

RUSI BOMBARDIRALI NEMŠKO VOJAŠKO TRDNJAVO

Novi bombni napadi na italijanske luke

ZAVEZNIŠKA OFENZIVA V BURMI

London, 2. maja.—Rusi so izvršili masni bombni napad na Brest-Litovsk, staro poljsko trdnjavo mesto, katero so Nemci zasedli 1. 1941. Brest-Litovsk leži 115 milj. vzhodno od Varšave, glavnega poljskega mesta, in 80 milj. severozahodno od Kovelja, kjer so zbrane ruske čete.

Moskva poroča, da so bombe padle na železniške proge, nemške vojaške vlake in skladišča orožja ter municije. Zanesle so najmanj sedemnajst požarov. Rusi so izgubili samo eno bojno letalo v napadu.

Brest-Litovsk je zgodovinsko mesto. V tem je bilo podpisano premirje med Rusijo, Nemčijo in Avstrijo v prvi svetovni vojni. To je križišče petih železnih cest: Varšava-Moskva.

Sovjetski komunikacije pravi, da je bilo čez tisoč Nemcev ubitih in ranjenih na fronti na severni strani lasija, rumunskega železniškega centra. Bitke divjajo tudi pri Stanislawu, stara Poljska.

Radio Berlin je naznanil odmor v vojnih operacijah pri Sevastopolu, veliki mornarični bazi na Krimu ob Črnem morju, dočim Moskva trdi, da se položaj ni izpremenil na frontah.

Neapel, Italija, 2. maja.—Angleški in ameriški letalci so metali bombe na italijanska pristanišna mesta pod nemško vojaško kontrolo. Tarča bombardiranja iz zraka so bili Leghorn, Genova, Le Spezia in Tržič v bližini Trsta.

Prej so zavezniški letalski bombniki na Milan, Turin in druga mesta v severni Italiji. Na italijanski fronti, ki se razteza od Cassina do Anzija, se situacija ni izpremenila.

Pearl Harbor, Havaji, 2. maja.—Ameriški letalci so izvršili nove napade na japonske mornarične in letalske baze na Kurilskih, Maršalskih in Karolinskih otokih, poročajo glavni stan admirala Chesterja W. Nimitza. Bombe so padle tudi na japonske parnike pri otoku Ponapeju, ki so potopile tri parnike, pet pa poskodovala.

Drugi roji ameriških letal so metali bombe na Rabaul, japonsko bazo na Novi Britaniji, in otok Truk. V spopadu v zraku so Američani sestrelili enajst japonskih letal.

New Delhi, Indija, 2. maja.—Ameriški tanki so v akciji v Burmi, poročajo general Joseph W. Stilwell, vrhovni poveljnik ameriških in kitajskih čet na burmski fronti. Pozorišče akcije je ozemlje med Inkangom in Ahtawngom v bližini Kaminga, severna Burma.

Ameriške in kitajske čete so v ofenzivi v dolini Mogaung. Japonska sila je dobila težke udarce v zadnjih dneh.

Ameriška legija za obvezno delo

Washington, D. C., 2. maja.—Člani eksekutivnega odbora Ameriške legije so na svoji konferenci sprejeli resolucijo, v kateri so odobrili načrt obveznega dela. Avtorja načrta sta senator Austin in kongresnik Wadsworth republikanca.

Angleži ujeli nemškega generala

Kairo, Egipt, 2. maja.—Angleški komandoti, ki so uprizorili drzen naval na Kreta, grški otok, so ujeli nemškega generala W. Kriepa, se glasi uradno poročilo. Kdaj je bil naval izvršen, poročilo ne omenja.

Zatiranje svobode tiska v Argentini

List La Prensa suspendiran

Buenos Aires, Argentina, 2. maja.—Vlada predsednika Edelmirra Farrellja je suspendirala list La Prensa zaradi uvodnika, ki je vseboval ostro kritiko vladnih dekretov. Vlada trdi, da je bil uvodnik zavajalen.

Prej je vlada zatrla več drugih listov, ki so kritizirali njeno politiko in smernice.

La Prensa je vodilni list v Južni Ameriki in ima čez pol milijona naročnikov. V diskusijah mednarodnih zadev zavzema stališče, da so interesi Argentine povezani z interesi demokracije, ne z interesi Nemčije in Japonske.

Panama City, Panama, 2. maja.—List El Panama America je kritiziral suspendiranje La Presse in apeliral na izdajatelje vseh ameriških listov, naj protestirajo proti režimu predsednika Farrellja. "Dekret škoduje vsem organom, ki izražajo javno mnenje, in vsi bi morali protestirati," pravi list. "Pot, po kateri koraka argentinska vlada, je sramotna. Dekret je udarec svobode tiska ne samo v Argentini, temveč v vseh latinskih republikah."

Santiago, Čile, 2. maja.—Časopis El Siglo je apeliral na tisk, naj se zavzame za La Prensa. "Ta list je najbolj resen in upoštevane v Južni Ameriki," pravi El Siglo. "Mi smo vedno občudovali ta list in njegov način v diskusijah argentinskih in mednarodnih problemov."

Sunek proti Filipinskim otokom

Japonska se zaveda nevarnosti

Washington, D. C., 2. maja.—Filipinski otoki, najvažnejše ozemlje iz japonske celine, bodo predmet prihodnjega ameriškega sunka v vojni proti japonski sili na Pacifiku, je namignil vojni tajnik Henry L. Stimson na sestanku s časničarji.

Stimson je dejal, da zavezniški že kontrolirajo Solomonove otoke in več drugih, kakor tudi skoraj vso Novo Gvinejo. Na teh so važne mornarične in letalske baze, s katerih zavezniški uprizorjajo napade na one otoke, ki so še pod kontrolo japonske sile.

Vojni tajnik je naglasil, da zavezniške operacije na Pacifiku zadovoljivo napredujejo. Zavezniški so zasedli japonskega letališča na Novi Gvineji skoraj brez odpora s strani sovražnika.

"Metodične vojne operacije, ki demonstrirajo izvežbano poveljstvo in moštvo, oboroženo z modernim orožjem, se nadaljujejo," je dejal Stimson. "Popolna kooperacija je med bojno mornarico, letalsko silo in vojaškimi četami. Očitno je, da se Tokio zaveda implikacij metodičnih operacij in taktike, kakor tudi naraščanja naše udarne sile, ki drolj japonski imperiji na Pacifiku in ograja tudi Japonsko."

Italija prosi za vstop v delavski urad

Philadelphia, Pa., 2. maja.—Italijanska vlada premijera Badoglija je vložila formalno prošnjo za ponovni vstop v mednarodni delavski urad, ki ima konferenco v tem mestu. Italija je izstopila iz lige narodov 11. decembra 1. 1939 in iz delavskega urada štiri dni pozneje. Urad je bil oddelek Lige narodov, katere glavni stan je bil pred izbruhom vojne v Ženevi, Švica.

ADF ZA USTANOVITEV SVETOVNE ORGANIZACIJE

Odprava zaprek pri izmenjavi blaga predlagana

VPRAŠANJE POVOJNE UPOSLOTITVE

New York, 2. maja.—Ameriška delavska federacija je predlagala, naj komisija Združenih narodov ustanovi splošno mednarodno organizacijo, ki bi omenja moskovski dogovor, ali pa naj komisija sama začasno izvršuje funkcije v tej kapaciteti.

Priporočila vsebuje program, katerega je ADF osvojila in objavila po debati na zborovanju v New Yorku. Na tem so nastopili kot govorniki vodilni reprezentanti delavskih organizacij, industrijev, farmarjev in profesionalcev. ADF je zastopal predsednik William Green, industrije Robert Gaylor, predsednik Zveze ameriških tovarnarjev, farmarje James G. Patton, profesionalce pa dr. James T. Shotwell, profesor na univerzi Columbia. Program, osvojen na konferenci, določa:

Transformiranje vojne zveze Združenih narodov v mirovno organizacijo.

Skupno akcijo Združenih narodov za preprečitev izbruhov nove vojne.

Odstranitev zaprek, ki ovirajo izmenjavo blaga med državami.

Ustanovitev organizacije, ki naj bi po ustroju sličila federalni živilski administraciji. V področje te naj bi spadali problemi zdravstva in socialne blaginje.

"Verujemo v svobodna podvzetja in osebno svobodo," se glasi deklaracija. "Svobodna podvzetja in svobodno delavstvo so povezana in ne morejo eksistirati drug brez drugega. Svobodna ekonomija temelji na spoštovanju interesov in združuje se s kooperacijo, ki ščiti interese vseh."

Problem preureditve industrije, ki so zdaj udeležene v produkciji orožja, za produkcijo civilnih potrebščin in uposlovitve vojakov, ko se vrnejo v civilno življenje, je bil tudi predmet diskusij. ODF je predlagala izboljšanje sistema brezposelnostnega zavarovanja in naglasila, da bo prispevala svoj delež, da se vzdržita produkcija in uposlovitve delavcev v prehodni dobi, ko se industrije preurede iz vojne v mirovno ekonomijo.

Partizani v akciji na Koroškem

London, 2. maja.—Glavni stan maršala Tita, poveljnika jugoslovanske osvobodilne armade, poroča, da partizani prodirajo proti Beljaku, železniškemu križišču na Koroškem. Poročilo omenja tudi ofenzivo nemških oklopnih kolon v bližini Jajca, kjer je Titov glavni stan.

Ameriški vojaški transport potopljen

Washington, D. C., 2. maja.—Vojni departament je razkril, da je bil ameriški vojaški transport nedavno napaden in potopljen na Sredozemskem morju in da je 498 častnikov in moških izgubilo življenje. Najmanj 19 parnikov in transportov je bilo potopljenih, odkar je Amerika v vojni.

Ustanovitev židovske četrti v Budimpešti

Washington, D. C., 2. maja.—Ogrski kvizilinski režim je začel goniti proti židom in se odločil za ustanovitev židovske četrti v Budimpešti. Gonjo proti židom vodi Andor Jaros, notranji minister. On je že odredil razpust židovskih mladinskih in kulturnih organizacij.

Domače vesti

Obliki

Chicago.—Na povratku v svoje taborišče je obiskal gl. urad SNPJ in uredništvo Prosvete nadporočnik Eugene Barbič, sin Franka Barbiča, člana gl. porotnega odseka SNPJ. Drugi obiskovalec je bil Pfc. Robert L. Macek iz Moon Runa, Pa. On je premeščen iz taborišča Chanute Fielda, Ill., v Clavis, N. M. Robert ima dva brata, ki služita v ameriški armadi onstran morja.

Iz Milwaukeeja

Milwaukee, Wis.—V okrajni bolnišnici je umrl John Skok, star 63 let in doma iz Črete v Zadrebki dolini na Stajerskem, odkoder je prišel v Ameriko 1. 1906. Bolehal je na raku v grlu in v bolnišnici se je nahajal čez dve leti. Bil je vdovec. Zapušča dva sinova in eno hčer, enega brata, v starem kraju pa eno sestro in enega brata.

Majski glas

Chicago.—Izšel je Majski glas, letnik XXIV, v založbi Proletarica. Tisk je oskrbel tiskarna SNPJ. Letošnja izdaja je posvečena spominu Jožeta Zvertnika. Meseca junija poteče 15 let, odkar je pustil uredništvo Prosvete in par mesecev pozneje, 28. avgusta, umrl. Posvečenih mu je več člankov. Tudi v ostalem je vsebina Majskega glasa zelo pestra in bogata—članki, povestice, pesnitve in ilustracije. Uredništvo toplo priporoča Majski glas čitateljem. Lepa revija obsega 84 strani in stane 35 centov. Naroča se pri Proletarcu, 2301 So. Lawndale ave., Chicago 23, Ill.

Adamič vsel dopust

New York.—Pisatelj Louis Adamič, predsednik Združenega odbora jugoslovanskih Amerikancev in častni predsednik SANS, se bo zaradi slabega zdravja podal na daljši oddih. Po nasvetu zdravnikov mora prenehati z vsem delom dva meseca ali dalj. Eksekutiva ZOJSA je na svoji seji 25. aprila opozorila njegovo bolezen in ga razrešila dela. Na njegovo mesto je imenovala Zlatka Balokoviča kot delovnega predsednika ZOJSA. Ko se Adamič zdravje povrne, bo zopet na razpolago gibanju za osvoboditev in prerogije stare domovine. (Uredništvo Prosvete želi pisatelju Adamiču čim hitrejšo in popolno okrevanje.)

Iz Clevelanda

Cleveland, O.—Po dolgi in mučni bolezni je na svojem domu umrl Joseph Repar, star 78 let in doma iz vasi Kranjce pri Sv. Vidu nad Cerknico. V Clevelandu je bival 31 let. Zapušča dva sinova (enega pri vojakih) eno hčer, enega vnuka in več sorodnikov.

Seja predstavnikov britskega imperija

Sodelovanje z Ameriko in Rusijo

London, 2. maja.—Tu se je pričela konferenca predsednikov vlad Velike Britanije in štirih dominionov imperija, prva zveze vrste po sedmih letih. Konferenco je odprl premier Winston Churchill.

Na konferenci se vrši razprava, ali naj se ljudstva britskega imperija odločijo za izolacijo v povojni dobi ali kooperacijo z Ameriko, sovjetsko Rusijo, Kitajsko in drugimi državami v zavezniški grupi.

V Londonu so John Curtin, predsednik avstralske vlade; W. L. Mackenzie King, predsednik kanadske vlade; Jan Smuts, premier Južnoafriške unije; in Peter Fraser, predsednik novezeelandske vlade. Indija in druge dežele, ki spadajo v okvir britskega imperija, so tudi reprezentirane na konferenci.

DOSEGA SPORAZUMA ŠPANJO NAZNANJENA

Pogajanja rezultirala v sklenitvi kompromisa

ZAVEZNIŠKI PRITISK NA ŠVEDSKO

Washington, D. C., 2. maja.—Amerika in Velika Britanija sta danes naznanili dosega sporazuma s špansko vlado. Slednja se je obvezala, da bo znižala izvoz tungstena v Nemčijo za devetdeset odstotkov v tem letu. Tungsten je kovina, ki se uporablja pri izdelovanju orožja.

V zameno za sporazum, ki predstavlja kompromis z ozirom na originalno ameriško zahtevo, da mora Španija popolnoma ustaviti izvoz tungstena v Nemčijo, bo Španija spet dobivala olje iz karibejskih in ameriških luk. Ameriška vlada je pred nekaj meseci ustavila izvoz olja iz teh luk v Španijo.

Sporazum je bil dosežen po večmesečnih pogajanjih. Amerika in Velika Britanija sta izvajali močan pritisk na vlado diktatorja Francisca Franca. Naznanilo o dosegi sporazuma sta istočasno objavila ameriški državni departament v Washingtonu in britski zunanji urad v Londonu.

Sporazum je težak udarec Nemčiji. Švedska je še edina nevtralna država, ki pošilja Nemčiji vojni material. Amerika in Velika Britanija sta zdaj povečali pritisk na Švedsko, da jo pridobita za zmanjšanje izvoza materiala v Nemčijo. Turčija je pod pritiskom Amerike in Velike Britanije ustavila izvoz kroma v Nemčijo.

Španija se je med drugim obvezala, da bo izgnala osištne agente in špione iz Tangierja, španske cone v severni Afriki ob vhodu v Gibraltarski zaliv, in španskih krajev. Nemški konzulati in druge osištne agencije v Tangierju bo zaprla. Španija se je dalje obvezala, da bo osvobodila sedem italijanskih parnikov in ladij, ki se nahajajo v njenih lukah, in da bo pozvala ostanke plave divizije, ki se bore na strani nemške armade proti Rusom, domov.

Uradni krogi v Washingtonu trdijo, da je dosega sporazuma s Španijo triumf ameriške in britske diplomacije.

Tekstilna unija zahteva preiskavo

Črna tržišča v industriji

New York.—Emil Rieve, predsednik unije tekstilnih delavcev CIO, je zahteval preiskavo obdolžitev, da so se razvila črna tržišča v vseh področjih tekstilne industrije. Zahteva je vključena v telegramu Chesterju A. Bowlesu, direktorju urada administracije cen, F. M. Vinsonu, načelniku odbora za ekonomsko stabilizacijo, in Jamesu Byrnesu, direktorju vojne mobilizacije.

Rieve je zahteval preiskavo na podlagi trditve Benjamina Siegela, katere je izrekel na zborovanju tekstilne kreditne grupe v New Yorku, da črna tržišča eksistirajo v vseh branžah industrije. "Kršenja regulacij urada administracije cen so tako številna, da situacija zahteva temeljito preiskavo," je rekel Siegel.

Predsednik tekstilne unije je dejal, da se ne strinja s Siegelovo sugestijo, da se koncerni, ki priznajo kršenje regulacij, ne tira pred sodišča. "Vsi kršitelji morajo biti kaznovani," je rekel Rieve. "Če se to ne bo zgodilo, bo urad administracije cen izgubil zaupanje."

Italijanski špioni ustreljeni

Zavezniške avtoritete odredile eksekucijo

Neapel, Italija, 2. maja.—Šest mladih Italijanov, ki so prišli iz severne v južno Italijo pod zavezniško okupacijo kot nemški špioni, je bilo obsojenih v smrt in ustreljenih. To je bila prva smrtna kazen za špionážno od zavezniške okupacije južne Italije.

Nemci so izbrali špione iz vrst italijanske fašistične stranke. Prizadeti so na obravnavi pred zavezniškim vojaškim sodiščem priznali krivdo, nakar so bili obsojeni v smrt. General Alexander, vrhovni poveljnik zavezniške oborožene sile v Sredozemlju, je potrdil obsodbo.

Imena špionov so bila Giorgio Tapoli, Vincenza Tedesco, Franco Aschieri, Ialo Palesse, Enrico Menicocci in Marino Centelli. Njihova naloga je bila zbiranje podatkov o gibanju zavezniških čet in drugih informacij, kakor tudi uničevanje zavezniških skladišč orožja in municije.

Vprašanje zasege veletrgovine

Zadeva pred federalnim sodiščem

Chicago, 2. maja.—Federalni justični tajnik Francis Biddle je pred federalnim sodnikom W. H. Hollyjem argumentiral, da je predsednik Roosevelt odredil zasego lastnine Montgomery Ward & Co. na podlagi oblasti, ki mu jo daje ustava v vojnem času, kakor tudi Connally-Smithov zakon.

Biddle je dejal, da predsednik kot vrhovni poveljnik ameriške armade in mornarice lahko odredi zasego lastnine, kadar kateri podjetje ovira vojne napore. Kot dokaz je navedel akcije predsednika Wilsona v prvi svetovni vojni. Justični tajnik je poudaril, naj sodišče nastopi proti kompaniji in njenim uradnikom, ki skušajo ovirati vladno obratovanje zasežene lastnine.

Harold Smith, odvetnik kompanije, je dejal, da Biddle ignorira pravice državljanov v vojnem času. Zasega lastnine Montgomery Ward & Co. po federalni vladi ni legalna.

Začasna odredba, katero je izdal sodnik Holly, prepoveduje uradnikom kompanije vmešavanje v funkcije federalnih avtoritet, ki so prevzele veletrgovino.

Unija United Retail, Wholesale & Department Store Employees, včlanjena v Kongresu industrijskih organizacij, je apelirala na delavski odbor za razpis volitev glede reprezentacije pri kolektivnih pogajanjih. Kompanija trdi, da unija ne predstavlja večine delavcev.

General MacArthur se odpovedal kandidaturi

Washington, D. C., 2. maja.—General Douglas MacArthur, vrhovni poveljnik zavezniške oborožene sile na Pacifiku, se je odpovedal kandidaturi za predsednika Združenih držav na listi republikanske stranke. Odpoved vključuje izjavo, v kateri pravi, da ne želi biti kandidat in da ne bo sprejel nominacije. Izjava je klobfata onim, ki so razvili kampanjo, da MacArthur postane predsedniški kandidat.

Nemški policijski šef ustreljen

London, 2. maja.—Poljska ubežna vlada poroča, da je bil Otto Grunwald, nemški policijski šef v varšavskem distriktu, ustreljen. Napadli in ustrelili so ga člani poljske podtalne organizacije. Napadalcu so po dejanju pobegnili.

RUSIJA HVALEŽNA ZAVEZNIŠKOM ZA POMOČ

Stalin posvaril satelite nacijske Nemčije

HITLER JE ŽE IZGUBIL VOJNO

London, 2. maja.—Maršal Stalin je v svojem govoru v zvezi s proslavami 1. maja, mednarodnega delavskega praznika, priznal, da sta Amerika in Velika Britanija veliko prispevali k zmaganju rdečih armad, katere zalagata z orožjem, strelivom in drugimi potrebščinami. "Zdaj je očitno, da bo nacijska Nemčija obležala pod skupnimi zavezniškimi udarci," je dejal.

Stalin je poudaril uspehe ruske oborožene sile in ljudstvo, ki doprinaša ogromne žrtve v tej vojni. "Ljudstvo sovjetske Rusije praznuje mednarodni delavski praznik v atmosferi triumfov na vseh bojiščih," je rekel. "Od zbrobitve nemških divizij pri Stalingradu je naša sila na pohodu. Prodira je od reke Volge do reke Siret, od vzhodja Kavkaškega gorovja do Karpatov in osvobodila čez tri četrtine zasedene ruskega ozemlja. Zasluga za to gre deloma našim zaveznikom, predvsem Ameriki in Veliki Britaniji, ki držita fronto v Italiji in s tem več nemških divizij zaeno pa vodita učinkovito letalsko ofenzivo."

V svojem govoru je Stalin orisal ruske čile. Prvi in glavni je izgon invadirerjev iz vseh ruskih krajev, vzpostavitev državnih mej od Črnega do Barenškega morja in neprestano zasledovanje in uničevanje sovražnika.

"Odrešitev Čehov, Slovkov, Poljakov in drugih naših bratov iz nacijskega suženjstva bo izvršena s popolno kooperacijo med Rusijo, Ameriko in Veliko Britanijo," je rekel Stalin. "Nacijska vojna mašina bo zdrobljena pod udarci, katere ji bomo mi zadajali na vzhodu, naši zavezniški pa na zapadu. Hitler ve, da je Nemčija že izgubila vojno."

Stalin je apeliral na ljudstva satelitskih držav, naj strmoljavo vlade in končajo vojno. Apel je veljal Finski, Rumuniji, Bolgariji in Ogrski. Ta je vseboval tudi svarilo, da bodo te države odgovorne za katastrofo, ki jih zadene, če se ne umaknejo iz vojne.

Konflikt med unijo in kompanijo izravnan

Toledo, O., 2. maja.—Konflikt med Ohio Fuel Gas Co. in unijo United Gas, Coke & Chemical Workers of America, ki je nastal zadnji torek, je bil izravnal. Reprezentantje obeh strank so naznanili sklenitev sporazuma, čigar detajli pa niso bili objavljeni. Ugaja je preklicala stavko in vsi stavkarji so se vrnili na delo.

Odpor proti Nemcem v Čehoslovakiji

Curij, Švica, 2. maja.—Sem dospela poročila pravijo, da se oborožen odpor proti Nemcem širi v Čehoslovakiji. Gerilci napadajo nemške vojaške formacije in razbijajo komunikacijske zveze v karpatski Rusiji. V bližini Banske Bistrice so iztirili dva nemška vojaška vlaka.

Devetnajst ubitih v letalski nesreči

Flagstaff, Ariz., 2. maja.—Devetnajst članov posadke vojaškega letala je izgubilo življenje, ko je treščilo na tla in se razbilo. Nesreča se je pripetila 30 milj. južnovzhodno od tega mesta.

Da se ne pozabi!

Milan Medvešek

Listi Ameriška Domovina, Amerikanski Slovence in Obzor so polni rev. Ambrožičeve kraljeve propagande. V ozadju mu pomagata rev. Gabrovšek in velikodušni in radodarni poslanik Fotič.

Pater Bernard Ambrožič se je potrudil, da je pozdravil kralja, ko je bil na obisku v Ameriki. Tako je tudi on govoril o poteku slavnosti kraljevega rojstnega dneva dne 6. septembra 1942 v katoliški cerkvi sv. Cirila in Metodá v New Yorku. Njegov govor je bil o čuti hvalečnosti do kraljeve vlade. Rekel je: "In tako vez je brez dvoma kralj Peter II., ki ni morda le kralj Srbov, ali kralj Hrvatov, ali kralj Slovencev, ampak je in ostane kralj Jugoslavije."

Tega stališča napram kralju do danes še ni spremenil. S takim patrom Bernardom Ambrožičem imamo opravka danes.

Po uradnem poročilu jugoslovanskega informacijskega centra z dne 28. julija 1942 je operacijam v Sloveniji poveljeval preizkušeni starešina, general Draža Mihajlovič. Razdiral je prometne zveze, pota, železniške proge, vodovodne cevi in mostove. Danes so tega krivi komunistični partizani. Tako trdi pravičnik in nezmotljivi pater Ambrožič.

Isti čas je ljubljanski škof Rožman poročal v pastirskem pismu, da je duhovništvo bilo pregnano iz 148 župnij, da je 14 cerkvenih domov zaprtih, njih člani izgnani in da je zavod sv. Vida, glavna slovenska srednja šola, v kateri je stanovalo 600 dijakov in 38 članov učiteljskega osebja, pretvorjen v koncentracijsko taborišče.

V letošnjem letu je škof Rožman izdal drugo pastirsko pismo, kjer je obsojal partizane in dejal, da je komunizem največja nevarnost za slovenski narod. Ob istem času je prisostvoval ustoličenju slovenskega kvizlinga, generala Kvaternika. Ameriška Domovina ga je opustila tega dejanja takole: "Ako bi škof Rožman ne bil storil svoje višjepastirske dolžnosti, bi ga obsojali nič manj njegovi politični in verski nasprotniki narodno zavednih krogov v Sloveniji, kakor bi ga obsojali njegovi lastni verniki, zavedni katoličani in obenem narodnjaki."

Patri Ambrožič, Jager in Sla je mu sledilo; častni kanonik ljubljanske škofije, rev. John J. Oman, je tudi z njimi.

Toda vsi škofje niso istega mnenja. V slovenskih časopisih smo čitali meseca novembra 1942 tudi tole novico, katero je izdal minister Snoj v JIC: "Josip Srebrnič, katoliški škof na otoku Krku, ki se nahaja v Dalmaciji, zasedeni od Italijanov, je poslal 14. junija pismo Luigi Maglionetu, sekretarju v Vatikanu, v katerem protestira proti grozodejstvu Italijanov napram civilnemu prebivalstvu Dalmacije in Primorja."

On je storil svojo pastirsko dolžnost.

Oktober meseca istega leta smo čitali poročilo s sledečim naslovom: Pritožba treh škofov zaradi fašističnih zverstev v Sloveniji. Poročilo se glasi: "Čelo goriški nadškof, ki je dobro znan radi svojih patriotičnih govorov v prid zmagi Italije, je zacei uvidevati, kako fašisti dejansko izvajajo svojo oblast. Podpisal je na prvem mestu dokument o fašističnih brutalnostih v Sloveniji, katerega sta podpisala tudi tržaški škof-koadjutor in reški škof."

Pismo je bilo poslano in naslovljeno Mussoliniju, in prepisi pisma in poslanice so bili poslani tudi papežu.

Storili so svojo kršičansko pastirsko dolžnost.

Se avgusta meseca istega leta je JIC poročal slovenskim listom tole novico: "Miron Nikič, menih iz zapadne Jugoslavije, je vstopil v gerilske oddelke in poziva narod, da naj se združi v borbi proti sovražniku. Velika nagrada je bila razpisana za glavo meniha Nikiča, ki ni samo govoril, temveč na čelu skupine 16 pravoslavniških svečnikov postal gerilski vodja." "Brat je mlo koje vere bio," je izjavil Nikič, pozivajoč Hrvate, Srbe in muslimane, da naj vstopijo v



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V momentih, kadar v Prosveti presojamo važna vprašanja organizacije, konvenčne sklepe, sklepe glavnega odbora ali zaključke izvršnega odbora, bi se pričakovalo vsaj od razsodnejših članov več resnosti in doslednosti v argumentih, ako so nameni takih razprav koristiti ter razčisti probleme, ki so mogoče na dnevnem redu.

Kritika v takih okoliščinah more biti konstruktivna le tedaj, če bazira na resnici in konkretno utemeljenih argumentih. Vsaka javna razprava, v kateri čitatelji opazi, da iz nje ne govori zdrav razum ali razsodnost, pač pa strasti, predsodki, ali celo osebnost, izgubi svoj pomen in vrednost. Zato je vedno dobro, kakor tudi priporočljivo, da važna vprašanja in zaključke ene ali druge jednote inštanca temeljito premislijo vsi oni člani, ki se mogoče z njimi ne strinjajo, predno jih javno obsojajo.

V naši organizaciji velja demokracijski princip, odločevanje večine. Brez oziroma, kakšne zaključke stori ta večina, se ima manjšina istim pokoriti, če tudi se mogoče z vsem in vedno ne strinja. V glasilu posameznik lahko izrazi svoje mnenje o zaključkih na dostojen način in kot se spodobi, nima pa pravice voditi obstrukcije ali osebne propagande proti takim zaključkom, pač pa se ima poslužiti inštanca, kot pravila določajo. Tako postopanje je edino pravilno in demokratično v naši jednoti, vse drugo vodi v anarhijo in kaos.

V sedanjih razmerah se je zgodilo marsikaj, kar mnogi nismo mogoče nikdar pričakovali in možno je, da bomo še tudi doživeli dogodke, o kakršnih se nam sedaj niti ne sanja, in mogoče tudi preobrate, ki jih sedaj še nihče ne pričakuje. Človeštvo je v procesu vojnih revolucij, lahko bi tudi imenovali prepoveda. Kdor nima dovolj širokega obzorja, ali je pre malo utrjen v principih, kakršnih se je držal do teh časov, mu dogodki lahko spodnesejo tla in pade v tabor prej načelnih nasprotnikov. To niso domnevne stvari, ampak zgodovinsko potrjena dejstva. Tako so kajpada naravni človeški pojavi, ki so seveda obžalovanja vredni, toda odpravi se ne dajo s kritiko ali argumenti; odpraviti jih zna le evolucijski razvoj človeka.

Gotovo je, da se noben razsodni član v naši organizaciji ne bo radoval nad izgubo za jednoto zasluženega tega ali onega delavca. Toda pridejo momenti, ko je treba odločati glede naših vprašanj in kdor ima karakter, tisti se jim ne bo iznevil brez oziroma posledice. In to, bratje in sestre, skušajmo razumeti in tudi upoštevati.

SNPJ je šla že skozi mnogo viharjev v bojih za načela ter princip in vse je srečno pre-

stala, kar upamo da se zgodi tudi v bodoče, samo nekoliko poplavljenja je treba od strani govoril članov.

Da se večina, ki ima po principih in pravilih našega poslovanja odločati o vseh važnih notranjih in zunanjih zadevah organizacije, lahko kdaj zmoti, to bi ne bilo več kot človeško. Toda neizpodbito dejstvo je, da prej kot večina se istotako lahko pomoti tudi manjšina, oziroma posameznik. Dokler bi v naši organizaciji prevladovalo demokratično načelo, odločevanje večine, toliko časa ni nevarnosti, da pride do kakšnih posebnih privilegijev ali diskriminacij med ali nad člani. Ako bi se taka moč podelila v roke posameznikov, je pa drugo in resno vprašanje, kakšne bi bile posledice.

Mi, bratje in sestre, smo ter moramo zagovarjati principe odločevanja večine o vseh vitalnih, enotnih vprašanjih, pa če tudi se mogoče katerikoli napravi zaključek, ki ni stoddostno po volji posameznemu članu. Nobena konvencija, glavni odbor ali izvršni odbor ni zmožen napraviti zaključkov, s katerimi bi se vedno strinjali vsi člani. Zadolžiti se je treba pač s tem, kar je mogoče dobiti in storiti v okoliščinah ter časih, v katerih so zaključki storjeni in dokler veljajo za vse članstvo enako in ne kršijo naših principov.

Ne pozabite, bratje in sestre, da imamo v tem letu kampanjo za pridobivanje novega članstva. Dolžnost slehernega člana je, da stori kolikor je mogoče v svoji naselbini za povišanje števila članov v društvu, kakor tudi jednoti!

POROČILO O NAKAZANI BOLNIŠKI PODPORI

Nekazana dne 15. aprila 1944

REPORT OF SICK BENEFIT PAYMENT

Payment of April 15, 1944

3 George Banda \$102, Bertha Bukovec \$80, Anna Tomazic \$37.
4 Carl Dernas \$10, Joseph Reich \$34, Mary Shubert \$20.
5 Frank Kucur \$6.
6 Frank Grohs \$10.
7 Clementina Mason \$13.50, John Marfeka \$6.
12 Frank Shober \$70.
13 Lazo Zatezal \$19.
14 Anna Zelencik \$16, Joseph Ogrin \$15.50, Mary Ark \$2, Casimir Kranic \$24, Agnes Dukich \$42, Joseph Podboj \$124.
20 Alice Rupert \$20, Cecilia Ferderbar \$3.50, George Muhvic \$20, Joseph Crep \$30, Leo Moenick \$29, Joseph Selkar \$58.50, Joseph Moenick \$28, Frank Golob \$42.
21 George Paulin \$11, Nick Radovich \$21, Anton Znidarsich \$2, Nick Chuch \$4, Anna Perme \$54.
24 Louis Grile \$30, Louis Grile \$30, William Stucin \$20.
26 Mary Korocin \$32, Frank Muzic \$60.
28 Anthony Mezege \$5, Martin Kern \$14, Joseph Markovic \$27, Frank Grebenc \$17, Anna Sivigil \$12.50, John Hoce \$25.50.
29 Antonia Ganser \$15.50.
34 Frank Turk \$20, Joseph Radi \$2, \$28.
40 Geo Gurlic \$4, Mary Topolovsek \$27.
51 Ivana Grohar \$23.
53 Frank Blaznik \$25, Frances Botic \$6.
55 Anton Korcic \$14, Anton Ivanic \$22, Anton Ivanic \$32, Mary Oblak \$22, Mary Lipovec \$30, Katherine Milanchic \$25, Frank Picman \$30.
56 Marko Bilic \$6, Henry Knes \$9.
57 Thomas Zunek \$16, Jacob Richter \$24, Jacob Richter \$24, Anton Tomcic \$22, Tony Molencik \$22, Frank Orzech \$22, Frank Orzech \$14.
58 Frances Znidarsich \$17.
59 Thomas Majnaric \$21.
70 Mary Matzja \$5.
80 Robert Swany \$6, Gregor Zgonc \$56, Charles Korowick \$5, Martin Polace \$56.
82 Frank Logar \$28, Frank Stritar Catherine Rezel \$28, Joseph Derstven \$28, Louis Bove \$28, Joseph Derstven \$28, John Kobal \$6, Mollie Andrykovich \$20.

85 Anna Umetic \$27.
87 Andrew Fickacovich \$9, Fabijan Cividini \$22, Thomas Kosalec \$17, Matt Jurekovic \$28, Joseph Turk \$6.
88 Victor Butja \$26.
91 Adolph Ruzich \$30, Joseph Fitz \$14.
95 Anna Kamnikar \$22, John Barbic \$13.
98 Sophie Stor \$20, Frank Drobne \$42, Anton Klopice \$12, Joseph Uhan \$5, Antonia Homan \$28, Antonia Homan \$28, Frank Spicemiller \$28, Mary Uranchic \$23, Anton Dolanc \$58.
99 Mary Hill \$23.50.
106 Frank Blazic \$14, Joseph Cerin \$28, Anton Pavlovic \$10.50, Mary Ergen \$28, Nick Bastovitch \$29, Rose Vidak \$22.
108 Mary Zgonc \$33, Louise Follmar \$19, Jennie Tekavec \$14, Mary Vesel \$37, Mary Gradisher \$28, Margaret Juzina \$25, Frances Perme \$20, Barbara Gerzin \$17.
111 Margaret Fugina \$28, Katherine Krize \$16.
114 Rose Plum \$18, Rose Baloch \$31.
120 Louise Ahlin \$27, Valentine Turk \$28, Louise Kausec \$14, Anna Zupancic \$28, Louise Sofran \$12, Joseph Terbovec \$81.
128 Edna Miklich \$20, Matt Brozicevic \$28, Mike Klopice \$25, Mike Koncili \$25.
137 Marian Tratin \$23, Mary Kole \$20, Maggie Tancic \$31, Mary Dolljak \$20, Elizabeth Smolaj \$18, Theresa Zilheri \$39, Frances Stofa \$35, Margaret Tratin \$43.
163 Charles Brachun \$14.
165 Paula Cheek \$55, Ignatz Fluss \$28, Frank Lencic \$28.
174 Kathi Kitt \$20, Frank Zalar \$2, Joseph Zakrajsek \$19.50, Joseph Zakrajsek \$20.
177 Ivana Poljanec \$33.
182 John Kunstelj \$28, Mary Krmpotich \$19, Rose Kastelic \$14, Anton Krizelj \$28, Frank Rogina \$13.50.
183 Robert Buzanich \$28.
185 Frances Berlec \$28, Mary Zpancic \$18, Mary Zpancic \$16.
189 Anton Oberstar \$20, Mae Svetlich \$40, Frank Horvat \$22, Frank Zivec \$14, Joseph Rakar \$20.
196 James Peternel \$36.
213 Mary Stith \$24.
223 Mary Sever \$21, Louis Bregar \$28, John Sever \$27, Matt Maurovich \$29, Joseph Yurcovich \$28.
225 Johana Burger \$28, Rudolph Humar \$2, Lela Golob \$20.
230 Catherine Novacic \$28.
232 Martin Raspet \$28, Teresia Horca \$40.50, Andrew Bogataj \$27.
234 Matthew Ropac \$31.
250 Antona Piseck \$31, John Bozic \$33, Tony Dence \$28, Anna Medic \$13.50, Frances Blizjak \$28.
258 Louise Pauline \$28, Frances Kordich \$27, Joseph Gorse \$70.
262 Rose Garm \$14.50, Frank Paulic \$13.
266 Frances Gradisher \$46.
267 Matthew Milnar \$28, Jacob Antilla \$20, Angela Costello \$17, John Huns \$20.
268 Gregor Zelenc \$28, Mary Lands \$10, Anton Brar \$13, Louis Marolt \$10.
270 Violet Hoelters \$14, Frank Medich \$14.
271 Andrew Umetich \$29, Angela Skrbec \$28, Agnes Lohic \$21.
282 Josephine Jupinko \$27, Frank Lautar \$20.
284 John Novak \$20.
287 Joseph Jelovich \$36, Karl Vidmar \$35, Martin Klemencic \$14.
289 Sylvia Latchney \$20.
292 Andrew Kavalcik \$66, Louis Miekus \$27.
300 Lucie Kucic \$15, Frances Polifko \$21, Ivan Ludinic \$28, Mary Rajzer \$23.
311 Mary Frikovich \$14, George Starcevic \$12, Joseph Cherin \$42.
312 Andrew Lokar \$10.
317 Leopold Pristan \$20, Frank Kuznik \$80, Martha Korach \$20, Peter Skalac \$40.50.
318 Joseph Skoda \$58.
322 Violet Petrak \$20.
323 John Gerovac \$50, Joseph Pavlovich \$27, Mary Arambasic \$37, Mike Meisich \$76.
325 Frances Gofik \$14.
333 John Mileleic \$32, Frank Suligoj \$60.
341 Nick Busi \$9.
360 John Sapor \$13, Anton Potasek \$28, Tomo Jevor \$7, Steve Karan \$29.
371 Bartol Medved \$21, Bartol Medved \$21, Anton Breznikar \$31, John Kraine \$29.
386 Joseph Hrovat \$14.50, Joseph Hrovat \$28, Mike Pfeiffer \$28, Mike Pfeiffer \$28, Frank Jerc \$20.
397 Caroline Tezak \$20, John Kuretic \$28.
398 Mike Maynarich \$14, Jakob Jakacovich \$28.
419 Jerry Miklavic Jr. \$28, Anton Verbie \$13.50.
427 Matt Kos \$22.50, Pauline Foreman \$20, Joseph Rupunik \$14.50, Louise Havelka \$19, Paul Havelka \$20, Mike Devich \$39, Martin Jurman \$28.
469 Mary Miljanich \$21, Steve Gabor Jr. \$10, Victor Radetic \$28.
474 Valentine Fortuna \$22.
477 John Bradac \$35, Emma Urbancic \$20, John Vuckovic \$12, Pauline Cule \$20.
485 Katherine Novsek \$7, John Pungartnik \$20.
486 Louisa Zdravje \$31.
493 Helen Brozovich \$13, Nick Chiharatic \$42.
499 Anton Golob \$12.
508 Michael Kumorek \$15.
536 Antona Marfeka \$16, Anna Pavlovic \$14, John Merezic \$22.
538 Nick Jovicic \$14.
550 Josephine Ceh \$15, Mary Brolich \$36.
552 Mato Gerencic \$12.
554 Lukk Zaubi \$20.
568 Mary Brunet \$20.
575 Stepana Cerne \$20.
577 Zlata Grabrah \$20.
586 Andrew Kobolka \$16, Jennie Klopice \$12, Jennie Klopice \$12, Steve Kovacevic \$54, Frank Leskovic \$16, Ruth Saksek \$18.
594 Mary Miller \$28.
614 Joseph Petrar \$41.
628 Matt Tonkovich \$27.
629 Anna Zayc \$20.
630 Ann Ziglic \$20.
643 Pauline Bahn \$4, Edward Prevec \$6, Edward Prevec \$6, Margaret Umecek \$4.
680 Joseph Melle \$14.
688 Andrew Urban \$20.
700 Antona Zatezal \$24.50, Anton Sumak \$32, Anton Hoznar \$21, John Ravnikar \$27.50, Sam Sarich \$48.
706 Frank Batle \$10.
716 John Logar \$22.
725 Jacob Fabjanic \$30.
728 Joseph Rich \$26.
745 Joseph Cukelj \$20.
SKUPAJ - TOTAL \$8,366.50

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8 Ralph Bregar \$21, Pauline Kovacic \$36, Frank Zalc \$13, Peter Cepelich \$34, Jacob Krasovec \$27, Frank Dobrovnik \$17.50, Sam Sarich \$48.
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16 Josephine Brezovar \$28, Jennie Kraine \$27, Fanny Kamnikar \$19, Mary Janovnik \$19, John Retelj \$14, Martin Kerin \$17, Frank Golob \$19, Mike Krevc \$21, John Jakic \$13.50, Joseph Struzelj \$31, John Kovacev \$61, Jernej Prelovsek \$14, Mary Zusek \$21.50, Frances Zusek \$23, Frank Janick \$30.
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46 Frank Bray \$29.

43 Frank Sipelj \$40, John Pivell \$18, Frank Kastelic \$14.
44 Mary Tazlar \$22, Victor Golob \$12.
47 Anton Tomazic \$32, Victor Golob \$12.
53 Jennie Kovach \$20, Jacob Glazar \$72.
54 Alexander Gromovsky \$32.
55 Helen Kozick \$20, Anthony Brelih Jr. \$20, Peter Taus \$22.
58 Christine Oshen \$15, Christine Oshen \$15, Caroline Novak \$44.
60 Mary Ribar \$21, Gregor Kovacs \$20, Joseph Ouseil \$18, Matilda Ivanic \$35, Joseph Meden \$18.
61 Angela Kern \$33, Louis Verbiec \$25.
62 George Spehar \$30, John Cerin \$28, Anton Goshel \$28, Joseph Stukel \$28.
63 Anna Malovich \$28.
64 Anne Cerne \$22, Frank Povuk \$28.
65 Frank Marola \$28, Mary Kotar \$14.
66 Martha Pugi \$27.
69 Joseph Mijic \$11, John Rahne \$28, Thomas Djuke \$40, Steve Jurjavic \$42, Frank Masera \$8, John Cos \$20, Anton Boubon \$13, John Nosen \$36.
75 Helen Brisk \$21, Anton Volkovic \$14, Frank Jelenic \$14, Stanko Starcevic \$14.
76 Stana Catlak \$21.
77 Ella Schimmler \$20, Ione Prebil \$20.
86 Frances Svolack \$28, Anne Garden \$22, Theresa Jensen \$14, Frank Stastaric \$15.50, Albin Bobnic \$14, Albin Bobnic \$14.
94 Mary Vidmar \$18.
104 Emil Planinsek \$35, Ursula Bolskar \$18, Frances Candek \$27, Anna Maric \$22, Joseph Mainarich \$5, John Music \$96.
110 Angelo Krainik \$40, Frank Skornsek \$31, John Perko \$21, Charles Brank \$10, Anton Matelich \$21, John Petrak \$22, John Kozick \$28, Anton Huss \$15, Leopold Zgonc \$2, Joseph Hren \$27, John Grancich \$25.
113 John Kos \$42.
118 Sophie Karpuska \$20, Sophie Karpuska \$25, Steve Cvetkovic \$40, Frank Colaric \$28, Martin Gosenc \$22.00, Matthew Jaksa \$25.50, Frank Kopar \$20, Matt Sapec \$20, Mary Turk \$11, Helen Zalc \$13.50.
121 Anna Wolansek \$20, Anton Grum \$31, Anton Grum \$31, Frank Zorman \$28, Frank Zorman \$28, Josephine Butala \$14.
122 John Jager \$20, Mike Barila \$14, Joseph Damjanovich \$13.50, Helen Lise \$27, Angelo Vercapaci \$20.
124 Anna Drasler \$20, Victor Lauria \$46, Louise Jeric \$26, Vite Gm \$27, Margaret Sasso \$25, Ignatz Novak \$20, Mary Zaveri \$40, Mary Rataic \$28.
126 Leopold Kalisek \$16, Mary Oblak \$25, Frank Godier \$20, Frank Kovacic \$41, Antona Mula \$40, Antona Ahcin \$28, Joseph Sauric \$35, Josephine Slapnik \$40, Frank Skerl \$28, John Simet \$14, Frank Campa \$14, Julia Petmel \$37, Karolina Gabrenja \$18.
130 Anna Krail \$18, Rose Martinovich \$28, Anna Markovic \$40, Antona Benčina \$42, Nellie Vance \$27.
131 Ivana Roycht \$20, Joseph Gracner \$35, Helen Sedel \$24, Anton Burger \$36, Mary Branovich \$28, Helen Majk \$16.50, John Roycht \$108.
138 William Pavice \$46, Mary Tomisich \$9, Anna Smrdel \$28, Jennie Sedmak \$21, Anna Oklesen \$22, Joseph Mavric \$56, John Romanich \$40, Anton Benkin \$30, Joseph Benish \$17, Frank Gnjatovich \$15.
142 Steve Merjak \$54, John Troha \$26, Frank Berjak \$14, Frank Nagode \$7, Antona Dusa \$10, Frank Komidar \$10, Jennie Brozcek \$20, Joseph Zupancic \$46, Richard Nagode \$16, Bert Zimber \$28, Frank Kozlevcar \$48, Edwin Beraga \$39.
144 Stefan Blagotinsek \$15.50, Frank Smith \$48.
145 Anton Krizman \$20.
148 Anna Vidmar \$29, John Cuk \$31, Julia Pungaric \$21, Andrew Pagan \$58.
149 Matt Gruden \$11.50, Mary Gruden \$11.50.
150 John Baloh \$32.
160 Paul Bilobad \$14, Ivan Kreell \$24.
169 Mary Indaf \$28.
173 Mary Perko \$22, Michael Gricar \$31, Frances Jan \$20.
178 Josephine \$20, Joseph Korta \$31.
180 Steve Jakovic \$28.
182 Annie Han \$31, Mary Kracman \$14, Angela Brence \$28, Helen Podgerga \$14, Louise Iglekic \$22, Teresia Zajec \$22, Magdalena Winkler \$14, Augusta Stuchic \$21, Josephine Grabner \$60.50, Louise Vizek \$28.
193 Steve Suakalo \$2, Mary Landini \$7.
197 Rudolph Marolt \$25, Jacob Ravnik \$31, Edward Tauzell \$20, Matt Tomljanovich \$16.
201 Frank Kemperle \$36, John Russ \$32, Anton Fatur \$8.
203 John Vidmar \$9, John Vidmar \$9, John Stefan \$13.
204 Nick Bortch \$23.
207 Frank Rutar \$20, George Frank \$47.
209 George Sumina \$26, John Bregar \$27, George Elenich \$19, George Elenich \$35.
210 Margaret Verneti \$10, Antona Platinich \$22.50, Martin Lenich \$13.
215 Josephine Korta \$9, John Perslin \$20.
216 Josephine Korta \$9.
224 John Koropec \$24, Louis Seruga \$28, Theresa Vesel \$22.
227 Amelia Strle \$5.
228 Albert Rokos \$54.
245 Nick Rozman \$41, Nick Verbanac \$28, Mike Rozman \$41.
251 John Guec \$25.50, Joseph Mulec \$21, Mary Pucel \$24, Ignac Pucel \$31.
257 Frank Gabriel \$18, Anton Vihar \$28.
259 Jacob Primozic \$14, Frank Zitko \$14, Andrej Martincic \$44, Stefan Krizaj \$16, Stefan Krizaj \$16.
260 Ludvik \$28.
264 Mary Slaker \$20, Luba Hrovat \$28, Michael Erjavce \$14, Frank Maras \$28, Frank Dornovsek \$3, John Vidmasek \$9.50.
275 John Proagac \$29, Frank Spendal \$28, Frank Camenche \$13.50, Antona Plut \$28.
289 Peter Scipione \$50, Ernestine Renner \$24, Andrew Luthan \$27.
297 Felix Peterlin \$14, Mary Philipich \$14, Joseph Zupan \$14, John Delost \$28, Vinko Polc \$42.
298 Joseph Zupancic \$20, Joseph Zupancic \$28, George Boskic \$24, Jacob Hriks \$28, John Colnar \$2, John Sedmak \$54.
300 Mike Vukobratovich \$24.
304 Antona Lubovich \$28, Mary Udovich \$30, George Osterman \$24, Josephine Jug \$41, Matt Udovich \$20, Martin Nemec \$61, Frank Matjasec \$55.50, Louis Leman \$28, Veronika Golob \$30, Anton Gregoric \$28.
310 Peter Furadaj \$34.
312 Joseph Sumpacic \$20, Blas Gibala \$27.
319 John Sebati \$28.
322 Rose Ellich \$20, Kate Petrak \$26, Vajta Jozic \$28, Milka Similich \$14, Milica Gotic \$14, Angela Kerke \$18, Frances Repesh \$40, Mary Brisk \$42, Violet Petrak \$9.
325 Karl Stanic \$30, Margaret Uimer \$14.
328 Mary Spreitzer \$29, Mary Fleck \$26.
344 Frank Shil \$12, Joseph Urbancic \$27.
345 John Peter \$28.
347 Joseph Salopek \$15.50, George Pribanich \$42.
353 Percy Atkinson \$28, Mary Vichich \$6, Fabijan Kopjar \$31.
363 Jacob Tusher \$27, Frank Bambic \$36.
365 Barbara Agnic \$28.
374 John Popovich \$41, Peter Novakovich \$28.
375 Mary Svedi \$6.
377 Valentin Majnic \$48, Joseph Plute \$29, Vid Podgorec \$30, Angela Repovc \$28.
381 Steve Zelenc \$30, John Strumbelj \$21, Louis Pota \$28.
387 John Peter \$28.
390 Virginia Selak \$16, Magdalena Fumich \$68, John Thaler \$11, Helen Popovet \$28.
400 George Pivk \$20, Anna Mento \$27.
406 Justina Carmely \$27.
421 Ernest Mellich \$27.
422 John Peter \$28.
423 Anna Melich \$28, Frank Gale \$28, John Uster \$63, Stella Britz \$17, Anton Roglic \$14.

Društvene priredbe

VESELICA DRUŠTVA 190

St. Michael, Pa.—Končno spet prihaja lepa pomlad, ki prerodi in prebudi vso naravo. Tako se je zbudilo tudi članstvo društva 190 SNPJ, ki so pogledali v našo nekdanjo debelo blaginjo in videli, da se je precej posušila. Pa so takoj sklenili, da privedemo veselico v soboto zvečer, 6. maja, začetek ob osmih. Igral bo izvrsten orkester. Vrši se v klubovi dvorani in vstopnina je 50c.

Torej uljudno vabimo vse prijatelje plesa in ljubitelje pristnih domačih mesenih klobas, kakor tudi vsakovrstne pišave in prijateljske družbe. Pridite, da se malo pozabavamo. Vabljeni ste tudi iz drugih naselbin, ob priliki pa vam vrnemo.

Kakor drugod, tudi tukaj delamo kolikor moremo, da pomagamo finančno Stricu Samu do zmage. Vsak Amerikanec, ki ima srce na pravem mestu, želi skorajšnje zmage in konec tega strašnega klanja. Tudi mi v premožarskih naselbinah smo dali na tisoč sinov in bratov, mož in očetov Stricu Samu, da pomagajo streti ta roparski in tiranski nacifazizem, ki je povzročil toliko gorja in trpljenja tudi našemu krvavečemu narodu v stari domovini.

Se enkrat, na svidenje na naši veselici v soboto zvečer.

The 1944 Fraternal Week

Next week—May 8 to 13—is Fraternal Week so designated by the National Fraternal Congress of America. Most of the fraternal societies are affiliated with the NPC, and our Society has been a member of the congress for more than thirty years.

This year Fraternal Week will assume greater importance as the NPC has decided to celebrate it with special radio programs and meetings. For this purpose radio scripts have been prepared dealing with different phases of fraternalism. Past achievements in the fraternal field will be reviewed, with special emphasis on the future prospects of fraternal work.

In addition, special radio scripts have been written dealing with such vital subjects as—fraternal services, fraternal financial strength, fraternalism in the war effort, fraternalism in democracy, and fraternal publications. Questions and answers about various features of the fraternal system will be brought out in "Information Please" style.

Also, a one act playlet, "On the Road to Victory," suitable for any lodge contemplating a celebration, has been written for this purpose. The playlet is typical of the average family of today and is obtainable from the National Fraternal Congress office, 35 E. Wacker Drive, Chicago, without charge.

Our lodges will find this material suitable for their use as it is adaptable for any anniversary occasion, but it might be especially useful this year in connection with our Society's anniversary celebration.

This year Fraternal Week can have a double meaning for our Society and its lodges. We can utilize it by promoting our jubilee campaign and thus observe our Society's anniversary and at the same time observe Fraternal Week.

The observance of Fraternal Week will be meaningless unless we can translate its importance into actual results by securing new members and thus insure our Society's future growth and progress. This will be the best way to celebrate the occasion; in fact, we can make every week during the current jubilee campaign a Fraternal Week of the SNPJ. Mere celebrations, without a definite aim in view to fortify their significance, will not aid the organization materially. All our celebrations must be combined with the object in view of adding new life to the organization.

We all know that there are all types of "week" promotions, some of which are totally meaningless as they have no particular purpose. However, Fraternal Week is not one of these; on the contrary, Fraternal Week has a great meaning for all the people who need fraternal service.

Another important factor in this year's Fraternal Week celebrations is the fact that, as announced by the sponsors, the observance will be along educational lines rather than merely meaningless celebrations. This fact is likely to have a popular appeal among the people.

The 1944 Fraternal Week Committee reports an unusually enthusiastic response from various fraternal societies for this year's celebration, and it is believed that there will be a wider celebration of fraternalism this year than ever before. Why?

The answer is found in the fact that today more people are interested in fraternal protection than ever before. Working conditions are more favorable and people have more money to invest in worthwhile institutions. They want to invest their earnings in safe and sound protection which will pay handsome dividends. And certainly, there is no better investment than the investment in fraternal insurance such as is offered by the Slovene National Benefit Society.

The history of fraternalism is an interesting one. Our own Society's history in fraternal work has been an outstanding contribution to the cause of mutual help based on cooperative benefit. Let's observe Fraternal Week in connection with our Society's 40th anniversary.

Strabane Pioneers

STRABANE, PA.—With the feeling of spring in the air what could have been better for "spring fever" than a dance given by the Pioneers. It was held at the local SNPJ hall featuring the music of Jackie Martinec and his orchestra. As is the Pioneer tradition the affair was a success both financially and socially. The Pioneers were well pleased with the crowd and wish to thank all those who attended and helped to make it an enjoyable evening. Watch this column for news of further Pioneer activity.

While on the subject of dances we would like to mention that our Juvenile Circle is having a dance on May 7, featuring the music of Jackie Martinec. This is their first dance and they would be pleased to see you older members there giving them a little moral support. Don't forget the date—May 7 at the local SNPJ hall.

This week the honor of being the "Family of the Week" goes to Mr. and Mrs. John Terrell who have three sons and two daughters in the service. Four of them are Pioneer members. Those serving their country are John A/S, Great Lakes, Ill.; Pvt. Tony, Camp Custer, Mich.; Lt. Francis, somewhere in England; Lt. Mary, Fort Meade, Maryland; and Robert A/S, Great Lakes, Ill.

Once again we wish to call to the attention of the members that the regular monthly meeting will be held on May 7 at 8:30. We would like to see all the members at this meeting so that plans for the coming summer months can be discussed. Come to the meeting with your ideas and then afterwards enjoy yourself at the dance sponsored by the Juveniles.

Pioneer Pipes: Home on leave recently were Ludvik Germovsek, Bl/c and Joseph Holsey, Coxswain,

who have returned from overseas duty. Ppl. Joseph Krulce, Fort Bragg, North Carolina, and Theodore Polosky, S. C. 3/c, from Mass. Max Chesnic writes saying that he thought there was mud back home, but nothing can beat the mud over there. From somewhere in Italy we hear that Rudy Krulce has been promoted to S/Sgt. Congratulations, Rudy. Congratulations also to Theodore Polosky and Miss Margaret Hull who were recently united in marriage. Pvt. Albert Florgan, who left recently, is now stationed at Camp McClain, Miss. Mrs. John Progar, has gone to visit with her husband S/Sgt. John Progar, who is at Camp Edwards, Mass. Pioneer Pip for the week—Meeting and Dance, May 7.

Publicity Committee,
DOROTHY PODBOY, 589.

Lucky Stars Give Dance May 6

IMPERIAL, PA.—The Lucky Stars wish to remind you once again about the dance they are giving Saturday evening, May 6, at the local Slovene Hall, Imperial, Pa.

The music for the occasion will be Marty Kuvovich and his Musical Group. These boys do a wonderful job when it comes to music. The admission will be 50c per person. So come out, we know you will enjoy yourself.

The Lucky Stars appreciate very much that the Moon Run Fire Department canceled their dance for the same evening.

The next regular meeting of the Lucky Stars is on May 14. So, members, give a little of your time and bring a new applicant. See you all at the dance. Buy an extra war bond. FRANK OPEKA, Pres.

Lauds Prosveta, Colorado Scenery

WALSENBURG, COLO.—Since I've been a member of the SNPJ all my life, I decided it was time to write to the Prosveta; better late than never. The Prosveta is a wonderful paper, relating news about our people and telling of the doings of our fellowmen in various lodges and organizations. It sort of tightens the bands of all the Slovene people in the United States.

Recently, we had a visitor from Library, Pennsylvania, Jack Zupancic, who came out to see his cousin, Joe Zupancic, whom he hasn't seen for thirty years. Naturally, it was quite a reunion for the two cousins. As an aside to Jack, I would like to mention that I am a Belokranjita, not a Hrvatica. However, I've learned to talk a little of each language, Slovene and Croat. We hope you enjoyed your stay out here.

We here in Colorado have wonderful scenery; in fact, I am not bragging in saying that it's the best in the West. Spanish Peaks in our background; to the west, the San De Cristo Range, not to mention Rye, where we have held our many lodge picnics in the past years, good old-fashioned picnics, with all the songs of the old country, polkas and waltzes, potica and home-made klobase. What a time!

We are surrounded by mining camps, and ours is a small mining community doing its best in helping the production of coal to win this war and victory.

Rye is located 25 miles northeast of our town. We usually had our picnics there. I remember quite clearly in my mind on one particular picnic when Bro. Ed Tomasic, for being such a good SNPJ'er and a real sport, received a black eye for his pay—when he forgot to duck. We had picnics at Sulphur Springs at the foot of La Veta Pass, with a spring running the year round. The different mineral wells and the Rocky Cliff called the Lion's Den or Fat Man's Squeeze. We have wonderful fishing, good old mountain trout; deer hunting and all.

In other words, we are proud of our community and its beautiful surroundings; we are also proud of our SNPJ lodge, and especially of Bro. Ed Tomasic, who has done wonders for our organization; and of his wife, Mary Tomasic, who sponsors the Juvenile Circle No. 1, which has made a hit with our younger set.

I am living with Mr. and Mrs. Joe Zupancic. Mrs. Zupancic is secretary of our SNPJ lodge; she also was delegate at the 1941 SNPJ convention in Pittsburgh. Mr. Zupancic, or Stric, as I call him, was secretary of the former SSPZ lodge, which office he held for 25 years. I have lived here for the past few years.

We are proud of being a small lodge and of having quite a few members in the armed forces who are stationed all over the world. Incidentally, Mr. and Mrs. Zupancic have two sons in the service. The third was about to embark for the army, but the stork held the winning hand. He is now a proud father of a baby girl who is going to be a new SNPJ member.

Mike Morosa, a member of the lodge, is here on furlough visiting the Urban family. He makes a handsome sailor, being a flying Navy Cadet. We were all mighty glad to see him.

That's all for this time.
KATHERINE GORNICK, 299.

SNPJ Lodge No. 627 Has Memorable Day

PORTLAND, ORE.—Sunday, April 23, will be a memorable day for some of the members of lodge 627 SNPJ, as on that day Mrs. Frank M. Ambro, President of that lodge, sponsored the launching of a large infantry landing craft LCI (L) 755. (Mrs. Ambro is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Struznik.) Mrs. E. C. Wagner was matron-of-honor, and Mariou Ambro, flower attendant. The official party consisted of twenty friends. All officers of the lodge were present, and a luncheon was served to the official party.

Mrs. Ambro received a \$25 war bond enclosed in a leather bond folder, also \$5 in stamps which made up a part of her corsage. She also received a sterling silver compact from the Navy Department with her name and complete data on the sponsorship of the ship.

We are very proud that such an honor was given to Mrs. Ambro. Publicity Committee,
LOUISE STRUZNICK, 627.

Advice to the Lovelorn

A spinster received and accepted a proposal of marriage. Then she began worrying about her false teeth—she hadn't mentioned them to her future husband. So she asked her doctor what she should do—to tell him or not.

The doctor replied: "Get married and keep your mouth shut."

Pioneer Parade

CHICAGO, ILL.—The Midwest Bowling Tournament will take place this week-end, May 6 and 7, at Bennett's Bowl, 2645 W. Cermak Rd. The Victorian lodge is in charge of this sport event. Saturday evening, May 6, a dance will be held at the SNPJ Hall. The Pioneers will have a large squad of both men and women bowlers participating.

SANC—A fair representation of various lodges and clubs were present at the April 26 meeting. Plans were completed for the dance to be held Saturday, May 27, at the SNPJ Hall. Two War Bonds will be awarded to some lucky winner that evening. Good dance music will be featured in both the upstairs and lower halls. Net proceeds will be divided between the Yugoslav Relief Fund and the Slovene American National Council. The admission is free.

MAJSKI GLAS—This year's Majski Glas is dedicated to the life and work of Joze Zaverknik, who for 18 years was editor of Prosveta. The magazine contains a variety of articles by contributors that have known and worked with Joze Zaverknik in the early years of the SNPJ. Marya Mohar and Louis Beniger, both Pioneer lodge members, are represented in this issue. Put Majski Glas on your "must read" list and get a copy from Proletarac, 301 So. Lawndale Ave., Chicago 23, Ill. The price is 35 cents.

SERVICEMEN—This week our totals are 124 men and women serving Uncle Sam's various armed forces. The three additions are: Stanley Omersa, Robert Tekauts and Joseph Vrechek. We heard from George Ratkovich from Livermore, Calif. George is now a First Class Seaman. We also learned that Leon Schluge is temporarily stationed at Miami, Fla., and has been promoted to a 2nd Class Petty Officer. Congratulations!

"DOWN ON THE FARM"—We walked in on the rehearsals of the Perfect Circle 28 last Saturday and found the group hard at work. There is a lot of spirit and enthusiasm among the participants and you are assured of a good program. Edward Udovich, president of the Circle, will act as master of ceremonies and will introduce the various numbers. Reserve Saturday evening, June 10, at SNPJ Auditorium, and plan to attend. More details will be published next week.

SAVA SINGING SOCIETY—This group was always rated as one of the best Slovene mixed choruses in Chicago. Due to the war most of their tenors were inducted into the armed forces while others accepted out-of-town defense jobs. Due to these conditions Sava has temporarily suspended rehearsals. There has been some talk of starting rehearsals again—minus the male voices. I welcome the suggestion and am sure Sava would be a success as a ladies' chorus as they have very good and talented voices in their former group. What you say, Sava members?

ALL-A-ROUND—Frank Reven is serving on the jury in the Superior court and finds it quite an experience. Tim Prolesnik, an SNPJ employee, and Frank Gradisek, a popular Slovene musician, participated on the Saks amateur hour last Sunday. Let Lt. Eugene Barbic stopped off in Chicago on route to his camp. His mission home was a sad one—to attend the funeral of his mother. Our sympathies to the Barbic family.

Word has reached us that Sgt. Louis Omer, a Slovene of Johnstown, Pa., has been killed while on maneuvers at Ft. Sam Houston, Texas. Our sympathies to his family and relatives. Luka Grosar Sr. and his wife have left for a month's vacation in southern places. The Pioneer picnic committee will start functioning soon. The date selected is August 5 at Pileon Park. Watch for further developments.
FRANCES L. RAK, 559.

Presto Lodge No. 166 Plans Dance May 13

PRESTO, PA.—We are writing to announce the date of our coming dance which is to be held on Saturday, May 13, at St. Barbara's Hall in Presto by SNPJ lodge 166. Music will be furnished by Les Faulk and his Trio. There will be fun and music for all. Refreshments will be served, also those good Slovene klobase made by our famous Presto butcher. We hope the weather is in our favor.

We also wish to announce the blessed event at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Klemencic, Bridgeville, Pa. It's a girl. Congratulations to both of you.

So don't forget for a good time our May 13 dance. We'll see you then.
CHRISTINA KLEMENCIC, 166.

Lodge 540 Will Meet on May 14

ELIZABETH, N. J.—Hello, members everywhere from Lodge 540. Our last meeting date fell on Easter Sunday, April 9, so therefore, no meeting was held. All members wanted to spend their holiday at home.

But be sure to attend the next meeting on Sunday, May 14. Most of the members are looking forward to it as among the important discussions that will be held, will be our final plans and details for our 20th Anniversary Party to be held Sunday, June 11, starting at 2 p. m. and to be held at Skarl's residence.

All committee members are especially urged to attend this meeting. To make this party a great success, every member's cooperation should be acquired, and one member from each family should attend at least with all the ideas and suggestions from that family. The committee will get in touch with each member after this meeting and let's have 100% attendance.

On our sick list we have Lottie Skarl, who is a mighty sick girl. We all wish her a speedy recovery and members are asked to visit her.

The following boys were home on furlough and leave: Tony Skarl, Theodore Cipoth, and Joseph Pasarich. Joe has since been sent to another Air Base, this time at Maxton, N. C. John Pasarich is on his way to a battle area and his family is anxiously awaiting a word from him. Good luck, John, and to those PT boats.

Theodore Cipoth came home after a year and his family certainly was glad to see him. The aircraft carrier he is assigned to has been in eight major battles, and Theodore himself has received some decorations. He has been in the Pacific area most of the time and he flew in from San Francisco. Good luck to you on your future trips.

Congratulations to our SNPJ on its 40th anniversary. We are all proud to be members of this great Slovene organization and wish it all the luck in the world.

It will grow greater and stronger as the years go by because each member who belongs will want to see it that way.

A great membership drive is on and every lodge has its quota to fill. Every member of Lodge 540 should try to acquire one new member. How about it, folks?

Don't forget the date, time and place, members. Sunday, May 14, at 2 p. m. Let us all come early.
Publicity Committee,
MARY PEZDIRC, 540.

Lodge 89 Holds Dance Saturday

MIDWAY, PA.—SNPJ Lodge No. 89 cordially invites all members and friends to attend our dance which will be held Saturday, May 6, at the local hall. A fine evening of entertainment is in store for you, so we'll be expecting you.

Music will be furnished by Paul Dolinar and his orchestra, and admission is 40c for gents and 40c for ladies.

We also ask our neighboring lodges to remember Saturday, September 23, as on this date we are sponsoring a dance with all profits going toward buying Christmas gifts for our members in the armed forces.
ANNA PIKE, Treas.

Meadowlands Lodges Give Dance May 20

MEADOWLANDS, PA.—Members of Meadowlands lodges will be glad to hear that our last dance was very successful and that we thank every one who helped to make it so. The winner of the bond was John Martinec and of the stamps, John Zitko. Our next committee meeting will be on May 7 at 10:30 a. m.

We have another dance scheduled for May 20 at Bears' Hall and this time Jackie Martinec will furnish the polkas and waltzes for both young and old. So once again we ask all our members, friends and neighboring lodges to come and make merry with us and make this dance another big success.

I am happy to announce that Mary Pelah, a member of Lodge 259, has signed up with the Wac. She is our first woman member to join and we congratulate her and wish her success in her new assignment.

See you all at the dance on May 20 at Bears' Hall.

STELLA MURN, Sec'y.

Alice Up-to-Date
"Tell me, dear fairy," said Alice, "how do you manage not to be seen by people, even though they walk right past you every day?"
"I lend them money," replied the fairy.

The Question of Lodge Mergers

Recently, there appeared an article in the English section of the Prosveta, written by Brother A. Kerzic Jr., dealing with the question of consolidation or merger of the three SNPJ lodges in Waukegan, Illinois, into one unit. If such an undertaking can be materialized, a great accomplishment will have been achieved, according to his opinion, and "new services to our community and in the continuation of a liberal and progressive fraternal organization." He also points out the financial advantages by abolishing three sets of officers, lodge meetings, rents, etc.

We do not in the least doubt the sincerity of Bro. Kerzic's contention; nevertheless, we cannot sustain his argument for several good reasons. Perhaps Bro. Kerzic is correct in assuming that there would be some financial advantages for our members through such a merger in Waukegan-North Chicago, but would the advantages outweigh the disadvantages created by such a merger? Let us consider the following:

1. Organization of the English speaking lodge, as many charter members of Lodge 568 will agree, required much hard work, unyielding perseverance and sacrifice on the part of our loyal members in Waukegan. Should the Little Fort Lodge presently merge with the senior lodges, there would be an immediate end to most, if not all, activities among our youth in your community. And not only that; consider also our members in the armed forces when they will return home and no longer find the lodge for which they have so faithfully worked all these years. Don't you think that they, too, will be disappointed?

2. Today you have three lodges in your Waukegan-North Chicago community, three sets of local officials who eagerly solicit new members. If you are going to have only one lodge, your activities will diminish two-thirds. This fact has been proved time and again. The same holds true about the meetings. Now you have a score of members in attendance; then you will have proportionately equal number at only one lodge. Today, in the process of a membership campaign, there is competition for prizes among three lodges, whereas with the merger, competition of this sort would cease. Anybody who believes that the same results will be obtained by one lodge alone, shall be disappointed.

These convictions are based upon our past experiences with similar problems. In view of these, we do not think further analysis on this subject is necessary. Advocating merger of the Slovene speaking lodges in Waukegan would be more practicable, but combining all three would not at all, in our opinion, warrant satisfactory results.

We should like to suggest, therefore, that members of the English speaking lodge 568 give this matter serious thought and put aside the merger proposition at least until the war is over. In all fairness, the opinion of those members now serving in the armed forces should also be considered.

Don't forget about the campaign now under way and try to do your part by securing as many new juvenile and adult members as possible.
F. A. VIDER, Supreme Secretary.

Veronian News

VERONA, PA.—Saturday, May 13, the day before Mother's Day, is the date on which the Veronian three hundred dollar (\$300) grand drawing will take place.

Because we have only 500 tickets, the board of directors in charge of this affair urge all members to contact them if they haven't as yet received their supply. As the drawing is scheduled to take place at exactly 10 p. m. that Saturday night, a nice turnout is expected.

Just a month ago, the SNPJ anniversary campaign for new members began. How have you so far helped to celebrate it? Reports have it that there are many prospects around, so let's not miss out on a good chance in helping ourselves acquire a little extra cash on the side, which our SNPJ is willing to give you as an award for that new member. Then there is no use in reminding you what a good deed you are doing for your country, for every new member means more stamps and more bonds.

First, congratulations to all having birthdays and anniversaries this month, and then a review of last month's happenings.

A day that will live a long time in our memories was "Commando Kelly Day." Yes, the Pittsburgh people turned out by the thousands to see and cheer their hero in that gigantic parade a week ago. Getting a glimpse of our hero while waiting patiently in line along the parade route were Dicky Bill Kaus, his Mom and Mrs. Young (former Fanny Luzer).

Pictures of Johnnie Strama and Frank ("Porky") Bouma are already up. Whose picture will be next? A nice snapshot would be most welcome.

Our Veronian congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. John Krulc (former Josephine Sokoski) who were joined in wedlock this past month. Many Veronians helped celebrate with this couple at the bride's home in New Kensington where the reception was held following the ceremony.

On the Veronia sick list in April were Frankie (Pepper) Mohar, the little one of Mr. and Mrs. Martin Vrbancic; Rudie Slosar, Michael Sepelyak's youngster, and Fritz Miller who has undergone a series of operations at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota. A nice get-well card to cheer Fritz up, should be forwarded by our members.

From out Lewistown came Frances Mostak to take a job at the American Steel Foundries here in Verona, replacing her brother who formerly worked at this plant and who now

is in the Navy. While here in Verona, Frances will stay with her aunt, Mrs. Mary Melle, of Penn-township.

Many soldiers have visited our club the past month, and what a great time these boys really have when in the company of our Veronian members.

Mr. Cestnik, Kobal, Joe Martinec and Frank Bozich to introduce new outside bowling game here at our club grounds. Yes, the older men are agreeing that with almost all of our younger members in the services it should be up to them to take over and help out with our activities.

"Thanks a lot to the Prosveta," says Eddie and Mrs. Kira, for helping locate Mrs. Kira's sister, whom they hadn't been able to locate for the past twenty years. It happened this way. A neighbor of Mrs. Beniger who lives in Canyon City, Colorado, and who gets the Prosveta, saw the picture of Frankie Kira who was killed in action in Italy. Showing this picture to Mrs. Beniger, she quickly recognized it as the son of her sister whom she was separated from twenty years ago. A few days later a telegram arrived here at the home of Mrs. Kira from Mrs. Beniger, saying she saw Frankie's picture in the Prosveta.

The John Semencars are now living at their new home on W. R. R. ave. Their neighbors are the Peretics and Mohars. The Slosars (Kucel) have also moved to new surroundings. John having bought a home on Seldom ave., across from the Ingall's plant in Verona.

Golf has been given a setback here in Penna because of rainy weather. Many have braved the rain though, the king of them all being Johnnie Kubala, who has played five rounds at this writing.

Congratulation cards were received by Elmer Eiffler's dog, Lady, when she gave birth to five pups. Although four of the puppies died there is still one left, and many of the Veronians, especially the Klausems from Milwaukee, are getting impatient in the delay of the "christening."

Our Board of Directors, especially Larry Cassol and Elmer Eiffler, have had many busy nights with our attorney, David Fawcett, in the hope of getting our liquor license.

So, with this reminder to get into the anniversary campaign by getting a new member, and to sell those grand drawing tickets, I'll say so long with this Guess Who: Who are three expectant mothers of Veronian members?
MICHAEL LIPESKY, 688.

Our Front

By Louis Beniger

Very little has been said here in recent weeks about the Slovene American National Council (SANC), which was created at the first Slovene National Congress in Cleveland in December of 1942.

Just for the record, it is well to repeat here that the congress was a great success, especially so when we consider the various shades of opinion represented at the assembly. The delegation numbered more than 400 duly elected representatives, and all resolutions submitted were adopted unanimously. In the main, the resolutions stated that the Slovene Americans want a free and united Slovenia within the framework of a democratic and federalized Yugoslavia. Of course, it goes without saying that the assembly went on record in vigorous support of the United Nations' war effort to crush our common enemy.

This, in a nutshell, is the gist of the program entrusted to SANC to be carried out here in behalf of our people across the sea; this, in brief, is the political action as it was agreed upon by the above-mentioned assembly.

At this point we might ask ourselves what has been done thus far by SANC to justify its existence? Has it followed the course set by the congress? Or has it failed in its mission?

There is no doubt in my mind that SANC has fully understood its trust and that its work has thus far been well done. Likewise, the moral and material help given by our people to SANC has been enthusiastic from the very beginning and there is no sign of any decrease in popular support. Our people throughout the country as a whole, and particularly the members of the SNP, have responded most favorably. They did this because they know that it is their duty to help their motherland in the gravest crisis in all history.

All this, too, is just for the record—and it is a record, indeed, when the people unite into a solid bloc to help their brothers who are now enslaved by the most inhuman tyrant in history.

However well this may speak for our record, there is another side to the picture. Recently, our clericals, led by a few fanatic priests, have become violent opponents of SANC over its policies concerning Marshal Tito's Partisans.

The most violent of these is one Rev. Bernard Ambrozic of Lemont, Ill. Another is the Rev. Oman of Cleveland, and the third is the American Domovina which is lending its space to the attacks against SANC and its leaders, notably against Etan Kristan and Louis Adamic, president and honorary president of SANC. They want SANC to support the Slovene quailing in Ljubljana, General Rupnik, who was put in power by Adolf Hitler and who was given the blessings of Bishop Rozman of Ljubljana. They are trying to justify their maneuvers by branding the Partisans as Communists. They are brazen enough to do all this here in a democratic country which is today engaged in a deadly struggle against the very enemy with whom their partners in Ljubljana are collaborating!

The best answer to the vicious attacks of the clericals was given in last week's Prosveta, for which its editor, Frank Zaitz, should be commended.

War Profiteers Claim "Windfall"

Some idea of the extent to which war contractors will profit from tax rebates after the shooting stops was indicated by a Treasury Department disclosure that 30,000 claims for refunds are already on file.

The applications ask for tax refunds of approximately \$3,000,000,000 for the years 1940 to 1942, when tax collections on war-swollen profits aggregated \$10,500,000,000.

In an article written for the "Quarterly" of the Pennsylvania Bar Association, Assistant Secretary John L. Sullivan estimated that post-war rebates of war taxes may run between \$15,000,000,000 and \$30,000,000,000 and will "present a grave problem of national financing."

Under the law, all corporations may claim a draw-back of 10 percent of their war taxes. Concerns which can show they are losing money in the post-war period can claim refunds equal to their normal peacetime profits.

Encouraged by these generous provisions, the tax experts of Big Business are preparing for a "killing."

BEST CURRENT FILMS

For Family: Happy Land, Hit the Ice, Lessee Come Home, Madame Curie, My Friend Flicka, This Is the Army, Thousands Cheer.

For Mature Audience: Action in the North Atlantic, The City that Stopped Hitler, Claudia, Corvette K-223, Destination Tokyo, Guadalcanal Diary, Gung Ho!, Holy Maternity, Sahara, The Song of Bernadette, Watch on the Rhine, The Young Mr. Pitt.

No Offense, Guy!

Columbia, Tenn., which claims to be the largest outdoor mule market in the world, not long ago held a mule parade, headed by the governor.

MIDWEST TOURNAMENT SAT. and SUNDAY, MAY 6-7

This coming week-end, May 6-7, Chicago will be the scene of the annual **Midwest SNPJ Bowling Tournament and Dance**. The bowling events are scheduled to start early Saturday evening and will very likely be concluded late Sunday afternoon. The main social attraction is the big dance on the opening night and this will take place in the SNPJ auditorium. All present indications point to a large and representative attendance mainly from the lodges in the midwest area. The **Victorians' (632)** Committees have worked hard these past several weeks and promise to have every possible detail in perfect working order when the day and the hour arrives to serve. A really good time is in store for everyone, so let's all emerge from our wartime shells and make this an event worthy of the Society's 40th Anniversary year.

A lot of good bowling can be looked for when the "elite" of SNPJ bowlers from Milwaukee, Chicago, Waukegan, Cleveland and Detroit start blasting the maples at **Bennett's Bowl** next Saturday and Sunday. No doubt many old marks will be threatened, if not broken. . . The Little Fort (568) five-woman team of Waukegan, Ill., champs of the Midwest in 1943 and this year's Pioneer Invitational Tourney winners, will return seeking to repeat their winning performances of the past. . . **Joseph Fifolt**, Secretary of Comrade Lodge 566, Cleveland, Ohio, writes to let us know that two women's teams have been entered in the tournament, which is reason enough to believe there is going to be an abundance of action and excitement in this division. The Comrade bowlers have the reputation of being good, so look out, Little Fort, Pioneers, Badgers, Integrities, etc. . . A letter from a couple of active Pennsylvania SNPJs, **Frances and Helen Dermotta**, informs us they expect to be present at the Midwest doings—and that's really good news.

A last minute news flash from **John J. Spilar**, District No. 3 member of the National Athletic Board, reports that Cleveland SNPJ Lodges will be represented in the Midwest tourney by at least four teams—besides the Comrades, a team from Lunder-Adamic (28) and another from the Spartans (576) will furnish competition for the Midwesterners. . . So far, one team entry is in from the Detroit Young Americans (564).

The exact number of teams entered in the tournament is not known at this writing, but with Cleveland bowlers participating and Detroit expected to come through with at least a couple of teams, the Midwest Tourney begins to take on the appearance and color of a miniature national event. . . The Milwaukee Badgers (584) are sending four teams to Chicago and on one of the squads will be our nationally prominent bowler, **Rudy Pugel**, who only last week was named on the nation's All-Star team by the National Bowlers' Journal. As a member of the Badgers, Rudy has participated in many tournaments of the Society, including softball, bowling and even golf. In the SNPJ National Bowling Tournament two years ago, he bowled a 717 series to cop the Singles title and finished a close second in the All-Events with a nine game total of 1924 as against 1949 by **Elwood Blake** of the Detroit Young Americans.

Since then Pugel has traveled far up the ladder against the very best competition in the country. With **Ned Day** of West Allis, Wis., who, incidentally, is married to a daughter of **Anton Trainik**, a long-standing member of the SNPJ, he holds the National Doubles Match Game Championship. And so it's going to be a real treat to see Rudy again, bowling along with the rest of us this coming week-end. Here's hoping he brings along his accordion for it's almost as much a pleasure to listen to his playing as it is to watch him roll a string of strikes. Arrange to be at the alleys and give this bowling "great" of the SNPJ the kind of welcome he deserves.

BOWLING IN 1945 . . .

The main discussion at the recent National Athletic Board meeting centered around the possibilities of staging a National SNPJ Bowling Tournament in 1945. Because of wartime conditions, there is no intention, as yet, to conduct a national tournament on the same basis as in the past, but, if present plans and ideas materialize, and it is believed they will, the next national bowling tournament of the SNPJ will be run-off sectionally, and where necessary—locally, all over the country on the same day. Instead of having one huge centralized affair and social celebration, there will be numerous smaller scale tournaments and socials or dances going on at the same time in the various cities and towns.

Under the proposed plan, there could be a couple of tournaments in Pennsylvania, one in Cleveland, Detroit, Chicago, Milwaukee, St. Louis, Indianapolis, and anywhere else where bowlers wish to participate. Lodges located too far from a sectional tournament could arrange to bowl on some nearby alleys. All entries and as much of the fees as are intended to be used for prizes would have to be forwarded to the Athletic Director in Chicago, and as soon as the results of each tournament were known, the names of winners and scores would be telegraphed to him or sent by special delivery. This, in general, is the plan proposed for the 1945 tournament. Of course, special rules and regulations will have to be drawn up and this will be done only after the plan is thoroughly studied from every angle. Bowlers are invited to express their opinions in the Prosveta or by letter to members of the National Athletic Board.

JUVENILE SPORTS . . .

The outlook for sports activities among the Juvenile Circles of the SNPJ has brightened considerably in recent weeks. Already a half dozen Circles have applied for financial aid from the Society's Athletic Fund for the promotion of softball and baseball teams in the 1944 season, and more are expected soon. The Circles at Stabane, Verona, Sharon, Johnstown, Bon Air, and possibly at Avella, all in the state of Pennsylvania, plan to sponsor teams this year. The Circles at Girard, Ohio, and Roundup, Montana, are also organizing.

In Pennsylvania it might be advisable to bring the Circle teams together in a state tourney. An appropriate time for just such an event would be the Pennsylvania SNPJ Day. Perhaps, this would also be a good time to conduct a Junior Olympics or Field Day Program. This would consist of several track and field events limited to boys and girls of certain ages. Each Circle could first have its own eliminations and only the winners would later be sent to the meet. . . The Athletic Board approved these suggestions and also went on record to increase up to \$25 allowances for lodge or Circle ball teams. The future of SNPJ sports depends in a very large measure on our juveniles. Let's organize them now and before it is too late. **MICHAEL VRHOVNIK**, Juvenile Director.

Juvenile Circles of the SNPJ

Juvenile Circle Leader



ANNE BRICELEY, Mgr. Circle No. 47, Johnstown, Pa. It will be a year sometime this month since Anne Briceley assumed the duties of Manager of "Youth of America" Circle No. 47, Johnstown, Pa. So successfully has she directed this group of juveniles that it continues to flourish as one of the really active Circles in the SNPJ. Many social and cultural affairs have been held. Outdoor and indoor sports activities have had an important role in its program, and the meetings nearly always attract a large attendance. Sister Briceley was a contestant in the Juvenile 30th Anniversary Campaign and succeeded in attaining the quota assigned to her lodge. Last December she was elected Secretary of Friendly City Lodge No. 684 and, when in February, her husband, **Thomas Briceley**, a former member of the National Athletic Board, left for the army, she sought and obtained employment in one of the local stores. These three jobs, no doubt, keep her hands and mind fully occupied. Congratulations and best wishes are extended to Sister Briceley on her first anniversary as Circle Manager. May her leadership continue to inspire our juveniles.

Perfect Circle 26 Is Very Busy Preparing Program

CHICAGO—The Perfect Circle No. 26 is very busy these days preparing for their coming program. Preparations alone for any program require quite a bit of work, and when someone voluntarily offers his help with this work, it makes everything much easier for everyone concerned.

We are speaking of Mrs. **Frances Rak**, who again has offered to make all the necessary costumes for the program. This time that will mean the cutting and sewing of about 24 girls' dresses, as well as helping with other accessories. With the helpful advice of Mrs. Rak, the girls have chosen the type of material, colors and patterns, and will assist with some of the work in making the dresses. This should prove to be quite an experiment for the girls.

The Circle, and myself, are very grateful to Mrs. Rak for her help and interest in making our program a success, and we all thank her from the bottom of our hearts. **ANN BANNEMANN**, Mgr.

Industry Is Greater Destroyer Than War

More Men Killed and Injured in Factories Than on the Battle Fronts

As a killer, war must take a seat back of industrial accidents. Since Pearl Harbor 102,639 workers have been killed and 9,500,000 injured, it was reported last week by the National Safety Council.

During the same period, war casualties were 42,061 deaths, 66,121 wounded and 37,415 missing.

The all-accident toll since Pearl Harbor is now 226,099 killed and 22,000 injured, the council said. Traffic accidents alone accounted for 61,000 deaths and injured 2,100,000, while accidents in the home killed 75,000 and injured 11,000,000.

This Year's Income Put at 154 Billions

If the present scale of income continues, Americans will pocket a record \$154,903,000,000 this year and will add nearly \$42,000,000,000 to the \$70,000,000,000 they have accumulated in savings in the last three years, the Federal Reserve Board declared last week.

Since Pearl Harbor, the board said, \$14,000,000,000 in additional currency has been put into circulation, and black market operations, efforts to evade taxes and even enemy agents were held responsible for some of the demand for cash.

Youngstown Lodge Dance Is Success

YOUNGSTOWN, OHIO—Lodge 153: Two weeks ago I said you'd be hearing from us soon and here we are stating the results of our dance held after the Federation meeting April 23.

Well, I want you all to know that it was a very successful turnout. But, what made it successful was he members who attended and not those who stayed at home. I talked to a member the following day, who had not attended the dance, and found that he was more than sorry after finding out that **Frances Novak** and her sister sang a few Slovene songs and were accompanied on the accordion by **Mitzi Anzure**. We all hank these three girls once again for their entertainment which will not be forgotten so soon.

Many thanks to the Macek girls who played for our dance. It was really wonderful for the elder Macek girl to work all day in the mill and then to come down after work and play the accordion accompanied by her sister on the saxophone.

The younger generation really enjoyed jitterbugging to **Conrad Morar's** music. Thanks, Conrad.

We want to thank **Joseph Isakovich**, **Adolph Cvetko**, **John Petric**, and the Donic family for donating their rationed liquor. It was wonderful for Mrs. **Frank Baraga** to donate a pair of beautiful pillow cases for which Mr. **George Lencar**, our member, was a lucky winner. I see he cookies that Mrs. **Mary Arbutina**, a member, baked and donated did not have a chance to get stale. Mary, you should have heard the women asking for the recipe for your cookies.

Mrs. **Veronica Sinkwich** sure knows how to bake the old-time nut potica or kotlach. The first piece was bought for a tryout, and oh, boy! did it go in a hurry. Everyone asked who baked it. Thanks to Mr. Sinkwich who supplied the beer for us when the brewery disappointed us.

Many thanks to the Cerpie girls for donating all the buns needed for our sausage sandwiches. Oh, yes! **Mary Zlogar**, thank you for the bread and everything else needed for the sandwiches. Leave it to Mary, she never forgets the homestead.

Now we want to thank all the cash donors who are: **Mrs. Joseph Tornich**, **Mrs. Mary Chizmar**, **Mrs. Mary Oblak**, **John Markovich**, **Steve Makush**, **George Lencar**, **Mike Platanar**, and **Steve Antonovich**.

The winner for the first prize was **Miss Helen Fabian**, member, who just about fell through the floor when she discovered that she was actually the winner. Mr. **Joseph Konnen** from Sharon, winner of the second prize, a beautiful waste-basket, tells us that it was the first time he had ever won anything. Joseph, maybe your luck has just started.

Miss Violet Tornich was the third winner, but I believe her mother was more thrilled at what Violet won than Violet herself. Or maybe Violet is planning to put the strainer and funnel in her hope chest.

Oh my! We must not forget **Bobby Cvetko**, juvenile member, who worked hard in bringing empty pop bottles from all over the hall.

Thanks to all those who helped in the kitchen, behind the bar, and at the door.

Through this dance we have acquired two people who want to become members and will be proposed for membership at our next meeting, May 7. I'm sure our lodge 153 will achieve its quota, or more, in this 1944 campaign.

Hoping a speedy recovery for **Bro. Albino Panigar** who is convalescing in a hospital in San Francisco, Calif.

Once again thanks to all neighboring lodges who attended our dance. **HELEN FABIAN**, Sec'y.

\$8 for a Child's Health

Hearings in the Senate agriculture committee soon may decide the fate of the federal milk and lunch program for school children. The House voted to practice economy by killing a \$50,000,000 appropriation for it, but there is hope that the Senate will take a wiser view.

The records of Selective Service, revealing that millions of young men are physically unfit for the Army and Navy, make it ridiculous to argue that economy should begin with smashing a nutrition system. It is all very well to complain against "paternalism," but the cold facts show that many American children grow up without sufficient quantities of the proper foods, and that, in human terms, is a national disaster. The proposed appropriation would spend an average of eight federal dollars for each of 1,000,000 children next year—\$8 that would help give them milk and balanced lunches. If the federal government can spend money for bridges and roads, surely it can spare a modest sum to ensure a sturdy, healthy childhood. —The Chicago Sun.

Just Suits Him

Pastor—Rastus, how come you don't go to church any more?

Rastus—Well, suh, it's like dis: Ah likes to take an active part, an' Ah used to pass de collection basket. But dey gone an' give de job to Brothah Green, what just got out of de army.

They wanted to honor him for brave service, I suppose?

No, suh. Ah reckons he got dat job on account of his havin' lost one of his han' in de wah.

Cpl. Louis Flere Jr.



Cpl. **Louis Flere Jr.**, son of Mr. and Mrs. **Louis Flere** of Niles, Ohio, and lifelong member of SNPJ lodge 481, is now with the U.S. Armed Forces somewhere in Italy. He graduated from McDonald-Trumbull High School, class of 1935, and was employed as crane operator by the Carnegie-Illinois Steel Plant, McDonald, Ohio, until his induction in June, 1942. He is daddy to a little girl, 1½ years old, **Mary Louise**, in Omaha, Nebraska, whom he has never seen, which is double reason why he wishes for Victory Day, soon. (For those who have requested, his address is: Cpl. Louis Flere, H and S. Co., 21st Engrs. (Hon.) Regt., A.P.O. 528, c/o Postmaster, New York, N. Y.)

Do We Want a Wave of Postwar Strikes?

A pattern of events is taking shape which carries a warning of postwar labor strife on a major scale. Among a few industrialists—a minority but still powerful—there are signs of stubborn hostility to union organization, and a readiness to frustrate collective bargaining.

The Montgomery Ward strike here in Chicago involves company refusal to obey a War Labor Board directive, but the underlying issue is an attack on the union. The **Hummer Mfg. Co.** of Springfield, a Ward subsidiary, is also defying a WLB order to sign a union contract. The United States Gypsum Co. has challenged union bargaining rights.

The Pullman-Standard Co. has challenged union bargaining rights and rejected a WLB-approved contract. The Ford Motor Co. of Canada last week "canceled" a contract after a half-day strike over some minor dispute. However successful such conflicts may be smoothed over during wartime, the eventual removal of government controls threatens trouble.

Recent developments in the courts and the National Labor Relations Board do not encourage the hope that, by the applications of law, the destructive consequences of bitter-end strikes can be avoided.

The Wagner Act has been amended, by judicial and administrative "interpretation," so as to deprive workers of legal safeguards if they engage in improper activities. The NLRB last week refused to order reinstatement of workers who struck "illegally," though they engaged in no violence and soon tried to return to work. An illegal walkout is indefensible, but the danger of the drastic new "interpretation" is that an anti-union management can win any dispute by provoking some wrongful union act. This is little different from the old days when professional strikebreakers deliberately instigated picket-line violence to obtain drastic court injunctions.

Fair-minded persons may find difficulty in analyzing these complexities. No objective observer supports all unions in all controversies. Yet the principle of collective bargaining, honestly accepted by enlightened management, is essential in our society. We are a capitalistic democracy, highly industrialized, and strong, free unions are needed to balance the power of corporations.

The Wagner Act was passed because too many employers fought collective bargaining. It was designed to guarantee the right of workers to organize without reprisals. If the law is now to be watered down, and if new anti-labor antagonisms are exploited by a minority of employers, the inevitable result will be brute tests of strength, with their aftermath of embittered relationships.

This is a grim picture to face in the postwar era, when inescapable troubles of demobilization and reconversion will strain our national stability, wisdom and good will. —The Chicago Sun.

Victorian News

CHICAGO—The Midwest SNPJ Bowling Tournament will be staged at Bennett's Bowl, 2645 W. Cermak Rd., this Saturday and Sunday, May 6 and 7, and this means the **Victorians**, Lodge 632, have a very busy week-end ahead of them as hosts and participants. It is hoped that all entries have been received by the tourney secretary in ample time to prepare the bowling schedule and to notify the captains of the various teams when to report for action.

The tournament dance will be held at the SNPJ Hall, 2659 S. Lawndale Avenue, starting at 8:30 p. m. Victorians and other SNPJ members are invited to bring along their friends and join us in this gala social event. If you have a friend in the service of Uncle Sam, who is home on furlough or leave, have him attend as a guest of the Victorians. So, come on, you boys with the uniforms, save these two dates for the Victorians.

The Wednesday nights, spent in company with members of the Society bowling in the Pioneer League, have been hours well spent, for not only have we had hours of recreation and enjoyment, but, what is equally important, we have got to know and appreciate one another a whole lot better as a result of these weekly get-togethers. Of course, we had our "ups and downs" on the alleys. Some nights the pins fell easily, and at other times it didn't matter how perfect the hit, they just wouldn't fall, but as the season progressed all members of the bowling teams improved their skill and averages, and so are better prepared to give a good account of themselves in the coming Midwest Tourney.

All Victorians who have admission tickets to dispose of the tournament dance, please make returns of unsold and sold tickets at once, as it will be necessary to send a report to the Internal Revenue Department.

The next meeting of the Victorians will be held this Thursday evening, May 4, at Berger's Hall, 2653 So. Lawndale Avenue, at the usual time. There will be a prize drawing at this meeting, so try to be present—and please pay your dues on time.

Once more—don't forget the Midwest Bowling Tournament and Dance dates, May 6 and 7. As one last reminder to the Victorians—Come early and be prepared to help when called on.

MARY E. NOVAK, Sec'y.

YOUR HEALTH

By Wisconsin Medical Society

Avoiding Children's Speech Defects

Altho more than one million school children in this country have some speech disorder, insufficient attention is given to speech training and correction.

Many speech defects can be avoided if proper help is given by the parents while the child is still young. They should not merely assume that he will "grow out" of his bad habits. They should realize that speech is of the utmost importance to the adult man; that a man's failure in expressing himself vocally is often traceable to early influence, and that there are definite things which parents can do and avoid doing in order to guide the child's first groping attempts at oral expression.

1. Don't correct a child's pronunciation or enunciation. This is based on the sound educational principle that that which is wrong should be stressed, but that which is right should be applauded.

2. Resist sternly the temptation to imitate the child's enunciation of words, as this deliberately slows up his learning process.

3. Don't talk down to the baby, even in the first months of his life. When he begins to talk he'll use simple expressions such as "Baby do," but there's no reason why you should use them. The more speech a child hears, the better are his chances of educating both his understanding and his tongue.

4. Don't nag, coax, renege, or raise your voice in an effort to get a child to talk. Ask him questions casually, and if he doesn't reply, let it go. Let his speech come of the situation or from a natural desire to express himself.

5. If possible limit the association of a young child with those who have noticeable speech defects. Stammering, stuttering, and lisping have a psychological reaction on even an adult, producing a strong impulse to imitate. For the young child whose whole behavior is imitative such an example is dangerous.

6. Try to understand what your child says so that he may get the feeling of success when he's trying to tell you something, but be careful not to let him rely on you as his interpreter.

7. Don't let yourself also into the habit of ignoring the child, acting as if he were too young to understand spoken words and never engaging him in conversation.

Peer Little Rich Girl

Doris Duke, richest girl in the world, has a new lawyer in her divorce suit.

He was appointed under the New Jersey pauper law.

On the soft bed of luxury most kingdoms have expired.—Young.

A Plan for Social Enterprise

By Maynard C. Krueger

(Conclusion)

We are now drifting backward and unintentionally into a system of state capitalism. Much of present public enterprise is envisioned as temporary. Apologetic in the very conception of its role in relation to private enterprise, largely subservient to private enterprise, it is not set up deliberately in a way that guards against dangerous concentration of power. We are concerned about both efficiency and democratic controls. One without the other is insufficient. But the main danger of totalitarianism arises from the problem of democratic controls, the problem of bureaucracy.

A system of socialized economic life can be made and kept democratic: as a general practical concern if these considerations are taken seriously.

(1) The four different forms of social enterprise listed above should exist simultaneously in different lines of economic activity. In some industries they should exist in direct competition with one another. We need not choose one of these forms to the exclusion of the others. They are not contradictory in either purpose or operation. This is a mixture of several different kinds of social enterprise, not a mixture of private and social enterprise. The public corporation and the cooperative should be the predominant forms.

(2) In determining the size of the business unit, immediate technical economic efficiency should not be the sole consideration. Where an industry can be operated on a decentralized basis at a cost only slightly higher than if it were completely centralized, decentralization should be the practice. In some industries under private enterprise, the size of the business unit is greater than is compatible with either democratic control or optimum cost.

(3) The general over-all planning function for the economy should be performed through the allocation of capital by a public investment bank. In many industries the managers now employed by private enterprise in the interest of private profit would perform equally well or better as the agents of the public. It is doubtful, however, that bankers trained in the pursuit of profit could be effectively retooled for conversion to social uses.

(4) The general rule of operation of public enterprise should be sale of its products at cost, unless otherwise instructed by the government which takes or provides the difference on grounds of social policy. There are basic services and some products which should be available to everyone without special charge. Eventually this list might be made large. Where the common good is judged to be served by sale at cost, the management of a social enterprise is as much discredited by a profit as by a loss. Either represents bad management and social waste. In order to make comparative judgments on managerial effectiveness, uniform accounting procedures are of course required.

(5) Policy-determining positions should be distinguished from mere administrative positions. In the former, democratic responsibility is the main criterion. In the latter the main consideration is efficiency of performance. The elective process is applicable only where the major concern is with democratic responsibility.

(6) Wherever possible, the board of directors should be provided by and from the functional groups which have an interest in the operation of the enterprise. The employees of an enterprise have such an interest, since they are dependent on it for money with which they buy goods. The consumers of the product have such an interest since they are dependent on the enterprise for the goods they buy. The employees have a high-cost interest and the consumers have a low-price interest. Both must be represented. Wherever directors can be named directly by such groups it is unnecessary to concentrate the power of appointment entirely in government hands. In addition, the technicians in the enterprise should be represented on the board because they are usually prejudiced in favor of improving something.

(7) Freedom of choice by consumers in the expenditure of their buying power must be rigorously protected not merely because it is a desirable freedom, but because it is an essential control over the management of social enterprise. Similarly, freedom of occupational choice and freedom of transfer from one employment to another are necessary not merely because they are desirable freedoms but because they are an essential part of the machinery by which people can embarrass bad management by their own direct action.

(8) No economy will be or remain democratic unless there is freedom of voluntary association for all functional groups. Foremost among them are labor unions and political parties. This must include the right to strike as a last resort appeal to the conscience of the country against the management of even a social enterprise. A capitalist political party would not survive long in a socialized economy because it would soon lose its clientele. But, since there will be problems of policy in a so-

cialized system, there will be politics. No government will ever be so good that it can be trusted without freedom of expression and organization of opposition opinion.

Inevitably the functions of government in the economy which I have described will be greater than in the nineteenth century economy. They need not be as great as in the case of a government which sets itself the task of regulating private profit enterprise, or defending private enterprise against the public interest. What are the proper functions of government in the operation of a socialized economy?

(1) Government must determine general social policy for the entire economy. This includes such matters as standards of wages, hours and working conditions; standards of social security and the length of the work-life, and standards of racial and economic equality.

(2) Government must provide and supervise the central planning agency—the public investment bank or board.

(3) Government must provide general social services and social security, financed by levies on goods and services to be sold above cost of production.

(4) Government must assume the responsibility of appointing public representatives to the boards of directors of social enterprises, and of determining what functional groups are to be represented.

(5) Government must determine roughly what proportion of the national income is to be consumed and what proportion is to be ploughed back into capital expansion to increase future productivity.

(6) Government will probably have to operate some enterprises directly, but fewer than it does now. The United States Post Office, for example, should be a public corporation instead of a government department.

Does this program mean the abolition of private property? It means abolishing private title to the kind of property on which other people are dependent for a living, in order to increase the kind of private property which people use themselves. It means freeing personal initiative from the bonds of private servitude and giving it a social goal and its proper social recognition.

Does it mean a planned economy? It does, with the emphasis on its democratic controls. It means emancipating management from the shackles of private profit and giving it a chance to become a profession. It means emancipating government from the increasing burden of a mass of detailed administration and giving it a chance to perform its basic function of determining standards according to the social conscience of the country.

Now if this socialized economy be our perspective for the future, what should be done with the government-owned war plants? We should do exactly the opposite of what Mr. Jesse Jones and Mr. Bernard Baruch plan to do. These gentlemen, both Roosevelt appointees, are more concerned about not disturbing the capital value of privately owned plants than about anything else. They propose to do with this vast new industrial public domain just what such men have already done with the public domain in natural resources. But these plants are particularly dangerous to private industry because most are new and very efficient.

We should convert those plants which are not producing exactly the kind of basic raw materials which a peace-time economy needs. We should operate them to provide goods which people want and jobs producing these goods. We should keep them in public hands, and get more. We should organize them as public corporations except where the cooperative movement is able to take over. And we should use those plants deliberately as the initial step in socializing the private industrial and financial empires of this country. Then we will have an economy which provides the economic prerequisites for political democracy. Then, and then only, will we have defeated fascism.

The nearer we get to November the less sense we shall hear talked about such basic issues. It is a fact that our two-party system is not capable of doing anything except dodging as basic an issue as private profit versus social enterprise. But it is also a fact that there are several million people in the United States who are in fundamental agreement with the program outlined above. What they lack is organization to make that program politically effective. What this country needs is a strong political party of the left, with the mass support for which times are ripe, determined to use all the organizational means necessary to political success in a democracy, and determined to give body and power to the demand that private profit give way to a new society in which men are treated as men and not as objects of exploitation.

Rationing Note

Who says cops are tough?

Chicago police of the Blue Island precinct have been ordered to refrain from eating lollipops while on duty.

Integrity Dance and Banquet Success

By Julius Abram

CHICAGO.—The Integrity's 16th anniversary banquet and dance was a huge success. The large crowd was far beyond our expectations. Insofar as the banquet was concerned, nothing but praises were heard for the delicious cuisine, and there wasn't anything skimpy about it, either. Heard more than one compliment praising the tastiness of the food. In fact, one person even sent a note to our Kitchen Mechanics, quote, "The meal was delicious." I don't believe a better compliment could be paid to them.

Thanks to Agnes Heidenreich, Mrs. Martin Abram Sr., and Mrs. W. Stone, they being responsible for the wonderful food. Agnes Heidenreich and Mrs. M. Abram were also the parties who baked those good poticas, one of which was later given away and netted a good price. Through some misunderstanding, purely unintentional, in auctioning off the potica, there arose a doubt as to who actually won it and Mrs. Heidenreich, to avoid enmity, graciously consented to bake another, so both parties concerned were equally satisfied, and she did bake it, too, as she brought it along to our meeting. Thank you very much, Agnes, a nice gesture indeed.

It was surprising but pleasing, to see so many lodges represented. The following congratulated us on our 16th birthday: Joseph Kosic of Lodge 8, Lou Kosele, Columet Sentinels 610, both of whom are from South Chicago; Frank Perchin, Flood City from far off Johnstown, Pa.; Mary Novak, Victorians 632; John Morak, Slovenski Dom 86; John Potokar, Lodge 39; D. J. Lotrich, Pioneers 559, and Anton Trojar, Slavija 1.

Personal to Mrs. P. Urbanz and Mrs. Harmon of Ladies' Lodge Nada: Please accept my sincere apologies for failing to call upon you at our banquet, a gross oversight on my part.

Our guests of honor present were: Mrs. Lomerski, Mrs. Michael Fleischacker, Mrs. John Setina, Miss Dorothy Janecik, Mrs. J. Kukovich, Mrs. Antoinette Bavidik, Mrs. Alfred Reifler, Mrs. H. Lafranz and Mrs. Frank Heidenreich. Thank you for coming, it was a pleasure having you.

Our principal speaker, Supreme President Vincent Cankar, gave a brief but good speech, well received. Otto Sitter, one of our charter members, also addressed the gathering with a short but sweet speech. Michael Vrhovnik, our other scheduled speaker, was unable to attend due to illness. We were sorry, Michael, as we did want to hear you. You more or less represented the younger element. Yes, we had besides V. Cankar, other Supreme Board members, who also addressed the diners, namely: A. Trojar, Lawrence Gradisek, and D. J. Lotrich.

Considering the fact that about 15 people spoke and introduction of guests, the after dinner speaking took up a little more than half an hour, result being the refreshment stand was invaded that much sooner.

I also want to thank those of you who displayed such fine cooperation in performing your duties so well when called upon to work at this affair. From the following members you will understand what is meant when I use the word CO-OPERATION.—Agnes Heidenreich, Michael Fleischacker, Mrs. Mary Abram Sr., Marty Abram, Jennie Abram, Cookie Diczno, Frank and Pauline Lenassi, John Lenassi, Marty and Jewel Bergles, Helen Reifler, Rose Roycht, Mrs. Mary Chermosnik, Emil Heidenreich, Fred Imper, Joe Testen, Mollie Zordani, Josephine Baffetti, Rose Morella, Edith Podlesnik, Mrs. H. Lafranz, Frank Heidenreich and Dan Heidenreich. (Incidentally, Dan is the third son of Mr. and Mrs. F. Heidenreich to enter the service. Dan was also one of our guests. We were glad to have you at our banquet, Dan.)

Our special thanks to the following, although not members of Integrity, they were kind enough to give us a helping hand: Mary and Jennie Koblica, Mrs. A. Kopp, Mrs. W. Stone and Al Diczno. Thank you again, we certainly appreciate it.

This coming Saturday and Sunday, the Midwest League Bowling Tournament will be sponsored by the Victorians who will also hold a dance Saturday night at the SNPJ Hall. Integrity expects to enter 8 teams in the tournament, quite a sizable entry. So, bowlers and bowlerettes, look out, we will be heard from. Just to give you a fair warning as to what to expect, Marty Abram shot a 663 series two weeks ago on games of 185, 247 and 251. Catch on, folks? Yep, we surely are primed for the tournament.

We held our monthly meeting last week and Mike Fleischacker submitted a very favorable financial report on our dance. The meeting was fairly well attended.

Helen Reifler reports that hubby Al is still in sick bay and we hope it won't be much longer. Al.

That was also a neat looking job on our program books. Thanks to those who made them possible.

Just heard from that long legged bird that the Rudy Venesniks are "infantile" again. The stork expects to increase the present population of their household to four or

The Upper Crust



"He must have been a New Dealer . . . asking where my trunk and tail were!"

Spirit-O-Grams

By Whoosit

ST. LOUIS, MO.—Last call for our May Dance this Saturday, May 6, at the Concordia Turner Hall, 13th and Arsenal. The Spirits extend a cordial invitation to our local lodges 107 and 679, also to the Granite City lodges 28 and 230, as well as the neighboring lodges and friends.

Directions from 12th and Washington: Take Cherokee Bus to Arsenal St., then Arsenal Bus, east to 13th Street.

We assure you an enjoyable evening, as Schejbal's 8-piece orchestra will play. The Lucas Sister team promised to render several selections. There will be a ten and a five dollar bill given away to some lucky person in attendance. Service men are admitted free and the committee has written 38 individual invitations to our Croatian and Slovene boys stationed in Scott Field, Ill. Perhaps you know some of the boys. Here are a few of the 38: Sgt. Wm. Tretnik, S/Sgt. Bernard Belobradich, Pfc. John Grcek, Pvt. Geo. Koudek, Sgt. Henry Lukavich, Cpl. John Merva, Sgt. John Mirenic, S/Lt. James Gregorich, Cpl. Anthony Janovich, Sgt. Nick Delivuk, and Pfc. Frank Ropar. Space does not permit to name the remainder of our list. Probably you know one of these service boys. Won't you come and greet them?

Every Spirit member should attend the May Dance, bringing with them a host of friends, so that we can show our heroes that we are not slacking, but doing our part on the home front by guarding and building our fraternal societies.

Do you "sit-at-home" members ever realize that the committee of any affair spends hours of precious time planning, spending—carfare, using their hard-to-get gasoline, tires, etc., even cash that is not billed in? Surely, you can sacrifice 4 hours by attending the affair and cooperating with the committee when you are asked, as the profits of all affairs are shared equally when the hour of need comes along. Our final plea: Attend the May Dance, May 6.

Out Our Way: Life begins at 40, is what they say, and our Mother Jednota (SNPJ) has hit that mark this year on April 9. So you better keep an eye on her. No doubt she is proud of her children (senior lodges), grandchildren (E. S. lodges) and great-grandchildren (Juvies) who are celebrating her birthday, showing their gratitude and appreciation for her guidance and protection and having one of the finest reputations in the cultural and social world.

We "three" local lodges 107, 679 and 659 plan to give our SNPJ one of the finest gifts—a Juvenile Circle. Bro. John Spiller, who attended the senior lodges' meetings recently stressed the point and necessity of a Circle, on which the members heartily agreed, and have selected a committee to draw up plans, etc. Let's give the committee our utmost cooperation.

The three mentioned lodges have also agreed to sponsor a joint 40th anniversary celebration, either a picnic or an indoor affair, in a big way. The "Spirit" membership campaign boosters will go on a house-to-house canvass for members, so don't say "who's that knocking on my door," but say instead, "come right in, we'll sign up."

An "open house" meeting was more? Yessiree, another prospective member(s).

See you all at the Victorian dance, and

BUY MORE WAR BONDS

FLASHES

By DONALD J. LOTRICH

CHICAGO.—After many weeks we are back in the column again. So many things have happened in the past few weeks and so much work has accumulated that it just wasn't possible to steal time for these weekly reports. However, things look brighter now. We will try to post our notices every week, henceforth. Of first importance is the week-end Midwest SNPJ Tournament in which the Pioneers are participating on May 6 and 7 with eight full squads. The tourney will take place at Bennett's Bowl and will be handled by the Victorians. Many good scores are anticipated.

The Pioneer Bowling League wound up its current season last Wednesday night. This week they will roll the sweepstakes. The Slovene Labor Center's team won first place in a photo-finish of the men's division. Ladies representing Frank Sykora, the furrier, took the ladies' division title. Many of the averages for individuals were improved during the season which was a very successful one, notwithstanding the times and trends. John Alic Jr. and Anne Groser handled all of the details of the two groups for the season and did a splendid job. Some of the bowlers will be competing in the Greater Chicago Tournament on May 13 and 20 before they hang up their bowling equipment for the season.

Integrity's anniversary supper was well attended and the disposition created was wholesome. They honored the parents of their members in service. Brother Vincent Cankar, SNPJ's President, was the main speaker. Julius Abram was toastmaster.—Last Saturday night the Slovene Labor Center held its Spring Social with a very good attendance. John Rak is now secretary of the Center Social Club, having replaced Frank Sodnik, who is in the Navy.—At the last meeting of the Pioneers \$5 was contributed to our local SANC group and a report made that ten subscription books have been accounted for already. Since then Fred Svoboda turned in a completed subbook, too. We have nine to go to complete our allotment.

Zinka Milanov, the Metropolitan Opera prima donna and one of our favorite and beloved Yugoslavs, was in Chicago for the past two weeks. She sang in two operas, her company being guests of the Chicago Opera Company on a two-week schedule. One of her operas was broadcast over the NBC network and she received great acclaim for her brilliant performance. Newspapers in Chicago, who hardly recognized her brilliant qualities a few years ago, gave great praise for her performance now. We had the privilege to visit with her and her husband last Sunday just before they left for Milwaukee, Wis. Both she and her husband are in good health and as lively as ever. Zinka, you will remember, sang for our SNPJ Federation about 5 years ago. We hope to have her with us again, soon.

Robert Tekautz is the latest of our Pioneers who was called into the service.—A baby girl arrived in the family of Ann Videgar. It's a third girl for the Matt Videgar family.—Speaking of punctuality and patriotism, the Chicago Times gives our Mary Vertnik great praise because she hasn't missed a day in a whole year of work, in a defense plant. The article went on to tell about her family and that they have acquired the fine trait from the parents. Her father missed only two days of work in 35 years which is some sort of a record, too.—A baby boy arrived in the family of Frank Koblica. Frank used to be active in the Pioneer Bowling League until his work kept him away.

Chicago was very much in the limelight this past week due to the brazenness of one Sewell Avery of Montgomery Ward and Company. It is a case of plain defiance of the government and an example of what all powerful corporations can do. We have often said that big people and big money are always outside

They took island after island, troubled with snipers in trees and holes and many Japs killing themselves. Walter says he's glad he came through it all without getting hurt, although not ashamed to admit that he and others were scared a few times. His brother Marshall is only 18, but has seen action as he enlisted when he was only 15 years of age.

Bro. Otto Kausnep (Johnstown, Pa.) writes from England about his first raid. He's a gunner and radio operator. Says he's well, but lonesome, especially when he thinks about Chicago. Did you read "Letter from Egypt" in last week's Prosveta about Cpl. John Poklar's experience in Egypt? He should be glad that he wasn't ashamed of his mother tongue Slovene. It's a small world after all, and you never know where the boys and girls in service will meet their relation. We appreciate receiving and reading such letters as Cpl. Poklar's.

We'll see you all at the May Dance, May 6. Remember, cash award to member selling most admissions.

of the law. For them, it would seem, that it is all right to draft young men, take them from their civilian life, from their homes and their loved ones and send them into danger zones and even take their lives. That kind of law is all right. But, that same law which would force the big corporations to follow a course of decency and understanding with their employees in wartime, that should not be. Yes, that is exactly what Ward has done. At least, that is the way it should be taken. That is the way it has always been heretofore. That's a sure sign of fascism. We hope that the government will be upheld in its action.

Good news comes from the annual statement of the Yugoslav Savings and Loan Association. Assets have been increased by \$125,000. More than 10% of its net earnings have been placed into reserves and over \$13,000 was paid to its members in dividends. At the end of the year assets were over \$560,000.—According to a recent report Uncle Sam's Postal Savings system is still as effective as it has been. More and more people are using its services. Their deposits are soaring and it seems that the working man is using the Post Office facilities to save his pennies.—With government insurance, savings and loans through the country have become a formidable banking group. Most of them are able to pay dividends of about three per cent at the present. When loans will become more plentiful they will undoubtedly be able to increase their dividend rate. All of our people should learn to save now that they are making good money for the rainy day which is bound to come.

Who Will Run Socialized Industry?

The other day, in speaking to a group of educated ladies and gentlemen, we attacked the advocates of "free enterprise" and urged the Socialist alternative of a planned economy that would be socially owned and democratically operated.

Whereupon a gentleman asked us the following question:

"Do you believe there is enough ability in the government service to take over and operate the entire industrial machine of the nation?"

We answered that we really did so believe and pointed to the fact that the government is indeed exercising a constantly-increasing authority over our economic life.

We now revamp the gentleman's question a trifle to ask and answer: "Who will run socialized industry?"

We believe we know who will do it. Our answer is that the same people will run socialized industry as are now running it. It's really not important WHO runs the job, so long as it is runably and efficiently. What we're concerned about is WHY it is run—that is, the PURPOSE that is being served by the national economic machine.

We have never made a point of questioning the ability of the people who give the orders under capitalism. What we assert is that such ability as has been employed is directed AGAINST the general welfare and TOWARD the welfare of selfish interests.

The president of our favorite railroad—provided he knew his business—would not be removed if Socialists took over by popular mandate. He would be invited to remain. And, if he refused, it might be that he would even be drafted for the job. But his success would be the public's gain, not the advantage of a group of stockholders and managers.

We Socialists want social ownership and a planned economy because we recognize such an arrangement as the necessary base for the erection of an economy which will produce for use instead of for private profit. An abundance-and-use economy simply can't function so long as private interests must be served first.

The "free enterprise" system has given us depressions and wars because those social ills are the natural consequence of the private-profit system. Likewise abundance and security would be the natural fruits of an economy in which the best brains and abilities of our people were enlisted on the side of cooperation and social welfare.

—Reading Labor Advocate.

Quadruplets in England and New York, triplets in New York, and reported quintuplets in Argentina—this going to be an era of reproduction, too?

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