

Dve sovjetski armadi se bližata Dunaju!

Britske in kanadske čete prodrle 15 milj daleč v notranjost Holandije in potisnile v past okrog 50,000 nemških vojakov. Druge zavezniške sile zožile jeklen obroč okrog 100,000 sovražnikov v Porurju. Zavezniški ujeli 350,000 Nemcev v marcu.—Rusi zdrobili nemške obrambne črte pri Bratislavi. Oklopne kolone se bližajo Dunaju. Moskva naznanila okupacijo središča naravnega olja.—Čete desete ameriške armade presekale japonski otok

MOSKVA, 3. apr. — Dve sovjetski armadi se bližata Dunaju z južne in vzhodne strani. Nove nacistične napadalne čete so bile vržene v akcijo, da ustavijo ali vsaj zavro prodiranje Rusov proti avstrijski prestolnici.

Druge ukrajinske armade je našla tisoče min na svoji poti v Bratislavo, glavno mesto Slovačije. Utrla si je dostop do mostu na reki Donavi. Enot tretje ukrajinske armade so zasedle letališče zunaj Dunajskega Novega mesta. Nekatere so udrele v predmestja, kjer so zdaj zavojevane v ljutih bitkah z Nemci. Rusi so prejel protinapadi glavno železnico, ki spaja Dunaj z Italijo.

Pariz, 3. apr. — Britske in kanadske čete na severnem koncu zapadne fronte so v ofenzivi prodrle 15 milj daleč v notranjost Holandije in potisnile v past okrog 50,000 nemških vojakov, ki se nahajajo tamkaj. Ta sila je zdaj v nevarnosti uničenja.

Druge zavezniške sile so zožile jeklen obroč okrog 100,000 nemških vojakov, zajetih v Porurju. Nemški protinapadi pri Winterbergu in Warburgu so bili zdrobljeni.

Kolone devete ameriške armade se vale naprej v smeri Berlina na vzhodni strani Rine. Prve so dospale v bližino Hameleina ob reki Weser, 155 milj od Berlina.

Enote tretje ameriške armade v sredini zapadne fronte so prodrle do reke Werre, jo prekopale pri Eisenachu, 155 milj južnozahodno od Berlina in 90 milj od Leipziga. Druge kolone te armade se vale proti čehoslovski meji, da preprečijo umik Nemcem v bavorske Alpe. Prve so prodrle do točke, ki je oddaljena 85 milj od čehoslovške meje. Enajsta oklopna divizija je obsila Fuldo, mesto ob reki istega imena, in dospela do obronka turingijskega gozda, kjer so po poročilih Nemci zgradili več podzemnih tovarn.

Čete druge britske armade so vkorakale v Muenster, glavno mesto Vestfalije, skupno z ameriškimi četami. V Hammu, železniškemu križišču, se čiščenje nadaljuje.

Sedma ameriška armada je okupirala čez 60 nemških naselbin v ofenzivi na južnem koncu zapadne fronte in ustanovila nova mostišča na vzhodni strani Rine. Na tej fronti je v akciji tudi prva francoska armada. Čete ameriške armade so se približale Karlsruheu v prodiranju proti Stuttgartu.

Prva ameriška armada drobi odpor ostankov nemških divizij pri Warburgu na južnozahodni strani Paderborna, železniškega in cestnega križišča, ki je padel zadnji nedeljo.

Zavezniški glavni stan pravi, da bo vzelo več dni za uničenje nemških sil v Porurju. Glavni stan poroča, da so zavezniški ujeli 350,000 nemških vojakov v marcu. Tretja ameriška armada je ujela 150,000, prva pa 90,000 Nemcev.

London, 3. apr. — Sovjetske sile so zdrobile nemške obrambne črte in se približale Bratislavi, glavnemu mestu Slovačije, lufkarske Hitlerjeve državi.

Nevarnost lakote v Nemčiji

General Eisenhower posvaril ljudstvo

Pariz, 3. aprila. — General Dwight D. Eisenhower, vrhovni poveljnik zavezniških sil v Evropi, je v radijski oddaji omenil nevarnost lakote v Nemčiji, zaeno pa je posvaril in opozoril nemško ljudstvo, zlasti kmete v južni Nemčiji, naj ostanejo na kmetijah in jih obdelujejo. Če bodo to storili, bodo odvrnili pretečo katastrofo.

"Storite vse, kar je v vaši moči, za preprečenje katastrofe," je dejal Eisenhower. "Vse zavisi od vas. Obdelujte polja in opravljajte potrebna dela. To bo v vašo lastno korist in ljudstvu na splošno."

General je svetoval kmetom, naj se upirajo pritisku nacistov za vstop v črno vojsko. Poslušajo naj se sile, če bodo nacisti skušali zapleniti pridelke in odpeljati živila iz podeželskih krajev.

Invazija Okinawe alarmirala Japonce

Odločitev o padcu ali dvigu blizu

San Francisco, Cal., 3. apr. — Da je invazija Okinawe, otoka, ki leži 362 milj južno od japonske celine, alarmirala Japonce, potrjujejo radijske oddaje, namenjene ljudstvu.

Govorniki na tokijski radiopostaji so naglašali napredovanja ameriških čet v akcijah na Pacifiku od okupacije Guadalcanala naprej. Cilj vseh operacij je invazija japonske celine.

Eden izmed govornikov je dejal, "da bo kmalu padla odločitev o padcu ali dvigu našega naroda. Sovražne sile se bližajo japonski celinii. Očitno je, da bodo skušale pretrgati vse zveze med Japonko in Kitajsko. Razdalja med Okinawo in japonsko celino je samo 362 milj. Naša mesta so zdaj izpostavljena masnim bombnim napadom iz zraka."

Neki govornik je primerjal bombni napad na Tokio, ki je bil izvršen 10. marca, razdejanju Rima v Neronovi dobi. On je priznal, da so zažigalne bombe povzročile ogromno škodo. Več tisoč ljudi je ostalo brez strehe.

Drugi govorniki so skušali viliti zaupanje ljudstvu. Poudarjali so, da vstaja nov Tokio iz razvalin in pepela. Mnogo tovarn, katere so bombe porušile, je bilo popravljenih in zdaj spet obratujejo.

Uradna časniška agentura Domei poroča, da vlaki že vedno odvažajo civilne begunce iz glavnega mesta v podeželske kraje. Vsak dan zapusti Tokio 29 potniških in tovornih vlakov.

Britska bomba uničila otok

London, 3. apr.—Magazin Aeroplane poroča, da je enajstonska bomba pri prvem poskusu uničila skalnati otok v bližini angleškega obrežja. "Prvi poskus je bil izvršen na zapuščeni in neobljedenem otoku," pravi magazin. "Vrženju bombe je sledila silna eksplozija, in ko se je dim, ki je značilnost bombe, razkidal, ni bilo več otoka." Britski letalci mečejo zdaj bombe tega tipa na nemška mesta.

Ustanovitev odnošajev med Brazilijo in Rusijo

Rio de Janeiro, Brazilija, 3. apr. — Zunanji urad je naznanil ustanovitev diplomatskih odnošajev med Brazilijo in Sovjetsko Rusijo. Uvod v ustanovitev odnošajev je bila izmenjava not med poslankama Brazilije in Rusije v Washingtonu.

ZAVEZNIŠKA DIPLOMATIČNA FRONTA SE KRHA

Poljsko uprašanje povzročilo nove komplikacije

TOLMAČENJE KRIMSKE DEKLARACIJE

London, 3. apr. — Tu priznavajo, da je bila zavezniška diplomatska fronta omajana, ker sta Velika Britanija in Amerika zavrnili predlog sovjetske Rusije, naj poljska začasna vlada v Varšavi dobi reprezentacijo na konferenci Združenih narodov v San Francisco, Cal. Sporazum, dosežen na konferenci "velike trojice" v Jalti na Krimu, je dobil prvi udarec.

Zavrnitev ruskega predloga je morda glavni vzrok nastalih potežkoč. Moskva je naznanila, da se zunanji komisar Molotov ne bo udeležil konference v San Francisco kot načelnik ruske delegacije.

Poročilo ruske časniške agenture Tass je poljska vlada v Varšavi predložila zahtevo glede reprezentacije na konferenci Združenih narodov že pred dvema tednoma, a je bila zavrnjena. Kmalu potem je Moskva naznanila, da Molotov ne bo šel v San Francisco.

Kontroverza je nastala glede tolmačenja krimske deklaracije o poljskem vprašanju. Ko se je vršila konferenca v Jalti, je bilo upanje, da se bodo poljske grupe zedinile glede formiranja vlade narodne enotnosti. Iz tega razloga je bil sprejet zaključek, da bo taka vlada lahko poslala svoje reprezentante na konferenco v San Francisco.

Britski zunanji urad je izrazil obžalovanje, ko je Moskva naznanila, da se Molotov ne bo udeležil konference kot načelnik ruske delegacije, zaeno pa je dal razumeti, da je razočaran. Urad je zanikal trditve, da namerava formirati blok britske imperije, obenem pa je naglasil, da so se naporji glede formiranja takega bloka v prošlosti izjalovili.

Male države v okviru Združenih narodov so alarmirane zaradi nesoglasja med veleilami. Bojazen je, da konferenca v San Francisco ne bo izpolnila pričakovanj.

Zena britskega premierja v Moskvi

Moskva, 3. apr. — Zena britskega premierja Winstona Churchilla je dospela v Moskvo iz Kaira, Egipt. Pripeljala se je z letalom. Na letališču so jo sprejeli in pozdravili ruski zunanji komisar Molotov, Ivan M. Majski, zunanji podkomisar in njegova žena, britski poslanik Archibald C. Kerr in ameriški poslanik W. Averell Harriman. Naznanilo pravi, da bo obiskala Stalingrad, Rostov in druga ruska mesta.

Ameriški general ubit na zapadni fronti

Washington, D. C., 3. apr. — Vojni departament poroča, da je bil general Maurice Rose ubit na zapadni fronti. On je bil poveljnik tretje oklopne divizije prve armade.

Anglija znižala produkcijo letal

London, 3. apr.—Okrog 10,000 delavcev v Severni Irski je izgovoril zaslužek v letalskih tovarnah, ker je letalski minister odredil znižanje produkcije bombnikov tipa Stirling. J. Lowden, predsednik unije letalskih delavcev, je dejal, da so tri tovarne zaprle vrata, pet pa omejilo produkcijo.

Byrnes naznanil resignacijo

Vinson imenovan za naslednika

Washington, D. C., 3. apr. — James F. Byrnes je resigniral kot direktor urada vojne mobilizacije in preureditve. Predsednik Roosevelt je resignacijo sprejel in imenoval Freda M. Vinsona, upravitelja federalne posojilne administracije, za naslednika.

Resignacija Byrnesa, ki so ga označevali kot "pomoznega predsednika", je povzročila presenečenje. On je nedavno izjavil, da bo držal svojo pozicijo do končanja vojne v Evropi.

Byrnes je naznanil, da bo šel v pokoj. Star je 65 let in udeležstvoval se je v javnem življenju 28 let. Bil je senator in potem član federalnega vrhovnega sodišča. Za direktorja vojne mobilizacije je bil imenovan 27. maja 1. 1943.

Nominacija Vinsona za novega direktorja je bila predložena senatu v odobritev. Pričakuje se, da bo odobrena brez opozicije. Vinson bo moral resignirati kot upravitelj federalne posojilne administracije.

Byrnes je dejal, da se bo vrnil v Spartanburg, N. C., kjer je njegov dom.

Komentar stališča argentinske vlade

List omenja fašistične smernice

Bogota, Colombia, 3. aprila. — Vodilni list El Tiempo je objavil uvodnik, v katerem izraža zadovoljstvo, ker je argentinska vlada revidirala svoje stališče in napovedala vojno Nemčiji in Japonski, zaeno pa naglašala, da vodilni argentinski krogi niso osvojili demokratičnih načel. Njihove metode in smernice so v bistvu fašistične.

"Argentina je sicer osvojila formulo kontinentalne solidarnosti po večletnem obotavljanju in se pridružila Združenim narodom, toda njen notranji ustroj je totalitarnega značaja," pravi omenjeni list. "V svojih notranjih zadevah ne vidi potrebo sprememb, katere bi morale biti v soglasju z načeli demokracije."

El Tiempo izraža upanje, da bo Argentina, ki je revidirala svoje stališče z vstopom v krog Združenih narodov, spremenila svoje notranjo politiko. Če je v resnici proti diktaturam, bo to lahko dokazala doma. Kontinentalna solidarnost mora bazirati na dejstvih, ne na frazah, ki ne morejo vzdržati preizkušnji časa.

List El Liberal je tudi komentiral stališče argentinske vlade. Izjavil je, da je Argentina krenila na pravo pot s prelomom zveze z ošiščem in s tem storila korak naprej v prizadevanjih za zmago Združenih narodov in u-trditve miru.

Portugalska napove vojno Japonski

London, 3. apr. — Sem dospela poročila pravijo, da bo Portugalska napovedala vojno Japonski, Španiji pa se je odločila za prelom diplomatskih odnošajev z Japonsko.

Baruch, Rooseveltov svetovalec, v Londonu

London, 3. apr.—Bernard Baruch, svetovalec predsednika Roosevelta, je dospel v London, kjer bo imel razgovore s Churchillom in drugimi voditelji. V Londonu je tudi Elmer Davis, direktor urada za vojne informacije.

Ustanovitev vojnega kabineta v Belgradu

Domache vesti

Ranjen na Filipinih
Baggaley, Pa.—Družina Joe Dablock v Brenizerju (?) je bila uradno obveščena, da je bil 16. febr. ranjen pri Corregidorju, Filipini, njen sin Sgt. Joe Dablock ml., ki služi pri padalcih. Čez morje je že tri leta in ni bil še nobenkrat doma na dopustu. Je član društva 318 SNPJ, kakor vsa družina. — Mlademu paru Franku in Blanche Dablock se je rodil prvorojenček, ki je že vpisan v društvo 318. Oče otroka je pri vojaki v Indiantown Gapu.—Dne 28. marca je šel k vojakom 18-letni Steve Zabkar, tudi član društva 318 in že četrti sin Joe Zabkarjeve družine v službi Strica Sama.—Zbofel je Anton Lamovšek, lastnik hotela v Pipetovnu in član društva 318.

Is Clevelanda

Cleveland.—Umrli je po dolgi bolezni Joseph Ivančič, star 58 let in doma iz Družinske vasi pri Beli Cerkvi na Dolenjskem, odkoder je prišel v Cleveland pred 34 leti. Bil je član KSKJ. Zapuščal šest sinov (štiri v armadi), brata in dve sestri, v starem kraju pa brata.—V vojaški bolnišnici Ft. Benjamin, Harrison, Ind., se nahaja Sgt. Louis C. Novak, star 30 let, sin družine Louis Novak iz Romea, O. Zdravi se za ranami, ki jih je dobil v Luksemburgu. Ženo ima v Clevelandu in tudi dva mlada sinova. — V nemškem ujetništvu se nahaja Pte. Jack Miklačić, sin družine Anthony Miklačić, ki je bil pogrešan od 8. novembra. Pri vojaki je od junija 1944 in preko morja od lanskega julija.—Vile rojenice so se oglasile pri družini Joseph Buchar in pustile hčerko.

Kanada zalaga Anglijo z živili

Razprava o pomanjkanju mesa

Washington, D. C., 3. aprila. — Oliver Lyttelton, britski minister za produkcijo, in J. J. Llewellyn, britski minister za živila, sta po konferenci s predsednikom Rooseveltom odpotovala v Kanado, kjer bosta skušala ugotoviti, ali bo Kanada lahko prispevala večji delež živil.

Pred odhodom iz Washingtona sta naglasila, da je kanadska vlada že dala zagotovilo, da bodo parniki s pšenico in mesom odpulji po reki St. Lawrence, kakor hitro se bo stajal led, v angleške luke. Britska ministarstva v Kanadi razpravljata tudi o pomanjkanju mesa.

Kanada je v zadnjih sedmih mesecih poslala 715,000,000 funtov mesa v Anglijo, dasi se je z dogovorom obvezala, da bo poslala le 400,000,000 funtov mesa. Z ozirom na poročila o izobilju mesa v Kanadi so britski krogi v Washingtonu izjavili, da kanadska vlada sama odločuje o razpečevanju mesa.

Senatni odsek, kateremu je bila poverjena preiskava pomanjkanja mesa v Ameriki, je zaključil zaslišanje. Pred njim so nastopili uradniki administracije za kontrolo cen in reprezentanti klavniških družb. Odsek nižje zbornice, čigar načelnik je kongresnik Clinton Anderson, demokrat iz Nove Mehike, je naznanil, da bo študiral vse faze živilskega problema. Zaslišanje bo vodil v Chicagu, Omahi, Kansas Cityju in drugih središčih klavniške industrije.

Pospešitev izvajanja nujnih zaključkov

UJETNIKI SE VRAČAJO DOMOV

Belgrad, Jugoslavija, 3. apr. — Ustanovitev separatnega vojnega kabineta sedmih članov, ki bo sprejemal in izvajal važne in nujne zaključke, je bila pravkar naznanjena. Predlog glede ustanovitve takega kabineta je bil osvojen na seji članov Titove vlade.

Vojni kabinet tvori premier Tito, Edvard Kardelj in Milan Grol, podpredsednika vlade; dr. Ivan Šubašić, zunanji minister; Sreten Zujović, finančni minister; Andrija Hebrang, trgovinski minister, in Sava Kosanović, minister za informacije.

Na isti seji so bili imenovani novi poslalniki. Stanoje Similić, sedanji poslanik v Moskvi, je bil imenovan za poslanika v Ameriki, dalmatinski odvetnik Ljuba Lejtnec za poslanika v Veliki Britaniji in Marko Ristić za poslanika v Franciji.

Za člane jugoslovanske delegacije na konferenci Združenih narodov, ki se prične 25. aprila v San Francisco, Cal., so bili imenovani dr. Šubašić, Zujović in Stojan Gabrilović. Z delegati vred se bodo udeležili konference politični, ekonomski in vojaški veščaki.

Uradno naznanilo omenja ustanovitev vojaške administracije v distriktu Kosovo polje iz razloga, ker meji na ozemlje vojnih operacij. V tem distriktu je albanska manjšina, ki je dobivala potuho in oporo od prejšnjega kvizlinskega režima.

Jugoslovanski vojni ujetniki, ki so se nahajali v nemških taboriščih v Pomeraniji, se vračajo domov. Ujetnike so osvobodili Rusi. Okrog tisoč vojnih ujetnikov, med temi mnogo častnikov bivše jugoslovanske armade, se je že vrnilo v Belgrad, kjer jih je ljudstvo navdušeno sprejelo. Mnogi so se pridružili Titovi armadi in so že v akciji proti Nemcem.

Rusija dobila bojne ladje

Sovjetska bojna mornarica ojačena

Moskva, 3. apr. — Velika Britanija in Amerika sta izročili Rusiji več bojnih ladij in rušilcev, ki so dobili nova imena. Britska bojna ladja Royal Sovereign in ameriška križarka Milwaukee sta v ruski bojni mornarici.

Royal Sovereign je dobila ime Arhangelsk, Milwaukee pa Mursmansk. Prva je 29,150-tonska ladja in razvija brzino 22 vozlov na uro. Nosí 56 topov; med temi osem štirinajstpalčnih. Križarka Mursmansk, prej Milwaukee, razvija brzino 35 vozlov na uro in njena tonaža je 7050 ton.

Velika Britanija in Amerika sta prej izročili Rusiji več bojnih ladij, ki so bile prekrščene in tvorijo del ojačane sovjetske mornarice.

Gdansk uključen v poljsko državo

Moskva, 3. apr. — Gdansk, pristaniščno mesto ob Baltičkem morju, z okolico vred je bil uključen v poljsko državo. Ruske čete so okupirale Gdansk zadnji petek.

Poročilo o političnem in reliefnem delu SANSa

Ker na seji gl. odbora SNPJ ni bilo časa, da bi predložil poročilo o akciji, katero vodi Slovenski ameriški narodni svet, sem ga izročil uredniku za objavo in Prosveti. Tako poročilo se mi je zdelo umestno in potrebno, zlasti še radi dejstva, ker opravljam tajniške posle pri SANSu radi kooperacije med SANSom in SNPJ in v za-vesti, da bi brez takega sodelovanja dela ne mogel vršiti. Za sejo sem pripravil naslednje poročilo:

Konvencija Slovenskega ame-riškega narodnega sveta se je vršila v Clevelandu 2. in 3. sep-tembra 1944, kjer je bil izvoljen sedanji glavni odbor, v katerem je brat Caimkar blagajnik, brat Vider drugi podpredsednik, brat Zupan zapisnikar, brat Zaitz izvršilni odbor, jaz pa tajnik. SNPJ ima torej v izvršilni pet članov, Ameriška brat-ska zveza dva, štiri druge brat-ske organizacije pa po enega čla-na ali članico. Ravnotako je na-ša enotna dobro zastopana v nadzornem, širšem in v častnem odboru.

Vsako, ki je zasledoval raz-voj SANSa in njegove aktivno-sti bodisi v politični ali pomož-ni akciji, je videl, da je naša enotna s svojimi društvi, član-stvom in glasilom največ pri-spevala finančno in moralno. Tega dejstva ne more nikdo za-nikati, kajti zrcali se v vseh pa-nogah SANSovega gibanja in nobenega dvoma ni, da brez Slo-venske narodne podpore jedno-te pravega SANSa sploh ne bi bilo. Vse to je tudi pravilo, da ima jedrta pravično in sorazmerno zastopstvo pri nje-govi upravi in pri odločevanju v zadevah, kjer smo principiel-no in materialno zainteresirani.

Kadar bo zaključeno delo SANSa, ki je začrtano v nje-govem originalnem programu, v korist boljše in srečnejše bodo-čnosti naše stare domovine in eventualno tudi v korist sloven-skih Amerikancev in Amerike, bo njegov doprinos k uspehu po-vezan z imenom naše jednote in našega članstva in slovenski na-rod ji bo večno hvaležen. Kajti potom SANSa je jednota pove-zana tudi na delo Združenega odbora, kateri brez SANSa ne bi mogel obstajati, niti vršiti svojega političnega in sedaj tu-jeva reliefnega dela v takem obse-gu in s takim uspehom kot ga vrši.

Rezultat konference Roosevelt-a, Churchilla in Stalina v Jalti je zmaga na celi črti za program SANSa in Združenega odbora. To je tudi zmaga za SNPJ. Zma-gal je v Jugoslaviji napreden element, Osvobodilna fronta, ka-terito smo v Ameriki na vsej črti podprli in v njen prid zgradili javno mnenje Amerike, Kana-de in Velike Britanije. To je bi-lo kolektivno delo Združenega odbora in SANSa pod mojster-sko spretnim vodstvom našega Adamića. Rezultat te konference in posledice že objavljenih zaključkov so tudi v zadostnje-nju naših enot za vse korake, ki jih je podzela v preteklosti v dobroti osvobodilnega gibanja Slovenije in Jugoslavije.

Dne 23. septembra je na letni seji Združenega odbora bil o-doben načrt za ustanovitev Vojnega reliefnega fonda Ame-rikanca južnoslovenskega porek-la (War Relief Fund of Ameri-cans of South Slavic Descent). Obenem so bili podzvati potrebni koraki, da se privabi v njegovo sredo tudi druge jugoslovanske reliefne organizacije, zlasti še Ju-goslovanski pomožni odbor — slovenska sekcija in Pomožni fond Hrvaške bratske zajednice. Ti dve organizaciji sedaj delno sodelujeta z novo organizacijo, ni pa še prišlo do združenja.

Meseca oktobra se je med ame-riškimi Jugoslanci pričela kampanja za zbiranje obelke, obelutve in drugih potrebščin ter denarja. Uspeh za prve štiri tedne je bil nad vse povoljen, kajti samo v gotovini se je na-bralo nad eno tretjino milijona dolarjev, reliefnih potrebščin pa v ocenjeni vrednosti pol milijona dolarjev. Potom agitacije SANSa smo v tem času nabrali med Slovenci nad \$81,000 in na-dalje prispevki še vedno prihajajo od vseh strani.

Izredno je bil ustanovljen tudi Ameriški odbor za jugoslo-vanski relief, kateri ima svoj po-soben urad v New Yorku. V tem odboru je nad 450 promi-nentnih Amerikancev-pokrovi-teljev, kateri bodo vodili ali po-magali voditi kampanjo med jugoslovanskimi Amerikanci.

amerikanizacija ne more zbrisa-ti. In take pečate nosijo tudi druge narodnosti in vse skupaj tvorijo narod, ki ga nazivamo ameriški. Vse te narodnosti v Ameriki imajo svoje krvne vezi s svojo rojstno domovino. In dogodki preko morja odmevajo tudi v Ameriki.

Sedanja katastrofa, ki je za-jela do malega ves svet, nas je naučila, da se ne moremo izoli-rati in izogniti dogodkom, ki so del našega obstanka in naše bo-dočnosti. Vse narodnostne sku-pine v Ameriki bodo morale ra-zumevati druga drugo in koope-rirati vse skupaj—kot ameriški narod — razumevati težnje in aspiracije narodov v Evropi. S tem je povezana tudi bodočnost SNPJ in njeno prosvetno delo med slovenskimi Amerikanci. Kot največja slovenska podpor-na organizacija, je to njena ded-ščina. SANS in njegovo delo je le izraz vsega tega občutka.

Mirko G. Kuhel, gl. blag. SNPJ in tajnik SANSa.

Društvene priredbe

ZABAVA DRUŠTVA ŠT. 648 SNPJ

Toronto, Kanada. — Članstvo društva št. 648 SNPJ je vablje-no na večerno zabavo, katere se bo vršila 7. aprila v prostorih brata Muhitcha, 368 Bathurst st. Ker je to prva letna društvena zabava, je članstvo vabljeno in prav tako drugi ljubitelji zaba-ve, da nas gotovo posetijo na omenjeni večer.

Članstvo je zaeno prošeno, da se bolj redno udeležuje društven-nej seji, katere je zadnje čase precej zanemarjalo. Da se izog-nemo večjih neprilik, opozar-jam članstvo, da vpošteva ta apel.

J. Sheryak, predsednik.

VESELICA DRUŠTVA ŠT. 287 SNPJ

Burgettstown, Pa. — Malo kdaj se oglasim v Prosveti. Da-nes pa imam poročati o sklepu društvene seje, ki se je vršila 11. marca.

Društvo št. 287 SNPJ bo pri-redilo dne 26. maja domačo ve-selico s plesom, zato apeliramo na druga društva, da ne bi pri-rejala veselice na omenjeni da-tum, kajti če bi imeli več veselice na isti dan, ne bi ne eni in ne drugi uspeli.

Naše članstvo in ostalih dru-štev vabimo, da nas gotovo po-setite na veselici in se nekaj ur zabavate v veselju družbi. Za ples bo igral poznani Jack Cru-zel (?) iz Bridgeville.

Naše društvo ni veliko, toda ima 30 članov pri vojaki, eden pa je bil ubit. Upamo, da bo vojne kmalu konec in da se na-ši fantje zdravi povrnejo v našo sredo, kajti vsi jih že težko pričakujemo.

Na svidenje 26. maja na vese-lici društva št. 287 SNPJ v Bur-gettstownu.

Frank Laurich.

VESELICA DRUŠTVA ŠT. 86 SNPJ

Chicago, Ill. — Društvo št. 86 SNPJ se letos zopet pripravlja za veselico, ki se bo vršila 7. aprila v Fleinerjev dvorani na 1638 N. Halsted st.

Sedaj imamo razne zapreke, ki jih nismo poznali v normal-nih razmerah, toda pripravljani odbor je vse te zapreke premo-stil in imeli bomo vse priprav-ljeno za občinstvo, kakor po na-vadi. Pri našem društvu se ob tem času vsako leto skupaj zbe-remo in se prav po domače za-bavamo. Obljubljamo tudi po-setnikom, da boste imeli zelo prijeten večer in izvrstno pos-trežbo. Naše kuharice in nata-karji vam bodo z veseljem po-stregli s piščajo in okusnim pri-grizkom kot je potica, krofi itd.

Z veselico bomo pričeli malo poprej kot običajno. Pričela se bo že ob sedmi uri zvečer. Ob sobotah delajo mnogi rojaki sa-mo dopoldne in tako bodo lahko navzoči ob omenjeni uri. Vabi-mo vse rojake in rojakinje, da nas gotovo posetijo in malo po-kramljajo s svojimi starimi pri-jatelji in znanci in zaeno poza-bijo za nekaj ur na vsakdanje skrbi in sedanje kritične čase. Opozarjam še posebej člane na-šega društva, da se gotovo vsi udeležijo veselice. Veste, odbor ima težko nalogo z aranžira-njem veselice v teh časih, vin-dar pa se je oz. se še trudi, da bo vse najlepše izpeljal, zato je več kot pravilno, da sodelujete z

njim. Na članstvo e apelira, da malo poagitrta med prijatelji in znanci, tako da bo veselica res dobro obiskana.

Za odbor:

Frank Teropšič.

35-LETNICA DRUŠTVA ŠT. 126 SNPJ

Cleveland, O. — Petintrideset-letnica društva Cleveland št. 126 SNPJ bomo obhajali 7. aprila v Slovenskem narodnem domu na St. Clair ave. Začetek bo že ob sedmih, to pa vsled tega, ker je sedaj policijska ura že ob pol-noči in po tej uri mora biti vse tiho in prazno. Sedaj smo pač v vojnem času. Bomo pa malo pohitili s plesom, v točilnici in kuhinji, da bomo vse pospravili ob pravem času.

Dolžnost vseh članov in članic je, da se priredbe gotovo udele-že in pripeljejo s seboj tudi svo-je prijatelje in prijateljice. Po-kažimo, da naše društvo poma-ga vsem dobrim stvarim, ki so v korist članstvu in narodu v splošnem.

Mislím, da je večini članstva znano, da mora vsak član ali članica plačati 50c naklade, ozi-roma vstopnico. Vstopnico bo-oste dobili pri blagajni; na dom pa jih ne bomo pošiljali. Pro-sim, da vpošteвате društveni sklep.

Za posetnike naše 35-letnice bo vse poskrbljeno, kolikor nam pač dovoljujejo današnje razme-re. Naša kuharica sestra Kle-menčič ima nekaj za rokavom in tudi točaji . . . Torej na veselo svidenje. Vabi vas odbor.

J. J. Gabrenja, tajnik.

Glasovi iz naselbin

POMAGAJMO NESREČNI DOMOVINO

Cleveland, O. — Naša rojstna domovina je zavita v temni mrak, v katerem plava tuga in neznošno trpljenje, ali skozi temo jim doni klic nove dobe in rešitve.

Njih pot drži skozi prepa-de in preko groznih strmin, toda "bo-dočnost jim ponuja roko, da se jim volja in hrabrost krepi." MOČ V ZDRUŽITVI IN JEK-LENI VOLJI JIM ODPIRA POT V VSTAJENJE IN DEŽELO SVOBODE!

Ti zgodovinski bojevniki za svobodo, kolikor jih bo ostalo pri življenju, ko bodo prelazili te strašne prepa-de, potrebujejo pomoči. In kdo naj jim jo da, ako ne mi, njih krvni bratje in sestre?

Društvo Vipavski raj št. 312 SNPJ bo priredilo za te zgodo-vinske borce domačo veselico dne 14. aprila v Slovenskem do-mu na Holmes ave. Ker bo v tem Domu prvič veselica v ta namen, pričakujemo velike ude-ležbe od našega zavednega član-stva in enako tudi od članstva drugih društev.

Mnogo oseb se je izrazilo, da bi radi dale kakšen dolar, toda nihče ne pride okoli. Torej je imate res pošten namen in člo-vekoljubni čut do svoje rojstne domovine, pridite na veselico društva št. 312 SNPJ.

S tem, da se udeležimo vese-lice, ne bomo samo pomagali na-šim bratom in sestram v križani Jugoslaviji, temveč se bomo tu-di nekaj ur zabavali v domači družbi.

Torej bratje in sestre, skupno pomagajmo svojcem v domovi-ni, kajti zavedati se moramo, da nimajo ne hrane in ne obleke in niti semena, da bi oplo dili svoja poteptana polja. Po vojni, ko bo njih usoda končana, bo-mo lahko imeli zavest, da smo pomagali kolikor je bilo v naši moči in ne bo nas sram pogle-datí našemu slovenskemu na-rodu v obraz.

Anton Skapin.

DRUŠTVENA VEST

Granville, Ill. — Uradniki dru-štva št. 186 SNPJ za l. 1945 so sledeči: predsednik Frank Per-seh, Box 433, tajnik Louis Bre-gar, P. O., blagajnica Anna Ma-ren, Box 545. Društveni zdrav-nik dr. Brgesen. Seje se obdr-žavajo vsako tretjo nedeljo v mesecu.

Louis Bregar, tajnik.

Od časa do časa

poročila in komentira Milan Medvošek

V Waukeganu se je zadnje ne-delje vršila velika prireditev za jugoslovanski relief. Udeležba je bila zelo lepa, okrog 800 ljudi. Program je sestojal iz drame "Norec," s katero so gostovali igralci in igralke dramskega od-seka št. 1 JSZ iz Chicaga, iz pe-tja in govorov.

Program je odprl poznani kulturni in narodni delavec dr. An-drew Furlan. Najprvo je pred-stavil Joška Ovna, kateri je v preprostitih, dramatičnih in du-hovitih besedah slikal trpljenje, junaštvo in bodočnost jugoslo-vanskega naroda ter zaeno ape-liral, naj temu herojskemu na-rodu pomagamo kolikor more-mo. Joško je žel za svoja izva-janja velik aplavz.

Za Ovnom je nastopila Hrva-tica mrs. Mrnjac, ki je tudi do-bra govornica, samo malo pre-dolgo je govorila. Dr. Furlan je nato poklical k besedi br. Zorca, kateri je kot tajnik reliefnega odbora nakratko orisal njih de-lo za Jugoslavijo. Občinstvo je s kratkim nagovorom pozdravil tudi waukegaški župan. Da ne pozabim, imeli smo tudi petje. Zelo ljubko je zapela dve pesmi miss Judnich, hčerka poznane-ga Martin Judnich. Vsem je uga-jala in občinstvo jo je nagradilo s prisrčnim ploskanjem.

Drama "Norec" je šla tudi to-pot gladko in sodeč po miru, ki je vladal v veliki dvorani Slo-venskega narodnega doma, je poslušalcem ugajala. Igralci smo se sicer malo bali, da se nam ne bi kaj zaletelo, kajti zbolela je naša šepetalka Katka Zupanci-čeva in morali smo jo v zadnjem trenutku nadomestiti s Frankom Zaitzem. Ko sem zvedel v so-boto, da Katka ne more iti v Waukegan, sem skočil z Zaitzu na mi dejal: "Frank, v 'suffler-kosele' boš moral iti." In Frank je sifuril in vse je šlo gladko. Razumljivo, Zaitz je izkušen šepetalec. Brez šepetalka ne bi mogli igrati, kajti on je tako va-

žen za igralce kot so čolnarju vesla.

Naj omenim, da sem že šest-krat igral "Norec" in vsakokrat sem se po igri počutil tako, ka-kor da bi me bil kdo pošteno pretepel. Po pravici povedamo, "norec" ne želim več igrati.

Ob tej priliki se naj zahvalim igralcem in igralkam za koope-racijo in dobro igranje, ki so ga izvajali pri vseh treh predsta-vah "Norec."

Kakor sem že omenil, wauke-gaška priredba je izvrstno iz-padla finančno in moralno. Pri-tem imajo zasluge tamkajšnji kulturni in narodni delavci, ki so se trudili v vseh ozirih. Naj še omenim, da so Waukegaščani nam zelo gostoljubno postregli, posebno pa dr. Furlan in nje-gova žena, kajti pripravila nam sta opoldne kosilo za nič manj kot 16 oseb, večerjo pa je nam pripravil odbor v Slovenskem narodnem domu. Vsem najlep-ša hvala!

Priredbe se je udeležilo tudi mnogo Čikažanov, med njimi tudi "krožek SNPJ z Ann Sanne-mann na čelu.

Tovarno sem zapustil pred osmimi meseci, ko sem sprejel delo pomožnega urednika Pro-svete. S težkim srcem sem jo zapustil: človek si ustvari pri-jateljstvo, ako dela v enem kraju mnogo let in privadi se vsemu; človek bi se menda privadil še peklú, ako bi prebival v njem mnogo let in se s tesnim ču-stvom posvajal, ko bi ga po-vabil Bog v "nebesa".

Vendar mi še ni bilo dolgčas po tovarni sami, po delu, po stro-jih, čestokrat pa pogrešam kon-takta z ljudmi, s tistimi prepro-stimi delavci, s katerimi sem de-lal mnogo let. Pogovarjajoč se z njimi, z desetimi, dvajsetimi, tridesetimi, s Srbi, Madžari, Slo-venci, Nemci etc., sem dobival sliko, kaj mislijo in čutijo lju-dje, preprosti delavci, ki tvorijo ogromno večino naroda.

No, sedaj sem zopet v tovar-ni, toda delam v njej samo pet ur na dan; seveda v uredništvu Prosvete delam še vedno. Na-



borni odbor, ki me je oprostil vojaške službe, ker je delo za časopis smatrano važno civilno de-lo, mi je sedaj pisal, naj greh v tovarno in šel sem.

Chicago še ne poznam dovolj dobro in tako sem šel po nasve-tu poznane-ga Antona Krapenca vprašat za delo v American Forge Co.

Ko sem prišel v tovarno, sem najprej srečal Krapenca, ki je baš popravljal vrata. Nato sem šel v pisarno in dek-le je tele-foniralo po moža, ki najema de-lavce. Mož me je spraševal to in ono in kje delam. Povedal sem mu, da pri Prosveti oz. SN-PJ. "Moje ime je John Prah," mi je dejal po slovensko in mi povedal, da je tudi on delal mno-go let za časopis, za—Ameriške-ga Slovenca. Ni vzelo dolgo in mr. Prah je vse uredil, da sem postal delavec The American Forge Co. Delam kot takozva-ni inspektor. Delo ni težko in John Prah me je seznanil z mnogimi Slovenci, ki delajo za to družbo.

Tovarniško atmosfero dobro poznam in tako sem se zopet vži-vel v njo.

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Uradnikom krajevnih društev SNPJ se naznanja, da smo pri-pravili šestmesečno poročilo o dohodkih in izdatkih posameznih društev, za drugo polovico pro-šleje leta, kot običajno še mno-go let za priobčitev v Prosveti. Poročilo je tako obširno, da na-polni približno dve strani Pro-svete. Vseled pomanjkanja pro-stora v glasilu, največ pa iz raz-loga, ker ravno sedaj primanju-je sposobnih delavcev v tiskar-ni, omenjeno poročilo zasenk-rat ne bo priobčeno, kar naj dru-štveni uradniki izvolijo vzeti na znanje.

L. GRADIŠEK, tajnik bolniškega oddelka.

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Militarizem in mir

Da militarizem in mir ne gresta skupaj, priča sleherni poglavje vse zgodovine, in to posebno še moderne zgodovine. Slehera država, ki se je vrgla v naročje militarizma: čim večjemu oboroževanju—seveda za "narodno obrambo"—in gojenju militarističnega duha, je prej ali slej provocirala vojno, bodisi sama ali pa v zvezi s svojimi zavezniki. Navadno se je zgodilo slednje, kajti vsaka država z agresivnimi nameni si skuša obenem pridobiti tudi zaveznikov predno se vrže na odprte imperialistične eskapade.

Militaristične države seveda ne kujejo takih zvez pod znakom agresije, marveč pod geslom "medsebojne zaščite," "narodne obrambe" in "vzdrževanja miru." Noben militarist ni še nikdar odprto propagiral korzarske agresije, marveč je vedno brenkal na strune "narodne obrambe" in oborožene pripravljenosti kot "najboljša garancija za ohrano miru." Obenem je pa seveda delal načrte za ekspanzijo državnih mej in se pripravljala, da ob ugodnem času provocira incidente, ki poženejo oborožene sile v akcijo. Predno je pripeljal državno politiko do take točke, se je seveda tajno sporazumel s svojimi zavezniki o delitvi imperialističnega plena. Potem pa zadone visokodoneča, toda lažnjiva vojna gesla, ki imajo preslepiti ljudstvo.

Taka je tehnika militaristov in imperialistov vseh časov, vseh dežel. Ni nam treba posegati v tisočletno zgodovino, v dobo starih imperijev ob Sredozemlju, da spoznamo, da mir in militarizem ne gresta skupaj. Saj je naša in polpretekla doba polna teh dokazov, kakor tudi, kako se snujejo razne vojaške "obrambene" zveze in kakšen je njih rezultat.

Izmed vseh imperialističnih militaristov zadnjih par sto let sta bila najdrzejša in najbolj "odkritosrečna" Mussolini in Hitler. Prvi je pred napadom na Abesinijo odprto pozival italijanski narod na ekspanzijo italijanskega imperija in se krohotal vsemu svetu ter se norčeval iz "razpadajočega telesa gnile demokracije." Iz Nemčije pa danes čitamo poročila, da je marsikak Nemec prepričan, da je bila Nemčija napadena in se je morala braniti. Japonski imperialisti pa so zapalili Daljni vzhod pod geslom "azijske sfere prosperitete" ali "Azija za Azijce." Vse skupaj pa je vezal anti-kominternski pakt.

Z drugo besedo: Nemčija, Italija in Japonska so zelo dober dokaz in odgovor na vprašanje, kam privede militarizem. Prav tako bivša Avstro-Ogrska, ki je bila prežeta z militarizmom od nog do glave. Nobena izjema tudi ni Anglija, ki je bila skozi par stoletij najmočnejša militaristična sila na morju in si z njo tudi zgradila imperij, "na katerega nikdar sonce ne zatone." Od vseh modernih držav je bila Anglija v zadnjih par stoletjih največja agresorica. Hotel je je posnemati tudi Hitler s svojimi japonskimi kolegi vred, toda je vsem izpodletelo.

Kljub vsemu temu na izgleda, da se vladajoči krogi in tudi mnogi "liberalci" te dežele niso nič naučili: niti iz polpretekle zgodovine. V mislih imamo močne sile, ki so danes na delu, da osedlajo deželo s prisilno vojašino tudi v mirnem času. Če uspejo te sile s svojimi načrti, bodo Ameriko osedlale s silnim militarizmom kot ga je zgradila kajzerjeva in pozneje Hitlerjeva Nemčija.

Na čelu teh sil je vojni department, ki zahteva trajno uvedenje prisilne vojašine za vse fante od 18. do 23. leta starosti. S temi silami sodeluje roka v roki tudi predsednik Roosevelt, ki je že večkrat poudaril potrebo sistema prisilne vojaške vežbanja tudi po vojni. Pred kongresom je že več takih zakonskih osnutkov, izmed katerih je najglavnejši načrt kongresnika Mayja iz Kentuckyja, načelnika oddelka za vojaške zadeve. Najvažnejši je zato, ker ga je očitno pomagal sestaviti vojni department.

Po tem načrtu bi bili podvrženi enoletnemu vojaškemu vežbanju vsi fante od 18. do 23. leta, nadaljnjih šest let bi pa tvorili aktivno rezervo in se vsako leto vežbali po mesec dni.

Odkar so se militaristi v vojnem departmentu koncentrirali, da osedlajo deželo z zakonom prisilnega dela, so prenehali s kampanjo za sprejetje zakona za trajno vojaško konskripcijo. Kot smo čitali v reviji The Nation, bodo to kampanjo zopet obnovili sredi aprila, gotovo pa po konferenci v San Franciscu.

Važno vprašanje je, kakšni so izgledi za osedlanje Amerike z militarizmom po tej vojni. Človek, ki se v polni meri zaveda, kaj pomeni in kam vodi militarizem in pred katerim je tako rekoč zbežal iz bivše Avstro-Ogrske, se čudi prvič širokemu sentimentu, ki se razvija v deželi za trajno prisilno vojašino, posebno pa med tako zvano "inteligenco," ki ustvarja javno mnenje. Drugič se čudi pa brezmerne naivnosti, s katero mnogi pisni in pseudo-liberalci zagovarjajo to militaristično zakonodajo.

Ti argumenti se vrste nekako takole: 1) Amerika mora ostati po vojni čim močnejša vojaška sila; 2) za dosego tega je potrebna prisilna vojaščina; 3) sistem obvezne vojaščine je "najbolj demokratičen"; 4) ta vojna je pokazala, da dežela potrebuje splošno vojaško vežbanje tudi iz zdravstvenega in vzgojnega razloga, kajti pri nabornih zdravniških preiskavah je bilo izvršenih 4.500.000 moških vsled (a) slabega zdravja, (b) telesnih hib in (c) nepismenosti ali pomankljive šolske vzgoje; 5) splošna vojaščina bo vsaj deloma rešila problem masne brezposelnosti po vojni; 6) vojaška disciplina bo ustvarjala tudi močne karakterje.

Te argumente—njih plitkost, naivnost in zmotnost si bomo nekoliko ogledali prihodnjem tednu.

Glasovi iz naselebin

NEČAK PADEL NA BOJIŠČU
Springfield, Ill. — Od Vojnega departmenta iz Washingtona sem prejel brzojavno obvestilo, da je bil 6. marca t. l. ubit na bojišču v Nemčiji moj nečak Cpl. John Lazar.



John Lazar

Pokojnik je bil rojen 7. novembra l. 1924 v Thomasu, W. Va. Ob času smrti mu je bilo komaj 20 let. John je šel kot otrok s starši v staro domovino, in sicer v vas Vrsnik pri Idriji. Ko mu je bilo 13 let, so se starši napotili nazaj v Ameriko, toda ker niso bili državljani, jim italijanske oblasti niso hotele izdati dovoljenja in jih poslali nazaj v domači kraj, sina John in Frank pa sta prišla k meni, stricu Johnu Lazarju. Pri meni sta ostala, dokler nista bila vpoklicana v službo Strica Sama.

Cpl. John Lazar je bil vpoklican pred dvema letoma, preko morja pa je bil poslan meseca marca 1944. Njegov brat Sgt. Frank Lazar pa se nahaja nekje na južnem Pacifiku.

John zapušače v stari domovini starše, ako so še živi, brata Franka, strica Johna in teto Mary Lazar v Springfieldu, sestrično in dva bratranca. Njegov bratranec Pvt. John Lazar se tudi nahaja nekje na bojišču v Nemčiji, bratranec Frank Lazar pa je nekje na južnem Pacifiku. Zapušači tudi več drugih sorodnikov, ki žive v različnih krajih Amerike. V stari domovini zapušače poleg staršev tudi dve sestri in brata.

Dragi John, ostal nam boš v trajnem spominu.

Mary in John Lazar,
stric in teta.

KONCERT MLADINSKEGA ZBORA SDD

Cleveland, O. — Mladinski pevski zbor SDD bo priredil pomladanski koncert v nedeljo, 8. aprila, pod vodstvom poznane kulturne delavke Anne Vdnal. Kakor drugod, tako je tudi pri nas težko držati zbor, kajti vsakdo je zaposlen pri enem ali drugem delu in tako ni časa za kulturo.

Na seji je bilo sklenjeno, da se bo podarilo polovico dobička za Rdeči križ in Jugoslavijo, kjer so naši rojaki v veliki potrebi. Zbor daruje po svoji moči za vse potrebne organizacije in stvari.

Po koncertu se bo vršil ples v spodnji dvorani. Tudi za lačne in žejne bo poskrbel odbor. Torej pridite, kajti čim več dobička bomo naredili, toliko več bomo lahko darovali v dobre namene. Na svidenje!

Jerry Pike.

ZABAVA ORGANIZACIJE SLOVENSKEGA DOMA

Milwaukee, Wis. — Spomlad je tu in z njo se oživlja vsa narava. Tudi pri organizaciji slovenskega doma v West Allisu se je pričelo gibanje.

Na delničarski seji, ki se je vršila februarja in na kateri je bila precej lepa udeležba, je bilo zaključeno, da priredimo domačo zabavo, in sicer 15. aprila, ter tako postavimo naše blagajno na malo boljše finančno podlago.

Želimo, da bi se zabave udeležili vsi delničarji in drugi Slovenci in Hrvatje ter skušajmo zopet oživiti akcijo z željo, da bi dosegli naš cilj.

bom imeli nekaj posebnega in da bo zabava prekosila vse prejšnje. Povedati vsega vam ne smem. Pridite in se sami prepričajte! Na svidenje na zabavi.

Joseph Oblak.

VAŽNO ZA EVELETHSKA DRUŠTVA SNPJ

Eveleth, Minn. — Trinajstna redna konvencija SNPJ se hitro približuje, zato je bila sklicana izredna seja vseh treh tukajšnjih društev SNPJ z namenom, da pričnemo s pripravami za konvencijo, ki se bo vršila meseca avgusta v Evelethu.

Apeliramo na članstvo, da se gotovo udeleži prihodnje seje, ki se bo vršila 8. aprila ob dveh popoldne v društveni dvorani. Dolžnost vseh članov in članic je, da so navzoči na seji.

Dragi bratje in sestre! Odbor želi, da se polnoštevilno udeležite seje, kajti treba je razdeliti delo v zvezi s konvencijo in izvršiti priprave, katere smo že začeli. Dela bo za vse veliko.

V slogi je moč! Ponosni smo, ker smo člani in članice SNPJ. Močni pa bomo le tedaj, ako bomo skupno sodelovali, roka v roki. Ponovno kličem: vsi na sejo 8. aprila ob dveh popoldne! Ne smemo se izgovarjati, slabo vreme gor ali dol! Tudi drugi izgovori ne veljajo; izjema je edino bolezen.

Pripravišalni odbor.

OHRANIMO NARODNO PESEM

Chicago, Ill. — Pomlad, se je vrnila na zemljo ter solnce nam je spet topleje. Že ptičke se oglašajo — zeleni trava, rože ter brstijo dreva veje.

Da, neglede kaj mi zemljani počenjamo, narava vrši svoje. Človek je ne more ustaviti in ne prisiliti drugace, kar je najbrž sreča za človeštvo. Vse hiti s tem ali onim delom. Ljudje čistijo domove znotraj in zunaj, urejajo vrtove z upom, da je to zadnja pomlad tega svetovnega meteža. Da je to zadnja pomlad, v kateri so glavne novice radia in dnevnikov z bojnih poljan šifrom sveta. A poleg vsega dela pri domovih in pozornosti vojnih novic, imamo različne organizacije, katerim moramo posvetiti tudi nekaj časa.

Med te spada tudi moški pevski zbor France Prešeren, ki vztrajno dela na narodno kulturnem polju. V mojem dopisu z dne 31. jan. t. l. sem apeliral na rojake v Chicagu in bližnji okolici, da bi oni, ki jih veseli petje, pristopili k zboru Prešeren. A žal, apeliral sem na gluha ušesa, vendar pa so se stari pevci z večjo vnemo poprijeli ter se pridno pripravljajo za pomladanski koncert, ki se bo vršil v nedeljo, 15. aprila t. l., v dvorani SNPJ z obširnimi pevskimi ter godbenimi programom in igro.

Vabim vso slovensko javnost v Chicagu in okolici, da rezervira ta dan za Prešerena ter poseti ta koncert, ki bo edini v lawndalski okolici to pomlad. Z vašo navzočnostjo boste dali zboru moralno podporo za bodoče vztrajno delo. Usoda je precej nemila zboru zadnjih nekaj let. Poleg mnogih članov na bojiščih po vsem svetu, več pa jih je zadržanih v obrambni industriji, je zdaj še bolezen poslela med nekatere člane ter jih začasno zadržuje od aktivnosti. Kljub temu je še nad dvajset pevcev, ki vztrajajo, neglede kaj pride — zbor Prešeren bo aktiven do zadnjega moža! Skušal bo prirediti koncerte kot do sedaj in obenem pomagati raznim drugim narodnim organizacijam kolikor mogoče! Ali je zbor s takim duhom vreden vaše navzočnosti? Upam da!

Pred nekaj tedni sem videl v Bergerjevi dvorani razstavljene fotografske posnetke naših partizanov iz domovine. Raztrgani ali oblečeni v vsakovrstno obleko, ženske s težkim tovorom na hrstu ali na glavi, poslopja porušena, mostovi razdejani itd. Trpek je pogled na vse to; človek bi lahko napisal celo knjigo o vtisih teh slik. Trpki so sledovi petletne borbe, vendar pa vse to trpljenje ni izbrisalo

smehljajev na njih obrazih, za katerim se skriva up lepše in boljše bodočnosti.

Narod, ki po tako dolgi borbi in trpljenju ima smehljaj na obrazu, je vreden, da mu ohranimo NARODNO PESEM! Pomisli čitatelj — in ne pozabi!

Anton Udovick, 1.

"TRI SESTRE" NA ODRU SDD

Euclid, O. — Tekoča vojna je silno prizadela naše kulturne aktivnosti. Pomankanje kulturnih delavcev se zlasti občuti med moškimi, katere je deloma pobrala vojna, deloma pa so utrujeni od dolgih delavskih v tovarnah. To nedostake občutijo zlasti pevovodje in dramski režiserji. Pri izbiri igre mora biti režiser zelo previden in iznajdljiv, ako hoče, da bo imel zadovoljiv ensemble. Predvsem je pa treba gledati na to, da se izbere igra s čim večjim ženskim osobljem.

Nekaj sličnega smo si omislili v Euclidu, kjer bodo Progressivne Slovenske krožek št. 3, vpriporile igro v treh dejanjih s petjem "Tri sestre" v nedeljo, dne 8. aprila, ob 3:30 popoldne v Slovenskem društvenem domu na Recher ave.

Tri sestre je dramatična dr. Krek. Je to poljudna slika iz kmečkega življenja — polna humorja in obenem podučljiva. Kot že naslov pove, glavno igranje vlog tri sestre, Majda, Spela in Ana. Vse tri so godne za močite, ampak vsaka ima kakšno napako in postavni gruntniki fantje ne rastejo kar na drevesih, kot na primer češplje.

Majda je najstarejša, pa je silno obrekljiva in hinavsko pobožna. Spela je močna kot vol, zato se njene ambicije le pri kravah in pujskih. Ana bi bila pa rada gospa, pa ji manjka uglednosti in ljubosumnja je od sile. Pa so oglosi Gabrov France in povpraša po Speli. No, in dobil jo je, ampak je bilo treba hudih "arcnij" da jo je ukrotil. Ana je ušla na limance organizista in pevovodjo Antona, toda ga je tirala vsled svoje ljubosumnosti in obup. V tem položaju mu je prišel na pomoč njen oče Orel, ki je tako uredil, da je bilo za oba prav. Ostane nam še Majda, ki pa je vsled dolgega jezika ostala stara dečka.

V igri nastopijo vsi stari in izkušeni igralci kot: Josie Močnik, Minka Kramer, Jennie Prime, Gusti Zupančič, Frank Kokal, Andy Božič (kovač), Marion Bashel in Konrad Floss. Igro režira, Frank Česen, dočim ima Louis Kaferle nehalno "vlogo" šepetala.

Ker je med igralci nekaj pevcev, se je v igro vpletlo tudi narodne pesmi. Cena vstopnicam je samo 50c, vsled tega gredo v denar kot suhe hruške. Progressivne Slovenke trdijo, da so jih prodale že 300 in kot izgleda, bo treba Ribničana, da bo dvorano razrinili.

Po igri se bo vršil ples in prosta zabava. Za ples igra Uletova godba. Ker so igre med nami redka prikazen in ker so Progressivne Slovenke zelo delavne na narodnem polju, jim dajmo priznanje s tem, da se vsi udeležimo njih predstave. Pridite tudi iz St. Clairja in Collinwooda.

Frank Česen.

O KONVENCIJI IN DELEGACIJI

Pueblo, Colo. — Iz zapisnika prošle seje gl. odbora se da razumeti, da se izvršni odbor trudi ali se bo trudil, da se konvencija odloži, oziroma da se z njo počaka toliko časa, da postanejo zopet normalne razmere v deželi. Med tem časom pa se naj vse pripravi za konvencijo.

Do tu je vse pravilno. Ni pa pravilno, ako postava v Illinoisu določa, da postava v Washingtonu pa drugo. In kdo dela te postavbe? Kje je toliko opevana demokracija? Tisti člani, ki priporočajo, da s konvencijo počakamo vsaj toliko časa, da bomo imeli dovolj denarja za kritje konvenčnih stroškov, so v pravem.

Torej priprave morajo biti v redu. V prihodnjih nekaj mesecih bodo društva volila in izvolila delegate. Predvsem sem hotel pravzaprav le o tem napisati nekaj besed. Ko je moje društvo (št. 21) imelo predlog za znižanje delegacije, sem bil proti, kajti četudi bi bil predlog sprejet, ne bi dosti znižali dele-

Predsednikova kolona

Podprimo to podvzetje Prihodnji teden ali 14. aprila prične velika narodna kampanja za zbiranje obleke za po tej strašni vojni prizadeta in oropana ljudstva v Evropi. To je velikansko humanitarno podvzetje, ki se bo vršilo pod avspicij vladne pomožne organizacije znane kot United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration, ter bo končalo 23. aprila. Kampanja se bo vršila po vseh mestih in krajih Zedinjenih držav.

Sreča v nesreči za po fašističnih napadenih ljudstva vsekakor je, da imajo v teh težkih časih tako tesno sočustvovanje in iskrene simpatije ameriškega ljudstva, in da jim je Amerika tudi v stanu pomagati. Kot znano, je bilo že veliko materiala poslanega v razne kraje, koder je najhujša potreba in kjer je bilo pomoč mogoče dostaviti. Pomoč so poslane razne organizacije in dostavljala jo je in na razne načine tudi ameriška vlada. Pošiljali smo jim zlasti orožje in se bolj uspešno otepati nasilnega sovražnika. Ameriško ljudstvo pa tudi drugače doprinese za osvoboditev podjarmljenih in za demokracijo evropskih ljudstev ter za uničenje skupnega sovražnika velikanske žrtve v blagu in krvi.

Toda dežele, koder je zagospodaril kruti fašistični sovražnik, so večinoma opustošene in ljudstva oropana tako rekoč vsega. Večina, kar jih je ostalo, so si rešili le golo življenje. Krutost sovražnika je občutilo zlasti poljsko in jugoslovansko ter grško ljudstvo. Nad štiri leta so požigali, pustošili in uničevali, pridelovali pa skoro ničesar, vsaj po naših krajih in zlasti kar se tiče obleke ne. Kot pravijo poročila, je ponekod taka revščina, da ena moška obleka mora služiti vsem moškim in ena ženska obleka vsem ženskim članom družine, in še ta je bolj podobna capam kot pa pravi obleki.

Potreba je torej velikanska in to je vzrok, da se tukaj vrši ta velika kampanja za zbiranje obleke, obuvaj, ruh in odev ter raznega drugega blaga te vrste. Kot že omenjeno, bo kampanja po vsej deželi in povsod se že organizirajo za to potrebni odbori, največ pod vodstvom županov ali drugih občinskih predstavnikov. Načelstvo se je obrnilo tudi do bratskih podpornih organizacij, do delavskih unijs ter do raznih kulturnih in drugih humanitarnih ustanov s prošnjo, da to stvar moralno in gmotno podprejo, in naproseni smo seveda tudi mi.

Ker smo ameriški Slovenci domala sami delavci in več ali manj sami bolj revni, nimamo veliko za darovati, zlasti ker smo po večini že vsi dali jugoslovanskemu pomožnemu odboru. Vendar pa veselo pozdravljamo to skupno akcijo, ki je organizirana za pomoč vsem prizadetim ljudstvom. Kajti ako nimamo mi, pa imajo drugi — po omarah in podstrešjih ameriških domov je še veliko dobre obleke, ki je nihče ne nosi, revežem v starem kraju pa bo zelo prila. Mi pa tudi poskušamo pomagati k uspehu te velike človekoljubne stvari po svojo — darujemo, kar moremo, in ako ne moremo drugega, nagovarjamo druge in pomagamo vsaj z dobro besedo!

Posnemanja vredno Voditelji naših društev in mladinskih krožkov se kaj radi pritožujejo, da se člani dovolj ne zanimajo za društvene stvari. Žal — je na tem veliko grenke resnice. Zlasti je upravičena pritožba glede premalega posejanja sej in prireditve. Ampak to ne velja za mladinski krožek št. 26, ki posluje v Chicagu in je bolj poznan pod imenom "Perfect Circle." Seje tega krožka so navadno zmeraj dobro obiskane, prav tako tudi prireditve.

Kako je mogoče ustvariti zanimanje, nam je ta krožek pokazal spet zadnje sredo zvečer. Poleg številnih in atraktivno dekoriranih velikonočnih jajc, ki so jih barvali in nakinčili otroci sami in ki so karakterizirale raznotere tipe ljudi in poklice, zanimive živili ter mnogo drugih komičnih, pa tudi resnih sugestij, so imeli poučno predavanje, nato pa malo prigrizka, kar so tudi sami pripravili, in končno je sledila prosta otroška razigranost ter razvedril.

Predavateljica je bila Miss Kilcullen, ki uči na univerzi De Paul ter zaeno urejuje ženski del lokalnega lista West Side News v Chicagu. Za predmet si je izbrala "Stvari, ki jih občudujemo" ter se dotaknila marsičesar, kar bi bilo dobro, da bi tudi naši odrasli člani slišali. Zlasti je lepo obrazložila, kako temeljito je znanstveni razvoj spremenil življenje ameriškega ljudstva v teku ene same generacije, zakaj je ta dežela v kratki dobi pokazala tako velikanski napredek, ter končno pozvala, da moramo vsi delati na to, da bo umstvena znanost služila le sreči in blagostanju vsega človeštva.

Zanimanje moramo ustvariti Dasi je predavateljica govorila o stvareh, ki so tudi za odrasle ljudi dovolj resne, so jo otroci verno poslušali ves čas. Znala je velike stvari naslikati s tako preprosto besedo, da so jo tudi otroci lahko razumeli in v kratkem si je pridobila srca vseh.

Ta krožek ima večkrat kako novo, poučno in zanimivo stvar in to je brezdvomno glavni vzrok, da na splošno tako dobro uspeva. Dobro bi bilo, če bi ga v tem pridno posnemali tudi drugi krožki. In prej ali slej bomo morali nekaj takega uvajati tudi v naša društva. Saj seje društev vendar niso samo za suhoparne uradne stvari, temveč tudi za poučne in razvedrilne namene. In čim več bo tega, več bo zanimanja za društvene seje in prireditve ter več živahnosti in društvenem življenju sploh.

V. CAINKAR, gl. predsednik.

gacije ali pa nič. In sedaj, ako hočemo sami sebi pomagati, naj vsako društvo, ki je upravičeno do dveh ali treh delegatov, izvoli samo enega delegata, prav tako ona društva, ki se bodo združila. Ako bi vpoštevali moč društvo, ki ima pet sto članov, naj izvoli samo enega delegata.

Še nekaj besed. Ker so pripravljene v teku in bodo društva volila delegate, naj volijo tiste članice, ki so člani samo Slovenske narodne podporne jednote. Ideje in načela so eno, oportunitizem pa drugo.

Ako ne bo konvencija preložena in ako bo delegacija izvoljena po sedanjih pravilih, tedaj bomo primorani plačati izredni asessment. In če ga bomo plačali, ne bom jaz nič godrnjal.

Jože Hočevar.

FILMSKA PREDSTAVA

Pittsburgh, Pa. — American Committee for Yugoslav Relief Lawrenceville Chapter bo aranžiral dne 8. aprila od pol osmih zvečer filmsko predstavo v Slovenskem domu, 57th in Butler st.

Za vstopnino k predstavi bomo pobirali konzervirana živila. In sicer pet škatlic na osebo, kakor je bilo že poročano, toda tisti, ki ne bi imeli konzerve, bodo lahko plačali z denarjem, in sicer 35c za osebo. Odbor bo potem kupil z denarjem konzervirana živila.

Torej sedaj je vsem dana prilika, da se udeležijo te filmske predstave. Odbor bi sicer radi videl, da bi vsi plačali s konzervami, ampak kot rečeno, če to ni mogoče, potem bo zadostovalo 35c za vsakega.

Sprejemali bomo tudi rožine, češplje itd. Vsa živila bomo potem odposlala v New York, od tam pa našim rojakom v Jugoslavijo.

Frank Trempus, predsednik, Paul Klun, podpredsednik, Frances Lokar, tajnica, Frank Ferentchak, blagajnik.

V Prosveti se dnevne svetovne in delavske vesti. Ali jih čitate vsak dan?

Minutes of Meeting of Supreme Board of Slovene National Benefit Society

Held Feb. 15-17, 1945, at Headquarters, 2657 S. Lawndale Ave., Chicago, Ill.

(Continued)

The following is a membership report for this period:

ADULT DEPARTMENT

Membership May 30, 1944	47,555
New admitted	465
Transferred from juvenile dept.	513
Total	48,533
Deceased	297
Canceled and withdrawals	127 424
Membership Dec. 31, 1944	48,109

JUVENILE DEPARTMENT

Membership May 30, 1944	16,671
New admitted	1,948
Total	18,619
Deceased	7
Transferred to adult dept.	513
Canceled and withdrawals	136
Membership Dec. 31, 1944	17,963
Increase in both departments	1,928

There were 51 fewer operation cases last year than in 1943, for which we paid \$5,290. Disability cases decreased by one.

Since this fund shows a regular annual surplus, I recommend to you and to the convention, if you will agree, several important improvements in the by-laws concerning operations which would not burden the fund too much, and would help seriously ill members considerably.

The following is a report on operations and disabilities:

OPERATIONS AND DISABILITIES

Operations	No. of Cases	Benefits Paid
Appendicitis	195	\$15,925.00
Hernia	106	8,830.00
Laparotomy	97	8,110.00
Varicose veins	73	3,085.00
Hemorrhoids	64	3,350.00
Gall bladder	52	4,765.00
Hysterectomy	48	3,905.00
Resection of prostate glands	27	2,240.00
Gout	23	1,905.00
Fractured bones	19	670.00
Caesarean	17	1,355.00
Cataract	13	1,025.00
Osteomyelitis	12	455.00
Cancer	11	820.00
Laminectomy	8	640.00
Nephrectomy	7	630.00
Hydrocele	6	200.00
Mastoidectomy	5	400.00
Empyema	5	300.00
Removal of breast	5	400.00
Thyroidectomy	3	225.00
Gastric ulcers	2	160.00
Ectopic pregnancy	2	160.00
Vaiocele	2	70.00
Nasal	1	25.00
Total	803	\$59,600.00

Disabilities	No. of Cases	Benefits Paid
Loss of fingers	17	\$525.00
Loss of eye & vision	10	3,250.00
Loss of leg	10	3,300.00
Total Blindness	3	2,100.00
Loss of arm	2	600.00
Loss of both legs	1	600.00
Loss of arm and leg	1	300.00
Total	44	\$10,675.00

Total oper. and disabilities 847 \$70,275.00

Because some members think that we are not sufficiently aware of what is transpiring in the organization, and that we do not give enough publicity to our losses of soldier-members on the battlefronts, let it be said that their concern is perhaps well meant but unnecessary. We at the main office are ever-watchful as to what goes on in the organization, what the financial status is, etc., and we issue regular reports to the membership from time to time. I hope that there is no thought of advertising in this instance, as we only express our sympathies to those concerned.

We report our war casualties semi-annually and I am doing this also at this time. Last year our organization lost 71 soldier-members, previous losses were 27 soldier-members, so that to the end of 1944, a total of 98 soldier-members lost their lives in this war. Their total insurance amounted to \$62,450, or an average of \$637.24 per member. Let me add that the present losses do not jeopardize the solvency of the mortuary fund and that the real problem is the rapidly decreasing interest rate on our investments, which cannot be helped, however.

The coming convention will have to discuss this problem, that is, on what rate of interest our future business will be based because there is no outlook for a change in the near future, that is, that our earnings would increase.

The following is a report on deaths in 1944:

REPORT ON DEATHS

Cause	No. of Cases	Amount of Insurance
Heart disease	114	\$82,500.00
Cancer	78	57,100.00
Killed in war	71	44,900.00
Cerebral hemorrhage	48	34,400.00
Coronary occlusion	39	26,650.00
Pneumonia—Influenza	27	18,400.00
Various accidents	23	15,458.00
Tuberculosis	22	14,800.00
Apoplexy	17	10,780.00
Silicosis	16	12,450.00
Minor accidents	14	11,000.00
Peritonitis	14	10,200.00
Nephritis	11	7,600.00
Suicide	9	7,450.00
Diabetes	8	7,450.00
Gall bladder	6	3,750.00
Gastric ulcers	5	3,700.00
Paralytic Stroke	5	3,700.00
Asthma	3	1,100.00
Burns	3	1,700.00
Bowel Obstruction	3	2,500.00
Leukemia	3	2,100.00
Hypertension	2	1,600.00
Uremia	2	779.50
Drowning	2	1,500.00
Gangrene	2	1,600.00

Alcoholism	1	250.00
Meningitis	1	500.00
Veneral disease	1	1,000.00
Freezing	1	600.00
Total	551	\$387,506.50

The financial report for the second half of the past year shows that our Society again made considerable progress in most funds, with the exception of the expense fund; from the latter, in accordance with the supreme board decision made at the semi-annual meeting, \$15,469.40 was transferred into the convention fund. Otherwise, the expense fund would also show a surplus in the second half of 1944.

The adult class fund shows a surplus of \$271,578.31 and the juvenile class fund \$19,129.60 surplus in the same period, or a total of \$290,707.91. The total assets of the Society, including Printery and Prosveta, were \$11,597,835.84 as of Dec. 31, 1944.

A detailed financial report has been prepared for supreme officers as well as the general membership and if anyone wishes any further explanation, it will be gladly given.

FINANCIAL REPORT

for the period of July 1 to December 31, 1944

ADULT DEPARTMENT

Mortuary Fund	Receipts	Disbursements
Balance June 30, 1944	\$9,279,726.61	
Unpaid death claims		
June 30, 1944	77,103.97	
Assessment	277,920.42	
Net income from investments		132,405.26
Death Claims		\$ 186,468.51
Transfer to general expense fund		12,983.83
Compromissary claims		733.71
Unpaid death claims		
December 31, 1944		95,039.05
Balance Dec. 31, 1944		9,471,931.16

Disability Fund	Receipts	Disbursements
Balance June 30, 1944	\$ 197,198.36	
Assessment	40,743.30	
Interest	2,808.34	
Disabilities and Operations		36,320.00
Balance Dec. 31, 1944		204,430.00

Sick Benefit Fund	Receipts	Disbursements
Balance June 30, 1944	\$ 419,976.39	
Assessment—regular	121,311.55	
Assessment—special	408.00	
Interest	5,998.98	
Sick Benefit		97,572.38
Balance Dec. 31, 1944		450,122.54

\$2 Class	Receipts	Disbursements
Balance June 30, 1944	\$ 90,747.35	
Assessment—regular	70,923.30	
Assessment—special	450.00	
Interest	1,293.89	
Sick Benefit		62,106.71
Balance Dec. 31, 1944		101,307.83

\$3 Class	Receipts	Disbursements
Balance June 30, 1944	\$ 11,755.35	
Assessment—regular	9,492.20	
Assessment—special	18.00	
Interest	161.72	
Sick Benefit		5,958.50
Balance Dec. 31, 1944		15,468.77

Special Benefit Fund	Receipts	Disbursements
Balance June 30, 1944	\$ 152,146.25	
Assessment	21,259.22	
Interest	2,171.07	
Loans Repaid	1,043.38	
Special Benefit and Assessment Loan		8,304.98
Donation to Relief Committee SANS		8,500.00
Donation to Yugoslav National Council in Canada		500.00
Balance Dec. 31, 1944		159,314.94

Building Fund	Receipts	Disbursements
Balance June 30, 1944	\$ 59,249.96	
Rentals, Offices and hall	3,939.75	
Interest	852.82	
Janitor's wages		1,456.00
Repairs and various other supplies		306.86
Various expenses and water fee		47.89
Fuel, lights, and cleaning		726.52
Depreciation of building		1,351.02
Balance Dec. 31, 1944		60,154.24

Convention Fund	Receipts	Disbursements
Balance June 30, 1944	\$ 11,459.01	
Assessment	5,713.02	
Transfer from General Expense Fund	15,469.40	
Interest	161.73	
Balance Dec. 31, 1944		32,803.16

Expense Fund	Receipts	Disbursements
Balance June 30, 1944	\$ 82,913.11	
Assessment	38,473.93	
Transfer from Mortuary Fund	12,983.83	
Transfer from Juvenile Fund	10,609.30	

Interest	1,176.28
Lodge Supply Sales	141.12
Transfer to Convention Fund	15,469.40
Salaries of Executive Officers	8,763.00
Salaries and various Expenses of Finance Committee	1,023.09
Salaries and various Expenses of Judicial Committee	480.00
Salaries and various Expenses of Auditing Committee	622.50
Supreme & Dist. Vice-Pres. salaries & various exp.	390.00
Salary of Supreme Medical Examiner	600.00
Salary of employees	7,880.36
Medical Examination of members on sick list	12.00
Expense of Supreme Officers on official business	667.13
Expense of various official investigations	21.00
Expense with FHA mortgages	1,077.26
Exchange	59.80
Insurance Department fees	8.00
Rent of Secretary's Office	1,650.00
Rent of Safety Deposit boxes	36.00
Stationery and Office supplies	2,328.93
Rent and expenses with IBM Tabulator	1,155.00
Campaign expenses	3,144.21
Subvention to Juvenile Circles	100.00
Calendars	6,028.10
Advertisements	872.37
Postage	1,137.95
Telephone and Telegraph	294.23
Mladinski list	5,061.18
Supplement to official organ "Prosveta"	780.00
Litigations	469.00
Meeting of the Supreme Board	1,224.20
Accountant's and Actuary fees	1,650.00
Social Security tax	169.16
Unemployment insurance	93.95
National Fraternal Congress membership dues	266.00
Various subventions	75.69
Subvention to Athletics	50.00
Death Claims	1,500.00
Balance Dec. 31, 1944	81,218.06

Status of Funds	June 30, 1944	Dec. 31, 1944	Increase
RESERVE:			
Mortuary Fund	\$ 9,279,726.61	\$ 9,471,931.16	\$ 192,204.55
Disability Fund	197,198.36	204,430.00	7,231.64
Sick Benefit Fund:			
\$1 class	419,976.39	450,122.54	30,146.15
\$2 class	90,747.35	101,307.83	10,560.48
\$3 class	11,755.35	15,468.77	3,713.42
Special Benefit Fund	152,146.25	159,314.94	7,168.69
Building Fund	59,249.96	60,154.24	904.28
Convention Fund	11,459.01	32,803.16	21,344.15
Expense Fund	82,913.11	81,218.06	1,695.05*
Total reserve	\$10,506,123.29	\$10,576,750.70	\$70,627.41

LIABILITIES:	June 30, 1944	Dec. 31, 1944	Increase
Death Claims unpaid	\$ 71,989.97	\$ 96,039.05	\$ 24,049.08
Official Organ	4,789.24	4,517.02	272.22*
"Prosveta"	109.90	183.34	73.44*
Social Security tax	398.86	400.45	3.79
Withholding income tax	274.82	308.06	33.24*
Reserve for War Savings bonds	271.21	271.11	299.90
Reserve for Real Estate tax	30.34	68.54	38.20
Assessment insane members SSPZ	615.74	669.29	146.45*
Juvenile Department	783.12	00	783.12*
Total Liabilities	\$ 84,745.50	\$ 101,726.76	\$ 16,981.26

TOTAL RESERVE AND LIABILITIES \$10,586,917.95 \$10,678,477.46 \$91,559.51

STATUS OF ASSETS

Land and building—home office	\$51,473.23
Real estate acquired	8,934.44
Loans on First Mortgage	207,836.24
F. H. A. Mortgages	329,643.13
Loans on membership certificates	85,217.37
U. S. A. Bonds	5,996,065.93
U. S. War Bonds—Series "G"	445,000.00
Dominion of Canada Bonds	66,087.50
State Bonds	341,327.52
Municipal Bonds	2,509,589.23
Municipal Bonds—defaulted	16,200.00
Railroad Bonds	14,487.50
Public Utility Bonds	191,531.25
Public Utility Bonds—defaulted	20,550.00
Industrial Bonds	28,758.13
Matured Bonds Receivable	7,620.00
Stocks	9,750.00
Checking account:	
Harris Trust & Savings Bank	\$71,464.04
Continental Illinois Nat'l Bank & Trust Co.	7,774.75
Bank of Montreal, Toronto, Canada	4,139.23
Deposits at St. Clair Savings & Loan Co., Cleveland, Ohio	5,000.00
Deposits in Savings & Loan Associations	260,000.00
Lodge supplies sales receivable	27.97
Total	\$10,678,477.46

JUVENILE DEPARTMENT

Receipts	Disbursements
Balance June 30, 1944	\$696,761.16
Assessment	28,264.69
Net Income from Investments	9,907.19
Death claims	\$890.00
Paid to members transferred to Adult Department	7,309.15
Matured certificates	145.00
Transfer to expense fund	10,609.30
Various expenses	28.83
Balance December 31, 1944	715,890.76

STATUS OF ASSETS

Loans on first mortgage	\$8,429.56
FHA mortgages	8,044.53
Real estate—second mortgage	600.00
U. S. A. Bonds	398,446.16
U. S. Bonds H.O.L.C.	18,000.00
U. S. Savings Certificates	17,100.00
U. S. War Bonds—Series "G"	30,035.94
State bonds	18,468.75
Municipal bonds	123,788.51
Public Utility bonds	20,450.00
Checking account:	
Bank of Montreal, Chicago, Illinois	\$15,784.07
Bank of Montreal, Toronto, Canada	1,686.78
Deposit of Roseland State Bank—receivership	56.46
Savings and Loan Association Deposits	49,000.00

Assets of Juvenile Department	\$715,890.76
Assets of Juvenile Department as of June 30, 1944	696,761.16
Increase in the last half of 1944	\$ 19,129.60

ASSETS OF ALL DEPARTMENTS

December 31, 1944	Assets
Adult Department	\$10,678,477.46
Juvenile Department	715,890.76
Account of Minors' beneficiary	75,823.66
S. N. P. J. Printery	72,746.88
Prosveta	46,897.28
Total assets as of December 31, 1944	\$11,597,835.84

GENERAL MATTERS

This year, according to our by-laws and state laws, our Society is holding its regular convention at the time and place decided by the last convention. However, as you know, last month the Office of Defense Transportation in Washington issued an order banning all conventions having more than 50 delegates.

The main office immediately took action to find out whether we can count on holding our convention. I wrote to the state insurance department and on Feb. 5 received a reply which will be read to you and which shows that at this time even they do not know anything positive concerning this problem.

It isn't as simple to postpone the convention of a fraternal benefit organization as some of the members might think. Those organizations which have no legal specification as to when their conventions shall be held and depend on the decisions of their officers or directors, can do so much more easily than in our case where the law states not only the period in which the convention shall be held but also that the supreme board shall be elected every four years. If the convention is not held this year, shall we elect the supreme board by a referendum? This can be done only through an amendment of the by-laws.

Since it isn't impossible the directive would be revoked before September, it is necessary that we are prepared for all eventualities and that we try to study this problem thoroughly before we make any decisions.

The by-laws, as our experience since the last convention shows, do not need any special changes. I have prepared a few technical changes which will be presented to you for your consideration. In general, it is advisable that the by-laws remain unchanged because there have been few complaints.

As far as the main office is concerned I can say that the work is being done without delay although the treasurer has been on leave of absence for five

Need for War Relief in Yugoslavia

Allied military successes show that the war in Europe is entering its final stages. The powerful Allied pincers are squeezing the enemy from the east and west and the circle is getting smaller daily.

In Central Europe, the rapidly advancing Russian armies into Austria are cutting the last escape route of the remaining Nazi divisions caught in northern Yugoslavia—in Slovenia. The day is not distant before our homeland will be liberated. What then?

The need there will be truly great. Slovenia has been under the Nazi-Fascist yoke for four years and the conditions in our homeland are grave. The country has been devastated, looted, crucified and plundered. Our people find themselves in a desperate situation. They are in dire need of food, clothing, medical supplies—in short, of everything to sustain life. It is true that UNRRA will come to their aid as soon as possible, but that will not be enough.

On March 23, the London Daily Express carried the following report from its Rome correspondent, James Cooper, about the food situation in liberated Dalmatia, which is a picture that can be magnified as far as Slovenia is concerned:

Women picked up every grain of wheat spilt when the first Allied food ship docked in a Yugoslav port. They stood by in teams armed with brooms so that not one pound of the whole shipment would be lost. Ahead of them worked another team sewing up every torn sack from which the food might escape. So badly needed was the food that the Yugoslavs had anticipated every way in which it might be wasted and had taken steps to see that it was not.

This was told to me by Mr. Allan Hall, the Australian-born restaurant proprietor in London, who is now the head of UNRRA advisers to the Military Mission to Yugoslavia.

He was there when the first ship, the Jurko Topic, a Yugoslav ship which for four years has been sailing in Atlantic convoys, put into a Dalmatian port with 2500 tons of supplies.

All morning women patched and sewed, all morning men kept pace with cranes hauling sacks from holds, and carried them to the warehouse. But the pace was too fast. The men loading food had not eaten very much lately. They began to flag. By midday they could not carry the sacks ashore as fast as the cranes brought them up to the deck. By midafternoon they could carry no more. They were exhausted.

So next day the Yugoslavs brought more men—more men carrying more—but each man carrying less. The unloading went on smoothly and rapidly.

From 7 a. m. to 6 p. m. the work went on every day until the ship could sail back to Italy for more. Every day, when the men had their breakfast, they shared the bread and stew with the men from the UNRRA, and put some aside to take home to their families.

For these people of Yugoslavia needed food. Many had lived all winter long on grass and cabbage. For about two thousand of them who sought something to eat in town markets there was 500 pounds of grain, four chickens, two pigeons, one game bird, and locally grown vegetables.

So it is that children are two to three inches below average height.

For those who are ill there is little help. For 2 million people there are only 1800 hospital beds. Though thread could be found to mend grain sacks there is none to spare for clothes. The holes just get bigger and bigger.

They were very pleased, these Yugoslavs, to see five doctors and thirty supply distribution experts the UNRRA has sent.

We here in America are in position to help our unfortunate people, and we must help them quickly. The Yugoslav War Relief as well as other relief agencies are speeding supplies to Yugoslavia, and it is up to us that there will be enough supplies delivered to our stricken people when the day of liberation dawns on Slovenia. Let's act now—at once!

NOTATIONS

By Frances L. Rak

CHICAGO via Johnstown, Pa.—Through that "grapevine method" we are told that the Perfect Circle in Chicago had been busily engaged for their Easter party and the making of an Easter Village these past few weeks. We're sorry we had to miss these festivities, but we'll be back in time for the rehearsals which start this week for the Parent's Day program to be presented in May.

Proletarian Picnic. — The annual picnic of Proletarian will be held as usual at Kegel's Grove, Willow Springs, Ill., on June 17. We hope friends and sympathizers of Proletarian will reserve this date.

Servicemen.—Word has reached us that Charles Miklaucic, Lodge 82, has been seriously wounded on the western front. Rudolph Glavach, Lodge 712, returned to his camp at Randolph Field after a two weeks furlough. His brother, Frank "Gleave" Glavach, came home on a weekend pass from Walter Reed Hospital, Washington, D. C., and on the train he met up Larry Langerhoke who got on the train at Baltimore, Md. Larry came home on a weekend pass, also. We've been told that Flood City Lodge has sixteen members in service; two of them have been discharged while one was killed. Triglav Lodge 82 has sixty-five members in service. We had a nice letter from Frank Groer, a Pioneer, last week. It was from Holland. John Vidmar, Lodge 82, is in England. He was Triglav's ace pitcher in mushball before the war.

All-A-Round. — It's a bouncing baby girl for the Livermores of Buffalo, N. Y. The mother is the former Mary Glavach, and it looks like a new Flood City member, too! Congratulations! Dorothy Glavach (Vic's wife) is recuperating from a broken leg at the home of her mother, while Josephine Bizjack is under the care of a physician for a "strep" throat. Here's wishing both a speedy recovery. August Kaushek is due for a tonsil removal this coming week. Alice Polasek, Lodge 684, has returned to the city with husband and daughter. Her husband is going to go to Brazil and pilot planes for rubber industry. Here's wishing them lots of luck. The John Volks of Park Hill served us good ole home-grown lettuce from their garden on a rather early date, March 29.

Lincolmites

SPRINGFIELD, ILL.—The Lincolmites held a very good meeting March 25. The crowd was really something to shout about and the discussion was interesting and varied. We were saddened by the news that Bro. John Kerar was at St. John's Hospital with bronchial pneumonia. We wish him a speedy recovery. Bro. Bill Stone has recovered from an illness caused by sinus trouble.

Plans for our 19th anniversary dance which will be held on Saturday night, April 14, are progressing nicely and we hope to see a good crowd out to this affair. Some of our out-of-town friends are expected to attend, transportation permitting. MARY BRINOCAR, 567.

Badgerland News

MILWAUKEE, WIS.—It was good to see so many old-timers at our March meeting. The spirit of old prevailed throughout, every one seemed to be in good humor and discussions pro and con were to the point. That old warhorse George Duncan finally came out of hibernation to attend one of his rare meetings. George is excused as his night work prevents his attending meetings often. The Bolkas were also welcomed after an absence of many months. Fannie and Pauline, we would like to see you often, too. That goes for Matt, Vic and Frank. All in all the attendance was very satisfactory. Let's keep up the good work now that warmer weather is in the offing. A welcome visitor was Pvt. Elmer Vachetz, home on delayed orders before reporting to a new destination. Elmer looks to be in the pink of condition and really stressed the fact the boys in the service should be remembered and how much letters mean to them. Good luck, Elmer, and don't forget to drop in again soon.

Dates and News

Our next regular monthly meeting falls on April 27. The benefit card party to be staged by the local chapter of SANC on Sunday, April 22, at Sostarik hall at 2 p. m.

The mystery has been solved at last. Many people were wondering who was flying a small plane south of the city that was going through such crazy antics, and flying at such low altitude. After a few weeks of research work my operators finally discovered it to be none other than Frank Bolka. He now has 4 hours of solo flight to his credit. Anyone interested in flying should contact "Tex" as he has offered to give his advice gratis.

Members in Service

A very favorable report was given by Sis. Ermenc who is in charge of the correspondence to our members in the service. Many letters have been received by our boys and girls from these members who were profuse in their thanks. Many thanks to all who are taking a little time out of their daily duties to write. Keep up the good work and when this mess is over with and the boys and girls come back to us and tell you personally how much news from home meant to them, you will be well repaid for your efforts.

The addresses for this week are: Emil Dolensek, S1/c U.S.N. 6th SP. Const. Bn. N.C.B. A-B Det. Co. B, c/o FPO San Francisco, Calif.—Pvt. Frank R. Kaker, 36878813 74th General Hospital A.P.O. 508, c/o P. M., New York, N. Y.—Cpl. Anthony Spruck, Sec "C" 3013th A.A.F. Base Unit D.A.A.F., Deming, New Mexico.

Bowling Taps

No honor scores among the boys in Monday night's Remic Mixed. Al Maren lead the boys with a good 586 set. Matty (got tapped again) Levar was next in line with 561. Joe (Pappy) Barbareh couldn't get the dampness out of his ball which he says accounts for his lowly 433 series. After the season is over Joe is raffling his ball off and the lowest bid takes it.

The lassies fared much better. Mitzie Schuller had a rousing 533 series which included a neat 214 game. Mary Remic swamped hubby Wally with her 502 series. In the Hank Marino ladies Clara Medved was in the pocket consistently as attested by her fine 570 blast. She comes right back in the Milwaukee Women Classic and powdered the setups for 534. In Thursday's All-star whirl Rudy Pugel smacked the maples for a nice 624 set. He finished the week's activities with a good 658 series in Friday night's businessmen's session. Plans are going ahead nicely for the SNPJ telegraphic tournament to be held on April 28-29.

Teams are being lined up and all those interested should contact the sec. Anton Verbiok or Marco Schapeck. Will hope to have the complete details in the next couple of articles and will pass them on to you.

Reminding one and all to get into the habit of attending our regular monthly meetings and paying your dues on time. SALTY, 384.

Utopian Special

CLEVELAND.—A special meeting is to be held Saturday evening, April 7, at 7 o'clock in the Slov. Home on Waterloo Rd. This meeting is for the benefit of the tournament bowlers. Members that haven't as yet paid their entry fees, make it your business to attend. This is absolutely the final appeal. Only SNPJ members in good standing are eligible to participate. This means your lodge dues must be paid up to date. No entry will be accepted as final until the entry fee is paid. This early time is being made so that it will not interfere with any appointments you may have for the evening.

BOWLING COMMITTEE

Spirit-o-Grams

By Whooslt

ST. LOUIS, MO.—Our next meeting will be held April 13 at Concordia Turner Hall, 13th & Arsenal. Members are urged to be present since important discussions will take place. Tickets for our May dance will be distributed and everyone is asked to do his or her utmost to sell as many as possible. We want to make this dance a big success, and the only way we can do just that, is to have the cooperation of each and everyone of the members.

The Yugoslav relief dance will be held April 7, 12th & Russell. All members who wish to attend can secure their tickets from either Sis. Markoff or Sis. Spiller. Members are urged to attend.

The bowlers are going to meet again Sunday, April 8, at the Du Bowl Alley, 3600 Gravois. Everyone who wants to participate in the telegraphic tournament must be present at this meeting. Everybody is invited to come and watch the bowlers. For more information call Ann Spiller, HU-2959.

THIS AND THAT: Bro. John Zimmerman is doing nicely at the Koch Hospital. Members who wish to send him cards, please address them to Division No. 10.

We are happy to know that Stanley Hervatin arrived safely somewhere in France. Leroy Harvatin is back home and here's hoping we will see him at our next meeting. Johnny Rohdus met and talked with Mildred Doslak's husband Dan somewhere in France. They are stationed on the same base. Ann Spiller's brother, Joe Pogoril, is somewhere in Germany and just recently sent home some beautiful souvenirs.

Here's hoping the Hervatins are all settled in their new home.

All members wish Katy Moody a speedy recovery from appendectomy. She is in the Barnes Hospital and members are urged to send her cards of cheer.

SNPJ Lodge 540

ELIZABETH, N. J.—The last meeting of SNPJ lodge 540 was held March 11 with a good attendance. A lot of business was cleared away to the interest of every member; \$5 was donated to the Red Cross; all members agreed to have the clothing for Yugoslav Relief sent by express to the distributing center in New York.

At this meeting we were surprised and glad to see Pfc. Louis Bettys Jr. who was on a 30 day furlough. He arrived from overseas after 2½ years with four stars on his overseas ribbon. Meaning he has been in four different engagements in the European area. He was married to Susan E. Kelly of Yonkers, N. Y., March 3. Congratulations and best wishes to you both. The same goes to his sister Louise Bryant who became engaged to William Taurence on March 9.

Service News: The families of our servicemen hear from them regularly and report they are fine. Frank Skari, George Cerne, John Bratnik, European area; Theodore Cipoth, Pacific area; Joe Pasarich, Marianas; John Pasarich, West Coast; Frank Pasarich, on his way home from Pacific area; Tony Skari, still reported missing. Good luck, fellows always.—Good wishes to Ann Turk who is a government girl, working for the Navy Dept. in Washington, D. C.

The next important meeting will be Sunday, April 8, at 2 p. m. All are urged to attend without fail. Please pay your dues promptly every month.

MARY PEZDIRC, 540.

SANC Branch to Hold Relief Dance April 7

ST. LOUIS, MO.—Branch 23 of SANC will sponsor a relief dance for the benefit of our people in Yugoslavia, Saturday, April 7, at the Croatian Hall, 12th & Russell, featuring Joe Falsetti's orchestra from 8 p. m. to 12. It is our duty to help our courageous people in Yugoslavia. We must remember that every life they have given has saved many lives of our American boys. We enjoy the comfort of plenty, while our people in Yugoslavia are dying from undernourishment and lack of proper care. We appeal to you St. Louis Slovenes and lodges to attend and help. Given away at the dance will be a carton of cigarettes, home-made afghan, and five dollars in cash. Be there. ANNE SPILLER.

Notice, Members of SNPJ Lodge No. 184

SPRINGFIELD, ILL.—Notice to members of SNPJ lodge 184: The regular monthly meeting of April 8 has been postponed until the following Sunday, April 15. All members are invited to attend.

AGNES TOMINSEK Jr., Sec'y.

Victorian News

CHICAGO.—Spring is really here in full swing. It came suddenly and unusually early this year. Let's hope it stays. But regardless of weather conditions, the program for the benefit of Yugoslav War Relief on Sunday, April 29, at American Bohemian Hall, 1438 W. 18th st., at 3 p. m. will go on as scheduled. Tickets are only 60c, and it's for a very good cause. Our people in Yugoslavia need help and we can and must help them.

This was a sad month for us as we lost a juvenile member, Mary Jo Hartenian, who passed away March 5. Our condolences to the family and relatives.—Victorians, please visit our sick member, Katherine Pouhe, 2772 Frances Pl., Chicago.

This weather is ideal for ballina which is a good pastime for all. It is played at the Slovene Center, 2301 S. Lawndale, a grand place to spend your spare time.

Our regular monthly meeting will be held Thursday, April 5, at Berger's Hall, 2653 S. Lawndale. Social and bingo after the meeting. Be present—and pay your dues on time as this is a very important matter. The secretary cannot afford to lose and neither can the lodge. Please make it your point to pay each month. MARY E. NOVAK, 632.

Integrity Broadcast

CHICAGO.—The Integrity lodge, in charge of the telegraphic tourney, is asking its bowlers to help make the tourney successful with the other local SNPJ lodges. Get in touch with your secretary at once. The fee is 75c for each entry; 25c for the juveniles; the fee for bowling is 85c for each event, total \$1.60. All entries must be in no later than at 6 p. m. April 18. The committee for this event: Martin Abram, chairman; Louis Baffetti, vice chairman; M. R. Fleischhacker, sec'y; Agnes Mejesch, treasurer; Julius Abram, Rose Roycht, Martin Bergles, Amalia Venisnik, Cookies DeCenzo, Emil Heidenreich, committee members.

Bunce party May 20: The following members volunteered to help: Cookies DeCenzo, Agnes Mejesch, Antonia Bovidik, Jennie Abram, Jewel Bergles, Rose Roycht, Mary Kitak, Frances Kozuk, Mary Fleischhacker, Louis Baffetti, Martin Abram, Emil Heidenreich, Louis Kozuk, Julius Abram, Lawrence Bailey, M. R. Fleischhacker, Mary Tersina. We hope to have you, too, one and all, give us a good cooperation to put this party over so we can make a real Christmas party for our juvenile members.

On April 29 the Slovene (Yugoslav) organizations will sponsor a program for the benefit of Yugoslav relief at the Bohemian Hall, 1438 W. 18th st., at 3 p. m. and dance at 7 p. m. Tickets are 60c. We urge all members to attend. Our bowlers will have plenty of time to attend this affair. Tickets may be obtained from your secretary.

Sports: The Integrity is going to have a mixed bowling league for the coming season. All interested should notify the secretary. Also, we are going to have a basketball team amongst the ladies and maybe the juveniles. Rose Roycht, Amalia Venisnik and the sec'y are going to work this out. At the April meeting we are going to select Integrity's sports club officers.

Juveniles: We have a large juvenile membership and it would be nice if the ladies would undertake to revive the activities in the Circle. (More on this and our membership campaign next week.)

M. R. FLEISCHACKER, Sec'y.

W. Pa. E.S. Federation Meeting on April 15

IMPERIAL, PA.—The next regular meeting of the ES Federation of SNPJ lodges of western Pennsylvania will be held in the Veronjan Club at Verona, Sunday, April 15, beginning at 2 p. m. Each affiliated lodge ought to be represented with three delegates. Many important items will be heard and discussed. Kindly be on time, and committee members should be early enough in order to meet and have their reports available by 2 p. m.

JAMES M. MAGLICH, Sec'y.

Houseman Wanted

We wish to announce that there is a vacancy in the position as houseman in headquarters building of the Slovene National Benefit Society. Those interested shall apply either by calling Rockwell 4904 or by writing as soon as possible, giving information as to the family, age and health and possible experience of the applicant. The position is to be filled at once. For all further information in this connection kindly inquire at the office of the undersigned.

V. CAINKAR, President.

President's Column

Our Convention Problems

Our members are no doubt anxiously awaiting some directive and essential information from the Head Office concerning the holding of our regular convention scheduled for this year according to our by-laws and decisions of the last convention. It is the purpose of the writer of these lines to enlighten the members as to what has been accomplished so far in that connection, but the information given here will, for the reason explained below, have to be limited and brief.

As the members may have observed by reading the minutes of the Executive Committee and the Supreme Board meeting previously published, the time and place of our convention has been decided upon, a spacious hall for convention sessions has been secured, and meals and lodgings for the delegates and other convention members have been provided for. Also, suggestions and recommendations for changes and improvement of the by-laws have been drawn up, etc. In short, everything necessary toward proper preparations for a successful convention has been taken care of, and as far as that goes the convention could be held just as it was originally planned and decided upon.

In the meantime, however, we have not been able to entirely overlook the fact that the world war is still raging; that war supplies are the most important thing now in order to speed up our victory; and that we, too, are expected to make certain sacrifices and contributions toward that goal.

A shortage of railroad cars, buses, trucks and other means of transportation has long been felt, and lately the ODT, in an effort to better control transportation, has been compelled to resort to drastic means to eliminate unnecessary civilian travel. Their ruling affects especially those organizations which planned their conventions for this year, and our Society is one of them.

We are, of course, always ready to cooperate with the government authorities, so much more so at a time so serious and when our cooperation means so much in the saving of human lives and easing the suffering of our heroic fighting men. At the same time we realize that our conventions are not held merely for the sake of sport or a good time; that they are a very essential part of our governing system and also, that they are required by the state law and therefore held because of necessity.

We promptly conveyed all these facts, together with some other important facts in the matter to the federal and state authorities. In spite of all that, however, we do not yet know whether we can hold our convention this year or not. One thing seems to be sure, namely, that we cannot get a permit from the ODT as long as such transportation difficulties exist.

Recently there was a resolution submitted to the Illinois State Legislature providing for extension of the convention term for one year, or, rather, that fraternal societies may postpone their conventions, but that the convention shall be held within one year after the withdrawal of ODT limitation order. In the meantime, there prevails the opinion in certain well informed quarters that these conditions will not last long, that there will soon be a letup on transportation, etc.

As already stated, we are willing to cooperate and are prepared to postpone our convention until a later date or as long as necessary. At the same time we must be prepared for any eventuality in this connection. The conditions are apt to change soon and it is quite possible that in three or four months the ODT will advise us that we can hold our convention this year.

In view of all this, the wisest thing for us seems to be to hold to our former plans and decisions, and continue to make convention preparations as in normal times. It is of special importance to our small lodges who wish to merge with another lodge or lodges in order to attain the prescribed number of members for election of one delegate. Proper steps for such merger should be taken immediately, and local lodges should be prepared to carry on election of delegates in time as our by-laws provide. That's about the best information and advice we are able to give in the matter at the present time.

V. CAINKAR, Supreme President.

Strugglers Mark 18th Anniversary

CLEVELAND.—On Sunday, April 15, the Strugglers are celebrating their 18th anniversary with a dance at the Slovene Home, 15335 Waterloo. In adhering to the policy of the midnight curfew we will start our dance at 8 p. m. sharp. Music by the ever-popular Vadal's orchestra. All proceeds will be turned over to our servicemen's fund. It's a worthy cause so why not come and help us celebrate. We are sure some of the "ole-timers" will be present; they promised us, so how about making a circle around that date?

In Sympathy

It's a little late but the Strugglers extend their heartfelt sympathies to the Louis Tolar family in the loss of their beloved husband and father. He raised a real SNPJ family who are all members of Strugglers, namely, Louis, Frank, Joe, Pfc. John, Ethel, Pauline Sajovec and Mary Laurie.

News in General

Word has come to your scribe that Kanary Koss is the proud father of a baby girl, their second. Congratulations! Kanary, as you all know, had been the Strugglers' Sec'y for over ten years. His wife was always a willing worker and may your scribe offer her personal congratulations also. How about making her a future member, Frank and Mary?

Just a reminder to the Ent. Com. that the next meeting will take place on Tuesday, April 3, at Sis. Hermina Zupancic's home, 433 E. 158th st. Following members please take notice: Anthony and Florence Zaman, Joe and Mary Tolar, Josephine Tomsic, Hermina Zupancic, Phil Sirca, Ted Laurie, Frank Javace, Louis and Ann Yappel and Josephine Hoffert.

On April 14, the day before our dance, our monthly meeting will take place, last minute details will be taken care of and we expect quite a few members to be present. Memories of days gone by: What-ever happened to the timely articles of the Rossa sisters of the Loyalties, our neighbor lodge? From time to time we will have a short paragraph on "Memories," so watch for it.

ANNE (STRAUSS) ZELE, Rec. Sec'y Lodge 614.

Notice from the Sick Benefit Department

Officers of the local lodges of Slovene National Benefit Society are hereby notified that the six months report of receipts and disbursements of individual lodges for the last six months of 1944 has been compiled for publication in Prosveta as in the past several years. The report is quite extensive. It takes almost two pages of Prosveta. Due to lack of space in the official organ, and mainly because of insufficient help in the printery, said report shall not be published. Officers are requested to kindly take this notice into consideration.

L. GRADISEK, Sec'y S. B. Dept.

Our Front SNPJ Anniversary This Week

By Louis Beniger

Friday, April 6, will mark the fourth anniversary of Hitler's attack on Yugoslavia.

It must be remembered that the attack followed the revolt of the Yugoslav people against the comradely pact made with Hitler by the Belgrade royal clique in Vienna on March 26, 1941. The people's revolt occurred the following day, March 27, when the quisling regime was overthrown. This act electrified the entire world because it showed that the Yugoslav people were not afraid to risk everything against the then all-powerful master of Europe.

The people of Yugoslavia revolted not only against foreign oppressors such as the world has never seen before, but also against their own tyrannical masters.

What happened in Yugoslavia during the past four years is ample proof that such a nation will live as a free nation.

The Yugoslav Liberation Movement has shown that there is nothing that can stop a people's will and decide determination. The Yugoslav Partisans have won the admiration of the entire world, and before long the entire country will be liberated from the clutches of Nazidom.

Moreover, the Yugoslavs will be delivered of their own domestic tyrants and their reactionary cliques. To be sure, after the defeat of the outside enemy, there will be much left for improvement. The country is in the throes of devastation, starvation and destruction. It will face great problems, political and economic and social.

A nation that has been able to achieve in time of war what the Yugoslavs did during the past four years, can solve any problems that may face it.

Speaking of the Yugoslav revolt and subsequent Hitler's attack, it will not be amiss to add a personal note.

Just because Hitler's attack on Yugoslavia occurred on Palm Sunday in 1941, I think that this holiday has no bearing on the actual date of the event. Some church holidays, particularly Easter, have a habit of switching their dates from year to year, the date of Easter, for instance, depending on the moon.

Therefore, the event should be observed, if it must, on the actual date, which is April 6, or on the Sunday closest to it. This year Palm Sunday fell on March 25, fully 13 days before the actual date of the attack. No one would ever think of celebrating his birthday on some holiday just because he happened to be born on some Easter Sunday which has no permanent date.

Besides, I think that the date of the Yugoslav revolt would be a much more appropriate date to celebrate than the day of the attack.

Flashes

CHICAGO.—On the sick list of the Pioneer lodge are Lillian Zasadi, Helen Tisu, Dorothy Kaczynski, Mary Bocinsky, and Mary Vertnik. Margaret Karun has reported well, so has Mildred Klanchar.—Joseph Savovic who has been in Detroit quite some time on a war job, has now been shipped back to Chicago and will be living here.—A baby girl arrived in the family of James C. Bakule, their fourth child.—Edward Hudale went to New York for a full week for the Western Electric Company where he is employed.—The John Raks spent an early vacation in Johnstown.—A postcard from Emil Hraast tells us that Frank Hribar of the Coast Artillery is visiting with him. Emil had an excellent time during his stay for the Pioneer tournament.

If you've ever seen a spritely fella you should see this chap Henry Zonta who has just returned on a furlough. It looks like the 38 months he spent in the South-West Pacific has done him a lot of good, even though he doesn't care much about the recollections. The chap is looking good and feeling fine and we would say as much from seeing him.—John Cherway is home on leave, too. He stopped in to bowl with the boys last week. He, too, is looking fine.—Milton Zaveritnik was home for a short leave. He explained the processes through which a good rifleman must go.—We had a long chat with John Korun who is a Yeoman on one of Uncle Sam's few gunboats. The ship has a complement of around 270 and has been in active service in the Pacific.

Tickets for the April 29 Yugoslav War Relief program can be secured from the Pioneer secretary. The admission is 60 cents.—Zinka Milasov will sing in Chicago on May 2 and May 5 when the Metropolitan opera will make its annual spring visit. Those wanting tickets should order them immediately by mail from the Opera House.

DONALD J. LOTRICH.

The SNPJ this week reaches its 41st anniversary for it was on April 6, 1904, when the opening session of the first and organizing convention was called to order in Chicago, in the presence of twelve delegates, who sometimes are referred to as the "Pioneer Fathers."

Throughout the years the history of the Society has been extremely interesting, exciting and trying, but always progressive and humanitarian; always outspoken and aggressive for the rights of the common people; always pleading the cause of the under-privileged and needy; always pointing the way to better working conditions and steadier employment. Its record is one of which we all can be very proud—a record for which we can be thankful in a large measure to the early pioneers who had the courage and the foresight to organize a free, liberal and democratic benefit society.

On this occasion, we congratulate and thank the living founders wherever they may be, and honor the memory of those who have departed from these worldly surroundings, for they certainly did a grand job when they gave to America the SNPJ.

What About Our Young People?

When young people are not interested in the meetings of a lodge because they are conducted in the Slovene language or for other reasons, the suggestion is offered that they be called together at a special meeting for the purpose of finding out what kind of activities they are interested in most, how they can best be attained and, if necessary, form a youth group within the jurisdiction of the lodge to promote social, cultural and recreational activities in a style and manner conforming more to their desires. There is a GAP between the old and middle-aged members and these young people, which needs to be bridged, at least in part, if we expect to make more sturdy progress in the future.

The English-Speaking Lodges are not excluded from its category entirely, for a large percentage of their members are no longer YOUTH in the real sense of the word, even though referred to as such by the "old-timers," for they, too, have begun to age and slip and have lost much of the former "zip" and spirit. New life and new blood is necessary to enliven lodge meetings and affairs. The time is here for much needed rejuvenation, and this to a great extent can be achieved and hastened by giving the youth in our lodges and the juveniles our wholehearted cooperation and support.

Lodges, confronted with this problem, should lose no time in setting up a committee of three or more members, composed of the more promising young people among them. Call it the YOUTH ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE or just YOUTH COMMITTEE, and put it to work drawing up plans for the betterment of the lodge and Society. Care should be exercised that the chairman of such a committee is someone capable of bringing about a satisfactory compromise when necessary. When, in the course of time, the leadership, and the spirit and desire to work and build is definitely present among the young people, then is the time to hand the reins over to them and say, "Go it, young SNPJ. We're 100% behind you!"

The juveniles, at Universal, Pa., are receiving the kind of attention we'd like to see every SNPJ Lodge give to its youth. According to a letter from Andrew Prystel, president of the Comets (715), the lodge has decided to reorganize the Juvenile Circle which was disbanded about two years ago. Soon we expect to read of sports and other activities of the Comet Jrs., building a stronger SNPJ in the hometown of the Society's First Vice-President, Michael Kumer. The "buzz" of action here is beginning to remind one of pre-war days.

With the Comets and, also, the Lincolnites (567) of Springfield, Ill., concentrating their attention on the juveniles in their respective localities, other English-Speaking Lodges, not having Juvenile Circles, should follow the example set by them at their earliest convenience. This being the 20th anniversary year of the E. S. Lodge movement in the SNPJ, a special effort should be made by them to build and grow with the help of youth. No lodge can afford to disregard the juveniles, so call them together and organize a Circle. Organize juvenile sports and other activities within the lodge, whether a Circle is formed or not. Equip them with attractive shirts or sweaters, advertising the lodge and the SNPJ. The quickest and, perhaps, easiest way of getting a boy or girl interested in the Society is through the medium of sports, in all seasons of the year—softball, basketball, bowling, soccer, ping-pong, volleyball, etc., not to forget the all important social activities, the cultural programs and entertainments, and the meetings to complete the cycle of all-around fun and education offered by the Society. If financial assistance is needed to promote and develop such activities, the SNPJ is ready to help you. Write to the Juvenile Director.

Telegraphic Tournament

Now that the juveniles have a class of their own in the national bowling tournament, we'd like to see them swing into action all down the line. To date reports indicate that teams are being organized in Waukegan, Chicago, Girard and Strabane. A few more communities are

expected to be heard from before long. We hope to have a dozen juvenile teams competing for the trophies and titles emblematic of the championship. There will also be a few other prizes for them, the number depending on the final list of entries.

In last week's issue of the Prosveta, we noticed that a call was sent out to Sharon Keystone bowlers with Bill Macek and Frances Novak handling the arrangements. That's the spirit, Sharon SNPJ! And say, how about getting together with the Golden Eagles of Girard, Ohio, your neighbors just across the state border line? A few more teams bowling together will mean a lot more fun and keener competition for all. Here's hoping you can. In the same issue we learned that the Cleveland SNPJ Athletic League voted \$100 to the local prize fund of the "telegraphic" tournament. That's what you call a "super-inducer" and it should draw the attention and good results of the bowlers in most of the SNPJ lodges in that city. Come on, Cleveland SNPJ; let's get over the 25 team mark!

May we remind you again to arrange to have a photographer present at your tournament to take pictures of the local champions, adults and juveniles, and have them sent to the Athletic Director as soon as developed. It is not necessary to have the services of a professional photographer to do this work, although such an arrangement would, no doubt, yield the best results. However, there might be a member, or a friend of a member who can be secured to do this for you, almost as well, for a more reasonable consideration. This will boost publicity this year and next.

Remember—the deadline for all entries at the Chicago office is APRIL 18, 1945!

MICHAEL VRHOVNIK, Juvenile Director.

Telegraphic Tourney

WAUKEGAN, ILL.—The national SNPJ telegraphic pin tourney will be staged April 28-29 at the North Chicago Bowlium alleys. All SNPJ lodge members in the Waukegan-North Chicago area are asked to cooperate and help make the event a big success. Eighteen teams have already been lined up and more bowlers are needed to fill a few additional squads. The local secretary is Edith Dobnikar, 1032 Lenox ave. Phone Maj. 2678. Teams: doubles and singles titles will be decided for the adult members, both men and women. A separate team tourney is being planned for the juvenile members. Entry deadline is April 14. Bowling will be 70c in each event with an entry fee of 75c. A supper and dance will follow the bowling April 29 at the Slovene Home.

COMMITTEE.

Midwest Athletic League of SNPJ

CHICAGO.—On April 28 and 29 the national SNPJ telegraphic tournament will make history in our Society's sports. The tourney will give every member a chance to bowl. The Midwest Athletic League is hoping for the largest entries. We are sure of Milwaukee, West Allis, Waukegan and Chicago, and hope La Salle will be in there also, as well as other centers in Illinois, Indiana, Missouri, also Iowa and the balance of the Wisconsin lodges. The Integrity lodge will be in charge of the Chicago section, and all lodges should cooperate with the committee in charge. Bro. Michael Vrhovnik, our able, hard working Athletic Director, is putting his entire efforts and plenty of his own time to make this tournament a success. Let's give him a real tournament by getting all the teams we can get. The officers for 1945 are as follows: Edward Hudale, pres.; Martin Abram, vice pres.; M. R. Fleischacker, sec'y; Louis Baffetti, treas. We would like to see more of the lodges to become members of the league. We would like to hear from St. Louis and Indiana.

M. R. FLEISCHACKER, Sec'y.

Cavaliers Roll 885

CLEVELAND.—Chris Kebe and Pauline Reinman setting the pace, the Cavaliers whitewashed Comrades No. 2 in three games. Chris rolled games of 152-197-199 for a 548 series. Pauline sparked with scores of 140-163-198 for a new high of 501. For Comrades Mollie Koren was high with 469.

Strugglers No. 1 turned down Utopians No. 1 in the last two games losing the first by 4 pins. Frances Perusek's 492 series topped the scores. For Utopians Fanny Svetina led the way with 453. Concordians took two out of three from Utopians No. 2. Millie Marn was high with 457. Julia Kronik led the Utopians with 395.

With the absence of two teammates, Frances Tomic and Pauline Spik of Comrades No. 1 managed to defeat Strugglers No. 2 in two games. Frances rolled games of 158-191-170 for a 519 series. Pauline rammed games of 190-140-175-505 series. Josephine Hottfert scored 483 for the Strugglers.

PAULINE ROSS, Sec'y.

Juvenile Circles of the SNPJ

Circle No. 10 Had Successful Easter Party

SALEM, O.—Circle No. 10 had an Easter party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Kordan. Games were played and prizes were received by Teresa Stokovic, Frances Kordan, Henry and Jimmy Koran, Eddie Morina and George Gabrie. Mrs. Rose Stengel Ludwig received the war bond drawn by John Mohr.

I want to thank those who helped in any way and cooperated to make the affair a success. Children were served refreshments, and I wish to thank Mrs. Anne Stekovic for helping serve.

The music played by Frank Koran and son Jimmy was also appreciated by young and grownup alike. Thanks for the good old Slovene polkas and waltzes.

MARY KORDAN, Mgr.

Perfect Circle Rehearsals and Trip to Museum

CHICAGO.—On Wednesday evening, March 28, the Perfect Circle held its Easter social. One of the highlights of the evening was the talk given by our guest, Miss Mae T. Kilcullen, women's editor of our local newspaper, the West Side News. Miss Kilcullen is also teacher of education, having adult classes in the evening at the De Paul University. She has written several pamphlets, one of them entitled "Teaching of Science to Young Children." It was on this subject that Miss Kilcullen spoke at our social. "Things I wonder about" was the title of her talk, and it was well received by everyone present. She told many interesting things about science, using plain, simple and everyday language, so that even our seven year old Circle members understood what she was talking about. After speaking to the children, Miss Kilcullen told the adults present a few things that are being prepared in the Science World for postwar homes, and this was very interesting as well as enlightening.

Following this talk, we set about playing games, some new and some old favorites, too. Refreshments consisting of ice cream, cookies, cake and soda for the children, coffee and cake for the adults were served. After cleaning up, we set the phonograph a-going, and all had a pleasant time dancing.

Circle members and myself express a sincere "thank you" to Mesdames Mary Reven, Mildred Kaiser, Josephine Pokorny and Eva Zordani for their help in serving the children, and for the usual K. P. duties afterwards. These parents are always willing to cooperate with the Circle and it does make things so much more pleasant for all concerned.

The Easter Village, made and set up by the Circle members, won much praise and admiration from parents and visitors present, and they were asked to vote for what they considered the best decorated eggs. The two prizes in the younger group went to Evelyn Ures and Frankie Sternisha, and in the older group to Dorothy Galavan and Rose Podbevsek. All in all, the Circle had a grand time and are now ready to settle down to work.

The first rehearsal for the coming program will be held on Wednesday, April 4, at 6 p. m. On Saturday morning, April 7, the Circle members are requested to be at the hall at 10 a. m. sharp, for the trip to the museum. The movie we will see is entitled "Chimpanzee Circus," and Mr. Leon Smith, trainer of the chimps at the St. Louis Zoo, explains the pictures. He is accompanied by his dog Suki. We will also visit a special exhibition of the famous "Animals in Miniature," a collection which will then be on display. Bring your lunch and carfare money. If the day is nice, we will stay at the lake front for a while after lunch. If not, we will come back to the hall, eat, and have a short rehearsal.

ANN SANNEMANN, Mgr.

Perfect Circle No. 26 SNPJ.

Of Our Community

WAUKEGAN, ILL.—The audit report of the Waukegan & North Chicago Cooperative Association for 1944 shows that net patronage sales for the year climbed to the highest figure ever reached by our organization, \$253,930.62 (net), as compared with the net patronage sales of \$211,528.47 for the year 1943, or an increase of \$42,402.15. The net savings amounted to \$17,424.24, as compared with the savings from operations during the year 1943 of \$14,299.55. In percent terms the savings this year amounted to 6.89%—the highest in our organization's history.

The following paragraph is taken from the report of the auditor: "Tremendous progress has been made by the Waukegan-North Chicago Cooperative Association in the past five years, reflecting able management and a progressive, cooperatively-minded administration. For the past two years you have been the standard of financial strength and operating efficiency for the central states area cooperatives."

Our High School

The Waukegan Township High

Universal Comets

Dates to Remember

UNIVERSAL, PA.—April 8—Annual Duckpin tournament of the E. S. Federation of western Pa. at the SNPJ Hall, Sygan, Pa. Dancing will follow the bowling events in the upper hall, and Jackie Martinec will entertain.

April 14—Dance by Harmarville Ramblers Lodge 713 at the Union Hall, Harmarville, Pa. Jackie Martinec will provide the music.

April 21—Dance by Lodge Comets 715 at the Slovene Hall, Universal.

April 29—Federation Tenpin tournament of the E. S. Federation of western Pa. in conjunction with the National Telegraphic tournament at the SNPJ Hall, Strabane. Dancing will follow the bowling events in the upper hall and Jackie Martinec will entertain.

Comets' News

The big event for all Comets and their friends to bear in mind is the dance scheduled for Saturday, April 21. We ask that all of you come out to the Slovene Hall that night and enjoy a good time with us.

Bowling continues every Friday night in Verona. It is reported that five teams would participate from the lodge in the duckpin tournament this coming Sunday in Sygan. Comets desiring to bowl must contact either Mary Kumer, Max G. Kumer, or Andy Pryatel.

Those now bowling ducks will begin bowling tens on Friday, April 6. In fact, bowling of tens has already begun, following the series of three duckpin games each Friday. The tenpin bowling is simply in preparation for the federation and national telegraphic tournament scheduled in Strabane on April 29. Our lodge hopes to have a few teams entered, and while we do not anticipate breaking any records, we do expect a doggone good time.

Cpl. Frank Previc was home on leave recently, and left here March 24 for California. He spent Sunday, March 25, in Chicago where he had a grand time with our friends there. Thanks much to the Chicago gang for showing him a good time.

Our member Mary Caesar is now back from the hospital and feeling grand following a very successful goiter operation. Good to see her back, and we want her in the bowling tournament this Sunday.

Bowling

A good turnout is expected in Sygan this Sunday, April 8, for the E. S. Federation duckpin tournament and dance. It should provide a wonderful get-together for lodges and old friends in this section, and that means a good time. It will be a good opportunity for this writer to see guys and gals that he hasn't seen in many months, and these same people will have the chance to see our old friend, Johnny Ujeh, who was recently discharged from the army.

The Athletic Committee reports that things have shaped up very nicely for the big affair, and they only urge that teams will appear early to bowl. The tournament begins at 12 (noon), and we hope to finish by early evening to give us several hours rest before dancing begins. There will be a long list of prizes available for distribution to the good and lucky bowlers. Come along and try to cash in on the dough.

No SNPJ bowling season is ever complete without a national bowling manifestation, and this year it will be a telegraphic tournament. The E. S. Federation of W. Pa. for the first time will attempt to do some kind of a job making this affair a big success. Tens is in the infancy stage in this section, but a good time and a desire for supporting SNPJ activities is not, and so we should have a fair representation in Strabane on April 29. All bowlers come to Sygan this Sunday, and then prepare to go to Strabane on April 29 for another bang up time.

News and Views

A lot of people were saddened by

School Board of Education election will be held Saturday, April 14. The changes which were made in the high school last year have resulted in an enlightened, progressive administration, and all of us ought to do our part to keep it so by taking more interest in high school affairs.

One of our own members, Tony Pierce, is a candidate for election to the Board of Education. Bro. Pierce has been a member of Little Fort for many years, having been its president several times and right now is very active in our cooperative organizations. He has a liberal and socially-minded point of view and a competence to express that point of view which should increase his value as a member of the Board of Education to the entire community. We'd like to see him elected.

A CO-OPERATOR

For Victory... Buy U.S. GOVERNMENT BONDS AND STAMPS

the announcement of the death of Lt. Col. Frank Martinec. Frank was one of those genuine fellows, and he is going to be missed. His SNPJ friends in this section will always remember him as the young Slovene who was always ready and willing to sing a good Slovene song. And folks enjoyed him very much. The passing of fellows like Frank stimulates thought of what wars are all about, and just what needs to be done to eliminate them. We want to join Frank's many friends in sympathy to his wife and child and the Martinecs of Meadowlands.

E. S. lodges are reminded that the E. S. movement of SNPJ will be 20 years old next November. In other words, this is our 20th anniversary. We are getting old, and it really doesn't seem like 20 years since we got started. But it is, and all our E. S. lodges should want to do something especially nice this year in manifestation of two successful decades of SNPJ activity.

This writer isn't at all belligerent, at least not in the physical sense (I can't afford to be). But I have always enjoyed a good scrap, either as a participant or a witness. As a witness, the Athletic Director and Pioneer Lodge Athletic Committee provided the latest bit of amusement. I have read enough to make a decision; I hope all readers have and that the editor is convinced that the polls should be closed.

MICHAEL R. KUMER.

Reply to "A Statement and an Answer"

The reply of the Athletic Director to "A Statement and an Answer," which appeared in last week's issue of the Prosveta, is presented point for point as follows:

1. For the sake of keeping the record straight, I would like to add that this year's Pioneer (559) invitational bowling tournament was a **doubles contest**. There, unquestionably, is a difference between a team and an individual tournament.

2. Since there was no definite assurance on the day of the tournament that an additional amount would be forthcoming from the Athletic Fund, it is the opinion of the Athletic Director that the prize list for the 1945 tournament should have been drawn up and distribution made immediately after bowling, or as soon after the social as possible, just as in previous years. And in the final analysis the small difference in the amounts of the prizes, since they were distributed over approximately 50 percent of the participants, did not justify the committee's decision to postpone distribution altogether.

3. It is to be understood then that the "held-over" prizes were mailed to the lodge secretaries immediately after each tournament social.

4. No comment is necessary.

5. I'm positive that the primary reason for the decrease in this year's appropriation for the Pioneer doubles tournament was as follows: The same type of tournament, conducted by the Cleveland SNPJ Athletic League in 1944, received \$50. Since no protest or objection of any kind was offered, that precedent was used as a basis for this year's doubles tournament. Personally, I'm satisfied that the members of the Athletic Board acted according to their own best judgment in recommending or not recommending this appropriation, notwithstanding any statement to the contrary.

6. Where the welfare of the Society, its lodges and members are concerned, I have always striven to do what I believed to be right and best under the conditions and circumstances. I do not deny that there have been times when I erred in judgment of mind—but never in heart. Furthermore, never, deliberately or knowingly, have I tried to create animosity or ill will among the members and lodges of the Society, as charged. If and when I do, I shall deserve to be punished in accordance with the by-laws. The same, of course, applies to other members or officers of the Society.

Addenda: Simply because I sometimes choose to disagree with Brother Donald J. Lotrich, secretary of the Pioneer Lodge and editor of the Bulletin, when I think he is wrong, does not prove that I am antagonistic toward the Pioneers, as he would have you believe. I have never been antagonistic against the Pioneers and any statement to that effect is a prevarication. Further, I want Brother Lotrich to know that I took the particular paragraph in the March issue of the Bulletin at its full face value, and not at the deflated value he would now like to give it. There would be absolutely none of this were it not for that paragraph. My conclusions were then, as they are now, that it did not create one iota of genuine friendship or good will among the members for whom it was particularly intended. Instead, it prolonged and aggravated, quite unnecessarily, an already bad impression, in circulation by word and mouth, against the National Athletic Board, the Athletic Director, and to some extent, also, against the Executive Committee.

If Brother Lotrich was really interested in this instance in spread-

ing goodfellowship, he certainly should have made an effort to rectify the paragraph in the Bulletin before it went to press late Wednesday afternoon, March 14. The check, according to Brother Lotrich, was received by him at 5:05 p. m. of that same day. However, it was known by the Athletic Director as early as Monday morning, nearly three days before, what action the Athletic Board had taken. All Brother Lotrich had to do to find this out was to call me on the phone or, better still, when the material for the Bulletin was brought to the SNPJ Printer, he could have come right upstairs and learned all the details in a few minutes time. Then, instead of having more bad news to report to the bowlers, he would have had nothing but good news, offering at the same time an explanation that the prizes would be in the mail within the next day or two at the latest.

Let us stop and think what could happen if other lodges would have their own monthly bulletins, and every time a decision unfavorable to them were rendered by the Athletic Board or other authority of the Society, the editors would write, "We are dissatisfied with the decision. The matter is now being adjusted. We will get what we asked for by and by, etc. (implied or otherwise)." When a matter of this kind is in the process of adjustment through the regular channels of the Society, that is no time for a member, and especially a supreme officer, to continue rubbing in the impression, "We were right, they were wrong," through the lodge's own paper. The Athletic Board responded speedily in reviewing the case, and the action of the Executive Committee was as prompt as possible. The tournament was given an increase, so what more did Brother Lotrich want? Perhaps, a prescription of his own advice to me, "Determine right from wrong first," with an added pinch of "Practice what you preach so freely and so well."

This, I'm happy to state, definitely concludes my side of the case. I regret, most sincerely, that so much valuable space had to be used in presenting it. I hope it won't have to occur again.

MICHAEL VRHOVNIK, Athletic Director.

The Detroit Wolves

DETROIT, MICH.—The Wolverine bingo party held on March 17 was a big success both financially and socially. It was nice seeing old faces we hadn't seen for some time. Our members backed us up wonderfully by donating practically all the prizes. The door prize was a 20 lb. ham won by Katherine Dalence. A five dollar bill was won by Mrs. Serdonar who promptly gave it right back to the servicemen's fund. Many, many thanks to you.

Donations were as follows: Liquor by Omira Cafe, Lefty Kovach, Elwood Blake, Joe Maksteli, Jay Bernick and Larry Bernick; cigarettes by Al Padar; groceries by Mrs. Yuvan; bath towels by Mrs. Journey; sugar and pillow-slips by Mrs. Beauprey; cases of beer by Mary and Pete Benedict Jr. and Berchie Nadrudnik; a 28-inch mirror by Tony Golear; potica by Mrs. Naprudnik; pot holders and cards by Henry Rupert; sheets and pillow-cases by Mary Ann Golear; salad set by the Wolverine Blues Girls' team; \$5 bills by the Wolverine Golds girls' team and the boys' team; wine by Joe Cerne, Charlotte Benedict, Mr. Pete Benedict Sr.; a ½ bbl. of Pabst beer by John Jane.

Members, don't forget the meeting every second Sunday of the month at the club on John St. at 6 o'clock. Don't forget to pay your dues on time and give that extra dime a month toward the servicemen's fund. A check for ten dollars toward this fund was received by our secretary from Mary and Pete Benedict Sr. The Benedicts have three sons in the service.

Any Wolverine member wishing to bowl in the SNPJ telegraphic tournament please contact Larry Bernick at the club or at home.

Tony Golear, a member of our lodge, has gone into the business world. Tony has bought himself a cut glass, a mirror business. Lots of success in your new venture, Tony. Andy Klarich has been transferred to Indiana, where he and Irma will make their home permanently. Charlotte Benedict is visiting with her husband Rudy in Denver. Mary Anne and Leo Golear are vacationing in Florida. Anne Padar and "Bucky" Wierbicki placed in the money in the mixed doubles at Palmer Park. Nice going.

Pvt. John Smolits postcards from Fort Bragg, N. C. From a hospital in France Art Benedict writes that the east has finally been taken off his foot. First Lt. "Bud" Anzick writes from France to the Svoboda that he is getting along fine and thanks them for the Christmas package. Also from France comes a beautifully penned letter from Sgt. John "Preacher" Potonik. A prisoner of war in Germany until now, Sgt. Ed Padar is now in Moscow. Very belated birthday greetings to Cpl. Fred Bernick in England and to Pfc. Ed Bernick at Scott Field. Little Judy Bernick visited over the week-end with her great-grandma Marcey in Sygan, Pa.

A happy Easter to everyone. MILLY BERNICK, 677.



Minutes of Meeting of Supreme Board of Slovene National Benefit Society

Held Feb. 15-17, 1945, at Headquarters, 2657 S. Lawndale Ave., Chicago, Ill.

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Total regular assessment	\$70,923.30
Special assessment	450.00
Benefit Returned	52.00
Interest	1,293.89
Total	\$72,719.19

Disbursements:	
July	\$ 8,445.50
August	11,632.00
September	10,240.00
October	9,430.50
November	11,923.50
December	10,487.21
Total	\$ 62,158.71

Six months surplus	\$ 10,500.48
Balance June 30	90,747.35
Balance December 31	\$101,307.83

\$3 Class	
Receipts:	
July	\$1,683.30
August	1,618.20
September	1,460.10
October	1,655.40
November	1,612.00
December	1,463.20
Total regular assessment	\$9,492.20
Special assessment	18.00
Benefit returned	42.00
Interest	161.72
Total	\$ 9,713.92

Disbursements:	
July	\$1,258.50
August	1,306.00
September	760.50
October	668.00
November	867.00
December	1,140.50
Total	\$ 6,000.50

Six months surplus	\$ 3,713.42
Balance June 30	11,755.35
Balance December 31	\$15,468.77

Total income for the second half of last year was \$210,191.64 of which \$201,727.05 was regular assessment, \$876 special assessment, \$7,454.59 interest and \$134 returned benefit. Total sick benefit paid was \$165,771.59 and surplus for the six months was \$44,420.05, which is a good record. Balance of all classes as of Dec. 31, 1944 was \$566,899.14.

Concerning our system of paying sick and disability benefits according to the nature of sickness and disability, I deem it necessary to repeat again that the present system is the best of any we have had. This is proved by the fact that general satisfaction prevails among the membership, and at the same time we are building up a reserve which, according to insurance laws and regulations, is very necessary. It is understood that the favorable results in assets to a great extent are due to favorable working conditions. The number of light cases of sickness during favorable conditions is usually smaller than during unemployment, while the number of cases due to accidents during favorable times usually increases.

The special statistics started last year show that on Dec. 31, 1944, there were 729 members receiving sick benefit, including 119 members who have been getting sick benefit since 1941 and 1942, and 86 since 1943. In 1944 there were 4988 new cases of sickness; of this number 4464 reported well and 524 remained on the sick list. During the last four years there has been an average of slightly more than 700 on the sick benefit list.

There have been no special discussions in the official organ so far on matters concerning the next convention which is scheduled to take place in September of this year. This is undoubtedly due to wartime conditions. Constructive discussions in the interest of the Society are always desirable, as well as important changes in the by-laws. However, the membership is very likely convinced that constant changing of the by-laws, especially so far as the benefits and assessments are concerned, did not greatly benefit the organization.

My personal opinion is that the next convention will not have any special work with the by-laws in connection with sick benefit, and if this is true about the by-laws as a whole, the convention could finish its business within five or six days. After all, it is about time that we shorten our conventions. I have prepared a few changes and corrections concerning sick benefit which can perhaps be discussed at this meeting.

In any case, we will have to equalize the regulations concerning soldier-members so that under the same conditions they will get the same benefits. I have in mind the provisions which allow sick benefit to soldier-members while they are in training in this country but do not allow disability benefits. They should be entitled to both or both provisions should be eliminated.

LAWRENCE GRADISEK.

Report accepted.

Report of the Juvenile Director

Another year of progress, marked by new wartime developments and uncertainties, has come to a close for the SNPJ, and so another report has been prepared covering briefly certain phases of work delegated, assigned or assumed under my jurisdiction, much of it taking place in the final six months period of 1944.

This annual meeting, perhaps the most important since the previous convention, has brought us together once more to review, discuss and solve the problems of the Society, to find new ways and means of encouraging and stimulating interest and activities among the lodges and membership and, if necessary, to declare or re-affirm policy on national and/or world issues upon which the peace, security, freedom and justice of the common people is dependent.

We have succeeded in fairly good measure working together in the past, so let us join together at this meeting confident that we can again reach satisfactory and decisive agreements on important matters relevant to the welfare of the membership and Society as a whole, which will be brought to our attention in the course of the next two or three days.

Although differences of opinion are bound to rise during the meeting, just as they have in the past, let us make an honest effort at all times to pull together and work as a unit for a fraternal goal. We can have strong differences of opinion and still gain a maximum of unity and purpose for the SNPJ, for it is through intelligent discussion of constructive opinions, pro and con, that we, eventually, will reach sound, practical decisions and plans, thus assuring a healthy and progressive future for the Society. Let the minutes of our meetings be a true record of our individual expressions and collective actions in every possible instance. That, in my opinion, is one sure road of helping to keep democracy for ourselves, preserve it for the men who are fighting for it over there, and for our children in the future.

Our policy toward the Slovenes, Croats, Serbs and other South-Slavic people of Europe should continue on the same high plane as in the past, that of favoring and aiding, directly and indirectly as much as possible, the victorious struggle for peace, independence and security waged by the courageous Partisan Liberation Forces, through the united work of SANC and other related political action committees, and through the War Relief Fund of Americans of South-Slavic Descent and affiliated groups.

End of war in Europe, which we so hopefully anticipated last year, failed to materialize. Consequently, certain functions and activities of the Society continued to suffer, more in some communities than others, as a result. In spite of the fact that we commemorated the 40th Anniversary of the SNPJ last year and celebrated the event successfully in various communities, the Juvenile Circles and their activities decreased in number. The spirit of the adult members, overburdened by the sorrows and nervous tension of the war, and wearied by long, hard hours of occupation in the mills, factories, mines, etc., was not able to make any appreciable gains except for brief intervals in certain formerly very active centers of the SNPJ. This spirit and indifference to social and cultural progress affects both lodges and circles wherever it exists in large enough quantities, and there isn't a whole lot we can do about it.

The end of war in Europe will undoubtedly change the trend upward for the better. With this in view, we have again begun an intensive educational drive through the "Prosveta" and "The Voice of Youth" to stir up interest in juvenile activities and the organization of new circles.

This time we have the cooperation of editorials in the Slovene Section, something we lacked in the past and needed badly, which, if continued along proper channels, should prove helpful in spreading the movement into communities having the leadership necessary to organize and successfully conduct a Circle. However, I cannot help but mention the facts that juvenile leadership is scarce, that even under the most pleasant conditions the work is difficult—the remuneration almost negligible, and further the circles have only their own activities to hold them together. Their life and progress depends mainly on hourishment gained from activities and inspiration of the leaders. Insurance protection is no attraction here as it is in the lodges and that, perhaps, can be taken as another reason for the low average life of a Juvenile Circle. In my opinion nothing can brighten the immediate future of this movement as much as war's end.

Despite pessimistic predictions offered at and prior to the previous meeting of this Board, it pleases me immensely to be able to report that the 40th Anniversary Campaign, like its immediate predecessors, the "Victory" and "Juvenile 30th Anniversary" campaigns, was another big success, thanks to the generous, loyal cooperation and support of the participating lodges, members and especially the contestants who made the membership drive an interesting contest and no doubt inspired greater activity in many communities where lodges of the Society are established. The 40th Anniversary Campaign brought into the Society's ranks a total of 3576 members, of whom 2301 were juveniles and 1275 were adults, 695 of the latter being transfers from the Juvenile to the Adult Department. It can be added here that in the four months preceding the campaign, a total of 867 adults and juveniles were enrolled for a grand total for the year of 4,443 members, perhaps the third best mark on record, the other two, both higher, coming in 1943 and 1942.

The cancellation rate of the 40th Anniversary Campaign is as yet very low, only 10 adults and 8 juveniles dropping out or .05% of the total. This merely substantiates the fact common to nearly every campaign that new members don't begin to drop out of the Society during the campaign nor for several months after. . . In regard to the cancellation record of the Juvenile 30th Anniversary Campaign, an examination, thirteen months after the conclusion, reveals that only 75 members have been lost out of the 1461 enrolled or 5% of the total. This record is considered exceedingly good, and particularly so in the light of its low cost.

So that you will be more fully informed about the rate of cancellations in the recent past, I have completed a search of the records covering a period of ten years, beginning with 1935 and ending with 1944, which should prove of interest to you. Based on official figures, the statistics disclose that in 1944 the SNPJ had the lowest rate of cancellation in at least a decade, this being only 889 adults and juveniles or 1.34% of the total membership. Furthermore, the record in 1943, another campaign year, was the next best at 1.52%, while only three other years were lower than 1942 which had a cancellation rate of 2.16%. The table of statistics prepared is as follows:

TEN YEAR RECORD OF CANCELLATION IN SNPJ

Year	Membership	Number Canceled	Percent Canceled
1944	66,072	889	1.34%
1943	64,144	977	1.52%
1942	61,851	1,336	2.16%
(*)1941	60,282	1,146	1.90%
1940	52,404	1,195	2.28%
1939	51,919	1,268	2.44%
1938	51,143	1,144	2.23%
1937	49,604	971	1.98%
1936	49,309	892	1.80%
1935	47,932	1,248	2.60%

(*) Asterisk indicates year of merger with SSPJ, through which 5,358 adults and 1,989 juveniles were added to the SNPJ.

The new plan for rewarding lodge secretaries effective since the first of this year, which was drawn up by the Supreme Secretary and Juvenile Director at the direction of this body, should reduce the percentage of cancellations still more for that is one of its main purposes. The new plan may also be taken as an all-year round membership campaign in which the lodge secretaries are the contestants and, perhaps, should be conducted as such in order to gain maximum benefits for the several thousand dollars which will be distributed as awards to lodge secretaries at the close of the year.

The sports activities of the Society are still at a very low level. However, some of the lodges are beginning to realize that our servicemen will come marching home one of these days and the time is here to revive interest in activities to which they were accustomed before they left to join the armed forces. We are now completing arrangements for the first SNPJ National "Telegraphic" Ten-pin Bowling tournament, which was approved at the previous meeting of the Supreme Board, and the general outlook for a number of successful tournaments and social affairs held in conjunction with them is promising. This type of tournament will help to awaken the spirit of the sports-minded members, and thus, indirectly, have them take a new interest in the SNPJ and its other affairs and functions. . . At this meeting the National Athletic Board will be elected. Eight candidates have been nominated from the five districts and their names will be submitted for your consideration at one of the later sessions.

From my own personal observations and also information received from various sources, the new name of the juvenile magazine is fast becoming popular. With few exceptions, the members, especially the juveniles, seem to be highly pleased with the change. While a sentimental attachment for Mladinski List will linger on for some time to come, personally I am convinced that the interests and activities of the juvenile members in relationship to the Society will be better served by the magazine under the name The Voice of Youth.

A meeting of the District Vice-Presidents was held yesterday, the morning and afternoon session of which I attended and presided over, but was unable to be present at the evening session. A list of recommendations was drawn up and approved by the Vice-presidents and these will be reported by them later. I'm sure you will find them worthy of your consideration.

This concludes my report and in closing I wish to thank one and all for the cooperation and assistance given me in my work during the past year.

MICHAEL VRHOVNIK.

Report accepted.

Manager's Report for Printing and Publishing Department

My report for the past six month period is as follows:

PROSVETA. We print Wednesday issue of the official organ in 33,000 copies, or the same number as in the first half of the year, while daily Prosveta is being printed over 6,000 copies. Of these, 3,958 are paid subscriptions; the balance is distributed among advertisers, exchanges, etc. During the last half of the year we gained about a hundred new subscribers. The progress is slow, because the younger generation is not interested in the daily and the old-timers are passing away. The subscriptions are promptly paid. Largely due to appeals for workers, advertising sales have increased for \$800.00 over the first half of 1944.

From the financial statement following this report, you will note that a loss of \$4.46 is recorded. Shortly before the year ended, \$10,000 U.S. Treasury Bonds were called at par, and had a book value of \$10,886.75. The difference between book value and call price was written off as expense. This, of course, was directly responsible for the loss incurred.

MLADINSKI LIST: At the end of the year, Mladinski List was printed in 10,700 copies, or a few hundred more than at the end of the first half of 1944. The juvenile membership campaign, as you may know, is responsible for this progress. Incidentally, this is the last time that I make a report for our juvenile magazine under the name of Mladinski List. It is generally known that it has been replaced with "The Voice of Youth of SNPJ," under which name the first issue was published in January 1945. With the exception of name, the format and contents of the magazine are the same as before.

PRINTERY: No changes have taken place in the printing department. As usual, we were busy with our own publications, house jobs and a few outside customers. Printery's employees, that is, hand composition and linotype operators present quite a problem, in that they are irreplaceable if anyone is taken ill or leaves the job altogether. Workers of this type are very scarce, and we are forced to do our work with less help. This necessitates overtime, for which we must pay hourly overtime and sometimes double rates. Consequently, our expenses are soaring. For the duration I am afraid, the situation will remain unaltered. I make this known because I want the membership to know that we, too, have difficulties brought about by the present war. I am happy to say, however, that the relationship between lodge secretaries, Prosveta representatives and management is but the best. In these times, co-operation is an all important factor.

In my last report I mentioned the difficulty in obtaining materials and the expense involved. The situation, even more so, prevails today. Wages, also, have increased; to this we do not object, because the economic set-up requires it and we must conform with it. We should bear it in mind, however, that ours is not a private enterprise and that we do not operate for profit but for our own convenience. Furthermore, our rates for the weekly and daily Prosveta, in spite of the rising prices, have remained the same.

Our books of account have been audited by professional accountants as well as our own supervising committee. For further information I will be available at the meeting.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR PUBLICATIONS DEPARTMENT AND MLADINSKI LIST

Six months ended December 31, 1944

RECEIPTS:	
Subscriptions—Daily	\$ 6,475.19
Subscriptions—Weekly	28,462.70
Advertising	2,880.93
Maintenance Fund for Magazine	4,281.18
Editors' and Office Service for Magazine	780.00
Interest on Securities	532.47
Dividend Payment—Millard State Bank (in receivership)	37.00
TOTAL ALL RECEIPTS	\$ 43,449.47

DISBURSEMENTS:	
Commissions and Discounts on Subscriptions and Ads	\$ 1,205.97

Cost of printing Prosveta and Mladinski List	28,731.00
Editors' and Office Salaries	8,901.40
Stationery and Office Supplies	129.81
Depreciation on Furniture and Fixtures	48.35
General Expense	52.48
Audit Fee	100.00
Rent	300.00
Postage and Shipping Expense	127.07
Second Class Postage (Prosveta and Mladinski List)	2,140.38
Publishing Expense	678.08
Social Security Tax	87.63
Unemployment Compensation Tax	70.08
Loss on Securities	868.75
Dead Accounts	2.00
Accrued Interest on Securities	10.35
Total	\$ 43,453.93

Loss in department for six months	4.46
Total	\$ 43,449.47

DISTRIBUTION OF ASSETS:

Cash in Northern Trust Company Bank	\$ 12,125.39
Accounts Receivable—Advertisers	377.36
Accounts Receivable—Weekly subscr. due from SNPJ	4,517.02
Deposit—Second Class Postage for Prosveta	518.07
Deposit—Second Class Postage for Mladinski List	19.82
Securities	35,333.13
Furniture and Fixtures (at cost)	6,328.24
TOTAL ALL ASSETS	\$ 59,219.03

LIABILITIES, RESERVES AND SURPLUS:

Accounts Payable	\$ 3,899.10
Social Security Tax	86.71
Unemployment Compensation Tax	73.96
Reserve for Withholding Tax	152.00
Employees' War Bond Savings Account	58.03
Reserve for Depreciation on Furniture and Fixtures	6,051.95
Surplus	48,897.28
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET WORTH	\$ 59,219.03

ITEMIZED STATEMENT

DISBURSEMENTS FOR PUBLICATIONS DEPARTMENT

Commissions and Discounts on Subscriptions	\$ 1,080.70
Commissions and Discounts on Advertising	125.27
Printing—Daily	9,225.00
Printing—Weekly	15,624.00
Printing—Magazine	3,882.00
Office Salaries	3,903.50
Salaries of Editors	5,297.90
Stationery and Office Supplies:	
Marshall-Jackson Company	6.32
Elliott Addressing Machine Company	21.93
SNPJ Printery	69.22
L C Smith and Corona Typewriters, Inc.	30.34
Depreciation on Furniture and Fixtures	48.35
General Expense	52.48
Audit Fee	100.00
Rent	300.00
Postage and Shipping Expense	127.07
Second Class Postage—Newspaper	2,024.10
Second Class Postage—Magazine	116.28
Publishing Expense:	
The Federated Press	200.00
Overseas News Agency, Inc.	147.00
Subscriptions to magazines and newspapers	16.00
SNPJ Printery (cuts)	169.82
Elliott Addressing Machine Company	4.72
Anton Garden (petty cash)	40.00
Frank's Bindery	1.75
Telegram (Inter-Racial Press)	1.27
Milan Medvesek (book)	2.50
Ernest J. Krueger, Postmaster	10.00
Katka Zupancic (magazine)	25.00
Ernestine Jugg (magazine)	35.00
Ann Sannemann (magazine)	25.00
Social Security Tax	87.63
Unemployment Compensation Tax	70.08
Dead Accounts	2.00
Loss on Securities	868.75
Accrued Interest on Bonds	10.35
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$ 43,453.93

SLOVENE NATIONAL BENEFIT SOCIETY—PRINTERY

Financial Statement for six months ending December 31, 1944

RECEIPTS:	
Publications Sales—Prosveta and Mladinski List	\$ 28,731.00
Sales to SNPJ	2,103.88
Sales to Customers	1,040.13
Sales to Prosveta	239.04
House Sales	54.25
Total receipts for completed work	\$ 32,168.30

Waste Paper Sales	6.00
Cash Discounts Earned	30.04
Interest on Securities	657.47
Interest on Mortgage Loan	118.13
Refund—Retailers' Occupational Tax	387.80
Dividend—Millard State Bank (in receivership)	211.89
TOTAL ALL RECEIPTS	\$ 33,579.63

DISBURSEMENTS:

Paper Purchases	\$ 6,308.33
Ink Purchases	195.89
Miscellaneous Materials Purchases	1,766.33
Publications Postage	825.33
Factory Payroll	15,231.01
Rent	1,800.00
Fire Insurance	89.48
Depreciation	286.07
Power	481.74
Liability Insurance	120.86
Stock Handling Expense	49.00
Departmental Machine Expense	352.90
Work in Process June 30, 1944	482.63
Total Factory Expense	\$ 27,983.37
Less Work in Process Dec. 31, 1944	442.19
Manufacturing Cost of Sales	\$ 27,541.18

Shipping and Mailing Department Expense	168.45
Advertising Expense	302.00
Office Salaries	2,072.00
General and Office Expense	77.75
Postage	169.19
Social Security Tax	146.87
Unemployment Compensation Tax	117.48

Audit Fee	150.00
Discounts Allowed	2.80
Total Expense	\$ 30,747.72
Profit in department for six months	2,831.91
TOTAL	\$ 33,579.63

DISTRIBUTION OF ASSETS:

Balance in Amalgamated Trust and Savings Bank	\$ 12,363.06
Accounts Receivable	4,056.60
Debit Balances Accounts Payable	38.83
Materials Inventory (Paper and ink)	2,675.96
Work in Process Inventory	442.19
Investments	46,562.96
Real Estate Mortgage	4,579.00
Machinery and Equipment (at cost)	54,869.24
Unexpired Insurances	33.98
Mailing Department Inventory	26.36
Postage Inventory	195.45
General Factory Inventory	19.82
Shipping Department Inventory	21.00
Bindery "D" Inventory	2.00
Total	\$125,081.50
Less Reserve	52,072.09
TOTAL ALL ASSETS	\$ 73,909.41

LIABILITIES, NET WORTH AND RESERVES:

Social Security Tax	\$ 119.22
Unemployment Compensation Tax	125.77
Accounts Payable	224.25
Withholding Tax	413.42
Employees' War Bond Savings Account	266.27
Employees' Vacation Reserve	13.30
Allowance for Depreciation	52,072.09
Original SNPJ Investment	50,000.00
Surplus	22,746.68
Total	\$125,081.50
Less Reserve	52,072.09
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET WORTH	\$ 73,909.41

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Report accepted.

Editor's Report

Since the last supreme board meeting there were no special changes in