

Current Thought

Are We Lucky!

With threatening war clouds blown away presently the Sudeten area, with young men conscripted into military service in Germany, France, England, Russia, Yugoslavia, etc., what are the thoughts of the average American citizen on the European situation.

"Let them fight over there, and leave us alone over here," is the average opinion.

But from the Slovenes who emigrated from former Austrian-Hungary, and from what is now Yugoslavia, you hear men and women say: We are lucky to be here in America, where we are not afraid of another war — where freedom of speech is permitted, and no petty official to warn you to watch your tongue — where we, as citizens, air our thoughts of criticism at anyone, even the president of the United States — in short where democracy reigns supreme.

Why did England adopt its peace at any price attitude? You and I, who have been born and raised here and who are not familiar with the many intricacies of foreign diplomacy, hatred, vengeance, may say, peace at any price is preferable to bloodshed. What does it avail a country to gain or lose so many acres of land, if thousands of lives are snuffed out, and many more aimed for life.

But let us listen to the explanation offered by many of our intelligent Slovenes who have studied the European situation all their lives, and who have kept in regular contact with developments across the ocean. England is afraid of another war because it will mean a general revolution. This war may mean the end of democracy in Europe, and it its stead, either fascism or communism may predominate.

We may sit around the table, complacently smoking pipes, or drinking beer and a whiskey at Joe's next door when we discuss the European war clouds, never for a moment feeling that the United States is in danger of being involved directly in another world war.

But pity the poor fellows and girls across the ocean. When they discuss war, they are discussing themselves. They know that sooner or later, Frank, Tom, Tim and Jack will be marching to the front, perhaps never to return. They may be of the same age as you and I, just full of life and energy, and just as anxious to enjoy life in a peaceful frame of mind. They like sports, like swim, like to dance; they work in shops, offices, grocery and meat stores.

Because the distance separating United States from Europe is an ocean, and because it is rather difficult and expensive to travel through Europe, the young people in these states fail to get a proper perspective of the young people in the European countries.

When we read in the newspapers about France, England, Germany, Yugoslavia, Russia, etc., we picture these countries as individual foreigners, way beyond our age, and ones who might as well live on Mars. Unfortunately, because of unavoidable circumstances, we fail to see the little tots, the boys and girls in grammar school, high school and college, behaving just as normally as we do. And that if a European war does come thundering from the sky, the civilians will have suffered just as much as the fighting soldiers.

When we picture Europe as a land essentially the same as ours, with the same kind of civilized people as we, with children and grownups living in cities and towns — then the war clouds assume a clear significance, and although war may be unavoidable, hope that it shall be of short duration. That whatever fate holds in store for the Europeans, it shall not strike too hard the unprotected and the innocent.

Yes, we certainly are fortunate to be living in the United States.

Lodge 84

Trinidad, Colo. — Our lodge, Andrews, No. 84, SSCU was organized on October 8, 1908, all of which means that October 8th this year marked the thirtieth anniversary of the lodge. At the September meeting we discussed this situation and decided to have a dance on Saturday, November 5, as a means of celebrating the lodge's thirtieth anniversary. The dance will be held in the hall of Bro. Charles Filip in Starkville.

All members should attend this celebration, which will observe the local unit's thirtieth anniversary, and the members are requested to bring along their friends. We expect to see particularly the lodge organizers and active members in the persons of Frank Tomazin, Geo. Prunk and Joseph Shain.

American Boosters

Walsenburg, Colo. — Again the Young American Boosters lodge is sponsoring a dance, this time on Saturday, November 5th. Barney Bryant and his Hi-Brow swing orchestra of Pueblo will provide the music. A bouquet of credit to the dance committee who arranged this dance. Members of this committee are Geo. Oswerk, Joe Krist and Frank Fink. Members and friends of neighboring lodges are cordially invited to attend this dance.

John Ribacchi, Sec'y.
No. 216, SSCU

Initiative motion proposed by lodge No. 37, SSCU has been declined.

Jacob Prunk, Sec'y

Rambling Along

Blawnox, Pa. — A few weeks ago, an old timer was trying his luck in picking football winners in one of the many football forecasts offered to the public. In doing so, he favored all the long shots much to the amazement to his co-workers. When he completed the list, one of the stander-bys said, "Do you expect to win with that list? Heck, those teams you picked don't stand a chance. What ever made you choose Princeton over Penn? They'll never win." The old timer turned, looked at the inquirer and said, "You know, when I was as young as you, some forty years ago, Princeton had the best team in the country."

Our SSCU

Forty years ago, a band of strong, capable and determined men got together and started a new fraternal organization. That they were the best leaders in the fraternal field is proved by the fact that their work had succeeded beyond their expectations. Proved because their fraternal child has matured into manhood, the leader in his class and fast becoming the fastest growing fraternal organization known to man. But the time came when these leaders had to lay on more capable and younger shoulders the task of building and caring for their favorite child. Forty years passed. Princeton defeated Penn and our SSCU is celebrating its forty years of glorious work. Again as in the past, the SSCU is being led by strong, capable and determined men. Led by men that are fulfilling their task completely by making the SSCU the best and fastest growing fraternal organization in existence. They are proving this by their many achievements that is increasing the membership faster than any of their competitors. Also by their new and original ideas that is fast making the juvenile element of the world SSCU conscious.

Forty years more will pass and the SSCU will celebrate its eightieth anniversary. 1978 will see new leaders taking over the all important task of continuing the good work started eighty years ago. 1978 will see a new SSCU. A much bigger, much better and a more grander organization that will be the proud protector of most of the populace of these United States. 1978 will again be led by strong, capable and determined leaders.

You Juveniles

You juveniles enrolled in the SSCU are fortunate in three counts. Fortunate because you are a part of this grand organization, because you have the reserved privilege of actually being a leader through the juvenile convention and fortunate because you juveniles will be the strong, capable and determined leaders that will head the destiny of our SSCU in 1978. Who, no one knows at present but one thing we do know now. The juveniles that are active in the juvenile page and the ones that are laying their plans for the coming juvenile convention are laying a firm foundation and are more apt to become one of the selected few that will lead in 1978. It's the hustler of today that will lead tomorrow. The juvenile that takes time out once a month and appears in print in the Nova Doba and the

BRIEFS

Although struck by an automobile and dragged for some 500 feet, Mrs. Jennie Kolar of 1053 E. 61st St., Cleveland, O. escaped serious injuries last week. The victim is 75 years old and only the presence of mind, that of clinging to the bumper until the car stopped, prevented Mrs. Kolar from sustaining further injuries.

On Saturday, November 5, Lodge 225, SSCU of Milwaukee, Wisc. will celebrate its fifth anniversary and the SSCU's fortieth, with a program of entertainment.

Lodge 108, SSCU of Youngstown, O. will sponsor a dance on Saturday, November 12 at Anton Nagode's place in Avon Park, Girard.

In McIntyre, Pa., lodge 207, SSCU will hold a dance on Saturday, November 5, in the Union hall.

Independent Singing Society Zarja of Cleveland again will delight music lovers on Sunday, November 6, when it shall present the opera "Hubicka." This Bohemian opera will be staged in the Slovene National Home on St. Clair Ave., and will begin at 3 p. m.

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ones that are not satisfied with being just members but study the SSCU from top to bottom by reading the by-laws and ask brother, sister, father or mother for good, constructive ideas for the betterment of the SSCU. These are the ones that will command attention in years to come. Why not heed Hedvi Sterle's plea and get that article in the mail in time for the next edition of the juvenile page. Here's good, practical experience just waiting for you, so don't let it slip by. Make it your most important business of the month. For after all, it should be.

Strabane

The ball has started to roll. The younger set of the Bratska Sloga lodge, No. 149, SSCU is definitely on the go. The bowling enthusiasts have invaded the local alleys for their first try and this corner is very glad to state that the spirit and fire is still all wool and a yard wide. The boys are determined and mean to go on right ahead. Directly after the November meeting of the Bratska Sloga lodge, the younger set will meet to select their leaders and bring in a few of the promised new members. The older members are doing all in their power to see this new venture become a success and promised to have on hand some refreshments to greet the newcomers in a true fraternal spirit. Be on hand the second Sunday of the month and get a finger in the making of this new club that will not stop until the entire desirables of Strabane are enrolled. Bring along that friend that has showed interest in the proposed athletic club. And above all, bring along that fire and spirit you possessed a few weeks ago.

Stan Progar, SSCU No. 228

Pittsburgher Passes Bar Exam

Pittsburgh, Pa. — Frank Bolte, a member of the Pittsburgher Lodge No. 196, successfully passed his State Law Examination and will practice law in Pittsburgh.

Mr. Bolte graduated from the Duquesne University Law School last June, undertook his examinations the following month and successfully passed them on September 30. At present he is affiliated in the capacity of clerkship with the law firm of Eaton and Coleman in Pittsburgh.

Unlike most of the young attorneys, Mr. Bolte had to battle his way to an education. During his highschool days he worked in the coal mines around Pittsburgh during the summer vacations, to attain funds to attend college. He received a scholarship to the University of Pittsburgh where he graduated with a B. A. degree in 1934. In addition to this, he studied political science at the University of Michigan. Mr. Bolte also taught school for the period of three years following his graduation from Pitt to obtain funds to further his education in law. Mr. Bolte is a brother of Dr. J. J. Bolte, another member of the Pittsburgher Lodge and the only Slovene dentist in Pittsburgh.

The members of Lodge No. 196 join in congratulating this hard-working and industrious young man and wish him the success that is his due.

John J. Furar, Sec'y

campaign, scheduled to begin on November 14 and winding up on November 22, is in the process of preparation. On November 2, Clarence B. Randall, vice-president of operations, Inland Steel Company, Chicago, will address the campaign's 20th anniversary luncheon at the Mid-Day Club. Mr. Randall is a popular leader of Community Fund campaigns in Chicago. Within two weeks the 40 captains and 580 volunteer workers of Division A will receive assignment cards and begin active solicitations. Division A is relied upon this year to produce at least 70 per cent of the campaign goal of \$3,450,000. Last year the division raised \$2,331,000 from 15,800 donors.

Frank J. Indihar, village clerk and member of the council of Gilbert, Minn. is running for St. Louis county auditor. Mr. Indihar is president of the Range Municipalities Association and chairman of the auditing committee of the Minnesota League of Municipalities.

Cleveland Public Library announces the purchase of Louis Adamic's "My America" and lists it among a few of the newer books on the shelf. The Open Shelf, Cleveland Public Library publication for September-October, 1938, recommends "My America" for young people, and describes the book as "opinions and impressions of American life, by an author who is especially interested in the labor movement and the position and accomplishments of the foreign-born."

Adria singing club of Euclid, O. will present its regular concert on Sunday, November 13, at the Home of Slovene Societies on Recher Ave.



'TANLEY TALKS

By Little Stan

Ely, Minn. — "Long gets off a forward pass, and it's complete on the Notre Dame five-yard line." — Did you ever try to write an article and listen to one of the nation's outstanding football games over the radio? — That's exactly what Little Stan is trying to do this beautiful October afternoon, so if he makes any errors, why you'll understand... I hope.

This afternoon, those Gopher gals are decorating the National Home for the big Halloween Masquerade ball. The radio in the shop has been brought to the National Home so that everyone can listen to the Minnesota-Northwestern football game, while they're decorating. So it will be doing two things at the same time again. Gee Whiz, look at Army go — they scored and completed the extra point for a 7 to 0 lead, and the first quarter barely underway. But it looks like Notre Dame is getting back into stride...

When a person tries to do two things at the same time, one can never tell what the results may be. Instead of placing a pumpkin where it should go, they might put it on Little Stan's head. Heh Heh!

Franky Kromar and his orchestra will be in the limelight, with fine music, and Notre Dame is again on the march... It's a cross-buck for another first down. Talk about screwy, what! But that's what one gets when he tries to do two things at one time. Anyway, next week, Little Stan will have two big things to report. One will be the big dance — the other the big bowling match between Kitzville and the Gophers. This match is scheduled for Sunday. Joe Tichar, who was a delegate to the quadrennial convention in Cleveland in 1936, heads the Kitzville keggers. It should be a good match, so watch for next week's report on the outcome.

Back at home, Little Stan has so many meetings to cover. Election — state and county — is a matter of a few days away, next Tuesday, and the political meetings come nearly every day. It keeps newspaperman Stan a "Hummin. Met Frankie Schmoltz and his mother, Mrs. Mary Schmoltz from Chisholm. They were busy campaigning for a feller named Norsted. Bro. Frank Tekautz, Chisholm, the father of the Jugoslav Radio hour, addressed some 600 Jugoslavs in the community center auditorium this week, spoke in glowing words of the success of the program which will begin the fall and winter weekly Sunday broadcasts very soon. Bro. Tekautz also spoke in behalf of Joseph Veranth, St. Louis county commissioner in the fourth district, a member of Slovene lodge No. 114, who is the only Jugoslav ever to hold that office in the county. He is running for re-election again.

Do you remember the Shepel Sisters?? — well, Josephine the youngest, is now at the University of Minnesota. Her golden voice has thrilled many, and now she is going on ahead, to attain fame in the metropolitan areas.

While busily engaged in publishing another weekly edition of the Shopper's guide, Little Stan

heard a news broadcast over the radio informing that his pal, Johnny English, who is at Mercy Hospital in Chicago, who was given a 1000 to 1 chance to pull through, is recovering. Nice going Johnny, we want you to get right up in there, so that you will be able to attend the juvenile convention next year in Ely. Remember, we're pulling for you!

It won't be long now before plans for the third biennial juvenile convention and athletic conference scheduled for next year in Ely, will be announced. So keep the good old eyes peeled and watch for it.

And from an unknown feminine admirer, "Tanley received the following letter:

"Dear 'Tanley:

In the last few issues of Nova Doba, I noticed that you had your article beginning with "Tanley". I think it is awfully cute, and wish that for a change you would write the entire article in the same kind of baby talk. It's so becoming, and it almost makes me picture you as being in diapers, just learning how to talk. I understand you are about six feet three inches tall, and I know you would look very conspicuous in diapers. But try it once for me, will you?

Yours in diapers,
An admirer."

Tsk Tsk Tsk! Little Stan is still blushing! Imagine a big 200 pound six-footer in diapers! Heh Heh — gotta laugh at that myself! So until next week, when Little Stan will attempt an article like that, he'll say so long... Gosh, Notre Dame is still behind! And before Little Stan gets thrown for a loss, he'll say bye bye... and not in diapers!

Did You Know That...

By Anna Prosen, Lodge 173

George Jean Nathan, an American editor, author and critic was born at Fort Wayne, Indiana, educated at Cornell and the Bologna University, was on the editorial staff of the New York Herald during 1905-06 after which he was a dramatic critic and a writer on the theatre?

New York University—a non-sectarian state institution, in New York City and founded in 1830, — has an enrollment of 40,000 and a teaching staff of 1,620?

Ophielde, brasswind instruments of the family of bugle horns with keys; in reality, the bass of the military bugle?

The parade ground in front of Edinburgh Castle, in Scotland is legally a part of Nova Scotia. It was so declared in the reign of Charles I so that newly made Nova Scotian baronets could "take possession" of their lands on Nova Scotian territory?

In many Italian cities it is forbidden to blow any kind of auto horn within city limits. Since drivers cannot "honk" they are inclined to go much more slowly and thus cut down traffic accidents?

The building of dams is not a new discovery for it has been recorded that the Egyptians dammed Lake Moeris, 400 B. C. to regulate the flow of the Nile?

