collectives inside U.S.S.R. There are some state farms. Forests and pastures on the former estates have become collective property. This development has been extended into the Soviet zone of Germany, where 5,832,000 acres of estate land had been taken over by the end of 1947.

2. Business enterprises in the U.S.S.R. have become collective property. In the neighboring countries big business enterprises have been declared collective property, with the term "big" variously defined in different countries.

3. Planned economy has replaced competitive (and therefore planless) enterprise. Economic planning has been most far-reaching in the Soviet Union. It is the accepted pattern for public economy throughout East Europe.

4. Since 1944 international economic planning has developed in the form of long term trade agreements entered into by the appropriate government departments of the Soviet Union, Poland, Bulgaria and other countries. Under these agreements goods are exchanged, power is developed and distributed, credits are extended. Notable among such developments are the recently concluded agreements between Poland and the U.S.S.R. and between Poland and Czechoslovakia.

These economic changes have been accompanied and followed by corresponding political changes:

1. Before 1910 the whole of East Europe was under monarchies which were absolutist, with only minor concessions to parliamentary limitations. When King Michael abdicated, the last of the monarchies disappeared from East Europe. Since monarchial and aristocratic rule rested on land ownership, land division and collectivization made their continuance impossible.

2. The new constitutions which provide the fundamental law of East Europe are notably different from constitutions of the French-U. S. A. type. In France and U.S.A. the primary constitutional function was to safeguard private property, and only incidentally to guarantee civil rights. In East Europe the constitutions aim to establish collective ownership of the major instruments of production, to limit private profit, to restrict exploitation, and to guarantee such economic rights as the right to work and social protection against accident, sickness and old age.

3. Collective enterprise and community responsibility, as embodied in a monolithic, one-party state, have replaced the individualistic, check-and-balance, multi-party state system which prevails throughout West Europe.

These economic and political developments in East Europe have necessitated a re-vamping of social relationships. The class-caste system which existed throughout East Europe before 1910 has disappeared. In its place is a "technological intelligentsia", as it is called in the Soviet Union—a managerial or bureaucratic group of men and women who are supposedly competent to perform and direct specialized social functions.

preventive and curative medicine. The promotion of health and prevention of illness are in the foreground of all medical activities and the system permits people to see the doctor before they become sick, thus reversing the age-old relation." Dr. Sigerist then points out that health, in the Soviet Union, is promoted by improved housing, scientific feeding in schools and work places, physical culture, rest, recreation, the handling of social diseases, the care of children, and industrial hygiene. Health services are provided free by the public authorities. This is social, in contrast with free enterprise, medicine.

Dr. Sigerist concludes his article: "In this short period (thirty years) the U.S.S.R. has begun a new chapter in the history of medicine and has created a new pattern of health services, one that is rational, logical and able to make the best use of the present technology of medicine."

I have stressed these comments of Dr. Sigerist because they emphasize the sharp contrasts, in a non-political field, between East European and West European social practice.

Equally noteworthy are the comments from a more controversial source.

Dr. Henry E. Sigerist, until recently Professor of the History of Medicine at Johns Hopkins, contributed to the November 1947 number of *Soviet Russia Today* (114 East 32nd Street, New York City) an article on "Our Debt to Soviet Medicine." "Everybody knows that prevention is better than cure and very much cheaper," Dr. Sigerist writes. "Yet we still act as though we were not aware of this elementary fact... The majority of all people see a doctor only after they have fallen ill."

"The Soviet Union made a great pioneering step in that it practically eliminated that of religious practices. Hewlett Johnson, Dean of Canterbury, England, made an extended tour of the Soviet Union, Poland and Czechoslovakia in the course of which he visited high-ranking Greek, Armenian and Moslem ecclesiastics. His report, published in *Soviet Russia Since the War* (Boni and Gaer, New York, 1947), shows that religion and the church play a part, but a very different part from the role played by religion and the church under the East European Monarchies. Dean Johnson, as a high official of the Church of England, speaks with unusual authority when he describes religious attitudes and Church practices in East Europe.

Anne O'Hare McCormick, who cannot be accused of left-partisanism or fellow-traveling, had a Berlin dispatch in the *New York Times* on February 14. It is so factual and so non-controversial that it deserves attention. Mrs. McCormick writes that there are about 150 women in Germany for each 100 men. "That figure gives a false picture because the able-bodied men in the age group from twenty to forty are incredibly few." The work of reconstructing Germany will therefore be done chiefly by women, and it is the women who are now clearing up the debris in Berlin.

Mrs. McCormick then observes that the Western Powers ignore and undervalue the women in their zone and treat them as though it were still a man's world, while in the Soviet zone women are encouraged to organize and have just received from the Soviet authorities 100,000 marks to be used for organizational and educational purposes. Moreover in the Soviet zone "many women are mayors and town councilors. Women of ability find scope and well-paid positions, not to speak of extra food and travel permits. Equal pay for equal work has been introduced. It is no wonder women in the other zones feel that only one of the occupying powers takes them seriously."

Here, in a sphere reasonably free from political tension and controversy, Mrs. McCormick is making an observation which cannot be lightly ignored. In the Soviet Union sex equality is accepted. In the West it is quite generally rejected. Evidently the Soviet authorities in Berlin are applying their equalitarian home pattern while representatives of the Western Powers are applying their discriminatory home pattern in their handling of German women. And why not? It is only in the soap operas that all the home folks are angels and all the enemy are devils. The Soviet Union was the first big country to adopt equal treatment of men and women as an economic, legal and social policy. Even the most ferocious Soviet-haters must admit the fact. Traditional (and stupid) behavior by the Western Powers in dealing with this issue in an occupied country is to be expected. Progressive Soviet behavior under the same circumstances is likewise a matter of course.

There are two other points about the East Europe situation to which I should like to refer. The first, an article that appeared in the 1947 *London Economist* (page 893), begins: "The contrast between the omnipresence of Communists in Eastern Europe today and their almost complete absence from the surface of political life between the

world wars has led many Western observers to conclude that Communism is a mere import from the U.S.S.R., lacking any real roots in the East European countries themselves. This is a serious error. Before 1914 socialist movements existed throughout East Europe." The author then described the origins and development of the movements in Poland, Czechoslovakia, Hungary, Rumania, Serbia and Bulgaria and emphasized the differences in the movements forty years ago and also today. This is the varied background against which the present social revolution is taking place all across East Europe—including the Soviet Union.

The other point is made in an article in *The Saturday Evening Post* for June 14, 1947, written by E. O. Hauser. "The feeling that 'Communists have got something' is prevalent throughout Europe today... People throughout Europe, from a coal miner in the Ruhr to an olive oil magnate in Athens, actually believe this. It is the most important single impression I have brought home from a three-year sojourn in Europe as a correspondent for this magazine... Inside the Iron Curtain... I've found a surprising stability. Outside, throughout Western Europe, I have found nothing but restlessness and confusion."

The *Economist* aims to provide information useful to British businessmen. The *Saturday Evening Post* furnishes light reading for Americans. Neither magazine can be accused of leftism or fellow-traveling, yet each is trying, in its way, to break through the curtain of manufactured ignorance which separates the West from East Europe. Both publications are saying that East Europe is the action-ground of forces which far transcend the U.S.S.R. The revolution through which our world is moving is more than soviet and more than 'communist. An old age is passing. A new age is emerging. The transformation is probably more thorough-going than any social change through which the world has passed during at least 25 centuries.

So much for these economic, political and social changes that have taken place in East Europe since 1910. They constitute, in the aggregate, a sweeping social revolution. I am not arguing, at the moment, that the social order in East Europe is better or worse than the one that preceded it. I am insisting only that it is sufficiently different in so many fundamental respects that it can be called a deep-running social revolution. Unless we recognize this fact, and use it in our thinking about the current world situation, we will be as badly off as a man driving an ox-cart along a busy motor-way.

Read "The Silent People Speak"

THE SILENT PEOPLE SPEAK is the title of the latest book about Yugoslavia written by Robert St. John. The author spent last year nine months in Yugoslavia, studying the conditions by contacting the rank and file of the people, rather than the government officials. The book should be of interest to all Americans who are still confused about that country, and particularly to those of Yugoslav descent. It can be ordered from SANC, 3424 West 26th St., Chicago 23, Illinois. (In Cleveland, contact the Secretary of branch 39 at the Slovene National Home). Members of SANC can purchase the book at a special discount (\$3.50), otherwise the book sells for \$4.00.

FIGHT FOR HEALTH

By the FP Physicians Forum

Do the People Want National Health Insurance?

Abe Lincoln once said that you can't fool all the people all the time. That's the way it is with health insurance. Despite the enormous sums of money which the drug trust and the medical bigwigs pour into propaganda, the majority of the people stay convinced that they must have national health insurance. The public opinion polls show this clearly. An American Institute of Public Opinion (Gallup) poll taken in August 1943 asked:

"At present the social security program provides benefits for old age, death and unemployment. Would you favor changing the program to include payment of benefits for sickness, disability, doctor and hospital bills?"

The answers were: Yes—59%, No—29%, Undecided 12%.

Another poll taken by Natl. Opinion Research Center, University of Denver, in August 1944 asked:

"Do you think it would be a good idea or a bad idea if the social security law also provided paying for the doctor and hospital care that people might need in the future?"

The answers were: Good idea—68%, bad idea 19%, don't know 13%.

Then those who thought this was a good idea were asked: "If this meant that 2.5% of people's pay checks would be taken out instead of the present 1% would you think this a good idea or a bad idea?"

The answers were: Good idea—58%, bad idea 10%.

A definite majority of the American people, therefore, favor national health insurance. It has the whole-

THE UPPER CRUST



"He's really a bright man: To solve labor problems, he's pushing a plan to make the AFL and CIO subsidiaries of the NAM (Natl. Association of Manufacturers)."

PITTY THE RACE-BAITERS

By Milburn P. Akers

JACKSON, MISS.—Four hours of race-baiting oratory, such as was indulged in by Mississippi Democrats at the state-wide meeting held here to protest President Truman's civil rights recommendations, leaves one with a feeling of disgust; disgust that some men, confronted with a problem, are unable to discuss it without base appeals to passion and prejudice.

Speaker after speaker, including the state's governor and junior U. S. senator, engaged in oratory obviously designed to excite passion and prejudice. Reason was absent. In effect, the convention became a manhunt; a blood lust was loosed, and the southern Negro, long denied many elementary rights, was again hunted. But a lot of whites also seemed to be victims.

Mississippi's record for physical lynchings may have improved, as several of the day's speakers contended. But the Jackson convention was a day given over to oratorical lynching.

As one surveyed the speakers, attempting to measure them as men, it was apparent that race baiting has a two-fold effect. For it appears to have done the race baiters as much harm, morally and spiritually, as their activities do the baited in other ways. Some of the problems of which southerners complain may have their origin in that very fact. What people ever solved a problem in a mad frenzy of hate, passion and prejudice such as was evidenced at the Jackson convention?

To what depths has a people

sunk who loudly cheer the linking of names such as Washington, Jefferson, Bilbo and Rankin? Yet the Mississippi Democrats did so.

What standards are possessed by a people who wildly applaud the quotation of "Cotton Ed" Smith's old statement: "We like our own colored folks in their places, but we hate Yankee Negroes?"

The Jackson convention did. What of the intelligence of a group that believes the assertion of a petty demagogue that those advocating adoption of a fair employment practice act are really intent on legislation requiring the complete intermingling of the two races?

The Jackson convention did.

These are but random samples of that day's oratory. In fact, more extreme statements were made. But these suffice to demonstrate the point; the point that race baiting has probably done some southern white people such harm, morally and spiritually, as the race baiters have done the Negro.

The South has a problem. But it is a problem which its race baiters are not going to solve. They but aggravate the situation. Some of the area's politicians engage in race baiting as a means to gain office; office in which they serve corporate wealth. So long as the South's literacy standards remain low there will be a sufficient number of white people susceptible to such tactics to keep politicians of that ilk in office. In office, such politicians are friends of neither the whites, who put them there, or the Negro, over whom they rode to get there. For they do the bidding of interests shortsightedly intent on maintaining a status quo temporarily profitable to them.

But might not their legitimate operations be even more profitable than their present ones in a community in which all people, white and Negro alike, had better incomes?

Basically, the South's problem can be solved only by education (for whites as well as for Negroes) and by an improved economic lot. Economic competition between whites and Negroes in communities where there is little economic opportunity for either leads to such demonstrations as the Jackson convention, an event which left one with the feeling of having attended a lynching.—(Chicago Sun)

OVERSEAS GIFTS

Boys and girls in Europe will smile, too, when they receive these newly packed gift boxes from the American Junior Red Cross. This year the quota for overseas is 1,000,000.

DO JEWS CONTROL U.S. ECONOMY?

There is in operation today throught the country an army of subversive agents for a foreign, un-American ideology. They are quietly planting their poisonous, lying propaganda among the American people. These destructive traitors to the principles of democracy and the ethics of all religions wear white collars; they are supported on the payrolls of many of the big monopolistic U. S. businesses as salesmen, field representatives, and other positions in frequent contact with the public, and along with their merchandise they peddle the same brand of bigotry and hate that captured Germany for the Nazis and their big cartel-industrialist partners.

Recently I saw a sample of this infiltrating danger at work... An engineering expert from one of the big electrical manufacturing companies was asked why the Nat'l Ass'n of Manufacturers and the big corporations are against cooperatives... They are not really against cooperatives he said. But the thing is, he claimed, that the big companies and the NAM really have very little to say about things. The "money interests"—here he gestured and accented his words in an unmistakable implication—the "money interests," he said, are running everything and tell the manufacturers what to do.

He was seeking to shift all the resentment people feel against monopoly, the control of government by the rich, attacks against cooperatives, and other grievances, away from the NAM and similar business organizations which ordinarily appear responsible, and to load it upon a minority group—the Jews.

Jews control the big banking interests, he said. And those big banks in the East, thru their investments, are able to control practically all of the manufacturing enterprises in the country.

Now how about that? What are the facts about who holds economic power in this country?

According to an impartial survey by FORTUNE magazine, published by the same company that publishes TIME and LIFE—not a Jewish owned or controlled organization—Jews "very definitely do not run banking."

In the great commercial banks of New York, financial center of the world—the Bank of New York & Trust Co., National City, Guaranty Trust, Central Hanover, First National, Chase, Bankers Trust or New York Trust—in none of these is there even a single director who is Jewish, according to the Fortune investigation. There were only 30 Jews among the 420 listed directors of all 19 member banks of the New York Clearing House—and most of them were in two of the smaller banks.

In the investment field, the biggest banks ranked in terms of foreign loans outstanding—J. P. Morgan, National City, Dillon, Read & Co., Chase, Harris, Forbes Co., Guaranty Co., Bancamerica-Blair, and Lee, Higginson Co.—all are strictly non-Jewish. And these are the financial giants which control thru their investments most of the manufacturing industries of United States.

Now it should not make any difference to an American whether a banker is a Jew, Norwegian, Pole, German, or Englishman. That is something no individual has had anything to say about, and each person should be judged on his own merits. The only thing that makes this information important at all is that, for some reasons, somebody is lying about it.

What can their reason be? I think the chicken thief who spent all his spare time telling the farmers how bad the foxes were, so they'd blame the foxes instead of looking for a two-legged robber when they missed a handful of hens, was using the same kind of trick. While the farmers were out chasing foxes around the woods, he went on robbing the hen-coops unnoticed.

Exactly the same trick was used by the Nazis to win power—in Germany. The Nazi party was paid by the German industrialists to stir up hatred against the Jews, with exactly the same lies that are being used here. The Jews were blamed for everything; when the people turned over their rights to the Nazis to get the Jews driven out, they woke up to discover they were the slaves of a dictatorship that turned the wealth and economic power of the country completely into the hands of the very interests—J. G. Farbenindustrie, the Krupp, etc.—who were guilty of the things that had been blamed on the Jews.

In fact, this engineer went on to reveal his sympathy with the German war-criminals. "We should have stayed out of the war," he said. "We could have gotten along with Hitler alright over here."

I don't believe all American big-business—many of which refuse even to give jobs to Jewish people—actually go so far as to tell their employes to spread Nazi propaganda. But there is no doubt in my mind that many of the millionaire "chicken thieves" figure it's a good thing to have people stirred up once in a while about all the foxes around the woods, and the professional hate-peddlers in this country, just like Hitler before them, never lack the money for their constant travels, pamphlets, newspapers, and living expenses.

The thing to really worry about is the next depression, with the chance there might be another Roosevelt with a "New Deal" to put the fear of jail into any "chicken thief." Then the monopolists of America might get together, just like the German industrialists did in the 1930's, and decide to give some hate-peddler enough financial backing to harvest a dictatorship by the rich out of the foolish and un-American prejudices that have been kept alive among the people.—Robert G. Lewis, Editor, Wisconsin REA NEWS.

TEXT OF JUGOSLAVIA'S NOTE ON TRIESTE PROPOSAL

The recent proposal of the United States, Great Britain and France to turn Trieste over to Italy, without any prior consultation with the Soviet Union, or Yugoslavia which is most directly concerned, or any other signatories of the Italian Peace treaty, evoked the following Note from the Yugoslav government. The Note was sent to the British, American and French governments and is self-explanatory. As is well known, Trieste was offered to Italy in order to influence its general election on April 18. The Yugoslav Note reads:

The Yugoslav Government acknowledges receipt of a copy of a memorandum submitted by the Governments of the United States, Britain and France to the Government of the U.S.S.R. In this connection, the Yugoslav Government most vigorously protests against the manner in which the Governments of the United States, Britain and France proposed the moving of a question on changes of those stipulations of the peace treaty with Italy which refer to the fate of the City of Trieste, since this proposal speaks of the need of Italy's agreement and makes no mention of the need of agreement on the part of the most directly affected Allied state, Yugoslavia.

This way of acting lends reason to the thought that the aim of this proposal is not seeking a better solution of the Trieste question and the normalization of relations between the peoples of southern Europe but has a propaganda character and does not contribute to the strengthening of peace in the world. In this connection the Yugoslav Government considers it fitting to draw attention to the following facts concerning the Trieste problem:

1. The Governments of the United States, Britain and France were precisely those which championed such a solution of the Trieste question as was in the main finally entered into the peace treaty.

2. The Governments of the United States, Britain and France worked on preventing direct agreement between Italy and Yugoslavia regarding the question of Trieste, although the possibility for an agreed solution of this question was clearly manifest.

3. The Governments of the United States, Britain and France in the Security Council systematically hindered agreement concerning the person of the Trieste Governor.

4. The American-British Military Administration, by giving full freedom to fascist and chauvinist Italian elements, impeded the appeasement of spirits on the Trieste Free Territory and thereby poisoned relations between Yugoslavia and Italy.

5. The American-British Administration in Trieste, by introducing unlimited military-totalitarian authority without any collaboration with the people, deprived the Trieste population of all basic democratic rights and all liberties. The American-British zone of the Trieste Free Territory is the only area in liberated Europe where, in this very day, no election for self-governing bodies has been carried out.

6. By the new proposal the United States, Britain and France make even more difficult the appeasement of spirits on the Trieste Free Territory because, with the proposal, the democratic will of the Trieste population is completely disregarded and, on the other hand, agreement between Yugoslavia and the Italian Republic concerning the Trieste question, which would assuredly be best for good neighborly relations between the peoples of two neighboring countries, is made even more difficult.

7. Finally, the Yugoslav Government considers that submitting such a proposal at the time of the pre-electoral campaign in Italy can serve only the fomenting of chauvinist hatred toward the Yugoslav people and, on the other hand, toward the sharpening of internal political relations in Italy, and neither are in the interests either of the Italian people itself or of strengthening of peace in this part of Europe.

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Held February 12 and 13, 1948, at Headquarters, 2657 S. Lawndale Ave. Chicago 23, Illinois

OPENING SESSION, FEB. 12 A. M.

Supreme President Vincent Cankar calls meeting to order at 9 o'clock and asks for constructive deliberation on important matters which will be submitted at this meeting.

Order of business accepted:

- 1—Call to order
- 2—Roll call
- 3—Time of sessions
- 4—Urgent motions
- 5—Reports
- 6—Discussions
- 7—Unfinished business
- 8—General business
- 9—Miscellaneous
- 10—Adjournment

Sessions shall be from 9 to 12 and 1 to 5 daily.

Roll call shows all board members present except Raymond Travnik, 1st vice-president, and James Maglich and Frank Poliak, 3rd and 8th district vice presidents, respectively. Travnik and Poliak sent word they are unable to attend because of work and are excused; no report was sent by Maglich.

REPORTS OF SUPREME BOARD MEMBERS

Report of Supreme President

We have assembled again after six months, this time at the annual board meeting to hear reports of individual board members concerning our activities and efforts for the society, and to consider various problems and find a solution in the interest of the organization and as expected by the membership which through its representatives entrusted us with the leadership and duties of our great fraternal society. We have assembled here to consider various problems objectively; it is our duty to discuss all matters thoroughly so that our decisions will reflect justice according to our best ability and for the good of the society.

Status of Organization

As customary we will hear first what the various officers and committees have to report. From the reports of the main functionaries you will also get all details concerning our membership and assets, how much we progressed during the past six months and during the entire year, the status of our funds etc. In view of this it is not necessary for me to dwell on these matters at length; however, I wish to state briefly that our administration in the past year has been fruitful and shows satisfactory success. Our assets have relatively increased as did the membership; the society's assets are safely invested and bring considerable interest; the executive committee is as economical as practicable. In short, I can safely say that the status of the organization is generally good and the membership can be as satisfied with the society's administration as it can be proud of the SNPJ.

Mistakes and Shortcomings

However, I do not wish to say that everything is flawless and that there is no room for improvement. Mistakes are made in all phases of work and we are no exception since we are always trying new methods and experiments in solving various problems. I am referring particularly to the expense fund. As is known prices have enormously increased during the past years; paper and other office supplies cost considerably more, salaries of employees and officers have increased, each convention adds more work and makes decisions which mean more expenses, but it fails to increase the assessment for the expense fund. The result is that in recent times we have been forced to reach deeper and instead of showing increase the expense fund is steadily decreasing. This is a mistake in our administration which, however, is not serious at this time, but it requires our attention so that we can find a remedy before it becomes serious.

As will be seen from reports we have lost in addition to deceased members also a considerable number of other members unnecessarily due to mistakes of local lodges. Our society is just as good and in many ways better than any other fraternal organization and any insurance company, that's why it is almost a sin to let the members drop out, mostly because of ignorance. It is not only necessary to continue to secure new members, it is also important to retain them in the organization. With a little more attention on the part of lodge officers and necessary explanation, the indifferent and unknowing could be retained and in fact a majority of those that we lose.

New Members

It should not be necessary to state how important it is for the society's future that we are constantly at work for the organization and that we use every opportunity to enroll new members. It is not only necessary to replace the deceased members but also to secure additional members so that we register some growth each year. Since there is so much competition in this field and because of other reasons which are hampering our promotion work, it is necessary to conduct special membership campaigns, to promote athletics and various other attractions.

Last year's membership campaign brought in a considerable number of new members and in spite of its short duration, it was a big success. That's why it is advisable that we launch another campaign this year which is the year of two important anniversaries, which should be used to best advantage for this purpose. The executive committee has already discussed this matter and a plan for this project will be submitted at a later session.

However, it does not mean when a campaign is launched that we should admit into the society all comers, good and bad, as some think. Some older members are showing dissatisfaction by saying that campaigns bring us all sorts of undesirable elements. It is the duty of each lodge to be careful in accepting only insurable prospects of good character, as is provided in the by-laws; this should be observed during a campaign and at all times.

Social Affairs and Activities

Of importance for the Society are also various lodge and federation affairs. Well-conducted anniversary celebrations, tournaments, etc. are also valuable as a means of attracting new members and gaining prestige for the lodge and thereby by new members. For this reason the main office always supports such undertakings and tries to help achieve success.

The most important undertaking last year was the SNPJ day celebration in Cleveland on Labor day under the management of the local federation. This was the first large-scale postwar affair which was an all-around success, thanks to the federation committee.

We are planning a similar affair this year in Milwaukee under the sponsorship of the local federation which offered to carry out this task. We can be assured that the membership there will see to it that this year's SNPJ day celebration will be a huge success in every respect.

In connection with last year's SNPJ day in Cleveland, a juvenile circle directors' conference was held in accordance with the decision of the last convention. Although this was a new thing in our society and we were more or less superficially prepared for it, the conference was successful and promises to bring good results for the society. The attendance was good, the delegates followed reports and recommendations attentively, discussed all proposals made and showed a willingness for constructive work.

Important Anniversaries

In January it was 35 years since our organization established its juvenile department, which was then entirely a new thing in fraternal organizations. This was a daring as well as an important step to progress and an epochal event in the society's history. With the establishment of the juvenile department we laid a new cornerstone in the foundation of this society and opened a most steady and dependable source for new members, thus securing the future growth of the organization. We all know that this was of great benefit not only to the society but also to all our people in this country.

This year also marks the 10th anniversary of juvenile circles, which serve as educational, fraternal, cultural and recreational units for the juvenile members, with most emphasis being stressed on fraternalism, mutual help and cooperation. It is therefore necessary that we remember these two jubilees with fitting celebrations. Because of this I recommend that this meeting should reach a decision directing the attention of the local lodges and federations to these events and urging them to observe these birthdays with special programs and to take advantage of these occasions to enlist new members. At the same time it is advisable that one issue of the juvenile magazine be issued as a jubilee number.

Employees

Before the close of last year we received a letter from the employees' union asking for negotiation of a new contract at a joint meeting, which took place soon thereafter. In addition to \$10 increase in salaries per week per employee there were other demands, such as longer vacations, severance pay, checkoff system, etc. The executive committee granted a pay raise of \$2.50 to \$5 per week plus an additional day for vacation when there is a holiday in the week, but it considered the rest of the demands as exaggerated and did not feel that it could justifiably grant them.

Problem of Building

This problem has been discussed at several previous meetings as well as at the last convention, which empowered the supreme board to construct a building which would completely answer our requirements now and for a long time to come. As you remember, the last semiannual board meeting instructed the executive committee to prepare a provisional plan and submit it at this meeting. The plan is prepared but many things could be changed if deemed advisable. In this connection I wish to state that the difficulties and delay caused by shortage of space have not diminished at all; on the contrary, they are becoming more serious and unpleasant. Because of this I deem it necessary that the board comes to a definite decision at this meeting.

Law suit

At the beginning of last December we were notified by a court in Chicago that a suit has been filed for \$500,000 against Prosveta for publishing articles concerning activities of a priest, Franc Gabrovsek, in the old country. Naturally, we were forced to defend the paper; for this purpose a lawyer was hired and preparations for defense are in progress. It is obvious that this is not a question of libel as averred by the plaintiff, but rather an attempt to crush the voice of freedom among our people, which, with an economic blow in the form of heavy financial penalty, could easily happen to the progressive Slovene papers in America.

Publications

I don't think it is necessary to emphasize that the high prices have seriously affected also our papers and the printers. In addition to the ever rising costs of newspaper and other supplies and increasing wages of printers, it is hard to get supplies. More details will be given in the manager's report.

This concludes my report; details will be added in due course.

Report accepted.

VINCENT CANKAR

Report of First Vice-President

It seems that our younger generation has finally shaken the effects of World War II, and more and more are interested in the activities of the SNPJ.

Going back to our national annual events, much progress has been accomplished in last year's bowling tournament in Chicago, and the SNPJ day in Cleveland.

The Detroit SNPJ national bowling tournament committee of 1948 have pretty thoroughly completed their plans. We anticipate the largest number of lodges ever to participate in the tournament, including a number of lodges which have never before competed in our national tournament. This I believe is a healthy condition as far as our organization is concerned, and I think that another membership campaign would be highly successful.

The juvenile circles seem to be improving, and gaining in membership but it is my feeling that there is not enough effort prevalent on the part of our members to encourage our juveniles. A little more encouragement on the part of all of us will go a long way in building morale now and in the future leadership of the SNPJ.

I have read the Prosveta with keen interest and find that the editors have done as fine a job as is possible, but as all of us know the progressiveness of the Prosveta and the SNPJ is not at all appreciated by the opposition who seek to destroy us and our ideals. This we must never allow. We, as individual members, as lodges, and as many friendly organizations as possible must solidify our ranks and fight together, to show the reactionary forces that we are prepared for a showdown, and to expose them at their face value, which in my opinion would not be very much.

The Detroit SNPJ federation will shortly hold an affair and the complete profit will go to the fund for the defense of Prosveta, Proletarec and Enakopravnost. I verbally recommend other cities and towns to respond likewise.

While I am thoroughly in accord with labor unions, I am just as thoroughly disappointed, yes, even disgusted with the present leadership. I had not expected them to do wonders, especially since the now infamous Taft-Hartley Bill has become law, but neither did I expect them to completely back out at the knees and miserably fail to come to the aid of the truly humanitarian Henry Wallace. This I believe has finally convinced a lot of us that a false leadership is at the helm of our unions and should be supplanted by aggressive progressive trade unionists.

In conclusion I make an appeal to all true trade unionists to let our leaders know that we expect them to respect our desires instead of them attempting to cram down our throats their own selfish desires. I beckon to all to become interested and to organize a Prosveta defense fund committee in your community.

RAYMOND TRAVNIK

Report accepted.

Report of 2nd Vice-President

I wish to submit my report for the past six month period. I intend to make this a short report, for we have a very important meeting ahead of us and I don't want to use up too much time with a lengthy report.

This year we will have some very important anniversary celebrations, and some appropriate means of observance should be arranged.

I always did, and I still maintain that the youth of our organization are the ones on which we should center some of our attention. We celebrate the 35th anniversary of the juvenile department this year, and we have in progress juvenile contests connected with The Voice of Youth. I feel this is a good means of celebration, for it teaches our children the principles and activities of our organization. This year we also mark the 10th year of the juvenile circles. Let us continue to give as much as we can to the youth and keep them interested, so that they will remain with the organization and be good future leaders.

I have during the past six months attended various lodge meetings and extended any assistance within my power and ability.

Recommendations that I have will be proposed at the joint session of the district, the first and second vice-presidents, and will be entered in the combined report.

JOSEPH L. CULKAR

Report accepted.

Report of 1st District Vice-President

The time has come again for us who are assembled here to discuss our past and future problems. Whatever our decisions might be, we all know that they will be for the good of our society.

Since activities in my district are the same as they were in my previous report, I am going to center this report on the 36th annual session of the Penna fraternal congress which I attended at the request of the executive committee. The convention was held Nov. 18-19 at Reading. Represented were 73 affiliated societies, comprising one million members, the largest fraternal group in any one state in the country. The opening session brought greetings from presidents and past presidents of various congresses. Their topics were very interesting, all dealing with fraternalism and fraternal organizations. It was said that "fraternal" is a word that we should all cherish. It can't be denied that fraternalism plays the most important role in the lives of the human race; fraternalism built this great country of ours with fraternal organizations having the largest organized group; competing are the political parties whose politicians try to get out of the organizations more than they give them. Fraternal organizations started in the U. S. in

1864, by assessing each member \$1 upon the death of a member. Their reserves at that time were in their pockets. The great loved Abraham Lincoln, having courage to be the leader in freeing the slaves, showed his true fraternal spirit.

With all the past wars in Europe, people still hate and fight in their countries. Probably this could be due partly to the lack of fraternal organizations, while here in our country we don't have such fighting and hating. The warmongers who are causing wars should follow the pattern of the American fraternal system. It has been proved in the past war that no agreement can ever prevail unless the spirit of fraternalism is present. Fraternalism radiates charitable friends, love, truthfulness, and good fellowship. Fraternalism can render that good for mankind which the atomic bomb on the other hand can do to destroy mankind. True fraternal spirit is the best weapon scientists have been seeking against the atomic bomb. World problems can be solved by fraternalism—not only preaching it, but practicing what is preached. It can be boastfully said, "If there is righteousness in the hearts, there will be righteousness in the characters, if there is righteousness in the characters there will be righteousness in the homes, if there is righteousness in the homes there will be righteousness in the nations, if there is righteousness in the nations, there will be peace in the world."

The second phase brought recommendations to strengthen our fraternal organizations. The recommendations were as follows:

1. That relationships between fraternal organizations can increase 100% by corresponding to one another in reference to: exchange of ideas for future fraternal problems; how past problems were solved by other organizations, such problems that confront us now. This factor, as was pointed out, is true fraternal spirit. In the Pittsburgh area several fraternal organizations have already taken steps by having fraternal luncheons where various phases of fraternal problems are discussed.

2. That the Bill 234 passed recently in the Penna legislature, giving the fraternal organizations the same right as insurance companies in the investments of real estate. It was pointed out that soon there should be some very good investments due to high mortgages at present buying. In investing, consideration should be given to the nearness of neighborhood stores, churches, transportation and shopping districts.

3. To get on the American Experience Table at 3% for those that don't have it.

4. Strengthening reserves was highly recommended. If assets don't exist, then the setting aside each year should be planned to build a strong reserve.

5. Also strongly advised was that additional premiums should be required for hazardous occupations. It must be remembered that if members having hazardous occupations tried to get a policy of insurance in an old line life insurance company, they would be rated for such occupations.

6. That each society should be member of Service for Legislative Activities. This service gives all the latest changes in the Penna State Insurance laws.

7. That the Fraternal Trainees Course should be given to all active members in their respective lodges. This course can be obtained from the Insurance Research and Review Service, Indianapolis, Indiana, addressed to Oscar A. Kottler, deputy insurance commissioner.

8. It was pointed out that many fraternal organizations are not living up to section 5 of the Fraternal Benefit Act of 1937. Societies using such words as insurance, insured, premium, policy, and company, are not living up to the state laws. I wish to point out that the slogan used by our society—to be insured means to be secured—can do more harm than good; especially today when the biggest problem that we have before us is how to hold together what was accomplished in the past 44 years.

After much debate in the closing session, a resolution was adopted which passed by the necessary majority. This resolution was entitled, "Communism and other subversive activities." I stood firmly against this resolution for two particular reasons; first, that it was contrary to section 1 of our by-laws, namely, Declaration of Principles. Section 1 reads in part:

"The society grants to its members personal freedom of religious, philosophical, ethical, and political creeds." The resolution reads in part "Be it further resolved that it will be the purpose of the patriotic fraternal societies which constitute the Penna fraternal congress, to disavow and condemn any action on the part of any constituent society to admit a communist member." Another part reads: "The Penna fraternal congress solemnly disavows and condemns the action of any society by permitting officers to be elected from its members who are communists." This would be contrary to section 104—Qualifications of officers. To me, I could readily see that this resolution can be of benefit to fraternal organizations at the present time, but, looking at it in the true sense, what fraternalism means and what was said at the beginning of the sessions; that fraternalism radiates charitable friends, love, true and good fellowship, made this resolution as it was worded a complete about face.

To complete the report on the proceedings of the congress, it was stated: 1. That I.W.O. and C.F.V. were bitterly denounced for their communistic activities. 2. The past Penna legislature did not pass any bills against fraternal organizations. 3. The balance in the treasury of the Penna fraternal congress as of November 1947 was \$1,932.57.

In conclusion I wish to say that it was an honor to be a delegate for the SNPJ to this congress. I have served and given a report to the best of my ability.

JOHN V. CEBULAR

Report accepted.

Report of 2nd District Vice-President

In submitting my report as vice president of district 2, in which I have served in the past year, I find that my work is extremely interesting and educational in meeting many of the SNPJ lodge officers and members in the scores of towns where our lodges are located.

Social activities have increased among the various lodges in my district, although still far below that of prewar days. This, I earnestly believe, lies wholly in the hands of the lodge officers and members. I find that where the officers are active, with the backing of a few hard working members, they can do much to revive the old SNPJ spirit and bring the lodges out of their dormant state. An active and progressive lodge is a great inducement for securing new members.

I was invited as a guest speaker in behalf of our society at the annual juvenile yule party of lodge 138, Strabane. The children gave a wonderful performance showing remarkable talent, under the direction of their Circle director, Sister Frances Petro. The party was well attended; the town of Strabane is really an SNPJ town; we should be proud of it.

On Jan. 3, the Keystoneians, Lodge 87, Hermine, sponsored a half-hour radio program over the Braddock radio station. I gave a short talk on the interests of the society and lodge. By later reports the program was well received by the SNPJ radio audience.

By request of Lodge 87 I have the following recommendations to present to the supreme board:

That The Voice of Youth be prepared and mailed and be in the hands of its members before the end of the month for the following month's issue;

That written contributions by the juvenile members be published in The Voice of Youth within a more reasonable time. As of this date, some articles contributed by the juvenile members do not appear in The Voice of Youth within two months.

I hereby conclude my report and further state that I shall continue to work with the aim of improving the SNPJ for the benefit of all the members.

FRANK GRADISEK

Report accepted.

Report of 4th District Vice-President

Local lodge activity, in my district as far as can be seen, continues satisfactorily. A spirit of competition prevails which spurs one lodge from preventing another lodge to out do it. This is a good thing.

During the past six months no request has been made from the main office to handle any official business. We did have one problem which Bro. Petrovich and myself attempted to settle. We attended a meeting of one of the Cleveland lodges in an attempt to solve some minor difficulties which had arisen. While our efforts were not successful on the surface we believe things will iron themselves out in the near future.

I would like at this time to extend thanks and appreciation, in behalf of the SNPJ farm board for the society's liberal donation. The news of the donation was very well received by all the members of Cleveland, especially those who have been devoting considerable amount of their time and effort in this project. Plans are progressing this year to make the SNPJ farm a place that people will frequent more and more often. The playground idea is spreading. Lodge Strugglers this year are purchasing a merry-go-round at an expenditure of over \$200. If this idea expands, within the short space of a few years, complete playground facilities will be available.

National SNPJ Day: As all of you know the last SNPJ day held in Cleveland was an outstanding success. The donation made by the main office is hereby acknowledged. As a reward to the many workers, the Cleveland federation in January held a supper and party, which was enjoyed by those present.

While on the subject of a national event, particularly SNPJ day, I have the following comments to offer. Those of you who have participated in the preliminary arrangements and in the work involved during SNPJ days, realize that it constitutes quite an undertaking from a physical and financial standpoint. The main office I believe should recognize the importance of such an event by sending one of their representatives on the local scene, several months in advance, someone who is familiar with preparations made by the previous host city, having in his possession copies of all the minutes. The idea would be to aid the local group with some of the many details, avoid any mistakes that were made, help to make each successive event a better affair than the previous one. The representative should also make periodic visits and be on hand a few days before the event to help out first hand.

This same condition holds thru in the case of national bowling tournaments, or conventions. In other words the main office should make it a point to show a more personal interest.

Juvenile Chorus: The SNPJ juvenile chorus is still in existence. Thru the efforts of Cam Zarnick a new teacher was secured with very beneficial results.

Miscellaneous: The \$500 limitation of insurance for persons over 45 is not high enough in the opinion of many members and they have asked whether or not any consideration is going to be given toward raising this amount.

In the signing up of juvenile members question is oftentimes asked whether the endowment policy will be provided in amounts of \$500 or

\$1,000. This you will recall was discussed at our last meeting.

Athletic: Athletics are at a high ebb. This year in Cleveland there are more teams bowling in organized leagues than ever before.

Participation in athletics constitutes a severe drain on local lodge treasuries. Dances, card parties, drawings are some of the means that various lodges use in raising the necessary funds, so as not to dig into the coffers of the lodge treasury too deep.

Cleveland Athletic League. As requested in a communication received from the officers of the Cleveland SNPJ athletic league, writer attended the meeting called of the Cleveland supreme board members; present was also M. Petrovic.

In line with request of the district vice presidents and supreme board members, the communication is being turned over to the chairman of the national athletic board, M. Vrhovnik, for discussion and their decision at their next meeting.

Report accepted.

Report of 5th District Vice-President

At this time I am able to report with much optimism regarding the lodge activities of the 5th district, especially in my vicinity.

Since a good number of our former active SNPJ members are reviving their interest in lodge work, it points toward a promising future for our organization in this area.

The merger of lodges 230-250 of Madison, Ill. completed in January of this year, was a very intelligent move on the part of both lodges, as it opened the doors of progress and to the type of lodge activity that had prevailed in Madison some ten years ago.

The lodges 230-250 who since the merger are known as lodge 250 and the E.S.L. 763 have laid plans for building a National Home in Madison. The property has been purchased for the sum of \$4,500. The said lodges plan to occupy the present building until such time that funds will be available to build a new structure and possibly interest other fraternal Slav organizations to participate in the National Hall program.

I trust that in the near future a reasonable sum will be donated towards this cause by the SNPJ in order to assist our members of Madison to carry out their plans, as I feel confident this will be an asset to our organization. Our people in that vicinity have been handicapped by the lack of halls, as the halls that have been available in the past are now used as private clubs.

This year marks the celebration of the 35th anniversary of our juvenile department and the 10th anniversary of juvenile circles.

Many lodges are preparing plans to observe these two important anniversaries, either by organizing juvenile circles in their community or by sponsoring socials and entertainment programs. I urge all lodges, especially in the 5th district to sponsor an "SNPJ Juvenile Day."

Recently I met with a special committee of lodge 659 to discuss and make plans in organizing a juvenile circle. The response from this special committee was very satisfactory.

The anniversary month of March has been designated as the organizational month for the circle of lodge 659 "Spirit of St. Louis."

On October 16-17, 1947 I attended the Missouri fraternal congress as delegated by the executive committee. The complete report of this congress has been submitted to the supreme secretary.

Within the past six months I visited various lodges and assisted them wherever possible, and tried to fulfill all other lodge obligations for the welfare of the SNPJ.

Report accepted.

Report of 6th District Vice-President

I hereby submit my semi-annual report on activities and work I performed for the society in the past six months.

I attended the two-day conference of the juvenile circle directors held by the society in Cleveland last August 29-30. At this conference, from the juvenile directors' reports, suggestions and recommendations, I observed with what deep interest these directors exposed their preparation for juvenile members to become SNPJ future leaders. I wholeheartedly feel that this conference was a great benefit to the society and highly praise the juvenile director, Michael Vrhovnik for such splendid leadership in our juvenile circle activities.

In conjunction with the conference, the national SNPJ day was also held in Cleveland which was an affair for every SNPJer to participate in if possible. I was amazed to note that the juvenile directors came for the sole purpose interested in the juvenile movement immediately departing for their homes after the conference. It showed that they were only SNPJ juvenile minded as directors, not as accused by some members to come to Cleveland as good-timers at the expense of the society.

The only grievance reported in my district was by lodge 656 of Eveleth. They were on the verge of disbanding, notified the supreme secretary and in turn notified me. I immediately took action with the aid of other SNPJ members of our community. I urged and pledged the lodge to carry on and was successful. I am hopeful that this matter is taken care of. There seems to be a few difficulties yet which I am still working at. The hardship of this lodge is getting officers to take responsibility.

Juvenile Circle 48 is satisfactorily functioning. They sponsored a yule program for all juvenile members, numbering over 300. Each member was presented with a pound box of candy. The attendance was overwhelming.

To partly cover my duties, I secured quite a few new members, not waiting for a membership drive. I come in contact with many officers of lodges in my district. Most of them report that they are progressing satisfactorily under the leadership of the old officers, unable to interest young members to take over. We had this situation facing us during the war but with promises of more improvement after the war but we have a new situation to contend with now. All are over-employed.

This concludes my report. Report accepted.

Report of 7th District Vice Pres.

My report for the last six months ending December 31, 1947 is as follows.

I have corresponded with several lodges in my district anent organizing juvenile circles and to promote athletic activities.

It seems that many of the lodges have difficulties in electing juvenile directors and managers. I was informed that the lodges in Fontana, California, have taken steps at their last meeting to organize a juvenile circle; also, to enlarge their lodge hall. They are also in progress of purchasing more land for recreational purposes.

Circle 65 in Los Angeles was organized in 1947, and is progressing slowly. Our new assistant director to Sister Mary Guizzo is a recent transfer from Penna. Sister Helen Ribarich who was a delegate to the 13th regular convention. If these charming young ladies have the support from the members, they will reach their goal.

I have also attended several lodges' doings in my locality in the last six months and made several short talks on behalf of the SNPJ. This being the 35th anniversary of the juvenile department I recommend that we give a special award to the members that enroll 35 members or more.

In conclusion I wish to report that several lodges in my district have pledged themselves to defend morally and financially the Prosveta and other papers that are sued by Franc Gabrovsek. JOHN PETRITZ.

Report accepted.

Report of Supreme Secretary

We closed the society's books for 1947 along with other administrative records and compared them with those of the previous year for the purpose of presenting a true picture of our activities, progress and gains, as well as mistakes, so that we will be able to prepare better plans for the future.

Although ours is a fraternal benefit society, it is subject to the influence of the changing economic conditions and it wouldn't be wise to ignore this fact; on the contrary, it is necessary to give all possible aid for the improvement of social conditions and thereby help not only our membership but also the American people as a whole.

Membership: A review of progress in membership for 1947 shows that many members were very active in securing new members, especially during the campaign, and their efforts were not in vain. Figures show that last year the society gained a total of 4068 new members in both departments, or 648 more than in 1946, in spite of the campaign conducted in the previous year. After the deduction of canceled, withdrawals and deceased, the total gain was 1883 for both departments, which is a considerable number. Credit and gratitude for this record goes to our diligent campaigners; without their efforts we could not have registered such success. As long as there are members willing to work for the organization not only from the material standpoint but also from the standpoint of principles, we can always hope for satisfactory results; however, it is regrettable that the number of such members is rapidly thinning due to deaths.

Status of membership for the six-months period is as follows:

Table with columns: ADULT DEPARTMENT, Membership June 30, 1947, New admitted, Transferred from juvenile dept, Total, Deceased, Canceled and withdrawals, Membership Dec. 31, 1947.

Table with columns: JUVENILE DEPARTMENT, Membership June 30, 1947, New admitted, Total, Transferred to adult dept, Deceased, Canceled, Membership Dec. 31, 1947, Increase.

Deaths: In 1946 the society lost 506 adult and 19 juvenile members, or a total of 525, as compared to 905 adult and 18 juvenile members (total 923) in 1947. If we consider the membership increase this record is good for the society.

Detailed report will show that heart disease was the cause of most deaths with cancer in second place. In spite of the fact that cancer takes more lives each year in our rich country which has at its disposal billions of dollars for purposes that are not beneficial to humanity, the institutions which are combating this scourge must depend for support on solicited contributions. The time will come when the economy of the present society will be condemned; instead of improving health, it is digging untimely graves.

Table with columns: REPORT ON DEATHS, Causes, No. of Cases, Am't of Insurance.

Death benefits decreased last year by \$54,334.70 over the previous year. Most of this sum has been paid to beneficiaries in Yugoslavia and authorities there cooperate with us in seeing that the money goes to proper individuals, which we appreciate. Operations and disabilities increased last year by 257 cases; in 1946 there were 1109 operations as compared to 1366 in 1947. This sharp increase

can be ascribed largely to superficial examination of new candidates and admission of same without examination. We noticed that recently there were more cases of appendicitis and hernia immediately after the period specified in the by-laws which entitles a member to disability benefit. A mistake was made by the special convention committee which recommended admission of new members insured for \$500 and \$1 sick benefit and disability benefit without medical examination. This provision, which no other society practices, should be repealed at the next convention because experience has shown this as too risky for the society. As a consequence, the disability fund after many years shows a decrease of \$2,855.88 for the last six months. Although this is not serious, it is necessary to know this trend and correct it before it develops into a serious problem.

OPERATIONS AND DISABILITIES

Table with columns: Operations, No. of Cases, Benefits Paid. Includes Appendectomy, Hernia, Abdominal, Hemorrhoids, Hysterectomy, etc.

Disabilities: Loss of fingers, Loss of eyesight, Loss of legs, Total blindness, Loss of toes, Paralysis of arm and leg.

Finances: Expense fund shows a serious decrease for the annual period and due to conditions there is little hope that it will improve. The high cost of printing and other supplies, increase of salaries, higher athletic and circle appropriation, etc., while the membership dues remain the same as they were twenty years ago, are reasons for this decrease.

Miscellaneous: In 1947 the number of lodges decreased by five due to mergers or transfers of members to nearby lodges, the reason being that it is increasingly harder to elect lodge officers. This is a problem which is becoming more and more serious and which will have to be solved. Youth educated in schools of extreme individual materialism cannot interest itself in cooperative fraternal insurance; this is the general opinion among the older fraternalists. It is possible that this is perhaps partly our own fault because we didn't pay enough attention and prepare our young people to take over when the older members leave. To do anything about this question now would be much harder than years ago; it seems that we've missed the opportunity in this respect.

Relations between the lodges and the main office are good, as well as cooperation displayed by lodge officers, and I want to express my thanks to all members and lodge officers. There were no special complaints, which means that harmony reigns in the organization. The work at the main office is satisfactorily executed by the personnel, and I wish to express my thanks to all of them.

Following is the financial statement:

Financial Statement for the period from July 1, 1947 to Dec. 31, 1947

Table with columns: ADULT DEPARTMENT, Income, Disbursements, Balance June 30, 1947, Unpaid Death Claims, Assessment, Net Income from Investments, etc.

Table with columns: \$2 Class, Balance June 30, 1947, Regular Assessment, Special Assessment, Interest, Sick Benefit Paid, Balance as of December 31, 1947.

Table with columns: \$3 Class, Balance June 30, 1947, Regular Assessment, Special Assessment, Interest, Sick Benefit Paid, Balance as of December 31, 1947.

Table with columns: Special Benefit Fund, Balance June 30, 1947, Assessment, Repaid Loans for Assessment, Interest, Special Benefit and Assessment Loans, Special Benefit to Disabled Veterans Mem., etc.

Table with columns: Building Fund, Balance June 30, 1947, Rent Office and Hall, Interest, Salary to Janitor, Heat and light, Water Tax and Various License Fees, etc.

Table with columns: Convention Fund, Balance June 30, 1947, Assessment, Interest, Balance as of December 31, 1947.

Table with columns: Expense Fund, Balance June 30, 1947, Assessment, Interest, Transfer from Mortuary Fund, Transfer from Juvenile Department, Sale of Lodge Supplies, etc.

Table with columns: Salaries of Executive Officers, Salaries and Various Expenses of Finance Committee, Salaries and Various Expenses of Judicial Committee, Salaries and Various Expenses of Supervising Committee, etc.

Table with columns: Salary of Supreme Medical Examiner, Salaries of Employees Medical Examination of New Members, Traveling expenses of Supreme officers on Official Business, Expenses-FHA Mortgage Exchange, Insurance Department, etc.

Table with columns: Stationery and Office Supplies, Rent of IBM Tabulator, Annual Awards to Lodge Secretaries, Awards for the Voice of Youth Contest, Subvention to Juvenile Circles, etc.

Table with columns: Status of Funds, Reserve Fund, Mortuary Fund, Disability Fund.

Table with columns: Sick Benefit, \$1 Class, \$2 Class, \$3 Class, Special Benefit Fund, Building Fund, Convention Fund, Expense Fund, Total Reserve.

Table with columns: Liabilities, Unpaid Death Claims, Official organ Pro-jecta, Social Security Tax Reserve, Real Estate Tax Reserve, Fund for Insane Members, SSPZ, Reserve for Fire Insurance, Withholding Tax Reserve, Total Liabilities.

TOTAL RESERVE AND LIABILITIES \$12,081,875.24 \$12,399,334.91 \$317,456.67

Table with columns: ASSETS, Home Office-Land and Building, Real Estate Acquired, Real Estate-First Mortgage Loans, FHA Mortgages, Membership Certificate Loans, U. S. Treasury Bonds, Dominion of Canada Bonds, State Bonds, Municipal Bonds, Public Utility Bonds, Public Utility Bonds-In Default, Industrial Bonds, Stocks, Cash, On Hand and in Transit, Harris Trust & Savings Bank, Chicago, Ill., Continental Illinois Nat'l Bank & Trust Co., Bank of Montreal, Toronto, Ont., Canada, Savings & Loan Associations, Lodge Supply Payments, Receivable, TOTAL ASSETS.

Table with columns: JUVENILE DEPARTMENT, Income, Disbursements, Balance June 30, 1947, Assessment, Net Income from Investments, Death Claims, Matured Certificates, Paid to Members Transferred to Adult Dept., Transferred to Expense Fund, Balance as of December 31, 1947.

Table with columns: ASSETS, U. S. Treasury Bonds, State Bonds, Municipal Bonds, Public Utility Bonds, Real Estate-Second Mortgage, Cash: On Hand and in Transit, Bank of Montreal, Chicago, Ill., Bank of Montreal, Toronto, Ont., Canada, Savings & Loan Associations, TOTAL ASSETS AS OF DECEMBER 31, 1947, Net Assets June 30, 1947, INCREASE.

I wish to add that as of Dec. 31, 1947 there were 988 adult members in the automatic extended insurance with a total of \$532,143 insurance, and 27 juvenile members with a total of \$4,405 insurance, or a total of 1015 members insured for a total of \$536,548. It is necessary to pay attention to these members although they do not pay any dues into the expense fund.

During the last half of 1947 the juvenile department showed an increase of \$32,069.20 and the adult department \$317,456.67, or a total of \$350,125.87. Total assets of all departments including printing and Prosveta as of Dec. 31, 1947 were \$13,470,886.48.

This concludes my report. If I have omitted anything that any board member would like to have explained, I will be at your disposal. Report accepted.

Report of Assistant Secretary

No eventful happenings or changes of importance have taken place since the last meeting. Although, as times changed, the conditions in general have improved, the prices of vital products were stubbornly on the upward trend. In the office the conditions have also been stabilized and, since the changes of employees don't occur so often, it is easier to perform the daily work promptly as required or as it needs to be done.

During this period I have worked partly in the tabulating department, handled applications for payment of assessment to aged members, and occasionally I also helped in the sick benefit department. Since all the work is very much interwoven, I always tried to cooperate with all concerned. In general harmony prevailed and cooperation from both the employees and executive officers was praiseworthy.

To have the work done promptly at the main office, it is essential that we have cooperation from all lodge officers, and this was also smoothly performed. It is a well known fact that some members are indifferent and careless and they have to be coaxed for every little move, and that the secretaries are confronted with many other difficulties. In spite of this, they are sending the monthly reports with money to the headquarters with remarkable regularity. These fraternalists are really the backbone of the society, and as long as unselfish lodge officers exist the society will grow fraternally and financially. To make the picture clear, the figures of suspended and canceled members are here included,

and also of those members whose assessment is paid by the society from the special fund. For the latter the lodges vouch that they are really in need, and they must be members of the society not less than 35 years, provided they attained the age of 65 or more. The time of membership is counted for all alike, members of SNPJ throughout or those who belonged to some other organization which merged with SNPJ.

It is a pleasure to state that the number of suspended and canceled members has been decreasing proportionally as the membership has been growing. Toward the end of the war and immediately after the number of delinquent members was on the upward trend, but these condi-

1947	Suspended	Susp. paid 1 assessment suspended	Suspended Reinstated	Canceled	Canceled Reinstated	Canceled, pd. 1 mo. dues—remain can.
Jul.	225	4	132	86	26	5
Aug.	237	12	134	108	19	8
Sept.	179	15	135	109	29	8
Oct.	195	17	137	92	40	4
Nov.	204	24	117	32	27	—
Dec.	226	21	142	68	25	2
Totals	1266	93	797	515	166	27
1947						
Jan. - Jun.	1323	118	657	598	157	19
1948						
Jul. - Dec.	1480	133	1003	591	150	16

The comparative figures show that there were 214 fewer members suspended in the last six month period than in the similar period of 1946, and 76 fewer cancellations.

Since the introduction of payment of assessment for aged members and to the end of 1947, the Society paid \$5,983.74 from the Special Fund for that purpose. It started in April with 110 members on the list. The number increased each month and reached 428 in December. During the

Month:	Apr.	May	Jun.	Jul.	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Total
Members:	110	225	294	323	340	378	398	420	428	2915
Paid:	\$237.12	\$469.49	\$594.04	\$655.64	\$709.61	\$770.40	\$815.37	\$865.48	\$882.59	\$5,983.74

During the period of nine months 14 of these members died and were taken off the list accordingly. It is probably advisable to mention here that the Society pays the assessment up to \$1000 of insurance, \$1 sick benefit, including disability and other funds. For a higher insurance or lodge dues the member pays himself.

I conclude with the wishes that this session may reach the best decisions for the membership.

ANTON TROJAR

Report accepted.

Report of the Treasurer

As I mentioned in my semiannual report, my report at this time will include the statement for the entire year 1947, because the annual statement easily presents a better picture of our operations than a summary of figures for only six months.

Financially our condition has again improved above last year's and is reflected in the gain in assets of various departments. To give you the overall picture, I have combined the figures of adult, juvenile, printing, Prosveta and minor beneficiaries' departments. Separate details for each department are contained in the reports of the secretary, manager and the chairman of the supervisory committee.

My statement will show that the assets of the society increased by \$606,651.94 during the past year and amounted as of Dec. 31, 1947, to \$13,442,326.67. This figure consists of the following:

Real estate owned (two buildings).....	\$ 58,994.75
Mortgage loans on improved properties.....	241,013.34
Loans on members' certificates.....	84,168.24
Investment in bonds of all types.....	12,137,583.82
Stocks and federally insured certificates.....	653,750.00
Assessment on hand and funds in banks.....	266,374.52
Bills receivable.....	442.00
TOTAL	\$13,442,326.67

Total income for the fiscal year amounted to \$1,887,224.44, however this amount does not include the principal of matured, called or sold securities, which was reinvested and is therefore not an income. Our income was received from the following sources:

Membership dues.....	\$1,427,377.79
Interest on Real estate contracts.....	1,060.52
Interest on certificate loans.....	3,269.65
Interest on Mortgage loans.....	11,979.23
Interest on bonds.....	332,211.47
Dividends on stocks and insured certificates.....	16,540.09
Rentals from Real estate.....	10,318.60
Profit on securities matured, called or sold.....	1,706.25

CHECKING ACCOUNTS—INSURANCE DEPARTMENT

	Harris Trust & Sav. Bank	Continental Ill. Nat'l Bank	Bank of Montreal Chicago - Montreal	Totals
Balance June 30, 1947.....	\$ 84,324.74	\$ 34,251.98	\$ 2,158.35	\$ 120,735.07
Total deposits.....	1,583,273.40	186,378.29	83,871.64	1,853,423.33
Total withdrawals.....	1,481,145.98	220,630.27	86,029.99	1,787,806.24
	1,067,598.14	200,641.30	75,233.37	1,343,472.81
Book balance 12/31/47.....	186,452.16	19,988.97	10,796.62	217,237.75
Outstanding checks.....	41,556.70	27,147.42	1,574.88	70,279.00
Bank Bal. 12/31/47.....	228,008.86	47,136.39	12,371.48	287,516.73

MIRKO G. KUHEL

Report accepted.

Report of Secretary of the Sick Benefit Department

Financial Statement of Sick Benefit Funds July 1 to December 31, 1947

\$1 Class	
RECEIPTS:	
July.....	\$ 24,391.45
August.....	22,179.20
September.....	24,270.90
October.....	24,860.15
November.....	21,569.30
December.....	27,345.00
Total regular assessment.....	\$144,316.00
Interest.....	9,632.23
Special assessment.....	376.00
Returned benefit.....	177.10
Total.....	\$155,901.33
DISBURSEMENTS:	
July.....	\$ 22,971.90
August.....	18,207.28
September.....	18,074.80
October.....	21,904.00

tions were soon checked and we are now hoping for further improvement in suspensions and cancellations. To achieve this, will require more personal approach as well as writing letters to members who forget to pay their dues, particularly to those who pay only one month's dues when they are already suspended or canceled. Some members are being suspended or canceled continuously for several months before they become good standing members again. This is bad because they deprive themselves of the privileges which SNPJ renders to those who pay their dues regularly.

The following table indicates the number of suspended, canceled and reinstated members.

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Jul.	225	4	132	86	26	5
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1947						
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period of 9 months 2915 assessments were paid at an average of \$2.05 per month.

An individual member would have his assessment paid for approximately 243 years at \$2.05 per month.

Here are the figures showing how many members were assisted by this system and how much was paid every month.

Month:	Apr.	May	Jun.	Jul.	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Total
Members:	110	225	294	323	340	378	398	420	428	2915
Paid:	\$237.12	\$469.49	\$594.04	\$655.64	\$709.61	\$770.40	\$815.37	\$865.48	\$882.59	\$5,983.74

Recovery on securities previously written off books.....	71,841.00
Sale of supplies.....	481.39
Loans from special fund repaid.....	1,457.59
Sick benefit reserve paid by Lodge Liliya.....	4,840.00
Claims paid into Minors' fund.....	2,704.59
Increase by adjustment of book value of Government bonds Series C and F.....	1,500.50
Miscellaneous.....	35.77
TOTAL INCOME	\$1,887,224.44

Mortuary claims, various benefits paid and all other expenses and disbursements amounted to \$1,280,572.50, or \$606,651.94 less than the income and this amount represents the net gain in the assets of the Society. The disbursements are divided as follows:

Benefits paid to members or their beneficiaries.....	\$ 984,716.94
Claims of Minor beneficiaries.....	11,739.28
General expenses of the Society, including salaries, wages, official organ, Voice of Youth, membership campaign, Juvenile Department, subventions and all other disbursements of administrative character.....	217,211.29
Athletics.....	6,877.95
Interest on borrowed money.....	156.25
Taxes on Real estate, repairs, insurance, maintenance.....	11,319.21
Cost of bonds matured and called above the redemption value.....	45,374.81
Depreciation of Real estate.....	3,178.77
Total disbursements.....	\$1,280,572.50
Excess income over disbursements.....	606,651.94

I will not go into any details about the investment transactions of the society. As secretary of the finance committee I am submitting my reports to that committee at each meeting, and they are incorporated in the minutes which you receive and which are published in the official organ. Considerable part of my time is being devoted to the work pertaining to investments, their improvement and security. We are living at the moment in very unstable and unpredictable times, times of ups and downs in the market and are caught in this vortex with the capitalist world and are unable to do anything about it. The irony of it is that through investments we are lending the workingmen's money to big monopolies which in turn are using their power to fight and suppress the rights of the organized and unorganized labor, which means our membership.

Six months' report on our checking accounts is as follows:

	Continental Ill. Nat'l Bank	Bank of Montreal Chicago - Montreal	Totals
November.....	18,984.50		18,984.50
December.....	21,034.00		21,034.00
Total.....			\$40,018.50
Six months surplus.....			\$ 32,725.45
Balance June 30.....			581,927.41
Balance December 31.....			\$614,652.86

\$2 Class	
RECEIPTS:	
July.....	\$ 12,813.30
August.....	11,451.60
September.....	12,916.50
October.....	12,880.90
November.....	11,202.50
December.....	13,901.20
Total regular assessment.....	\$ 75,166.00
Interest.....	1,866.17
Special assessment.....	452.00
Returned benefit.....	133.00
Total.....	\$ 77,617.17
DISBURSEMENTS:	
July.....	\$ 12,473.92
August.....	16,275.90

September.....	10,243.00
October.....	12,559.50
November.....	10,988.50
December.....	13,281.00
Total.....	\$ 69,821.42

Six months surplus.....	\$ 7,795.75
Balance June 30.....	120,319.79
Balance December 31.....	\$128,115.54

INCOME: \$3 Class

July.....	\$ 1,544.50
August.....	1,355.40
September.....	1,559.30
October.....	1,487.30
November.....	1,377.10
December.....	1,612.00
Total regular assessment.....	\$ 9,945.60
Interest.....	279.91
Special assessment.....	18.00
Total.....	\$ 10,243.51

DISBURSEMENTS:	
July.....	\$ 1,806.50
August.....	1,777.00
September.....	1,289.00
October.....	2,381.50
November.....	1,781.50
December.....	1,942.00
Total.....	\$ 10,977.50

Balance June 30.....	18,233.11
Six months deficit.....	1,063.99
Balance December 31.....	\$ 16,569.12

The assessment of all classes in the second half of 1947 amounts to \$228,427.60, interest \$11,178.31, special assessment \$846, returned benefit \$310.10, total income \$240,762.01, sick benefit paid \$201,904.80. The \$1 class shows a surplus of \$32,725.45, the \$2 class \$7,795.75 and the \$3 class shows a decrease of \$1,063.99. The surplus in this period amounts to \$38,857.21. Balance of all classes Dec. 31, 1947, was \$759,337.52.

LAWRENCE GRADISEK.

Report accepted.

Report of Juvenile Director

Once more we have come together for the purpose of making reports, to discuss plans of action for the future, and solve to the best of our knowledge and ability the important questions and problems which will come before us at this semi-annual meeting. My report for the past six months is as follows:

Juvenile Circles and Activities

With two important anniversaries being celebrated this year, the 35th anniversary of the juvenile department and the 10th anniversary of the juvenile circles, the outlook for increase and improvement of Circle activities is promising. We expect all of our active circles to participate in celebrations commemorating these two special events in addition to many regular activities which complete the yearly program. To encourage greater activity and friendly competition among

Items of expense	2nd half	1st half	TOTAL
* Remuneration to Circle Directors.....	\$ 247.50	\$ 665.00	\$1,012.50
Conference per diem, traveling, etc.....	.00	1,260.27	1,260.27
Donations to Circles for activities.....	350.00	50.00	400.00
Voice of Youth Contest & Circle Awards.....	353.53	320.55	674.08
Books for Circle programs.....	17.43	43.20	60.63
Special achievement pins.....	66.23	.00	66.23
Totals	\$2,339.02	\$1,134.00	\$3,473.71

* Remuneration for services rendered in the fourth quarter, amounting to \$665, was paid in January, 1948.

Athletic Activities

An extensive program of sport events and activities were carried out in the last half of 1947 which included district and sectional softball eliminations, golf and balina tournaments, and a juvenile field meet. These were subsequently climaxed by the national softball play-offs, golf and balina tournaments staged in conjunction with the SNPJ Day celebration at Cleveland. With the conclusion of summer sports, our members, in greater numbers than ever before, then turned to bowling. While the exact number of SNPJ bowling teams is not known, it is roughly estimated that there are about 900 to 1,000 members participating in organized leagues representing their respective lodges. Counting open and other league bowlers the total number is much higher. Cleveland lodges with 50 teams in SNPJ leagues, Chicago with 40 teams, and Detroit with 32 are examples of the popularity of bowling among the membership.

The outlook for athletics in 1948, especially in bowling, appears very good. Six tournaments are scheduled to take place during the next three months. New records are almost certain to be established in every one of them. And well before the end of the bowling season, the organization of softball and baseball teams will move into the limelight and, except for additional teams, changes for improvement of the rules and regulations, and increased cost, the cycle will be repeated.

Items of expense	2nd half	1st half	TOTAL
National Tenpin Bowling Tourney.....	\$1,307.09	.00	\$1,307.09
Juvenile Telegraphic Bowling Tourney.....	149.59	.00	149.59
Eastern Invitat'l Bowling Tourney.....	350.00	.00	350.00
*-Donations for bowling shirts at \$3 per.....	69.00	1,110.00	1,179.00
Inter-Lodge League Bowling Trophies.....	82.92	.00	82.92
Midwest Golf Tournament.....	.00	41.00	41.00
Midwest Balina Tournament.....	.00	68.74	68.74
Midwest Juvenile Field Day.....	.00	76.91	76.91
Eastern Golf Tournament.....	.00	110.00	110.00
National softball play-offs-Traveling & Awards.....	.00	745.40	745.40
National Golf Tournament.....	.00	84.00	84.00
National Balina Tournament.....	.00	86.69	86.69
Donations to lodges & circles for softball.....	595.00	1,020.00	1,615.00
Nat'l Athletic Board—per diem, traveling, etc.....	515.40	218.78	734.16
SNPJ Athletic emblems.....	.00	224.62	224.62
Miscellaneous.....	16.93	15.80	32.73
Totals	\$3,086.53	\$3,501.92	\$6,888.45
Refund for damaged trophy From RR Express Agency.....	.00	10.50	10.50
TOTALS	\$3,086.53	\$3,791.42	\$6,877.95

* Additional donations for bowling shirts, amounting to \$480.00, paid in January 1948.

Special Recommendations

Recommendations for a special program of activities, honoring the two juvenile anniversaries this year, which same were discussed and approved in principal by the executive committee, are as follows:

- 1) That a short and effective membership campaign be conducted in both the adult and juvenile departments of the Society, the rules and other details to be left to the discretion and approval of the executive committee.
- 2) That lodges, circles and federations set aside

them, we are continuing the policy of awarding achievement trophies and plaques at the end of the year for best meeting attendance, membership enrollment, sports, Voice of Youth contributions, and best all-around record.

Since the last supreme board meeting four juvenile circles have been added to the roster, three of them newly organized, while one has fallen into the inactive category but with some likelihood of being revived in the near future. There are now 38 circles in the society which

are not interested in the problem; therefore, it seems that we will have to continue as before as long as possible.

The books were audited by accountants and the supervisory committee, as usual. I wish to add that we had no special complaints; we cooperated with our agents, lodge secretaries and the office personnel, and I wish to express my thanks to all. If any board member would like to have further explanation on anything concerning my report, I will be at your disposal.

PHILIP GODINA.

Report accepted.

Slovene National Benefit Society Printery

Financial Statement for six months ended December 31, 1947

RECEIPTS: Publications Sales—Prosveta and the Voice of Youth \$ 38,921.93 Sales to SNPJ 2,987.15 Sales to Customers 2,027.13 Sales to Prosveta 118.42 House Sales 62.85

Total receipts for completed work \$ 44,117.48 Waste Paper Sales 29.65 Cash Discounts Earned 85.27 Interest on Securities 657.47 Interest on Mortgage Loan 3.26

TOTAL ALL RECEIPTS \$ 44,893.13

DISBURSEMENTS: Paper Purchases \$ 10,623.32 Ink Purchases 256.48 Miscellaneous Materials Purchases 2,857.80 Publications Postage 1,043.62 Factory Pay Roll 22,919.72 Rent 1,800.00 Fire Insurance 89.48 Depreciation 263.61 Power 461.42 Liability Insurance 120.99 Stock Handling Expense 84.00 Department Machine Expense 612.95 Work in Process June 30, 1947 595.46

Total Factory Expense \$ 41,528.85 Less Work in Process Dec. 31, 1947 809.50

Manufacturing Cost of Sales \$ 40,719.35 Shipping and Mailing Department Expense 138.03 Advertising Expense 336.00 Office Salaries 1,478.00 General and Office Expense 165.51 Postage 61.22 Social Security Tax 116.91 Unemployment Compensation Tax 93.52 Audit Fee 200.00 Discounts Allowed 28.00

Total Expense \$ 43,332.54 Profit in department for six months 1,560.59

TOTAL \$ 44,893.13

DISTRIBUTION OF ASSETS:

Balance in Amalgamated Trust and Savings Bank \$ 17,065.68 Accounts Receivable 6,180.31 Materials Inventory (Paper and ink) 6,305.08 Work in Process Inventory 809.50 Investments 46,562.96 Machinery and Equipment (at cost) 55,767.43 Unexpired Insurances 34.49 Mailing Department Inventory 58.80 Publications Postage 191.20 Postage Inventory 88.49 General Factory Inventory 9.61

Total \$ 133,073.55 Less Reserve 53,568.77

TOTAL ALL ASSETS \$ 79,504.78

LIABILITIES, NET WORTH AND RESERVES:

Accrued Wages and Salaries \$ 658.33 Social Security Tax 76.05 Unemployment Compensation Tax 133.53 Accounts Payable 501.90 Withholding Tax 461.30 Employees' Vacation Reserve 137.78 Allowance for Depreciation 53,568.77 Original SNPJ Investment 50,000.00 Surplus 27,515.89

Total \$ 133,073.55 Less Reserve 53,568.77

TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET WORTH \$ 79,504.78

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR PUBLICATIONS DEPARTMENT AND THE VOICE OF YOUTH

Six months ended December 31, 1947

RECEIPTS: Subscriptions — Daily \$ 12,898.21 Subscriptions — Weekly 30,490.72 Advertising 3,782.72 Maintenance Fund for Magazine 3,918.09 Editors' and Office Service for Magazine 780.00 Interest on Securities 457.47

TOTAL RECEIPTS \$ 54,127.20

DISBURSEMENTS:

Commissions and Discounts on Subscriptions and Advertising \$ 2,307.64 Cost of printing Prosveta and the Voice of Youth 38,921.93 Editors' and Office Salaries 13,936.80 Stationery and Office Supplies 296.90 Depreciation on Furniture and Fixtures 19.77 General Expense 53.58 Audit Fee 150.00 Rent 300.00 Postage and Shipping Expense 143.24 Second Class Postage (Prosveta and the Voice of Youth) 2,423.21 Publishing Expense 662.52 Social Security Tax 98.36 Unemployment Compensation Tax 78.69 Dead Accounts 2.00

Total Expense \$ 59,464.64 Less in department for six months 5,337.44

TOTAL \$ 54,127.20

DISTRIBUTION OF ASSETS:

Cash in Northern Trust Co. Bank \$ 13,940.30 Accounts Receivable—Weekly subscriptions due from SNPJ 3,755.90 Accounts Receivable—Advertisers 166.05 Deposit—Second Class Postage for Prosveta 725.34

Deposit—Second Class Postage for The Voice of Youth 80.19 Securities 35,333.13 Furniture and Fixtures (at cost) 6,328.24

TOTAL ALL ASSETS \$ 62,348.15

LIABILITIES, RESERVES AND SURPLUS:

Accrued Salaries \$ 315.30 Accounts Payable 5,955.31 Social Security Tax 84.90 Unemployment Compensation Tax 86.58 Reserve for Withholding Tax 238.50 Reserve for Depreciation on Furniture and Fixtures 6,261.36 Accrued Publishing Expense (Franjo Alesh) 633.31 Surplus 48,792.89

TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET WORTH 48,348.15

ITEMIZED STATEMENT DISBURSEMENTS FOR PUBLICATIONS DEPARTMENT

Six months ended December 31, 1947

Commissions and Discounts on Subscriptions \$ 2,264.94 Commissions and Discounts on Advertising 92.70 Printing — Daily 14,447.53 Printing — Weekly 19,172.40 Printing — Magazine 5,172.40 Office Salaries 6,180.00 Salaries of Editors 7,778.80 Stationery and Office Supplies: Elliott Addressing Machine Co. 84.79 SNPJ Printery 70.90 L. C. Smith and Corona Typewriters, Inc. 31.85 Philip Godina (Postal Guides) 4.78 Suburban Office Machines 104.58 Depreciation on Furniture and Fixtures 19.77 General Expense 53.58 Audit Fee 150.00 Rent 300.00 Postage and Shipping Expense 143.24 Second Class Postage—Newspaper 2,280.01 Second Class Postage—Magazine 143.20 The Federated Press 176.00 Subscriptions to Magazines and Newspapers 35.50 SNPJ Printery (cuts) 45.02 Anton Garden (petty cash) 40.00 Frank's Bindery 2.50 Gedge Harmon 8.50 Franjo Alesh 375.00 Social Security Tax 98.36 Unemployment Compensation Tax 78.69 Dead Accounts 2.00

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS \$ 59,464.64

Editor's Report

My report will not deal with the details of the editorial work because the contents of the paper are known to all; it will rather deal with some problems as they concern the paper and all of us. As you know, a suit was filed by Franc Gabrovsek, a priest at St. Vitus church in Cleveland, against Enakopravnost, Prosveta and Proletec, and you all know the reason. It appears that the clerical reaction has made an attempt to crush all three progressive papers which are in the way of the clique around A. D. However, we now have a lawsuit on our hands and a drive for the defense fund is in progress so that the papers concerned will bear as little cost as possible, and the most important duty of the entire progressive Slovene element as well as of all SNPJ lodges and SANS branches today is to support this drive. Frank Kerze of New York is trying to bring about a settlement out of court, but there is little possibility that he will succeed because this is not a question of libel but rather an attempt to crush the three progressive papers.

Whatever the outcome, it is a fact that we are rapidly approaching the time when it will be necessary to consolidate our progressive papers so that we will save at least one progressive daily newspaper. We will be forced into this by the rising costs which are threatening our press. The manager's report shows that our daily made a big deficit last year, and this year it will be even bigger. It perhaps will be possible to continue the daily through its reserve until the next convention, and then the society will have to finance it, or we will have to find a way by consolidating with the rest of our progressive dailies, all of which face the problem. It is impossible to think of decreasing expenses; labor is against lower wages and newspaper is in the hands of Wall street monopolists.

As you know, negotiations for possible merger with Enakopravnost have been under way, and I think that these discussions should be resumed in order to arrive at a definite conclusion. This problem would not be urgent if the membership would be willing to contribute thousands for the daily in the form of higher assessments for the official organ to cover the deficit. The truth is that with the present assessment for the weekly it would be impossible to cover the expense if we wouldn't have our own printery.

The question of political policy of Prosveta. The last convention adopted a resolution favoring the establishment of a new progressive party and promising our moral support, giving the directives for editing the paper. Such a party headed by Henry Wallace is now afoot; ideologically, by all appearances it will be similar to the "new deal" and in a liberal sense in foreign affairs it will represent the interests of the American people and world peace. It is impossible to expect a more radical party in America today; the people in general are saturated with the "free enterprise" ideology and prejudiced against socialism. I think that the resolution gives moral support to the new party and the paper is open to correspondence backing the new political movement; there is no other choice for the paper if it wants to remain loyal to its traditions. It is a question of strengthening American democracy which can be attained only with a new progressive party. The two old parties are subservient to Wall street, militarism and expansion and are pushing the country and the world into a new catastrophe. Any neutrality in this struggle would mean total indifference concerning the future of the country and world peace. In this struggle I cannot remain "neutral" neither as editor or as citizen, and cannot follow conservative union leaders opposing Wallace and the new party and supporting the bankrupt Gompers policy within the framework of the two old parties. If my stand, which I think is in accord with the mentioned resolution, differs with the opinion of the majority of the board members, then you will have to seek another head editor.

Recently there has been some criticism concerning the Slovene section of the official organ to the effect that it lacks sufficient reading matter. The trouble is lack of space; the second, third and fourth pages are devoted mainly to the

society and lodge matters as well as cultural affairs and ads. Space for political articles and discussions could be found if commercial ads would be printed in the daily, if the board wishes to consider this recommendation. Because of financial reasons the executive committee decided to drop the old country correspondent with the first of the year; however, there are always plenty of letters which are important to our press, and I wish to express my thanks to all correspondents for their cooperation.

ANTON GARDEN.

Report accepted.

Report of Finance Committee

We are herewith presenting to you the report of our committee including a detailed review of all purchases and other transactions which have taken place in our portfolio during the six-month period ending Dec. 31, 1947.

The securities purchased during the last half of 1947 have a par value of \$855,000 and the cost of these securities is \$858,039.06, or \$3,039.06 above the par value. The securities purchased in the previous six-month period had a par value of \$425,000. The assessments paid by our members comprise only a small part of these purchases, the greater part of these funds was derived from securities disposed of which will be reported farther on in this report.

The purchases were made in the following amounts and classifications:

Table with columns: Type, Par Value, Cost. Includes U. S. Treasuries, Municipal Rev. Bonds, Public Utilities, Insured Certificates.

U. S. Gov't Bonds: The largest percentage of our funds was invested in these bonds; however, our total investment in this type of securities has not been increased during the period covered by this report, as a far greater amount of these

LIST OF BONDS ACQUIRED

During the six months' period ended Dec. 31

Table with columns: Date, Description, Rate, Par, Cost, Yield, Vendor. Lists various U.S. Treasury and municipal bonds.

LIST OF SECURITIES DISPOSED OF

Table with columns: Date and Description, Yield, Par, Book value, Consideration, Profit, Loss, Acquired. Lists various securities sold during the period.

bonds were paid off. The yield in newly purchased government bonds is now very close to 2 1/2%.

Municipal Bonds: The next largest part of our funds was invested in municipal revenue bonds. Almost the entire amount is represented in the purchase of \$275,000 of Chicago Transit Authority revenue 3% and 3 1/2% bonds. As these bonds were originally sold at a premium, our cost is \$4,875 above the par value. The subsequent general decline in bond values has affected these bonds and they are now being sold considerably below par value. The yield, however, is very liberal, amounting to between 3 1/2% to 4%.

Public Utilities: Following our policy, we have again invested about 20% of our funds in the high-grade public utility bonds. An equal amount of \$25,000 was invested in seven different public utility corporations, all of them engaged in production and distribution of electric power in large industrial areas. In conformity with the general increase of interest rates, the yield of this type of investment has been increased in recent months by about 1/2%. They can now be purchased on a basis of an average 3% yield.

Fed. Ins. & L. Certificates: We have again invested a small amount of our funds in saving and loan certificates; \$55,000 being invested in eleven banks located in various states. These certificates, with a comparably liberal yield and a high degree of security, still afford a satisfactory outlet for our funds.

Securities Disposed of: A very large amount of securities have been disposed of, the largest being \$475,000 of U. S. Treasuries 4 1/4% called Oct. 18, 1947. Most of these bonds were purchased at a high premium, on an average of 3 1/2% basis. This book loss represented by the payment of the premiums, has been liquidated through the 4 1/4% interest we have been receiving during the life of the investment.

We have liquidated 9,500 units of the 850 Lake Shore Corp. These units were acquired through the re-organization of the former Lake Shore Athletic Club. We have received \$71,250, or about

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75% for our original investment. These securities were carried on the books as non-pledger assets.

Two real estate contracts and eleven first mortgages were paid off in full during the last six months of 1947. No new mortgages were made during that period.

The year of 1947 has brought considerable change in the investment field. Not quite as much money was available for investment as in former years. This has resulted in the weakening of the values of all types of securities, including U. S. treasury bonds. The treasury issues are being supported by the government at 2 1/2% and the price is kept at par or a little above. The present outlook indicates that we should be able to invest our funds in high-grade bonds at about 3%. The long-term view, however, is uncertain as everything depends upon economic developments, not only in our own country but also in other parts of the world.

This is our joint report and a detailed review of all transactions given below. We shall be glad to give any additional information which may be desired by the members of the supreme board.

MATT PETROVICH, Chairman.

Report accepted.

Report of Judicial Committee

Conditions are changing and with them the people. Records in the official organ of ten or fifteen years ago show that at that time there were many complaints and disputes, charges and countercharges, most of them resulting from industrial unrest and strikes. Many of these found their way into our lodges, all of which meant a lot of work for the judicial committee and other tribunals of the society, and other fraternal societies were no exception. Numerous disputes are not a healthy sign for any organization and not to the credit of anyone.

All this is a thing of the past. On the basis of long experience we have improved the administrative system, repealed unpractical sections, and simplified and rearranged the system of benefit payment so that each member knows to what he is entitled. Fewer disputes are perhaps also due to the fact that many a member now realizes how inadvisable it is to file complaints that have no relation with the lodge or the society. In short: peace prevails in the society, which is a credit to the membership and of benefit to the organization.

During the past six months the committee's chairman received only a few letters from members; however, most of them concerned questions pertaining to payments of various benefits, rather than complaints which would require decisions of the entire committee. Answers to all such letters are based on the principle of courtesy: a friendly word finds a favorable response. By quoting specific sections of the by-laws, it is possible to explain to the member concerned to what benefit he is entitled and where he may ask for his benefit.

This is our joint report.

Anton Shular, Chairman; Frank Vrataric, Andrew Vidrich, John Kobl, Camilus Zarnick.

Report accepted.

SECOND SESSION, FEB. 12 P. M.

President calls meeting to order at 1 o'clock; present are all officers that were in attendance at the morning session.

Report of Supervisory Committee

We began the audit of the society's accounts on Feb. 9 and the audit took three days. Present were all committee members except the chairman who was absent the first day because of other duties, but he was present Jan. 6 at the examination of bonds along with Cainkar, Vider and Kuhel. The bonds and books were checked and examined as usual by certified public accountants of the Philip B. Heller firm which prepared the financial statement for each department separately.

We examined all accounts and payments of the expense fund, special benefit fund, various other records and papers of the insurance department, accounts of publications, printery and the minors' beneficiary fund, income of the building. We also met with the head of the said firm, Philip B. Heller.

Assets—Total assets of all departments of the society on Dec. 31, 1947 were \$13,452,913.91, or \$348,341.66 more than in the first half of last year, and most of this increase, or \$281,740.43, is in the mortuary fund; increase in the juvenile dept. was \$32,669.29, in the sick benefit fund \$38,857.21, special benefit fund \$13,821.81; there was a decrease of \$2,855.89 in the disability fund, \$7,225.45 in the expense fund, \$1,482.27 in the building fund and \$3,776.85 in the publication fund. More on this later.

Investments in U. S. bonds amount to \$8,380,194.55, or \$188,803.83 less than in the first half of last year; investments in municipal bonds on Dec. 31, 1947, were \$258,556.31 higher than on June 30, 1947.

The Chicago transit authority, which took over the city's transportation system, issued a series of bonds and the society bought \$300,000 of these bonds at par value. For the first five purchases it paid a total of \$6,000 more than par value; later the rate dropped, so that it paid for the final \$25,000 worth of these bonds only \$23,875, or \$1,125 below par value.

U. S. bonds matured and called brought \$41,475.95 less than purchase price. Although this is entered in the books as a loss, it is not a loss because the rate at time of purchase was higher than par value. Juvenile bonds called also brought a similar loss of \$1,828.13.

Lake Shore Corp. paid \$71,250 on our investment; this corporation went bankrupt and the amount was canceled from our assets. The corporation is in process of liquidation and this so-called dividend was a considerable amount for the society.

Expense fund—Disbursements of expense fund during the second half of last year were \$14,469.27 higher than in the first half of last year. The wall calendar cost \$3,990.83, that's why expenses in the second half of 1947 were so much higher. Income of expense fund during this period was \$72,885.10, expenses \$80,568.63, which means a deficit of \$7,683.53. One death benefit was also paid from this fund. Assets of this fund are \$88,493.15, or \$7,225.45 less than on June 30, 1947.

Publications & Printery—On Dec. 31, 1947, the assets were \$48,792.89, or \$5,337.44 less than June 30, 1947. Subscription brought \$3,954.82 more than in the first half of last year and ads \$669.10 less. If it weren't for subscription increase the decrease would have been that much larger.

In the same period the printery shows a surplus of \$1,118.40. Investments in U. S. and other bonds amount to \$46,562.96. Administration and records of the society are

ILLINOIS FRATERNAL BENEFIT SOCIETIES—VALUATION REPORT

Made by SLOVENE NATIONAL BENEFIT SOCIETY as of December 31, 1947, to the Department of Insurance of the State of Illinois.

- 16. Does the society issue separate certificates promising disability benefits? Answer: No. Benefits stated in By-laws.
 - 17. Are the net contributions for disability benefits kept in a fund separate from all other benefits and expense funds? Answer: Yes. If so, specify same. Answer: XXXX
 - 18. How many payments by members were actually collected during each of the last five years? Answer: Twelve.
- | | 1947 | 1946 | 1945 | 1944 | 1943 |
|--|------|------|------|------|------|
| Death | 12 | 12 | 12 | 12 | 12 |
| Disability | 12 | 12 | 12 | 12 | 12 |
| Expense | 12 | 12 | 12 | 12 | 12 |
| Combined death, disability and expense | 12 | 12 | 12 | 12 | 12 |
- 19. Date when the Society last changed the number of regular payments to be collected each year. Answer: No change.
 - 20. What proportion of first and subsequent years' contributions may be used for management expenses? Answer: First year Illinois Standard Subsequent years None
 - 21. Are there any reserve liens (not certificate loans or premium loans) outstanding against certificates in force? Answer: No. If so, state face amount and rate of interest charged. Answer: XXX. Were the full reserve liens and interest thereon deducted in all instances during the year in the payment of claims and other benefits? Answer: XXX. If not, explain fully. Answer: XXX. Was the amount or basis of reserve liens or rate of interest changed in any way during the year? Answer: XXX.
 - 22. Are certificate liens or loans or premium loans granted? Answer: Yes. If so, state conditions and amount of each class of liens or loans outstanding. Answer: Certificate and premium loans. Also state the amount of liens or loans outstanding at each rate of interest. Answer: All at 4% \$84,789.24.
- I hereby certify to the correctness of the foregoing answers and to the correctness of items 27, 43, and 50, of the Valuation Exhibit.
- Signature: F. A. VIDER
Official title: Supreme Secretary

VALUATION EXHIBIT

(Basis other than Accumulation)

ASSETS—Actual and Contingent

(Excluding assets of expense and special funds)

28. Present mid-year value of future net contributions on following forms of certificates:	
29. death only	\$
30. death and disability	
31. sick and accident	
32.	
33.	
34.	
35.	
36. Total	\$ None
37. Assets available for payment of death losses determined as follows: Admitted Assets, item 38, page 4 of annual statement (including loans and interest thereon secured by reserves or accumulations actually maintained on the corresponding individual certificates) \$13,555,568.45 less sum of general or expense funds \$288,449.28, sick and accident funds when not valued \$1,025,900.98, and special funds (include all funds other than general or expense funds not available for payment of benefits) \$229,614.28	\$12,011,603.33
38. Assets—Actual and Contingent—sum of items 36 and 37, above	\$12,011,603.33

LIABILITIES—Actual and Contingent

(Excluding liabilities of expense and special funds)

39. Present Mid-Year Value of promised benefits, or Net Tabular Mid-Year Values, on following forms of certificates:	
40. Adult	death only \$8,935,869.00
41.	death and disability
42.	sick and accident
43. Juvenile, death only	215,845.00
44. Adult, Special & Contingent	300,000.00
45. Juvenile Transfer Credit	130,486.00
46. Juvenile Special & Contingent	169,514.00
47. Total	\$9,751,534.00
48. Deduct liens and interest thereon, not included in Admitted Assets, and not in excess of required reserves on the corresponding individual certificates valued—Basis other than Accumulation	None
49. Balance, item 47 less item 48, above	\$9,751,534.00
50. Liabilities of mortality or benefit funds determined as follows: Total Liabilities, except reserve, page 5 of annual statement \$342,188.01 less sum of liabilities of general or expense funds, page 5 of annual statement, not in excess of balance in corresponding funds (item 37, above) \$6,324.58; liabilities of sick and accident funds when not valued, page 5 of annual statement, not in excess of balance in corresponding funds (item 37, above); and liabilities of special funds (funds other than general or expense funds not available for payment of benefits), page 5 of annual statement, not in excess of balance in corresponding funds (item 37, above) \$235,441.19	100,422.24
51. Liabilities—Actual and Contingent—sum of items 49 and 50, above	\$9,851,956.24
52. Ratio per cent of Assets—Actual and Contingent—(item 38) to Liabilities—Actual and Contingent—(item 51)	
	Dec. 31, 1947.....121.82%
	Dec. 31, 1946.....120.87%
	Dec. 31, 1945.....120.99%
	Dec. 31, 1944.....120.21%
	Dec. 31, 1943.....123.06%
	Dec. 31, 1942.....124.28%
	Dec. 31, 1941.....123.71%
	Dec. 31, 1940.....121.86%
	Dec. 31, 1939.....118.68%
	Dec. 31, 1938.....117.63%

Form of Explanation for Publications

(N. B. The following is to be used only where the ratio of assets to liabilities is equal to or in excess of 100%.) The above valuation indicates that, on the basis of the (See Schedule A) table of mortality with interest at 3%, 3 1/2%, 4 per cent, the future assessments of the society, at the net rates now being collected, together with the now invested assets, are sufficient to meet all certificates as they mature by their terms, with a margin of safety of \$2,189,847.08 (or 21.92%) over and above the statutory standards.

Valuation Report for the Year 1947 of the SLOVENE NATIONAL BENEFIT SOCIETY INVESTMENT PROFIT AND LOSS EXHIBIT

56. Gross profit on sale or maturity	\$71,841.00
57. Increase by adjustment in book value	1,500.50
58. Totals	\$73,341.50
59. Gross loss on sale or maturity	45,374.81
60. Decrease by adjustment in book value	3,176.77
61. Totals	\$48,551.58
62. NET PROFIT FROM INVESTMENTS (Item 60 less Item 61)	\$24,789.92

SCHEDULE A

(1) Mortality and Interest Assumptions Used		(2) Form of Certificate	(3) Is Form still issued?	(4) *Certificates in Force Dec. 31, 1947	(5) Net Amount of Reserves	(6) **Formula used in Valuation	
(a) In Calculation of Rates	(b) In Valuation of Certificate			No. Amount			
ADULT							
(a) Am. Exp. 3%	Am. Exp. 3%	20 Yr. Endowment	Yes	1027 1,750,200.00	51,287.96	Mean Terminal, Illinois Standard	
(b) Am. Exp. 3 1/2%	Am. Exp. 3 1/2%	Whole Life	Yes	4903 1,197,013.00	75,445.90	Mean Terminal, Illinois Standard	
(c) Am. Exp. 3 1/2%	Am. Exp. 3 1/2%	20 Pay Life	Yes	4789 3,320,498.00	152,538.00	Mean Terminal, Illinois Standard	
(d) Am. Exp. 3 1/2%	Am. Exp. 3 1/2%	20 Yr. Endowment	1941	166 82,190.00	26,711.00	Mean Terminal, Illinois Standard	
(e) Am. Exp. 3 1/2%	Am. Exp. 3 1/2%	Whole Life	Yes	5251 3,135,450.00	360,654.00	Mean Terminal, Level Net	
(f) Am. Exp. 3 1/2%	Am. Exp. 3 1/2%	20 Pay Life	Yes	3668 2,298,500.00	358,848.00	Mean Terminal, Level Net	
(g) Am. Exp. 3 1/2%	Am. Exp. 3 1/2%	Paid-up & Extended		1149 631,420.00	91,662.00	Mean Terminal, Single Premium	
(h) Am. Exp. 4%	Am. Exp. 4%	Whole Life	1937	3799 3,386,150.00	700,267.00	Mean Terminal, Illinois Standard	
(i) Am. Exp. 4%	Am. Exp. 4%	Whole Life	1937	2540 1,708,350.00	384,148.00	Mean Terminal, Level Net	
(j) Am. Exp. 4%	Am. Exp. 4%	20 Pay Life	1937	1451 580,450.00	259,678.00	Mean Terminal, Illinois Standard	
(k) Am. Exp. 4%	Am. Exp. 4%	20 Pay Life	1937	1302 893,290.00	211,407.00	Mean Terminal, Level Net	
(l) Am. Exp. 4%	Am. Exp. 4%	Endowment at 70	1937	48 31,300.00	8,710.20	Mean Terminal, Illinois Standard	
(m) Am. Exp. 4%	Am. Exp. 4%	20 Yr. Endowment	1948	35 12,350.00	3,788.00	Mean Terminal, Level Net	
(n) NFC	4%	Am. (B) 3 1/2%	1937	23422 17,603,304.00	6,249,773.00	Attained Age Prospective †	
Total Adult				52819	36,917,632.00	8,935,869.00	
JUVENILE							
(a) Am. Exp. 3 1/2%	Am. Exp. 3 1/2%	20 Pay Life	Yes	659 638,500.00	11,042.00	Mean Terminal, Illinois Standard	
(p) Am. Exp. 3 1/2%	Am. Exp. 3 1/2%	Whole Life	1941	5 1,350.00	38.00	Mean Terminal, Illinois Standard	
(q) Am. Exp. 3 1/2%	Am. Exp. 3 1/2%	20 Yr. Endowment	1941	87 27,000.00	8,553.00	Mean Terminal, Illinois Standard	
(r) Am. Exp. 3 1/2%	Am. Exp. 3 1/2%	Paid-up & Extended		27 4,405.00	1,078.00	Mean Terminal, Single Premium	
(s) St. Ind. 3 1/2%	St. Ind. 3 1/2%	Term to 18	1941	826 437,741.00	7,988.00	Mean Terminal, Illinois Standard	
(t) Am. Exp. 4%	Am. Exp. 4%	Term to 18	1944	31 23,750.00	112.00	Mean Terminal, Net Level	
(u) St. Ind. 4%	St. Ind. 4%	Term to 18	Yes	15567 7,537,300.00	23,361.00	Mean Terminal, Net Level	
(v) St. Ind. 4%	St. Ind. 4%	Cash Settlement at 18	Yes	2787 2,787,000.00	163,373.00	Mean Terminal, Net Level	
Total Juvenile				30067	11,718,448.00	315,845.00	
Combined Total				73586	48,636,080.00	9,251,714.00	

†Ax + n + 1/2 — 12Pn (ax + n + 1/2 — 12Pn) where Pn = monthly assessment. December 31, 1947. Note X—If voluntary extra reserves have been established during the year, indicate the form of certificates involved—N.F.C. 4% Whole Life Certificates have been based on A.M. (S) 3 1/2% Table since December 31, 1945.

EXPECTED AND ACTUAL MORTALITY ON GROSS AMOUNT AT RISK

67. Expected mortality on gross amount at risk	Actual	Juvenile
68. Total death losses incurred during the year determined as follows: Death losses paid during the year including the commuted value of installment death losses \$ 2,369,000 (item 1 (a), page 3 of annual statement), plus such death	\$57,985.00	\$156,631.00

around one person, around Wallace; if he would decide to leave it, the whole movement would at once collapse. It is not advisable to rush through thick and thin in support of every new movement before we know whether it represents the same program for which we have been working many years and whether it is the wish of the workers and the common people. He moves the following: Prosveta should follow the specific resolution adopted at the Eveleth convention, that is in accordance with our old traditions; to its readers, besides our policy, it should present the progressive movement headed by Wallace in the clearest light possible, because this is a new effort to clear the political horizon; motion is seconded.

Kuhel states that it would not be in accordance with the society's principles if it would stand aside in this serious situation not paying any attention who wins in this year's elections; reaction would like to destroy everything that the progressive element has built and what the society has been supporting since its inception. SANS is openly supporting Wallace not so much because of the third party as for the fact that this is the largest mass movement against the forces which would like to lead us into a third world war, which could mean the end also of our society. The resolution on world peace adopted at the last convention requires this of the board; it states that the society shall join the forces that are working for a durable peace. The old political parties are working against this principle, that's why it is necessary to demonstrate a strong protest on election day.

Petrovich agrees with Zaitz' motion, but not with Kumer's arguments; the question is what will we do on election day, will we remain neutral? No one is certain whether the third party is a real labor party; however, one thing is certain: it represents the wishes of the common people more than any other party, especially concerning our foreign policy. Does Norman Thomas represent our stand? His stand on foreign policy is the same as Clement Attlee's and Ernest Bevin's. We all know that the American foreign policy is imperialistic, it leads into international conflicts and the result will be war. Because of this it is our duty to support and vote for Wallace, because he is the only one who is openly against such foreign policy.

Kaferle states that he cannot understand Vratovic's arguments; why should the workers be educated politically if we do not want to support a movement for the establishment of a labor party. If CIO would be for the establishment of a labor party, why doesn't it join the progressive party and with its large membership it could take over the leadership and thus create a real labor party. Kobi states he comes in contact with members of both CIO and AFL often and as far as he can see about half of them are for Wallace and the other half against; there was a strong farmer-labor party in Minnesota years ago, but it lost its strength as soon as its leader died; he is not especially enthusiastic for the new third party because the entire movement is centered around one person. Lotrich states that events so swiftly follow one another that it is hard to comprehend them; if war breaks out, neither Wallace nor his third party will be able to stop it; if the ruling functionaries want war, there will be war; there are

60 uncrowned kings in America and in their hands is the fate of the people; if these reactionaries think that the new movement threatens their power they will create a crisis in order to crush it; he agrees with Kumer completely, everything else is wishful thinking.

Vrhovnik states that every progressive movement has a small beginning; success is possible only if it has a program supported by the people; it must have able leadership and its personnel must have the confidence of the people; such a movement is the new party headed by Wallace; this new movement has all the makings to become a real labor party which is needed in these critical times; his past record speaks well of the man; the third party is against war, against the Taft-Hartley act, against high prices and profits, and the union leaders should be the first to back it; instead, they are supporting the old parties; votes cast for Wallace will be a protest against our present foreign policy and against reaction; it is our duty as members of a workers' benefit society to do everything in our power to support the new progressive movement.

Garden declares that he will not change his ideas and thinks his stand is correct; everyone interested in the fate of humanity should support the new movement for the establishment of a labor party.

Result of voting: for Zaitz' motion, 27 votes; against, 1. Godina moves that the executive committee be empowered to transfer a certain amount of money from the printery to Prosveta fund in the event of necessity and on recommendation of the manager of publications; seconded and unanimously carried.

Kaferle suggests that the main office prepare special folders which lodge secretaries would send to members who fail to pay their assessment on time; the present cards do not answer the purpose. Lotrich moves that this should be handled by the executive committee and folders sent to secretaries free of charge; seconded and carried.

Zarnick wishes to know how the lawsuit filed by Dr. Arch against the society stands. Cankar explains that the matter is still where it was a year ago; it seems that the trial will not be held for some time.

Godina moves that minutes of the third and fourth sessions be submitted for approval to the board members residing in Chicago and vicinity; seconded and carried.

Session adjourned.

SPECIAL SESSION, FEB. 17 P. M.

President calls meeting to order at 7 o'clock; present are Cankar, Vider, Kuhel, Trojar, Gradišek, Godina, Garden and Zupan; minutes of the third session approved with corrections; minutes of the fourth session approved with corrections.

Godina moves that Cankar with the executive committee members prepare minutes for publication; seconded and carried. Garden moves that the minutes be printed in a supplement form; seconded and carried. Godina moves that Cankar take care of English translation; seconded and carried.

Session adjourned. VINCENT CANKAR, President F. A. VIDER, Secretary PETER BERNIK, Recorder

ON THE CAPITAL'S CUFF

By RICHARD SASULY

The High Cost of Airplanes

WASHINGTON.—(FP)—If you think the price of beefsteak is high, be thankful you don't have to serve airplanes for supper. Take a year like 1938. That was only ten years ago. The world was round then, too, and it made one turn every 42 hours. But a lot of other things have changed.

The whole federal budget in 1938 was a modest \$7 billion and a half. The biggest part of that was for emergency relief—about a billion and a half. The army and navy together cost a billion.

It was pretty well established in 1938 that airplanes would stay up in the air most of the time, but the generals and admirals didn't think much of them. The whole aviation industry turned out \$244 million worth of planes that year, and a good part of those planes went to the commercial airlines. Some one might say \$244 million will buy a pretty big pile of pork chops, but when you get to thinking like a government executive that is small change.

New look at what has happened in the course of only ten years. Of course there was a war in between, and about half the cities of Europe were wrecked, and airplanes had a good deal to do with that job. Today when you talk about airplanes you forget the word "millions" and you stick to "billions."

For 1946—that is, the fiscal year ending June 30, 1946—the armed services get about \$10 1/2 billion. That is 80% more than the whole budget in 1938. The air force alone gets more than \$3 billion—twice as much as it cost to keep 10 million people from starving to death in 1938.

But that is only a beginning. The congressmen have been talking about this. Rep. Carl Hinshaw (R. Cal.) on March 11 told the House about some plans which have been drawn up by the Congressional Aviation Policy Board.

The board thinks in big terms. They don't bother with one year at a time. They have a plan covering the next five years. The plan will cost a tidy \$2 1/2 billion for airplanes, over and above the \$15 billion which we seem to be spending anyway. This is Plan A, or the de luxe model. There is also a bargain rate model, or Plan B. That will only cost an extra \$15 billion, making a total of \$6 billion per year or \$30 billion in all for airplanes between now and 1954.

Washington. The cost of Boulder Dam, with a 1.3 million kilowatt power plant thrown in for good measure, is \$182 million.

Big as Boulder Dam is, it begins to look puny compared to the plans of the Congressional Aviation Policy Board. The de luxe model, Plan A, would cost enough to pay for 240 Boulder dams. The only problem would be finding enough places to put them.

In making its plans for spending 35 or 40 billion tax dollars, the board had plenty of advice from a 24-man advisory council. On the board were at least 14 industrialists, mainly aircraft manufacturers. They included Pres. Robert E. Gross, of Lockheed Aircraft Corp.; Victor Emmanuel, banker and head of AVCO Corp.; Pres. J. H. Kindelberger, of North American Aviation, Inc.; and Pres. P. W. Litchfield, of Goodyear Aircraft Corp. These men evidently favor a big air force. They sell airplanes. They seem to be about to sell a large number of airplanes to the Congress of the United States and through the Congress to us.

Plan A would give the air force 20,541 new planes, with an extra 14,500 for the navy. The air force would be set up with 70 groups, including jet fighters and bombers capable of hauling a bomb from Alaska to the Ural. The plan says extra attention would be given to developing an airplane driven by atomic power.

It is no secret that Plans A and B are not being advanced as relief for needy aircraft manufacturers. The board says bluntly it is all part of the cold war.

When the board report was first made public early in March, the outlook for Universal Military Training was bleak. In an election year, congressmen were slow to push UMT in the face of labor and church opposition. As a result, Chairman Leo Allen (R. Ill.) of the House rules committee indicated that Plan A was a good substitute for UMT. However, the board does not really agree with Allen. Airplanes are not made to be left on the ground. It takes men to fly them. The report speaks about "a realistic program of recruiting" to get men. The cost of cold war is measured in terms of manpower as well as billions of dollars.

"The Silent People Speak"

"If you are interested in the Yugoslavs, their mentality, ambitions and way of life, Robert St. John is the best man around to tell you all about them." So wrote M. W. Fodor, in the N. Y. Herald-Tribune Book Review, when he reviewed Mr. St. John's new book, The Silent People Speak (Doubleday Co., Garden City, New York, \$4).

Robert St. John's name is certainly well known. He was a crack AP correspondent in Yugoslavia during the war. You must have heard him on the air over NBC. As the Worcester Sunday Telegram said, he "happens to be a rare combination—accurate reporter of facts and a brilliant writer."

In 1941 St. John wrote "From the Land of Silent People" and New York critic Lewis Gannett called it "the best book to come out of the war." Now, in The Silent People Speak, he tells you about Yugoslavia five years later. It is a book you will want to read and talk about and own.

The Silent People Speak is the adventure-packed story of St. John's recent journey into every corner of postwar Yugoslavia—the story of the valiant people, their war-torn land, their shattering losses, their vast hopes for the future. Louis Adamic says that it makes you know the people of Yugoslavia.

St. John's book, just published, has already been extensively reviewed in newspapers and magazines from coast to coast. The Omaha World-Herald, for example, said: "Here is an opportunity to take a trip into the Balkans with an experienced reporter who loves the people of that much abused portion of the world." The Boston Herald added: "A full-scale, warm-hearted book... highly readable and thought-provoking."

Justice, South African Brand

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa (ALN)—Two men were sentenced by South African courts recently and the sentences speak volumes about justice here.

An African, Jackson Kumalo, found guilty of taping a white woman, was sentenced to death.

A white man, Gert Johannes Swanepoel, found guilty of flogging a colored man, throwing him into a fire and leaving him to die, was fined \$85 and allowed to pay in monthly installments. Whoops! Well dressed man, cane in hand, falling through the air from a plane: "Oh! Oh! That wasn't the wash-room after all."

losses unpaid December 31 of current year \$ A.- 44,813.75 (line 1 (a), cols. 1-4, incl., page 5 of annual statement) and A.-93,307.94

less such death losses unpaid December 31 of previous year \$ J.- 750.00 (line 1 (a), cols. 1-4, incl., page 5 of annual statement for said year) giving actual mortality on gross amount at risk

1947	53.05%	2,940.00
1946	55.62%	1,887.00
1945	50.33%	4,724.00
1944	59.24%	3,055.00
1943	53.55%	7,755.00

69. Ratio per cent of actual (item 68, above) to expected mortality (item 67, above) on gross amount at risk during

INTEREST INCOME FROM INVESTMENTS

(Excluding items belonging to general or expense funds)

NOTE. The figures entered in items 70 to 77, inclusive, below, should relate to benefit funds only. The general or expense fund figures are to be excluded from these items. For example: The interest, dividends and rents and investment expenses of general or expense funds are to be excluded from items 70 to 76, inclusive, below; and in calculating the percentages shown in items 73, 76 and 77 below, the assets of general or expense funds are to be excluded.

70. Interest, dividends and rents received during the year, per items 16 to 23, inclusive, page 2 of the annual statement (less item 45, page 3, and less \$5,953.83 amortization and plus \$698.92 accrual)	\$344,567.38
71. Add the excess of interest and rents due and accrued over interest and rents paid in advance December 31 of current year determined as follows: Item 18, page 4, less the sum of item 33B, page 4, item 12, page 5, and the interest in item 10, page 5, of annual statement	74,624.83
72. Total	\$419,192.21
73. Deduct the excess of interest and rents due and accrued over interest and rents paid in advance December 31 of previous year determined as follows: Item 18, page 4, less the sum of item 33B, page 4, item 12, page 5, and the interest in item 10, page 5, of previous year's annual statement	71,402.08
74. Interest earned during the year, item 72 less item 73, above (2.789 per cent of mean ledger assets less one-half of interest earned)	\$347,790.13
75. Investment expenses paid during the year \$29,033.11, plus \$263.98 unpaid December 31 of current year, less \$257.17 unpaid December 31 of previous year, giving incurred investment expenses (averaging 0.23 per cent of mean ledger assets)	29,039.98
76. Net interest (including rents) on investments of benefit funds, item 74 less item 75, above (2.553 per cent of mean ledger assets less one-half of net interest income from investments)	\$318,750.21
77. Net rate of interest earned on benefit funds during 1947	2.553%
1946	2.548%
1945	2.762%
1944	2.782%
1943	2.917%

78. Instructions for Calculating Expected Mortality on the Gross Amount at Risk.

Juvenile	Adult	
(a) \$147,502.00	\$ 546,876.00, qx+n times insurance in force December 31 of previous year.	
(b) 165,737.00	\$78,133.00, qx+n times insurance in force December 31 of current year.	
(c) 23.00	12,861.00, qx+n times Death losses incurred during the current year less reserve liens and interest thereon.	
(d) \$313,262.00	\$1,135,870.00, Sum of items (a), (b) and (c), above. Divide item (d), by two to obtain;	
(e) \$156,631.00	\$ 567,935.00, Expected gross death losses during the current year.	
(f)	The above calculations were made on basis of American Experience and National Fraternal Congress table of mortality.	

State of Illinois }
County of Cook } ss.:

Ralph I. Booth, being duly sworn, deposes and says that he is the actuary who made the foregoing computation and answers to the questions above set forth concerning the condition of Slovene National Benefit Society as of December 31, 1947 and that the same are correct and true to the best of his information, knowledge and belief.

Ralph I. Booth
(Signature of actuary)
175 W. Jackson Blvd.
(Street and Number)
Chicago, Illinois
(City and State)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 27th day of February, 1948.

Official Seal if any

Frank Zordani
(Signature of notary or other officer)
(Notary Public)

Official Proceedings

SNPJ EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Meeting of Jan. 7

Meeting is called to order at 1 pm; present are Cainkar, Vider, Trojar, Kuhel, Gradisek, Vrhovnik, Godina and Garden; minutes of the previous meeting are approved as read.

President reports that the sub-committee met with the representative of employees' union and discussed the proposals; no agreement has been reached and the matter should be discussed at this meeting; the scale for increase in salaries is approved but other requests are rejected.

It was also decided that the period for vacations for employees shall be from May to Nov. 1st each year.

The annual meeting of the supreme board shall begin on Feb. 12.

Secretary submits a letter from the American Red Cross asking for an annual contribution; the sum of \$200 is approved.

A request for a financial donation from the People's Lobby to help cover the deficit; the amount of \$25 is approved.

Juvenile director presents a schedule for compensation for the juvenile circle managers for the final quarter of 1947 in the amount of \$435; payment approved.

He also recommends a compensation of \$60 to Ann Sannemann, district circle director, for her services; payment approved.

An application from Lodge 7 for financial aid for bowling shirts; the amount of \$27 is approved.

He is instructed to prepare a plan for this year's membership campaign so that the committee may discuss it before the meeting of the supreme board is held.

Manager reports that the liability insurance for employees will expire soon and that the committee should decide which company shall take care of this business; decided to investigate how much the society would save if the insurance would be placed with the Mutual Insurance Company.

Meeting adjourned at 3:45.

Meeting of Jan. 21

Meeting is called to order at 1 pm; all members of the executive committee are present; after reading of the minutes, the question arose as to whether or not there were any bids offered for light fixtures in the main office; president replies that he did ask for bids from three companies and received a response from only one; minutes are approved as read.

President read a letter from the Wisconsin Fraternal Congress in which the society is invited to send a representative to its annual meeting in Milwaukee Feb. 28; decided that either president or secretary may attend.

An invitation to send representatives to its annual meeting Feb. 22

in Chicago from the Illinois Fraternal Congress; decided that as many executive officers as possible should attend.

Secretary submits an application for special benefit in behalf of Mary Zidar, lodge 102, who is in dire need; the amount of \$35 is approved.

An application for special benefit from lodge 287 in behalf of Anton Wytko, whose dwelling was destroyed by fire as well as all his belongings; the sum of \$50 is approved.

A request for a contribution from the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis; a donation of \$10 is approved.

Juvenile director presents a schedule for compensation for the last quarter of 1947 to five more juvenile circle directors, whose quarterly reports were delayed; payment in the total amount of \$80 is approved.

He recommends that annual juvenile circle achievement awards be continued, stating that approximately \$100 would be needed to purchase suitable trophies or plaques for this purpose; these awards are given at the end of each year to circles with outstanding achievement records in membership enrollment, meeting attendance, Voice of Youth contributions, sport activity, and social and cultural affairs and programs; decided to continue the awards, but on a traveling basis requiring a circle to win three times before gaining permanent possession.

Secretary presents offers for 1948 large and small wall calendars from various companies; decided to place the order with Brown & Bigelow.

Applications for assessment loans and special benefit are approved (details in Slovene minutes).

Meeting adjourned at 5.

Meeting of Jan. 28

Meeting is called to order at 1 pm; all executives are present; minutes of the previous meeting are approved as read.

Secretary submits a letter from the Chicago Federation asking to select three of its members to represent the committee at federation meetings; decided that the executive committee represents the membership as a whole, therefore, such representation would not be in accord with their official positions, but the members of the committee may participate in the activities of the federation at their own local lodges.

An application for special benefit for Mary Rodich, lodge 747, who recently underwent an operation and is in dire need; lodge recommends assistance; special benefit of \$50 is approved.

Secretary of sick benefit reports that John Kobe of lodge 16 passed away and left some sick benefit claimed by his daughter; payment approved.

Juvenile director presents the final list for compensation to five more juvenile circle directors for the last quarter of 1947; payment approved.

He also presents a plan for this year's membership campaign in celebration of the 35th anniversary of the juvenile department and 10th anniversary of juvenile circles; decided that the campaign be conducted for four months, August 1st to Nov. 30; also decided that a special issue of The Voice of Youth be published the middle of this year

in celebration of the two anniversaries.

Applications for assessment loan and special benefit are approved (details in Slovene minutes).

Meeting adjourned at 4.

Meeting of Feb. 19

Meeting is called to order at 1 p. m. in presence of all executives; minutes of the previous meeting approved as read.

President submits a letter from J. Langerholf of lodge 82, complaining against head editor because he refused to publish his article; editor reads the article and the committee sustains his action.

He also reads a letter from the Chicago Newspaper Guild and a new contract for the assistant editors in which increase in salaries is requested; a sub-committee composed of president, manager and editor to negotiate with the guild is named.

Secretary submits a letter of complaint from secretary of lodge 287 in reference to the committee's rejection of the request for a donation for its juvenile members for a Christmas party given by the lodge; the committee approves a donation of \$30.

Applicant for Frank Juvanc, lodge 558, Canada, for promissorial claim is approved.

Lodge 643, Girard, Ohio, will celebrate its 20th anniversary April 18 and asks for Donald J. Lotrich as a speaker; request granted.

A request for an ad in souvenir booklet published for the national bowling tournament in Detroit April 23-24-25; a full page ad is approved.

An ad in the March issue of the Fraternal Monitor for \$55 is approved.

An application for special benefit for Tomo Ciak of lodge 3, whose living quarters were destroyed by fire; \$50 is approved.

An application for special benefit from lodge 101 for Kate Kostansky, who underwent an operation and was not entitled to regular operation benefit; \$25 is approved.

Secretary then presents a surety bond for officers of the executive committee and supreme board who must be bonded, according to the provisions of the by-laws; the bond is taken out with the Lumbermen's Mutual Casualty Co. for a period of three years and approved; also approved is a protection policy.

Secretary of sick benefit reports that Anton Drager of lodge 64 passed away and left sick benefit claimed by his daughter; payment approved.

Juvenile director reports that the Kansas federation asks for SNPJ movies for May 1st and Pioneer Lodge 559 asks for movies for Feb. 29; requests granted.

He further presents a letter from the Cleveland athletic league for a donation from the athletic fund for the eastern invitational tournament in the amount of \$430 recommended by athletic board; approved.

The following operation claims referred to the executive committee by the medical examiner are approved: Valentin Yugovich (10),

1160; Joseph Kastelich (89), \$80; Boris Demancheck (103), \$25; Louis Dragan (105), \$25; Tony Samra (128), \$25; Christine Jerome (130), \$25; Frank Caserman (292), \$100. Meeting adjourned at 4:30.

Meeting of Feb. 25

Meeting is called to order at 1 p. m.; present are all members of the executive committee except juvenile director.

Secretary reads a letter from lodge 86 asking for president or secretary as a speaker at its 40th anniversary April 10; request granted.

He also submits a disability claim in behalf of Margaret Colarich of lodge 108, who has been paralyzed for over two years; according to the by-laws the disability benefit of \$300 is approved.

Secretary of sick benefit reports that Steve Tratik of lodge 103 passed away and left sick benefit claimed by his cousin; payment approved.

Julia Christopher of lodge 215 passed away and left sick benefit claimed by her father; payment approved.

President and secretary report they attended the meeting of the Illinois fraternal congress in Chicago Feb. 20, but were unable to attend on Saturday due to other business.

The following operation claims referred to the executive committee by the supreme medical examiner are approved:

Mary Zaitkovich (8), \$35; Louis Godina (31), \$25; William Golobich (35), \$25; Christ Mandel (53), \$25; Louis Bozich (61), \$25; Jakob Likar (64), \$25; August Kortylak (91), \$75; Frank Drobiz (145), \$35; Albin Mozina (155), \$25; Angelina Zupanec (186), \$25; Winnibald Wiesnesky (244), \$25; George Lukich (634), \$25; Helen L. Gergovich (750), \$25.

Meeting adjourned at 2:30.

Vincent Cainkar, President.
F. A. Vider, Secretary.

SNPJ FINANCE COMMITTEE

Meeting of Jan. 10

Meeting is called to order at 9 am in presence of all officers; minutes of the Dec. 13 meeting are approved as read.

Secretary reports purchase of the following securities:

From Halsey, Stuart & Co. \$25,000 Ohio Public Service Co. first mortgage 2-3/4% bonds due June 1, 1976 at 95 to yield around 3.05%; from B. W. Thomas & Co. \$25,000 Chicago Transit Authority 3-3/4% revenue bonds due 7/1/1978 at 95 1/2 to yield 4.01%, delivered or paid for Jan. 2, although the interest accrued since Dec. 17, but will not be included as owned by the society on Dec. 31, 1947.

The amount of \$50,000 is invested into ten federally insured savings and loan associations paying dividends at the rate of 2-1/2% or better; five of the certificates were purchased directly from the associations and five were placed by two agencies dealing in these securities: Tallahassee Federal Savings and Loan Ass'n, Tallahassee, Fla.; Loomis Savings and Loan Association, Chicago; Lynwood Savings and Loan Association, Lynwood, Calif.; Mutual Building and Loan Association, Pasadena, Calif.; Southern Federal Savings & Loan Ass'n, Los Angeles; Guaranty Federal Savings and Loan Ass'n, Casper, Wyo.; Big Horn Basin Federal Savings & Loan Ass'n, Greybull, Wyo.; First Federal Savings and Loan Ass'n of Hoquiam, Wash.; West Lawn Federal Savings and Loan Ass'n, Racine, Wis.; Farm and Home Savings and Loan Ass'n of Nevada, Missouri.

Securities disposed of Jan. 1: \$65,000 Harvey, Ill. 4-1/2% funding funds; \$25,000 Seattle, Wash. Municipal Power & Light, 2-3/4% due in 1947; \$9,500 Moore Haven, Fla. 3% refunding bonds, and \$1,000 Winnett, Mont. 2% refunding bonds which matured.

Mortgage 79 (Perma), Chicago, in the sum of \$150 was paid in full Dec. 17, as was Mortgage 173 (Ulifar), Cleveland, in the sum of \$100.98 Dec. 22.

On Dec. 24, received the expected liquidation payment of \$7,550 per unit on our 9500 units of 650 Lake Shore Corp. Total amount of \$7,125.50 was distributed as follows: Minors' fund \$3,750, juvenile department \$7,500, and the adult department \$60,000; payment represents a recovery of 75% of the original investment. The trustee informs us that there may be additional small recovery from the funds of around \$120,000 withheld from distribution, pending the disposal of any possible liability other than that to the unit-holders.

In Your Interest

WILLIAM GREEN,
President, American Federation of Labor, says:

"The practice of thrift on the part of individuals is a virtue which should be constantly emphasized and a policy which should be collectively and individually followed by working men and women everywhere. Those who practice thrift will be the direct beneficiaries of the pursuit of such a policy. Our democratic form of Government will be strengthened and perpetuated through assistance extended by those who invest in U. S. Savings Bonds."

U. S. Treasury Department

On Dec. 15, received customary dividend of \$1.50 per share on Ohio Forge & Machine Corp. stock, of the sum of \$1,800; received a total of \$2,400 in dividends on this stock in 1947, or a yield of 25%. On Dec. 24, received a dividend of 25 cents per share on South Carolina Electric & Gas Co. stock, or \$19.25.

For investment at this time is the sum of \$200,000.

Report accepted and all transactions approved.

A most careful discussion and study of all offers and investment possibilities followed. Particular attention was given to real estate mortgage loans and G. I. loans.

Liech's motion to secure information and offers of mortgage loans for the next meeting is carried.

Lotrich reports that a real estate broker would be willing to secure up to \$500,000 in mortgage loans at 1% finder's fee, yield would be on the average 3 1/2% or better. Agreed that mortgage loans should be made, provided that such loans are safe. On motion of Kuhel, decided that Lotrich presents a definite plan at the next meeting.

The following investments are decided upon: \$25,000 Illinois Power Company, first 2 1/2%, due March 1, 1976, at 87 to yield 3.05%, order placed with Halsey, Stuart & Co.; \$25,000 New York Public & Light Corp., first mortgage 2 3/4%, due March 1, 1975, at 96.25 to yield 2.95 or better; all voted for this purchase except Vider, who thinks that we have already enough (\$50,000) invested in this corporation. Kuhel is authorized to make the purchase.

\$25,000 Montana Power Co., first 2 1/2%, due Oct. 1, 1975, at 96 to yield 3.09; three members voted for and three against, chairman decided for the purchase, secretary is authorized to make the purchase; \$25,000 Boston Edison Co., first 2 1/2%, due Dec. 1, 1970 at par to yield 2.75; secretary is authorized to make the purchase.

It was finally unanimously decided to invest \$100,000 in twenty insured savings and loan associations, \$5,000 in each individual association, at 2.50% or better dividend rate. Vider, Cainkar and Kuhel are empowered to select the twenty associations.

Next meeting is set for Feb. 11, the day before the supreme board meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 1.

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Kegling Kapers

By J. J. Spilar

CLEVELAND, Ohio.—Doesn't this hocus-pocus ever end? No, fellows, not as far as the Strugglers are concerned. The sixth knockdown series of the season brought more moans and groans from the Concordian No. 1 cousing who again dropped two games and three points to the pace-setting Struggler No. 2 outfit. For the fifth time, one scheduled contest and four knockdowns, the push-them-down Strugglers greased the skids for the Concordia who now are recuperating from those jittering ordeals in fourth place, four points behind the top position. Joe "Boots" Karlinger was the chief voo-doo-er with a 568 series and Johnny Japel's 524 was the lone consolation for the bewildered bowlers who would be snuffed safely in first place if—if—the Strugglers weren't so darn persistent. The fortunes of bowling ventures know no end. Period.

The lodge Cleveland Whiz Kids scampered into third place, a half point behind second and three out of first after bumping off the runner-up Comrade No. 1 team twice. This latest conquest made it nineteen out of the last twenty-four games for these fast stepping 1946-47 SNFJ champions. Frank "Ozzie" Ostaneck showed the way with a 564 set while Frank Golob did all the work for the losers with 550.

Definitely on the brighter side of the Concordians' outlook was the No. 2's squads rousing 3203 team series which topped the handicap division and their actual 2621 in fourth. The larrupin laddies laced out 1106, 1003 and 1034 scores against the Loyallite No. 1 five who managed to salvage the final foray by two pins. Al "Tiger" Lunder lashed out 552 series for the record busters. Dismittive Mike Krall had 559 for the latter.

The Spartans slugged the Utopian No. 5 opponents twice in a ding dong battle and also rang up a 981 count in an actual 2089 three game series, both taking third in the team standings. In coming from behind in the initial two tilts, the Spartan sports fashioned 1094, 1116 and 974 handicap tallies to the Utopians' 996, 1033 and 1063 with the latter losing out in total stiek by twelve, 3094 to 3082. Frank "Lefty" Lube's four bagger in the waning frames of the last scrap clinched the series total and also shaped up his fine 604 burst. Eddie Tomac hit 546 for our side.

Another hot huddle found the Loyallite No. 2 gang (Hey, Shorty, you've passed up Zupan's pro's) clicking together for a 3156 spot session and a three game spree at the expense of the Utopian No. 4 guys. Frank "Big Boy" Miklich, Louis "Shorty" Zadel and Frank "Red" Zaman compiled 557, 546 and 535 series that based the heavy spurge while Johnny Jerse's 533 was best for the walloped aggregation who were sunk by 355 markers.

Team Results: Utopian No. 1—3, Euclid Vets No. 158—0, G. Jelinek 535, J. Roberts 516, Loyallite No. 3 —3, Utopian No. 2—0, J. Codosky 521, B. Lokar 501, Loyallite No. 2—3, Utopian No. 4—0, F. Miklich 557, J. Jerse 533, Euclid No. 156—2, Z-Bratje No. 1—1, T. Ogrin 522, T. Debeljak 490, V-Boj 2, Z-Bratje No. 2—1, T. Starman 511, R. Kastele 501, Comrade No. 2—2, Struggler No. 1—1, F. Popotnik 533, M. Podnar 498, Lunder Adamic 2, Utopian No. 6—1, T. Prime 512, B. Zalar 456, Loyallite No. 4—2, Utopian No. 3—1, J. Braddock 518, J. Gubane 489, Concordian No. 2—2, Loyallite No. 1 —1, A. Lunder 562, M. Krall 550, Struggler No. 2—2, Concordian No. 1—1, J. Karlinger 568, J. Japel 524, Cleveland 2, Comrade No. 1—1, F. Ostaneck 564, F. Golob 550, Spartans 2, Utopian No. 5—1, F. Lube 604, E. Tomac 546.

200 Circle: A. Dusa 232 (jackpot), F. Popotnik 230 (jackpot), J. Karlinger 225, F. Ostaneck 219, G. Jelinek 218, E. Tomac 213, J. Spilar 213, B. Frank 212, F. Lube 211-201, J. Germovsek 211, T. Gabrenja 209, F. Bohine 208, F. Golob 207, V. Gruden 207, F. Miklich 205, M. Krall 203, E. Selan 203, T. Ogrin 203, M. Debenak 201, A. Lunder 201, J. Japel 200, T. Laurie 200.

P.S.W. Circle No. 13

Plans Dance April 10

ALIQUIPPA, Pa.—In spite of the chilly March weather most of the progressive-minded women attended a rather lively meeting. Plans were discussed for our first dance to be held on Saturday, April 10, at the SOI Hall in West Aliquippa. Joe Umcek and his boys from Girard, Ohio, are going to supply the rhythmic music for this big event. Since this is their first appearance in our locality we are sure you will be in store for a treat. So plan to attend this dance and help our newly organized circle get started financially and spiritually. Ann Hanics, Frances Zakrajsek and Alice Sampich topped off the evening with a pleasant surprise of refreshments, which consisted of homemade cake, jello, and coffee.

Our Circle has answered the appeal of the National Committee for Free Press with a generous donation. All Circles and lodges are urged to make their contributions. Without our liberal papers the American people could not know their enemies.

Recently Theresa Grezel and Ann Hanics attended the convention of the Third Party for Henry Wallace at York, Pa. We hope that more of the housewives of America would take an interest in the politics of our country. Sister Grezel is an exceptional person. She isn't content to sit back and wait for someone to do something about the present crisis. Most of us just sit back and wonder why someone doesn't do something about it. We cannot always look elsewhere for the solution of our problems. And when we see something that should be done, when we see some abuse, when we meet some emergency, it isn't enough to sit back and say, "Why don't they" do something about it." The sooner we come to understand that "we" are "they," the sooner we will get done what needs to be done.

JOSEPHINE STRUBLE

HOUSTON, Tex.—(FP)—Denouncing the revolt of the southern governors as "a national disgrace," the 2th convention of the Southern Conference of Teamsters (AFL) called for immediate passage of a federal anti-lynching law.

Coins Sent in the Mails

Frequently coins enclosed in letters break through the envelopes and are found loose in the mails. Coins found loose in the mails have increased in number 21 percent over the previous year.

The Post Office Department discourages the transmission of coins through the mails and suggests the use of the postal note or money order. Postal notes cost 5 cents for amounts up to ten dollars and are convenient for the transmission of small amounts. Postal notes are payable only within the United States. Coins properly wrapped and paper currency may also be sent by registered mail.

WASHINGTON.—(FP)—Not only should the Federal Communications Commission keep its ban on editorializing by radio stations but it should also clarify the entire problem of freedom of the air, AFL economist Boris Shishkin told the FCC. Backed by spokesmen from several AFL unions, Shishkin spoke against the demand of the networks and business interests to reverse the FCC Mayflower case decision of 1941.



TALK ON EUROPE AT PSW MEETING

CHICAGO.—As mentioned in last week's Prosleta, the March meeting of the Progressive Slovene Women of America was an exceptional one. At this meeting we had as our guest speaker Grace Cohen, member of the World Federation of Democratic Youth. Miss Cohen was one of the American delegates at the WFDY festival held at Prague, Czechoslovakia, July 25, 1947. Following is a brief account of her speech.

After leaving New York and arriving in France on June 17, the delegation was invited to attend the celebration of Bastille Day, which to the French, is the same as our Fourth of July. Unlike our 4th celebration, the French paraded, sang, danced, and had fireworks from 4 o'clock in the afternoon until well into the next morning. Amidst reluctant farewells, the delegation broke away from their newly formed French friends and continued on their way to Germany.

Approaching the German border, the delegation was informed that they were nearing the American zone, and were asked to get their identification papers ready. However, that wasn't all. It seems that when they arrived at the border of the American zone and issued their passports, their journey was delayed by an avalanche of questions, investigations, red tape and continual immigration of American soldiers in and out of the train. Exasperated, one of the Bulgarian members of the delegation commented that he couldn't see what the delay was, since their papers were in order. Overhearing this, one of the soldiers said, "If you think this is bad, wait until you get over to the other zone." This literally made the youths tremble in their boots.

When they were finally allowed to proceed, they made their way through the American zone and neared the Russian zone. On the horizon they could see an immense building which draped the flags of the big four nations. "Well, this is it," thought practically every one of the members on the train. Stopping at the station, the representatives were confronted by a huge, burly officer, who asked them where they were headed. One of the boys mustered up enough of his voice to whisper, "Festival." Chuckling, and looking as pleased as the cat who swallowed the canary, the officer waved them on without so much as asking to see their papers.

And so, the party made its way through the "Iron Curtain" and without any more difficulty, arrived at Wilson Station in Prague, where they found one hundred delegates to greet them. What a strange, wonderful conglomeration of young people! Some were black, others were white, some were tall and others were small and rotund. But they all greeted them with the same spirit of enthusiasm, as they welcomed them off the train.

All of Prague was turned out to greet the delegates and the leading theaters and concert halls were at their disposal. After being taken to their lodgings, the process of getting acquainted began. With 72 different countries being represented, one began to wonder how in the world would these youth be able to understand and get along with each other. However, one thing that every one of the boys and girls had in common, the most important thing, was the burning desire to understand each other and the yearning for peace. For it was these youths who had witnessed the ravages of war and had seen their parents and friends killed and their homes burned before their innocent eyes. And it is these same heroes who today have vowed that, since so many of the adults have been killed in the war, the younger generation will shoulder the reconstruction and cultivation of an improved standard of living.

From all over the world came young men and women, boys and girls, and bringing with them their finest choral groups, dance groups, acrobats, ballet troupes, orchestras, and theater groups. Open competitions were held night and day, with the Soviet violinist and pianist winning first prizes, and the Belgrade Partisan Choir winning first prize in the choral competitions.

The 25,000 youth came to Czechoslovakia dressed in everything from national costume to Partisan uniform and factory clothes, giving the atmosphere of a carnival, but it was even more significant, for here were citizens of the world who came to this youth gathering because they wanted to bombard the world with their genuine want for universal discernment and peace.

Open discussions and debates were a favorite pastime. Miss Cohen said that the most asked question was "Do our people in America ever think of us? Do they still speak our language, sing our songs, and dance our dances?" And each delegation could speak for itself. "Yes, they do think of you, speak your language, sing your songs, and dance your dances."

of things. By the time noon came, the volunteers had decided that they had enough blisters for the day. Leaving their Czech friends, they plodded their way back to their rooms and collapsed into bed and fell into a dead sleep. This didn't last long because they were soon aroused by that same resounding singing that they had heard in the morning, which meant that it was supper time and the railroad group had finished their day's work. At the supper table, plans were enfolded for an evening of dancing and entertainment. One of the youths who had been on the volunteer squad looked up aghast, and exclaimed, "You mean after swinging a pick all day, you plan to dance away the rest of the evening? How do you do it?" "This is nothing," laughed the young Czech, "you should see those Jugoslavs go at it."

Miss Cohen attended one of the conferences at which there were a number of Jugoslavs present. One Slovene, Sasha, said that he, through the Yugoslav government, was extending the Americans an invitation to spend three weeks in Jugoslavia. One week to witness the work of the youth railroad, one week on the Adriatic, and one week to travel through Jugoslavia, all at the expense of the Yugoslav government. The Americans were ashamed to say that this was impossible, for on their passports, the American embassy took care to add that the passport was invalid in Jugoslavia.

A delegation was chosen to travel to and through Austria. Miss Cohen was chosen as the American representative, along with 6 others and her newly acquired friend, Sasha. Entrance to the American zone in Austria was barred for Miss Cohen and she was restricted only to the Russian zone. She said that the American government had neglected to give her sufficient credentials along with her passport. She said, on the other hand, that Sasha was one of the fortunate ones, for he and the rest of the Jugoslav representatives were equipped with a diplomat's visa, which hardly could be questioned.

Concluding her impressive account, Miss Cohen extended the greetings and best wishes from the youth of the world and added that, as she had promised some Soviet youth as they broke a bottle of vodka and clapped each other on the back, she would come back to the United States and tell the Americans of her experiences, and that some day more Americans and Russians would clasp hands in friendship over a bottle of vodka.

GLORIA BOHINC.

Not Done with Mirror

The court waxed hot. "Sir," stormed the defense lawyer, "you have admitted you were seated on the right side of the passenger coach where you couldn't see an extra track. Will you please explain to this jury how you can swear the line was doubletracked?"

"Well," meekly answered the witness, "I could look across the aisle and through the coach windows. I saw a train whiz by occasionally, and took it that there was either a track under it or else this railroad had some mighty good railroaders."

WAR POLICY THREAT TO PEOPLE EVERYWHERE, WALLACE CHARGES

NEW YORK.—(FP)—Fear of the common man has brought U. S. policy to the point where it "threatens the life of every human being in the world," Henry A. Wallace charged in a nationwide broadcast in answer to Pres. Truman's call to the nation to rearm.

The "hysteria-breeding" speeches of the President failed to reveal "any evidence that Russia has aggressive designs against our country or that our national security is threatened from any source," the third party Presidential candidate declared in ringing tones as he called upon his audience to "speak up for peace" and urged them not to let the "fear-makers intimidate you into silence."

"We have come to this world crisis because willful men with private interests are dictating our foreign policy," Wallace said. "Their interest is profit, not people. They seek to protect and extend their foreign investments against the democratic actions of people abroad."

"Some of these men pose as humanitarians as they ask for militarization of America. They say we must militarize to fight for freedom. But their records do not reveal that they have led fights for a secret ballot in South Carolina, or free elections in polltax states, or for an end to the divisive practices of segregation and discrimination."

Wallace charged the administration with trying to cover up the fact that it was State Dept. which "killed UNRRA, circumvented the United Nations to give military aid to Greece and Turkey, which ignored the UN Economic Commission in planning what is called European recovery, and which is ignoring even today the decision of the UN on Palestine."

Are There Differences in American Labor Unions?

Yes, there are differences—and what differences!

American trade unions are made up of many nationalities, religions, creeds and colors—and many different political views. And what is more important to union members are their many different grievances about the place in which they work. This is human nature in the society in which we live.

Within American Labor Unions. There is one group of workers who look at unions as a slot machine. You put in a nickel and you hit a jackpot. When they gripe and gripe about the place in which they work, and the union satisfies them at their grievance, they feel they have accomplished something they wanted. That is as far as they want to go and that is as far as they want the union to go. If the union undertakes to go further, they will go to the extent of even fighting the union.

There is another group of workers who are "natural" or "chronic" kickers or disrupters. The union finds it difficult to satisfy them regardless of what it will do.

Then there is another group—those who do not take an interest in the union affairs, and nothing can compel them to take an active part as long as someone else does the work. Yet these workers will admit that since joining the union they are much better off than they were without a union.

Now, we come to the last, or the first, group. The group that is the main prop of labor unions. The group that holds the union together, the group that builds the union, the group that makes personal sacrifices so that the union will make progress and succeed in its endeavor to better working conditions and improve living standards.

Don't we have the same situation in our own Society?

The latter group—the soul and bloodstream of the life of an organization—stands among the other three groups. Conscious of the fact that they have three opposing factors to deal with in their forward fight to benefit all workers. Also, conscious of the fact that they must have the majority of the workers with them so that they are able to carry on. As a result they work hard and constantly trying to activate other members and new ideas which are "good" for all. This is not an easy task—nor is it often a pleasant one. However, those not participating in the activity of the particular organization to which they belong—be it a labor union or any other organization—should not feel free to criticize the action and results of the majority, but should appreciate them. Yet, there are a good many progressives, socialists and other so-called radicals and liberals who will shrink from their responsibilities and who find it much more convenient to stay on the outside and criticize—rather than join—those active on the inside.

We don't have to go to the labor unions to find people of this type. If one will look around, one will see and find them—wherever they are!

FRANK VRATARIC.

VOLUNTEER HELP



An army of volunteer workers backs the American Red Cross in all its endeavors. American citizens women in U. S. cooperation centers are well as at home help in clubs and hospitals.

Youth Wants Peace

HYNDSDVILLE, N. Y.—American big business has gone stark raving mad. Foaming at the mouth, they are threatening us with an atomic war from behind a curtain of bloody millions.

While listening to Walter Winchell's broadcast Sunday night, it left me utterly sick with despair. He is one of our many commentators who stayed on the air because he is paid well by the capitalists to talk the way he does. On the other hand, Henry Wallace speaks for peace.

The big bellies have literally abandoned any sympathy for us young people who haven't been given a chance to really live yet. We have been cheated every time we turn around. Most of us were born right after the first war; and before we even started school, we were plunged into a great depression. We lived with that until we left high school. Then without any warning we stepped out of high school into World War II. To that we gave our four best years of our twenties. Now we are confronted with something more fantastic and insane than some of our worst nightmares.

They don't give a hoot what happens to our generation. Those old men in Washington have lived their lives. We would like to ask one small favor, that we be given a little more future than those goats had at Bikini.

It is up to us, shall I say, the more better informed, sane and educated people that all that has preceded this sentence does not happen. Unless we put new, younger men in Washington next four years, our entire civilization will be at stake. It is entirely up to the American people to remove the characters that run this pitiful country in straight jackets. We have got to get a government that isn't entirely blinded by the flash of a green dollar, but one who will eliminate this terrible strange fear and mold it into brighter horizons for all mankind. Henry Wallace and Senator Glen Taylor are the men who should have the seats in the White House next year. To elect anyone else is utterly suicide.

So the truth of the fact is every-one has a choice between the annihilation of civilization or peace. Ah, beautiful America, what fate has befallen you? It hurts to see such a beautiful country that I love at the mercy of a few politicians that are leading us down a road to hell.

FLORENCE A. LIPAR, 393.

Sing While You Drive

At 45 miles per hour, sing "Highways Are Happy Ways."

At 55 miles, sing "I'm But a Stranger Here, Heaven Is My Home."

At 65 miles, sing "Nearer My God To Thee."

At 75 miles, sing "When the Roll Is Called Up Yonder, I'll Be There."

At 85 miles, sing "Lord, I'm Coming Home."

France, Italy, Czechoslovakia—yes, and the people of China and Greece—want to try a new approach. They are afraid of this demand for change and they are standing against it. They are using our resources, our science, our productive facilities—and soon they hope to use the bodies of our young men—to stop the demands of the people everywhere.

U. S. to Leave German Monopolies, Cartels Intact

BERLIN.—(ALN)—The U. S. will not dissolve monopolies and cartels in German heavy industry, Richardson Bronson, chief of the American Military Government decartelization branch, revealed here.

In making the announcement, which represents a complete reversal in American policy and agreement on principles reached by the Big Four, Bronson said he was carrying out an order from Gen. Lucius D. Clay, U. S. military governor.

The dissolution of German monopolies and cartels was decided upon after it became public knowledge that these big business interests had helped bring Hitler to power and had financed his war machine. At war crimes trials, it was also revealed that these firms had in some cases been directly responsible for slave labor and mass extermination in Hitler's concentration camps.

It was indicated that the U. S. has reversed its policy regarding German monopolies because no charge is wanted in the corporate structure of German war and heavy industry plants with the growing tension between the U. S. and USSR.

Bronson said decartelization has been virtually completed in the IG Farbenindustrie. From now on, he said, Farben will be run by German trustees with a 3-man American committee supervising. This was recently asserted by a U. S. official here that Farben heads in the U. S. and British zones are maintaining contact in the belief that they will soon be permitted to operate as a combine.

The U. S. decartelization branch, which had a staff of 150 a year ago will have only about 25 people from now on, including clerical workers.

Explaining to his staff their new functions, Bronson ordered them to use "efforts of persuasion" on the Germans to avoid interlocking directorates and other forms of tightly-knit monopoly practices and "to send out notices . . . requesting" firms involved in cartels to end their relationships by May 1.

Bronson said decartelization would be pursued in consumer goods industries. It was pointed out here, however, that few monopolies exist in this field and that the bulk of monopoly control is in air and other heavy industry.

Bronson revealed that orders have been cancelled to break up the firm of Henschel & Sohn, manufacturers of locomotives and Tiger tanks. The ballbearing firm of Vereinigte Kugellager Fabriken will also be left intact despite an earlier order for its dissolution, he said.

OFFERING OF TRIESTE TO ITALY AMAZES JUGOSLAVIA

WASHINGTON.—The offering of Trieste to Italy by the American, British and French governments, in order to swing the Italians from voting for the Peoples Front at the coming national election, was a veritable bombshell for all nations but particularly for the Jugoslavs. The latter is evident from the statement issued in Washington by the Jugoslav Ambassador Sava Kosanovich who was taken completely by surprise. He tells his reactions, as well as some other facts concerning our relations with the new Jugoslavia and about the sinister propaganda towards it, in the following words:

"For days and weeks now there has been an inspired campaign in the American press and radio concerning Jugoslav intentions toward Trieste. My country has been portrayed as having hundreds of thousands of men massed near Trieste prepared to undertake aggressive action not only against the Free Territory but even to march far into Italy. One report, given sensationally wide publicity, even had it that Jugoslavia possessed the atomic bomb and threatened to sink the U. S. fleet with it. I know the source of these reports. They are as completely false as the repeated rumors that an International Brigade from Jugoslavia was ready to take part in the civil war in Greece. Their aim is the same—provocation, and the creation of suspicion and unfriendliness toward Jugoslavia."

Your Dollar

By CONSUMERS UNION

Steam Irons. Steam irons are convenient for some—but not all—household ironing. Consumers Union reports a testing three models. Despite the steam, heavy linens and cottons still require dampening, and hard-finished woolens may become shiny if ironed on the right side. Though all brands could be used satisfactorily as dry irons, even the best of them was not as good for dry ironing as the better brands of automatic dry irons which CU had previously tested.

The best of the steam irons tested, according to the current issue of Consumer Reports, was the \$17.95 General Electric (Model 119F30). The \$18.95 Steam-O-Matic and the \$21.95 Silux were rated satisfactory but considerably less convenient than the GE.

Home Permanent Waves. The cold permanent wave, which revolutionized the beauty parlor permanent waving industry a few years ago, has now invaded the home, and millions of home waving kits (at about \$1 to \$3 a set) have been used in the short period since they were introduced. Consumer Reports evaluates eight of these kits in terms of safety, ease of use, and comparison with beauty parlor waves. The solutions used for these cold waves are generally considered safe for most persons, although there are some warnings in the medical literature about possible long-term ill-effects; and all warn of possible individual sensitivity. The solutions will all create a more-or-less permanent wave provided the instructions are followed carefully. As to a comparison with beauty parlor waves, there's no denying that a skilled professional operator can do better than an unskilled novice; on the other hand, many women achieve excellent results.

Among "Acceptable" brands tested by Consumers Union were Helen Cornell, Toni, and Portrait.

Household Scales. You can't depend on most household scales for hair-trigger accuracy, an article in the March issue of Consumer Reports warns, on the basis of tests of 28 models of baby, bathroom, kitchen and postal scales. Baby scales and bathroom scales of the types ordinarily sold for home use can be generally relied upon only as rough checks of weight gains or losses over a period of weeks or months, rather than as day-to-day measures. Kitchen scales are not likely to be accurate enough for a close check on the butcher or the grocer; they can be useful to weigh the family laundry or to measure ingredients for canning, where inaccuracies of a few ounces won't

matter. The postal scales tested were all found sufficiently accurate for weighing letters or packages. Within these limitations, relatively good buys were Ward's Best Quality (Cat. No.—86-1070) bathroom scale at \$5.49 plus postage; Sears (Cat. No.—02020) baby scale for \$3.19 plus postage; Maid of Honor (Sears Cat. No.—7853) \$1.98 plus postage kitchen scale. Postal scales ranged in price from \$1.36 up, depending largely on capacity; all tested were found satisfactory.

The 20-Year Battery. Limitations imposed by an international cartel have deprived American users of automobile batteries of new developments which would enable a single battery to last the lifetime of a car—and then some. According to an article in Consumer Reports these new (nickel cadmium) batteries have been in use for many years in some European countries, and have been used here industrially to a limited extent. But monopolies and trade pacts have kept them from consumer use, although they are ideally adapted for this. Recently, however, the U. S. District Court, working on evidence gathered by the Department of Justice since 1941, filed a consent decree which will terminate at least some of the restrictive practices of the American end of the trust. Nickel-cadmium batteries for industrial use are already being made, and it is hoped that manufacturers of automobile batteries will be next to fall into line.

The Disastrous Doctrine

By K. M. LANDIS II

President Truman has proved one thing. In his case, nothing succeeds like failure.

Last March he went to Congress with a doctrine of containing Communism by sending military aid to Greece and Turkey. It was to be a temporary program.

But the Greek guerrillas, outnumbered 10 to 1, are stronger than ever. So we are stuck with the Truman Doctrine indefinitely.

The theory of this doctrine, as explained in the famous article by Mr. X of the State Department, was that Russia would back down and become more reasonable if we got tough.

Force was said to be the only language that Russia understood. Well, Russia has understood all right, but not in the way anticipated.

This March the President has gone back to Congress with the accusation that Stalin, instead of backing down, has been reaching out bolder than ever.

While we have been sending arms openly to Greece, and secretly to China. While we have been using our economic power to knock Communists from the cabinets of France and Italy . . .

Do you know what the Russians have been doing?

They have been interfering in the domestic affairs of other countries. They have knocked non-Communists out of the cabinet of Czechoslovakia. They have put new pressure on Finland.

So what does Truman recommend? In a voice strong with anger and frustration, he recommends a "temporary" draft, and permanent military training. He calls it a "peace" program. His theory?

This time we'll show Russia we mean business.

But will Truman's call for more soldiers scare Russia? If so, all Stalin has to do is to call back a few of the troops he is reported to have demobilized recently.

If there is any place where Stalin is strong and we are weak, it is in manpower. So in that department, we challenge him to a contest.

But we sure do have something, don't we? Sure. As our tough policy moves from failure to failure, the more necessary it becomes. The more our bluff is called, the more we have to throw into the kitty.

Any time Stalin wants to, he can occupy all of Europe. So Harry Truman flexes his muscles, and tells him to come on.

As a program for war it may make sense, although the strategy seems to be bad. As a program for peace, it has the merit of having been tried and found disastrous.—(Chicago Sun-Times)

TRENTON, N. J.—(FP)—Pres. Addie L. Weber of the New Jersey Federation of Teachers (AFL) will run as an independent candidate for Congress from the 4th congressional district on a state ticket which backs the "Henry Wallace platform for peace and abundance."

step which might provide the excuse for direct action by other nations in this situation. I do not know why here, as in other matters, the government of the United States prefers not to avail itself of the machinery of the United Nations. But I do know that this act is certain to create an atmosphere of nervousness and tension in which prejudice flourishes and in which the employment of reason and calmness and justice is made more difficult.

