

NEMCI POŽIGAJO VASI V VZHODNI PRUSIJI

Ameriške in kanadske čete prodirajo proti Parizu

JAPONSKE BAZE BOMBARDIRANE

MOSKVA, 8. avg.—Nemci požigajo hiše, kmetije in druge naprave v vseh Vzhodne Prusije v strahu, da bodo ruske armade kmalu invadirale "sveto" nemško ozemlje. Civilisti so bili že evakuirani iz krajev na vzhodni strani Koenigsberga, glavnega mesta Vzhodne Prusije.

ZAVEZNIŠKI STAN V FRANCJI. 8. avg.—Ameriške in kanadske čete so obnovile prodiranje proti Parizu po združitvi nemških protinapadov. Prve ameriške kolone so dospelo do točke, ki je oddaljena samo 110 milj od Pariza.

London, 8. avg.—Tri ruske armade na severu drobe odpor nemške sile na 200 milj dolgi fronti. Armada generala Ivana C. Bagrationa prodira proti Tilsitu in Memelu, Vzhodna Prusija, in zasedla je čez 50 vasi in naselbin, med temi Saukenaj, 77 milj od Memela, pristanišnega mesta ob Baltičnem morju.

V vzhodni Latviji in južni Estoniji potiskajo Rusi nemške čete proti Rigi. Uradni komunikacije, objavljen danes jutraj, pravi, da so Rusi presekali železnico in cesto med Madono in Gulbenem.

Narodni odbor za osvoboditev Nemčije v Moskvi je po radiu apeliral na nemške čete v Estoniji in Latviji, naj kapitulirajo. Sovjetske oklopne in pehotne kolone naskakujejo nemške pozicije na zapadni strani Visle, južna Poljska. Ljute bitke divljajo na ozemlju, 25 milj vzhodno od Kielea, nemške trdnjave. Ruska sila je zavzela zadnje oljnjake v Galiciji, ki so zalagali nacistično vojni mašino.

Zavezniški stan v Normandiji. 8. avg.—Ameriške čete, topovi in letala so zdrobila nemške protinapade v ozkem pasu ozemlja med Normandijo in Bretanijo. Američani so reokupirali Mortain in uničili 135 nemških tankov.

Ameriške kolone so naletele na močan odpor nemške sile na ozemlju ob reki Mayenne in pri Domfrontu, 135 milj zapadno od Pariza, v prodiranju proti Le Mansu, železniškemu centru, ki štiti dostope do Pariza. Izgleda, da bo Le Mans kmalu padel.

Na severnem koncu fronte so britske in kanadske čete ustanovile novo mostišča pri Thury-Harcourt po prekoračenju reke Orne.

Rim, 8. avg.—Oddelki osme britske in pete ameriške armade se pripravljajo za naskoke na nemške pozicije ob reki Arni, vzhodno in zapadno od Florence, komunikacijskega središča. Nemci se drže hribe na severni strani Florence.

General Harold Alexander, vrhovni poveljnik zavezniške sile, poroča, da je ta ujela čez 50.000 sovražnikov v zadnjih šestih tednih.

Zavezniški stan na Pacifiku. 8. avg.—Ameriške čete so obnovile prodiranje na britski Novi Gvineji in zadale težke udarce Japoncem. Glavna japonska sila je zbrana na severni strani Aitape. Ta je že deloma obkrožena.

General Douglas MacArthur je naznanil bombe napade na japonske letalske baze na otokih v južnopacifičnem delu Pacifika. Japonski konvoj pri otoku Cerau v bližini holandske Vzhodne Indije je bil napaden iz zraka. Bombe so potopile tri japonske parnike, šest pa poškodovale.

NOVICE IZ JUBILEJNE KAMPANJE

Meseca julija je bil dosežen nov rekord; prigras novih kontestantov; kampanja traja še štiri mesece

Polovica jubilejne kampanje SNPJ je za nami. V prvih štirih mesecih kampanje so agitatorji pridobili 986 novih članov, kar vključuje tudi 327 članov, ki so prestopili iz mladinskega v odrasli oddelok. Te številke niso popolne, ker za mesec julij še ni popolnega poročila.

Kot poroča kampanjski direktor brat MIHAEL VRHOVNIK v angleški sekciji Prosvete, je bilo meseca julija do tega poročila prigrasjenih 335 novih članov—220 v mladinski in 115 v odrasli oddelok. Kakor hitro glavni urad prejme poročila od vseh društev, bo to število skoraj gotovo še naraslo. Razvidno je vsekakor, da je bil julij najboljši kampanjski mesec.

Če se dosedanj rezultat te kampanje primerja s lanske kampanjo zmage, je rezultat v isti dobi prilično enak. In lanska kampanja zmage je bila ena od najuspešnejših v zgodovini jednote. V lanske kampanji je bilo v enaki dobi vpisanih 1041 novih članov v primeri s 986, ki so bili prijavljeni do zdaj. Na podlagi tega, sedanja kampanja zaostaja za 75 novih članov. Toda če upoštevamo, da je bilo v prvi polovici lanske kampanje transferiranih 423 članov iz mladinskega v odrasli oddelok, letos v prvih štirih mesecih kampanje pa 327, so agitatorji faktično do zdaj pridobili 21 VEČ NOVIH članov.

Do zdaj je dvajset kontestantov pridobilo deset ali več novih članov. Vsi ti sploh vsakdo, ki pridobi deset ali več novih članov v tej kampanji, bo deležen še posebne nagrade (podrobnosti lahko razvidite iz poročila kampanjskega direktorja v angleški sekciji). Štiri in štirideset drugih agitatorjev pa je pridobilo od pet do devet novih članov.

Svoje kvote je do zdaj izpolnilo 24 društev, večje število ostalih društev pa je na poti do tega cilja.

Zadnje čase so se prigrasili sledeči novi kontestanti: IDA DANIELS od društva 8. Sygan, Pa., s petimi novimi člani; LOUIS SHUSTER, tajnik društva 63, Rilliton, Pa., ki se je tudi prigrasil s petimi; MARY GLAVAN od društva 192, Milwaukee, Jih je prigrasila devet; LOUISE ZUPANČIČ, tajnica društva 299, Walsenburg, Colo., devet; ANTON SHULAR, ki je 25 let v glavnem odboru, se je prigrasil s tremi. Ostali novi kontestanti, ki so se prigrasili s tremi ali manj novimi člani, so: JACOB DROBNE (društvo 8), MARY POLSAK in FRANK VIDRIH (108), Imperial, Pa.; PETER CHUFAR in MARY FRANKOVICH (315), Canton, O.; JOHN MATEKOVICH (325), Gowanda, N. Y.; ANTON VUKOVICH (459), Flint, Mich.; JOSEPHINE TOMSIC (814), Cleveland; AGNES MEJASCH (831), Chicago.

Vseh prijavljenih kontestantov v akciji je do zdaj 153; od teh je 53 članic in 99 članov.

Do zaključka jubilejne kampanje je manj kot štiri mesece. Postavljena kvota za vsa društva je PET TISOČ NOVIH ČLANOV. Kvota je visoka, toda če bi bila vsa društva v akciji, bi ne bila previsoka. Naša naloga, naloga vseh društev in članov je, da se do zaključka jubilejne kampanje čim bolj približamo tej kvoti. S tem bomo najlepše proslavili 40-letni jubilej naše sdrave, močne in delavsko usmerjene Slovenske narodne podporne jednote. Naprej po začetni poti do zmage!

Unije CIO v politični akciji

Odbor ustanovljen v Pennsylvaniji

Harrisburg, Pa. — (FP) — Unije Kongresa industrijskih organizacij so poslane delegatke na konferenco v tem mestu, katera je rezultirala v ustanovitvi odbora za politično akcijo.

Za načelnika odbora je bil soglasno izbran John A. Phillips, predsednik sveta industrijskih unij. Anthony J. Federoff je bil izvoljen za tajnika-blagajnika, Joseph A. Donohue pa za direktorja.

"Ljudstvo mora zmagati pri letošnjih predsedniških volitvah," je rekel Phillips. "Strankarsko opredeljenje mora biti pozabljeno v tej največji in najvažnejši politični tekmi v ameriški zgodovini. Odbor za politično akcijo bo šel na delo, da pridobi vse delavske, farmerske in napredne organizacije za kooperacijo."

Biddle odgovoril Diesovemu odseku

Washington, D. C., 8. avg.—Federalni justični tajnik Francis Biddle je odgovoril Diesovemu kongresnemu odseku, ki preiskuje neameriške aktivnosti. Slednji je zahteval akcijo justičnega departmanta proti odboru za politično akcijo Kongresa industrijskih organizacij, ki podpira Rooseveltovo administracijo. Odsek je obdržal odbor kršenja, odsek je obdržal zakonodajno Hatcherjevo zakonodajo. Biddle je odgovoril, da zakonodaja ne spada v območje justičnega departmanta.

Persekucije židov na Ogrskem

Švicarski list razkril divjanje terorja

Bern, Švica, 8. avg.—List Arbeiterzeitung je objavil članek o persekuciji židov na Ogrskem, ki v brutalnosti nima primere v človeški zgodovini.

List citira izjavo neke Madžarke, ki je dobila zavetje v Švici kot žena švicarskega državljanca. Usoda ogrskih židov je v rokah treh mož lutarskega režima. Ti so notranji minister Andor Bakos, državni tajnik Laszlo Bakos in državni podminister Endre.

Članek trdi, da so ti odgovorni za masno tragedijo židov. Čez 400.000 izmed 750.000 židov so poslali v koncentracijska taborišča, kjer jim preti uničenje. Mnogo židov je pristopilo v katoliške cerkve v upanju, da se bodo izognili persekuciji.

Kalman Hubay, urednik lista Nagyrassag, ki izhaja v Budimpešti, je udaril po katoliških duhovnikih, ker izdajajo krstne liste židom, zaeno pa je pozval avtoritete, naj arretirajo te duhovnike zaradi kršenja rasonaščitnih zakonov narodno socialistične Ogrske.

Predsednik Bolivije zagotavlja zaveznike

La Paz, Bolivija, 8. avg.—Gualberto Villaroel, ki je bil včeraj zaprežen kot novi predsednik republike, je v svojem govoru zagotovil Združene narode, da jih bo Bolivija podpirala v naporih za poraz Nemčije v Japonske. Dalje je rekel, da bo skušal stabilizirati denarstvo in izboljšati življenjski standard bolivijskega ljudstva.

ZAVEZNIŠKE LETALSKE BAZE V JUGOSLAVIJI

Večja pomoč maršalu Titu in odpornim silam

ODVAŽANJE RANJENCEV V BOLNIŠNICE

Bari, Italija, 8. avg.—Nova zavezniška letalska sila, v kateri služijo letalci iz mnogih držav, je ustanovila letalske baze v Jugoslaviji. Ta zdaj pomaga maršalu Titu, poveljniku jugoslovanske osvobodilne armade, in drugim grupam, ki se bore proti Nemcem na Balkanu.

Večina letalske sile tvorijo Angleži in Američani, toda v tej službi tudi Jugoslovani, Poljaki, Grki in Italijani. Poveljnik je podmaršal William Elliot, bivši poveljnik britske letalske sile pri Gibraltarju. Njegova sila vključuje bombnike in letalske transporte.

Večina pilotov operira nad Balkanom že več mesecev. Del zavezniške letalske sile patrolira Jadransko morje od kapitularcije Italije pred zavezniki.

Glavne baze novega zavezniškega letalskega zbora so v Italiji in na jugoslovanskem ozemlju, ki ga drže partizani. Veliko zavezniških letalščic se nahaja na otoku v bližini dalmatinskega obrežja.

Zavezniška letalska sila na Balkanu ima isti status kot dvanaesti in petnaesti zbor, ki sta pod poveljstvom generala Ire C. Eakerja. Ta se omejuje na operacije na Balkanu. V ozadju ustanovitve zavezniške letalske sile je 18 mesecev priprav za podpiranje maršala Tita. Osvoboditev južne Italije je omogočila ustanovitev novih baz.

V maju tega leta, ko so nemške čete prodirale proti glavnemu stanu maršala Tita, so bile zavezniške letalske enote aktivne v Jugoslaviji. Dovažale so orožje, strelivo, živila in druge potrebščine osvobodilni armadi in odvažale ranjene partizane v vojaške bolnišnice v Italiji.

Ameriški letalci so izvršili že več napadov na nacistične komunikacijske zveze in vojaške koncentracije v Jugoslaviji.

Finska dobila novo vlado

Bivši poslanik v Moski postal premier

Stockholm, Švedska, 8. avg.—Sem dospel poročilo pravi, da je Finska dobila novo vlado in da bo uradno naznanilo objavljeno danes.

Predsednik nove vlade je Antti Hackzell, 64 let star konservativni in bivši zunanji minister. On govori ruščino in bil je odvetnik v Petrogradu pred prvo svetovno vojno. V dobi od 1. 1922 do 1. 1927 je bil finski poslanik v Moskvi.

Poroča se, da so v novi vladi bankir Carl Enckell, Kaarlo Hiltala, Onni Lilltönn, Eero Vouri in baron Ernst von Born, vodja ljudske stranke. Zadnji trije so baje za sklenitev miru s sovjetsko Rusijo.

Maršal Karl Gustav Mannerheim, ki je bil imenovan za predsednika finske republike, je apeliral na armado, naj nadaljuje vojno proti Rusiji.

Maršal Petain odveden v Nemčijo

Curih, Švica, 8. avg.—Poročilo iz Vichyja trdi, da je bil maršal Henri Petain odveden v Nemčijo. Poročilo ne omenja vzroka.

Rusi morajo okupirati Berlin

Pravda za uničenje nemškega militarizma

Moskva, 8. avg.—Pravda, glasilo komunistične stranke, piše, da bodo morale ruske čete okupirati Berlin in držati Nemce na uzdi, da ne bodo nikdar več ogrozili miru. Nemški militarizem mora biti izkoreninjen in uničen.

Pravda trdi, da se Nemci že pripravljajo na dan, ko bodo soglasno vpili, "da mi nismo odgovorni za klanje ljudi, temveč Hitler." Ko pride debakel, bodo kazali na Hitlerja kot zločinca, katerega je treba kaznovati.

"Slehermi ruski vojak ve, da je v interesu njegove dežele ruska okupacija Berlina," pravi Pravda. "Mi hočemo dati nauk onim Nemcem, ki mislijo, da bodo čez dvajset let naredili boljše delo nego v sedanjih vojni. Mi hočemo prekoračiti Nemčijo z mečem v rokah in pokončati vse one, ki ljubijo meč, da se ne bodo več dvignili proti miroljubnim narodom."

Razgovori med Poljaki se nadaljujejo

Reorganiziranje ubežne vlade na vidiku

Moskva, 8. avgusta.—Voditelji dveh poljskih vlad, kateri trdijo, da govorijo v imenu poljskega ljudstva, nadaljujejo razgovore. Doslej se še ni pokazalo nobeno znamenje glede sklenitve sporazuma, ki bi omogočil združitvi.

Razgovori se vrše med Poljaki, ki so prišli v Moskvo iz Londona, in člani poljskega odbora za narodno osvoboditev, katerega je Rusija priznala začasno poljsko vlado. Poljsko ubežno vlado zastopajo premier Stanislaw Mikolajczyk, zunanji minister Tadej Romer in Stanislaw Grabski. W. Averell Harriman, ameriški poslanik, in Clark Kerr, britski poslanik, sta večraj konferirala s člani ubežne vlade.

Doznava se, da je Mikolajczyk za sklenitev sporazuma s poljskim odborom in sovjetsko vlado. Če se bodo njegovi napori izpolnili, bo njegova vlada reorganizirana. Očitno je, da bo treba odstraniti zapreke, ki ovirajo združitvi poljskih grup.

Včerajšnji seji je predsedoval Osubka Morawski, predsednik poljskega odbora, danes pa jo bo vodil Boleslaw Berut, predsednik poljskega narodnega sveta. Noben reprezentant sovjetske vlade se ne udeležuje diskuzij. Moskva je zavzela stališče, da morajo Poljaki sami izravnavati spor.

Unija CIO izključila šest desničarjev

Chicago, 8. avg.—Krajevna unija United Farm Equipment & Metal Workers, včlanjena v Kongresu industrijskih organizacij, je izključila šest desničarjev na obtožbo, da so se shajali na tajnih in nelegalnih sejah in kovali zaroto. Prizadeti so Thomas Dublinski, Robert Walsh, John Vysthres, William Godek, Frank Skorepa in John Korkas. Unija ima 5500 članov, ki so upoštevni v tovarnah International Harvester Co.

De Gaulle naznanil formiranje nove armade

Alžir, Alžirija, 8. avg.—General Charles de Gaulle je v svojem govoru po radiu naznanil formiranje nove francoske armade, ki se bo borila na strani zaveznikov proti Nemcem. Da je rekel, da se člani francoske podtalne sile uspešno bore proti sovražniku v notranjosti Francije.

Domače vesti

Novi grobovi

West Mineral, Kans.—Tukaj je umrl Ignac Cerne, star 65 let, doma od Stange pri Litiji. V Ameriko je prišel l. 1904 in bil je ustanovitelj društva 19 SNPJ, čijega blagajnik je bil vseskozi do zadnje ure. Zapušča pet sinov (tri pri vojakih), štiri hčere, ženo, tri brate, sestro in štiri vnuke, v starem kraju pa pet sester, če še žive. Pogreb mu je oskrbel Slovenski pogrebni zavod v Frontenacu.

Raton, N. Mex.—Dne 9. jul. je umrla Frances Delost, članica društva 297 SNPJ. Bolehala je pet let. Šla je do zdravnika v Denver, toda je v kratkem umrla, ko je bila v njegovi oskrbi. Od vojnega departmanta je prišla vest, da je pogrešan ali je izgubljen življenje 5. junija na francoskem Carlo Starcevič, ki je služil na bombniku kot topničar. Zapušča ženo, očeta in štiri brate, od katerih sta dva pri vojakih. Mati mu je umrla oktobra 1943. To je prvi slučaj, ko je društvo 297 izgubilo člana v vojni.

Osage, W. Va.—Nagle smrti je tukaj umrl 24. jul. Frank Sajko, član društva 388 SNPJ, rojen 7. maja 1882 v vasi Kraljevac, Hrvatska. Tukaj zapušča ženo in tri sinove, od katerih sta dva pri vojakih, v starem kraju pa tri brate, ako še žive.

Girard, O.—V okrajnem zaveznišču je po dolgi bolezni umrl John Jesenko, star okrog 95 let in doma od Vrhnik pri Ljubljani, kjer zapušča ženo in hčer. Član je bil samostojnega društva.

Is Clevelanda

Cleveland, O.—Dne 4. avg. je umrla na svojem domu, 14007 Thames ave., Mary Grill, roj. Brandel, stara 44 let. Doma je bila iz Salzburga na Štajerskem in v Ameriki je bila 21 let. Tukaj zapušča moža in štiri hčere, v starem kraju pa brata in sestro.—Poročila sta se Mary Bratovich in Stanley Rossa, kakor tudi Angela M. Slak in Jack F. Skufca.—Dne 9. jul. je bil ranjen v Franciji Pfc. John Lahkovich, čijega starši žive na 14923 Hale ave.—Lillian Udovich je prešla vest od vojnega departmanta, da je od 15. jul. pogrešan njen mož Pfc. John Udovich, sin družine Frank Udovich, 7903 Aetna ave. Služil je pri topništvu, v armadi od okt. 1942 in preko morja od januarja.—Družina Frank Sraj, 3608 E. 80 st., je bila obveščena od vojne oblasti, da je bil ranjen v Franciji njih sin Pfc. John A. Sraj. Nahaja se v bolnišnici v Angliji.—Dne 13. jul. je bil ranjen v Franciji Pvt. Ralph A. Pičkur, sin družine Ignatius Pičkur, 1065 E. 69 st. Je oženjen in ima sinčka. Ranjen je bil v nogi in roko. V armadi je od novembra 1943 in preko morja je bil poslan v aprilu.—Pri družini Pvt. Frank L. Srakar so se oglasile vile rojenice in pustile hčerko. Oče je bil poklican v armado meseca maja.

Stavka voznikov v osmih državah

Protest proti transportnim kompanijam

Chicago, Ill., 8. avg.—Urad obrambne transportacije je izjavil, da je 40.000 do 50.000 voznikov tovornih avtov prizadetih v stavki, ki je nastala v osmih centralnih in zapadnih državah.

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Vozniki so zastavkali v znak protesta proti kompanijam, ki so ignorirale odlok vojnega delavskega odbora, da morajo zvišati plačo za sedem centov na uro. Stavkarji so člani unije Ameriške delavske federacije.

Nov poveljnik ameriškega letalskega zbora

London, 8. avgusta.—General Francis H. Griswold je bil imenovan za poveljnika osmega ameriškega letalskega zbora v Evropi. Nasledil je generala Williama E. Kepnerja.

KONFERENCA O SVETOVNI ORGANIZACIJI

Voditelji armade in mornarice bodo imeli besedo

HULL SESTAVIL NACRTE

Washington, D. C., 8. avg.—Amerika je dala razumeti, da bo govorila realistično o uporabljanju sile za vzdrževanje redu in miru po vsem svetu, z naznanilom, da bodo visoki vojaški in mornarični častniki tvorili tretnjo delegacijo, ki se udeležijo konference, na kateri bo razprava o ustanovitvi svetovne organizacije.

Državni podtajnik Edward Stettinius je bil izbran za načelnika ameriške delegacije. Konferenca z reprezentanti sovjetske Rusije in Velike Britanije se prične 14. avgusta v Washingtonu. Po zaključku te konference se prično razgovori med Ameriko, Veliko Britanijo in Kitajsko. Rusija se jih ne bo udeležila, ker ni v vojni z Japonsko.

Stettinius je izrazil upanje, da bodo razgovori zaključeni v dveh ali treh tednih. V tem času bodo reprezentantje velesil skovali iz načrtov podlago, na kateri bo stonela svetovna organizacija. Načrti bodo potem predloženi v odobritev drugim državam v okviru Združenih narodov.

Načrti, katere je sestavil državni tajnik Cordell Hull s sodelovanjem z uradniki svojega departmanta in člani senatskega odbora za zunanje zadeve, predvidevajo uporabljanje oboroženih sil za vzdrževanje miru v skrajnih slučajih, ko druga sredstva odpovedo.

Za načelnika britske delegacije je bil izbran Alexander Cadogan, tajnik britskega zunanjega urada. Načelnik ruske delegacije bo najbrže Maksim Litvinov, bivši poslanik v Washingtonu in goreč zagovornik kolektivne zaštite.

Hull je naznanil, da je bil za člana ameriške delegacije imenovan prominenten republikanec. Ta je Henry P. Fletcher, ki je bil načelnik osrednjega odbora republikanske stranke od 1. 1934 do 1936.

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Nov poveljnik ameriškega letalskega zbora

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Vsi delegati in odborniki se naj registrirajo v konvenčni dvorani ob 9. zjutraj in izročijo svoje poverilnice poverilnemu odboru. Z vašo kooperacijo se konvencija lahko konstituirata v najkrajši dobi in se poda na redno delo.

V soboto, 2. septembra zvečer se namerava obdržati javni shod, bodisi v SND na St. Clair ju ali pa v Slovenskem delavskem domu v Collinwoodu. Po vzletu so koraki, da se za ta shod dobi govornike iz stare domačine. Če se to posreči, bo dan vsem konvenčnim zastopnikom prilika ališati o situaciji v Sloveniji iz ust oseb, ki se udeležujejo v političnem in borbenem gibanju za Združeno Slovenijo v okvirju demokratičnih federativne Jugoslavije.

Politični vetrovi

Dasiravno so ameriški listi objavili glavne točke "sporazuma" med zastopniki AVNOJa in kraljem Petrom, se je vseeno našlo med nami veliko skeptikov, ki niso samo dvomili v uspehu takega sporazuma, temveč so celo podvomili o iskrenosti voditeljev Antifašistične ga sveta. Kdorkoli je dosledno zasledoval politiko Amerike, Anglije in Sovjetske unije, bi moral pričakovati nekaj podobnega. Zavezniki so hoteli povežati vso borbeno silo jugoslovanskih ljudstev za boj proti okupatorjem in odstraniti vse vzoroke, ki so delali razkol le radi vprašanja notranje ureditve bodoče Jugoslavije. Načrt za sedanji sporazum torej izvira izzi Teherana. AVNOJ (Antifašistično veče narodne osvoboditve Jugoslavije) je s tem sporazumom obdržal vse pravice, ki si jih je vzel, vključno vprašanje monarhije, dobil pa je na svojo

stran fonde jugoslovanske vlade v inozemstvu, jugoslovansko trgovsko mornarico in vse diplomatske urade, poslanstva in razne komisije, kjer je dosedaj nadvladovala osvobodena vlada v begstvu. Nobenega dvoma ni, da je bil "sporazum" zmaga za Tita in Ribarja. To bi bil kratič tek resume o tem vprašanju, povzet iz ameriškega tiska.

Toda stvar gre bolj globoko. Šubišičeva vlada, katere člani so se že preje ugodno izrazili in podprli jugoslovansko osvobodilno fronto, poleg dveh ministrov, katere prihajata iz AVNOJa, je primerno, če ne izključno, umetna priprava, katere namen je likvidirati valdo v inozemstvu in nuditi Titovi vladi na razpolago vsa sredstva Jugoslavije, ki se nahajajo izven Jugoslavije. Tito je odobril novo vlado v inozemstvu le za ta namen. Ta vlada se ne bo povrnila v Jugoslavijo kot vlada, ki naj bi prežela svojo oblast. AVNOJ ostaja "de facto" vlada Jugoslavije lo popolne osvoboditve in do judskih volitev. To pa ne pomeni, da se osebe kot dr. Šubišič, Kosić, dr. Cankar in drugi, ne bi smeli takoj vrniti v Jugoslavijo. To bodo lahko storili, toda ne bodo imeli nobene važne oblasti.

Zavezniki tudi ne bodo dopuščali, da bi se v Jugoslaviji organizirala kaka struja, ki bi z Mihajlovičem vred skušala ovirati ta "sporazum". Bivši veleposlanik Fotić je o tem že namikal v ameriškem tisku in že reje je bilo znano, da ima večinam nekak "demokratični svet" neke v gorah in gozdovih Jugoslavije. Ta odbor je orožje v rokah srbske šovinistične kile, ki še vedno sanja o stari Jugoslaviji pod srbsko dinastijo. Če sanje sanjajo, tudi slovenski n hrvaški reakcionarji, katerih povratak do oblasti bi bil zagotovljen le, če bi v Jugoslaviji vojna vladala vojaška diktatura, ali pa če bi se jim posrečilo odcepiti Slovenijo in Hrvaško od Jugoslavije in ju priključiti neki centralno-evropski državi, kjer bi ponovno predomirali Nemci. Valed tega bi ne bilo presenetljivo, če bi novi kabinet ne okrasil Mihajloviča s kakim naslovom in ga poslal na varno...

Vsekakor hočejo zavezniki na en ali drug način preprečiti civilno vojno v Jugoslaviji in zblizati vse borbene sile v boju proti nacismu.

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Latrobe, Pa. — V mojem poročilu s seje društva westmorelandске federacije SNPJ sem med drugimi vestmi poročala, da je bil Joe Shuster od društva iz Rilltona, Pa., pridržen k mornarici, naker se je potopil, torej je mrtev, v Prosveti z dne 2. avgusta pa se glasi, da je bil omenjeni brat poklican k mornarici. Prosim, da poročilo popravite v toliko, da je bil pridržen k mornarici in da se je s parnikom potopil.

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Do konvencije SNPJ je še leto dni, dočim je do konvencije ABZ samo nekaj dni. Meni se vidi, da bo prišel čas, ko bodo morale vse slovenske podporne organizacije misliti na združitev. Čim prej podvzamemo akcijo za združenje, tem bolje za slovenski narod v Ameriki.

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V številki 179 Ameriške domovine se Jack Debevec norčuje s konvencije Sansa, ki se bo vršila 2. in 3. septembra v Clevelandu. Med drugimi piše tudi sledeče: "Mi se bomo potrudili, kar je v naši moči, da bodo naše ure kazale prav."

V združenju je moč, v veri (ne v vaši) pa zveličanje in upanje. Kar pa vi počenjate, je dvoobrazna politika, kar se bi moralo studiti vsakemu poščenemu človeku (tudi vam, ako bi imeli kaj sramu). Vi ste kakor polomljeno vrteno, ki ga veter obrača, kakor ga hoče. Vi ste samo za —\$\$\$— Kaj vse ste že počeli? Najprvo ste marširali v procesiji, potem ste šli pa zabijati cerkev in kričali ste "dol s farjem!" In danes pa se skrivate pod krinko vere.

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PROTI ZNIŽANJU DELEGACIJE

Pittsburgh, Kansas.—Tudi jaz se strinjam z onimi, ki so proti znižanju delegacije. Prav tako sem proti iniciativi društva 21 SNPJ.

Konvencije SNPJ so v prvi vrsti najboljše kampanje za pridobivanje novih članov, poživijo aktivnosti pri enotnosti in društvih. Vsaka konvencija je do sedaj zaznamovala velik napredek.

Svoje čase je vsako društvo poslalo enega delegata na konvencijo in vsak je bil plačan, kajti "oldtimerji" smo složni delali. Dokaz zato je naša velika jednota.

Zadnja konvencija je tudi storila velik korak naprej, a sedaj pa hočemo konvencije zaključiti spremeniti in trošiti tisočake, ki so že v enotnosti blagajni, in sicer samo zato, da navidezno vsakemu članu prihranimo en kvoter.

Zaradi 25 centov naj zmanjšamo svojo reprezentacijo na konvencijah. Ker je bila zadnja konvencija združevalna, je zvišala glavni odbor za osem članov, kako naj bi potem znižala delegacijo?

Oglejmo si malo, koliko je delegat vreden za društvo in jednoto med konvencijo, to je v dobi štirih let ali več. Po navadi je delegat zmirom v kakem društvenem odboru, kjer dela navadno zastoni ali pa za zelo nizko plačo, ter na društvenih sejah pojasnjuje članom v raznih zadevah in tako prepreči neprijetne družbe in jednote.

Delegat ima navadno vpogled v jednotno poslovanje, katerega si je pridobil na konvenciji, ker tam je slišal vse okoliščine, ki pojasnjujejo sklepe konvencije, ki pridejo v zapisnik. Mnogi člani ne čitajo konvencijnih zapisnikov, temveč dobe informacije od delegata. Delegat tudi velikokrat pojasnjuje poslovanje jednote, kajti mnogi se radi prilogarjajo zaradi enotnosti milijonov; nadalje jim pojasnjuje o solventnosti ter navdušuje za kampanje in agitira za jednote ob vsaki priložnosti. In kdo skrbi, da se društva združijo v svrhu izvolitve delegata, ali pa da doseže društvo predpisano kvoto, da je upravičeno izvoliti delegata? To delo vršijo društveni odborniki. In ako je društvo, ki šteje 100 članov, upravičeno poslati enega delegata na vsaka štiri leta na konvencijo, more li kdo temu oporekati? Mislim, da ne!

Cenjeno članstvo SNPJ. Ako je 25 centov doklade več vredno kot pa delegat, ki bi društvo zastopal, potem smo na koncu idealizma. In dostavljam še tole: Ako se izplača, da vsakega pol leta pošiljamo razne distriktne odbornike v Chicago, ki je na stotine milj oddaljeno, da poročajo tam, da so se udeleževali federacijskih sej, kar bi bilo lahko vse sporočeno po pošti in ne bi stalo več kot 3 cente, potem se tudi izplača poslati na vsakih sto članov enega delegata na konvencijo, katere se ne vrši vsakega pol leta, temveč vsaka štiri leta. Ako ni dovolj denarja v konvencijnem fondu sedaj, potem je potrebno, da dobimo denar za kritje konvencijnih stroškov.

Konvencija ima tri sklade, kateri niso podvrženi zakonu države Illinois. Skladi so si v sorodu, prav tako kot oče, mati in sin.

Ako ti trije dobro skupaj vozijo, potem je hiša trdna in vsa družina kooperira med seboj. Ti skladi so: upravni, sklad izrednih podpor in konvencijni. Slednji je danes v potrebi. Mi bi lahko prenesli gotovo vsoto iz prvih dveh skladov, to je iz sklada izrednih podpor in iz upravnega sklada v konvencijni sklad. Tada treba je dobre volje v glavnem uradu. Res, da imamo upravni sklad za poslovanje jednote, toda konvencija je tudi del našega poslovanja. Iz sklada izrednih podpor plačujemo razne podpore posameznikom in skupinam. Če so slednji upravičeni do izredne podpore, potem smo tudi vsi člani skupaj.

Mnenje, da bo denar izrednega sklada prav prišel za člane

vojake, ne drži. Sramota bi bila, da bi moral pohabljen vojak, ki se je boril v vojni, prositi za malo podporo pri društvu, nakar bi bilo njegovo ime pribeseno v listu in koliko dolarjev smo mu nakazali. Ako bodo vojaki odvisni od take miloščine, potem bo zopet vojna.

Moj nasvet je, da bi glavni odbor razpisal izredni asessment, in sicer 25 centov na člana. Toda assessment naj bi bili izvedli vsi člani vojaki in oni, ki ne delajo radi boleznih. Za člane vojake in nezmožne člane pa naj bi se plačal ta izredni asessment iz sklada izrednih podpor. V primeru pa, da ne bi mogli še vedno kriti primanjkljaja v konvencijnem fondu, potem bi pa lahko prenesli gotovo vsoto iz omenjenih skladov; morebiti bi lahko transferirali nekaj denarja tudi iz mladinskega sklada.

Konvencija naj se vrši tam, kjer je oddolila zadnja konvencija. Naj gredo naši delavci in pridni agitatorji pogledat v lepo naravo, saj so s svojim delom to zaslužili.

Argument, da lahko majhna delegacija izvrši prav tako dobro delo kot velika ali pa še boljše, ne drži. Zakaj pa vedno vabimo članstvo, da se naj udeleži v čim večjem številu letnih in federacijskih sej? Vabimo jih zato, ker več glav več ve.

Konvencijni zaključki veljajo za 4 leta in prav tako izvolimo glavne odbornike za štiri leta, dočim imajo druge delavske organizacije konvencijo vsako leto, ali pa na vsaki dve leti, navzlic temu pa ne nudijo svojim članom toliko dobrega in koristnega kot naša slavna Slovenska narodna podpora jednota.

Ako pa je članstvo SNPJ prepričano, da je potreba znižati delegacijo, potem pa jo naj zniža kot priporočila društvo št. 13, in sicer na vsakih 300 članov enega delegata. Da pa še več prihranimo jednoti, priporočam še dodatke, katerega lahko sprejme glavni odbor. Ta dodatek se glasi: Vsi izvršni odborniki se naj udeležijo konvencije, druge odseke glavnega odbora pa naj zastopajo samo predsedniki, kateri lahko poročajo in pojasnjujejo vse delo in poslovanje, ki je v področju posameznih odsekov. Poročali bi konvenciji prav tako kot poročajo na sejah glavnega odbora. Ostali odborniki in distriktni podpredsedniki pa naj ostanejo doma, toda lahko se jim dovoli, da ponovno kandidirajo v glavni odbor. Ako pa hočejo priti na konvencijo, jih pa lahko njihova društva izvolijo za delegate. Na ta način se bi zmanjšali stroški za 18 članov konvencije.

Frank Rugel, 72.

DRUŠTVO ŠT. 28 ZA INICIATIVO

Cleveland, O.—Članstvo društva št. 28 SNPJ je na svoji redni mesečni seji, ki se je vršila dne 9. julija t. l., razmotrivalo o iniciativi društva št. 21, ter prišlo do zaključka, da iniciativo podpira. Podpiramo jo zato, ker bi prihranili vsaj nekaj denarja prihodnji konvenciji. Vsak dolar pa je dobrodošel.

Za društvo št. 28 SNPJ: Krist Stokel, predsednik, Wm. Candon, tajnik, Anton Wapotic, blagajnik.

DRUŠTVO 130 PROTI INICIATIVI

Eveleth, Minn.—Oprostite, ker vas kritiziram, toda moram. Društvo Eveleth št. 130 SNPJ je glasovalo proti iniciativi društva št. 21. Poročilo o tem sem poslala uradniku Prosvete 21. julija. Prosila sem ga, naj priobči v uradni številki Prosvete 26. julija. Danes gledam glasilo z dnem 4. avgusta, toda mojega poročila ni. Rada bi vedela, zakaj ni priobčeno.

Članice našega društva so dejale, če bi podpirale iniciativo društva št. 21, potem bi člani iz

drugih naselbin mislili, da se bojimo v Evelethu velike delegacije.

Ne vem, čemu imamo glasilo. Ako je v njem dovolj prostora za Sansova poročila, potem bi moral biti prostor tudi za uradne društvene zadeve in poročila. Najprej morajo na vrsto uradne zadeve, potem šele druge. Prosim, da priobčite zadevno poročilo. (Uredništvo Prosvete do danes ni prejelo nobenega poročila od društva št. 130. Kaj se je z njim zgodilo, ne vemo. Kar kaj pošiljate za priobčitev, naslovite na Prosveto.—Ured.) J. Frontar, tajnica.

DRUŠTVO ŠT. 358 PROTI INICIATIVI

Power Point, O.—Društvo št. 358 SNPJ je na svoji seji razpravljalo o predloženi iniciativi št. 21. Članstvo je prišlo do zaključka, da ne bi s sprejetjem iniciative znižali delegacije in ne stroškov prihodnje konvencije. Bili smo mnenja, da kolikor bi prihranili pri delegatih, bi pa potrošili s splošnim glasovanjem in tako ne bi bila jednota nič na boljšem. Nadalje smo sklenili, da še naprej ostanemo pri naši sugestiji, namreč da zastopuje en delegat na vsakih petsto članov.

Za društvo št. 358 SNPJ: Thomas Mercina, tajnik.

Društvene priredbe

PROSLAVA 40-LETNICE SNPJ

Sharon, Pa.—Tukajšnja društva SNPJ, št. 31, 262 in 755, se pripravljajo za proslavo 40-letnice SNPJ, ki se bo vršila 3. septembra. Ta dan je zelo prikladen, kajti drugi dan je Delavski praznik in bomo dva dni doma.

Prosim odbore vseh treh društev, da se gotovo udeležijo seje, ki se bo vršila 13. avgusta ob treh popoldne. Na seji bomo urejali program za proslavo. Torej, ne pozabite te seje, ki je zelo važna.

Pri tej proslavi bo sodeloval tudi naš mladinski krožek št. 21 SNPJ. Kakor po navadi, bo gotovo tudi sedaj Frances Novak preskrbela, da nam bo naša mladina zopet zapela nekaj lepih slovenskih pesmi.

Na proslavi bo glavni govornik poznani Matt Petrovich, predsednik gospodarskega odbora SNPJ. On je dober govornik. Najbolje je, da takoj kupite vstopnice. Dobite jih pri tajnikih vseh treh društev.

Na priredbi bosta tudi oddana dva bonda po \$25.

Joseph Garm, pred. ednik.

PRIREDBA V WAUKEGANU

Waukegan, Ill.—Tukajšnja slovenska društva, ki zborujejo v Slovenskem narodnem domu, in sicer Samostojno podporno društvo, društvo Sokol, sv. Rok, društvo št. 94 J. Z., društvo Little Fort 568 SNPJ, društvo Maska enakopravnost št. 119 SNPJ in društvo št. 14 SNPJ, niso imela v letošnjem poletju nobene veselice ali piknika, radi tega smo se zedinili, da priredimo v Slovenskem narodnem domu 10. septembra ob treh popoldne kazenje slik iz Jugoslavije.

Na programu bodo nastopili mladinski člani teh društev, kot glavni govornik pa nastopi glavni tajnik SNPJ brat Fred Vider. Ves čisti dobiček te pri-

redbe je namenjen za člane vojake, katerim bomo poslali božična darila.

Pripravljalni odbor bo obiskal naše rojake na domovih in jim prodal vstopnice za priredbo. Ako pa kljub temu kateri ne bi prišel v stiko s pripravljalnimi odbori, potem pa se lahko obrnete na spodaj podpisane in vam bo preskrbel vstopnice, ali pa jih kupite na dan priredbe pri blagajni.

Torej, na gotovo svidenje dne 10. septembra ob treh popoldne. Za pripravljalni odbor:

Frank Bruce, 14.

PIKNIK DRUŠTVA ŠT. 377 SNPJ

Renon, Wash.—Članstvu društva št. 377 SNPJ naznanjam, da se vrši društveni piknik v nedeljo 20. avgusta na James Grovu. Pričetek je ob eni uri popoldne. Društveni odbor prosi članstvo, da se piknika gotovo udeleži, ako vam dopušča čas. Tudi vaši prijatelji so dobrodošli. Vabimo tudi članstvo sosednih društev, da nas pride pogledat in se malo pozabava z nami.

Za prigrizek naj vsak sam prinese s seboj, pičajo bo pa preskrbel društveni odbor.

Odbor se bo potrudil in gledal, da boste vsi dobro postreženi. Ne pozabite—piknik se vrši 20. avgusta!

Joseph Arko, tajnik.

VABILO NA ZABAVO

Enumclaw, Wash.—Tri slovenska društva v Enumclawu prirede skupno zabavo v korist društvenim blagajnam. Zabava se vrši dne 19. avgusta ob osmih zvečer v Slovenski šoli.

V združenju je moč in tako bomo tudi mi uspeli, če bomo združeno podprli to priredbo. Apelliram na članstvo vseh teh društev in na ostale rojake, da se zabave gotovo udeležite.

Na zabavi bomo licitirali kosarice z jestvinami. Prinesite s seboj kosarice. Tudi brez pičaje ne bomo.

Na gotovo svidenje v soboto zvečer 19. avgusta v Slovenski šoli.

Mastilda Pechnick, 738.

VABILO NA FEDERACIJSKI PIKNIK

Salem, O.—Pozdravljeni čitatelji Prosvete! Zopet se bomo malo pogovorili—resno in smešno. Kaj me je privedlo, da sem vzela pero v roke? Nič drugega, kakor da bomo imeli po dolgem času piknik girardske federacije SNPJ v našem mestu.

Vabim vse rojake od tu in iz okolice, da nas obiščejo. Res, da se sedaj dobi bolj malo gasolina, toda svetovala bi, da ga hranite za naš piknik. Odložite nepotrebne vožnje, pa ga boste nekoliko prihranili.

Malo razvedrila ne bo škodovalo nikomur, posebno pa ne mamicam, ki imajo svoje sinove pri vojakih. Le pridite, bomo kakšno špansko uganili in tudi malo zaplesale, kajti Frank Koran, ki igra na tri instrumente, bo igral poskočne polke in lepe valčke.

Kako pridete na pikniški prostor? Vzemite avtobus; zraven avtobusne postaje je postaja taksijev. Ako najamete taksij, vas bo za majhne cente pripeljal na pikniške prostore. Piknik se vrši na Haltmanovi farmi, ki se nahaja na road 9, New Garden st.

Ker imam pero v roki, je več kot prav, da dam priznanje Katki Zupančičevi, ki piše v Proletarcu "Ivere". Proletarec bi moral biti tako razširjen kot Prosveta. Proletarec je časopis resnice. Tudi drugi člankarji in dopisniki so dobri. Zelo mi ugaja tudi Ovnovi članki in prav tako Zaitzovi komentarji.

Na koncu moram omeniti, da se prične seja federacije ob deseti uri popoldne. Po seji pa se prične piknik, ki bo trajal toliko časa, dokler bomo imeli kaj jesti in piti. Najbrže bo trajal do zgodnjih ur. Torej, ne pozabite, v nedeljo 27. avgusta vsi na federacijski piknik! Na gotovo svidenje!

Frances Mithevc.

Federacije SNPJ

SEJA FEDERACIJE ZA VZHODNI OHIO IN ZAPADNO W. VA.

Bellaire, O.—Kakor je že bilo poročano v Prosveti, se vrši 27. avgusta ob dveh popoldne seja federacije SNPJ tega okrožja, in sicer na Skoffovi farmi, blizu Bartona, O.

Ponovno apelliram na vsa društva SNPJ v tem okrožju, da gotovo pošljejo svoje zastopnike na to važno sejo.

Bratje in sestre, Federacijski zaključki so le tedaj resnično demokratični, ako jih vsi zastopniki odobrijo.

Na prihodnji federacijski seji imamo več važnih stvari na dnevnem redu, zato je absolutno potrebno, da so vsi zastopniki navzoči. Med drugimi stvarmi imamo rešiti dve koristni zadevi za delavstvo in naš narod v stari domovini. Razpravljali bomo tudi glede drugega Vseslovenskega kongresa, ki se vrši 23. in 24. septembra v Pittsburghu, Pa.

Bratje in sestre, pomagajmo po svoji moči, da si slovanski narodi v Evropi pribore resnično demokracijo.

Naj še omenim, da so me informirali, da bomo imeli po seji malo proste zabave pod kosatimi drevesi. Kaj bomo vse pripravili, boste sami videli, ako se udeležite seje. Jaz vem, toda nočem povedati.

Torej, na veselo svidenje 27. avgusta ob dveh popoldne na Skoffovi farmi.

Louis Pavlinich, tajnik.

ZAPISNIK BARBERTONSKJE FEDERACIJE

Mogadore, O.—Seja društev barbertonske federacije SNPJ se je vršila meseca aprila. Predsednik federacije brat Blaž Oder odpre sejo ob deseti uri popoldne. Na seji so navzoči vsi uradniki. Čitan je zapisnik prejšnje seje in je sprejet kot čitan.

Tajnik poroča, da ima na rokah \$19.82. Zastopana so sledeča društva: št. 48, 73, 170, 315, 456, 516 in 535. Odsotna pa so: št. 178, 484, 626.

Poročila zastopnikov: Brat Oepek, zastopnik društva št. 48, poroča, da je društvo pridobilo tri nove člane v mladinski oddelci in enega v odrasli. Segra J. Markun, zastopnica društva št. 73, poroča, da imajo pet članov pri vojakih. Zastopnik društva št. 315 brat P. Chufar poroča, da so pridobili enega člana v odrasli oddelci.

Brat A. Jakič, zastopnik št. 48, priporoča, da bi se vršila fe-



Filmaka igralka Helen H. Douglas, članica unije Screen Actors Guild (ADF), ki kandidira za kongresnico v Californiji.

deracijska seja za mesec december zadnje nedeljo v tem mesecu. Stavljen je predlog, da bi se porušil sklep seje, ki se je vršila 30. januarja. A. Oepek predlaga, da bi se seja vršila zadnje nedelje meseca avgusta in zadnje nedelje meseca decembra. Predlog podpira Frank Markovich. Brat Chufar predlaga, da bi zopet kupili vojne bonde. Br. Fr. Anderluh pa stavi protipredlog, da jih ne bi kupili za nedoločen čas.

Sklenjeno je, da se prihodnja federacijska seja vrši 27. avgusta ob deseti uri popoldne v Kemmoryu in klubovih prostorih. Brat predsednik zaključil sejo ob 11:45.

Matt Peklaj, zapisnikar.

General Koča Popovič

London. (ONA)—Spisal E. Yappou).—Neki Titov general postaja ena najbolj popularnih osebnosti v Srbiji, ki je nekoč bila trdnjava protititovskih sil, poročajo osvobodilni voditelji, ki so pravkar prišli v London iz Jugoslavije.

To je general Koča Popović, Titova desna roka v Srbiji. Opisujejo ga kot črnolasega, 35-letnega avtorja literarnih in psiholoških spisov, ki je bil prej rezervni kapetan v jugoslovanski kraljevi vojski.

Kot neodvisen demokrat je bil Popović udan španski lojalistični stvari. Takoj po jugoslovanskem prelomu je šel k Titu, kjer je postal prvi poveljnik Titove brigade. Pozneje je vodil Titovo prvo divizijo in potem maršalov prvi vojaški zbor.

Kmalu je Popović postal eden najpriljubljenejših oficirjev v Titovem štabu. Izdelal je načrte in osebno sodeloval v več ne-400 pohodih proti sovražniku in si pridobil najgloblje spoštovanje in občudovanje od sorokov in svojih tovarišev.

Od vsega začetka se je hotel vrniti v rodno Srbijo in tam pomagati ljudstvu, da se dvigne proti tlačitelju. Njegov načrt se je uresničil zadnjega februarja, ko je prodir na čelu nekaj Titovih enot v zapadno Srbijo, kjer je bil na glasu kot sin direktorja ene največjih srednjih šol v Belgradu.

V petih mesecih je general Popović sestavil pet srbskih divizij, ki so bile v okolici Toplice in Jablonice. Pravijo, da so te divizije pripravljene marširati na Belgrad, čim bo dan signal. Srbsko ljudstvo vidi v Popoviću simbol nove generacije srbskih poveljnikov, ki ni prav nič podobna stari hierarhiji, ki jo ljudstvo smatra odgovorno za hitri propad jugoslovanske armade, pravijo pristaši osvobodilnega gibanja.

Pravijo, da je Popović sijajen govornik, ki pogosto govori svojemu moštvo in ga pozivlja, naj žrtvuje vse za osvoboditev domovine.

Eden Titovih moč, ki je v navno došli skupini osvobodilcev, pravi, da je on prva žrtev "Mihajlovičeve prevare", ki je do-

spel v London. Dejal je, da je bil ujet v jeseni l. 1942 od neke četniške ednice, ki je poveljeval poročnik Vuković, bivši poročnik v jugoslovanski kraljevi gardi. Ta je dejal, da dela pod vodstvom generala Draže Mihajloviča, ki je pred kratkim nehal biti jugoslovanski vojni minister. Dejal je, da je bil tri dni pozneje predan italijanskim oblastem, ki so ga obsodile na vojnem sodišču in ga internirale skupaj s 500 drugimi jugoslovanskimi domoljubi na otoku Marmuli, ki je bil tedaj v italijanskih rokah. On in drugi so bili osvobojeni leto dni pozneje po napadu Titovih sil.

Partizan je dejal, ko so ga vprašali o sedanjem položaju Mihajlovičevih sil, da so v popolnem razkroju, da so se mnogi pridružili Titovim enotam in drugi Nedelčeviću. Dejal je, da se nič ne ve, kje se nahaja Mihajlovič.

Madžari branijo Zide

Zurich. (ONA)—Švicarski časopis Neue Zürcher Zeitung, da so madžarski državljani odkrito demonstrirali proti deportaciji Židov in da v nekem inestu čaka 960 ljudi obsodbe, ker so pomagali Židom.

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

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FEDERACIJA SNPJ ZA ČIKAŠKO OKROŽJE priredi 40-letnico ustanovitve Slovenske narodne podpore jednote v nedeljo, dne 29. oktobra v dvorani SNPJ.

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VABILO NA "VICTORY" VESE-LICO, katero priredi društvo št. 188 SNPJ v korist članom vojakom dne 30. septembra v Presto, Penna.

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v Conemaugh Valley, Pa.

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FEDERACIJA DRUŠTEV SNPJ ZA JUŽNI WISCONSIN Milwaukee, Wis.

CENT PUGELJ, West Allis, Wis.

Društveni tajniki naj se v vsaki federaciji obrnejo na tajnika: VIN-

FEDERACIJA ZA VZHODNI OHIO IN W. VIRGINIJO

Vas društva spajajoča pod to federacijo naj naznanijo svoje priredbe tajniku br. Louis Pavlinich, RFD No. 1, Box 52, Bellaire, Ohio.



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Datum v oklepaju na primer (August-31, 1944), poleg vašega imena na naslovu pomeni, da vam je s tem datumom potekla naročnina. Pono-vite jo pravočasno, da se vam list ne ustavi.

Domače iveri

Včasih smo ljudje zelo žudni "človeki." Trmasti smo za devet in noben argument nič ne zaleže. Zato tudi trdim nekaj, neglede če se ujemata z dejstvi ali ne. Zaležujemo se tudi z glavo v zid in če ga ne moremo prebiti, si pa umislimo kaj "duhovitega," da se rešimo iz zagate.

V Prosveti je bilo s strani nekaterih glavnih funkcionarjev jednote že večkrat povedano, da nam zakon države Illinois ne dovoljuje, da bi odložili prihodnjo konvencijo, dokler traja vojna. Vendar pa nekateri člani še vedno prihajajo s trditvami, da se to lahko doseže, samo če bi glavni urad hotel podvzeti potrebne korake. In potrebni koraki so baje v tem, da bi apelirali na državni zavarovalniški departament, mu navedli transportne in druge težkoče, kakor se tudi zavili v zastavo šablonskega patriotizma, češ da moramo sodelovati z vlado.

Ta "argument" bi moral baje porušiti vse stene v Springfieldu in tudi državnemu zavarovalniškemu komisarju odpreti oči, da je dežela v vojni in da je za zmago potrebno, da usliši našo prošnjo. Seveda, če bi bila zmaga odvisna od preložitve naše konvencije, bi nam državni komisar najbrže ne dovolil in ignoriral zakon. Ampak se menda ne zaveda prvega ne drugega in zato je povedal, kakor smo informirani, že sedemdeset podpornim organizacijam, in korporiranim v Illinoisu, da zakon je zakon in da jim tako dovoljenje lahko da le državna legislatura.

Ko je neki naš član uvidel, da je zadel z glavo ob debel zid, si je potem v svoji bujni domišljiji zamislil, da bi lahko potegnili zakon za nos s tem, da bi sklicali nekakšno "fake" konvencijo. Ko se prihodnje leto glavni odbor sestane na svoji polletni seji, naj na zborovanje pošljejo svoje zastopnike ali "delegat" tudi društva iz Chicago in bližnje okolice, proglasijo to zborovanje za "konvencijo," potrdijo pravila in druge sklepe zadnje konvencije, izvolijo (soglasno, da bo lepše) vse stare glavne odbornike in določijo, da se prihodnja redna konvencija vrši, ko bo konec vojne, ko bo razbremenjena transportacija in tudi zaloga za telesne potrebe ne bodo več na odmerke.

To je res "brihtna" zamisel, kakršne je zmožen le največji miselni genij. (Zasluzi nagrado v obliki vojnega bonda za tisoč dolarjev. ...) Torej ni čudno, če je pri nekaterih članih takoj dobila odmev, češ to bi bilo pa izpeljivo. ... In še kako!

Ampak ta brihtna zamisel takoj pade v vodo, če se pri nji pomudimo samo minuto in jo malo analiziramo.

Prvič bomo vsi priznali, da bi bila taka konvencija "fake." Drugič bi vsi njeni sklepi ne bili vredni piškavega oreha, ker bi bili stoprocentno nelegalni.

Za članstvo in jednoto pa je važno, zelo važno, da so vsi sklepi konvencije legalni. In legalni morejo biti le tedaj, če je konvencija legalna. Konvencija pa more biti legalna le, ako je bila sklicana strogo — ne samo površno — v smislu pravil. To med drugim pomeni, da morajo vsa društva prejeti uradno obvestilo in poziv, da v smislu pravil izvolijo delegate in namestnike, ki se naj tega in tega dne snidejo v tem in tem mestu na konvenciji jednote. V smislu zakona države Illinois mora biti tudi predpisana večina društev zastopana na konvenciji jednote, da je zborovanje legalno.

Torej tudi s to briljantno sugestijo za obdržanje farsne konvencije ne bo nič. Upamo, da si bo kak brihten član zamislil in prišel pred članstvo s kako bolj duhovito idejo. ... Ampak mi smo mnenja, da bi bilo bolj koristno, če bi si napenjali možgane s kako bolj koristno stvarjo, kajti nam se sanja, da v jeseni prihodnjega leta se bodo delegatje lahko peljali v Minnesota tudi po zraku, ne samo po železnici.

Druga pogreta stvar, ki se vleče v Prosveti že skoraj šest mesecev, je polemika o skoraj soglasnem zaključku glavnega odbora v zadevi konflikta s prejšnjim glavnim urednikom. Razsoden človek bi mislil, da bo onih par članov, ki to stvar tako prežvekujejo in gonijo naprej, že začela glava boleti. Sicer je to možno, kajti drugače bi tako ne jokali, kakor da se je nekomu res zgodila velika krivica. Videti je tudi, da so se postavili v pozov sv. Jurija in obetajo, da bodo zmagali odsekali glavo.

Ta zmag je seveda glavni odbor, kateremu je zadnja konvencija dala moč in nalogo, da glede političnih vprašanj določa tudi smerice Prosveti. Sicer se lahko argumentira, ali se dotični del resolucije glede urejanja Prosvete tiče samo notranjih, to je ameriških političnih zadev. Resolucija je v tem zelo splošna in namenoma nedoločna ali odprta. Toda navadna pamet bo povedala, ako ima glavni odbor pravico določati Prosveti domače politične smerice, ima gotovo to pravico tudi glede inozemstva, v tem primeru glede Jugoslavije in Rusije.

Druga povsem jasna stvar je tudi, ako se urednik ne strinja s smernicami, ki jih določa glavni odbor, mu ne preostaja drugega kot da resignira. In v tej zadevi se ni zgodilo nič drugega kot to, ker glavni odbor ni hotel kapitulirati.

In kaj je storiel glavni odbor? Nič drugega kot to, da je odredil, da mora Prosveta simpatično pisati glede herojske in velike osvobodilne borbe v stari domovini in tudi napram Rusiji. Ali je to tak greh, da ga ni mogoče pozabiti? Oziroma ali je to sploh greh? Mar bi v resnici ne bil greh, če bi Prosveta, naš delavski list, zavzemala sovražno stališče napram onim, ki v silnem trpljenju umirajo v borbi za svobodo in polagajo temelje resnično Novi, demokratični, federativni Jugoslaviji? Zakaj oni člani, ki se gnjavijo že mesece, tega ne premislijo? Mar niso načela važnejša kot pa zmotljive osebnosti? In zmotljivi smo vsi.

Glasovi iz
naselebin

SMRT DRUŠTVENIKA

Cleveland, O. — Mislil sem, da se bo kateri izmed društvenih uradnikov društva Bratska Slova št. 62 SNPJ, Calumet, Mich., oglašil in poročal o smrti Georgea B. Speharja, toda zastoj čaka.

Prej smo redno izvedeli novice iz Columeta, zdaj pa ni nobene novice iz bakrenega okrožja, dasiravno je pri društvu več starih članov, ki bi lahko poročali, posebno kadar umre kakšen član.

Calumet je ena izmed najstarejših slovenskih naselebin v Združenih državah in bivši Calumetčani so raztreseni po vseh naselebinah in bi radi slišali novice od tam.

Pokojnik George Spehar je delal v rudniku Kearsage. Bil je bolan že leto dni, nato pa se je podal v bolnišnico in bil operiran meseca marca na pruhu. Toda po operaciji se je počutil še veliko slabše, zato se je podal v kliniko v Rochester, Minn. Zdravniki pa so ugotovili, da se mu suši hrbtenica in da ni več pomoči zanj. Čez dva meseca, meseca maja, je umrl v kliniki. Njegovo truplo je bilo pripeljana v Calumet, Mich. Sestra pokojnika je bila ob njegovi strani, ko je umrl, in potem spremljala truplo v Calumet.

George Spehar je bil rojen v prijazni Beli Krajini v vasi Breg, občina Vrh, pri Črnomlju. Ob smrti mu je bilo 63 let. Bil je samski. On se je veliko udeleževal na društvenem polju in je bil 18 let predsednik društva št. 62 SNPJ. Bil je dober družabnik in poštenega značaja.

Pokojnik zapušta brata Karla v stari domovini, sestro Frances Jakše v Council Bluffsu, Iowa, in sestrično Barby Draz v Clevelandu.

Prizadetim moje globoko sožalje!

John Mukavec, 566.

METROPOLSKA BELEŽKA

Cleveland, O. — Človek bi mislil, da je z odglašovanjem glavnega odbora SNPJ Molkova zadeva rešena, toda godec po dopisih nekaterih članov, smo še daleč od tega. Molkova resignacija je očitno zapla sapor desničarsko orientiranim članom, ki si Prosveto brez njega sploh predstavljati ne morejo. Ko so zopet prišli k sapi, so pričeli kamenjati glavni odbor, ki je imel pogum opozoriti gl. urednika, da se svojim pisanjem ne drži napredno-delavskih smernic na čijih podlagi je bila Prosveta ustanovljena. Če se ne motim, je Molek takrat obljubil, da se bo poboljšal; pa se ni, temveč je v svojem sovraštvu do sovjetske Rusije in do Osvobodilne fronte jadral vedno bolj na desno in se končno znašel idejno nehot v istem taboru kot na primer reakcionarna Ameriška domovina.

Vpričo tega dejstva ni preostajalo glavnim odbornikom druge poti, kot sprejeti resolucijo, ki pa še davno ni bila tako drastična kot nam jo hočejo predstaviti "molkovci". V njej sta bili dve "sporni" točki, ki sta poudarjali, naj bo urednik nekoliko bolj toleranten napram sovjetom in da naj piše v prid Osvobodilne fronte, za katero so tudi Molkovi pristaši. Ali so to pretirane zahteve za delavski list? Saj se še celo kapitalistični listi dvigajo hrabri sovjetski armadi in partizanom, ki doprinašajo nadčloveške žrtve v prid nove in prerokene Jugoslavije. Jaz bi na Molkovem mestu z veseljem pristal na ti dve točki, pa bi mi valed tega ne padla krona z glave, temveč bi pridobil na ugledu pri večini članstva.

Iz tega sledi, da Molek nikakor ni bil primoran k resignaciji, kot poudarjajo nekateri dopisniki, temveč je to posledica njegove trme. Da, saj se strinjamo v tem, da je Molek že veliko dobrega napisal. Njegovi članki so bili svojčas silno podučni. Njegove socialne črtice, drame in satire, so marsikomu odprle oči, da je pričel misliti. Krona njegovega literarnega udeleževanja je pa vsekakor trilogija: Sesuti stolp, Veliko mravišče in dva svetova. Do

tu je vse lepo, ampak kakor Upton Sinclair, tako se zdi, da je tudi Molek obrnil hrbet svojemu književnemu delu in pričel jadovati v nasprotno smer.

Ker Molkovim pristašem nihče ne odgovarja na njihovo "pogreto riho", si domišljujejo, da imajo članstvo na svoji strani, kar pa najbrže ne bo resnica, vsaj v Clevelandu ne. Članstvo jim zato ne odgovarja, ker smatra zadevo za zaključeno. Fantje grozijo, da bodo glede tega ropotali na prihodnji konvenciji. No, kar se tiče glavnega odbora, ima lahko vest; storil je le svojo dolžnost. Če bi je ne, bi bil v očeh članstva le navaden "rubber stamp". Nihče jim pa ne brani na konvenciji Molka ponovno nominirati za urednika Prosvete.

Nekateri člani se v svojih dopisih hvalijo, koliko so že storili za jednoto, kot bi imelo to kaj opravka z Molkovo zadevo. Za jednoto nas dela mnogo, eni na ta in drugi na drugi način. Tudi glavni odborniki delajo, sicer bi jih delegatje ne izvolili v odbor.

Ako vzamemo za merilo Cleveland s tridesetimi društvi SNPJ in šestimi tisoči članov, moramo priznati, da so bili Clevelandčani izredno pridni pri graditvi jednote. Pa to niso nobena "2x4" društva kot po malih naselebinah, temveč stejejo po štiri do petsto članov. Tudi clevelandski pionirji niso imeli pri agitaciji tla z rožicami postlana, temveč so bili preganjani in zaničevani od takrat strogo katoliške naselebine.

Pripomniti je še treba, da so društva SNPJ in bivše SSPZ v Clevelandu izvajali odločilni vpliv na vse kulturne ustanove. Kje bi bilo četrdeset narodnih domov, če ne bi bilo članstva SNPJ. Dramskim društvom, Ivanu Cankarju in Antonu Verovšku, tvorijo hrbtenico člani SNPJ. Isto velja za številne pevske zbornice. Njihovo delo se zrcali v dveh čitalnicah, katere vsebujejo tisoče slovenskih knjig. Isto lahko trdim glede Slovenske šole in muzeja.

V interesu vsega članstva in jednote bi bilo priporočljivo, da se Molkova zadeva enkrat za vselej zaključi, ker s tem se članstvo le izbega. Bodimo rajši aktivni v pridobivanju novega članstva in naročnikov Prosveti, obenem pa širimo pravo delavsko in bratsko zavezo, na čigar načelih je bila ustanovljena naša dična SNPJ.

Frank Česen, 158.

ODGOVOR NA KRITIKO

Gilbert, Minn. — V Prosveti, dne 26. julija, sem čital dopis Matije Pogorele, v katerem ne odobrava mojega mnenja glede prihodnje konvencije SNPJ, katerega sem izrazil v Prosveti 19. julija.

Brat Matija naj ne pozabi, da imam pravico podati svoje mnenje o enotnih zadevah že od 1. 1921, to je od tedaj, ko sta se združili Slovenska delavska podpora zveza in SNPJ. Z združitvijo sem postal član SNPJ in obenem dobil pravico aktivno posegati v vse društvene kot jednotne zadeve.

Brat Pogorelec ni zadovoljen z mojim stališčem glede prihodnje konvencije. On ima pravico do svojega mnenja, jaz pa do svojega. V dopisu sem dejal, da se najbolj strinjam s priporočilom brata Barbiča, kateri je podal sugestijo, kako bi lahko preložili konvencijo, dokler ne konča vojna. Obenem pa sem k Barbičevi sugestiji dostavil svoj doatek, namreč če bi prišlo do uveljavljenja Barbičevega nasveta, da bi poslali na nekako izredno konvencijo tudi federalne zastopnike, ki bi potem skupno z glavnimi odborniki odglašovali, naj bi se konvencija vršila 1. 1947.

Danes se nahajamo v izredno kritičnih razmerah, v vojni; zato je to dovolj tehten vzrok za pomisleke, ali se naj prihodnja konvencija vrši prihodnje leto, ali naj jo preložimo. Vsi vemo, da je danes silno težko potovati in da imamo tudi mnogo drugih

problemov, katere ni tako lahko rešiti, kakor to mislijo nekateri, med njimi Matija Pogorelec.

Matija pravi, da je bila zadeva konvencije meseca aprila pred minnesotsko federacijo in da so zastopniki federacije dvakrat soglasno odglašovali, da se naj konvencija vrši, kakor je določila največja in obenem najdražja konvencija v Pittsburghu.

S tem, da so zastopniki na federaciji dvakrat glasovali, človeku da misli, da je vladale med njimi nekaka nesigurnost, kajti drugače ne bi ponovno glasovali o nečem, kar so malo prej sprejeli. Vidi se, da je bilo pri prvem debatiranju nekaj narobe, ali se pa Matija moti.

Matija vprašuje, zakaj ni Zganjar svoje pomisleke izrazil na dotični seji, namesto da sedaj piše v javnosti. V odgovor Matiji rečem, da Zganjar ni bil na dotični seji. Zakaj nisem bil, je pa moja zadeva in ne spada tu.

Pogorelec ne sme misliti, da vsi čitatelji odobravajo njegovo pisanje, s tem pa ni rečeno, da ne bi smel izražati v časopisu svojih mnenj, prav tako jih tudi jaz lahko. Vsi člani imamo enake pravice in vsi lahko podamo svoje sugestije in kritike, glavno je, da ne kršimo pravil.

Naj še omenim, da je s tem zadeva končana za mene.

Anton Zganjar.

DRAM. KLUB SOČA
VABI NA PIKNIK

Strabane, Pa. — Dramski klub Soča priredi dne 20. avgusta svoj redni piknik, in sicer v Drenikovem parku. Prejšnja leta smo imeli na pikniku Soče vedno kaj dobrega za žolodec, letos pa bomo imeli nekaj izrednega za dušo in srce.

Klub Soča ima nekaj pevovodij, kateri so obljubili, da pomagajo organizirati najboljši pevski zbor v Pennsylvaniji.

Na piknik se posebej vabimo vse bišje pevce in pevke, da bomo zbor stoodstotno organizirali. Seveda, vabljeni so vsi rojaki in ljubitelji petja in dramatike.

Na gotovo svidenje!

Frank Peternel, 138.

PRIJATELJU IN
DRUŠTVENIKU V SPOMIN

Eveleth, Minn. — Danes, 2. avgusta, je poteklo leto dni, odkar smo imeli pri našem društvu št. 69 SNPJ civilni pogreb za pokojnim bratom Andrejem Starinom, po domače Hrastarjev Andrej.

Pokojnik je bil doma iz vasi Češenik pri Dobu na Gorenjskem. V Ameriki je bival 33 let, ves čas v Evelethu, Minn. Ob času njegove smrti je bil star 64 let. Njegov sin Andrej je poročnik v ameriški armadi. Žena in hčerka sta pa v Evelethu.

Pokojnik je bil zelo aktiven član pri bivši SSPZ in veliko let tudi tajnik lokalnega društva SSPZ. Po združitvi pa je postal naš član, katerega sedaj zelo pogrešamo.

Naj mu bo lahka ameriška zemlja, njegovi družini pa izrekam moje globoko sožalje.

J. A. Ambrozich, 69.

PRISPEVKI ZA SANS

Cleveland, Ohio. — Sledeče prispevke sem prejel meseca julija pri podružnici št. 48 Sansa:

Društvo Mir št. 142 SNPJ plačalo članarino za sedem mesecev \$42, društvo Vipavski raj 312 SNPJ \$3, društvo št. 71 AMZ članarino za mesec junij in julij \$4, društvo št. 22 SDZ \$2.50, društvo št. 450 SNPJ \$2.50, društvo št. 312 članarino za mesec junij \$3, Frank Barbič pa je nabral, ko je tajnik št. 53 SNPJ pobiral ašesment, \$11. Prispevali so sledeči člani društva št. 53: Po \$1: John Pintarič, Steve Barton, Mildred Bartol, Frank Zaverl, Vid. Jančič, Ernestine Grm, John Kosel (Krncl?). Po \$2 pa sta prispevala James Kozel in neimenovan (V. S.)

Po \$5 pa so prispevali: Anton Brečič, John Koss, Ciril Obžič (namesto venca za pokojnim Leonom Belingerjem) in Angela Plešničar (namesto venca za pokojnim Belingerjem). Anton Jankovich je prispeval \$3, mrs. A. Kalin \$2, družina Zorko \$2 (izročil A. Jankovich). Po \$1 pa so prispevali sledeči: mrs. Česnik, Joško Jerkič, Frank Tegel, Martin Plut, Mary Zajc (Earlywood ave.)

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Najlepša hvala vsem prispevalcem in obilo posnemačev!

Joseph F. Durn,
tajnik št. 48 Sansa.

NEKAJ BESED
RAZSODNIM JUDEM

West Allis, Wis. — Zadnje čase čitamo v Prosveti dopise, ki so polni jamranja in javkanja zaradi spremembe v uredništvu. Človeku, ki je slabih živcev in jokajoče nature, stremeče po starem, bi se zdelo, da bo pod novim uredništvom našo Prosveto pojužinal sam peklenški Satan, naš napredek pa da bo šel k vragu!

Kar tja v en dan nam trobijo o večini članstva, katero je baje nezadovoljno. Toda mnenja večine ne poznajo. Pet ali šest dopisnikov po vseh od sedaj znanih računskih formulah še ni večina članstva SNPJ! Zato nikar ne poslušajmo prerokb o večinah, dokler teh večin nimamo na dlani.

Ježeš, kako lepo nam deklarirajo tisto priučenno pridigo o "demokraciji." Res čudne nazore so dobili nekateri ljudje o demokraciji. Kadar moliš njih malike, si pristni oboževatelj te lepe čednosti; začni pa misliti s svojimi lastnimi možgani — in sam Bog te varuj — izrazi te svoje misli z jezikom ali pa s peresom, pa te potisnejo med komuniste.

Well, ne da se pomagati; takšna je pač bila vzgoja in že vsled tega je bila sprememba v uredništvu Prosvete potrebna.

In vendar je prišlo do spremembe na čisto demokratičen način! Po vseh paragrafih demokratičnega postopanja je glavni odbor tisti faktor, ki odločuje pri naši jednoti. Njegove sklepe ovzrže edino le konvencija ali pa splošno glasovanje. Pri glasovanju glede uredniških zadev je odglašoval glavni odbor in večina je zmagala. Saj tako je menda demokratično, kaj ne? Glavnemu odboru pa menda vendar lahko nekaj zaupamo; saj vendar ni skupina slamahtlih mož!

Kar se tiče novega urednika — za božjo voljo, dajmo mu čas, da pokaže, kaj zna! Kar tja v en dan soditi ne gre; še navadnemu pometalecu v tovarni da "boss" nekaj prilike, da se razgleda in privadi. Začel je novi urednik dobro; upajmo le, da bo s tem nadaljeval in Prosveto izboljšal. Fant ima zmožnosti in upam, da tudi voljo. Preskočil bo z lahkoto trhla polena, ki mu jih nekateri mečejo pod noge!

France Puncer, 104.

JANKOVICH POROČA
O POTOVANJU

Cleveland, O. — Zadnjič sem opisal malo mesto Gowando in tamkajšnjo slovensko naselebino. Danes pa naj nadaljujem.

V zadnjem dopisu sem že omenil, koliko prebivalcev šteje približno mesto Buffalo, N. Y. Buffalo leži ob obrežju jezera Erie, prav tako kot Cleveland, Lorain, Sundusky in nekatera druga mesta. Je precej veliko industrijsko mesto. V njem žive razne narodnosti in med njimi je tudi precej zamorcev. Slovencev v tem mestu ni veliko, kakšnih sedem družin. Veliko sem poizvedoval za njimi, končno pa sem prišel na dom dveh slovenskih družin, toda ne prve in ne druge nisem našel doma. Bil sem zelo razočaran.

Buffalska železniška postaja je zelo lepa in velika. Imenuje se postaja Union; skozi njo vozi newyorška centralna železnica in pennsylvanska. V Buffalosta tudi dve avtobusni postaji. Busi prihajajo in odhajajo neprenehoma, po dnevi in po noči. Ko sem hodil po mestu, sem videl veliko cerkva, kar znači, da živi v njem veliko pobožnih ljudi. Najbrže živi veliko Poljakov, zamorcev in Ircev v njem. Mesto samo na sebi ni kaj posebno lepo, a njegova okolica je zelo lepa, posebno v smeri proti Niagara Fallsu.

Voznina iz Clevelanda do Buffala po newyorški centralni železnici stane \$4.35. Toliko o mestu Buffalo. Sedaj pa nekaj besed o Niagara Fallsu. To mesto leži okoli 23 milj od Buffala. Voznina na busu stane samo 45 centov. Skozi mestee vozijo tudi vlaki. Mesto slovi po vsem svetu zaradi svojih velikanskih slapov, ki so največji na svetu. In prav valed slapov

zelo cveti trgovina v mestu in okolici. Niagara Falls sem obiskal prvič pred 24 leti, a medtem časom je mesto napredovalo v vseh ozirih; je bolj moderno, večjo in lepše. Najprvo, ko sem se pripeljal v mesto, sem kupil več razglednic in jih pisal svojim številnim prijateljem, nato pa sem se podal k slapovom. Preden sem prišel do slapov, sem opazil, da vlada veliko suša, kajti trava v parku in drugod je bila vse požgana in suha. V parku sedem na klop in odvijem zavitek, v katerem sem imel malo prigrizka, ki mi ga je dala za na pot Angela Buščaj iz Gowande. Prigrizek je bil zelo okusen in je izredno teknil, za kar se ponovno zahvaljujem sestri Angeli Buščaj. Posebno so bile dobre domače klobase s kumarčami. Ko sem jel, so prileteli v mojo bližino golobi, ki jih je veliko v tistem parku. Tudi njim sem dal malo svojega prigrizka, kajti imel sem preveč. Toda če bi hotel nahrantiti vse tiste golobe in vrabce, potem bi moral imeti pet košev kruha in pet košev mesa.

Ko sem dospel do slapov, sem tam videl mnogo ljudi. Pogled na slapove človeka skoro pretese. Slapovi so res nepopisno veličastni. Navzlic temu, da smo stali več sto metrov od slapov, pa je v naši bližini pršila voda na vse strani. In kako voda buči! Neki mož je prodajal listke za vožnjo na majhni ladji. Pred 24 leti niso vozili z ladjo v bližini slapov, zato sem se odločil, da se grem tudi jaz peljat na ladjo. Kupil sem vozni listek, za katerega sem plačal 90 centov in 10 centov davka. Toda na ladji sem se peljal trikrat, kajti nisem mogel najti voznega listka. Torej sem se vozil na ladji toliko časa, dokler nisem privlekel izgubljenih listek iz žepa. Predno smo stopili na ladjo, so nas oblekli v posebne površnike in klobuke, da se nismo zmočili, kajti, kakor sem že poprej omenil, v bližini slapov voda pršila na vse strani. Poleg tega smo imeli pa tudi naravnih dež. V površnikih smo zelo čudno izgledali, kajti videti ni bilo nič drugega kot naše nosove in oči. Zgledali smo kot črne munije. Na ladji je prostora za 100 do 150 oseb. Na ladjo prihajajo ljudje iz kanadske in ameriške strani. Pred leti se je z velikanskim ropotom podrl most, ki je vodil z ameriške na kanadsko stran.

V načrtu sem imel, da bom prespal eno noč v Kanadi. Napotim se v bližnji hotel in vprašam za prenočišče. Toda zgodilo se mi je nekaj podobnega, kot pred leti v Columbusu, O. S seboj nisem imel kovčega, katerega sem pustil na ameriški strani, uradnik v hotelu pa je dejal, da ne morem dobiti sobe, ako nimam s seboj nobene priljege. Sicer pa so bile sobe zelo drage. Najcenejša je stala \$3.50. Uradnika sem nato vprašal, ako je res nemogoče, da bi dobil sobo. Povedal mi je, da bi se že kako uredilo, če se moram skazati, kdo da sem. Domislil sem se, da imam seboj policijski znak, ki ga nosimo stražniki v Clevelandu. Pokazal sem ga in on je dejal, da je boljše izkazilo kot pet kovečev, ker je podpisan od centralne policijske postaje v Clevelandu. Kljub temu pa nisem spal tisto noč v Kanadi in ne v Niagara Fallsu, temveč v malem, a prijazen mestecu v Pennsylvaniji, in sicer v velikem in udobnem hotelu Ford. Tja sem se pripeljal ob 11:30 zvečer. Na busu je bil zopet velik drenj in sem moral precej časa stati. Voznina iz Buffala do Erieja stane \$1.73.

V hotelu sem se dobro naspal. Zjutraj me je poklical služabnik, kajti naročil sem hotelskemu uradniku, naj me prebude. Zarvžjem nato malo zajtrka, narkar sem napotil v slovensko naselebino, toda imel sem zopet smolo, nase ljudi nisem našel doma, naskar sem se zopet napotil na postajo in se z busom odpeljal v Conneat, O. Voznina je stala \$1.01.

Prihodnjič nadaljujem spis o mojem potovanju. Pozdravi čitateljem Prosvete.

Anton Jankovich.

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

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Zapisniki sej gl. izvršnega odbora SNPJ

19. julija 1944

Predsednik odpre sejo ob 1:45 pop. Razen br. Kuhela, ki je na potovanju po opravkih, so navzoči vsi člani gl. izvršnega odbora.

Prečitan in sprejet je zapisnik izvršne seje z dne 28. junija.

Nato predsednik predloži pismo od gl. odbornika Vidriha, ki poroča, da se je po naročilu iz gl. urada udeležil slavnosti 40-letnice jednote, ki jo je priredila federacija naših društev za okraj Westmoreland, Pa., v Yukonu 25. junija t. l. — Se vzame na znanje.

Nadalje predloži pismo iz tajništva SANSA, v katerem poroča, da je SNPJ upravičena do enega zastopnika na konvenciji Slovenskega ameriškega narodnega sveta, ki se bo vršila 2. in 3. septembra t. l. v Clevelandu, O. ter priporoča, da ga pošljejo. Br. ravnatelj mladine je mnenja, da naj bi se to predložilo seji gl. odbora ter da je en zastopnik za tako veliko organizacijo kot je SNPJ preveliko. Predsednik pojasni, kako je prišlo, da je zastopstvo za konvencijo SANSA tako omejeno, ter da gl. odbor lahko drugače akleno, ako ni zadovoljen s sklepom izvršnega odbora glede zastopstva. Sledi nominacija zastopnika in izvoljen je br. Vidrih, za namestnika pa br. Vrhovnik.

Predsednik nato predloži osnutek za ponovno vložitve prošnje na War Labor Board za povišanje plače nekaterim uslužbenecem v glavnem uradu. V ponovni prošnji so bolj detajlirano opisana razna dela, ki jih prizadevi opravljajo in sestavili so jo uslužbenki skupno z uradniki unije ter je sedaj predložena izvršnemu odboru v odobritve. Po prečitanju osnutka se razvije daljša razprava in poklican je br. Bernik kot unijski zastopnik uslužbenec, da pojasni nekatere točke, ki jih odsek ne odobrava, nakar je naročeno, da se naj prošnja v smislu razprave predela.

Predsednik nadalje poroča, da se je samo ena tvrdila odzvala na naš razpis za popravila na poslopu na 2658 S. Pulaski Rd., nakar je sklenjeno, da se ponudba z nekoliko spremembami sprejme in predsedniku je zadeva poverjena v nadaljnjo postopanje.

Nato glavni tajnik predloži odgovor društva št. 138 na naše prejšnje pismo glede govornika za njih slavnostno prireditev. Poroča, da niso posebno zadovoljni s stališčem gl. izvršnega odbora, ki jim je svetoval, naj skupno z društvom št. 319, ki je tam v bližini in tudi želi govornika na isti dan za svojo prireditev, svoja programa tako uredi, da bo ena oseba iz glavnega urada mogla opraviti pri obeh društvih. Navajajo razloge za to, vendar pa so se končno sporazumeli z društvom št. 319 in sprejeli naš navet, ako bo gl. blagajnik v stanu opraviti na obeh krajih. Br. predsednik pojasni, da gl. blagajnik sploh ne more sprejeti, ker ima na isti dan biti na konvenciji SANSA, pri katerem je izvršni tajnik in je njegova prisotnost na konvenciji neobhodno potrebna. Nato je sklenjeno, da gl. tajnik obema društvoma zadevo v tem smislu pojasni.

Prečitano je pismo gl. odbornika Magliche, v katerem poroča, da so okrajno slavnost dneva SNPJ, ki so jo namenili izvesti 30. julija pod pokroviteljstvom obeh federacij za zapadno Penno, iz važnih vzrokov preložili na 27. avgusta in da se bo vršila v društvenem domu v Sydnau, glede govornika in vse drugo pa ostane, kakor je bilo prvotno dogovorjeno z glavnim uradom. — Se vzame na znanje.

Ravnatelj mladine priporoča, da jednota plača članarino organizaciji National Recreation Association ter navede razloge. Članarina je \$5 letno. — Odobreno.

For a National Health Program

Recently, a group of government and military authorities, presenting testimony to the Senate Committee on Wartime Health and Education, described the nation's health as "appalling." They based their statements on actual findings.

Here are some of the facts they cited, facts which point up serious conclusions regarding our present low health standards; facts which underline the need for immediate enactment of the health provisions contained in the Wagner-Murray-Dingell Bill. These facts are as follows:

More than 4,100,000 registrants aged 18 through 37 have been rejected as unfit for military service, and 8 out of every 10 registrants, including those accepted by the armed forces, had at least one physical defect. Of the 5,000,000 to 6,000,000 men of draft age who haven't yet been examined, it is estimated that at least 1,000,000 would have to be rejected.

Furthermore, the testimony presented to the said committee revealed the fact that there was a higher rate of rejections in rural areas than in urban communities. According to army military authorities, this was due to lack of adequate hospital and medical services in many rural districts.

Moreover, the same testimony disclosed what has long been known to us—that is, the fact that a direct relationship existed between low income and ill health among draftees. Workers with low pay and large families cannot afford the high medical fees charged by the physicians.

What about dental standards of the nation? Are they worse or better than the general health standards?

The same testimony showed that dental standards are even worse. To prove this statement, the report revealed the startling fact that the Army is now consuming 3½ times the equipment normally used each year for the whole population, just to take care of the dental troubles of soldiers.

It was also revealed at the Senate Committee hearing that 95 per cent of the American people have dental defects—and only 30% of those who need dental care are getting it.

To make the nation's health picture more "appalling," it was stated to the committee that more than 23,500,000 persons in the United States have chronic diseases or physical impairments.

This, indeed, is a disquieting picture of the nation's health. It presents a problem to the entire nation as well as an indictment of those who are responsible for the low health standards of the nation.

The above picture of the nation's health is a problem which the bureaucrats in the American Medical Association cannot talk away with statistics and arguments.

The facts revealed to the Senate Committee are shocking in their disclosure of the bad state of American health. Therefore, it is high time that a federal program for adequate medical and dental care for the entire population be put into effect.

We will not be winning the peace if our children are to be made victims of the same kind of conditions that produced four million young men who could not carry out their responsibilities to the nation in time of war because of physical and mental ailments.

How can this problem which concerns each one of us be solved so that the health of the nation may be improved?

In view of the fact that the nation's health is in a bad state and that the present system of private medicine is not able to cope with the situation because of its profit motive, the only solution is socialized medicine.

The nation's health requires the immediate adoption of a thorough-going national health program.

Veronian News

VERONA, PA.—Wanna dance? Then why not stop in at our Veronian Club, tomorrow night, Saturday, Aug. 12.

The entertainment committee requests that you folks who are planning to attend come early, as the Polish Aristocrats will begin with their melodies promptly at 8:45 p. m. From the time when you hear their theme to the closing portion of their music, you, the audience, should be enthralled to the ability of this band that can play Slovene polkas with the same finesse as their popular hit tunes. Just remember it's this Sat. night, Aug. 12, that we have a date to dance to the Polish Aristocrats' band and the Veronian Club.

News tips about our members, Anne (Chubby) Lipsey, the former Miss Gostky, gets a merit certificate from our main office for her wonderful campaigning in the SNPJ's last membership drive. You too can have this honor by starting in now and doing your bit in our Anniversary Campaign.

Follows, when you don't shave for a month, how does your face look? Then you can imagine how Richard (Gee Gee) Galardy's looked, because that's how long his face didn't see a razor. Must have been a wagger because this scribe can't imagine what else could keep this handsome lad from keeping the whiskers on that long.

"Just like old times," say our older members upon seeing how our members are enjoying themselves at our club. Yes, it's nice to see them realizing that it's up to them to help out, for our Veronians who are in the service.

In sponsoring a sort of get-together and social for our members Sun, Aug. 20, the week before the SNPJ Day at Sygan, the entertainment committee wishes to announce that they have secured the services of the Moonlight Riders (sounds romantic, doesn't it?) for that affair.

Jackie Martincic and Joe Karcin are the next coming two Sept. attractions. These Slovene orchestras will strut their stuff for the first time before our local crowd. Jackie Martincic is slated to appear for the Juvenile dance that will be held Sat. Sept. 9, and Joe Karcin is slated to headline the monthly Veronian affair Sat. Sept. 23.

Thought for today: All that are dear to us are fighting for us. Please don't let them down now, let's do our share and fight with them.

MICHAEL LIPESKY, 680.

NINTH SNPJ DAY EVENT IN SYGAN SUNDAY, AUG. 27

VERONA, PA.—It's coming our way! What? That great day for all SNPJ members and friends near and far, young and old. It's—

The Ninth Annual SNPJ Day celebration sponsored by the western Pennsylvania's two federations of the Society, the older and younger groups. Sygan is the place where all this is going to happen, and the day is from early Sunday morning to late Sunday night, Aug. 27.

Big Time Affair
Members, you can take my word for it that this affair with all the arrangements that our committee have planned, is going to be Big Time. The juvenile entertainments, speakers, and Marty Kuk and His Musical Group to furnish the music—why, there is your answer for a successful affair.

So—for a grand attendance let's all go to Sygan Aug. 27.
MICHAEL LIPESKY, 680.

Issues Appeal for New Members

EVELETH, MINN.—It is amazing to note from reports in the Prosveda how some of our members are loyal and active in securing new members during our 40th Anniversary Membership Campaign.

These campaigners earn all credit due them as the road in this field of work is not bedded with roses. Quite often you will find thorns, and in such cases one has to be alert to fully explain in detail just what kind of insurance our Society has to offer. If you are a salesman who has fully equipped himself with all the excellent points that SNPJ insurance has to offer, 9 out of 10 times you will be successful in winning your candidate as an SNPJ member.

There are many of you members who have the makings of good salesmen, why not step to the front during this campaign for your SNPJ? We should be proud to be members of such a progressive organization. With pride we should urge our friends and others to join us. Explain to them that the SNPJ has more to offer her members for the assessments paid than any other fraternal organization or life insurance companies. Also explain about the SNPJ being a workers' cooperative fraternal organization owned by its members.

I am wondering why there is not any more activity shown here in Minnesota among our members. I, as the 5th District Vice President, have appealed several times for more cooperation; promises were made, but as yet have not been fulfilled. I again appeal to SNPJ lodges in the following cities of this state: Biwabik, Buhl, Chisholm, Duluth, Ely, Gilbert, Aurora and others. Come—let us show our SNPJ colors. I realize that during present conditions our time is well occupied but still let us all try to use every minute we can spare and go out and put this SNPJ campaign over with the biggest enrollment of new members.

In our city, Eveleth, the SNPJ lodges have entered this campaign and up to present date they have been quite successful in enrolling new members.

Our SNPJ Juvenile Circle is still full of life, and with great interest they hold their meetings regularly.

URSULA AMBROZICH,
Vice Pres., 5th Dist.

On Convention Representation

IMPERIAL, PA.—The subject of representation at the next convention is today a very important problem. It's important because of the fact that the English speaking lodges will stand to a smaller delegation if the initiative of Lodge 21 receives sufficient support to have a referendum, and if the referendum is carried. The delegation of the English speaking lodges is small enough as is and ought to be increased instead of being decreased. The problem as presented in the proposal is not important and there is no need of this initiative.

It was known at the last convention that the convention fund would be exhausted and perhaps be in the red. How many of those at the convention knew this? I don't know. But the fact remains that those who are responsible for this work did know and said nothing at the convention. In fact, the convention increased the delegation and there was no opposition.

I don't think at this time it would be wise to have a decrease in representation. Let the next convention be the judge. In the meantime the recommendations of Broth-Vrhovnik ought to be carried out. Elect the by-laws and resolutions committees in advance and most of their work would be prepared for the convention. That would save at least two days. Any money due the convention fund ought to be returned as well as any charges made to this fund that ought to have been made to some other fund should be corrected.

In spite of this there will still be a deficit after the next convention. But remember, I don't believe that all future conventions will be so expensive. The deficit will be absorbed in future years; if not, it's never too late to make the necessary corrections.

Now let's look and see what will happen if the initiative receives sufficient support to have a referendum. What will the referendum cost the society? Postage, ballots, letters, etc., are expensive. What about the extra work in the main office? A referendum is a lot of work and Brother Vider complains now of a shortage of help. Likewise, Brother Godina complains of the paper shortage.

The initiative will accomplish nothing. Save money in one hand

Integrity

By Julius Abram

CHICAGO, ILL.—Our regular monthly meeting of Lodge 631 held on July 25 was well attended. It's heartening to see there are some members still interested in lodge affairs despite the hot weather we've been having.

Among the various items discussed, was our Annual Fall Dance which will be held on Saturday, Nov. 4, in the lower SNPJ Hall. All other lodges please note as we don't want our date to conflict with any other lodge affair on that particular date. We are also going to give a War Bond away at this dance, but you'll hear more about that later.

Naturally, the success of this dance will again depend upon you and we want your full cooperation as the members in the service will benefit from it. Just as soon as the tickets are off the press, they will be promptly distributed amongst the members. So don't let the boys down by taking the "I don't think I'll go to the dance, anyway, there will be plenty of others there," attitude. Supposing you don't go, you can at least manage to sell a ticket or two. It'll help.

Agnes Heidenreich has been selected as our campaign manager in the present drive for new members, so if you have any prospects, just submit the name to her and she'll do her bit to bring them into the lodge. Incidentally, we acquired a new juvenile member, Pauline Kitak, and an adult member, Mary Kitak, sisters, by the way, thanks to the effort of Sis. Antoinette Bavdik. Both new members attended our July meeting and we hope you will attend many more as we want you to take an active interest in the lodge and thereby take some of the pressure off of some of the older members.

We also received a transfer card from Lodge 215, that of Sis. Lena Suppl. Welcome into our midst, Dorothy Lushina, transferred from the Juvenile to the Adult Department; yep, our children are growing up.

Marty Bergles and Agnes Heidenreich have promised to spring a surprise at our August meeting. I haven't the faintest inkling as to what it's all about, but I'm all a twitter and it had better be good. Agnes also received a letter from our member Joe Jereb, from up in Alaska. Joe says "hello to everyone and is getting along nicely. A bit cold but otherwise OK." If anyone wishes to drop Joe a line or two you may secure the address from Sis. Heidenreich.

Marine Sgt. Andy Susman is now back in San Diego, after training periods up in Rhode Island, down in North Carolina and back to S. D., there being only one change and a delightful one at that. He left S. D. a private and returned a Sgt. Not bad at all.

The lodge voted against the proposed initiative submitted by Lodge 21, Pueblo, Colo., regarding the number of eligible delegates to the next convention, that is, we elected to stand by the regulations as provided and passed on at the last convention.

Two Soldier-Members, Lodge 714, in Hospital

TRINIDAD, COLO.—Pvt. John Swigle, member of SNPJ lodge 714, has been wounded in action and is now in an American hospital somewhere in England. He entered the service March 14, 1942, is overseas since March 1944 and is in the infantry. He has been a member of SNPJ for 19 years.

Pvt. William Buloch is also confined to a hospital somewhere in England. He entered the service April 14, 1942, has been overseas since March 1944, and is with the Army engineers.

Members of Lodge 714 wish them good luck and a speedy recovery.

CAROLYN SWIGLE, Sec'y.

Countries are well cultivated, not as they are fertile, but as they are free.

—Montesquieu.

A drop of ink may make a million think.—BYRON.

and spend with the other. Reducing the delegation to save money is bad business. I firmly believe that some people who advocate cutting the delegation and use the excuse that it's in the best of interest of the Society do not speak the truth. In the past two years some very important items ought to have been considered by the Society; they were more important than the initiative. But more on this in the next article. I intend to go in more details next time.

A recommendation: Articles concerning the initiative written in Slovene should be translated into English, that is, only writings of the members of the executive committee.

JAMES M. MAGLICH, 716.

Ninth Annual Pennsylvania SNPJ Day Celebration in Sygan, Sunday, Aug. 27

Slovene Women Will Purchase Ambulance

CLEVELAND, O.—This November the Progressive Slovene Women will celebrate their tenth anniversary. The purpose of this organization was solely to bring forth more cultural, educational and social purposes among the Slovene and the American-born Slovene women. They also agreed to support and cooperate with other progressive, liberal and cultural institutions and organizations and offer mutual manual aid in case of illness among their own members.

As the years rolled by women enrolled in such large numbers, that to the present time they have seven circles. Five of these circles are Slovene speaking and two are English speaking circles.

The women of each circle have successfully brought forth the idea to improve the social and economic conditions of both family and humanity. This was made possible by lectures given to them by our own Slovene professional people, such as physicians, dentists, nurses, poets, editors, gardeners, artists and housewives. Many lectures were also given by other prominent and well known people throughout Cleveland.

During these ten years the Progressive Slovene Women sponsored beautiful needlecraft exhibits, art exhibit of deceased Gregory H. Pefushek, gave Slovene stage plays and many successful bazaars. All profits from these affairs were given mostly to needed organizations or institutions such as the American Red Cross, Russian War Relief, Slovene School, Slovene Museum, Slovene singing societies, Prosvetna Matica, SANC, JPO-SS, and for the purchasing of War Bonds.

Last May at the time of the PSW conference the women decided to undertake the responsibility of raising enough money to buy a field ambulance. This ambulance will be sent to our fighting people in Yugoslavia through the American Red Cross or the United Slav Committee in New York. It will be a completely equipped ambulance with all facilities for use of immediate medical care for our injured Slovenes. In order to make this a very successful drive we will need your help, and a great deal of your help.

This drive will be hard, but not as hard, when you just think what our people are going through and how much happiness it will bring them and how many lives will be saved. No matter how large or how small your donation will be, it will be well spent and spent for a good cause. If you haven't as yet donated to ward this ambulance fund you may send your amounts to either Josephine Zakrajsek, 7603 Cornelia Ave., or Cecilia Subel, 1107 East 68th Street. Make it your point to donate something so that you can help our war-suffering Slovenes.

On Sunday, August 13, the Progressive Slovene Women will sponsor a picnic and bazaar on the grounds of Slovene Society Home on Reher Ave. There will be good music for dancing, refreshments of all kinds, delicious homemade pastry; also a selection of needlecraft work made by our own members and many other things that will be of interest to all of you. All the proceeds of this affair will go into the ambulance fund.

In order to make this a great success and be able to buy the ambulance, we will need your help. So why don't you come down and visit us, Sunday, August 13, Slovene Society Home on Reher Ave., and make this one of the most successful affairs sponsored by the Progressive Slovene Women.

JOYCE GORSHE,
P.S.W. Circle No. 2.

They Take Profits Out of Learning

Two international unions of the CIO now maintain full time non-profit bookstores for the use of their members and the public. The unions are the United Auto Workers, with a beautiful bookstore in Detroit, and the National Maritime Union with a store in New York City.

Of the 10,000,000 persons injured in the United States last year, 350,000 cases involved some permanent disability, according to the National Safety Council.

Will Mark Society's 40th Anniversary With Varied Program at Slovene Hall

IMPERIAL, PA.—The Ninth Annual Pennsylvania SNPJ celebration will be held in the Slovene Hall, Sygan, Pennsylvania, on Sunday, August 27, and will be the outstanding SNPJ event in Penna this year. Because of this fact and because our Society this year is celebrating its 40th anniversary, a large attendance is expected.

This significant event, the 40th anniversary of the Slovene National Benefit Society coupled with the Ninth Annual Penna SNPJ Day, calls for a genuine celebration by all loyal SNPJers. Therefore, you are all cordially invited to attend.

Program Outline

The following is an outline of our program for the day:

In the afternoon from 2 to 5, music by the Skerlong Brothers' orchestra from Pittsburgh.

From 5 to 7, the program will be as follows:

Address of welcome by Bro. George B. Usnick, president of SNPJ lodge 6, Sygan; also by Bro. John Kvartich, president of the Senior SNPJ Federation, and Bro. Elmer Eiffler, president of the English Speaking Federation.

A one-act play in Slovene, titled "Slovemski Janez v New Yorku" (Slovene John in New York), will be presented by Joseph Zupancic and Louis Skerlong from Pittsburgh. Slovene songs by the Novak sisters from Sharon. The Preseren Singing Society from Pittsburgh will entertain with Slovene songs under the direction of Prof. Dobrolasky. Likewise, the Musical Group of Marty Kuk will bring fun and frolic on the program with a number of skits of their own arrangement.

Our Members in U. S. Forces Fight for Human Rights

TWENTY-FIFTH REPORT

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62—Paul Mukavetz.
102—Robert Kolar, William Constantine, Robert Martinjak, Robert Skavich.
105—Milio Centon, Louis Cendon, Jacob Adams, Frank Vrtacnik, Melvin Besely, John Vidrich, Emil Vidrich, Frank Zakrajsek, Bruno Canales, Louis Znidarschik, Anton Qualizza, John Protopnik, Joseph Banich, Karl Kasacoff, Albert Lovick, Boris Adjleff, Anton Medvecsek, Frank Perko, Leo Robas, Mike Stanich, William Switzer, Mike Matich, August Zupancic, Blodgoy Kasacoff.
138—Carl Delost.
205—John Kobi Jr., Stanley Menari.
211—Joseph A. Delak, Frank Filipich, Valentine Filipich, Richard Shain.
262—Louis Rozman, Joseph Rozman, Joseph Cimperman, Edward Macsek, Frank Mlakar, Tony Kuzel, Joseph Kuzel, Frank A. Kuzel, John Bilich, Milan Bilich, Frank Speck, John Vukovich, Frank Zagar, Herman Furlan.
295—James Henigman.
301—Edward Josenick.
580—Frank Pader, Frank Bervar.
643—Anthony Yaklevich.
725—Math J. Hrebar.
747—Anton Jamlsik, Daniel Podkonjak, Nikola Bruich.

Total with this report 4,969

Lodge secretaries are requested to send the names of members in U.S. Armed Forces not yet published in Prosveda to the Office of Supreme Secretary.

F. A. VIDER, Sec'y.

Keystonians to Give Hop Aug. 12

HERMINIE, PA.—At the Keystonians' regular meeting of August 5, a schedule of dances was planned to enable us to build a fund to take care of the members in the service.

We ask for your wholehearted cooperation so that we may be able to carry out the suggestion of our annual gifts to our soldier-members. Our first dance a few weeks ago was a real success. We should like

to have a similar turnout this coming Saturday, August 12, at the Slovene Hall, with John Bourke's orchestra for the good entertainment.

A KEYSTONIAN, 613.

CORRECTION

HERMINIE, PA.—Correction in last week's Prosveda: S/Sgt. Frank J. Serro, member of SNPJ lodge 613, is not a band leader but a nephew of band leader Martin Serro, who is not in the service.

JOSEPH BATIS, Sec'y.

So blinded are we by our passions that we suffer more to be damned than to be saved.—COLTON.

Our Front

By Louis Beniger

In the July-August issue of War and Post-War, published and edited by Louis Adamic, appear several interesting articles dealing with the Yugoslav Partisans and related subjects.

An American soldier in an Italian east-coast city writes: "I have been studying German with a Czech refugee at the Red Cross who introduced me to a woman who is secretary of the Yugoslav Liberation Committee here. Her first name is Marija; I'm afraid I can't give you her surname. She knows you (Adamic) and your work, and became quite excited and said she met your wife. . . . She is 51 but looks not more than 40; is well groomed, simple and neat. When she saw how really interested I was, she asked me to come around to the headquarters. I happened to have your reprint of 'Testament of a Dying Partisan' with me; she knew it—then said, 'Yes, we have many Markos'."

"She's been through all of it—has lost forty members of her family including her beautiful daughter, a painter, who was taken to 'entertain the German troops'. She showed me the girl's picture—a little clipping from a magazine at the time she was exhibiting some of her paintings. The calm with which these people tell you the facts of these unbelievable horrors is almost more heartbreaking than if they would really let go. It is difficult to realize what they've been through."

The letter continues: "The Yugoslav Liberation Headquarters here is located in a rather dreary side street of this shattered town."

When the American soldier entered, Marija said, 'I have a surprise for you,' and went to the door and called out something. In a few minutes in trooped 15 strapping young men, who filled the room. I was introduced to them, then we sat down around a rough, square table and Marija proceeded to tell me each of their stories. Occasionally she'd flash a question at one of them, who would answer in Slovene—they were Slovenes. Now and then one would draw a small collection of tattered photographs from his breast pocket and pass them to me—his family. After a while I learned not to say 'And where are they now?'—for the question took the sun out of their eyes.

"Someone produced a bottle of wine and a glass, which was passed round and round the circle. No one drank more than a swallow at one time, then passed it on. . . . Then they started to sing."

There is another letter from the same soldier in the War and Post-War bulletin, also a letter from a non-Yugoslav source, and an interview with Major Randolph Churchill, son of the Prime Minister. You can get a copy of the bulletin by sending 10c to Louis Adamic, Milford, N. J.

The initiative proposed by Lodge 21 in June is now being discussed in the Slovene section of Prosveta, and very little in the English section.

This was to be expected; the younger generation is not interested in discussions as is the older generation, which, of course, is wrong. As for me, I'm for the initiative, that is, for smaller convention representation, as I'm also for a short convention. It seems to me that this far the strongest arguments against the initiative were presented by Michael Vrhovnik, Juvenile Director. I say this in spite of the fact that my personal stand on this proposal remains unchanged.

For the next two weeks this column will take a rest. Nearby Michigan has long been my favorite vacation spot and this year won't be an exception.

Infant Death Rate Lowest in History

A large percentage of babies born last year survived the ordeal of coming into the world than in any other year in our history. The Children's Bureau of the Department of Labor reported the mortality rate at 39.9 infant deaths for each 1,000 live births. The maternal death rate was also much smaller, particularly in the Southern states.

The drop in infant deaths was termed "doubly remarkable," because it represented a "phenomenal fall" from the 1941 figure of 41.9, and also because it was accomplished during a war period, "when ordinarily the health of a nation suffers."

During the last seven years, the bureau said, infant mortality had declined almost a third and maternal death more than half.—LABOR.

A Start

They were sitting on the veranda in the moonlight. No words broke the stillness. She began to yawn.

"I say," she said, suddenly, "suppose you had money, what would you do?"

"If I had money," he said with enthusiasm, "I'd travel."

He felt her small hand in his. He closed his eyes and sighed happily. When he looked up again she had gone.

In his hand lay a bright new dime.

MORE NEWS ABOUT THE MEMBERSHIP CAMPAIGN

As this brief report of the progress of the 40th Anniversary Campaign is being prepared, the incomplete returns for the month of July show that a total of 335 members have already been admitted and accounted for in both departments of the Society. 220 of this number are juveniles and 115 of them adults. Even without the addition of "late" applications—those returned after correction by the local lodge secretaries, July is now the best month of the campaign, the final and complete results of which will be given next week.

Comparing results of the first four months of the 40th Anniversary Campaign with a like period of the Victory Campaign of 1942-43, we find that there is a decrease of a little less than 8 in the present drive. In the Victory Campaign a total of 1041 new members were enrolled as against 988 (so far) in the current drive, or only 75 less. There were, however, 423 juvenile transfers in the former campaign as against 327 in the 40th Anniversary Campaign, which accounts for the wider difference in the grand totals. But in reality we are right on the "heels" of the Victory Campaign, and all of you know what a big success it was. Let's all get down to business and prove that the SNPJ CAN DO IT AGAIN!

Less than four months of the campaign remain to reach the quotas assigned to each lodge, to qualify for a special award, and to attain the goal of 5,000 members set for the SNPJ this year. So far, we find that a total of 20 contestants have enrolled ten or more new members and have qualified for a special award, while in the same period 24 lodges have succeeded in attaining the quotas assigned to them.

With only four months to go, we can think of no more effective way that a member can begin to fulfill his obligations to the Society, for the manifold benefits and opportunities received, than by bringing into his lodge NEW MEMBERS. Every adult and juvenile contestant, who enrolls 10 or more new members in the campaign, will qualify for a special award, the four highest of which are \$125, \$100, \$75 and \$50. All remaining contestants, credited with 10 or more new members, will also receive special awards, but graduated proportionately lower.

In case you are not familiar with the manner in which the SPECIAL PRIZE FUND operates, let me explain first that it is formed by setting aside the sum of 50 cents for each new member enrolled and each transfer from the Juvenile to the Adult Department insured for \$1,000 or more. It is quite evident that the amounts of the various special prizes distributed from this source, in addition to the four which are definitely specified in the rules, will depend on the total number of new members enrolled in the campaign. The number of such prizes will equal the number of contestants, who will succeed in securing 10 or more new members. Based on statistics of the past campaign, it is very likely that there will be many special prizes below \$50—more than in any previous SNPJ campaign.

Do not forget that besides special awards, the SNPJ pays regular prizes of \$1.00, \$2.00 or \$4.00 for each new member—and that medical examination fees up to \$2.00 for adults and, when required, up to 50 cents for juveniles are paid by the Society. The inducements are there, perhaps more than ever before. All we need is more of your cooperation and support.

The new contestants this week are . . . Ida Daniels, Lodge 6, Sygan, Pa., who enrolled 5 new members for a starter . . . Louis Shuster, Secretary of Lodge 63, Rillton, Pa., who also sent in 5 membership applications as his opening bid for special honors . . . Mary Glavan of Lodge 192, Milwaukee, Wis., who contributed 9 new members in her first attempt . . . Louise Zupancic, Secretary of Lodge 299, Walsenburg, Colo., reported for the first time, has 7 members to her credit . . . Anton Shular, who has served on the Supreme Board for more than 25 years, enrolled three new members to become the sixth Supreme Officer to enter the contest . . . Other new contestants with 3 or less members are Jacob J. Drobne (6), Mary Polak and Frank Vidrih (106), Imperial, Pa., Peter Chufar and Mary Frankovich (315), Canton, Ohio, John Matekovich (325), Gowanda, N. Y., Anton Vukovich (459), Flint, Mich., Josephine Tomalc (614), Cleveland, Ohio, and Agnes Mejsach (631), Chicago, Illinois . . . There are now altogether 153 members whose names have been entered, 53 of whom are women and 99 of them men members. Best wishes for success to all!

We have grown so used to reporting only the best news of the campaign from month to month, that we too often overlook the smaller and less spectacular gains, usually those of the smaller lodges. In every campaign there are members who work very hard, but in spite of their efforts fail to secure big gains or keep pace with the leaders, but who, nevertheless, keep right on with their work steadily building up the membership of the lodge. In a great many such instances, their work is proportionately greater than that of the leaders—and so this week we are devoting a part of this column to contestants and lodges in the lower bracket of standings. Listed below are the names of those who, in the course of the past four months, have enrolled from five to nine new members. Altogether there are 44 in this group, and they are as follows:

Name—Lodge—Place	New Members
Mary Widitz (114), Roundup, Mont.	9
George Smrekar (123), W. Aliquippa, Pa.	9
Mary Glavan (192), Milwaukee, Wis.	9
Lodge No. 288, Fredericktown, Pa.	9
John Strumbelj (381), Aguilar, Colo.	9
Mike Balch (7), Claridge, Pa.	8
Lodge No. 225, Edison, Kansas	8
Lodge No. 264, Cleveland, Ohio	8
Luce Dornovsek Sr. (173), Sheldon, Wis.	8
Lodge No. 322, Chisholm, Minn.	8
Mary Zevart (371), Cle Elum, Wash.	8
Frances Rak (599), Chicago, Ill.	8
Leo Schweiger (584), Milwaukee, Wis.	8
Lodge No. 604, Cleveland, Ohio	8
Lawrence Cassol (680), Verona, Pa.	8
Lodge No. 10, Rock Springs, Wyo.	7
Frank Bruce (14), Waukegan, Ill.	7
Lodge No. 21, Pueblo, Colo.	7
Annels Blatnik (205), N. Duluth, Minn.	7
Stella Murn (259), Meadowlands, Pa.	7
Frances Oblack (295), Bridgeville, Pa.	7
Louise Zupancic (299), Walsenburg, Colo.	7
Gabriel Uiljan (581), St. Marys, Pa.	7
Lodge No. 747, Milwaukee, Wis.	7
John M. Wirsat (6), Sygan, Pa.	6
Louis Shuster (63), Rillton, Pa.	6
Louis Sasso (124), Forest City, Pa.	6
Lodge No. 254, Bon Air, Pa.	6
Frank Modic (518), Detroit, Mich.	6
Mary Rodina (690), Kansas City, Kan.	6
Ida Daniels (6), Sygan, Pa.	5

Juvenile Circles of the SNPJ

Veronlan Juveniles Will Meet Friday, August 11

VERONA, PA.—Attention, Veronlan Juveniles of Lodge 680. There will be an important meeting held Friday, Aug. 11, at the Veronlan Club at 7 p. m. sharp. All members are urged to attend this meeting. For any further details see Miss Mary Krulic, 108 R. R. Ave., Verona. So don't forget, let's make this attendance 100%.

ANGIE BURSIC, Vice Pres.

Back to Work. Members of Perfect Circle No. 26!

CHICAGO.—Saturday, August 12, at 10:30 a. m. is the regular meeting date of Perfect Circle No. 26, and all members are urged to attend.

Plans for our beach party and picnic will be discussed. Final figures and information concerning our recent program are ready, and last, but not least, tentative plans and ideas for our coming bazaar are in the making.

All Circle members should be on hand to hear what will transpire concerning this affair.

ANN SANNEMANN, Perfect Circle Mgr.

Voice of Youth Circle to Mark Fifth Anniversary

MIDWAY, PA.—We bring back the cherished year of 1939 when our Circle, the "Voice of Youth," was organized by Mrs. Joseph Janeschek and Mrs. Frank Lukan Jr. The membership roll at that time was approximately twenty-two and during the past five years it has increased to seventy-five. We are proud of our four former members who are now serving our country, namely, Steve Turkaly, Tony Urbanec, Albin Zarnick, and William Lepro, to whom we extend Circle greetings and good luck.

During the existence of the Circle, our sole determination was to grow and prosper to become one of the most outstanding Circles of the SNPJ. We can truthfully say that our time has been well spent and have reaped much pleasure and enjoyment together with cultural training.

We also wish to mention our good friend, Mr. John Sirc, who is worthy of much credit. His trustworthiness, sincerity and hard work have helped our Circle to achieve its goal.

At our regular monthly meeting which was held on July 28, it was decided that in celebration of our Fifth Anniversary, a winner roast will be held for all juvenile members on August 16 at the SNPJ Hall. The time—7:30. Please plan to attend this affair.

WILMA KOSEK, Director. MARGARET PETACH, Asst. Director.

First Co-op and Labor Institute Is Success

MADISON, WIS. (CLNS)—Men and women of organized labor and the consumer co-ops joined hands to make a whopping success of the first Co-op and Labor Institute held here this month as a part of the noted University of Wisconsin Summer School for Workers.

The Institute consisted of four daily sessions during the two-week term on the history of consumer co-ops, history of the labor movement, co-op business administration, organization and education methods, and co-op and labor relationships. Staff leaders were drawn from The Cooperative League, and regional cooperative organization in Superior, Minneapolis and Chicago.

Michigan Com. Fed'tion Urges Co-op Growth

LANSING, MICH.—The newly formed political party, Michigan Commonwealth Federation, meeting here late last month to prepare its program, pledges consumer co-ops "wholehearted support to their expansion." The convention noted that the co-ops "have been building steadily for 100 years toward democratic collective ownership" and offers "its facilities for the common good instead of for private profit."

The MCF platform also calls for encouragement of co-op housing and medical care and health plans and demands that government plants be leased to co-ops for postwar production.

Joseph Snay (13), Bridgeport, Ohio	5
Lodge No. 51, Aspen, Colo.	5
Thomas Oblack (76), Manor, Pa.	5
Joseph Frit (234), Milwaukee, Wis.	5
Frank Putzel (249), Butte, Mont.	5
Lodge No. 209, Ely, Minn.	5
Lodge No. 289, Tire Hill, Pa.	5
Joseph Jex (321), Warren, Ohio.	5
Lodge No. 544, Detroit, Mich.	5
Frank Pavlich (679), St. Louis, Mo.	5
Lodge No. 607, Liberty, Pa.	5
Martin Meszarich (707), Roundup, Mont.	5
Frank Polak (709), Roundup, Mont.	5

The closing reminder is . . . Only four months remain before the close of the 40th Anniversary Membership Campaign on November 30, 1944! Enroll at least one new member this month!

MICHAEL VRHOVNIK, Campaign Director.

Brother Michael R. Kumer Offers Recommendations on SNPJ Problems

ENGLAND, July 16.—This column will deal with fundamental questions of our Society which I consider the Supreme Board will discuss at its August sessions. Because it is a discussion of these questions, I did not consider it appropriate to include them in my report to the board. They are opinions and recommendations which I would offer were I present at the meetings.

1. 40th Anniversary Campaign—Only the results of the first month are known to me, and they obviously did not reach expectations. But let us not despair. The conditions are not what they were even six months ago; the intensity of the times is in actual conflict with our spirit of fraternalism. In these days of hatred, battle, and death the psychological mood for solicitation and interest in fraternalism is in a mortal state, indeed. This is not to suggest that we assume a morbid outlook; it is rather a suggestion that we attempt to neutralize this prospect among our members with every facility available and to point to the bright horizon just ahead for us. It is also to suggest that we become deeply concerned now lest the end of the war should find us unprepared for our tasks of peace. More of this below.

I considered the Anniversary issue of Prosveta as very good, and especially the origin and development of the Society as ably written by Brother Molek. I would recommend that it or a similar article be prepared for the English section because it conveys a message with which our members should be acquainted. Perhaps you will even find it suitable to publish in pamphlet form both in Slovene and English.

2. Convention—On the basis of the information made available up to and including the May 24 issue of Prosveta on the question of solving the deficit in the Convention Fund, I urge that no attempt be made at reducing the number of delegates, and this for the following reasons:

a. The statement that the convention would probably consist of 380 delegates appeared purely hypothetical. The supposition can reasonably be made that it will be less, and if the difference is only ten delegates it would be a substantial sum saved against the estimated deficit.

b. The uncertainty of the success of a referendum would simply aggravate the fund by a substantial amount.

c. Even if it succeeded, the reduction in the number of delegates would also result in reducing the morale of the membership, a factor of extreme importance in any fraternal organization. The truth is that hundreds of our members are working enthusiastically in the hope of being rewarded the delegacy. Destroy this initiative and spirit, and you have lost something which you cannot get in any other way. The "good time" element cannot be negated as long as the human spirit is alive, be it with the young or the old, our idealistic historic setting notwithstanding. I would strongly hesitate a decision that would separate from us the self-sacrifice, idealism, and character of the men and women who do the everyday work of our Society in order that we solve a problem that can be solved in another way. This will not yield dividends for us.

d. To accept the recommendations of the editor completely would not only solve the present deficit, but would result in future conventions having an excessive Convention Fund. Do we also wish to include a reduction in the Convention Fund assessments in the referendum that is suggested?

e. Finally, the last convention was an unusual one, and it is unreasonable to suppose that the next one will be 11 days; it is reasonable to suppose that it will be less than 8 days, especially if we give regard to other suggestions that were made to reduce our expenses.

In view of the foregoing, I would make the following recommendations:

a. Give adequate regard to suggestions offered for reducing the time and changing the place of the convention. The by-laws do not provide specifically for the election of Resolutions and By-laws Committees by the convention which obviates the need for a referendum to authorize the Supreme Board to appoint them in advance as was suggested. Time and money would thus be saved in establishing the

committees and reduce the convention time.

b. Give regard to the suggestion of the superfluous Special Fund covering any remaining deficit. While I do not recommend "borrowing from Peter to pay Paul" as a matter of practical policy, I recommend it in this emergency to allow . . . (In complete sentence.—Ed.)

c. Finally, the decision for reduction in future conventions, subsequent to 1946, to be determined by the 13th Regular Convention when we can expect the delegates to be prepared to vote for either that or an increase in assessments into the Convention Fund.

I hope that the Supreme Board will give careful study to this problem and not do the unnecessary which we will forever regret. I would also wish to suggest to them that this problem is of sufficient importance that discussion by the Executive Committee will not be limited in the English Section to one column which, even though covered the essentials, did not give the required details given in the Slovene section.

3. SANC—Decisively and consciously from the very beginning we aided in directing the affairs of SANC until, from all available information here, it has reached a healthy state of affairs. All obstacles to its success have obviously been removed, and I am pleased that we were an active part in its success. That it has succeeded, together with UCSSA, in establishing order and truth out of chaos and misrepresentation as to the precise situation in Slovenia and Yugoslavia, there can be no doubt. There is yet much to be done, but I believe we can expect its work to end and its hopes accomplished in a matter of months.

In its coming convention I hope we are fully represented with able people, and that we are prepared to offer to it the leadership that it will require to resolutely continue with the program originally adopted to its successful conclusion. It will probably mean sacrifices on our part—perhaps added hardships. But we must be willing to endure them to demonstrate the real value of our Society. We are a part of SANC—we must be a living active part. Its ideals are our ideals, and we must support it with deeds. Our support is essential, and it must be active support. Now is the time to act, and we can be hopeful that it will be for only a short time.

This movement, I strongly believe, is a supreme testing time in the history of our organized movement, and the depth of our faith in progress and social vision will be revealed in the degree of wisdom and courage that we show in supporting it.

4. Welcome Home—To properly plan for our tasks of peace, there will be no better opportunity than the Welcome Home celebration that has been decided upon for our members in the services. If properly planned and directed, it can be the biggest occasion in the history of our Society. It can serve to infuse the blood streams of the entire society by overwhelming the enthusiasm of the returning men and women, and in stimulating the interests of those now at home.

But we must act. The decision for this affair was made almost a year ago and there has not yet been any evidence of activity on the part of the committee. I hope it will be shown at this meeting. The committee will probably be in search of suggestions and ideas as to the scope and type of preparations, and I hope our members will be free to be of assistance.

My suggestion would be that the affair be so all embracing that it be convenient for each of our members in the services to attend. The first problem that will then arise is the financial question which is the key to all such undertakings. The Society should be prepared to assume a heavy burden because it is expected that while the celebration will be for the enjoyment of everyone, it is also expected that it will be so well prepared, presented, and received that the Society will largely enjoy its fruits. But it would be unwise and folly for the Society to assume complete financial responsibility, and it would be an unfair imposition for our members to expect it. It would seem expedient, therefore, that the committee begin the creation of a fund to which everybody would contribute—members, lodges, and federations—and that the Society would contribute to the individual members of each lodge only in proportion to what each lodge has contributed to the fund.

Here, then, is an opportunity for the individual lodges to show their initiative, energy, and appreciation to both the servicemen from their lodges and to their Society. Some federations can afford substantial donations either to the credit of individual lodges associated with them, or with a donation direct to the national fund established for this purpose. And there are some more fortunate individuals in the Society that will make substantial individual contributions to this undertaking.

I cannot emphasize too strongly the significance of this undertaking to our servicemen and to the So-

This and That

By Peter Ellish

The Attack on Labor
It seems that from now on to election day, our metropolitan papers, even some that disguise under the label of liberalism, will continue an uninterrupted attack on the CIO and its Political Action Committee, notwithstanding the fact that the CIO and its Committee will not do anything contrary to the spirit of the laws governing political activities. The CIO is busy attempting to re-elect Pres. Roosevelt for a fourth term.

Already, daily, the leaders of the CIO are being branded as Communists, or as crooked labor leaders in league with sinister elements in the underworld. Of course, this isn't true, particularly, the vicious attack on Mr. Hillman. But every attempt possible will be made to discredit the CIO, its leaders, its beliefs, and its works.

Why is this being done? Doesn't everyone in America have a right to be active in politics and participate in elections?
There are two good reasons. This is the first time in the history of the United States that a large national federation of labor is directly participating in politics, and throwing its full strength to one group and party. Like orthodox party organizations, they are using their organization to register their members and friends, and they are raising a sum of money to be used for political purposes. Thusly, they are coming very near to creating a labor party in the United States. Secondly, this movement is distinctly liberal and in the interest of the common man.

What about Pew, Grundy & Co.
What seems to arouse their strongest ire is the attempt of the CIO to raise a war chest for political expenditures. To these righteous papers this is distinctly Un-American, and evil political practice that will corrupt the electorate.

But there are no indignant disapprovals of the big boys contributing hundreds of thousands of dollars to the coffers of political parties, but when the working men and women of this nation collect dimes and dollars in an attempt to match the huge contributions of the industrialists then a combined wrath of the newspaper world descends upon them.

If these papers are interested so much in the good of the common weal where was their voice when certain individuals made huge contributions even by subtly circumventing the law, and these individuals and groups will continue to make these large contributions in this campaign. Not a voice is raised against this practice of the big boys.

The working men and women of the CIO are only saying what is good for the goose is good for the gander, and they are intelligent to know that sometimes you have to fight fire with fire. The only regret is that it took them so long to find this out.

Spirit-o-Grams

By Whoosit

ST. LOUIS, MO.—All members know that the "Spirits" are planning a Boat Excursion on the Steamer Admiral, August 20—Sunday all day, so bring your lunch baskets. The boat leaves the dock at 10 a. m. and returns at 4 p. m. Be sure to be there in plenty of time to get your favorite table on deck.

All those who are planning on going and who have not ordered tickets, please come to our meeting Friday, August 11, and give your ticket money to Mildred Doslak or Ann Spiller, and tickets will be purchased for you in advance at \$1.05. If anyone decides to go after Friday, you can buy tickets at the wharf just before going on the boat at \$1.35.

Let's all be there and I'm sure both the old and young will have a roaring time on the great Mississippi.

This coming Sunday, August 13, all members are urged to attend the SANC meeting. Delegates will be chosen for the convention which is to be held in Cleveland Sept. 2-3. Our August meeting holds a lot in store for all those who are attending. The officers will entertain the members with drinks, cake, sandwiches, etc.—so don't miss this great occasion. Let's have a large crowd and show our officers that we really do appreciate their efforts. Don't forget the date, August 11, at 8 p. m., at Concordia Turner Hall, 13th and Arsenal.

How is the membership campaign coming along? Don't forget at our next meeting we are expecting some new members. So do your part and help our campaign leader, Helen

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city if approached properly—energetically and ambitiously. Other organizations have stayed on a similar undertaking; let's not get behind on this. It's got to be paid for, and the impression must be made that we must all give if it is to succeed. It can be an enormous success, and to borrow the words of one enthusiast, "the success of the party will either whisper or shout our thanks to those men fighting for us." Let's shout! MICHAEL R. KUMER, First Vice President.

Toward Economic Internationalism

By Francis Hauser

The International Monetary Conference at Bretton Woods is a link in a chain of conferences between the United Nations, following the food and relief conferences (UNN-RA), and the conference of the International Labor Organization. The purpose of all these meetings is to build an international organization for the postwar world.

In the years between the wars we learned a few new things about economics in that university of hard knocks called depression. A group of liberal economists on either side of the Atlantic inspired by John Maynard Keynes, used the experience to build up new economic doctrines. His theory is that wealth is just as inevitable as peace and freedom; that the difference between the poor and rich countries can and should be wiped out by making the poor richer; that this can be done without making the rich less wealthy; in fact, they would gain in the process.

This new economic theory says that the wealth of each country can be maintained or increased only by developing its production for the purpose of increasing the living standards of its people rather than catering to the needs of one or more countries abroad by exporting goods.

This economic idea differs from the leading economic thought of yesterday, which measured a country's wealth in terms of sales, and less attention was paid to the distribution of wealth. If a country, say Argentina, could sell its export products—wool and meat—it could buy the goods it could not make at home. Argentina, however, could only buy as many goods from abroad as it got for its wool and meat or had saved from sales during prior years. If other countries could produce meat and wool cheaper or if the demand for these two products dropped in the countries which bought these from abroad, Argentina would have a depression. Before 1929 we in America felt that this was just Argentina's hard luck. Since that time we know that it may be ours too. For if one country can't sell and buy, all the others will sooner or later be in very much the same situation.

Just as important as keeping a country in a position where it can sell and buy is to see to it that its people share in the profits from trade and industry. If a few only make money, whereas the masses consist of underpaid workers and tenant farmers, the country may do a thriving business selling goods abroad. It will not buy much from abroad, however, because the number of people who can afford to buy imported goods is limited.

To avoid depressions and to help increase the wealth of the masses in each country is the key task of international cooperation after the war.

The monetary conference is here to build up organizations which will help develop natural resources and industries in under-developed countries, stabilize the prices of certain key commodities such as wheat, corn, tin, rubber; and, finally, a unit which will stabilize currencies.

The natural resources development unit is known under the name of International Investment Bank, while for the currency unit the term International Monetary Fund is used. They are to be independent of each other. But both are needed because the work of each will create problems neither will be able to solve alone.

The International Investment Bank would have the double task of attracting money in countries with sufficient capital and savings to invest abroad, and to decide upon the way to invest the money. The security of investments would have to be guaranteed by the governments establishing the bank. The joint guarantee of countries like the United States, England, and the British Dominions, would, it is believed, be enough to tempt investors large and small all over the world. The other end of the problem may turn out to be much more difficult. It means study of each country where money might be invested. Such studies, to be sure, were made before. However, they were made from a different viewpoint.

Take, for example, Brazil. It is a huge country, of great resources, only a few of which have been developed. Capital from abroad developed these few. It did it to fill needs on world markets. First capital was used to exploit Brazil's natural rubber. Then, when it appeared that it was more profitable to get the rubber from the Dutch East Indies and Malaya, foreign capital withdrew, and Brazil's rubber industry was ruined. Foreign capital then invested in Brazil for the purpose of producing coffee. Since that time Brazil's welfare is very much tied to coffee. After the British occupation, Egypt was developed largely to produce cotton. This would not necessarily be bad if and when the needs of countries abroad and the needs of the people in the country to be developed were the same, and if the latter could hope to earn living wages, and earn them steadily. But this is seldom the case.

The needs of countries like Brazil and Egypt, and many others, are in the first place to develop their home markets. It may be that in-

dustries are needed to make cloth and apparel for home consumption. This might require electrification in a way similar to TVA. It might be necessary to better the lot of small and medium farmers; this might require irrigation projects. Profits on these projects may be much too small to attract private business from abroad. Yet it is the safest way to make these countries good steady customers of the more industrialized nations. Some countries are overcrowded, others would soon feel the pinch of a labor shortage if industrialized, and also would not be able to consume the goods new industry turns out.

All these problems call for a careful plan for each country, a plan which has to consider such things as the country's climate, the birth rate, trade relations with other countries, the changes which will come if any one of the larger projects are carried out. If planning is successful, however, the result in the long run would be to end breakneck competition in one commodity between countries which depend upon its export, to increase the demand for goods of all kinds all over the world, and this would mean final victory in the battle for full employment.

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Will Build Co-op Fertilizer Plant

INDIANAPOLIS (CLNS)—A hearty boost was given to the production of food for the war effort when construction was begun in June on the new half-million dollar cooperative fertilizer plant at Schererville, Indiana, where superphosphate and mixed fertilizers will be produced for the farmers of Illinois, Minnesota, Wisconsin and Indiana, at the rate of 50,000 tons per year.

The shortage of superphosphate and the need for such a plant in the Chicago area moved the War Production Board to act favorably on the application of four state cooperative organizations for authority to build the acidulating plant, which will be adjacent to the fertilizer mixing plant that has been in operation at Schererville for the past three years.

Midland Cooperative Wholesale, Minneapolis, the Indiana Farm Bureau Cooperative Association, Indianapolis, the Illinois Farm Supply Company and the Wisconsin Cooperative Farm Supply Company are owners of the new organization, Cooperative Plant Foods, Inc., which will operate the plant. M. J. Briggs, assistant general manager and treasurer of the Indiana co-op, has been elected president; Arthur Mullin, manager of Indiana's co-op fertilizer department, is executive secretary. A. H. Roffers, Midland, is Vice-President; G. W. Bunting, Illinois, is Secretary-Treasurer.

The machinery contract has been let to A. J. Sackett & Sons Company, Baltimore, who also designed the Farm Bureau fertilizer factory at Indianapolis, which has been called the most modern of its kind in the world.

Spirit-o-Grains

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Hervatin. She is waiting for your call—HI-5197, is the telephone number.

THIS AND THAT: The members are all glad to hear that Sis Mary Rhodus is feeling much better since her recent illness. We hope to see you at our meeting, Sis Rhodus. All the members are wishing Sis Rose Loncaric a speedy recovery. She was operated for appendicitis a few weeks ago.

Have you noticed the sparkler Lillian Harvatin is wearing on the third finger left hand? Congratulations, Lillian, and also to the lucky man, who is serving with the United States Marines somewhere in the Pacific. Helen Hervatin is vacationing in Detroit. Lucky girl. We certainly are going to miss her at our meeting, but we all hope you are enjoying your trip. Mildred Doslak is spending a few days with the Duques in Eureka. The Spillers had visitors from San Diego, Calif. last week. Did you read the letter Tony Petrovich Jr. wrote from England? It certainly was a nice letter and we all enjoyed reading it.

Again let me remind all the members to be present at our meeting Friday, August 11, and also don't forget the boat excursion to be held August 20.

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

Introduction

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

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

ELECTION OF DELEGATES

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Within ten days after the election of delegates and alternates, the local lodge shall certify to the Supreme Secretary the names and addresses of the delegates and alternates so elected. The Supreme Secretary shall publish the names and addresses of the elected delegates and alternates in the official organ of the Society at least twice before the convention.

Changes in Section 3 as suggested by Lodge No. 21:

Sec. 3. (This section remains unchanged except the fourth paragraph to read as follows): Lodges which merge to attain the required number (150) of members for the regular convention, etc.

Our reason for suggesting a change in the by-laws through referendum for limited delegation is primarily because we want to save money for the Society and its membership. A large representation at the convention requires a great deal of money, which eventually must be paid by the members in forms of regular and special assessments. The fact also remains, as has been proved in the past, that a large delegation does not achieve better results than a small one. We recommend, therefore, that the lodges give this matter serious consideration and support our motion and that the membership vote for it when submitted to the referendum.

Frank Pechnik, President Rose Radovich, Secretary
Ludvig Yoxey, Treasurer

SUPREME SECRETARY'S EXPLANATION

According to the report received, the initiative of Lodge No. 21 SNPJ was submitted to the lodge membership and accepted as per section 8 of the by-laws. Consequently, and according to the by-laws, if seconded by a sufficient number of lodges in 90 days from the date of this publication, it will be submitted to referendum. The initiative was also submitted to the Supreme Executive Committee, which verified it as properly formulated for publication and discussion of membership at large.

The discussion of this initiative begins as of June 28 and ends on September 25, 1944. If during this time, it receives sufficient support, i. e. if it is properly seconded, it will be submitted to referendum.

Lodges supporting this initiative should exercise care that all decisions comply with the by-laws and that the supreme secretary is notified not later than October 5, 1944. Notices received after this date will be considered void.

F. A. Vidar, Supreme Secretary.

Pioneer Parade

CHICAGO.—To the many queries as to the "absence" of this column last week, the reason was vacationing. Time just didn't permit. We were glad to know, tho, that we were "missed." We returned in time to take in the Pioneer picnic last weekend.

Not only did the Chicagoans turn out good for our Old-Fashioned Picnic, we also had the pleasure of entertaining many out-of-towners. Milwaukee Badgers were well represented; Young Americans were represented by Mary Zupanch and her mother, of Pontiac, Mich. Among other Illinois cities and towns which showed up for this occasion were Springfield, Aurora, Waukegan and Witt.

There's no question but that the picnic was a big moral and financial success. Those persons in charge of their various departments did an excellent job. Dance pavilion was filled with dance lovers. A good time was had by all, and this was evidenced by "lights out" and still the crowd wasn't ready to leave. In the very wee hours, we were all tired enuf to go home.

"Lefty" Lotzich is credited with the largest sale of tickets—he sold 70. Steve Corkoney sold 50. That's very commendable. Teckla Corkoney, Mary Veritnik, and Caroline Dutchak trail the leaders. Noteworthy of mention is also that "Lefty" Lotzich enrolled five members at the picnic for our August meeting.

Servicemen: Here's the best news of the week. The family of Jack Brancel has received word from the War Department, that he is alive and well—a prisoner of Germany. Almost two months ago Jack was reported missing. He was serving in the infantry in Italy. Pioneers are elated over this good news.

From the foxholes in France, Arley Bosienik writes us a V-Mail. He doesn't like France, and that it's good ole Chicago for him any time. He says he has many pleasant memories about the gang back home and to keep "the home fires burning." He wants letters from the gang at the Center—so get your pens out, gang.

Our Vacation.—This year our vacation was different than any other yet. We first made a little trip to Gary, Ind., for a visit with the Al Raks and their new son, Albin John. Returning home in time to pack a larger grip for a bus ride to the John Raks Jr. farm in Nokomis, Ill. We had an ideal day, and as we passed across upon acres of farms, we could see how badly the farmers needed rain. We visited with the Maschek, Plahutniks, and Dezelsaks. The latter are secretary and treasurer of the SNPJ local lodge there. It was there that we met Mary Kosuk, whose husband is superintendent of the West Mine. In our conversation, we found it's a small world, as Mary was born in West Newton, Pennsylvania, same as I. Naturally, we asked each other our maiden names and I do recall slightly that my parents talked about Rozmans and she, too, says she's sure her father knows mine. We tried to remember the different people who we lived and still live there. It was fun. We also saw Norman Sodnik (juvenile) who is vacationing in Nokomis, and we brought back messages for his mother. Our stay lasted five days and so once again we returned to the Windy City, where we finished up the vacation going to the beach, zoo, and stage attraction. Thus ended our vacation with the Pioneer picnic.

Perfect Circle 28.—It has been called to my attention that Perfect Circle will have its first meeting in over a month this Saturday, August 12, at 10 a. m. All members are urged to be present, as your manager, Ann Sannemann, has returned from her vacation. Plans will be made for this month's activities. By the way, we enjoyed the presence of the many Circle members at Pioneer picnic.

All-A-Round.—Madeline and George Videgar and son made a week-end trip to Gary, Ind. Anne Grosser vacationed with sister in Kentucky; she enjoyed it and says it was nice and cool. Myra Beniger will have an extra long vacation this year—she's already in Michigan and her parents will follow this week-end. Josephine Slansek and Grace Ann Gerdance and parents will vacation in Springfield, Ill., this week. Mike Prusak's wife isn't a member of Pioneers, but she gladly assisted the ladies in the kitchen. This writer received a victory sterling pin from headquarters for securing new members; it's very nice and I'm proud of it. More about the picnic next week. I'll be seeing you. FRANCES L. RAK, 559.

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23 Co-op Food Stores Opened in 3 Months

CHICAGO.—Twenty-three new food markets have been opened by consumer cooperatives during the past three months, most of them in cities. The Cooperative League has announced here. Six of these are in the Chicago-Detroit-Dayton area. Most of the rest are in the east.

FLASHES

By DONALD J. LOTRICH

CHICAGO.—We have good news for our folks, today. This G. I. Joe fella, Jack Brancel, who was reported missing in May, has been found in a German prison camp. When we reported him missing we held out a firm hope that he may yet show up alive somewhere. This is good news for the Pioneers and we hope that the Germans aren't treating you too badly, Jack! It shouldn't be long now before the German war machine ought to collapse, so as to bring this fellow, Brancel, and hundreds of other G. I. Joes home.

More good news comes from the Pioneer picnic committee. The attendance at the picnic was very satisfactory. From all indications a little cash will be added to the Pioneer treasury and perhaps some of it will go to replace the savings used up in the past two years because of prevailing conditions. Quite a number of the senior members were with us. Our main problem was supplying the good things to the good patrons. Ray Rodman's Gay Dons furnished music for dancing while Frank Debevec entertained with his accordion. Rudy Pugel, the nationally famed bowler, brought his group from Milwaukee and his "squeeze-box" to entertain his many admirers. Ernest Felbab, the lucky 1,000th member, had to work in a defense plant Saturday night, so he couldn't come to participate in the affair, but the West Side News favored us with a photographer who took pictures of the Pioneer officers and our 1,001st member in the person of Marion Herick who has been contributing "G. I. Gab" and "Shooting the Breeze with Overseas" for the Pioneer Bulletin. The evening was ideal for just such a picnic. We spent happy moments with our many friends and even at quitting time weren't satisfied to leave the grove. Most of the elderly folks who come to our picnics regularly came to the August 5 picnic to honor the Pioneers in their conspicuous membership achievement and to wish us even greater success for the future.

Many of us don't realize what it means to unite 1,000 people into a fraternal lodge and keep them forging ever ahead. Few realize how much work is involved to perform all the necessary duties of such a large unit. The fact that we have made this remarkable accomplishment is an indication that the things we have done have been reasonably right and that our policy has been decent and just. In this same manner, we intend to continue. We are thankful to all who expressed their good wishes to us and especially to those who took time to visit us at the picnic. It is necessary to say a word of thanks to the entire committee who served so diligently.

We are taking Frank Zaborac and Marge Karun from the sick list and replacing them with Joe Tershel who has had an accident, and Bart Yarnik, who has undergone an operation.—Dita Zaveritnik writes to tell us that she is spending some time at Virginia Beach, Virginia; and that the ocean swimming is delightful.—Ann Plautz, who is spending her vacation in Willard, Wis., regrets that she was unable to attend the picnic.—Ed Prazak, now stationed at Baltimore, Maryland, writes that he is going to send something for the Pioneer collection of oddities. He expresses hope for a successful picnic and expects to be home in the next few days for a fur-rough.—A letter from Leo Cretnik who is now stationed at Fort Meade, Maryland, tells us that he has crossed the continent and adds that this moving is monotonous. He expects to go overseas soon.

"The Yank" was sent to us by Ernie Dresnar from England. It is a servicemen's publication put out especially for the Army boys and contains many interesting cartoons and jokes.—A note comes in from William Tracanga giving his new APO address.—A fine letter comes in from Arley Bozicnik, who is now in France. Every once in a while he's got to duck when Heinie sends over the incoming mail. We all feel the same as you do, Arley, that there is no place like home and we hope that the people everywhere will use their good senses to set up a new system so as to prevent wars in the future.—The trip has been the smoothest ever," writes Leo Vider in his V-mail just received. Mind you, he adds, that nothing interesting happened which means that all of the German subs must be out of the Atlantic already.—"The War News is good from all fronts," tells us another V-mail letter from Stanley Zbacnik. He's still hoping to run into his brother-in-law, Al Goste, in the Southwest Pacific. We hope that he does locate him.

In November we are going to have the national elections again. It's going to be a repetition of the old system of choosing between the lesser of two evils, again. So far as politics are concerned in America, history tells us that the people flop from the elephant to the donkey and then back to the elephant again. This is repeated constantly. Our social reforms come very slowly, therefore. Many people voted for

Roosevelt because he showed an inclination of being liberal at one time. Others will vote because they fear that the Republican candidate will try to destroy what social legislation is still on the statute books. For the average common man it makes very little difference whether one or the other is elected. They both serve the same interests and are both serviced through equally corrupt political machines. We do hope that soon we may find a Labor Party pattern which would attract and hold the interest of the common man so that the average corrupt politician will not have this sway any longer.

Among the highest paid Chicagoans for the previous year, was this bird Sewell Avery, president of Montgomery Ward & Company, who has defied the government on several occasions when it came to an order from the WLB to deal with his labor union. Only the salary was quoted in the list compiled. We would venture to say that he must have received several times his total salary, in dividends, which was not reported. Such people then, don't want social reforms and a better piece of bread for the man who produces all of the good things of life. He'll take hundreds of thousands of dollars a year and refuse to give the average employee even enough to live.—That reminds us of the story in the Chicago Tribune last Sunday which repeated the words of Congressman Fred E. Busbey of Chicago. It concerned the American Slav Congress celebration which was held at Pilsen Park last Sunday. The Chicago Trib. always was a red-baiter. It is natural that they would pick up Busbey's words to the effect that the American Slav Congress is communist, the Partisans of Yugoslavia are communist, and even the Democratic senator from Florida, who was the principal speaker, was considered as such. Busbey and the Trib paid our Louis Adamie a compliment by calling Louis Adamie "more dangerous to the American way of life than Earl Browder." Incidentally, we are informed that Pilsen Park was never so jammed before in its entire history as it was last Sunday for the All-Slav Rally.

Some of us ought to know something about the fact that the government is fighting malaria strenuously, even now. It seems that the mosquito is as deadly as a Jap and that the health service is mobilizing to halt the invasion when the U. S. troops return home. This information comes from a report by the U. S. Public Health Service.—There is a happy note in a recent report about production in Russia. Despite the horrible devastation of the greater part of European Russia, its war production has increased by 40% since the start of the war. Many workers receive special awards for completing their quotas and for over-filling their quotas, we are told. The average work-week is 66 hours. It is this effort on the part of the Russian people which has enabled it to carry on so brilliantly during the past 18 months.

Good humor is the health of the soul; sadness is its poison.—Stanislav.

Be wise, rather than witty; for much wit commonly hath much froth.—TRENCHLD.

In Memoriam

In loving memory of our dear son and brother

S/SGT.

ANDY MARSH



who gave his life in defense of his country, one year ago, on July 23, 1943. The plane he was in and another, made a crash landing in the waters off Cuba, in order that they wouldn't drop the bombs they were carrying on the people on the beach below when they ran into engine trouble.

Honored among the nation's heroes lies our loved one. Beneath a simple soldier's cross, his crown; And we who knew and loved him here can say, A simple love, a simple trust, a simple duty done.

Sadly missed by his parents, brothers, sisters and many friends. Meadowlands, Pennsylvania.