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Glasovi iz naselbin

OD DRUŠTVA 387

Traunik. Mich. — Društva Tabor 387 SNPJ je imelo redno sejo 18. junija. Razpravljali smo tudi priporočilo nekaterih določnikov, da bi se prihodnja konvencija odložila, dokler traja vojna, ako je to mogoče. Naše društvo podpira to sugestijo. Podpisani pa je na tej seji predlagal deset novih članov v mladinski oddelek. V prejšnji kampanji sem jih pridobil se dem. **Max Knaus.** tajnik.

ZAHVALA DRUŠTVA 581

St. Marys. Pa. — Odborniki našega društva 581 SNPJ se želimo zahvaliti vsem članom in drugim, kateri ste kaj pripomogli, da je naš letni piknik takoj dobro uspel. Imeli smo lepo vreme in ljudje so prišli ob blizu in daleč, tako da je ta piknik prekoslil vse, kar smo jih še kdaj imeli. Pri tem so nam veliko pomagali oddaljeni člani. Po-slebo se je odlikovala sestra Anna Jaksetič iz Colegrova, ki je prodala čez 25 vstopnic in pripeljala dosti ljudi na piknik. Prišli so s karami in lepo okinčanim trokom.

Prišla je družina Josip Celin iz Salema, O., mrs. in mr. John Kramar iz Portville, N. J., družina Charles Sterbenk iz Portland Mills, Pa., družina George Vidmar in sestra Strauss iz Ridgewaya, Pa., in tudi več drugih, katerih imena ne vemo. Prišli so tudi trije slovenski vojaki, ki so bili na dopustu, in sicer Joseph Celin ml. iz Salema, O., Frank Troha in Frank Zore. Hvala tudi članoma Johnu Piru iz Gleasona, Pa., in Jacku Mozini iz Eldreda, Pa. Ker se nista mogla udeležiti piknika, sta vstopnice vseeno kupila v korist društvene blagajne. Hvala Peteru Barbiču, ki nam je dal trok na razpolago za prevažanje jestvin v pijačo. Hoffmanov orkester pa je igral polke in valčke tako, da smo se vsi potili. Bilo je tudi več mater, ki imajo svoje sinove v vojni in vsako uro misijo naanje v teh kritičnih časih. Tudi one so potrebne malo razvedrila v veseli družbi. Hvala vsem, ki ste delali na pikniku in ki ste na ta ali drugi način pripravili za toliko uspeha.

Gabriel Uljan. tajnik.

ŠE NEKAJ O BODOČI KONVENCIJI

Bellingham. Wash. — Brat Michael Vrhovnik je za veliko delegacijo in priporoča, naj se denar za kritje konvenčnih stroškov vzame iz kakuge drugega sklada. Tako piše v Prosveti z dne 7. junija v angleški sekciji.

On pravi, da je "večji uspeh, ako je več delegatov." Drugi so pa mnenja, da manjše število boste prav tako, ako ne še bolje opravilo delo, če so izbrani taki delegati, ki so jim poznane vse potreko in zaprake, katere se pojavljajo ne samo pri nas, mar več tudi pri vsaki drugi bratski organizaciji. Mi člani moramo tudi upoštevati dejstvo, da so vse bratske organizacije pod kontrolo državnih avtoritet. Delegat morajo torej vedeti, kaj se sme in kaj se ne sme sprejeti, priporočati in kako glasovati.

Ako je na konvenciji mnogo takih delegatov, ki priporočajo nekaj, kar je iz enega ali drugega vzroka neprisporočljivo ali celo neizvedljivo, se le trati čas. Torej sem jaz proti predlogu br. Vrhovnika. On, sicer pravi, da druge organizacije imajo še večjo reprezentacijo. Mogoče, ampak člani SNPJ so proti povisjanju asesmenta! Konvencija bo pravila in bo šla, asesment bo pa ostal. Na primer deset ali petdeset centov povisjanja asesmenta na člana ni veliko, ampak če so v družini trije, štirje, pet članov, pa mi verjemate, da je precej podniranja in "kikakanja" česa, da "niso napravili nič drugega kot povisiti asesment, da so imeli—good time . . .".

Končno pa si zapomnimmo: Pravila so enaka za velika ali za male društva. In če bodo delegatje storili nekaj, kar je razmeroma dobro za člane velikih društev,

ki smo jo dobili od pevskega društva Zvona. Predno smo prevzeli dvorano, smo imeli dosti nasprotnikov in jih imamo še tudi sedaj. Določili smo, da bomo dvorano podpirali s prostovoljnimi prispevki, brez kakšne dolomite na člane. Poskusili smo že vse, kar bi nam prinesel kaj drahodkov za kritje stroškov.

Naše društvo šteje 185 članov in članic, toda moram reči, da moramo vedno samo eni in isti delati, kar pa ni prav. Če bi vsak član malo prispeval, bi šlo vse bolj gladko; bili bi bolj složeni in tudi bi bolj upoštevali svoj društveni dom. Forej kateri član še nič pomagal v ta namen, naj se zdudi, tako da bodo naši fantje, ko se vrnejo iz vojne, imeli svojo dvorano za zavave.

Beganje članov malih društev, če so da zapostavljeni, ker nimajo reprezentacije, je neutemeljeno. Tisti delegati, ki bodo izbrani pri velikih društvih, bodo reprezentirati tudi mala društva v isti meri kot velika. Gre torej za zmožne delegate za delo, ne za "show". Kadar nastane potreba za zgraditev velikih projektov, ne poklicajo vseh inženirjev, marveč le one, ki so priznani strokovnjaki.

Zdaj pa nekaj o bodočem mire. Povedal sem že, da na tisto plehko politiko in na politične znamke ne dam nič. Kaj meni brigra, kako Browder spreminja "linijo". Mene brigra le to, kdaj bo prisel čas, ko bo človek ustvarjal in delal za obče dobro, ne samo za posameznike — za milijonarje. Današnja vojna je kljub svojim grozotam pokazala, kaj je človek zmožen zgraditi. Zdaj pa malo pomislimo, če bi se vse to delalo za dobrobit človeka brez ozira na polt. Nastal bi pravi raj na svetu . . . In zakaj tudi ne? Kje je ovira?

Citam in čitam, ampak — sama politika. Vrag jo vzem! Zato čast onim, ki so za veliko gradnjo po vojni. Oni so že pokazali, kaj so zmožni. A bili so ozmerjani in osovraženi ne samo od plutokracije, ki trdno veruje, da je Bog ustvaril olje in premog in kovine in vse dobrine le zanjo, a uboga para pa da ji zvesto služi in gara.

Da, oni bodo gradili, kakor hitro bo mogoče. Prerekanja glede lastninskih pravic — kdo lastuje to ali ono — pri njih ne bo. Zatorej te sorte politike tam ne bo treba. To politiko so oni odpravili, ko so zavzeli deželo in prejšnje lastnike pognali. To je bil vrok, da so bili tako osovraženi. In kakor sem rekel, bili so osovrženi tudi delavcev, ki so si nadeli to znakom. No, kaj hocoš, človek božji . . . Svet se lepo vrti naprej in se nič ne zmeni za kužka, ki laja v luno . . .

George Gornik.

O DRUŠTVENIH DOMOVIH

Forest City. Pa. — Ker se noče nihče oglasti iz Forest Cityja, se bom pa jaz. Čital sem nekaj dopisov v Prosveti glede društvenih domov. Piscev pravi, da bi moral imeti vsaka slovenska naselbina svoj društveni dom. Jaz bi se s tem strinjal, aksi bi v realnosti ne bilo vse drugače.

Na primer tukaj v Forest Cityju je precej Slovencev in imamo kar štiri društva. In primšlo je tudi, da ima naše društvo 124 SNPJ svoj dom ali dvorano,

Dalje naznanjam, da so se združila vsa tri društva jednote — Planinski raj, Spirit of St. Louis in Radnička Sloga — da napravimo zabavo v počast jubilejne kampanje, ki se je pričela 1. aprila in se konča 30. novembra. Bratje in sestre, zavajmo si rokave in pojdimo na

agitacijo, da pomnožimo članstvo, da bo več dobroj ljudi pod zastavo SNPJ. Jaz skušam po svoji moći, kolikor mi čas dopušča, in pridobil sem tri člane v mladinski oddelek in enega v odrasli. To je samo priceteck. Bratje, delajmo vsi skupaj, da pokažemo, da nismo najzadnjii. V prošli kampanji smo se pokazali z lepim številom in pridobili 27 novih članov v mladinski oddelek. Poskrbimo, da bo letošnja jubilejna kampanja prekisla rekord prejšnjih.

Na zadnji seji nas je obiskal br. John Spillar, podpredsednik četrtega distrikta, in nam dal nekaj dobrih nasvetov za ustavitev mladinskega krožka. Torej bratje in sestre, pomislimo, da je to najboljša stvar za našo mladino. V krožku bo lahko dobila dobro zabavo in pouk, lahko se bo vadila tudi v petju in igrach. Starši, vpišite svoje otroke v krožek, da se vsi skupaj razveselijo.

Prosim članstvo, da plačate svoje redni in izredni asesment na seji, da vam potem ni treba hodiči meni na dom. V bodoče ne bom doma vsak dan, mar več bom sam par zadnjih večerov v mesecu pobiral asesment.

Frank Pavletich. tajnik.

Društvene prirede

PIKNIK DRUŠTVA 207

Butte. Mont. — Društvo Slovensko-hrvatska sloga 207 SNPJ priredi svoj letni piknik v nedeljo, 9. julija, zadaj za Columbia Gardenom. Društvo vabi vse svoje članstvo, kakor tudi vse druge Slovence in Hrvate, da se udeleže piknika v polnem številu. Imeli bomo počneva jagnjeta in mlade prašičke, suha grla bo pa tudi nekaj dobrega. Imeli bomo tudi kranjske harmonike. Torej ne bo ničesar manjkalo in pridite vsi!

Apeliram tudi na članstvo, da se polnoštivo udeležite seje dne 2. julija v Narodnem domu, da ukrenemo vse potrebo za piknik. Na svidenje na seji in na pikniku.

Mary Sumina. tajnica.

DAN SNPJ V ZAPADNI PENN

Imperial. Pa. — Kakor že več let, tako bomo v zapadni Pennsylvaniji tudi letos imeli veliko letno proslavo, ki je znana kot dan SNPJ. Priredita jo zopet obe okrožni federaciji, slovenska in angleško poslujoča. Obenem bomo tudi slavili 40-letnico jednote.

Kakor je članstvo že znano, se ta slavnost vrši v nedeljo, 30. julija v Imperialu v dvorani društva 106. Zato v imenu obeh federacij in v imenu našega društva 106 uljudno vabim na veliko udeležbo. Gotovo bodo odborniki obeh federacij poskrbeli, da bo lep program. Ko smo pri društvu 6 v Syganu proslavljali 40-letnico, mi je Frances Novak iz Sharona obljubila, da bo prišla na našo slavnost in s sabo pripeljala tudi svojo matko, Terezijo.

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Mary Sumina. tajnica.

St. Louis. Mo. — Prihodnja seja Radničke Sloga 679 SNPJ se vrši v nedeljo, 16. julija ob dveh popoldne na 2354 Lafayette ave. v Jeffsu halli. Zadnja seja je bila bolj slabo obiskana. Nikar je morem zapopotast, kaj je vzrok, da se v tako malem številu udeležujete društvenih sej. Na zadnji seji smo razmotrivali, kako temu odpomoci. Zaključek je, da se ravnamo po pravilih in vsakdo, ki se ne udeleži vsaj ene seje v treh mesecih, bo suspendiran za mesec dni. Torej se v velikem številu udeležujete prihodnjih sej, da ne bo potem kakega oporekanja.

Dalje naznanjam, da so se

združila vsa tri društva jednote — Planinski raj, Spirit of St.

Louis in Radnička Sloga — da

napravimo zabavo v počast ju-

bilejne kampanje, ki se je pričela 1. aprila in se konča 30. no-

vembra. Bratje in sestre, zavi-

hajmo si rokave in pojdimo na

zavaroščevanje v srečnih

časih.

Anna Gorenc. poročevalka.

V Prosveti so dnevne slevov-

ne in delavske vesti. Ali jih

čitate vsak dan?

Agitatorji v jubilejni kampanji SNPJ



JOHN SHAFFER
Tajnik društva 537.
Crivitz, Wis.



URSULA AMBROSICH
Članica gl. odbora, podpredsednica V. okrožja SNPJ in predsednica društva 130, Eveleth, Minnesota.



JOSEPH F. DURN
Tajnik društva 53.
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dva izmed treh kontestantov, ki jih vidite na sliki, sestra Ambrosich in brat Durn, sta pridobila deset ali več novih članov v tekoči jubilejni kampanji jednote in se s tem povzpela v vrsto "srečnih".

Na delo za zmago

ZOJSA JE V SKLADU s kampanjo za peto vojno posojilo sklenil pomagati, da kampanja doseže čim večji uspeh.

Smatramo kot eno najvažnejših naših dolžnosti, da kot jugoslovanska enota organiziramo akcijo v tej kampanji na način, ki bo najizzadnejše pomagal pri vojnem naporu naše nove domovine. ZOJSA s tem poziva vsa naša društva, krajevne odbore, organizacije, ustanove in poedinčno, vobče vse ljudstvo, da z bratovskim sodelovanjem delamo za en cilj — za uspeh petega vojnega posojila.

Naša akcija mora biti v tem času osredotočena v pravcu cilja, ki bo zajamčil največjo moralno in materialno pomoč tej borbi. Peto vojno posojilo ima nalogo, da zagotovi podporo skupnemu naporu tudi z doprinosom ameriškega prebivalstva. Doprinosi bomo svoj del, če kot složna enota ameriške celote delamo splošno; osredotočimo vse plodove dela in se odlikujemo pri skupnem iznosu. To moramo narediti preko organizacije, ki je s svojo aktivnostjo doprinesla največ k obči podpori vojnih ciljev Amerike in Združenih narodov od strani Južnih Slovanov, in doseglja priznanje osredobilne borbe naših bratov v starji domovini v ameriški javnosti, kakor so jih žrtve in napori te borbe zaslužili v polni meri.

Z ozirom na to, da se ZOJSA na vsa naša društva in organizacije, na vse naše ljudi, da z vsemi silami složno delajo za uspeh petega vojnega posojila in prijavijo vse zneske brez odlošanja na navedeni naslov.

Za ZOJSA

Zlatko Baloković.
poslovodč predsednik.

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Združena Evropa

V zadnjih tednih smo na tem mestu že napisali par člankov, v katerih smo poudarjali potrebo, da se na razvalinah Evrope po tej vojni zgradi temelji resnično Nove, Združene Evrope. To bi bilo v interesu vseh evropskih narodov in v interesu svetovnega miru. Ako ne pride do tega, je v resnici zelo malo upanja na trajen evropski in svetovni mir.

Vprašanje je, ali je mogoče ustanoviti Združene države Evrope ali pa vsaj večje pokrajinske federacije, ki naj bi bile povezane z močno Evropsko zvezo na vrhu. To vprašanje ni novo, in je bilo o njem napisanih že veliko knjig in razprav, in to posebno v zadnjih par letih. Sploh prihaja to vprašanje bolj in bolj v ospredje posebno v Ameriki, kjer se okrog 150 organizacij in skupin peča s številnimi načrti za svetovni mir. In tako med mislečimi ljudmi prodira misel, da bi bila najboljša sanacija Evrope v kreiranju skupne države.

Nedavno nam je prišla v roke brošura z naslovom: "Towards a United States of Europe" izpod peresa Abrahama Weinfelda. Avtor v tej brošuri pričuje svoj načrt za Združene države Evrope, ki naj bi slonele na slični državni formi kot naše Združene države. Sploh je za podlago Združene Evrope vzel ameriško ustavo, jo sem pa tam spremenil z nekaterimi točkami iz češke, kanadske in avstralske ustawe, kakor tudi z nekaterimi novimi točkami. S temi modifikacijami in dodatki jo je prilagodil evropskim razmeram in potrebam.

Torej če bi evropski narodi hoteli zgraditi slično skupno državo kot so naše Združene države, imajo tukaj dober model. Z avterjevimi modifikacijami je ta ustava zelo izboljšana in bi povsem odgovarjala tudi današnjim potrebam Amerike. Ta ustava namreč omogoča zgradnjo popolnoma novega gospodarstva, kajti predvideva in izrecno dovoljuje socializacijo katerekoli industrije in vzpodbudo daje tudi zadružništvo.

Po tem načrtu bi bil vladni aparat Združene Evrope, sličen kot je federalni aparat ameriške vlade. Kongres bi imel dve zbornici, kot tukaj, s predsednikom na čelu in sličnim vrhovnim sodiščem. V senatni zbornici bi imela vsaka pridružena država enako zastopstvo, v nižji zbornici pa enega poslanca na milijon prebivalcev. Vsi poslanci in predsednik bi bili izvoljeni s splošnimi tajnimi volitvami za enako dobo kot so v Ameriki.

Naj je ta načrt že povsem dober ali ne, dejstvo je, da naše Združene države lahko služijo evropskim narodom kot dober temeljni vzorec. Pri vsakem poslaganju temelja Združeni Evropi bodo njeni graditelji tudi gotovo skušali izlučiti vse iz ameriške vladne strukture, kar je na podlagi izkušenj dobrega in zdravega. V tem oziru se lahko Evropi dosti nauči od Amerike, ki ima za sabo že 156 let izkušenj kot najstarejša in, poleg Sovjetske unije, največja federacija na svetu.

Najbolj originalen in značilen prispevek avtorja pa je njegov načrt za reševanje vprašanja narodnostnih manjšin, katerih ima vsaka evropska država večje število. Toda razen Sovjetske unije ni tega vprašanja rešila še nobena država, tudi Amerika ne. Tukaj imamo sicer vsi široke civilne in kulturne svobodobičine, vsi priseljenici z domačini vred, toda Amerika je zelo bolna radi rasnega bogostva in rasnih predsedkov.

V Sovjetski uniji tega ni; kdo bi tam skušal širiti rasno sovraščino, bi bil takoj "likvidiran". Ekonomsko, socialno in kulturno so v Rusiji vsi narodi enakopravni v teoriji in praksi. V tem pogledu se Amerika in vsa Evropa lahko veliko naučita od Sovjetske unije, slednja pa se lahko veliko nauči od obh glede civilnih svobodobičin in politične demokracije.

Ker bi z ustanovitvijo Združene Evrope se vedno ogalo nerešeno vprašanje narodnostnih manjšin, avtor priporoča, naj ima vsaka narodnost v vsaki državi pravico, da si ustanovi lastno "narodnostno korporacijo". Funkcija in cilj teh korporacij bi bila zgolj gojitev lastne kulture. Te korporacije bi predvsem vodile lastne šole v svojem materinskem jeziku, izdajale knjige in časopise. V tem bi imele popolno avtonomijo in vsaka država bi jim moralia iti pri tem na roko. Ako bi se v tej ali drugi državi kakši narodnostni skupini godila krivica, bi se lahko pritožila na federalno vlado.

V jedru ta sugestija ni samo originalna, marveč tudi zelo združna. Ena največjih kletstev Evrope je zatiranje narodnostnih manjšin, kar se te strelja in stoletja prakticira v sleherni državi. Radi številnih narodnosti tudi ni mogoče napraviti takih državnih mest, da bi bilo s tem mogoče rešiti to pereče vprašanje.

Tega ni mogoče rešiti niti s prisilnim preseljevanjem narodnostnih manjšin, ki so prizvane na zemljo, na kateri žive že stoletja. Na drugi strani tudi sama garančija z zakonom glede kulturne avtonomije manjšin ne zadostuje, kajti tedenc vsake dominantne narodnosti je, da skuša manjšine nasteno "asimilirati", vsaj pa jih zavrstavlja. Če bi pa narodnostne manjšine dobole nekaj takega, kar predlaga avtor tega načrta, teda ni razlike, vsaj ne velike, v kateri državi žive, dokler lahko nemoteno goje svoj jezik, svojo kulturo.

Ta načrt tudi popolnoma izpodliva glavne ugovore nekaterih evropskih "državnikov" proti kreiranju Združene Evrope. Neki ubežni holandski "državnik" je nedavno pobjal idejo Združene Evrope, češ, da bi posamezne narodnosti "izgubile svojo kulturo". Ta strah je popolnoma prazen.

Na drugi strani pa nekateri evropski "državniki", predvsem češki, pobljajo to idejo z argumentom, da bi Združeno Evropo ali Evropsko federacijo dominirala Nemčija kot najmočnejša država in da bi s tem Evropa prišla pod peto Nemčije. Faktično bi je ne dominirala nič bolj kot na primer dominira država New York ali na Texas—državico Rhode Island ali pa Nevada z najmanjšim prebivalstvom.

Glasovi iz naselbin

IZJAVA DRUŠTVA 711

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To so moje skromna priporočila v tej zadevi. Upam, da bo članstvo upoštevalo jednotine in vojne razmere in pomagal ramenoma rešiti na najboljši način vso zadevo tikajoče se prihodnje konvencije.

Kar se tiče prihodnje konvencije, naj se vrši v Chicagu v jednotnih prostorih. Chicago je središče jednotne in tudi središče društva. Pri tem bi precej prihranili pri vožnji in dnevnicah. Glavni odbor naše jednote ima tudi tehten vzrok v današnjem kritičnem času, da spremeni čas in kraj prihodnje konvencije za toliko časa, da bodo ugodnejše transportne razmere. Upanje je, da bodo oblasti države Illinois dovolile, če jim gl. odbor pojasni vso situacijo.

Vsi skupni dohodki so bili \$1150.17. Ta račun podajamo zato, da bo lahko vsakdo videl, koliko in od kje so bili dohodki, da ne bo prerekno v stvari. To potrjujejo tudi vsi člani odbora, ki so se udeležili seje, z lastnoravnimi podpisimi. Manjka le podpis Frank Zvanut, ki se ni udeležil seje. — Za odbor,

Anna Hochevar,
John Franko,
Martin Gialusi,
Ciril Medved,
Theresa Speck.

POJASNILO

Roundup, Mont. — Porocano je bilo, da je v Farragutu, Idaho umrl Henry Komac, kar je zlostna resnica, ni pa res, da je bila tam njegova mati za časa njegove bolezni. Tam je bil njegov oče, kar tudi njegov brat Eddie in žena. Njegova mati, moja sestra, je umrla pred desetimi leti, ko je bil Henry star devet let.

Pokopan je bil z vsemi vojskimi častmi poleg svoje matere, ki ga je tako ljubila. Njegov starejši brat Anton je pri vojnih nekje v Angliji in se torej ni mogel udeležiti pogreba. Človek res ne ve, kaj bo še predno bo konec te norišnice. Očetu pokojnika in bratoma naše globoko sožalje!

Frances Golob.

O ZABAVI IN DRUGEM

Coverdale, Pa.—Poročati želim, kako je izpadla zabava našega društva 427 SNPJ, ki se je vršila 28. maja. Udeležba je bila velika, posebno s strani mladine, večinoma dekleta; pa tudi starejši so se dobro odzvali.

In kaj mislite, da je bil rezultat v tej mali slovenski naselbi?

Če računamo po prodanih vstopnicah, se je proslave oba dneva udeležilo okrog 900 odraslih oseb. Otroci so bili prosti, Čisti prebitek od proslave znaša \$650.00. S tem denarjem se bodo zopet lahko kupile vojne zadolžnice, vlada pa lahko kupi nekaj ducatov patronov, da bodo tisti fantje, katerim je bilo nemogoče biti med navzočimi, streljali zverino, ki je hotela uničiti ne samo slovenski, nego ves slovenski narod na svetu. Bolj podrobno bom mogoče poročal o tej proslavi pozneje, ko izvedem popolni rezultat.

Zadnje čase zlobni jeziki tudi šušljajo, da Slovenska narodna podpora jednota ne plačuje svojih obveznosti za umrlimi (ubitimi) člani-vojaki. Ne vem, kje poberejo kaj takega, saj do zdaj še ni znan en sam tak slučaj. Radi tega strogo obsojam take govorice napram naše jednoti, in to posebno še od strani člana, ki bi se moral postaviti na branik proti takim govorom.

In ako se bodo zopet pojavit, bomo primorani objaviti imena onih, ki to neresnicu povzročajo.

Edward Tomšič, član gl. odbora SNPJ.

ZA ZMANJŠANJE DELEGACIJE

Bellaire, O.—Razprave o prihodnji konvenciji SNPJ so važnega pomena za podporno organizacijo kot je naša jednota. Torej je dolžnost članstva, da pomaga s stvarnimi priporočili v korist organizacije. Precej se razpravlja o znižanju delegacije, kar je na mestu. Rečem tudi to, da je članstvo društva Orel zelo gostoljubivo in naša zunanje posetnike brezplačno pogosti po svojih članicah. Morda bo kdo misli, da se laskam, ampak priznanje je na mestu. Rečem tudi to, da je članstvo društva Orel lahko ponosno na svojo tajnico sestro Rose Radovich, kajti je povsod pripravljena sodelovati. Torej hvala za prijazno postrežbo in ob prilikah vas zopet obiščemo.

Edward Tomšič, član gl. odbora SNPJ.

ZA MANJŠO DELEGACIJO

Frontenac, Kans.—Društvo 27 SNPJ je na zadnjih dveh sejah, v maju in juniju vzel v pretes prihodnjo konvencijo in vprašanje znižanja delegacije. Naše društvo je mnena, da bi na tisoč članov popolnoma zadostoval en delegat, nikakor pa ne več kot dva delegata.

Kar se tiče SANSA, je danes še večina brezbrizna in se ne zanimala za grozne žrtve, ki jih dopriča naš nesrečni narod v starri domovini. Dolžnost vsakega poštenega delavca in demokrata je, da podpre Osvobodilno fronto, pod čepravom se bori v rodni domovini. In prvič v zgodovini se res bori zase proti okupatorjem in domaćim izdajalcem. To ljudstvo si želi svobode izpod tujega in domačega fašizma. V tem težkem boju si postavlja podlago za resnico novo, demokratično Jugoslavijo.

Josip Ferencič, tajnik.

PROTI DOKLADI

Albia, Iowa.—Kar se tiče prihodnje konvencije, so nekateri gl. odborniki in člani v skrbih, kje se bo dobil denar za kritje stroškov, ker konvenčni sklad ne bo zadostoval. Nobene doklade se ne sme delati zato, da bi se vozili po Ameriki in trošili članski denar za vožnjo.

Mi smo tudi mnena, da bi bilo manj stroškov, ako se konvencija vrši v Chicagu. Naša želja je, da se društvo s tem strinjava, naj se izrazijo v Prosveti, ker to bi sličilo nekakemu splošnemu glasovanju. Ker se povsod poudarja, da članstvo odločuje, je za čas to sedaj. Torej porabimo to priliko, ki nam je na voljo.

Francis Puncer.

LETNI PIKNIK S. N. D.

Waukegan, Ill.—S. N. Dom prirede svoj običajni letni piknik 2. julija doma na vrtu, na mestu 4. julija kot druga leta. Vzrok je, ker so tovarne zelo zaposlene in bodo gotovo obravljene 4. julija.

Na program bo več različnih balinarskih tekem za ženske in moške in med mestoma Waukegan in North Chicago — ako pridejo iz zunanjih mest, smo se tudi z vami pripravljenci spoprijeti. Za one, ki se bodo pokazali za izurjene in bolj srečne, so pripravljene dobre nagrade v priznanju. Tudi za "kenikrufarje" bo poskrbljeno v hladni senči pod košatim drejem.

Zvečer bo oddanih več nagrad nim, ki bodo imeli srečne številke, katere bodo poprej razdelile med posetnike. Za okusen prigrizek bo skrbel gospodinski odsek SND. Pridite vse od blizu in daleč in se z nami veselite. Vsi ste dobrodošli. Za S. N. dom:

Frank Nagode, tajnik.

VABILO DRUŠTVA 544

Cleveland.—Društvo 544 SNPJ prirede svoj letni piknik v nedeljo, 2. julija na vrtu Slovenskega doma na zapadni strani Cleveland, 6818 Denison ave. Obenam bomo tudi praznovali 40-letni jubilej SNPJ.

Dolžnost vsakega člena in članice je, da se gotovo udeleži tega pomembnega piknika. Imeli bomo tudi bazar in vsakdo bo dobil kaj lepega za spomin.

Anton Lesjak, podpredsednik, Frank Kraselj, tajnik, Charles Klobassa in John Kolar, zastopnika.

ZA ZNIŽANJE DELEGACIJE

Milwaukee.—V 92 št. Prosvete sem čital uredniški članek glede prihodnje konvencije, v katerem je sugestija za zmanjšanje delegacije. S tem se po polnom strinjam, kaj velika delegacija dela le velike stroške jednoti. To je za članstvo važno posebno sedaj, ko odgovorne o

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Naši vojni naporji

Kot znano, je bilo pred kratkom razpisano peto vojno posojilo in baš sedaj je kampanja za razpečanje teh bondov med ameriškim ljudstvom najbolj vroča. Naša dolžnost je, da se odzovemo kot dobri državljan in lojalno podpremo to stvar. Kajti vojna, v katero smo zapleteni, še ni pri kraju in potreben bo še mnogo denarja za mušnico in prehrano naših vojščakov. Kakor vsi iskreno želimo, da bo vojna zaključena z zmago ameriškega orožja, tako je nas vseh dolžnost, da vložimo svoje prihranke v vojne bonde in da gremo v tem do skrajnosti. Kajti z nakupom teh obveznic ne samo da po svoji moći pripomoremo do zmage Amerike in da bo vojne prej konec, temveč tudi sami sebi. Saj je znano, da je Stric Sam najbolj pošten upnik in siguren plačnik, in da denar nikjer na svetu ni tako varno naložen kot pri njem. Vse, kar vložimo v vojne bonde, hranimo zase in bo nam lahko v časih brezposebnosti, bolezni ali starosti in takih potrebarh kdaj še zelo prav prišlo.

SNPJ ima časten rekord

Jednota seveda tudi ne zaostaja v vojnih naporih. Kot vselej, je vložila v vojne bonde čim največ denarja, je, tedaj bilo na razpolago; te dni jih je spet kupila za \$475,000 za oddelek odraslih ter za mladinski oddelek za \$25,000. Torej je vložila samo v to posojilo pol milijona dolarjev!

Naša organizacija pa ima istotno časten rekord v tem oziru že od prej. Lansko leto je prav tako lojalno podprla tedanje vojne posojila ter vložila celih \$1,692,000, letos, ali do 26. junija t. l. pa že \$1,070,000. Vsega skupaj je naloženo v vojna posojila \$2,762,000. To je brez takov zvanih "savings bondov" ali hranilnih obveznic, katerih smo od časa, kar so Zedinjene države v vojni, tudi kupili za mnogo stotisočakov.

Poleg tega je že čez pet tisoč članov jednote v vojaški službi. Mnogo jih je že bilo v aktualnih bitkah s sovražnikom ter poskušalo vojne grozote in trpljenja na lastni koži. Število članov, ki doprinošajo življenske žrtve v tej vojni, tudi postaja z vsakim dne večje in pozabiti se ne sme, da je SNPJ ena izmed tistih redkih organizacij, ki se je zavzela, da bo izplačala popolno smrtnino za vsakim v vojni padlim članom. To svečano obljubo patriotično izpoljuje in tako svojo misijo še toliko bolj častno vrši!

Za boljšo bodočnost

Zivimo pač v tragičnih časih—časih, ko bombe in torpedi ter druge razdejajoče iznajdbe pojo svoje smrtonosne melodije in so dozdevno edino sredstvo, ki najde poslušna ušesa in res kaj zatreže. Zato moramo podpirati vojne napore svoje vlade. Ampak enkrat bo konec tudi človeški podivjanosti in ako bo človeštvo kdaj doseglo stopnjo civilizacije, ko ne bo več tragičnih vojn, bo s takim medsebojnim sporazumevanjem in spoštovanjem enakopravnosti ter idej in principov sploh, na kakršnih je zgrajena Slovenska narodna podpora jednota.

Da bodo te lepe ideje in principi vedno bolj upoštevani in bo končno zavladala pamet nad podivjanostjo ter trajen mir in pravico nad ljudskim klanjem in izkoriscanjem, v to trdno verujejo vsi trenzo misleči ljudje. O tem so prepričani tudi naši dobri člani, ki tako lojalno agitirajo v kampanji in tako poskušajo dobiti svoj dobrošen delež za graditev še večje in trdnejše SNPJ. Kot znano, smo z našo jubilejno kampanjo začeli s prvim aprilom. Navadno nas dolgo vzame, da se za tako reč dobro pripravimo, vendar pa je že v aprilu kazalo precej dobro, z vsakim nadaljnijim mesecem pa seveda še boljše in kot je sedaj razvidno, bomo v juniju dobili nič manj kot 350 novih članov. Vse podrobnosti, kako je z našo kampanjo po raznih krajih in kako uspevajo poedini tekmovalci, so navedene na angleški strani v koloni kampanjskega ravnatelja. Podatki so zelo zanimivi in je priporočljivo, da jih pazno prečitaš vsi naši člani.

Potreben je, da se zanimamo za kampanjo in da vsak izmed nas poskuša nekaj doprnesti za ta uspeh. Pridobivanje novih članov je prav za prav eno najbolj važnih dobrih del, ki jih moremo storiti za jednoto. Kot že gori omenjeno, je že nad 5000 naših članov v oboroženi sili. Zato je pridobivanje novih članov toliko bolj potrebno.

Vstal je novi, mladi rod

Poročila, ki zadnje čase prihajajo iz starega kraja, nam prinašajo ne samo, da je bilo vse res, kar smo prej slišali o grozotah in strašnem trpljenju slovenskega naroda, temveč še veliko hujše in razkrivajo tudi druge čudne reči. Človeku se kar lasje ježe in vskemu poštenemu rojaku mora kri vzklopiti, ko jih čita. Dobro pa je, da smo končno tudi ameriški Slovenci izvedeli, kake voditev je imelo nesrečno slovensko ljudstvo in kdo je največ krvne tragedije, ki ga je zadel. In sedaj tudi prav razumemo, zakaj se hoče otresti ne samo tujih nasilnikov, temveč tudi domačih laživodnikov in izdalcev ter ustvariti popolnoma novo Jugoslovijo... .

Prišla je strašna katastrofa na slovensko ljudstvo. Šlo je skozi neopisno trpljenje in gorje. To pa mu je tudi odprlo oči in prebudilo vse, kar je zdravega spalo v njem. Narod je trpel in ves ta prenašal nečloveške muke, a prenašal jih je ponosno in molče.

Pravila je vstal je novi, mladi rod in ameriški Slovenci ga moramo podpreti stodistotno! V. Cinkar, gl. predsednik.

Iniciativa društva št. 21 SNPJ
Pueblo, Colo.

UVOD

Ker se nahajamo v vojni in še ni nobenih zanesljivih izgledov za bližajoči se mir, in ker članstvo SNPJ sestoji po veliki večini iz delavev v rudnikih, tovarnah ali je drugače uporabljeno v vojni industriji vobče, pomeni vsaki izostal delavčev dan od dela nekaj izgube v vojni produkciji, kar uključuje seveda tudi dneve, ki bo do izgubljeni z našo prihodnjim konvencijo.

V Prosveti je bilo tudi opisano, kako finančno obstoji konvenčni sklad, ki dalec ne bo zadostoval za kritje stroškov prihodnje konvencije. In da ne bo kakšnih posebnih dokladov v svrhu, društvo Orel št. 21 SNPJ, Pueblo, Colorado, predlaga članstvu slednje spremembe v pravilih Slovenske narodne podporne jednote, ki so bila sprejeta na pittsburghski konvenciji leta 1941 in stopila v veljavje s 1. januarjem 1942.

VOLITVE DELEGATOV

Točka 2. sedanjih pravil se glasi:

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Društva, ki še ne poslujejo polne štiri meseca pred mesecem, v katerem se vršijo volitve delegatov, nimajo pravice do izvolitve delegatov in namestnikov.

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Volitve delegatov in namestnikov za izredno konvencijo se vršijo v času določenem po izvršnem odseku.

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For Members of Slovene National Benefit Society and American Slovenes

40th Anniversary of SNPJ
Largest, Safest
Slovene Fraternal Society

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 28

The First Three Months . . .

How do we stand in the current jubilee membership campaign? This seems to be a timely question at the conclusion of the first three months of the drive.

April—the first campaign month—brought our Society a total of 287 new adult and juvenile members. Of these, 157 were juveniles and 130 adults, with 82 of the latter being transfers from the juvenile to the adult department.

May—the second campaign month—brought our Society a total of 329 new adult and juvenile members. Of these, 179 were juveniles and 150 adults, with 93 of the latter being transfers from the juvenile to the adult department.

Therefore, the first two campaign months brought our Society a total of 260 new adult and juvenile members. The results for June—the third campaign month—will be known in the near future, however, it can be estimated that the total gain for this month will exceed the total secured in May, with more than 300 new members for both departments.

This leaves us five more campaign months in which we can boast our new membership to a desired goal.

Assuming that the total for June will exceed the May total as the latter exceeded the total for April, we can say that the total gain for the first three campaign months will be approximately 1000 new members. And there is no reason why each succeeding month should not exceed the previous month's record now that the campaign is nearing its half-way mark.

While we are out campaigning, we must not forget a few simple facts pertaining to the current jubilee drive.

The campaign is being conducted in celebration of the 40th anniversary of the Slovene National Benefit Society—the largest, soundest and most influential Slovene fraternal benefit society in the world.

The campaign started on April 1 and will close on November 30, 1944. The first three months of the eight-month campaign will have been completed at the end of this month, leaving us five more months during which each lodge can reach and surpass its assigned quota. In fact, several lodges have already attained their quota and are now at work to surpass it by a considerable margin.

We must observe our Society's jubilee in a most fitting manner, namely, by bringing into our organization the greatest number of new adult and juvenile members possible. This will be more convincing of our loyalty toward our Society than any other single factor this year.

Therefore, let us redouble our efforts to make the jubilee campaign as successful as the occasion requires.

The record of our Society is indeed impressive—it is a record of fraternal achievements that is hard to equal in the fraternal field.

During its forty years of fraternal work, the SNPJ has paid out nearly \$22,000,000 in various benefits—a stupendous amount that was received by members and beneficiaries under the SNPJ's certificates.

Also, during this time, our Society has been instrumental in spreading progressive labor enlightenment and culture, and has at all times supported labor unions and the cooperative movement. Politically, it has always been on the side of progressive labor.

In short, the record of the SNPJ in all fields beneficial to the working class is one of which its membership can well be proud.

All this, in turn, can now serve us as a helpful stimulant in securing new members during the present campaign, and we can thus show to our Society that we fully understand and appreciate its accomplishments. We must remember that the unofficial goal of the campaign is 5,000 new members. The closer to that mark we will be able to get, that much more reason we will have for claiming our loyalty to our organization—loyalty which must not diminish even in wartime.

Let each English Speaking Lodge of our Society go over the top in this campaign. Let us show to our boys in the services that we, too, are doing our part on the home front in all respects!

Pioneer Parade

CHICAGO, Ill.—Friday's picnic committee started things a-rolling.

As heretofore announced, it will be known as the "Pioneer Old Fashioned Picnic." Place: Pilsen Park, 26th and Albany. Date: Saturday, August 5. Admission will be only fifty cents. Between the hours of 4 and 6 p. m., two will be admitted for the price of one. We urge our friends to come to the park direct from work as picnics will be served. A snappy program with good talent will be featured in observing the 40th anniversary of the SNPJ. There will be other concessions for your amusement and entertainment, so plan to come early and stay late. By the date of our picnic we also expect to reach our goal of 1000 members. And that's going to be something to crow about!

"Down on The Farm."—Perfect Circle held a party for its members and parents last Saturday evening. Michael Verhovnik showed us the movies of the Circle's barn dance program. They were in technicolor and exceptionally good. Movies of the 1942 SNPJ Day at Cleveland, together with the Sharon Circle and other attractions were also shown and we were delighted with the SNPJ youthfulness. Refreshments were served and dancing followed. We missed the Trojan girls. Doris would have to get the chicken pox. Marion Cervenka was vacationing and the Frank Verhovniks were also missing. Otherwise we were all present and had a good time. It was nice seeing Rose Podlesek again. She just recovered from an illness.

All-Around—Lefty Loirich is

PENNA SNPJ DAY CELEBRATION ON SUNDAY, JULY 30

COMRADES' NOTE BOOK

By J. F. Fioli

5th War Loan Drive

CLEVELAND, O.—While up to the present figures seem to indicate that the 5th War Loan Drive is lagging behind generally throughout the country, this does not hold true in the case of the Comrade Lodge and their friends. More and more are joining the bandwagon as the days go by. The parade of dollars, for a purpose that is most worthy continue to jingle. If your name has not been published previously and is not listed below, make it a point to subscribe so that it will be, before the drive is over July 8.

Spacious Pilsen Park, scene of last year's picnic, has again been leased for this big event. Those of you who were in our midst last year will recall the beauty and cleanliness of the park. Conveniently located, it is right in the heart of Chicago with good transportation to the door.

Ray Rodman, the very pleasant young fellow who has definite ideas about modern American and Slovene music, will bring his very fine band back to provide a background for dance lovers.

Good food has been promised by the kitchen committee under the directions of the John Simons and Mary Andres. Come early, bring the entire family and have your supper in the dining room or out under the trees.

Liquor, food, music, concessions and other amusements—that all adds up to good entertainment. So you pleasure seekers, for a delightful evening of enjoyment, gather with your family and friends at the Pioneers' annual reunion August the 5th at Pilsen Park.

Friends: John E. Lokar, Lodi Mandel, Mr. and Mrs. T. Amico, Sophie Mack, John Shume, A. Martinic, H. Kirschnick, A. Gobec, F. Cesnik, N. Pavalovic, L. Bradach, Mary Mahne, F. Pavalovic, N. Svejkovic.

General

One satisfaction of selling bonds is that you meet a lot of nice people; you meet individuals to whom you have been sending notices, cards, etc., for meetings and affairs, however, for some reason or another, never were able to attend; they're introduced to wives and families of members; you find that they are just as fine as you anticipated, all of them are just splendid. You also discover some members have moved and did not notify the secretary; others, as in the case of Anne and Ernie Urbas, had a recent addition. You bump into friends whose youngsters have grown up and answer the door bell when you ring.

In the largest crowd we ever had noticed many Slovene parents who have sons in service: Kromars of Portville, N. Y.; Vidmar of Ridgeway; Celins of Salem, Ohio; Sterlings of Portland Mills; Rollings; Prudiches and Zores of St. Marys. Slovene boys in uniform were Joe Celin Jr. of Salem, Frank Troha and Frank Zore.

The honor of selling most tickets goes to Anna Jaksetic of Colegrove, Rolick girls next with John Troha Jr. third. Hoffman and his orchestra kept the dancers sweating with their swell music. The girls in kitchen deserve some credit too; they were very busy keeping the crowd from being hungry. All in all the picnic was a grand success and we wish to thank all the committee and everyone who attended for the swell cooperation.

Congratulations to Sister Anna Wickett on a new baby daughter—Valeria Poar joined that great organization, the Wacs. New additional members to our lodge are Helen Garbie and Paul Bankovic.

Next meeting will be held on Sunday, July 16, at 2 p. m.

GABRIEL J. ULJON, Sec'y.

4-Month Income Tops Total for Year of 1932

During the first four months of 1944, income payments to individuals aggregated \$49,900,000,000, or \$7,000,000,000 more than the income for the whole year of 1932, it was reported this week by the Department of Commerce.

leading in ticket sales for the Old-fashioned Pioneer Picnic. Good work and keep it up.—Ann Sannemann,

manager of the Perfect Circle, has left for the country for five weeks.—Sam, Mary and Marilyn Reven will leave for a week's vacation with Sam's father at Virden, Ill. Have a pleasant time, folks.—Dorothy Sodnik and Norman are also leaving for a week's visit with relatives at Nokomis, Ill. Norman says he is going to farm for a while.—Ida Simon had a two weeks rest at home. Did you take things easy, Ida?—Mary Udovich bombarded us with nine more new members last week. Mary is a go-getter and gets results!—Balina courts at the Slovene Labor Center are busy over week-ends. Our friends enjoy this game of sport and other recreations the Center has to offer. We heard that our Yough Valley Knights' Romeo, Staff Sgt. John Shink Jr. was married June 17th at West Newton, Pa. Congratulations! John is stationed at Hobbs Field, New Mexico, and occasionally stops in for a visit with us when passing thru Chicago. That's all for now, folks.

FRANCES L. RAK, 559.

PIONEER PICNIC AT PILSEN PARK SUNDAY, AUG. 5TH

CHICAGO.—All lodges in and around Chicago are invited to attend the Pioneers' annual summer social Saturday, August 5, is the selected date and we plan to have a real old fashioned get-together.

Spacious Pilsen Park, scene of last year's picnic, has again been leased for this big event. Those of you who were in our midst last year will recall the beauty and cleanliness of the park. Conveniently located, it is right in the heart of Chicago with good transportation to the door.

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Side Views.—Best wishes to Alma "Ollie" Ganter, who will henceforth be known as Mrs. Raimo. Waukegan lost a good lodge member, but we know Ollie will do her share with the lodge in Los Angeles.

In California to stay is Frances Tratar. Good luck, Frannie, and we hope you enjoy your new surroundings.

Mae Groser made a hurried trip to Ft. George Meade, Maryland, to see husband Frank before he sails the high seas.

Our sincere thanks to Jo Klarich, Rose Kosich, Etwood Blake, Lefty Kovach, and especially the Naprednik family for the kind hospitality during a recent visit to Detroit.

ANNE GROSER.

Veronian News

VERONA, PA.—With two anniversaries—our SNPJ's and Veronians'—coming up in the month of July, a dance will be sponsored, featuring Jack Persin and his Jolly Jesters from Warren, Ohio, on July 8, falling on a Saturday night, at our Veronian Club, to commemorate these two important affairs.

Yes, only a week from today, and because everyone had such a good time dancing to Leo Faulk, our committee can be assured of another large crowd to witness the debut of Jack Persin who has made quite a name for himself and his Jesters throughout the SNPJ world.

The older members by not coming down to our May 10 dance missed out on some very fine Slovene music. So don't let it happen next week on July 8. These orchestras coming to your club are bands who know how to play Slovene music, the reason is to please our older members.

The liquor license has taken effect last week, another improvement at our club. Now our members can sit down and have a shot with that good Veronian beer.

The Veronians wish you loads of luck, Walter Gostoski, on your new assignment with Uncle Sam in this fight for freedom. Walter, who has been the Veronian Club's financial secretary, has done a wonderful job (which brought compliments by the liquor investigators) on the keeping of the Veronian books. So again, Walter, keep in there pitching, you and the rest of our boys, because our Veronians headed by our most popular Pres. Elmer Eiffler, have been going great guns in their efforts at our club and on the home front.

A few days after Anne left, her sister Bertha bid mother and dad good-bye for a month. She is visiting Mexico in company with a group of students. The Erste household is rather quiet.

SNPJ Singing Circle

This Friday, June 30, a party will be held for the youngsters and class dismissed until the last week of August. A contemplated affair in the fall and a concert in spring will be on the agenda when they assemble after their vacation.

Norwood Community Council

The next regular meeting of this group will be held Thursday, July 6, at the Norwood Library Branch. In the meantime, volunteer workers will canvass the area with application blanks for new members.

More Highlights of the Membership Campaign

Michael Vrhovnik, Campaign Director

As the third month of the 40th Anniversary Membership Campaign of the SNPJ comes to a close, improvement already is noticed over the results of the opening two months. May's returns, if you recall, were better than April's and now June's are better than May's. If present indications hold out, June's total enrollment in both departments will very likely go over the 350 mark for the first time in the campaign.

JOHN ZIGMAN, who led the campaign for more than two and a half months, came through with another nice gain in June—to date, but not enough to retain the leadership. MARY UDOVICH finally succeeded in dislodging him from first place. What the margin of difference is between them will not be known until all of June's returns are tabulated.

The most vital activity in which any member may engage—for the good of the Society—is to bring in a new member, or better still—NEW MEMBERS! That has always been true, but it is truer today than ever, because so many of our members, more than 5,000 of them, are serving in the Armed Forces of the Nation. This drain of membership must be overcome if progress is to continue. The only way to offset it is to bring in new members.

The CHICAGO PIONEERS (559) have forged ahead of LODGE 138, STRABANE, PA., and are now the number one lodge of the campaign. Another good spurt in July and its goal of 1,000 members will be realized—with room to spare—this for first time in SNPJ history. The Pioneer campaign "battery" is composed of Donald J. Lotrich, Frances Rak, Anne Groser, Mae Cerkoney and Mary Udovich. Incidentally, the annual Pioneer Picnic will be held at Pilsen Park on Saturday, August 5. Make that your date!

The 40th Anniversary Campaign will continue for five more months—to December 1, 1944. Every lodge and every member of the SNPJ has been invited to join this great drive to expand the membership. Our goal this year has been unofficially set at 5,000 members—adults and juveniles combined. We've got a real job on our hands if we expect to reach that mark by the end of November. Certainly we are going to need the cooperation of a much larger percentage of lodges and members than we have been able to attract up to this time. Without sufficient cooperation, we might not—but we will not fail if you and you and many others like you join the campaign! Pledge your cooperation by enrolling a new member, today!

With more than a third of the campaign behind us, we find only 40 percent of the lodges cooperating. Sixty percent of the lodges have yet to enroll their first new member. In which group is your lodge? Every member should make it his duty to find out the lodge's standing in the campaign—and then do something to improve it! Forty percent cooperation is not enough! Let's make it 100 percent, with every lodge enrolling at least one new member in July and August!

You know, of course, that every contestant who enrolls ten (10) or more new members will qualify for a special campaign award. The four highest special awards are \$125, \$100, \$75 and \$50. All other special awards will be graded downward, proportionately, among all the contestants who have ten or more new members to their credit. On top of this, don't forget, the SNPJ will also pay the regular awards of \$1.00, \$2.00 or \$4.00 for each new member.

Up to the time of this writing seven (7) contestants have qualified for special awards. The latest to become engaged to this select group are URSULA AMBROZICH, 5th District Vice-President of the Supreme Board and member of Lodge 130, Eveleth, Minn., JOSEPH F. DURN, Secretary of Lodge 53, Cleveland, Ohio, and LODGE 393, WORCESTER, N. Y., the Secretary of which is James Milavec. The other four are Mary Udovich, John Zigman, Milan Medvesek and Lenhart Werdinek.

Every lodge has been given a quota to fill, a quota that is based on the adult membership as of December 1, 1943. Just in case you don't know, it works like this. For every ten (10) adult members in your lodge on that date, the lodge is expected to enroll one new member. If the membership of your lodge was between 91 and 100, inclusive, the quota in that case is ten new members, either adults or juveniles or both. For every ten less, subtract one from the quota, and for every ten more, add one. The highest quota is 40 members, one for each year of the Society's existence, and this applies only to lodges with a membership of 391 adults or more. But when you reach the quota, as a number of our lodges already have done, that doesn't mean STOP—but KEEP RIGHT ON GOING AND GROWING!

Four more lodges have reached or surpassed their quotas as compared with three a month ago. These are LODGE 102, Chicago, Ill., LODGE 184, Springfield, Ill., LODGE 192, Milwaukee, Wis., and LODGE 537, Crivitz, Wis. Previously announced were Lodge 114, Roundup, Mont., Lodge 381, Aguilar, Colo., and Lodge 393, Worcester, N. Y. When the complete returns for June are in, it is almost a certainty that one of the big lodges will have reached its quota of 40 new members. The possibilities are also bright for at least one contestant to reach the same mark.

Right at this very point you are wondering where you can get enough new members to attain the lodge's quota, or where you can get ten new members to qualify for one of the special awards. Well, maybe it can't be done right in your community, but you won't know for sure until you've made an honest effort. It is quite possible there is someone right in your own family who is not yet a member of the SNPJ and is eligible to join . . . Or there is some one in your brother's, sister's or friend's family—or the neighbor's family down the street a ways . . . If you know of any prospects, but for some reason or other can't see them, give their names and addresses to the local lodge secretary or to one of the contestants.

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Our Front

By Louis Beniger

In the current issue of "War and Post-War," Louis Adamic, dealing with the Orleman'ski case, writes as follows:

"Much has been said about what some columnists and commentators call the Strange Case of Father Stanislaus Orleman'ski, but really very little that goes to the heart of it. Its complexity, if fully laid out, would fill a good-sized volume. I shall not even begin to analyze it here... I merely offer a note on a situation within the Catholic Church in the United States which I think bears heavily on the hitherto obscure Polish American priest's visit to Stalin and its aftermath.

"In the past several years I have met scores of Polish, Slovene, Croatian, Czech and Slovak American priests, and have had long talks with at least a dozen of them. In these talks... this stands out: many Slavic American priests feel and some at times act like underdogs in reference to the Catholic hierarchy—not because they are mere parish priests but because they are of Slavic origin or descent.

"One of them, a wonderful man, said to me with a simultaneous amusement and bitter smile: 'My Irish altar-boy of 35 years ago is now my bishop.'

Adamic goes on with his revealing story:

"More than half our Catholic population is of non-Irish and non-German stock, but in the Catholic hierarchy in this country over 90% of the bishops are of German and Irish descent, many of whom are anti-Slavic in effect if not in intent. The gripe against many of them by some of the best men among Slavic American priests is burdened with significance and is worthy of the most careful consideration. I describe it as politico-ethnic. Because it had been largely futile, it has produced all sorts of neuroses in the very human Slavic American priests whom I know personally and who, I don't doubt, are typical of many others.

"When you get to know them well, you see the neuroses in their manner and speech, in what they say but obviously don't really believe, although they may think they do. In some cases, the relationship between them and their bishops is not dissimilar to the relationship 30 years ago between the "Polack," "Hunk," "Litvak" and "Dago" section-gang laborers and their Irish strawbosses.

"It could be proved psychoanalytically that a certain Croatian American priest of my close acquaintance hates his bishop, who is of German descent and who, he told me, forces him to browbeat his parishioners, all rather poor people, into making large contributions for diocesan purposes in which they have no real interest, while numerically and financially stronger Irish and German parishes are not required to give as much proportionately..."

Adamic continues as follows:

"A year and a half ago two Slovene American priests in the Midwest joined a movement among Slovene Americans interested in the future of Slovenia. When the movement crystallized itself in support of the Yugoslav Partisans, they announced at a meeting of the executive committee of which they were members that they would have to withdraw. In the course of the ensuing discussion (recorded in the minutes of the SANC) one of them declared that were he in the old country he would be on the side of the Partisans; in America, however, he could not be associated with an organization favoring the Partisans..."

By sending 10c to Louis Adamic, Millford, N. J., you can get a copy of "War and Post-War" for May-June and I promise that you will find it extremely enlightening on the above as well as on other burning issues of the day.

Gowanda Lodges Give Picnic Sunday, July 2

GOWANDA, N. Y.—All lodges affiliated with the Slovene Club in Gowanda, will hold a picnic in Mentley's Grove Sunday, July 2, afternoon and evening. There will be games, refreshments and dancing to a popular orchestra.

Proceeds will go to the fund of our Slovene Club members, which is to be used when our soldier-boys return from war. Everybody welcome!

JOHN MATEKOVICH, 325.

Attention, Members of SNPJ Lodge No. 225

EDISON, KANS.—I wish to inform all members of our Lodge No. 225 SNPJ, that I am again working at a war plant, which means that I will not be home during the day but only in the evening. Therefore you can pay your dues any evening or on Sundays. During the month of July I will be home in the forenoon until one o'clock in the afternoon on Sundays. All members are urged to pay their dues on time and to cooperate with me in order that there won't be any suspensions. If necessary you can send your dues by mail. However, the best way is to come to the lodge meeting and pay your dues then. Our meetings are held each second Sunday of the month. Please pay your dues on time and attend the meetings.

ANNIE JELOVCHAN, Sec'y.

Initiative Submitted by Lodge No. 21 SNPJ, Pueblo, Col.**Introduction**

Since we are engaged in a world war and there is on the horizon no immediate prospect of an early peace, and because the membership of SNPJ consists mainly of workers who work in mines, shops and various war industries generally, it is readily understood that every day's absence from this essential work hinders and inflicts a certain loss in the production of war material. This, of course, includes those days which will be required for our next convention.

The financial status of the convention account which shall not by far cover the expenses of the next convention, has already been published in the Prosvesha. With this in mind and in order to avoid special assessment for this purpose, Lodge Orel, No. 21 of the SNPJ of Pueblo, Colorado, submits to referendum the following changes in by-laws of the Slovene National Benefit Society, adopted at the 1941 convention in Pittsburgh, Pa., which became effective January 1, 1942.

ELECTION OF DELEGATES

Section 2 of the by-laws now in effect reads:

Sec. 2. Number of Delegates. Each local lodge having one hundred or more members in good standing in the month prior to the election of delegates to the convention of the Supreme Legislative Body, shall be entitled to one delegate, each lodge having two hundred and fifty or more members in good standing shall be entitled to two delegates, and each lodge having five hundred or more members in good standing shall be entitled to three delegates, but no lodge shall have more than three delegates.

Two or more local lodges having less than one hundred members each, but whose combined membership shall be one hundred or more, may unite to elect a delegate, but no combination of lodges shall be entitled to more than one delegate. No lodge or combination of lodges having less than one hundred members in good standing in the month prior to election of delegates shall have a right to send a delegate to the convention.

An alternative for each delegate shall be elected, who shall, in the absence, suspension or inability of such delegate to act, have all rights of such delegate, which alternate shall be elected at the same time and in the same manner as the delegate.

Lodges not in existence for a period of more than four months prior to the time of election of delegates shall not be entitled to elect delegates or alternates.

Changes in Section 2 as suggested by Lodge No. 21:

Sec. 2. Number of Delegates. Each local lodge having one hundred-fifty or more members in good standing in the month prior to the election of delegates to the convention of the Supreme Legislative Body, shall be entitled to one delegate, each lodge having three hundred or more members in good standing shall be entitled to two delegates, but no lodge shall have more than two delegates.

Two or more local lodges having less than one hundred-fifty members each, but whose combined membership shall be one hundred-fifty or more, may unite to elect a delegate, but no combination of lodges shall be entitled to more than one delegate. No lodge or combination of lodges having less than one hundred-fifty members in good standing in the month prior to election of delegates shall have a right to send a delegate to the convention.

An alternate for each delegate shall be elected, who shall, in the absence, suspension or inability of such delegate to act, have all the rights of such delegate, which alternate shall be elected at the same time and in the same manner as the delegate.

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Section 3 of the by-laws now in effect reads:

Sec. 3. Election of delegates and alternates to the Convention of the Supreme Legislative Body. shall be held at a regular or special meeting of the lodges to take place during a period from May 1st to June 30th of the Convention year.

Election of delegates and alternates to a Special called Convention of the Supreme Legislative Body shall be held during a period fixed by the Executive Committee.

Any member who is qualified may be nominated for delegate. Election of delegates shall be by ballot and only members in good standing and present at the meeting shall be entitled to vote. The ballot shall contain the names of all those who accepted the nomination and who possess the requisite qualifications for delegates. The President of the local lodge shall appoint three members as tellers for the election which tellers cannot be candidates for either delegates or alternates. A majority of all votes cast shall decide. Lodges which have the required number of members for two or three delegates may vote upon them at the same time.

Lodges which merge to attain the required number of members for the regular convention shall do so not later than May 1st of the Convention year, and notify the Supreme President of the merger not later than fifteen days thereafter. Election shall be held at a combined meeting of the merged lodges. Where it is impossible because of distance between lodges the election shall be held separately, in which case the local lodge shall, prior to the election, furnish each other with a ballot which shall contain the names of every candidate from each lodge in the merger.

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Our reason for suggesting a change in the by-laws through referendum for limited delegation is primarily because we want to save money for the Society and its membership. A large representation at the convention requires a great deal of money, which eventually must be paid by the members in forms of regular and special assessments. The fact also remains, as has been proved in the past, that a large delegation does not achieve better

PROSVETA**Juvenile Circles of the SNPJ****FLASHES**

By DONALD J. LOTRICH

June 11 Picnic of Circle No. 11 Was Big Success

FRANKLIN, KANS.—On June 11, the Jolly Kansans Juvenile Circle No. 11 held their annual picnic at the Pittsburg Lincoln Park. A fair attendance was present.

The picnic started with a wonderful beginning. The beautiful day in June was suited to all sports taken part by our members. The chief amusements were swimming, playing ball, and hiking. A good time was had by all, I believe, and those members who did not attend really missed out on a day of swell outing. Especially the refreshments were exceptionally good. By the way, we do want to thank our elders, especially we wish to thank Mrs. John Zobert for her splendid cooperation in preparing of our luncheons and also Mr. Anton Shular, our manager, for giving his time for recreation for us youngsters.

Here's hoping that our members will attend our meeting and affairs more regularly in the future. Until next time, I remain,

FRANCES SLANSEK, Sec'y.

Roundup Circle No. 28 Suspends Summer Meetings

ROUNDUP, MONT.—There will be no Circle No. 28 meetings during the summer months. Plans for our annual picnic will be made in July.

Frank Bedey, Robert Bedey, and William Meznarich will receive awards for perfect attendance during one year.

The Circle wishes to congratulate Albina Finc, our Circle helper, on graduating from the eighth grade. We hope she will remain in the Circle as she is a great help to us.

We are sorry to hear that Donald and Kenneth Mickush dropped out of the Circle. They are leaving to make their home in Livingston. We will miss them a great deal.

Baseball News.—Frank Pitz practices with the older boys and Frank Polask with the younger ones. So far the practices have been very successful. After the "days of 49," held July 3 and 4, the boys can play games on the baseball diamond.

JOAN FINCO, Sec'y.

This and That

By Peter Eish

An Unexpected Tribute

We have heard on many occasions a great deal about the little community of Strabane, Pa., and its activities. Many SNPJ members, particularly the younger members have on one occasion or another visited Strabane, perhaps to attend the numerous affairs that were sponsored in the past and present among the different fraternal groups of the town.

Strabane, as well as their fraternal activities, has a civic record that its inhabitants should be proud. Not so long ago, the editor of the local nearby Canonsburg paper lauded its citizens for having the lowest tax delinquency record for a community its size in the county.

They also have two fine halls, a large cooperative store, and a very successful savings and loan association.

A few weeks ago, Sis. Dorothy Podboy related about the unveiling of the Honor Roll plaque in the community, and of the large percentage of the boys being in the service, in fact, their quota is a great deal higher than the national average.

But it took a gentleman who belongs to the betting fraternity, to give an unexpected, and I believe a fine tribute to the people of Strabane. Said the "gentleman" to an acquaintance of mine, "The people of Strabane are 'funny,' we never could get a dime out of them. They don't play the horses or numbers, and they don't have a poolroom or gambling joint. They just ain't interested."

A Roman once said, "By their vices, ye shall know them," and we can add also by their lack of vices. Would if there could be more communities like Strabane in the nation.

Keep in mind the next meeting

as many as possible will come up. The main topic will be "Let's hope to call it our Slovene Home." The Hall Procurement Committee will have an important announcement so be there to know what's going on.

Buy a bond from our bond committee.

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WORLD EVENTS

By Scott Nearing

This week I received a letter from a friend in California: "Before I subscribe to WORLD EVENTS, I want to know whether you are in sympathy with Russia." I replied, "What has my sympathy got to do with the sweep of history?"

Before any of us was born, social history was being made in Europe, Asia and North America. Our sympathies color our views, as well as our actions, but they do not ordinarily determine economic and social trends. If WORLD EVENTS is worth its salt, it will comment and interpret in terms of reality, not of sympathy or preconception.

Critical and creative thinking are the only basis for sound decisions and wise actions. If a man says to me, "Can we have a talk about the role of cartels in 1944 world economy?" I can make one of two answers:

1. If you share my beliefs about cartels, I will discuss the matter with you.

2. Surely. Let us canvass the situation thoroughly and see what we can discover about cartels and their significance.

The first answer is an example of bigotry. Unless we agree, no discussion.

The second is an example of rational procedure. We propose to uncover the greatest possible area of truth.

Bigotry rides high in the present-day world. Everywhere the password is conformity. Uncensored facts, free thinking and frank discussion are in the dog-house.

Recently I spent a weekend with a group of scholars and scientists—French, Japanese, German, Austrian, Chinese, Russian. Most of them were exiles who had been forced to leave home because they were not in sympathy with the power-holders.

Wherever I go, I meet exiles. They remind me that, in the previous Age of Intolerance, other scholars and scientists, like Dante and Galileo, were also in exile or in prison.

What has happened to us? Are we weakening in our search for truth? Are we afraid of facts, thought; discussion?

The world bristles with bureaus of information and offices of enlightenment that are nothing more nor less than lie-factories, where experts in misrepresentation and mendacity compound the noisome mess that is fed daily to the public through the press and over the air.

The schools are crammed with manuals and textbooks sponsored or expurgated by business associations, religious organizations and patriotic societies. Censorship is all but universal. The profiteers who own newspapers, radio stations and movie studios censor as a matter of course. Sponsors censor. Advertisers censor. The Army censors; so do the Navy, the State Department and the secret police. Within the past few days military censorship became so encrusted that the British correspondents in Burma refused to file dispatches; American newsmen in Italy appealed to Washington and to home opinion; in Australia newspapers defied the government censors and were suspended. An article discussing General MacArthur, at that time a presidential candidate, was omitted from HARPER'S at the insistence of the military. A book on Stalin, written by his political rival, Trotsky, was withdrawn from publication at the insistence of the State Department. Add to these instances the snooping of the FBI and the Civil Service Commission, the character assassination by the Dies Committee and the exclusion from government service of men like Robert Mors Lovett, and you have a grim picture.

Censorship in the totalitarian countries? Of course. Their slogan, "One Leader, One Organization, One Truth," automatically excludes freedom of thought and inquiry. But why elsewhere? Why in parliamentary monarchies and republics? The idea of military necessity is too absurd to merit consideration. The military always oppose freedom of thought and expression. "Their is not to reason why." The freedoms of the Victorian era are being converted into suppressions under the pressure of a social crisis that began before World War I and will continue after the conclusion of World War II. Privileged minorities, harassed by social decay and threatened by popular movements, have always turned to the gag, the dungeon, the torture chamber and the scaffold.

Thomas and Hoopes

For the fifth time, our old friend, Norman Thomas, is to be the Socialist candidate for President. His running mate is Darlington Hoopes, who, as a member of the Pennsylvania Legislature, made many a good fight.

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Organized Labor Backs Loan Drive

Organized labor across the length and breadth of America is not only mobilized to back to the limit the Allied invasion forces, but also to help put over the top the \$16,000,000,000 Fifth War Loan Drive which got under way on June 12.

President William Green pledged members of the American Federation of Labor to buy at least \$750,000,000 worth of bonds. That would average out at the rate of \$100 for each member. The response was immediate and enthusiastic.

Among the first to "chip in" was the International Association of Machinists, with a \$1,250,000 contribution from its Washington headquarters.

All other labor groups, including, of course, the Standard Railroad Labor Organizations, are cheerfully operating in the campaign. The railmen's goal is \$50,000,000.

Lodge No. 540

ELIZABETH, N. J.—Lodge 540 is hoping everyone is enjoying these summer months. It is vacation time for many and the youngsters especially are glad school is out once more.

On Sunday, June 11, this lodge held their 20 year anniversary party at Skarli residence. We had perfect weather for the occasion with clean blue skies and a cool breeze all day. It was a grand success and everyone enjoyed it. Most of the members attended and many brought along their friends.

The food and drinks were especially good and enjoyed by all, and everything was gone by night fall.

We had a small but impressive ceremony in which Pres. Anthony Pezic made a speech and introduced the charter members: Joseph Pasarich, Amalia Oblak, Agnes Pasarich, Michael Bratnik. A carnation boutonniere was pinned on each charter member by Sgt. Joseph Pasarich who was home on furlough and who was happy to attend with his wife. Fine. Soc'y Joseph Pasarich was asked to say a few words too, along with his son Sgt. Joseph. We certainly were glad to have at least one service man present.

There was dancing for those who cared and the Juvenile dept. of the lodge was well represented.

Among our guests present were:

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Sprogar, the Horvatin family from N. Y., the Bombach family from Manville, the Vadimsky family from Somerville, N. J., the wives of Tony and Frank Skarli, Eleanor and Adele, and many others.

Thanks go to all who attended and thanks go to all members of the committee who all did such a fine job. We especially want to thank all members of the Skarli family for all they did and the lodge wants to thank them for letting us use their grounds for this party.

Everything was beautifully decorated and everything was supplied for the complete comfort of the guests.

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Publicity Committee,
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The Cost of Living

The Pepper Committee on Wartime Health and Education in its report on white collar workers, has made some pertinent comments on the controversy regarding the decree to which wartime living costs have risen. It pointed out:

"In judging the validity of the Bureau of Labor Statistics index, it should be borne in mind that it is, in the words of its own apologists, 'a price barometer, not a measure of changes in the total amount spent for family living.' It purports to measure only changes in retail prices of certain commodities and services purchased by families of moderate income in a selected group of larger cities. In a wartime economy there are, however, many pertinent factors which cannot be satisfactorily measured by such a price barometer. Among these are deterioration in quality of goods, disappearance from the market of cheaper grades of goods, new types of expenditures incurred by the workers who migrate to war jobs, 'black market' operations which are hidden from view, and differences between prices in various types of communities and geographic regions."

Drug Adulteration

The Army-Navy "E" flag waves over the plant of the Winthrop Chemical Co., drug manufacturers. But the company stands charged in Federal court on a 12-count "criminal information." (A "criminal information" has much the same force as an indictment.) The charge: that drugs distributed by the company were adulterated. They are said to have caused the death of one person and adversely affected the condition of at least 30 others.

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Paid in Advance

A Mexican, who spoke little English, walked into a California school building which houses Red Cross, rationing and other wartime offices. A nurse took his name, address and other data, and sent him to a room where attendants drained the usual pint of blood.

Then the bewildered donor asked: "Is it now I get my gasoline?"

The defects of the understanding like those of the face, grow worse as we grow older.—Rouchemoucaud.

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You will be doing the prospective members a great favor and at the same time help to build a bigger and stronger SNPJ.

A few outstanding membership gains of the month, not mentioned in the foregoing paragraphs, were contributed by LODGE 387, Traunick, Mich., whose secretary is MAX KNAUS (9 new members, one less than the quota, were enrolled), JOHN MANDICH, Secretary of Lodge 176, Piney Fork, Ohio, 7 new members, and four or more by MARY VIDMAR, Lodge 3, Johnstown, Pa., JOSEPH KOSICH, Lodge 8, So. Chicago, Ill., AGNES TOMINEK, Lodge 184, Springfield, Ill., and MARY VASIL, Lodge 192, Milwaukee, Wis. . . . John Mandich of Piney Fork, Ohio, is the same member who won the top honors in District No. 3 (Ohio and Lower Michigan) in the Victory Campaign with a gain of exactly 100 NEW MEMBERS. It is surprising to note that ONLY FOUR of them have since been cancelled—a really splendid record!

How About '33? '36?

If "leaders" can act contrary to the will of the common man even in a state where democratic rights exist, what can the German workers do, who face torture and actual death for every critical word?

Sir Walter admits they didn't elect Hitler. He doesn't deny that they resisted Hitler. But, he complains, they didn't resist long enough and are therefore criminals.

Maybe they would have resisted longer—yes, even resisted successfully—if a certain Walter Citrine had used his influence with the International Federation of Trade Unions, of which he has been president, to institute a powerful boycott against the Nazis by the workers of the world in 1933!

Maybe, if in 1936 Sir Walter had used his position to force the British government to give up its "non-intervention" policy, which aided only Franco, the Spanish workers would have been victorious and the German anti-fascists would have had another chance.

Remember, the first goal of your lodge is its quota! Remember, also, that ten (10) new members will bring special reward and honor to you! Don't let the SNPJ down! Strengthen its UNITY, SECURITY and PURPOSE with new members!

If Sir Walter Toiled In a German Factory...

By Andre Martin

Who Shall Be Held Responsible for Crimes of a Nation's Leaders?

The International Labor Office—last remnant of the defunct League of Nations—recently held a conference in Philadelphia. The whole show would have been of no great importance had trade union leaders from many countries met there. Unfortunately the opportunity was neglected: at this decisive hour, a proclamation of international labor solidarity could have decisively influenced coming events.

It must be put to the credit of the American and the Australian worker delegates, Robert J. Watt and Percy J. Clarey, that they at least brought in a resolution which included a plea that the re-establishment of free labor unions in Germany and other enemy countries be encouraged.

"One of the first things you have to do is resurrect the free trade unions of Germany," Watt told the delegates. But his plea was in vain: his resolution was killed. National hatred and political blindness triumphed. Again Goebels can put before the German workers the question: Where does international solidarity of the workers exist?

Citrine Vs. British Labor

But who was the outstanding opponent of this courageous resolution? Some sinister representative of the National Association of Manufacturers? Not at all. It was Sir Walter Citrine (don't forget the "Sir"!), the British trade union leader.