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RUSI ZDROBILI NEMŠKO OBRAMB- NOČRTONAKRIMU

Japonska sila okrog
40,000 mož v pasti

NAPADI NA FRANCI- JO, BELGIJO

London, 11. apr.—Zdaj, ko je Odessa, največje pristaniščno mesto ob Črnom morju, spet v ruskih rokah, je Moskva naznani la novo ofenzivo četrte sovjetske armade na Krimu. V tej so Rusi že zdobili nemško obrambo črto na konici Krimskega polotoka, kjer je zajeta nacijska sila okrog 100,000 vojakov že od novembra preteklega leta. Polotok je zadnji del ruskega teritorija, katerega Nemci še drže.

Ruska armada je prebila nemško trdnjavsko črto med Sivajskim zalivom in Perekopsko zemeljsko ozino in prodrla trinajst milj daleč. Najmanj 5500 Nemcev je padlo v bitkah z Rusi, nadaljnji tisoč pa je bilo ujetih v zadnjih dveh dneh.

Druga ruska armada je prekoračila reki Siret in Sucava v Rumuniji, prodrla 45 milj daleč in zasedla čez 180 vasi in naselbine. Prvi oddelki so dospeli do točke, ki je oddaljena samo 160 milj od Plešte, središča bogatega ojnjega polja. Jassi, železniški center, je obkrožen in izgleda, da bo kmalu v ruskih rokah.

Rdeče zastave so zavirale nad Odeso 24 ur potem, ko so se ruske kolone približale mestu s treh strani. Nemci so jo držali 905 dni. Berlin je poročal, da so nemške čete umaknile iz Odese po razdejanju vojaških objektov. Odesa je sedmo največje rusko mesto.

Zavezniški plan na Pacifiku, 11. apr.—Japonci so se umaknili iz Gasmate, letalske in zalogalne baze na južnem obrežju Novo Britanije, v smeri Rabaula na južnem obrežju tega otoka, poroča glavni stan generala Dougla MacArthurja. Japonska oborožena sila okrog 40,000 mož je v pasti v vzhodnih polovicah Nove Britanije, iz katere se najbrže ne bo izmotala.

Japonci so zasedli Gasmato 10. februarja 1. 1942. Očitno je, da je japonsko poveljstvo uvidelo, da ne bo moglo dolgo držati te baze. V bitkah z ameriškimi in avstralskimi četami za posest Gasmate so Japonci izgubili najmanj 10,000 vojakov.

New Delhi, Indija, 11. apr.—Ljute bitke divajojo v bližini Kohime, zavezniške vojaške trdnjave, 35 milj od železnice Bengal-Assam, ki vodi iz Indije v Burmo. Zavezniški stan poroča, da so britiske in indijske čete odbolele japonske napade na svoje pozicije.

Zavezniško poveljstvo priznava, da Japonci prodirajo v smeri Imphala, zalogalne baze v državi Manipur, s treh strani. Zavezniška posadka je deloma obkrožena.

London, 11. apr.—Ameriške letalte trdnjave in bombniki so bombardirali nacijska oporišča v Franciji in Belgiji. Glavna tarča bombe so bile železniške proge, postaje in druge naprave pri Nartruji, 35 milj južno-vzhodno od Bruslja, glavnega belgijskega mesta.

Bombe so padale tudi na Pas de Calais, Evere, Vilvorde, Bourges in Orleans, Francija. Napadov na ta mesta se je udeležilo več 1500 letalnih trdnjav in bombnikov.

Nespel, Italija, 11. apr.—Nemški topovi bruhači izstrelke na zavezniške pozicije pri Cassinu in znarejajo kažejo, da se nemški sila pripravlja na nove napade. Uradno poročilo pravi, da so ameriške čete konsolidirale svoje postojanke ob reki Garigliano. Pri Anziju na drugem koncu italijanske fronte se pojavlja na izpremenil.

Prvi ugodni odmevi jubilejne kampanje

Lepo število društev prijavilo nove člane; Pensylvanijska na prvem mestu

Najmanj 35 društav SNPJ se je odzvalo klicu jubilejne kampanje v prvem tednu s tem, da so prijavila enega ali več novih članov v oba oddelka. Prvi se je oglasil br. Joe Pavlenič, tajnik društva 31 SNPJ v Sharonu, Pa., ki je postal prvo aplikacijo.

Najboljši rekord v prvem tednu kampanje je dosegel br. John Zigman, tajnik društva 138 SNPJ v Strabani, Pa., ki je pridobil 10 novih članov v mladinski oddelek. S tem je postal prvi kontestant, ki je upravičen do posebne nagrade. To društvo letos slavi svojo 35-letnico, katero bo brž dvojno obhajalo zeleno s 40-letnico jednotne. Valed tega se bo gotovo potrudilo, da prekorači svojo določeno kvoto novih članov. Začetek je sijajen in cilj bo gotovo dosežen!

Drugi najboljši rekord je dosegel br. Mike Balch, tajnik društva 7 SNPJ v Claridgu, Pa., ki je postal šest aplikacij, eno sa oddelka odbrasil in pet za mladinski oddelek. Društvena kvota je 20 novih članov, torej je treba še 14 novih članov do kvote. Ki jo bodo člani tega društva gotovo skušali prekoračiti.

Po tri nove člane sta pridobila br. Anton Zele, tajnik društva 144 SNPJ v York Runu, Pa., in br. Joseph Skitarelli, tajnik društva 483 SNPJ v Weirtonu, W. Va. Kontestanti pri ostalih društvih, ki so prijavila nove člane, so pridobili po dva osiroma po enega novega kandidata.

Do sedaj se je prijavilo osem kontestantov. Ti so (poleg omenjenih): John Umek ml. od društva 78 v Manorju, Pa., Anton Zornik od društva 87 v Herminiju, Pa., Anton Meznarčič od društva 700 v Roundupu, Mont., in John J. Rimac od društva 711 v Detroitu, Mich.

Začetek je torej izredno dober.

Bratje in sestre, na delo, da bo uspeh Jednotine Jubilejne kampanje ob njeni štiridesetletnici prekoračil vse prejšnje rekord!

DIREKTOR KAMPANJE.

Prizadevanja za odvrnitev stavke

Apel na Roosevelta za intervencijo

Chicago, 11. apr.—Pet na jst prominentnih Čikažanov je direktno apeliralo na predsednika Roosevelta za intervencijo v konfliktu med Montgomery in Ward & Co. in unijo United Mail Order, Warehouse & Retail Employees, včlanjeno v Kongresu industrijskih organizacij, da se odvrne preteča stavka.

Kompanija se je uprla odloku vojnega delavskega odbora, naj podpiše pogodbo z unijo. Ta naj bi nadomestila ono, katere veljavnost je potekla 8. decembra preteklega leta. Kompanija trdi, da unija ne reprezentira večne izmed 7000 delavcev.

Apel, poslan Rooseveltu, so podpisali dr. James L. Adams, dr. Francis McMahon, mošig-nor Reynold Hillenbrand, rev. Paul Folino, Arnold Aronson, Ethel D. Getzoff, Leon Despres, dr. Henry S. Bloch, dr. Walter Johnson, Lucy Carner, Anetta Dieckmann, rev. Erwin Gaede, dr. Wayne McMillan, Mary S. Branch in rabinec L. M. Melamed.

"Da bo vojni delavski odbor lahko izvrševal poverjene mu funkcije, mora dobiti zaslombo," pravi apel. "Unija se je izrekla za arbitražo kljub provokacijam s strani kompanije."

Leonard Levy, reprezentant unije, je napovedal oklic stavke, če se bo kompanija še nadalje upirala podpisu pogodbe. Kompanija je zavzela stališče, da je odlok vladnega odbora nelegalen, zaeno pa je naglasila, da ne bo podpisala pogodbe z unijo.

Rusi potopili 40 nemških parnikov

Moskva, 11. apr.—Pravda, glasilo komunistične stranke, poroča, da so enote ruske mornarice in letalske sile potopile 40 nemških parnikov in ladji na Baltiškem morju v marcu. Ruski letalci so v tem mesecu sestrelili čez sto nemških transportnih letal, ki so dovozala potrebnične namenske posadke v Narvi, Estonia.

Sodišče podprlo pravico unij

Odbor odloča v zadevah kolektivnega pogajanja

Washington, D. C., 11. apr.—Federalno vrhovno sodišče je s sedmimi proti dvema glasovoma potrdilo pravico unije do kolektivnega pogajanja z delodajalcem tudi v slučajih, ako se večina delavcev izreče, da jih gotova unija več ne reprezentira.

V poročilu manjšine, ki ga je podal sodnik Roberts, je rečeno, da je tolmačenje delavskega zakona po večini zmotno. To je v bistvu past za delodajalce. Unija lahko dominira delavcev, čeprav se izreče proti nji.

Odlok večine sodišča pomeni, da se mora delodajalec pogajati z unijo, čeprav se v teku zaslivanja izkaže, da ne reprezentira večne delavcev. Vojni delavski odbor ima oblast odločanja v zadevah kolektivnega pogajanja med unijami in delodajalcem.

Opozicija proti obveznemu delu

Green napovedal poraz načrta

Chicago, Ill., 11. apr.—William Green, predsednik Ameriške delavske federacije, je v svojem govoru na konvenciji unije inženirjev napovedal, da bo zakonski načrt glede obveznega dela poražen v kongresu. Konvencija te unije se vrši v hotelu Stevensu.

"Načrt obveznega dela je mrtev, ker so ga obozidle vse delavske organizacije," je dejal Green. "Uverjen sem, da bo pokončen v kongresu. Znam mi niti eden slučaj, da ne bi katera koli unija preskrbelo dovolj izurjenih delavcev za dovršitev vitalnega projekta. Ta sijajni rekord organiziranih delavcev so oni, ki zahtevajo uvedbo obveznega dela, ignorirali."

William E. Maloney, predsednik unije inženirjev, je informiral delegat, da izmed 135,000 članov jih služi 13,440 v armadi. 31 pa jih je padlo v bitkah s sovražnikom na frontah. Konvencija bo trajala tri dni.

KOOPERACIJA MED ITALIJO IN JUGOSLAVIJO

Dr. Smodlaka in Badoglio podpisala dogovor

ITALIJA SE ODPOVE DALMACIJI

Zenica, Švica, 11. apr.—Dr. Josip Smodlaka, zunanjji minister v vladi mariala Tita, in premier Badoglio sta podpisala dogovor, ki določa takojšnjo vojaško in politično kooperacijo med Jugoslavijo in Italijo. Dogovor je bil podpisán v Bariju, kjer je nastal, ko je bil general Henri Giraud odstavljen kot vrhovni poveljnik francoske oborožene sile v severni Afriki. To pozicijo je prevzel De Gaulle.

Voditelji komunistov zavračajo obdolžitve

Spor v francoskem narodnem odboru

Alžir, Alžirija, 11. apr.—Voditelji komunistov trdijo, da niso odgovorni za konflikt, ki je nastal v odboru za osvoboditev Francije, čigar načelnik je general Charles de Gaulle. Ta je nastal, ko je bil general Henri Giraud odstavljen kot vrhovni poveljnik francoske oborožene sile v severni Afriki. To pozicijo je prevzel De Gaulle.

Voditelji komunistov zavračajo obdolžitve, da sta dva komunista v odboru sankcionirala dekret glede odstavitev Girauda. Izjavili so, da sta bila oba pod vtisom, da se je general sam odpovedal poveljstvu.

Konflikt je nastal v momentu, ko prevladuje mnenje, da je ameriški državni tajnik Cordell Hull v svojem govoru po radiu nampil, da pričakuje izboljšanje odnosov med ameriško vlado in francoskim odborom. Doznavata se, da je Giraud naslovil pismo francoske oborožene sile, v katerem ji je pojasnil svoje stališče v kontroverzi in se poslovil od nje. Stališče je, da De Gaulle ni imel legalne pravice izdanja dekreta.

Vsebina dogovora določa italijansko priznanje Titove organizacije kot dejanske jugoslovanske vlade. Italijanski delegat bo reprezentiral Badoglijevo vlado v Titovem glavnem stalu, Tito pa bo imel predstavnika v Bariju.

Drugi člen določa, da Italijanska četa, ki se boste na strani partizanov v Jugoslaviji, pridejo pod Titovo poveljstvo v operacijah proti skupnemu sovražniku. Ta člen se nanaša tudi na vojaške pliče in zaloganje italijanskih čet v Jugoslaviji z orožjem, strelivom, živili in drugimi potrebnostmi.

Italija se na podlagi tretjega člena odpove Dalmaciji, kakor tudi Reki, pristaniščemu mestu. Bodoča meja med Italijo in Jugoslavijo se začira po zaključenju vojne na podlagi izida svobodnih volitev, pri katerih se bodo prebivalci v območjih krajih izrekli, kam hočejo spadati. Badoglijeva vlada je v načelu sprejela reko Sočo kot bodočo mejo med Italijo in Jugoslavijo, obe državi pa sta se odpovedali "strategičnim mejam."

Cetrti člen se aplicira na Trst. Vprašanje, ali naj pride pod Jugoslavijo ali Italijo, se odloči po končanju vojne. Poseben člen določa izravnavo vseh spornih vprašanj in problemov s pogajanjem. Nadaljnji člen se ticejo vojaške in politične kooperacije med Jugoslavijo in Italijo v slučaju zavezniške invazije Balkana. Vsebina teh je iz razumljivih ozirov tajna.

Doznavata se, da je dr. Smodlaka apeliral na zaveznike za reprezentacijo Titove vlade v zavezniški administraciji za predsedniške kandidate, ki je v svojem govoru v tem mestu apeliral na konzervativne demokrate, naj pretrgajo zveze z Rooseveltovo administracijo in se pridružijo njegovim strankam. To administracijo je obdolžil, da hoče dominirati celo privatno življenje ameriških državljanov. Bricker bo imel govor tudi v drugih mestih.

"Zakaj?" je vprašal Camacho. "Ker mi ni dovoljena nošnja uniforme v cerkvi," je odgovoril Rojas.

Uradno poročilo pravi, da je Rojas ustreljen v želodec, ko je skupal pobegniti, je bil ranjen. Camacho je bil napaden, ko je stopil s svojega avtomobila na dvorišču predsedniške palače. Z njim je bil dr. Octavio Mondragon, njegov osobni zdravnik. Rojas je takrat potegnil revolver in oddal kroglo, ki je preluknjal predsedniško suknjo. Atenator je potem nameril svoj revolver proti Mondragoni, v istem momentu pa ga je Camacho zagrabil in mu zvili roke. Trije drugi vojaški častniki so natopili na Rojas in ga razorovali.

Camacho, ki osebno pozna Rojasa, ga je vprašal: "Zakaj si strejal?" "Že dolgo časa sem vas skušal videti," je odgovoril.

Predsednik in dr. Mondragon sta potem odvedli Rojasa v predsedniško palačo. Tam je Camacho zahteval od častnika, naj pojasi vzkrov atentata.

"V Mehiki ni pravice," je dejal.

Domače vesti

Zena br. Barbica umrla

Cleveland, O.—Dne 8. t. m. je naglo umrla Anna Barbica, roj. Bizjak, žena Franka Barbica, člana gl. porotnega odseka SNPJ. Zadebla jo je kap. Stara je bila 52 let in doma iz Mokronoga na Dolenjskem. L. 1910 je prišla v Chicago, kjer je pristopila k društvu Nada 102 SNPJ. V Cleveland je odšla s svojim možem l. 1917. Bila je soustanoviteljica ženskega društva 748 SNPJ in tajnika tega društva do smrti, prej pa je bila članica društva 53 SNPJ. Društvo 748 je nameravalo pravljati osmemletnico svoje ustanovitve zadnjo nedeljo, toda slavnost je bila zaradi njene smrti prekrita. Počopana je bila po

IZKAZ DOHODKOV IN IZDATKOV BOLNIŠKIH SKLADOV OD 1. JULIJA DO 31. DEC. 1943
STATEMENT of RECEIPTS and DISBURSEMENTS of SICK BEN. FUND from JULY 1 to DEC. 31, 1943, Incl.

Stev. član: Lodge No.	Stev. član: No. of memb's membs'	Razred nakazil: class	VPLAČANO—RECEIPTS			IZPLAČANO—PAYMENTS			VEC		
			Razred 81	Razred 82	Razred 83	Razred 81	Razred 82	Razred 83	Skupaj:	Vplačano	Izplačano
			Total	class	Total	class	Total	class	Total	Paid in	Paid out
1	102	9.3	534.80	3	369.00	3	55.80	3	599.60	142.00	116.00
2	211	28	538.00	324.00	18.60	309.60	322.50	377.50	710.00	170.50	106.50
3	154	10	287.70	267.00	404.70	65.00	341.00	306.50	306.50	188.70	127.50
4	49	6	160.80	120.00	120.00	97.00	46.00	131.50	891.50	234.50	82.30
5	616	91	1,758.20	1,632.00	155.00	3,545.00	1,312.00	891.50	269.00	2,346.50	986.70
6	412	36	1,452.00	172.50	1,045.00	306.50	206.00	72.50	2,045.00	206.00	261.30
7	192	19	506.20	205.50	18.60	520.20	72.50	145.00	237.50	1,185.50	130.00
8	211	30	532.00	351.80	37.20	547.00	586.00	55.00	417.00	2,212.00	505.40
9	104	20	361.70	199.00	37.20	1,077.00	1,450.00	754.00	44.00	23.50	
10	342	80	891.60	723.00	92.00	75.50	67.50	44.00	44.00	206.00	94.50
11	2	52.50	55.00	44.00	44.00	69.50	69.50	69.50	370.00	215.00	223.00
12	149	19	336.70	321.50	18.60	698.80	206.00	384.00	1,022.50	572.45	
13	161	16	248.40	245.00	15.40	693.40	218.00	182.00	1,022.50	435.00	411.50
14	410	42	1,346.00	549.00	1,005.00	987.50	325.00	445.50	445.50	78.00	
15	10	55.00	18.60	18.60	18.60	18.60	18.60	18.60	18.60	60.30	
16	267	64	1,250.80	580.80	55.80	1,857.10	1,251.00	300.50	1,081.30	205.50	
17	194	19	514.30	265.00	37.20	644.50	420.00	206.00	1,081.30	206.00	
18	115	21	495.10	21.70	527.20	448.50	194.00	194.00	194.00	12.00	11.80
19	65	12	136.50	45.50	18.60	200.10	194.00	6.00	200.00	22.00	
20	216	19	750.00	45.00	795.00	542.50	194.00	194.00	194.00	133.00	
21	7	179.90	106.50	43.40	322.80	195.00	195.00	195.00	195.00	195.00	
22	45	1,278.55	100.50	1,079.05	944.50	944.50	944.50	944.50	944.50	424.55	11.80
23	22	206.90	169.50	55.80	559.60	325.00	207.00	522.50	522.50	220.20	
24	17	133.50	122.00	55.80	311.10	47.00	585.50	625.50	625.50		
25	93	6	884.80	184.00	46.00	466.70	131.00	191.00	337.70		
26	8	21.00	15.00	18.60	389.20	269.00	94.00	389.20	389.20		
27	187.40	97.00	274.40	206.00	80.00	296.00	296.00	296.00	296.00		
28	63	195.05	153.00	74.40	422.45	194.00	96.50	292.50	129.00		
29	2	16.80	72.00	22.00	22.00	22.00	22.00	22.00	22.00		
30	216	19	750.00	45.00	795.00	542.50	194.00	194.00	194.00	133.00	
31	7	179.90	106.50	43.40	322.80	195.00	195.00	195.00	195.00	195.00	
32	45	1,278.55	100.50	1,079.05	944.50	944.50	944.50	944.50	944.50	424.55	11.80
33	22	206.90	169.50	55.80	559.60	325.00	207.00	522.50	522.50	220.20	
34	17	133.50	122.00	55.80	311.10	47.00	585.50	625.50	625.50		
35	9	884.80	184.00	46.00	466.70	131.00	191.00	337.70			
36	8	21.00	15.00	18.60	389.20	269.00	94.00	389.20	389.20		
37	187.40	97.00	274.40	206.00	80.00	296.00	296.00	296.00	296.00		
38	63	195.05	153.00	74.40	422.45	194.00	96.50	292.50	129.00		
39	2	16.80	72.00	22.00	22.00	22.00	22.00	22.00	22.00		
40	216	19	750.00	45.00	795.00	542.50	194.00	194.00	194.00	133.00	
41	7	179.90	106.50	43.40	322.80	195.00	195.00	195.00	195.00	195.00	
42	14	122.00	55.80	44.00	44.00	44.00	44.00	44.00	44.00	44.00	
43	11	195.05	153.00	21.70	440.30	427.00	126.00	522.50	522.50	112.70	
44	6	42.00	22.50	64.30	144.00	144.00	144.00	144.00	144.00	5.40	
45	8	184.80	62.00	247.80	225.00	20.00	245.00	245.00	245.00	2.00	
46	32	515.00	418.50	37.20	977.50	388.00	299.00	1,005.00	1,005.00	82.20	
47	10	128.80	99.00	74.40	368.20	184.00	104.00	368.20	368.20	14.20	
48	7	231.70	144.00	231.70	375.70	126.00	126.00	375.70	375.70	245.70	
49	18	307.60	18.00	235.20	217.50	8.00	325.20	325.20	325.20	99.90	
50	6	161.70	72.00	235.20	235.20	17.00	161.70	161.70	161.70	12.00	
51	20	306.80	122.50	440.30	427.00	126.00	522.50	522.50	522.50	112.70	
52	6	192.85	139.50	21.70	354.90	106.00	72.50	178.50	178.50	175.50	
53	8	42.00	22.50	64.30	144.00	60.00	60.00	60.00	60.00	4.50	
54	1	184.80	62.00	247.80	225.00	20.00	245.00	245.00	245.00	2.00	
55	22	515.00	418.50	37.20	977.50	388.00	299.00	1,005.00	1,005.00	82.20	
56	10	128.80	99.00	74.40	368.20	184.00	104.00	368.20	368.20	14.20	
57	7	231.70	144.00</td								

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Slovenskega ameriškega narodnega sveta

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V soboto, 15. aprila, se vrši v Bridgeportu, Ohio, shod pod pokroviteljstvom SANS-a in JPO. Za govornika je bil povabljen dr. F. J. Kern, član eksekutivne SANS-a, ki bo obenem predvajal zanimiv film. Naši rojaki iz vzhodnega Ohija in bližnje West Virginije se vabijo, da se udeležite v velikem številu te prireditve, ki se vrši v društveni dvorani na Boydsville. Ves prebitek je namenjen SANS-u in JPO.

Zapisnik zborovanja vseh SANSoih odborov, ki se je vršilo v Chicagu 8. januarja 1944, bo ponatisnjeno v brošuri in razposlan vsem SANSoim odborom in podružnicam. Vsled svoje dolgosti najbrž ne bo priobčen v drugem listu, razen v dnevniku **Prosvesi**, dasiravno je bil poslan vsem listom, ki priobčajo naše gradivo. Tajnike podružnic prosimo, da čitajo zapisnik—če le mogoče, na sejah.

Slovenskim listom smo tudi poslali za objavo govor **Josipa Vidmarja, predsednika Slovenske osvobodilne fronte**, katerega je obdrževal na zborovanju aktivistov SOF 27. aprila lanskega leta. Prosveta ga je priobčila v celoti v slavnostni izdaji ob prijeku obhajanja 40-letnice SNPJ dne 5. aprila. Ta govor je zgodovinskega pomena in prečitati in umevati bi ga moral vsak Slovenec in Slovenka. Utključuje vso ideologijo, zgradbo, pomen in namen Slovenske osvobodilne fronte. Natančno tolmači, kdo tvori to odporno in politično silo v Sloveniji in kdo ne, in zakaj ne. Javno obtožuje vodstvo nekdanjih vodilnih političnih strank v Sloveniji (SLS in JNS) petokonstvra v korist okupatorjev in izdajstvo svoje rojstne domovine. Rojakom bo tudi lažje razumeti zahrbtno, farizejsko propagando, ki jo v Ameriki vodijo plačani agenti predstavnikov omenjenih strank, skrivajoči se za frazami, da narodni izdajalci podpirajo — zavezniške. Da, podpirajo jih na isti način kot spanski fašisti Franco in francoski kviziling Petain!

Mirko G. Kuhel,
izvršni tajnik.

Iz gibanja SANSa in JPO-SS

Društvo 756 se pridružilo SANSu

Elizabeth N. J. — Društvo Fraternalites 756 v Newarku se je na zadnji seji izreklo, da se pridruži SANSu in dobilo je postojankino št. 97. Pristop v SANS je svoboden in seje po stojanke se bodo vršile po seji društva 756.

Vabim vse člane in članice tega društva, da se udeležite prihodnje seje 16. aprila, ker moramo razpravljati o več zelo važnih zadevah. Tako tudi ne smemo pozabiti na naš hrabri slovenski narod, ki se bori v jugoslovanski osvobodilni fronti za resnično svobodno in demokratično državo.

Imam tudi vstopnike društva 5 za njih 40-letnico, ki se vrši 7. maja v SND na St. Clairju. Tojih jih lahko dobite pri meni, da se bomo udeležili njih slavnosti.

Hrabri ranjeni in ranjenci potrebujejo medikalnih potrebsčin, za kar je moj mož na zadnji seji društva 756 nabral sedem dolarjev. Prispevali so sledeni člani in članice: Joe in Amelia Oblak dva dolarja, po dolarju pa Andrew in Julie Sprogar, Leo Bizjak in sin, Andrew in Antonia Kavčič, Frank Petrič in žena ter John Korelec. Prav rada bi videla, da bi tudi ostali člani in članice odzvale s kakim darom, posebno pa oni, ki redkodaj pridejo na društvene seje.

Julie Sprogar, 756.

Seja SANSa v Barbertonu

Barberton, O. — Podružnica št. 51 SANSa bo imela sejo v nedeljo, 16. aprila ob treh po polpoldini v dvorani društva Domovine na 14. ulici. Vabljene so vse člani društva Triglav SNPJ, kakor tudi vse ostali Slovenski v Barbertonu, da se udeležite tega potrebnega zborovanja. Vstop je prost vsakemu Slovencu in Slovenki. Torej pridejte na slovenske revje in ga dostavljajte preko ljubljanskega sklopa v krogom, kateri so po mednarodnem in naravnem pravu prisostvovali pri ustoličenju kvizilinga Rupnika. (Rupnik je danes izgubil začito p. Ambrožiča, daši še ni toliko čas, ko je slednji slavil tega izdajalca v bojih s partizani, zla-

Najzanesljivije dnevne delavne vesti so v dnevniku "Prosvesi". Ali jih čitate vsak dan?

Alois Ocepak, 48.

Društvene vesti

Frontenac, Kansas. — Poživljam članstvo društva 27 SNPJ, da se udeležite seje 16. aprila. Dobrodošli ste tudi tisti, ki se ne udeležujete sej tako kot pravila govore.

Sedaj je zopet kampanja za pridobivanje novih članov. Ker se pri nas vedno manjšamo, je potrebno, da se tudi o tem nekoliko pogovorimo. Izgovor, da "bodo že brez mene naredili," ni na mestu. Čim večja je udeležba, tem boljše so razprave. Podan bo tudi trimesečni račun. Torej vzmete to vabilo na znanje in se udeležite seje.

Frank Krajšel, tajnik.

Kenosha, Wis. — Članstvu društva 38 SNPJ naznanjam, da sem se preselil v novo stanovanje, katero je na 4429 17th ave. Vseh zadevah, tikajočih se tajništva, se obrnite na novi naslov. Asesment lahko plačate tudi pri blagajnici mrs. Frances Robsel.

Frank Zerovec, tajnik.

Clecl, Ill. — Opazujem člane in članice društva 115 SNPJ, da smo premestili sejo za teden dni. Vršila se bo v nedeljo, 23. aprila, namesto 16. aprila, ker gre to nedeljo več članov na Prešernov koncert v Chicago.

Rada bi opozorila tudi vse one člane, ki kaj dolgujejo društvu ali jednoti da zadnje depresije, da sedaj poravnate ta dolg, ker

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For Members of Slovene National Benefit Society and American Slovanes

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 12

An Appeal That Cannot Be Denied

Under the above heading the Fraternal Monitor in its recent number issued the following appeal for greater support of the American Red Cross activities:

It is impossible for us to conceive of an intelligent, civilized, human being who would not support to the extent of his means the activities of the American Red Cross. To be sure, it is unfortunate that this campaign for funds comes upon the heels, and almost simultaneously with the need for payment of income taxes and, in many states, state and county taxes, together with the bond drive. In truth, citizens of the United States are today, if they follow the dictates of their conscience, "giving 'till it hurts."

The work of this "Greatest Mother of Them All" needs no defense of its work. That has for year spoken for itself. Nor should there be need for an impassioned plea for greater support of its activities in these days of global warfare. Any man, woman or child, who reads the newspapers, must have a fairly good knowledge of the many and far-flung aids to those in physical or mental need supplied by the American Red Cross.

In addition to administering to those in sickness and distress at home, it is now called upon to watch over and minister to most of the more than five million of our boys now in strange lands—many in enemy prison camps whom only the Red Cross is permitted to contact.

In connection with its work at home, it was enlightening to read an article headed "Red Cross Served In 187 Disasters During 1943." These included fire, flood, tornado, railroad wrecks and other catastrophes in which lives were lost and many injured. We never realized that such extensive demands upon its resources had been made right here on the home soil in the space of one year. Of course the reason is that most of these catastrophes, to us, are merely head-lines in our daily newspaper. They make little impression upon us, unless some friend or relative is involved. To the Red Cross, however, it means instant action from its nearest relief station. On the first relief train rushed to a stricken area go trained Red Cross men and women to assist in relieving the suffering—promptly and effectively.

Recently, Miss Rita Hurley, American Red Cross worker in North Africa, wrote an interesting article. These words tell most graphically some of the activities of the Red Cross hospital workers. Things they are doing for our boys—vastly important things to those sons of ours—which we never supposed was a part of Red Cross work.

"Sammy was a battle casualty. One of the unfortunate many who picked up a booby trap and was lucky to escape with his life. He had a leg and arm amputated and would lose the sight of one eye which the doctors didn't tell him until later, and when they believed he could stand the shock.

"He was very uncommunicative when I first saw him. His commanding officer had told me to keep an eye on the daily report and the moment he arrived to go and see him. When I told him his lieutenant had asked for him, his face lit up and he immediately asked if I'd write a letter for him. That was the beginning of a Red Cross friendship.

"A call was received from one of the ward doctors. When I reported to his office he said that he had a request and didn't know whether or not it came under Red Cross but could we do anything about it? There was a boy in his ward, a lad from Tennessee who couldn't read or write, excepting his own name. He was recovering from an operation and would be hospitalized quite a while. So every day John and the Red Cross worker had a half hour or hour session starting with the alphabet and one syllable words. When he was discharged he was able to read a letter his mother had sent, and even better, he wrote one back to her.

"I know now that for the duration there won't be any glamour attached to this job. I won't see any action or hear any bombs whistling through the air. That's what I expected and that's what I unconsciously wanted when I joined, but if I can keep the Red Cross day room open, keep visiting the wards to see the patients and attempt to solve their problems, send convalescents on tours and parties, and arrange sports activities for them, then the American people as well as the men we serve will continue to have faith in the American National Red Cross."

Strabane Pioneers

STRABANE, PA.—Congratulations to the SNPJ upon its 40th anniversary. The increasing membership, its sound financial basis and its fine record throughout the forty years should be a source of pride to the members of the SNPJ.

The April meeting of the Pioneers, SNPJ lodge 589, was held and followed the usual line of procedure. Plans were made for a dance to be held after Easter, the probable date being April 15. The sum of fifteen dollars was donated to the Red Cross, and a discussion was held concerning plans for the celebration of the fortieth anniversary of the SNPJ. Two new members were proposed, namely, Charles Subrick and John Petro.

Center of attraction at the club is the Honor Roll honoring the members of Lodge 589—138 of whom are in the service. Over one hundred names are printed on the honor roll at the club. The honor roll has a black background with white lettering and is enclosed in a glass case with a white trim border. From this honor roll we will take the name of a family who have sons and daughters in the service who belong to the Pioneer lodge and devote a paragraph in each article to the "Family of the Week."

This week we will start with John Podboy who has the distinction of having FIVE SONS in the armed forces. They are S/Sgt John, Camp Mackall, North Carolina; Frank, M. M. 3/c, Hawaii; Sgt. August, somewhere in Italy; Sgt. Paul, Kees-

ler Field, Mississippi, and Cpl. Carl, Camp Reynolds, Pa.

Also on the honor roll is the name of Pvt. John Bonazza who was recently reported missing in action. A few weeks ago his family received word saying that he was a German prisoner of war. Pvt. Bonazza was stationed in Italy.

Pioneer Pip! The local draft board is cleaning house in Strabane. The latest Pioneer members to leave are Albert Florgan to the Army and Tony Progar, Charles Koval, John and Robert Tershell to the Navy.

Congratulations to Mildred Chesnic who recently won the mixed doubles tournament at the local bowling alleys. She was teamed with Marty Loeffler of Canonsburg. Congratulations also to Mr. and Mrs. Steve Jingoleski upon the birth of a son. Mrs. Jingoleski was the former Mary Progar. Winner of the award at the meeting was Frances Podboy. Home on leave recently were Cpl. Joseph Koklich from Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, S/Sgt. John Podboy from North Carolina and Sgt. Paul Podboy from Keesler Field. Helen Tershell has gone to visit her husband Pvt. Tony Tershell who is at Camp Custer, Michigan. Mrs. Mary Chesnic and daughter have gone to Florida to visit with Pvt. Zack Chesnic who is stationed at Camp Blanding. Joseph Progar and Frank Podboy, who are Seabees, have arrived in Hawaii. Arriving in England was Pvt. William Progar who was last stationed at Camp Peik, Louisiana.

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Three-Lodge Hop

Saturday, April 23

MEADOWLANDS, PA.—The combined local lodges meeting was well attended by the committees. These lodges, namely, SNPJ lodges 734 and 259 and AFU lodge 75, will hold their fourth dance of combined lodges at the Bears Hall, Meadowlands, Saturday, April 15, featuring Les Faulk's music playing both popular and polka numbers starting at 8:30 p. m.

All SNPJ members should, if at all possible, attend these affairs as the proceeds are going for a good cause. We want this dance of combined lodges to be well remembered and the best ever held. We are extending a cordial invitation to all our members, neighboring lodges and friends from Strabane, Sygan, Library, assuring you one and all an enjoyable evening which will never be forgotten.

All those selling drawing tickets remember drawing will be held the night of April 15 at the Bears Hall. Come one, come all and see who is the winner of the war bond and stamps. Remember: Dance, April 15, Bears Hall, Meadowlands. MARY AZMAN, 734.

Integrity Broadcast

CHICAGO.—We are on the threshold of our coming event, the Integrity's 16th anniversary and the SNPJ's 40th anniversary, on Saturday, April 22, to be observed with a banquet.

On this occasion we will also honor our members in the service. This affair is something for the members to work for and attend. It was said that from the proceeds we will send something to the boys. So let's all attend in order that we will be able to send our soldier-members worthy gifts. Remember that our boys are sacrificing everything for us, so it is our duty to give them in return a little encouragement for their heroic deeds.

By attending this affair you will perform a double duty, namely, you will do your fraternal share of the work as well as help the lodge to send our boys little reminders of appreciation for their work.

The Integrity lodge 631 was founded on brotherly and mutual cooperation, on friendship and brotherhood. This is the backbone of our organization. The Integrity lodge was founded on such ideals and principles. Let's preserve the good name of our lodge and the Society.

Remember that the anniversary banquet will be held on Saturday, April 22, at the SNPJ Hall, 27th and Lawndale Ave., at 7:30 in the evening. Tickets are \$1.50 per person. If you cannot come to the banquet, come to the dance after the banquet. Frank Gradišek and Tony Omerza will furnish the music for dancing. Tickets for dancing only are 50c. We will be looking for you.

M. R. FLEISCHHACKER, Sec.

J. Z. Jr. Bright Spots

LIBRARY, PA.—A last minute reminder that this Sunday, April 16, is the date of our Spring Anniversary Dance, featuring Martin Kuk and his Musical Group. Dancing begins at 8:30 p. m. A cordial invitation is extended to all lodges, members, and friends. Boys in uniform are special guests and will be admitted free.

Proceeds of the dance will be used to buy bonds during the 5th War Loan drive.

DANCE COMMITTEE, 682.

Southview Lodge 265 Gives Dance April 15

SOUTHVIEW, PA.—Hello, friends of the neighboring lodges! I hope you haven't forgotten our coming dance this Saturday, April 15. It is being sponsored by the SNPJ lodge 265 and will be held at the Slovenia Hall at Southview. Come and dance to Jackie Martinec and his Slovenia orchestra. So don't forget the date and plan to attend.

JOHN KOSEM, 265.

Women's Club to Stage Dance Sat., April 22

IMPERIAL, PA.—The Women's Club of SNPJ lodge 106 is sponsoring a dance on Saturday, April 22, at the Slovenia National Home, featuring Martin Kukovich and his orchestra from Irwin, Pa. There will be plenty of refreshments of all kinds. All members and friends are cordially invited to attend.

J. TRUSNOVIC, 106.

Pioneer Pip for the Week: Help the Pioneers fill their quota. Get that new member today.

Publicity Committee,

DOROTHY PODBOY, 589.

Buckeye Bits

By Oh

BARBERTON, OHIO.—She is a fickle old dame, 's help me! And she must be a woman because, as the men would have it, "only a woman would be so changeable." And I have to admit that all the years I've known her and all I've heard about her actions in the years that I haven't known her, certainly add to her reputation for capriciousness and inconstancy.

Old Lady March, they call her in these parts, or the Old Dame, from the less respectful. For 31 days in each year we watch her from behind limp curtains as she dishes out her particular brand of versatility. But there is a certain kindness in her upon occasion as, for instance, who but the Old Dame would, on Income Tax day when we gave the very shirt off our backs, soothe us with the warmth of the year's first really Spring-like day. What if we did have to slam the windows back down and open up all the registers two days later? That one day that she so mercifully gave us was pregnant with meaning, it gave us new hope, it teemed with promise of wonderful things to come. The birds knew it as they knocked themselves out with joy, the trees knew it and they ached to burst into bud, and we all knew it as we settled back to more dismal days. What th' heck! April's just around the corner!

Good old April! Now there's a different character. A bit on the weepy side but she sees to it that things happen. For instance, it was during her reign in 1904 that the SNPJ came into being, and now, 40 years later, her arrival will be the signal to start things rolling in commemoration of that beginning. The official organ, this Prosveta, has already gotten into the swing of publicizing the 40th Anniversary Membership Drive and the first official issue in April will be a special anniversary issue that will be of interest to all.

There is something of a lull in lodge activities throughout the SNPJ due to the war, there is no reason why this new campaign can't be a success. We agree with Cainkar in Vrhovnik that "every true SNPJer, despite the war clouds that overhang our homes, is still interested in promoting and contributing to the best welfare and growth of his lodge and the Society as a whole." Each lodge throughout the SNPJ has a certain quota of new members to enroll in the 40th Anniversary Campaign which means that the Buckeyes quota is 10 members. We should certainly meet that with no trouble at all. With the cooperation of every member of the Buckeyes it will be a simple matter to do even better than that. Put your personalities to work! Talk to that friend that you've had spotted for some time now! Get that youngster into the Juvenile Dept.! Look up last week's Prosveta and read up on the six plans or certificates of life and endowment protection that the SNPJ offers to prospective candidates for membership. Emphasize that things like future security for our loved ones have become doubly precious these days...

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Our Front

By Louis Baniger

Donald Ramsey, writing in this week's Labor, has this to say about political developments in Europe:

Russia has monopolized the spotlight during the last week. When the Red army entered Rumania, Moscow officially announced that the only object is to clear out the Germans and that no attempt will be made to grab territory or disturb the "existing social order."

In Italy, Palmiro Tagliatti, underground leader of Italian Communists during the Mussolini regime, returned to his native land after 18 years of exile in Russia. He advised all parties to get together under the government of Marshal Badoglio and King Emmanuel.

Literally, the world gasped as these statements of Soviet policy were made public.

"The Russians are tying up with the monarchists," cried some. "They are embracing capitalism," said others.

This writer doesn't agree with either view. It's his guess, as has been suggested in this column heretofore, that Stalin, Churchill and Roosevelt really made important decisions during the Teheran conference and that those decisions contemplated the setting up of democratic governments in certain parts of Western Europe, even if that involved retaining a crown, here or there.

In return, it is this writer's belief, Russia is to have a free hand elsewhere. She will be "cock of the walk" in the Balkans and in the Baltic. That does not mean those areas will become component parts of Soviet Russia. It does mean they will be friendly to Moscow, and if not "Red," will be decidedly "pink."

The United States and Britain will determine what will happen in the rest of Europe, but everywhere Russia is likely to insist that Communists shall be permitted to preach their doctrine. That may result in the Communists eventually taking over the governments of France, Italy and other countries.

It is significant that in Italy Count Carlo Sforza—who is close to Italian business interests but an opponent of Fascism—denounces the harmony plan suggested by the Communists and announces that under no circumstances will he serve under the King.

As things are going now, the count is likely to find himself in a minority. The strange combination of Communist and monarchist will be too much for him.

The most sensational of the developments involving Russia came from Eastern Asia. The Japs and the "Reds" signed a protocol by which the Japs surrendered their oil and coal leases on the northern half of Sakhalin Island. Several years ago the Japs agreed to do that, but on one pretext or another, they "stalled." Now they have been forced to sign on the dotted line.

Both Tokio and Moscow insist they are satisfied with the arrangement, and newspaper readers in this country and Britain have heard a dozen "interpretations."

CAMPAIGN DIRECTOR.**40TH ANNIVERSARY CAMPAIGN SWINGS INTO ACTION****John Zigman, Strabane, Pa., Enrolls Ten New Members; Mike Baloh, Claridge, Pa., Gains 6**

At least thirty-two lodges answered the call to action in the opening week of the SNPJ 40th Anniversary Campaign, that being the number reporting the enrollment of one or more new members to the main office. The very first membership application of the campaign was received from Brother Joe Paulenich, Secretary of Lodge No. 31, Sharon, Pennsylvania.

The outstanding gain of the first week of the campaign was made by Brother John Zigman, Secretary of Lodge No. 138, Strabane, Pa., who sent in applications for 10 new members, all juveniles, and thus became the first member of the SNPJ to qualify for a special campaign prize. Incidentally, Lodge No. 138 will reach its thirty-fifth birthday this year, giving it two important anniversaries to celebrate and, therefore, at least two extra good reasons for attaining its campaign quota of 40 new members. With a splendid start for an inspiration, the Strabane Lodge should early surpass this goal.

The next best gain is credited to Brother Mike Baloh, Secretary of Lodge No. 7, Claridge, Pa., who for all of thirty-seven years has been member of this lodge and the SNPJ. His opening contribution to the campaign consisted of one adult and five juvenile members, leaving a balance of fourteen more to go to attain the quota of twenty. Being one of the pioneer lodges of the SNPJ, that is, it already existed when the Society was organized, there can be no other answer here except—**The quota shall be reached!**

Enrollments of three members each were reported by Brother Anton Zele, Secretary of Lodge No. 144, York Run, Pa., which is only one less than the lodge's quota; and Joseph Skitaric, Secretary of Lodge No. 483, Weirton, W. Va. All the rest are credited with a gain of one or two members.

So far in the campaign, a total of eight members are recognized as contestants. In addition to the names mentioned in the foregoing paragraphs, we also have the following: John Umek Jr., Lodge 78, Manor, Pa.; Anton Zornik, Lodge 87, Herminie, Pa.; Anton Meznarich, Lodge 700, Roundup, Mont.; and John J. Rimac, Lodge 711, Detroit, Mich. While it is true that any member of the Society who enrolls a new member in the present campaign is a participant, yet, unless his name is submitted in writing by the lodge secretary, either by letter or by entering the name on a **campaign credit card**, the name will not appear in our records as a contestant or be published in the Prosveta as such. If you want full credit for your membership gains insist that the lodge secretary send your name to the Campaign Director.

Lodge secretaries are once more reminded that transfers from the Juvenile to the Adult Department will be counted only in case the member is insured for \$1000 or more. No credit or prizes will be allowed for such transfers if the amount of insurance is \$250 or \$500.

A good start has been made. Now, who will be the next active campaigner to secure 10 new members and qualify for a special prize? What lodge will be the first to attain its quota? Who will gain the highest honor of the 40th Anniversary Campaign by enrolling more new members than any one else? Who the second highest? Third? Fourth, and so on down the line? Read the weekly reports of this interesting campaign for latest gains and entries. Enter your name in this most important SNPJ drive for new members in forty years. **Make the slogan of the campaign live by strengthening the unity, security and purpose of the SNPJ in your community and everywhere in America!**

CAMPAIGN DIRECTOR.

who will report again to the membership, perhaps at the semi-annual meeting.

Many persons have asked for copies of the Annual report—these are available upon inquiry at the Main Store office. It is important that not only the holders of shares of our Co-operative familiarize themselves with the financial position of the society and of other matters, but that the patrons as a whole understand the true meaning of not only the balance sheet and the operating statement but also the meaning of the method of co-operative organization and distribution. Constructive suggestions are always welcomed, but questions can be constructive and useful only when the inquirer is fully aware of all the facts pertinent to the question; loose comments and ill-formed or misinformed comments and criticism have no place in a true consumers' co-operative.

Fortunate
A recruit passed a captain without saluting. The captain stopped him.

"Take a look at me," he said. "Do you attach any special significance to this uniform?"

The new soldier looked him over, then grinned.

"Why, you lucky dog?" he exclaimed. "you've got one that fits!"

Another proposal of the Board which met with the approval of the membership was the matter of hiring a full-time educational director jointly with Co-operative Trading Co. The Budget as proposed by the Educational Committee and the Board was also accepted. Sometime within the next few weeks the Joint Trade Area Committee, composed of members of the Board of Directors of both the Waukegan and North Chicago Co-operative Association and the Co-operative Trading Company, and the members of the Educational Committees of both societies, will meet to put into operation the plans already partly prepared such as arranging for the advertising the newly-opened position, developing the many details such as office space and equipment, etc.

The matters of going on a cash basis and the improving or rebuilding the quarters at Branch No. 1 were left to the Board of Directors

C. B.

Sterle Brothers

Joseph Sterle



John Sterle



Frank Sterle

Lt. M. R. Kumer, 1st Vice President**of SNPJ, Pens Letter from England**

Sunday, March 26, 1944.

Last night I listened to a recording of news from America by Mr. Cooke. This is a weekly broadcast with him and Raymond Gram Swing relating the news on alternate Saturdays. He reported how unpleasant it was for 130,000,000 Americans to receive spring there. New York City, he said, was a blanket of snow on the first day of spring, and he went on to tell of the weather in other sections of America on that day.

Spring ordinarily comes and slips by without my notice. It is something that comes to all the world and when it comes it is all for all. But when I heard that report, a contrast was inevitable.

It is said that it is not easy to determine the very day when spring comes here or when it departs. The weather is nearly always a little gloomy and chilly. Nor is the green grass a sign of spring because, strange to say, it is green all the year around, and the English are proud of this fact.

But I sensed that spring had come about a week ago when I felt a little glow of warmth. I discontinued wearing my overcoat, and the trench coat provided sufficient warmth. Even this proved to be too much today when I enjoyed the most beautiful day since my arrival here.

I went to lunch about 1:30, and walked through one section of a very large park. This section is used daily by religious, economic, political, and health crusaders, and others who have grievances and injustices to vent. They are particularly active on Sunday, and today there were more there than I had seen previously. At that hour they were setting up their individual stands and preparing for a full afternoon. A proponent of a particular religious sect whom I had seen there several times before without an audience, was already reading from a bible and he was more fortunate today in that he had a few people listening to him. The section reminds one of Union Square and Columbia Circle in New York.

Already at 1:30 there were crowds of people sitting on the public chairs, which shows that it was a beautiful day, that weather was warm, and the season full spring. My plans for the day were to return from lunch and spend my time at reading and writing. But I was influenced by the unusually nice day, and I returned only to get rid of the trench coat, get my camera, and get back to the park. By this time the series of meetings were started and in full enthusiasm. I stopped for some economic and political inspiration, and heard various and sundry strains of philosophy and ideology. Later in the day, on my return home, I stopped again and discovered that many of the meetings had a series of speakers available and that the meetings went on four hours. A feeling of deep joy overtook me when I considered that this could go on only in a free country, and that everyone from the dogcatcher to the highest authorities could be openly criticized and condemned without the fear of terror. And whether the audiences agreed with the speakers or not, they are engaged in the present deadly struggle to defend one's right to express opinions. That is democracy, and that is what we want throughout the world—political and industrial so that we shall be politically and economically free.

Little did I realize that when I got over here I'd meet so many real fellows. However, I met them by the score. Many of them are from around your old homes back in Slovenia. Many of them are from Trieste, Gorica and other towns from that section. I usually see them once a week and we meet at one of the local barrooms where they get together and sing. It is really something to hear. They have a chorus of 40 men who sing at many places and need I tell you that they have been well received. I would like to tell you more about the boys but time and space forbid.

They told me about their sufferings under the Italians. How they were treated, starved, deprived of all their native rights, unable to speak or sing in their native tongue, even when on leave from the army.

They did not seem to mind their own misfortune so much, but that of their families. Most of them haven't heard from home for a long time, so you can imagine their plight.

So when you feel that you've been getting cut or short on butter, candy or what have you, remember that some of your own flesh and blood from your old country, have been through hell. I thought some of you might like to hear how the Slovenes and other Jugoslavs are doing and I have given you the summary of what I have heard from about fifty of these boys.

Well, I'll come to a close now and hope to hear from you again soon.

Thanks a million for everything, and I'll be looking forward to the day when we'll all be back together again.

E. J. Kaluza

After listening for a short time, I wandered off farther into the park. By this time it was quite hot and it reminded me of late May or early June weather in Western Pennsylvania. The park is enormous in size, and there were large crowds of people about. In one area there was a softball game by Americans; in another a soccer game was in progress between Americans and the British; in still another and another there were other forms of outdoor activities. The largest attraction of the day, however, was a "Salute the Soldier" program. There were literally thousands present at this ceremony, and I could not get near enough to participate in the program. From a distance I could hear the bands, bagpipe, and some speaking through the loudspeaker that was employed. "Salute the Soldier" week began yesterday, and it was received with great response. It is quite obvious that the concern for the "Tommy" is as great to the British as is the "Yank" to the Americans.

The day was pleasant for me as I believe it was for thousands. It is a long time since I have seen so many people gathered together, and a friend described it as a "Fourth of July at Coney Island." I hope that there will be more such days.

But I was soon discouraged by an American who has been here over a year with the grim thought that this city has enjoyed its one summer day for this year. I have no desire to wait a full year to enjoy a similar day.

I offer my sincere thanks to SNPJ Lodge 502 for the lovely flowers and to all who expressed their sympathy at the time of bereavement.

VALENTINA MILAVEC, Sec'y.

A Virtue

"Why do people say 'as smart as a steel trap'?" asked the talkative one. "I don't see anything particularly smart about a steel trap."

"A steel trap is smart," responded the old grouch, "because it knows the right time to shut up."

And there was silence—for a time.

to be back there when all of those mentioned and others will stage celebrations this summer in commemoration of our 40 years existence. That is quite unlikely, but I shall be hoping for a pleasant day for you and for successful events.

Prosveta is reaching me regularly and I receive deep satisfaction in reading it. I hope that all of our members in the services are receiving it. If they are not, then I suggest that our individual lodges and Prosveta cooperate to bring the files up to date to assure that every one in service will receive the weekly issue.

Recent issues have revealed irregular and even new contributors. The columns were interesting, revealing and stimulating. This confirmed my previous opinion that we have able writers in the Society but that we are completely out of touch with them. Is there a good reason why we should not have more columns from these writers? More again. Cheerio!

MICHAEL R. KUMER, 715.

(Manager's Note)—Prosveta is being mailed to soldier-members regularly every week, but we cannot guarantee its delivery.)

Spirit-o-Grams

By Whoosit

ST. LOUIS, MO.—Very important you attend! What you say? Why, the meeting on April 14, of course. There you will hear the final discussion, report and so on of the coming MAY DANCE which is going to be held on May 6. If you haven't received your tickets either by mail or by personal delivery then be sure to get them at the meeting. Besides that there will be many other important topics to discuss and they need your support. So come on everybody, let's see you there.

Spring looks like it is really to stay. The weather is just about perfect. Makes you think of picnics, fishing and all that sort of thing. How about it, give you any ideas?

Have you heard the latest? Pete Kokal is just about ready to leave us for the service; Charlotte Ducote had the measles; Sybil Youngman is leaving for Texas to stay with her husband Walter.

By the way, John Rhodus and Walter Youngman sent all the members their love and would like to hear all the news. How's about writing to them as well as to all the service boys and give them the low-down on all that's happening here at home.

Don't forget the meeting on April 14. Be sure to attend. Above all keep May 6 open for that all important event—the MAY DANCE.

Letter from Italy

GOWANDA, N. Y.—The following letter was written by E. J. Kaluza, our local Slovene boy, who is near at hand and we should do something in the way of celebrating, say maybe have a Spring Dance. There was some discussion on this subject at the previous monthly meeting, but there weren't enough members to fully decide.

Received word from Johnny Rhodus that the packages he received were swell. He mentioned that it was really wonderful to receive cookies, candy, etc., for stuff like that is rare and far between.

Stanley Hervatin sent one of those puzzling letters to Lorraine Kountz; one in which it takes hours to read. He reports that he spent some time in Belton, Texas, where he and his buddies really had a riotous time.

It would be nice if all members could drop a few lines to these fellows who are in the service. A letter really helps in cheering them up. Why, some of them have even received letters from girls in other lodges; girls they don't even know. True, there is a committee who does a lot of writing, but couldn't some of you other members write just a few lines?

The Red Cross Drive is now in full swing and all members are urged to participate and give whatever they can to such a worthy cause.

**Sis. Virginia Selak
Seeks Slovene Pals**

STAR CITY W. VA.—I have been inactive in SNPJ circles for past seventeen months due to interests in defense employment. During this time my mind has dwelled often with SNPJ and members. So many friends I had made—what has become of you all? Why not give us a line in the Prosveta and tell us where you are and what you are doing? Have we all gotten so absorbed in war and its complication that we haven't found time for our Lodge and friends?

Today glancing over the March 22 Prosveta, I missed the familiar signatures on articles. I, too, began to realize that I also was a slacker as far as SNPJ is concerned. Only thinking isn't enough. Thus, this letter. Fipit, Fleischhacker and Lotrich were the only names I recognized. The rest were strange names but I was glad to see them—a consolation that everybody isn't forgetting. Will be back, and soon I hope.

To the interest of so many of my friends—I am employed at an Army Air Base near Dayton, Ohio, as a Junior Radio Mechanic and Electrician on our bombers and fighter planes. I have a very interesting job and love the work but am ready to give it to the first man that wants it after the war is over. I, like many others, am ready to go home and call the thing off.

I have tried to locate Slovenes around Dayton and Springfield, Ohio. If any one knows of Slovenes around here, I wish I could be notified of their whereabouts and perhaps I could find them. Surely I'm not the only Slovene in the cities of Springfield and Dayton, Ohio. At present I am home on leave, but will be back to work Tuesday, I hope.

So for now I extend my best wishes and regards to all SNPJ members. May we all meet again soon.

VIRGINIA J. SELAK, 388.
(205 So. Western Ave., Springfield, Ohio)

A Sporting Offer

Her father—My boy, you'll never be able to support my daughter. Why, I can hardly manage it myself.

Her Suitor—Tell you what, sir; let's go fifty-fifty.



SNPJ Sports

SNPJ National Athletic Board

1st District



Frank Jacoby

2nd District



Lawrence Cassol

4th District



Frank J. Lotrich

5th District



Anton Verbick

3rd District



John J. Spilar

Nat'l Director



Michael Vrhovnik

Chicago Midwest Tournament . . .
Still another sports event for members of the SNPJ to keep in mind is the annual Midwest SNPJ Bowling Tournament to be held at Chicago on May 6-7, at Bennett's Bowl, located at 2645 W. Cermak Road. This is a sectional meet that in normal times built up a considerable following principally among the lodges of lower Wisconsin and Northern Illinois. A good entry is expected from such SNPJ centers as Milwaukee, West Allis, Waukegan and, of course, Chicago. A special effort is being made to induce lodges in Detroit, Cleveland, Indianapolis, and other distant points to send at least one team for each class.

Cleveland Tournament . . . The big sports event of the week is the Cleveland SNPJ Doubles Handicap Tournament. This event will be staged at the Slovene Workmen's Home on Waterloo Road, Saturday and Sunday, April 15-16. A good representation of local and nearby out-of-town lodges is expected to be on hand. A group from Chicago and Milwaukee plan to make the week-end trip to participate in the tourney and the social fun-fests. Very likely bowlers from Detroit will also be present. Best wishes are extended for a successful tournament to the Cleveland Committee to send at least one team for each class.

This year's Midwest Tournament is being handled by the Victorians, Lodge No. 632. The committee in charge is headed by Andrew Obosla as the secretary. The tournament is open to men and women members of the SNPJ in the team, doubles and singles events. The entry fee is only \$1.50 per bowler for each event. Send all entries and fees to Andrew Obosla, 1850 S. 61st Ave., Cicero 50, Illinois. The closing date, don't forget, is April 18.

ATHLETIC DIRECTOR,

SNPJ Midwest Bowling Tournament

Sat. & Sun., May 6th-7th, 1944
at "BENNETT'S BOWL"
2645 W. Cermak Rd., Chicago, Illinois

Auspices:
VICTORIANS, SNPJ No. 632Tournament Headquarters:
BERGER'S HOTEL
2653 So. Lawndale Ave.
Chicago, Ill.

COMBINATION ENTRY BLANK

TEAM Cert. No. DOUBLES Cert. No.

1 () 1 ()

2 () 2 ()

3 () 1 ()

4 () 2 ()

5 () 1 ()

Name of team 2 () C ()

Captain 1 () ()

Address 2 () ()

SINGLES Cert. No. Cert. No.

1 () 5 ()

2 () 6 ()

7 () 3 ()

4 () 8 ()

ENTRY FEE:—\$1.50 per person for each event, including bowling.

Mail all entries and fees to ANDREW W. O'BOSLA, 1850 So. 61st Ave., Cicero 50, Ill., by April 18, 1944. Remit only by Post Office or Express Money Order.

CERTIFICATION

This is to certify that the above listed bowlers are all members in good standing of

Lodge No. SNPJ

Attest:

Lodge Secretary

Rules and Regulations for Cleveland Athletic League Doubles

Tournament—April 15-16

CLEVELAND, OHIO.—All participants must be bona-fide members of the SNPJ.

2—Entry fee will be \$4.00 per doubles team.

3—The tournament will be conducted under a 70% handicap of 400 scratch basis.

4—Men bowlers who do not possess a league average shall be entered at scratch of 200.

5—Women bowlers who do not possess a league average will enter under a blind of 150.

6—Bowlers will not be permitted to participate more than once.

7—if you bowl in league at the tournament alleys, your highest average there will be used. If bowling elsewhere, use highest average.

8—Average as of March 18th will be used.

9—Send entry blanks and fees to John J. Spilar, 13513 Darley Ave., Cleveland 10, Ohio.

ENTRY BLANK

Cleveland SNPJ Athletic League Handicap Doubles Tournament, Cleveland, O., April 15-16, Slovene Workmen's Home Alleys, Waterloo Road.

Men's Entry □ Women's Entry □

Name 1 _____

2 _____

Address _____

Ave. _____ Cert. No. _____

Lodge Name _____

Sec'y Sign. _____

Preferred Time

Sat. aft. □ Sat. night □ Sun. aft. □

Send Entry Blanks and Fees to John J. Spilar, 13513 Darley Ave., Cleveland 10, Ohio.

Midwest League

Tournament

Deadline April 18
Keen Competition Expected

CHICAGO.—Members expecting to take part in the coming Midwest SNPJ Athletic Bowling Tournament, sponsored by the Victorian Lodge 632, are urgently asked to rush their entry blanks before April 18.

As the date approaches the committee in charge expects to present to you bowlers a tourney with varied and much competition.

Prize lists will be numerous and trophies for certain events will also be given.

As soon as the schedule is arranged a copy of same will be mailed to each captain.

It shall be the duty of each bowler to register at the Alleys a full half hour before his scheduled time to bowl. Captains please notify your team members to that effect.

Remember Saturday evening, May 6 at the SNPJ Auditorium, the "Bowlers' Dance". Here the committee in charge has prepared an elegant time for all. Mix and mingle with many of your friends and fellow bowlers. Music will be furnished by "Gay Don". And a surprise for all of you in the music to be furnished in the lower hall.

Well, it's a date: see you on Saturday, May 6.

ANDY OBOSLA,
Victorian Athletic Mgr.

National Athletic Board

Michael Vrhovnik, Athletic Director, 2657 S. Lawndale Ave., Chicago 23, Ill.; Dist. No. 1—Frank Jacoby, R. D. 2, Box 234, Johnstonstown, Pa.; Dist. No. 2—Lawrence Cassol, 535 Penn St., Verona, Pa.; Dist. No. 3—John J. Spilar, 13513 Darley Ave., Cleveland 10, Ohio; Dist. No. 4—Frank J. Lotrich, 1937 S. Trumbull Ave., Chicago 23, Ill.; Dist. No. 5—Anton Verbick, 1428 S. 57th St., West Allis, Wis.

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SNPJ Ladies' Bowling League of Cleveland

CLEVELAND, O.—Strugglers No. 1 opened up last Friday by blasting 853 for a new high single and 2344 for our new high three (smashing all records, eh?), winning three games from the Utopians, who in turn did better than they have been doing. Tough luck.

Theresa Jeric had games 169-180-172 for a nice series of 321, followed by A. Karlinger and F. Perusek with 476 and Jo Hoffert with 451.

Mary Gruden, the Captain, was absent entertaining friend hubby home on a weekend leave. Can't help wondering what the outcome would have been had Mary bowled. Utopians, led by Stella Zorman with 459 and Fannie Svetina's 437 were high for their team.

Concordians were again the victim of three losses against the Comrades No. 3. Mary Lunder did very good for the losers with 466, but not good enough to offset the low series of Mary Menich, who wasn't able to find the groove thereby ending up with 283. We'll blame it on the alleys, eh, Mary? Mary Sarapa with 440 lead the Comrades with 440 and P. Ross with 408. Terrible scores, but strikes were made when most needed.

Comrades No. 2 lost 3 games to the cellar team Comrades No. 4, first game only by five pins. Comrades No. 4 team is a first year team and require a high handicap which is most of the time very hard to overcome. Marge Beljan led off for Comrades No. 2 paced the team with 183-497, while Marge Floran of Comrades No. 4 was high for the latter with 163-423. This was the first two game victory for the cellar team in 17 weeks. Keep going, girls!

Strugglers No. 2 won two from Comrades No. 1 thereby moving up on the second place position by two games. A. Vidmar was the leader of the Strugglers with 400, followed by Theresa Clements with 463. Fran Spik, who had been off her previous stride, found it and rolled a series of 488 which was high for the Comrades No. 1.

The Athletic league is sponsoring a doubles tournament the 15th-16th of April. This will be something new for this league and all girl bowlers are asked to participate and help in every possible way to make it a success. Remember, girls, it depends on us.

To some, bowling is a means of exercise, to others it's means of entertainment. Others use bowling as means of getting together and discussing or exchanging news. For the girls of the SNPJ league, and I believe I can speak for all of them, it embraces all three plus stimulating and advancement of good sportsmanship. May we always keep these points in mind.

The league leading Struggler No. 1 team bowed twice to the Struggler No. 2. T. Clements and L. Jeric's series of 446 and 433 followed by J. Klemencic with 428 were high for the winners. T. Jeric and Frances Perusek paced the losers with 467 and 45.

Comrades No. 3 came through with 2 out of 3 over Comrades No. 4, moving up the ladder to the fifth position. M. Sarapa lead the winners with 417. M. Floran has been mowing them down the last few weeks, and brought her average up, a point each time. Her series of 382 were good for the team.

The Athletic league is sponsoring a doubles tournament the 15th-16th of April. This will be something new for this league and all girl bowlers are asked to participate and help in every possible way to make it a success. Remember, girls, it depends on us.

The American people will know only after the first great blow has been struck. When that hour comes it will be a time of sadness and heartbreak in many American homes. This is the price that must be paid for freedom and security. It is also a time when we must have supreme confidence in our leaders if we are to push to speedy victory."

PAULINE ROSS, Sec'y.

President Roosevelt:

The slaughters of Warsaw, Lidice, Kharkov and Nanking—the brutal torture and murder by the Japanese, not only of civilians but of our own gallant American soldiers and fliers—these are startling examples of what goes on day by day, year in and year out, wherever the Nazis and Japs are in military control—free to follow their barbaric purpose. In one of the blackest crimes of all history—begun by the Nazis in the day of peace and multiplied by them a hundred times in time of war—the wholesale systematic murder of the Jews of Europe goes on unabated every hour. As a result of the events of the last few days hundreds of thousands of Jews who, while living under persecution, have at least found a haven from death in Hungary and the Balkans, are now threatened with annihilation as Hitler's forces descend more heavily upon these lands. That these innocent people, who have already survived a decade of Hitler's fury, should perish on the eve of triumph over the barbarism which their persecution symbolizes, would be a major tragedy. It is therefore fitting that we should again proclaim our determination that none who participate in these acts of savagery shall go unpunished."

Common Council.

Now You Know
The three Chinese sisters who aren't married:
Tu-Young-Tu.
Tu-Dumb-To.
No-Yen-Tu.

It is not enough that men should vote; it is not enough that they should be theoretically equal before the law. They must have liberty to avail themselves of the opportunities and means of life; they must stand on equal terms with reference to the bounty of nature.—Henry George.

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