

Ljute bitke divjajo na berlinskih cestah!

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LONDON, 24. apr. — Berlin se spreminja v podprtine v ljudih blikah na cestah od poslopja do poslopja. Zadeba ga bo ista usta kot je druga evropska mesta, ki so v razvalinah. Dve ruski armadi sta že v osrčju nemške prestolnice, dočim se druge sovjetske sile bližajo pozicijam na zapadni fronti, katere drže ameriške čete. Izgleda, da bodo kmalu navezale stike.

Zadnja poročila se glase, da je Berlin že odrezan od Južne Nemčije. Prva ukrajinska armada, ki je prodrla sto milij daleč v enem tednu, je se približala reki Elbi pri Muchilbergu. Razdalja med ruskimi in ameriškimi četami se je skrčila na neajst milij.

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Poročila iz neutralnih virov trdijo, da so Rusi obkrožili Berlin, in zaprili izhode nemškim četam. Te so v pasti, iz katere se ne bodo izmotale. Oddelki druge britske armade naskakujejo Bremen, drugo največje nemško pristaniščno mesto. Naskoki so se pričeli potem, ko je poveljnik nemške vojske posadke ignoriral ultimat, naj se poda. Druge enote britske armade so zavojevane v bitkah z Nemci v Harburgu, predmestju Hamburga, drugega največjega nemškega mesta.

Kanadske čete drobe odpor nemških sil v Hollandiji. Bitke divjajo na fronti ob reki Meuse, 15 milj južno od Utrechtu in 25 milj vzhodno od Rotterdamu.

Rim, 24. apr. — Peta ameriška armada se vali naprej po ravninah ob reki Po skorobrez odpora s strani nemških sil. Nemci beže pred Američani preko Lombardije.

Oddelki osme britske armade so udri v Ferraro in obšli Modeno, ki ima 92,000 prebivalcev. Ferrara leži 30 milj severno od Bologne, ki je padla zadnjem.

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Manila, Filipini, 24. aprila. — Ameriške čete so presekale otok Mindanao na dvoje z okupacijo Kabacana, važnega cestnega križišča. General MacArthur poroča, da je čez 11,000 Japoncev padlo v bitkah z Američani na tem otoku v zadnjih treh dneh. Skupne japonske izgube v bitkah na Filipinskih otokih znašajo 334,000 ubitih vojakov.

Ameriški letalci so ponovno napadli japonske vojske objekte na Formozi.

Svedski list napoveduje zlom Japonske

London, 24. apr. — Švedski list Kuriren je objavil članek z napovedjo, da bodo japonske oborožene sile zdrobljene s pomočjo Rusije, ki bo šla v vojno proti Japonski. "Stara dogma o nedokljivosti japonskih otočkov, ki je povezana z narodno japonsko zavestjo, bo raztrgnuta," pravi ta list. "Japonska celina bo invadirana in težki pogoji bodo diktirani Japonski v Tokiju. Osišće je dobiti prvi težak udarec s kapitulacijo Italije. Konec nacijske Nemčije je blizu in Japonska bo prišla na vrsto. Japonska že vidi pisanje na steni in organizirala je novo vlado. Spoznanje je prišlo prepozno in se ne bo izognila usodi, katera ji je namenjena."

Vsa zapadna fronta od švicarske meje na jugu do Holandije na severu je v ognju. Dve koloni tretje ameriške armade se bližata Pilznu, Čehoslovakijski, kjer so orožne in municipijske tovarne. Eno te armade razbijajo nemške linije na 65 milj dolgi fronti. Zasedle so Doleuth in Thonbrun, mestni v bližini Ascha, Čehoslovakijski.

Sedma ameriška armada je v prodiranju proti Monakovu prekoracila Donavo v kraju, ki leži 50 milj od tega mesta. Ustanovila je nova mostišča pri Dillingenu, šest milij od velecestne, ki vodi v Monakovo.

Grška vlada naznanila splošne volitve

Atena, Grčija, 24. apr. — Vlada je naznanila, da se bodo kmalu vršile splošne volitve. Prvi koraki so bili storjeni na seji članskih volad. Datum volitev je načrtovan, toda vlada je izjavila, da bodo lahko vse politične stranke imenovale svoje kandidate.

Zagotovila argentinške vlade

Vsestranska kooperacija z zaveznički

San Francisco, Cal., 24. apr. — Avra Warren, direktor urada zunanjih ministrov ameriških republik, je naznanil, da je argentinska vlada dala zagotovilo, da bo kooperirala z zaveznički v ekonomskih, političnih in vojaških sferah.

Warren je dospel v San Francisco iz Buenos Airesa, kjer je imel važne razgovore s člani reorganizirane argentinske vlade, katere predsednik je general Edelmiro Farrell. On je na sestanku s časnikarji nagnil, da Argentina lahko pošlje svoje reprezentante na konferenco v San Franciscu, če podpiše deklaracijo Zdrženih narodov.

Argentinska vlada je dala tudi zagotovilo, da se bo držala zaključkov, sprejetih na nedavni konferenci zunanjih ministrov v glavnem mestu Mehike. Internirala bo vse Nemce v Argentini in konfiscirala njih imetja.

Cete prve francoske armade so v prodiranju proti jezeru Konstanci zasedle Signaringen, nemško mesto, kjer sta se nahajala maršal Petain in Pierre Laval. Francozi drže 20 milj dolgo fronto ob reki Reni in švicarski meji. Enote francoske armade so zasedle Muellheim, 17 milj severno od Bazla, Švica.

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Washington, D. C., 24. apr. — Japonski radio je naznani, da se v Tokiju vrši konferenca "poslanikov Velike Vzhodne Azije." V glavno mesto so poslali poslaniki Mandžurije, Kitajske, Burme, Siam in Filipinov.

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Francoski maršal Petain v Švici

Bern, Švica, 24. apr. — Francoski maršal Henri Petain je dospel v Švico iz Nemčije. On je vprašal za dovoljenje za prehod Švico, neutralne države, na poti v Francijo, kjer se bo predal francoskim avtoritetam. Petain, njegova žena in več tovarisjev je prekoracilo mejo pri St. Margrethenu v bližini Konstanškega jezera.

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Bivši bolgarski kralj ubit

Ankara, Turčija, 24. apr. — Poročilo z Dunaja pravi, da se je bivši bolgarski kralj Ferdinand ubil v nesreči, ki se je pripetila na cesti, ko je bežal iz Slovakijske v Avstrijo.

Domače vesti

Is Slovana

Sloven, Pa. — Na zapadni fronti je bil ranjen Duffy Bartol, sin Lukerije Bartol, ki je služil v tankovni divizijski trete armade. Zdravi se v Angliji. — Na Filipinih je bil ranjen John Mlatnik, ki se zdravi v Novi Gvineji. — Tamkaj je 8. aprila umrl Mike Buriš, edini sin družine Buriš, star 25 let in član društva 241 SNPJ. Vzrok smrti ni znan. V Novi Gvineji je bil ranov leta dni. — Na bolnišči listi se nahaja član John Pirih, ki je bil vsebole bolezni na želoduču že dvakrat operiran v bolnišnici Mercy v Pittsburghu.

Se vrnil iz ujetništva

Detroit. — Iz nemškega ujetništva se je vrnil v Detroit Edward Padar, član društva 564 SNPJ. Iz ujetništva ga je osvobodila ruska armada. Pravil je, kako so stradali v ujetništvu in da so za božič dobili le kislo juho in dva majhna kočka kruha.

Nov grob

Oglesby, Ill. — V bolnišnici v Chicagu je umrla Mary Legan, roj. Grgovic, star 61 let in doma iz Bele cerkve na Dolenjskem. Bila je članica društva 155 SNPJ. Zapušča moža, sina, pet hčer, dva vnuka, dve sestri in brata, v starem kraju pa sestro.

Is Cleveland

Cleveland. — Po daljši bolezni je v bolnišnici umrla Sophie Struna, roj. Tekaučić, star 35 let in rojena v tem mestu. Zapušča moža, sina, oceta, dva brata (enega pri vojakih) in tri sestre. — Pvt. Andrew Urbanič, ki je bil poročan med pogrebani, je pisal svojim staršem, da je zopet pri svoji stotinični čilj v zdravju. Mladina teh manjšin bo lahko počaščila srednje šole v Vojevodini.

Washington, D. C., 24. apr. — Radio Belgrad poroča, da je jugoslovanska vlada, katere predsednik je maršal Tito, dala koncesije narodnostnim manjšinam. Mladina teh manjšin bo lahko počaščila srednje šole v Vojevodini.

Zadnji sklep je bil sprejet na zborovanju v Novem Sadu. Diskuzij so se udeležili dijaki in profesorji s tehničnih in strokovnih šol, kakor tudi člani delegacij slovaške in ogrske manjšine. Vsi so izrazili hvaležnost jugoslovanski vladi, ki je odprla šole mladini narodnostnih manjšin.

Poročilo dostavlja, da imajo Madžari gimnazijo v Subotici, Slovaki pa v Petrovacu. Pouk se vrši v ogrskem in slovaškem jeziku.

Srbska kmečka stranka spet izdaja svoje glasilo po štirih letih. To je Selco, ki izhaja v Belgradu.

Radio Belgrad je naznani, da se je nadaljnja grupa Jugoslovjanov, katere so ovzbodile ruske čete v Nemčiji, vrnila domov. Ti so morali garati v nemških tovarnah. Število onih, ki so se vrnili v Jugoslavijo iz Nemčije po ovzboditvi, znaša več tisoč.

Druga vest naznana, da je izšla knjiga "Osvoboditev jugoslovanske obrežja" v Londonu. Uvod knjige je spisal dr. A. J. Taylor, profesor na univerzi Oxford. Knjiga naglaša važnost spojivite Trsta in Istrskega polotoka z Jugoslavijo.

Krava stalingrajska zastava v Berlinu

Moskva, 24. aprila. — Pravda poroča, da so trije ruski vojaki prinesli kravu stalingrajsko zastavo v Berlin in da zdaj vira v nemški prestolnici. Prinesli so jo dva tisoč milj daleč od Stalingrada ob reki Volgi v Berlin. Pravda pravi, da so vojaki poljubili zastavo, preden so jo razobesili nad Berlinom.

Odbor odobril rudarsko pogodbo

Washington, D. C., 24. apr. — Vojni delavski odbor je soglasno odobril pogodbo, katero je rudarska unija UMWA sklenila z operatorji. Ta določa zvišanje plač ruderjem za \$1.30 na dan. Pogodbo mora odobriti William H. Davis, direktor urada ekonomike stabilizacije.

NEKAJ NAVODIL GLEDE VOLITEV DELEGATOV

Ker je letos konvenčno leto naše jednote, se ima v smislu pravil in zakona države Illinois vršiti konvencija, za katere datum je še določil glavni odbor na svoji leni seji in sicer 13. avgusta.

Volitive delegatov in namensnikov se vršijo med 1. majem in 30. junijem v tem letu, kot določeno v 3. točki pravil, kar na blagovlju upoštevati društveni odborniki in člani vobče.

Dalej je priporočljivo, da se društveni odborniki seznanijo z 2. točko pravil, katera določa število delegatov na podlagi člansva in katere točka je bila na zadnji konvenciji popravljena toliko, da se društva, ki štejejo 500 ali več članov v oddelku odraslih, upravičena do trih delegatov. Tudi s točko 4 glede kvalifikacij delegata mora biti člansvo na seji — prej ko se vrši volitve — dobro seznanjeno, da bo vedelo, kdo je upravičen do kandidature za delegata, da se tako izognemo vsakim nerodnostim in posnejšim neprilkam, ki se kaže rade razvijejo, ako se dožene, da se volitve niso vršile po predpisu pravil.

Društveni tajniki imajo po posebnih pozitivih, da ne bo na delegata volili ali bi izvoljen član, kateri je mogoče v mesecu, ko se vršijo volitve za delegata, suspendiran ali čiran. Po pravilih smeli delegata voliti samo oni člani, ki so na seji in dobro stoeči, kar pomeji na, da imajo točno plačen assessment.

Najkasneje v tem desetih dneh po izvolitvi delegata in namensnika pa ima društvo sporociti na glavno tajništvo ime in naslov delegata ali delegata ter njihovih namensnikov, katere poročilo ima biti podpisano od predsednika, tajnika in blagajnika. Tajnike se prosi da paz

Slovenska partizanska pesem

Zbral in uredil Mile Klopčič

(Večkrat smo že čitali v našem in tudi ameriškem tisku, da si osvobodilna vojska v starem kraju teši glad s—pesmijo, da si greje od mraza premreže ude s—pesmijo, da poje, kadar se raduje svojih zmag in poje tudi, ko se mora umakniti pred močnejšim sovragom. Ne samo vojska, marveč vse osvobodilno gibanje si je vsa zadnja leta iskalо uteho in dalo poguma s pesmijo, s partizansko pesmijo, v kateri je pozabljalo svoje gorje in svoje bolečine ter sanjalo o Svobodi. Pesem jim je molitve in bodritev in zdravilo. Čitali smo v poročilih ameriških očividev, kako je ta ali oni ranjenec pel na vse grlo, ko mu je zdravnik žagal nogo ali roko z navadno žago, ali ga operiral z navadnim nožem brez anestesijskih pripomočkov, da je lažje zatrli bolečine. (To omenja tudi stotnik Huot v svoji knjigi "Guns for Tito.")

In partizani pojo svoje pesmi, ki jim vro na dan v njih herojski borbi. Kot pravi Mile Klopčič, vro tě pesmi na dan tudi iz preprostih delavcev in kmetov, iz fantov in dekle, iz zrelih mož in starcev in študentov, ki že leta domujejo po gozdovih in gorah. On tudi pravi, da je ta herojska borba prinesla pravi narodni kulturni in politični preporod in kot dokaz navaja številne partizanske pesnike, ki jih je zadnja leta porodila osvobodilna borba.

Kot je razvidno, je izšlo v starem kraju že več zvezkov partizanskih pesmi. En tak zvezek nam je prišel v roke skozi SANS. To zvezek je uredil **Mile Klopčič** in jo bomo z njegovim uvodom ali predgovorom vred podali čitateljem Prosvete. Iz Klopčičevega uvida in iz pesmi, ki bodo sledile, si bo čitalj izpolnil sliko o velikih aspiracijah in agonijah, ki jih preživlja naš narod—vse, kar je moralno zdravega in krepljega v starem kraju, sploh v vsej Jugoslaviji. Kdor bo želel, si bo pesmi lahko tudi shranil in ob samotnih urah zajemal iz njih vso bolest in lepotno velikega idealizma, ki ne pozna ne meje, ne žrtev.—Ured.

PREDGOVOR

BORBA, ki jo je začel slovenski narod skupno z ostalimi narodi Jugoslavije in jo bije že tretje leto za narodno osvoboditev, je zajela in razgibala vse naše množice v vsakem pogledu. Ni vroma, da bodo mlada pokoljenja, ki sodelujejo v tej borbi najbolj in z največjo vnemo, dala popolnoma drugačen značaj našemu narodu.

Stavek, da nas je ta borba spremnila iz naroda hlapcev v narod borcev, da sta se šele v tej vojni rodila resnična in prava narodna zavest in posos, nikakor ni cenena kriaticna, ampak nepreklicana resnica, ki jo bodo do kraja pojmlili in z veliko hvaljenostjo za vselej pribili še roči do zaključku te dobe. Če ne bi začeli te svete domovinske vojne, bi bili zapisani v zgodovini za grobarje svojih zorečih rodov, za čakave, ki so zamudili najugodnejši čas za prehod svojega naroda. In to ta borba je!

Tudi pričajoča zbirka pesmi naj pomaga izpričati resničnost te trditve.

Pri sestavljanju te antologije sem upošteval pesmi, objavljene v raznih listih naših vojaških enot (bataljonov, brigad, odredov, korpusov itd.), v našem časopisu, kakor tudi rokopisne zbirke, ki so ciklostirane ali šapirografirane pri nekaterih enotah (Kosmač: Pred pomladnjem, izdal Prod XVIII. divizije, Brestova: 16 pesmi, izdal Gubčeva brigada). Vendar sem sprejel v zbirko le pesmi tistih pesnikov, ki so se s svojim književnim delom oglašili v času naše borbe, zato niso zastopani Tone Šeliškar, Matej Bor, Jože Dudič, Jože Brejc in drugi, ki mnogo objavljajo v našem tisku in sta prva dva izdala tudi vsak svojo celotno pesniško zbirko. Drago Deštovnik, znan pod pseudonimom **Kajuh**, je objavljaj že pred vojno, a se je oblikoval v pesnici v času naše borbe. Ker smo te dni izdali knjižico njegovih pesmi (Kajuh: Pesmi, izdal Prop. oddelek Glavnega štaba N.O.V. in P.O.S.), niso zastopani v našem izboru.

V poštev bi bilo treba vzeti tudi izvirne tekste, ki so bili napisani raznim tujim napisom (Adih, Ribičič), a ker so objavljeni v raznih naših pesmaricah (tudi v pravkar izšli pesmarici "Naša pesem," I. zvezek, uredil K. Pavlović, izdal Prop. oddelek Glavnega štaba NOV in POS), jih nisem vzel v ta izbor. Upoštevati tudi nisem mogel več dveh zbirk, ki sta mi prišli v roke, ko sta bila ta dva zvezka že urejena. Sta to "Iz težkih dni," pesmi borcev Šlendrove brigade (glavni sodelavec Peter Levec je v našem zboru vendarje zastopan), in "Poseben izvod južno primorskih borcev," ki vsebuje same pesmi borcev Južno-primorskega odreda. "Južno-primorski borce" so namreč glasilo tega odreda in ker se jim je v uredništvu nabralo mno-

go pesmi, so izdali posebno številko svojega glasila, kjer je objavljenih 27 pesmi raznih avtorjev. Vse to bom upošteval pri sestavljanju III. zvezka te antologije, kjer bom upošteval tudi vse pesmi, ki bodo objavljene v novih številkah naših vojaških glasil, kakor tudi vse rokopise, ki bodo poslanji nalašč za ta izbor.

Ta zbirka predstavlja nekak obracun o pesniškem snovanju naših borcev do danes, vendar je krična toliko, kolikor sem imel pri rokah v glavnem le liste zadnjega pol leta in ker smo na svoje pozive prejeli le malo rokopisov (zbirk). Iz gradiva, ki sem ga imel pred sabo—nekaj sto pesmi—bi bil lahko sestavil večji izbor, vendar sem gledal, da se motivi le ne ponavljajo preveč. Zato se je tudi zgodilo, da je ta ali oni pesnik, ki mnogo objavlja, zastopan v tej knjigi le z eno, dvema značilnima pesmema (n. pr. Blaž Ostrovrh—Oto Vrhunc, ki je—mimogrede povedano—namestnik brigadnega komandanta), da so dobili prostora drugi. Tako sem izbral kakšnih 50 avtorjev z nad 80 pesmimi, ki izidejo le iz tehničnih razlogov v dveh zvezkih hkrati. Pridružili pa jima bomo tudi III. zvezek, kakor hitro izberemo pesmi iz tiska, ki mi zdaj ni bil pri roki. Mislim tu na glasila naših vojaških enot, kakor tudi vsega drugega tiska pred letosnjim januarjem. Tudi je ena izmed naših prvih brigad izdala leta 1942 ali 1943 pesniško zbirko—all celo dve—raznih avtorjev, ki je ne poznam.

Prosim zato vse, ki imajo to gradivo pri roki, da ga pošljemo bodisi v izvirniku, bodisi v predpisu, kakor tudi prosim vse, ki pišejo pesmi in so ali niso zastopani v teh dveh zvezkih, da pošljete prepise **vseh** svojih pesmi. S tem nam bodo olajšali in pospešili sestavo in izdajo III. zvezka ter omogočili, da bo ta pregled pesmi naših borcev kar najbolj mogoče pravičen in popolen. Pošiljke je nasloviti na Prop. oddelek Gl. štaba NOV in POS. (Opozorjam tu za zadevni poziv v "Smernicah," št. 3, stran 37). Želite li tudi odkriti prava imena onih, ki se skrivajo za izmišljjenimi imeni, in dobiti osebne podatke o vseh sodelavcih tega izbora (starost, poklic, izobrazba, katere edinice član je in od kdaj v naši vojski itd.), kar vse bi porabili pri izdaji III. zvezka.

Tu naj pripomnim tudi, da sem si dovolil nekaj majhne popravke. Omilil ali odstranil sem kakšno trdoto, s prečrtanjem ali spremembom kakšnega verza pomogel pesmi do večjega učinka, s prestativitjo te ali one besede izboljšal ritem in melodijo. Da sem pesmi tudi pravopisno in slovenično pregledal in uredil, je samoumevno. Nikoli pa se jih nisem dotikal toliko, da bi bile opazno spremenile svojo obliko.

Ocene teh pesmi in drugih pripomb ne bom podajal tu; to storim kasneje na drugem mestu. Navedem naj le eno zanimljost. Pesmi, objavljene v teh prvih zvezkih, govore predvsem o pohodih in borbi, o domu in sorodnikih, o slovesu od njih in o hrepenuju po svidenju z njimi, govore o žrtvah te vojne, o trpljenju v internaciji, o zmagi in svobodi, ki sta že blizu. Zelo malo ali nič pa govore o pokrajini. Pa vendar doslej nihče ni živel toliko s pokrajino in prirodo in nihče ni bil toliko navezan nanjo kakor ravno partizan. Bila mu je včasih sovražnica, a po večini priateljica, braniteljica in rešiteljica. Le malo pesmi najdejo o njej. Opozorim naj tu na drobno pesem Petra Leveca (I. zvezek), ki spada z opisom grozljive idile požganje vasi in s širokim mirnim ritmom med umetniško najbolj učinkovite stvari v zbirki.

Razumljivo je, da pojo naši bori predvsem o borbi, in četudi se v teh pesmis stalno ponavljajo razna gesla in je tudi opaziti največ medsebojnega vplivanja, posnemanja in ponavljanja, kdo bi mogel reči, da zaradi tega niso morda iskrne, niso doživljene? Saj se teh verzov drži kri naših borcev. Bilo pa bilo popolnoma napačno, omejiti se zavestno samo na budnice in žalostinke. Partizansko življenje ima tudi mnogo lepot in veliko dobre volte, tudi smeh poznal in sanje; tovarištvo, zmage, doživljajevanje prirodnih lepot na pohodih ponoči, v jutranji zori in večerni zarji, v poletni sijajini in zimski belini. Motivni svet je treba vsekakor razširiti in obogatiti. Kar vas resnično prevzame, o tem piše brez strahu, brez katerokoli predpoklju.

Tako bodo pesmi pridobile v eni svojih obveznih odlik: v iskrenosti, v resničnosti izpostavljeni in razpoloženi. Tedaj bo dovetzen bralec—in jan piše—začutil za pesmijo pesnika samega, znašel se bo v istem razpoloženju in na vdušenju z njim, z njim bo kljical na boj, z njim bo hrepel in ihel, se smejal in občudoval, se trudil in grudil pod napori in čudil lepotam, ki jih klub vsemu nudi živiljenje s svojo borbo. In to je poslanstvo pesmi in pesnikov, ki jim je dano povedati, kar ni drugim dano, a kar doživljajo vsi.

(Se nadaljuje)

sem mnenja, da bi lahko glavni odbor odložil konvencijo za gotovo dobo, dokler ne bomo imeli bolj normalnih razmer.

Še nekaj besed o drugih veste. Družina John Fatur iz Delmonta je prejela 7. aprila od vojnega departmента obvestilo, da pogrešajo sina S/Sgt. Johna Fatura. On se je udeležil že 22 poletov nad Nemčijo. K vojakom je šel prostovoljno v decembri 1943, ko mu ni bilo še 18 let. Preko morja pa je bil poslan lanskoga julija.

S/Sgt. Albert Horne je prišel na dopust. Udeležil se je že več bitki proti Japoncem in je bil ranjen. Dobil je malarijo, nakar je bil poslan domov za 30 dni. Sedaj se nahaja v Philadelphia. Oba zgoraj omenjeni vojaki sta člana društva 232 SNPJ.

Tudi jaz imam dva sina v vojni. Eden je že več kot leto neko na Pacifik, drugi pa je že 16 mesecev v Franciji in je deljen v sanitetskemu oddelku.

Jurij Prević.

ZAHVALA DRUŠTVA 86 SNPJ

Chicago, Ill.—Nekako v strahu smo bili radi naše priredebe v soboto 7. t.m. Tedaj, ko smo aranžirali datum priredebe in drugo, še nismo nič vedeli o odloku, da se morajo vse javne zabave skončati ob polnoči. Poleg tega so bili tudi vsi prostori v tem poslopu tedaj oddani, vključivši dvorana, za provizijo vojne produkcije.

Priredbo smo kar naprej oglašali in vabil in tudi precej vstopnici je bilo že prodanih. Kot optimistični ljudje nismo priredebe prekritali. Upoštevajoč naklonjenost naših priateljev smo šli s pripravami kar naprej in nismo se zmotili.

S priredbo smo imeli zopet dober uspeh v moralnem in gmotnem oziru. Dvorana je bila polna in gostje niso bili skopi. Zastopani si bili Lawndalčani, Prešernovci in drugi. Odbor se vsem skupaj v vsakemu udeležencu posebej najskrnejene zahvaljuje.

Najlepša hvala tudi našim članicam, katere so bile tako marljive v kuhinji, da so bili vsi postreženi. Enaka hvala vsem članom, kateri so tako pridno delali za uspeh priredebe. Prepričani smo, da bomo imeli tudi v bodočnosti enako naklonjenost vas vseh. Še enkrat: hvala vsem in pozdravljeni!

Za društvo 86 SNPJ:

Ludwig Kož, predsednik,
John Moro, tajnik,
Louis Volk, blagajnik.

Iz gibanja SANSA in JPO-SS

PREDAVANJE PRI ST. 48 SANSA

Cleveland, O.—Slovenski javnosti sporočam, da se bo vršilo v petek, 27. t.m., ob osmih zvečer v SDD na Waterloo predavanje pod pokroviteljstvom podružnice št. 48 SANSA.

Predaval bo dobro poznani odvetnik Russells Chase. Predmet predavanja bo Balkan in Jugoslavija. Mr. Chase dobro

pozna razmere na Balkanu in Jugoslaviji, zato je cenjeno občinstvo vabljeno, da se gotovo udeleži tega predavanja, ki bo zelo zanimivo.

Vstop je prost vsakemu. Kdor ima čas in ki ga razmene v naši starci domovini zanimajo, naj ne zamudi predavanja.

Za podružnico št. 48 SANSA:

J. F. Durn, tajnik.

VABILO NA KONCERT

Youngstown, O.—Članstvo društva št. 153 SNPJ je napravljeno, da se udeleži koncerta in zabave v nedeljo, 29. aprila, v Mikicicovi dvorani, 1545 Poland ave. Youngstown, O.

Koncert priredil Zedinjeni odbor Slovanov. Organizacija se stoji iz društva SNPJ, HBZ in društva Mednarednega reda hrvaškega društva 232 SNPJ.

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Jurij Prević.

NADALJEVANJE Z DELOM ZA JUGOSLAVIJO

Springfield, Ill.—Po društveni seji društva št. 47 SNPJ z dne 15. t. m., se je pričela razprava glede pomoči za naše rodne drabe in sestre v starci domovini. Po kratkem razmotrivanju je bilo zaključeno, da ostane ves prejšnji odbor, kateri že obstoji pri podružnici št. 15 SANSA, in ta odbor je pooblaščen in ima polno moč pobirati vsakovrstno obliko in druge potrebitne, kakor tudi denarne prispevke med društvenimi člani in drugimi rojaki.

Helen Fabian, tajnik.

APEL NA SLOVENCE V CHICAGU IN OKOLICI

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Nadalje je bilo tudi zaključeno, da odbor ni primoran iti od hiše do hiše pobirati obliko, niti denarnih prispevkov. Mnenje na seji navzočih članov je bilo, da kdor ima namen darovati obliko ali čevlje, je naprošen, da prinese ali pošlje v dvorano SDD vsak čas do prihodnje društvene seje 20. maja t. l. Denarni prispevki pa lahko izročiti na domu slednje odbornikov: Ann Orea, Julia Krmelj, Antonia Church, Rozie Zaverl, Blas Strukel, John Močnik, John Goršek ml. in John Goršek st.

Društveni člani pa tudi lahko izročijo tajniku na domu, ali pa na društveni seji 20. maja. Društvo kakor tudi odbor apelira na člane in druge rojake iz mesta in okolice, da se v velikem številu odzovejo s pomočjo v denarnih prispevkov, kakor tudi obliko in drugimi raznovrstnimi potrebitinami do 20. maja t. l. Tozadnevi odbor bo potem zopet vse potrebno uredil in odpšal na pristojno mesto obliko, kateri tudi denarne prispevke.

John Goršek, tajnik.

SHOD IN IGRA

Strabane, Pa.—Sporočam javnosti, da bo naša podružnica SANSA priredila shod in eno dejanko "Mat." Igro bodo vpravili igralci in igralke dramskega kluba Soče.

Prirediba se bo vršila 29. aprila v dvorani Postojnske jame 138 SNPJ; začetek ob dveh pooldini. Na shodu bo nastopil kot glavni govornik dobro poznani Joško Ovčar. Gotov sem, da vam ne bo žal, ako se udeležite.

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Zbor združenih narodov

Ko bodo te vrstice prišle do čitalcev, bo v San Franciscu že v teku zborovanje združenih narodov, na katerem se bo odločilo, kakšno organizacijo dobi svet za ohrano miru po tej vojni. Na konferenci je zastopanih 46 držav in sodijo, da se bo vrnila šest do osem tednov.

Odkar se je vrnila versajska konferenca, na kateri je bila ustanovljena Liga narodov, ki je imela z versajskim mirom vred prenesti "trajni" mir, je to sigurno najvažejše svetovno zborovanje. Od takrat je šlo vse človeštvo skozi pekel kot še nikdar prej v vsej zgodovini. Tudi 30-letna vojna, ki je divjala v zapadni in srednji Evropi v sedemnajstem stoletju in spremeniла cele pokrajine v eno samo pogorišče in pokopališče, se v strahotah ne da primerjati s sedanjim klanjem, ki je po obsegu še neprimerno večje. Vzelo bo generacije predno bodo rane zaceljene.

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Vprašanje je, ali se je človeštvo od vsega tega kaj naučilo—od dveh najstrašnejših svetovnih vojn v manj kot eni generaciji. Ali se je kaj naučilo od dejstva, da je prva svetovna vojna porodila drugo svetovno vojno—da sta kapitalizem in imperializem skočili versajski "mir," fašizem in Hitlerja? Ali se zaveda, da sedanja vojna lahko skoti tretje svetovno klanje?

Človek bi bil rad optimističen in bi se tolažil z upanjem, da se je človeštvo veliko naučilo od te svoje največje tragedije. Mnogi to upanje tudi odprto izražajo, toda se vedoma ali nevedoma brido varajo. V isti sapi namreč pravijo, da je bila versajska mirovna pogodba "še premalo trda . . . vse preveč popustljiva . . ." Po tej vojni morata biti Nemčija in Japonska popolnoma uničeni ne samo kot vojaški, marveč tudi kot gospodarski sili, oba naroda, kar v resnicu pomeni delovno ljudstvo, pa tiščana k tlu, ako ne popolnoma zasužnjena. Za porazence more biti prihodnji "mir" še stokrat bolj drakoničen kot je bila versajska pogodba. O potrebi spremembe slabega gospodarskega in socialnega "reda," ki bruha iz sebe moderne vojne, fašizem in Hitlerje, je v tej deželi kaj malo slišati.

Vse to daje človeku misli, da so se ljudje od teh tragedij zelo malo naučili, aki sploh kaj. Ameriško ljudstvo se je na splošno le toliko naučilo, da zdaj vidi potrebo nove svetovne organizacije, v kateri mora sodelovati tudi ta dežela. To je že nekaj—korak naprej. Toda ni pa še spoznalo, kaj povzroča vojne in fašizem in Hitlerje. Vsaj nasi visoki državniki, ki pomagajo kovati novo svetovno organizacijo "za mir," se tega še niso naučili. Zato je danes manj glasu o PRAVICNEM miru v tej deželi in tudi po svetu kot kdaj prej v zadnjih 50 in več letih.

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V pričo vsega tega in v pričo dominantnih idej, na katerih je osnovan dumbartonski načrt za novo svetovno organizacijo, to je, da mora bodoči mir sloneti na oboroženi sili treh ali petih velesil, in to brez ozira, če bo mir pravilen ali krivljen—zato gledamo tudi precej pesimistično na to konferenco združenih narodov v San Franciscu. Bojimo se, da bo tudi nova liga zgrajena na pesku kot je bila stara. Če se to zgodi, se bo ob prihodnji svetovni nevihti, pa naj pride čez 10, 20 ali 50 let, prav tako zrušila v prahu kot se je zrušila stara Liga narodov.

Po raznih skupinah in posameznikih je bilo podanih že mnogo dobrih idej za izboljšanje dumbartonskega načrta. Med onimi, ki je prispeval zelo dobro razpravo k temu vprašanju, je tudi bivši predsednik Herbert Hoover. Neverjetno kot se sliši, je on v seriji člankov v Chicago Sunu orisal precej boljši načrt za novo svetovno organizacijo kot je dumbartonski osnutek, oziroma sugestije za izboljšanje istega.

Ker dumbartonski načrt popolnoma molči o kakšnih demokratičnih pravicah narodnostnih manjšin, kolonialnih narodov ali pa o civilnih svobodah, Hoover priporoča načelno izjavo, ki naj vsebuje slične točke kot je ameriški "Bill of Rights," kakor tudi določbe Atlantskega čarterja in nekatere Wilsonove točke. Ta "Bill of Rights" bi svetovni organizaciji dal idejno podlogo in vsaka pridružena organizacija naj bi se obligirala, da bo izvajala in spoštovala te pravice. Predvsem pa naj bi ta "Bill of Rights" služil kot vodnik vrhovnemu svetu nove lige narodov. Za izvajanje teh pravic Hoover priporoča ustanovitev posebne komisije kot del lige.

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Drugo važno vprašanje, katerega dumbartonski načrt tudi popolnoma ignorira, je potrebnost določbe glede revizije mednarodnih pogodb, tikajočih se državnih mej, vojne odškodnine in podobnih vprašanj. V preteklosti so se tako vprašanja "reševala" z—orožjem. Če se svet v bodoče hoče izogniti vojnam in če hoče, da bo nova liga narodov stala na trdnjevih tleh kot je stala stara liga, tedaj mora biti v njenih pravilih orisana procedura, po kateri se tako vprašanja lahko rešujejo na mirem način, brez orožja. To se predvsem tiče kolonialnih narodov, ki bodo prej ali slej zahtevali svobodo.

Tretje priporočilo Hooverja in mnogih drugih je baziranje nove lige na kontinentalnih ali širokih pokrajinskih federacijah, ki naj bi skrbre za mir in reševanje vseh spornih vprašanj v svojem področju kot prva instanca. Na primer Panameriška unija bi skrbela za mir na tem kontinentu, Panevropska unija v Evropi, Vseslavjska unija v Aziji itd. Če bi te unije ne mogle rešiti svojih spornih zadev, šele tedaj naj bi posegel vmes v vrhovni svet lige narodov. To priporočilo se nam zdi zelo dalekovidno in zdrav.

Hoover se je izrekel tudi za splošno in drastično razorozitev vseh držav, ne samo za popolno razorozitev poraženih. Dejstvo je, ako ne pride do tega, marveč ostanejo zmagovalte države do

Glasovi iz naselbin

IZ CLEVELANDA

Cleveland, O. — No, po petih tednih sem zopet na svojem strem mestu, to je na delu, kajti od bolezni sem okreval. Prvič v življenju sem bil v bolnišnici, ker sem se moral podvrci operacijo. Vedno sem si mislil, da ne bom nikoli bolan, kajti za bolezni tudi časa ni in tudi sedaj me je delo klicalo; sedaj pa sem zopet v starem tiru, na svojem strem mestu!

Zadnje čase so dobili častno odpustnico od vojakov trije naši člani, in sicer Domenik Blumel, Frank Prostor in Louis Starman. Slednji se je nahajjal več mesecov v Franciji, ker pa si je pokvaril nogo v kolenu, so ga poslali domov in častno odustili. Vsi trije dobrodošli!

Na drugi strani pa se vedno kličajo mladiči k vojakom. Pred kratkim je odšel Arthur Tibiaš. Njegov brat pa služi Strica Sama že precej časa in se nahaja nekje na južnem Pacifiku. Vpklican je bil tudi Leo Grajzar, sin poznane družine, katera je včlanjena pri našem društvu. On je poročen in ima hčerkko, tako da je poleg staršev zapustil tudi ženo in otroka. Želimo mu srečnega povratka.

Stanko Jankovich pa se nahaja nekje v Nemčiji. Poroča, da je še vedno zdrav. To pa je vse, kar piše, kajti ostalo je vojna tajnost. Stanko je reden dopisovalec in je bil član bivšega tukajnjega krožka. Njega še vedno zanimajo naše aktivnosti. Je pač zvesti sin svojih staršev, Cilke in Antonia Jankovicha. Tone agitira in dela med nami že skoraj 30 let. Prepričan sem, da bi nastala velika verzel za naše časopisje in na polju naših društvenih in kulturnih aktivnosti, če bi izgubili "večnege popotnika." Tone se ne bojni nobenih ovir, ki so v zvezi z delom na našem naprednem polju. Nekateri se seveda izpodlikajo ob njegovo delo. Jaz pa pravim: da bi imeli v svoji sredini več takih mož kot je Anton Jankovich! Da bi jih imela vsaj vsaka naselbina nekaj, pa bi bilo več napredka med nami. Tone, le vztrajaj!

Naš sinko Ray je bil doma na 15-dnevem dopustu, in sicer prvič po 13 mesecih. Sedaj se nahaja v šoli v taborišču Lourry pri Denverju, Colo. Poskušali da, bi prišel domov na dopust ob času moje bolezni, pa se ni dalo, končno pa se znašel doma, ne da nam bi dal kaj vedeti naprej o njegovem prihodu. Vsa družina je bila zelo srečna, da smo ga po tako dolgem času zopet videli. Izgleda tako dobro in je zdrav. Vse kaže, da dokler ostanejo naši vojaki v tej deželi, se jim ne godi posebna krivica. Koliko časa bo stal še v tej deželi? To je vprašanje, ki stoji neprestano pred nami.

Iz Evrope v Zedinjene države se je povrnih kapetan Boris Marmola, ki je moj nečak in sin dobro poznane družine Marmolla. Njegov oče je bil dolgletni tajnik društva Mir 142 SNPJ.

Boris se je nahajjal v Franciji in po drugih evropskih državah nad 16 mesecov kot zdravnik v ameriški armadi. Doma je bil samo nekaj dni, nato pa šel zopet nazaj v New York, kjer se začasno nahaja. Bilo ga je veselje videti. Dejal je, da bo mogoče dobiti v kratkem mesec dni dopusta. On je odšel preko oceana poprej kot je preminula njegova sestra Stefania, tako da ni imel niti prilike udeležiti se pogreba. Smrt Stefanie je bil hud udarec za sorodnike, zanj pa je bil še hujši, kajti tedaj, ko je odšel, je vedel, da se poslavljiva od umirajoče sestre.

Vse kaže, da bo dr. Marmola v Zedinjenih državah in po opravljal svojo službo v raznih armadnih bolnišnicah ter skrbel za našo ranjene vojake. Torej dobrodošel, Boris! Sorodniki smo te veseli in prav tako tvoj prijatelji!

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Pre oborožene, je tretja svetovna vojna, še veliko strašnejša od sedanje, sigurna stvar in nobena nova liga narodov je ne bo preprečila. Kdor ni slep, že danes lahko vidi, da Amerika, Anglija in Rusija v prihodnji vojni ne bodo zaveznic, marveč—sovražnici. To tragedijo mora človeštvo na vsak način preprečiti. Od konference v San Franciscu veliko zavisi, če je bo mogoče preprečiti ali ne.

Šizma. Prav sedaj bi ga najbolj potrebovali.

Pokojnik ni storil vsega in za vse, vendar pa je izvršil ogromnega dela. To lahko z lahkoto utemeljimo, aks se spomnimo Hooverjevih časov in Hooverjeve "prosperitete." Naj bo blag spomin velikemu možu, ki se je boril za človeške pravice. Ako bi imeli več Franklinov na tem svetu, potem bi bilo drugače, ne bi bilo toliko gorja na zemlji!

J. F. Durn, tajnik 53 SNPJ.

DRUŠTVENO NAZNANILO

Milwaukee, Wis.—V dolžnost si štejem, da na tem mestu opozorim vsa naša bratska društva v milwauškem okrožju, da bo društvo Vijočica 747 SNPJ predložilo velik piknik v nedeljo, 19. avgusta, v Kozmutovem parku na 92. cesti v Beloit rd. Tega dne bomo začeno praznovati 10-letnico društvenega poslovanja pod zastavo SNPJ.

Naš pripravljalni odbor je že na delu in želi, da bi med našimi bratskimi društvi vladal spoznaj in složnost in da ne bi na omemjeni dan delali nepotreblne neprilike. Več o pikniku bomo še poročali v Prosveti.

Na naši seji je predsednik društva naredil kratek govor o veliki izgubi in pozval, da naj vsi tisti, kateri se strinjajo, da je bil velik po duhu, vstanejo v znak sožanja in velike izgube, ki nas je zadehal. Vsi smo vstali. Počutili smo se kot ovce brez pastirja in če me vse ne moti, se bomo počutili še dolgo preden bomo pozabili Franklina Delana Roosevelta, našega najboljšega prijatelja.

Rose Radovich.

KEGLJAŠKI TURNIR.

Waukegan, Ill.—V soboto in nedeljo, 28. in 29. aprila, se bo vršil "telegrafični" kegljaški turnir SNPJ.

Tukajšnja tri društva SNPJ bodo skupno sodelovala, in sicer Sloga 14 SNPJ, Moška enakovrstna 119 SNPJ in društvo Little Fort 568 SNPJ. Turnir se bo vršil na kegljišču v No. Chicagu. Več o tem je na angleški strani današnja Prosveta.

Po kratkom odmoru je bilo naše društvo zopet obveščeno, da smo iz naše srede izgubili mladiča in vrlaga brata Johna Staricha. Pokojnik je padel na bojnem polju v Franciji dne 19. januarja t. l. Star je bil 23 let in naš član od oktobra l. 1937.

Frank Bruce.

MI IN NAŠA MLADINA

West Allis, Wis.—Pred seboj imam časopis, v katerem sem čital o paglavicih v starosti od 9 do 14 leta, ki so se organizirali in kradli pisma iz poštnih škrinjic v raznih hišah v več stanovnic. Pisma so odpirali, pokradli iz njih denar in jih nato uničili ali pa stran vrgli. Končno jih je zasledila policija in jih dala pod ključ.

Časopis navaja drug primer neodgovornega pobalinstva, namreč kako so otroci nanosili na železniški tir žebanje in druge šate z namenom, da bi videli, kako bi skočili vlak iz tira in se pri tem zabavali. Slučajno je mimo prišel čuvaj in preprečil namero otrok, ki bi lahko povzročila veliko katastrof.

Clanstvo klubu št. 47 JSZ je na pretekli seji zaključilo, da priredi 6. maja ali prvo nedeljo v maju veselico v Slovenskem delavskem domu; začetek ob treh popoldne. Ker ni misliti na kakšno večjo prireditev, bo ta priredba vsaj delno zvezana s pomenom prvega maja.

Clanstvo klubu št. 47 JSZ je vladljivo vabi na veselico vse soščenike, kateri še hranijo v sebi spomine na prvi maj in imajo čut za delavsko gibanje. Pridite na zabavo. Imeli bomo tudi ples in drugega razvedrilna. Vstopnina je prosta.

John Gorick.

PRIREDBA KLUBA 47 JSZ

Springfield, Ill.—Še nekaj dni in nastopil bo mednarodni delavski prazni prvi maj. Dasično se delavstvo po širnem svetu nahaja v izrednih razmerah, se bo brez dvoma spomnil na prvi maj v preteklosti; ko ga je resnično in dostojno praznovano kot mednarodni delavski praznik.

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Twenty-fifth Anniversary
of SNPJ English
Speaking Lodge Movement

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 25

SNPJ's 1945 Bowling Tournament

Saturday and Sunday, April 28 and 29, many bowling teams of our Society's lodges will vie for national honors on the bowling alleys in their respective communities.

It is estimated that this year's event will be the largest bowling classic in the history of our Society. Reports have it that it will draw more than one hundred man and woman teams which will compete for various prize awards, and the doubles and singles entries will add to the number considerably. Thus the total number of participants in our 1945 bowling contest is likely to break all our previous records.

This year's bowling classic, however, will differ from our former tournaments in that it will be conducted by "remote control," so to speak. It will be a "telegraphic" bowling tournament whereby all local scores will be computed and the results wired to national headquarters in Chicago.

The novel means of conducting our 1945 bowling tournament was necessitated by the transportation difficulties and ODT regulations curtailing civilian travel. In reality, then, this will be a "tournament of tournaments." Each SNPJ community participating in this year's national tournament will conduct its own tournament and telegraph the results, as stated above.

As a consequence, the nature of this year's tournament will enable more SNPJ keglers to participate and war work will not be interrupted thereby.

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The 1945 national tournament will consist of 11 local tournaments comprising 126 teams, an all time high in number of teams. The prize awards total \$1,700.

For the first time in the bowling history of our local lodges, our juvenile groups from among the various Circles will also take an active part in this year's bowling contest.

Seven states will participate, that is, lodges from seven different states have entered teams in the contest. These include Illinois, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Wisconsin, Michigan, Indiana, and Missouri. Waukegan, Illinois, tops the list of entries with a total of 27 man and woman teams, including five teams composed of juvenile members.

Other lodges with more than 10 teams entered include Chicago with 25 squads, Cleveland with 21, Milwaukee 14, Detroit 12, and Strabane 11. Indianapolis will have 6, St. Louis 4, Sharon (Pa.) and Girard (O.) each 3, and Muskegon (Mich.) individual events.

In all there will be 65 man and 50 woman teams and 11 juvenile teams—7 boys' and 4 girls' teams, while doubles include 109 man and 82 woman entries, and singles, 209 man and 151 woman entries.

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There is a steady, continued rise in the popularity of bowling, a rise which now finds more than 15,000,000 bowlers in America, and the expectation is that there will be 20 million bowlers in the country in the postwar era.

The possibilities of the growth of this national pastime are tremendous primarily because everybody, whatever his or her age, can play the game and play it well. Incidentally, it is the only sport where a woman has even chance against a man. In 1917, when the Women's International Bowling Congress was first organized, there were 1,000 members in the organization. Entering the 1944-45 season, there were about a quarter of a million.

Bowling alleys throughout the country now have instructors and free classes for bowlers. While more and more have continued to bowl during the war years, the sport has gained many male participants because of the war. In many foreign countries there have been service installations since the war.

The American Bowling Congress has been in existence about half a century. Ten pin bowling predominates over duck pin bowling; in the former big pins and heavy ball are used, and in the latter small ball and small pins are used.

Be that as it may—let us observe the rules, be on schedule, and let's make the 1945 SNPJ bowling event as successful as possible, one of which we all will be proud.

Universal Comets

Dates to Remember

UNIVERSAL, PA.—April 29—National Telegraphic Tournament in conjunction with the federation tenpin tournament of the E. S. Federation at the SNPJ Hall, Strabane. Dancing will follow in the upper hall, and Jackie Martinic will entertain.

May 26—Dance by Lodge Comets 715 at the Slovenia Hall, Universal. Les Faulk and his new Slovenian orchestra will be featured.

May 30—Annual Memorial Day celebration by Lodge 6 at the SNPJ Hall, Sygan.

Comets' News

Three teams (2 girls' and 1 men's) are entered in the national telegraphic tournament scheduled in Strabane. Sunday, April 29. This is a good response by a lodge that is particularly interested in duckpins. We consider the response the sporty and fraternal thing for a lodge to do without any illusions about winning prizes.

All bowlers will leave for Strabane early Sunday morning. They are urged to get in touch with any member of the Athletic Committee for the exact time of leaving. Those Comets are not scheduled to bowl are also invited to attend. There will be a good time in Strabane for them also among the large crowd that will be assembled there.

Our member Ann Venets was informed by the SNPJ Bowling Alloys of Sygan that she is the winner of the prize for high score for the week of April 6-12. The score was attained on April 8th at the time of the duckpin tournament, at which time she rolled a game of 170.

The bowlers will bowl tenpins

again this Friday, and this will probably conclude our bowling for this season except for the tournament on Sunday.

E. S. Federation News

The regular quarterly meeting of the federation held in Verona on the 15th brought a good attendance.

The secretary reported that 9 lodges were represented with 19 delegates. Visitors were also in attendance, as was Brother Anton Rednak of the Slovene federation, and these together with the officers made a nice turnout. Many things were accomplished, and here are some of the highlights:

The Annual Pennsylvania SNPJ Day will be held this year together with the Slovene federation; a committee was designated to make preparations for celebrating the 20th anniversary of the E. S. lodges sometime next fall; the committee on the welcome to the service men gave a good report, and after much discussion it was instructed to continue with plans by calling a meeting of representatives of all lodges in the two federations. The Athletic Committee had a complete report on results of the duckpin tournament, and on the preparations for the national telegraphic tournament and local Federation Tenpin Tournament in Strabane. Frances Dermotta and the writer were chosen as delegates to the Slovene Federation meeting held in Coveland last Sunday. Veronians proved to be excellent hosts again, and the Federation thanks them for making the plans for the meeting and for the excellent food.

Telegraphic Tourney

Western Pennsylvania will have about ten teams. Not many, but ten

Badgerland News

MILWAUKEE.—Friday, April 27, is the date of our regular monthly meeting. Let's have a good attendance. Some interesting topics will be on the calendar which concern us all. Plans will be outlined for our picnic will be held early this year. As the old grounds were not available, the committee scouted all sources and finally found a nice spot that is still within the city limits. The date will be Sunday, May 27. The site is the Maple Grove Park, 13th and Morgan, 4 blocks south of Oklahoma Ave. The No. 37 street car stops directly in front of the place.

A bundle of joy has arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Verbeck. Both mother and baby are doing fine. Congrats.

Mrs. Erna (Stiglich) Baranowski is well on the road to recovery after submitting to an operation recently.

Members in Service

Letters are coming from all the battlefronts from our members in the service, and all replies are sincere in their thanks for the news of the old homefront. Many strong and lasting friendships will be accomplished thru this correspondence, so don't forget to write and keep on writing. The addresses for this week are: Sgt. Florian Remitz, 36814197, Hq. Co. 611th Signal Bn., APO 408, c/o P. M. New York, N. Y.—Pvt. William Cukjati, 36826763, Port Hq. Det., C S. P. E. Cant. 2, Section A, Seattle 4, Wash.—Change of address: Pvt. Frank Marn, 3627474, 3595-Q. M. Truck Co., APO 228, c/o P. M. New York, N. Y.—Sgt. Frank Fritz, 16092635, 2135 A. F. Base Unit, Section 1-6, Lyndall Field, Fla.—Cpl. Anthony V. Spruck, 36228311, Squadron C-5, APO 19095-c, c/o P. M. New York, N. Y.

Bowling Taps

In the Allstar wheel which has a few weeks to go, Rudie Pugel was on the beam as he cracked 638 in Tuesdays session and came back on Thursday smoked the setups for a neat 657 count. In Friday nights Businessmen's league he was really hot. He smashed a tremendous total of 729. His ind. games were 251-267-211. That is a lot of kindling in any man's league.

All is in readiness for the first SNPJ telegraphic bowling tournament to be held April 28-29. The site is the Silver City Recreation located at 3730 West National Ave. All rules pertaining to the tournament have been published in former issues of the Prosvesa by the Athletic Director so all should be familiar with them by this time. The committee has worked diligently to put this affair across and with your cooperation everything will go along smoothly. See you all there.

SALTY, 584.

Lodge 528 Changes Date of Meetings

CORNWALL, PA.—At the regular monthly meeting of SNPJ lodge 258, held on April 8, it was decided to change the meeting date during the summer months. Meetings will now be held the first Wednesday evening of the month instead of the second Sunday of the month. The change was made in order to be more convenient and also that more members will attend. All members, therefore, should, if possible, attend the next meeting, which will be held Wednesday evening, May 2, at 7 o'clock at the home of the Secretary.

LUDMILLA ANGELO, Sec'y.

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MARY BABICH, Pres.

more than would otherwise have entered, and we regard that as a real gain in the national event.

Meanwhile, we don't expect to take any of the bacon. Perhaps the Strabane Pioneers will be a real contender for prizes, and western Pennsylvania will be pulling them. You can be assured that everyone else from here will have a good time at the national tournament.

It was encouraging to read the reports on the tournament, and when reading of the entries from Waukegan we began to think that it was like old times again. Let us all give out this weekend for a real big time, and hope and plan for a bigger time at the tournament next year.

MICHAEL R. KUMER.

COMRADES' NOTE BOOK

By J. J. Fifolt

April Meeting

CLEVELAND, O.—In the absence of President Joe Zorman, who was unable to attend and Vice President Pauline Spill busily engaged in a wall-papering job (she is good at this), the writer presided at the last meeting.

A number of new faces showed up, namely, Jennie and Sophie Koen, Jean Yarshan, our recent transferred member, and Tony Kerze, who incidentally was speedily elected as a member of the Auditing Committee to take the place of Vic Wallencheck, inducted. Albina Verhar and Antoinette Skok were also on hand after an absence of several months. Tickets for the Juvenile Spring Concert were purchased and distributed among the members present. We donated \$10 to the American Slav Congress. Sick report for Bertha Erste was passed for payment. Ed Grum who is back on day's shift, showed up to cop the \$1 award. For the second successive month Rose Smole's name was picked out of the bag for the \$4 award. It begins to look more and more that they will have to move back from Huntington to Cleveland. Kay Alden was accepted as a transferred member. As suggested at the last meeting the writer arranged to purchase a bond for Dianne Prudish, whose dad was killed in action last year. This was presented to Mrs. Prudish, with a check for all of the back dues paid. She was deeply appreciative and wished to express her heartfelt thanks to the members of the Comrade Lodge. After the meeting Albina took the gang downstairs for refreshments while the Auditing Committee consisting of John Alden, Tony Debevc and Tony Kerze checked the books for the first quarter.

Juvenile Singing Chorus

The members of the SNPJ Juvenile Chorus have been busily engaged in rehearsing for their Spring Concert to be held May 13 starting at 4 p. m. We understand quite an improvement can be expected over their initial performance last fall. We suggest that you make it a point to set this date aside.

General

Stan DeLong stopped by the other day to break the news that Irene Mudri will be Mrs. DeLong sometime the latter part of May. Here's good luck to both of them—We'll get it straight yet. The name of Mr. and Mrs. Spolar's recent addition is Sandra Jean, not Sarah Jane, as reported previously. Sorry, Hank, old boy—Joe Bucher dropped in to tell me that his wife Emily was home with a bundle of joy, the name Barbara and the weight 8 lbs. Congratulations.

In the Service

A card from A/c Joe Shuber, G.C.T.C. Pool Sqd. S.A.A.C.C., San Antonio, Texas. "Back in Texas as a bombardier. No flying now for me. Plenty here. Have heard from two girls from Penna but no cookies. Appreciate a word from the gang."

The latest address for Vic Wallencheck: A.S.N. 35856070, Co. C 52nd Inf. Trg. Bn. 2nd Platoons, Camp Walters, Texas.

The beaming smile on Mrs. F. Ilersich recently was the result of hubby Frank being home on a long furlough. He stopped by at dues collection nite and we had quite a chat. He presented a picture of health.

Shortly to leave, Frank Popotnik, Home on furlough recently, Frank Tushar and Rudy Felz. Mrs. Rossman also informing me that Johnny was expected home.

A letter from our friend Frank Groser, 36766774, Co. E 137th Inf. APO 35, c/o P.M., N.Y.C., from a hospital in France: "Easter greetings from France where I'm still taking things easy, but expect to be moved out any day now. Although it isn't raining today the sun isn't out; of course, we don't have an Easter parade to worry about, but clear weather means a parade of planes over Germany. Had fresh eggs for breakfast, first in over a month and chicken for dinner, so holidays bring better food if nothing else. Read a very interesting article of Cleveland in the Feb. issue of Read. First time I've seen the magazine, it's on the order of Readers' Digest. Been sort of out of contact with the states, hadn't got any mail for about a month but imagine the situation is pretty normal in the SNPJ. Like here everyone is waiting for the good news when the war will be over. Then again we'll have a chance to get around and enjoy ourselves at the SNPJ affairs. Sure will bring back many fond memories. Give my regards to the gang."

Telegraphic Tourney

If headquarters approves, Comrades will have one team in the national telegraphic tournament, April

Golden Eagles

Circle Activities

GIRARD, OHIO.—A fair number of members attended this regular meeting. The County Fair scheduled for July 7, commanded the greatest attention. In order to obtain prizes for the various games, twenty points will be awarded each member for each item contributed. This works hand in hand with our monthly contest. Adult members of both lodges, 49 and 643, will be asked to contribute also. This contribution, though, will be in the form of needlework, cakes, etc. Circle managers are preparing a list of names and each donation will be recorded and announced later. Also lodges 49 and 643 will be asked to select several members to act with the Circle managers to carry out various duties and functions. We hope the majority of donations will be in several weeks before our anniversary event. These items can be taken, even now, to 725 Lawrence ave.

Frieda Pereklin was the winner of this month's contest with ninety points. John Bogatay was declared No. 1 man in the Junior Division with Janet Gantor and Loretta "Reddy" Racich in second place. Irene Mehelich, too, would have been a winner but she was not present to collect her prize money and that is one of rules of the contest. Bowling teams for the telegraphic tournament were announced. Frieda Pereklin, Clara Mehelich, Marjorie Macek, B. Muster and Dorothy Griffin will bowl team events. Jeanette Tancsek-Rose Zauber and Dorothy Muster-B. Muster will roll doubles, while Henry Lekovic will answer the call in the singles. Also in the sports line, equipment will be furnished to those engaged in softball activities.

Fifteen points will be given for each book of donations sold. And for next meeting only, May 20, a free theatre ticket for each member present.

Bowling

We can now announce that three local SNPJ teams will participate in the telegraphic tournament. Yes, each of our local branches will be looking for prizes and surprises, the Juvenile Circle, Lodge 49 and the Eagles.

Louis Muster, Louis Racick, Louis Blazich, Tony Dobrovolec, Frank Racick and Gilbert Robsel will represent Lodge 49, while France Matkovich, Ann Gantor, Mamie Zitnik, Mary Macek, Mary Rezek and Frank Rezek will take care of the prizes for the Eagles.

Tony Serca, local tournament secretary, announces that team events will take place at O'Connell's Recreation Alley on Sat., April 28, beginning at seven o'clock. He requests promptness. We had hoped that Sharon would bowl with us, and a letter was sent to them with that purpose, but no reply was received.

Off the record: Fred Klucik, our former chorus director, is in Italy. He requests letters. Address: Pvt. Albert F. Klucik, 35321248, 555 Rep. Co. 112 Bn. 3rd P. G., APO 71-R, c/o P. M., New York, N. Y.

Here is why Mamie Zitnik is sporting such a big smile. Her husband, Frank, is back in the states. Sec'y Mary Macek obtained three new members last month. Joe Umeck and Matt Masle met somewhere in the Pacific. The Frank Verbes are now three. Baby girl born to them at North Side Hospital. Congratulations.

FRANK REZEK, 643.

Integrity Broadcast

CHICAGO.—The Integrity's regular monthly meeting is Friday, April 27, at 8 p. m. at 2436 Diversey Ave. Do not fail to come to the meeting. Entertainment will follow after the meeting. We hope to have a few new members added to our roster. We hope every member will try to secure new members as this

Our Front

By Louis Beniger

The daily press is full of atrocity stories coming from Germany. It is difficult to believe that human beings are capable of such inhuman acts of brutality as recently discovered by Allied armies.

Hundreds of thousands of victims in German concentration camps have been tortured and starved to death. And these atrocity stories did not come from the Russians whom many would be apt to accuse of spreading propaganda. These stories come from our own reliable sources. While it is true that these crimes were committed by the fanatic Nazis the blame is likely to fall on the entire German nation for condoning such bestialities. Even though the German civilian population was seemingly powerless in preventing these mass murders, the "master race" as a whole is morally responsible for what is happening in its country.

I, for one, do not believe that the entire German nation should be blamed for these savage crimes. The real criminals are the Nazis and their military leaders. Nevertheless, it is likely that the innocent will suffer along with the guilty.

This week the United Nations Conference, meeting in San Francisco, will try to formulate plans for a permanent peace based on world security.

The San Francisco Conference is an all-important gathering of representatives of all large and small nations, excepting the Axis powers, or what is left of them, and the so-called neutrals. In reality this will be a world peace conference at which the peace foundation will be laid, that is, the groundwork for future peace will be made at this conference. The United Nations have good cause to plan for peace now before the war is over; in this way, when the war is over, they will have a concrete formula ready on which to conclude the final peace.

The war in Europe is almost over, although the mopping up of enemy resistance in isolated pockets may take many more weeks. That's why peace talks are essential now.

The American nation is still mourning the untimely death of President Roosevelt, and well it may mourn the loss of this great man.

Last Sunday, at the Stevens Hotel in Chicago, Paul Robeson, noted Negro singer of stage and screen, read Carl Sandburg's ode to the late President Roosevelt. The occasion was the initial meeting of the Independent Citizens' Committee of the Arts, Science and Professions, midwest division, of which Dr. Rudolph Ganz is chairman, Prof. Oscar Lange, University of Chicago, is vice-chairman, and Virginia Payne, radio star, is secretary.

Paul Robeson, currently appearing in Chicago in "Othello," is a likable person. I had the pleasure of meeting him a year ago at a mass meeting sponsored by the CIO and addressed by Henry A. Wallace. I learned that he speaks Russian fluently.

The Detroit Wolves

DETROIT.—Co-chairman Joe Golia and Larry Bernick report all plans for the Detroit end of the SNPJ telegraphic tournament have been completed. All bowling will be done at Palmer Park Recreation, with singles and doubles on Saturday, April 28, and team event on Sunday afternoon, April 29. Best of luck to all members who participate and may the winners be Wolverines.

A tournament party will be held at John H., after bowling is all done. A war bond has been donated by Andrew Grum, and will be given away at the party. Proceeds from this will be divided between the Wolverine and Young American servicemen's fund.

The bowlers' party held at the club is just another pleasant memory. The prize money was distributed amongst the boys and John Jane and Frank Gaber each donated a $\frac{1}{2}$ bbl. of beer toward the fun. Hi-lites of the evening were the Hitler impersonation by Jack De Giovanni, the "Hitler is dead" episode by John Ruzich, and John Jane conducting as everyone sang "God Bless America." A good time was had by all and we surely were glad to see some old faces around that we haven't seen for ages. There are still a few that could show up on Sunday and join us all in a bang-up time.

Visitors at the club the past month have been Lefty Lotrich, Lenny Alpern and John Alic from Chicago.

A party in their honor was held at the Naprudnik home. Another visitor whom we were very happy to meet was Mike Kumer's father from Universal, Pa. Also on the visiting list was Tony Zornick.

Flying to Pittsburgh over the Easter holidays were Josephine Orcutt and Evelyn Trusovic.

Many Wolverine and Young American ladies were present at the stock shower given in honor of Frances Bernick. Games were played and lunch was served which was enjoyed by all present. Little Judy Bernick insisted on being present and see for herself what goes on at a baby shower.

Service Notes: Pfc Eddie Bernick and Petty Officer Al Bernick finally

NOTATIONS

By Frances L. Rak

CHICAGO, ILL.—In less than two weeks' time we mourn the deaths of two great men. The late President Roosevelt's sudden death shocked the world, and last week we were informed of the death of Ernie Pyle, noted war correspondent. Pyle was killed by a Jap sniper on Ie Island off Okinawa. Both of these men were interested in the common people and we'll miss them both.

Ernie Pyle wasn't known much to us until the African campaign in this war. We started reading his articles in the Chicago Sun at that time. We liked his simple, everyday language at once. We discovered his wit, humor, those little incidents in his interviews with the foot soldier. We followed with interest his reporting throughout that campaign, the D-Day invasion in Normandy, and most recently his trips with Marines and Navy in the Pacific. Now, he's resting with his other comrades on that tiny isle where death came to him. We'll miss this "great little" guy's reporting as we are his great admirers.

Pioneer Meeting.—Last Friday's meeting attendance was quite a bit better than last month. Several new members were accepted as well as a few transfers. Various reports took up the bulk of business. We donated five dollars to the Red Cross and two dollars to the Workers' Defense League. John Simon is the delegate and D. J. Lotrich is the alternate to SNPJ farm committee. Mitzie Dutchak was the little lady who made the drawings for cash awards. She certainly knows how to do it, for she drew her own name as the juvenile winner and her auntie's—Mayme Cerkoney as the adult winner. Delicious apple strudel and coffee were served by the committee, Anne Beniger and Stephanie Rodman.

When Ma and Pa Were Young.—Rehearsals are in full swing for Perfect Circle's Fifth Anniversary Program. The date is Mother's Day, May 13, at 2:30 p. m. at SNPJ auditorium. The Jolly Juveniles Circle of Waukegan have promised to come to participate on this program, and they'll present their part in Slovenia. Perfect Circle members are looking forward to their visit and a gay time is promised to all people attending.

Personals.—Flash! To our sorrow, Marion Cervenka, vice president of Perfect Circle, was rushed to hospital last Saturday morning for an appendectomy. Marion was to have had several parts in the program for Parents' Day next month, but it looks as if she'll be one of the audience instead. Here's wishing her a very speedy recovery.—Marilyn Reven, too, had to get the chicken pox, but she'll be OK by the time the program will be presented.—Myra Beniger will be in a piano

recital at Kimball Hall on May 6. Good luck to you, Myra! By the way, Myra won a prize in a public speaking contest at school last week; she received the "Longfellow Poems" volume.—Carlo Kaiser has already sold 30 tickets for the Parents' Day Program.

Bowling Tournament.—The National Telegraphic tournament is being held this week-end. The Chicago group will bowl at Southwest Bowling Alleys. Pioneers have entered a large squad of bowlers in both men and woman divisions. We hope they come thru with some "bacon," these meatless days!

Jugoslav Relief.—This coming Sunday afternoon, there will be a big Jugoslav Relief Program at the American Bohemian Hall, 1438 W. 18th St. Ethbin Kristan will be the principal speaker. A Slovene play "Mati" will be presented. Other attractions will be singing groups and Mozina Trio. Those that can attend.

Servicemen.—Joseph Vrecek was the servicemen award winner at last Friday's meeting!—Albert Luzar, who is stationed in Michigan, celebrated his birthday the same day that Hitler did. We know Albert had a pleasanter birthday than Hitler.—Thomas Luzar is expected home on furlough this week; he's stationed in Texas. His brother Albert expects to come in from Michigan on a week-end pass, too.—Frank Widmar is also spending a leave with family here. He attended the Pioneer meeting and he looks very well.—Julia Skocir's boy friend, Joe Gallina, was wounded on Luzon and was awarded the Purple Heart.—Ann Sannemann had word from the War Department last Friday that her brother Adolph Zasadil was wounded in Germany. We do hope it isn't serious.

All-A-Round.—Ruth Rodman left last week for an indefinite stay in Fontana, Calif. She will visit with her parents who left Chicago last fall because of Mr. Rodman's health. We hope she has a pleasant stay.—Anne Beniger, Lou Janata, Ann Sannemann and this writer attended a P.T.A. party of the Farnsworth school where Mary Andres is a room mother.—Rudy Pugel of Milwaukee Badgers received honorable mention in Bowlings—All American. Congrats!—New faces at Pioneer meeting were Anna Misko, her daughter, Marge Obluck (who just transferred from Milwaukee), Leo Komuchar, Teckla Cerkoney, Caroline Dutchak and Marge Bozenik, while Matthew Soyk and Katherine Luzar were our visitors.—It's exactly one year ago this week that this column made its first appearance; it has appeared all but two weeks in that time.

Spirit-O-Grams

By Whoosit

ST. LOUIS, MO.—First of all, our next important dates. Our May 5 dance, featuring Joe Falsetti's orchestra, and SANC meeting May 14. Of course, we mustn't forget our telegraphic tourney Sunday, April 29, at the Du-Bowl Lanes, 3663 Gravois Ave.

We received a V-mail from Stan Hervatin in France, saying hello to all and hoping to have a reunion with Johnny Rhodus and Dan Dosalak. We note that Conrad Ladstatter, a Pioneer, is at the local Naval school and would like to have his address so we can invite him to our May dance. In fact, we'd like to have addresses of all SNPJs and other Slovene lads stationed nearby. Mail the names to Sec'y Odella Markoff, 3939 Randall St., zone 16.

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SNPJ SPORTS



National Telegraphic Bowling Tournament This Week-End

Stage Set for 11 Local Tournaments; 126 Teams Entered; Waukegan High with 27 Squads; \$1,700 Prize Money for Winners

This coming week-end might well be dedicated to the bowling sport in the SNPJ for a record-breaking entry of 126 teams, 191 Doubles, and 360 Singles will participate in the Society's first National Telegraphic Bowling Tournament on Saturday and Sunday, April 28-29.

Eleven local tournaments have been organized in seven different states. Approximately 650 members will compete in the various events. At least 38 lodges and 6 Juvenile Circles will be represented by them. Keen competition, excitement and fun will prevail in each of the bowling establishments where action is scheduled to take place. The enjoyment and pleasures of these gatherings, in most instances, will not end with the bowling tournament, but will continue elsewhere in social celebration and jollity. All in all, it promises to be a week-end of many happy reunions and friendly get-togethers.

The richest prize fund in the history of SNPJ bowling will be divided among the winners of the "telegraphic" tournament. This amounts to a grand total of \$1,700.00 as compared with the previous high of \$1,365.40 in 1942. In addition to cash awards trophies have been purchased for the champions in each event, these costing \$102.75. Fifty percent of all the teams entered and one-third of the Doubles and Singles entries will share in the final distribution of the prizes. The complete prize list for this year's tournament appears elsewhere in this section. It is intended to mail checks to the lodge secretaries, as soon as possible, after all results are known.

Waukegan's three lodges (14-119-568) and the "Jolly Juveniles" Circle (24) came through with the largest entry of any tournament. Twenty-seven teams in all, including 11 men's, 11 women's, 3 girls' and 2 boys' squads were organized in that thriving community of nearly fifty thousand people. This record will be entered in the pages of SNPJ sports as the greatest single achievement in the first "telegraphic" tournament. No doubt news of this outstanding accomplishment was received with a great deal of surprise by everyone, perhaps, even by some of the members of the hard-working bowling committee in Waukegan, who originally set out to reach a goal of 20 teams only to surpass their own mark by a wide margin. Hats off to Waukegan SNPJ! Congratulations and best wishes for a very successful tournament and social affair!

Sharon, Pennsylvania, was the eleventh local tournament to report entry. Here Bill Macek and Frances Novak of the Keystoneers (755) started the ball rolling some six weeks ago, and when Brother Macek left for military service about month later, Stanley Paulenich stepped into his shoes to put the finishing touches to a job well begun. It will be Stanley, according to a letter received from Sister Novak, who will be in charge of the tournament as secretary and will report the results as soon as the games have been completed. Three teams, one of them representing the "All-Around" Circle (21) in the Boys' Class, a couple of Doubles, and a half dozen Singles makes a mighty good beginning. Good luck to you, Sharon SNPJ!

Seven Chicago lodges were able to organize 25 teams to gain the runner-up spot to the Waukegan tournament. The Pioneers furnished 11 teams and Integrity was close behind with eight. Other Chicago lodges represented are 18-86-100-131-632. Here the tournament will be in charge of the Integrity Lodge (631) Bowling Committee, and will be conducted at Arbanas' Southwest Alleys, 1659 S. Blue Island Avenue. (Look elsewhere for schedule and other instructions.) A list of tournament sites and team entries follow:

City or Town	Bowling Place	Men-Women-Boys-Girls-Total
Waukegan, Ill.	Bowlarium Alleys	11 11 2 3 27
Chicago, Ill.	Southwest Alleys	17 7 1 — 25
Cleveland, Ohio	Slov. Workingmen's Home	10 11 — — 21
Milwaukee, Wis.	Silver City Recreation	8 5 1 — 14
Detroit, Mich.	Palmer Park Recreation	7 5 — — 12
Strabane, Pa.	SNPJ Hall Alleys	4 5 2 — 11
Indianapolis, Ind.	Dezelan's Alleys	4 2 — — 6
St. Louis, Mo.	Du-Bowl-Lanes	2 2 — — 4
Sharon, Pa.	Caldwell Recreation	1 1 — — 3
Girard, Ohio	Girard Bowling Alleys	1 1 — — 3
Muskegon Hts., Mich.	Michigan Bowling Center	1 1 — — 3
(Individual events only)		
Total: 65 50 7 4 126		

(Individual entries are as follows: Doubles—109 men's and 82 women's. Singles—209 men's and 151 women's.)

The juvenile entries came through about as well as expected. Eleven teams, with a possible twelfth, will take advantage of the opportunity to participate in the first SNPJ National Telegraphic Bowling Tournament. The Waukegan "Jolly Juveniles" Circle leads with 5 teams. The winning team in each class will receive an attractive trophy emblematic of the SNPJ juvenile championship of 1945. Besides the two trophies and U.S. War Savings Stamps (see prize list), the two bowlers in each class with high series and high game, respectively, will receive a small gold-plated bowling ball. These are additional incentives offered by the Society to encourage this type of exercise and competition among our juvenile members. Go to it, boys and girls of the SNPJ, and may the best team win!

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It is exactly three years this week (April 25-26) since the SNPJ staged its last national bowling tournament. This, as many of you will recall, took place at Milwaukee, Wis., under the direction of the Badger Lodge 584. That year a total of 91 teams, 178 Doubles and 332 Singles competed for national honors. Only one previous tournament had more teams, that being at Waukegan in 1940 when 92 teams were entered. The Milwaukee tournament not only set new marks in total number of entries and prize money,

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but the brilliant performances of the Young Americans (564) and Badgers (584) shattered every former SNPJ bowling record both in the men's and women's classes. The following is a list of present record-holders and their respective scores:

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In spite of the fact that bowling will be conducted on "home alleys" this Saturday and Sunday, it is doubtful if any of the above marks will be bettered. But regardless of what records are set in the "telegraphic" tournament, the old records will not be jeopardized since conditions, under which this year's tournament is being conducted, are not the same as required of past national tournaments when all bowlers had to bowl in one place and during the same week-end. For that reason the marks set in the "telegraphic" tournament must be classified separately, and which, at best, will only decide the "mythical champions" of the SNPJ.

In bringing to a conclusion this final pre-tournament report, we'd like to extend our best wishes to every participant for GOOD LUCK, GOOD BOWLING and GOOD FUN.

MICHAEL VRHOVNIK, Athletic Director.

S.N.P.J. TELEGRAPHIC BOWLING TOURNAMENT PRIZE LIST

FIVE-MAN TEAM EVENT

Place	Amount	Place	Amount
1.	\$60.00	9.	\$20.00
2.	50.00	10.	17.50
3.	45.00	11.	15.00
4.	40.00	12.	12.50
5.	35.00	13.	10.00
6.	30.00	14.	8.50
7.	25.00	15.	7.50
8.	22.50	16.	6.50

And 16 consolation awards of \$5.00 each to every third team out of the regular prize money.

MEN'S DOUBLES EVENT

Place	Amount	Place	Amount
1.	\$24.00	9.	\$9.00
2.	22.00	10.	8.00
3.	20.00	11.	7.00
4.	18.00	12.	6.50
5.	16.00	13.	6.00
6.	14.00	14.	5.50
7.	12.00	15.	5.00
8.	10.00	16.	4.50
17 thru 18 each	\$4.00		
19 "	3.50		
21 "	3.00		
25 "	2.50		
29 "	2.00		

MEN'S SINGLES EVENT

Place	Amount	Place	Amount
1.	\$12.00	9.	\$6.50
2.	11.00	10.	6.00
3.	10.00	11.	5.50
4.	9.00	12.	5.00
5.	8.50	13.	5.00
6.	8.00	14.	4.50
7.	7.50	15.	4.50
8.	7.00	16.	4.50
17 thru 20 each	4.00		
21 "	3.50		
25 "	3.00		
30 "	2.50		
40 "	2.00		
50 "	1.50		
60 "	1.00		

MEN'S ALL-EVENTS

1.	\$6.00	2.	\$4.00	3.	\$2.00
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MEN'S HIGH GAMES

1.	\$3.00		
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JUVENILE TEAM EVENT

Boys' Class	
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1.	\$7.50	2.	\$5.00	3.	\$2.50
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