

PRVA RUSKA ARMADA UDRLA V POMERANLJO

Ameriške čete se približale Siegfriedovi trdnjavi liniji

VELIKE JAPONSKE IZGUBE NA LUZONU

London, 30. jan.—Prva ruska armada, katere poveljnik je maršal Gregorij K. Žukov, je udrla v Pomeranijo, nemško provinco, v več krajih 30 milj dolge fronte in prodira trinajst milj daleč v notranjost. Invaizijo Pomeranije je naznanil maršal Stalin v povelju dneva.

Oddelki te armade so dospeli do točke, ki je oddaljena samo 93 milj od Berlina in 57 milj od Stettina, velikega pristanišnega mesta ob Baltičkem morju. Poznan, nemška trdnjava na Poljskem, je obkrožena in pričakuje se, da bo kmalu v ruskih rokah.

Frankfurt, industrijsko mesto ob reki Oder, zadnji naravni oviri pred Berlinom, leži 56 milj od ozemlja, katerega so zasedle ruske sile. Možno je, da se bodo Nemci ustavili ob tej reki, ki je v enem kraju oddaljena 40 milj od Berlina.

Sovjetski topniški oddelki bombardirajo Torun, trdnjavsko mesto v poljskem koridorju ob ustju reke Visle, Breslava, glavno mesto Spodnje Šlezije, in Koenigsburg, glavno mesto Vzhodne Prusije. Druge sovjetske sile so prodrle do vzhodnega Krkonošev v bližini Moravije. Nemška armada okrog 250,000 moč je v pasti v Vzhodni Prusiji in v nevarnosti uničenja.

Pariz, 30. jan.—Tretja ameriška armada pod poveljstvom generala Pattona je udrla v Nemčijo po prekoračenju reke Our v dveh krajih in se približala Siegfriedovi trdnjavski liniji. Enote te armade so prekoračile to reko pri Peterskirchu in Oberhausenu, 10 milj južno od St. Vitha in 13 milj južozapadno od Pruma.

Druge kolone Pattonove armade so okupirale Dorscheid, Roder in Putscheid, luksemburška mesta, dve milj od nemške meje. Ameriški letalci so napadli nemški motorni konvoj z bombami, ki so razbile in poškodovale čez tisoč motornih vozil.

Prva ameriška armada je v akciji proti sovražniku deset milj severozapadno od St. Vitha. Okupirala je Herresbach, Bullnag in Holxheim.

Čete sedme ameriške in prve francoske armade drobe odpor nemške sile v Alzaciji. Francoške čete so se približale Colmarju, zadnjemu velikemu mestu v Alzaciji, ki je še v nemških rokah.

Čez dva tisoč ameriških in britskih bojnih letal je metalo bombe na nemška mesta in industrijska središča. Tarča bombardiranja iz zraka so bili Berlin, Siegen, Hamm, Munster, Coblenz, Kassel in Henschel.

Luzon, Filipini, 30. jan.—Ameriške čete so okupirale San Fernando, strateško mesto, ki je oddaljeno 34 milj od Manile, skoro brez odpora s strani japonske sile. Okolne kolone zdaj drve proti Calumpitu, ki leži 25 milj od glavnega mesta Filipinskih otokov.

General Douglas MacArthur poroča, da japonske izgube v bitkah z Američani na Luzonu znašajo čez 25,000 ubitih in ranjenih. Ameriške izgube od invazije tega otoka znašajo 1017 ubitih, 3940 ranjenih in 197 pogrešanih.

Filipinski civilisti in gerilci v San Fernando so proslavili osvoboditev mesta. Več tisoč ljudi je pozdravilo ameriške čete, ko so okupirale to drugo največje mesto na Luzonu.

Lep članski napredek

V zadnjih šestih mesecih preteklega leta naša jednota zopet beleži lep napredek v članstvu, in sicer za 1,928 članov. Ob koncu preteklega leta je jednota štela 66,072 članov. To je brez dvoma razveseljivo poročilo za vse članstvo organizacije, posebno še za one, ki so na ta ali drugi način pripomogli do tega uspeha v zadnji kampanji in kateri zaslužite naše priznanje za vaše uspešno delo.

To pot je posebno dobro napredoval mladinski oddelk, skoro za 1,300 članov, kar je izredno veliko število napredka v tako kratkem času.

Toda naš napredek v duševnem oziru, v novih in naprednih idejah, bodisi v tehniki ali teorijah, v čemer je bila naša organizacija vedno voditeljica med slovenskimi naseljenci v tej deželi—tudi v tem ne smemo zaostajati za napredkom v članstvu ali finančah. Vzgojevalnega dela med članstvom ne smemo zanemariti, ker od njega je odvisna vsa bodočnost jednote in končno človeštva v obče.

Na vsestranske uspehe naše organizacije smemo računati le tedaj, če bomo stopali naprej z duhom časa kot smo v preteklosti.

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Delegacija CIO naletela na opozicijo

Kongresniki zagovarjajo mezdno formulo

Washington, D. C., 30. jan.—Člani delegacije unij Kongresa industrijskih organizacij iz Chicaga, Minneapolisa in St. Paula so naleteli na opozicijo s strani senatorja Lucasa, demokrata iz Illinoisa, in kongresnikov, ko so jih skušali pridobiti za akcijo v kampanji, katere cilj je odprava mezdne formule malega jekla in poraz zakonskega načrta glede obveznega dela, ki je pred kongresom.

Lucas, kongresnica Emily Taft Douglas in kongresnik Alexander J. Resa, ki so bili izvoljeni s podporo unij CIO, so izjavili, da ni bilo predloženo nobeno nadomestilo za mezdno formulo.

Člani delegacije so reprezentirali jeklarsko in avtno unijo. Prišli so v Washington, da informirajo senatorje in kongresnike o nevarnosti padca kupne sile, ki pride po zaključitvi vojne. Clifford McEvoy, reprezentant jeklarske unije, je dejal, da so vojne industrije odpustile več tisoč delavcev v času, ko se je razlegal krik o pomanjkanju delavcev v teh industrijah. Dalje je rekel, da so cene poskočile najmanj za 45 odstotkov, dočim so plače ustale. Formula malega jekla prepoveduje zvišanje plač za več kot petnajst odstotkov nad točko, ki je prevladovala v januarju 1. 1941.

Francoska notranja sila izgubila oblast

Pariz, 30. jan.—Francoska notranja sila je izgubila zadnje ostanke vojaške avtoritete na podlagi dekreta, katerega je podpisal vojni minister Andre Dietheim. Ta določa razpustitev odbora notranje sile, ki je bil do deljen vojnemu ministertvu. Odbor je vztrajal pri zahtevi, da morajo častniki notranje sile obdržati čine v redni armadi.

Zborovanje italijanskih unij v Neaplu

Neapel, Italija, 30. jan.—Tu se je pričelo zborovanje italijanskih unij, ki imajo milijon članov. Na zborovanje je dospelo čez 500 delegatov.

Nemci ustrelili župana Breslave

London, 30. jan.—Poročilo iz Belgije pravi, da je bil dr. Spielhagen, župan Breslave, glavnega mesta Spodnje Šlezije, ustreljen zaradi strahopetnosti. Ustrelile so ga čete nemške ljudske armade pred mestno hišo.

Nemške ladje pobegnile iz luk

Izgredi v Berlinu in drugih mestih

Malmoe, Švedska, 30. jan.—Križarka Nurmberg in druge enote nemškega bojnega brodomstva na Baltičkem morju so po begu iz Koenigsberga, Gdanska, Gdynije in drugih pristanišnih mest ob tem morju, proti katerim se valed ruske sile, dospole v Kopenhagen, dansko luko, pravi poročilo.

Pričakuje se, da bodo druge nemške bojne ladje dospole v Kopenhagen. Danske avtoritete so odredile evakuacijo prebivalcev iz rezidenčnih distriktov v bližini Kopenhagna in bojzani pred zavezniškimi bombnimi napadi.

London, 30. jan.—Poročila iz zanesljivih virov omenjajo krvave izgrede v Berlinu in upore zaslužjenih tujih delavcev v mestih Gornje Šlezije zdaj, ko ruske armade prodirajo proti nemški prestolnici.

Pariška radiopostaja je citirala poročila iz Stockholma o izgredih v Berlinu, v katerih je bilo veliko število ljudi ubitih in ranjenih. Policija in vojski so streljali na izgrednike.

Moskva tudi poroča o revoltnih tujih delavcev v nemških mestih. V teh se nahaja okrog osem milijonov tujih delavcev. Nacijske avtoritete so storile korake, da preprečijo raztegnitev revolte. Moskva pravi, da so tuji delavci revoltirali v Oppelnu, glavnemu mestu Gornje Šlezije, preden so ga Rusi okupirali.

Hopkins odpotoval v Rim

Rooseveltov svetovalec bo morda obiskal Moskvo

Pariz, 30. jan.—Harry L. Hopkins, svetovalec in zaupnik predsednika Roosevelta, ki je dospel v Pariz iz Londona, je odpotoval v Rim. V Londonu je imel razgovore s kraljem Jurijem, premierjem Churchillom in zunanjim ministrom Edenom. Trdi se, da so se nanašali na konferenco "velike trojice."

V Parizu je Hopkins konferiral z generalom Charlesom de Gaullem, predsednikom začasne francoske vlade, in drugimi voditelji. Predmet diskuzij ni bil razkrit. V Parizu trdijo, da bo Hopkins obiskal papeža Pija po prihodu v Rim.

Potovanje Hopkinsa je povzročilo različna ugibanja. Nekateri menijo, da bo obiskal Moskvo pred sestankom med Rooseveltom, Churchillom in Stalinom.

KRALJ PETER REVIDIRAL SVOJE STALIŠČE

Pristal je na ustanovitve regentstva

VLADA POJDE V JUGOSLAVIJO

London, 30. jan.—Jugoslovanski kralj Peter se je končno udal pritisku in pristal na dogovor, katerega je premier dr. Ivan Šubašić sklenil z maršalom Titom, poveljnikom jugoslovanske osvobodilne armade in načelnikom odbora za narodno osvoboditev. Dogovor določa ustanovitev sveta regentov, ki bo vladal v Jugoslaviji do razpisa splošnih volitev. Člane sveta imenujeta kralj in Šubašić.

Naznanilo pravi, da je Peter sprejel resignacijo članov Šubašičevega kabineta, potem pa poveril formiranje nove vlade Šubašiću. Ta je bila sestavljena in tvorijo jo isti ministri z eno izjemo. Dr. Izidorja Cankarja, bivšega prosvetnega ministra in poslanika v Kanadi, je nasledil dr. Drago Marušić, ki je obdržal tudi poziciji prometnega in justičnega ministra. On je reprezentant maršala Tita v novem kabinetu.

Izgleda, da bodo imenovani novi ministri. Peter insistira, da morajo biti izbrani predstavniki, ki bodo prispevali k uveljavljenju določb dogovora, sklenjenega z odborom za narodno osvoboditev.

Tito in Šubašić sta se sporazumela pred več tedni glede ustanovitve regentstva, toda kralj Peter se je upiral uveljavljenju sporazuma. Odstavil je Šubašića in člane njegove vlade, kar pa so ignorirali, ker so imeli oporo pri zaveznikih.

Britski krogi so vedeli, da se bo moral kralj Peter podati prej ali slej, ker ni bilo drugega izhoda. Kateri možje bodo še do deljeni novi administraciji, ni znano. Kot kandidata sta omenjena dr. Milan Grol, vodja srbskih demokratov in bivši zunanji minister, in M. Budislavič, bivši notranji minister.

Kako bo Tito reagiral na razplet, bo kmalu znano. On je za povratek vlade v Jugoslavijo. Doznava se, da bodo Šubašić in člani njegovega kabineta kmalu odpotovali v Jugoslavijo.

Splošne volitve v Kanadi

Premier King se udal pritisku opozicije

Ottawa, Kanada, 30. jan.—Premier W. L. Mackenzie King je sinoči naznanil, da se bodo prve splošne volitve od 1. 1941 vršile v aprilu. On se je moral ukloniti pritisku manjšinskih strank, ki vodijo opozicijo proti njegovi administraciji.

King je naglasil v svojem naznanilu, da bo dana priložnost vsem političnim strankam za diskuzije o problemih in vprašanjih, ki čakajo rešitve, pred volitvami.

Premier ni omenil, ali se bo parlament ponovno sestel v svojem zasedanju pred volitvami. King je naletel na veliko opozicijo, ko je odredil konskripcijo vojakov za službo na frontah.

Albanija se obnavlja kot demokracija

Tirana, Albanija, 30. jan.—Premier Enver Hoxha je v razgovoru s častniki dejal, da njegova vlada obnavlja Albanijo kot demokracijo. On se je izrekel za poglabitev in utrditev bratovščine balkanskih ljudstev.

Domače vesti

Smrt jednotarja

Milwaukee, — Dne 27. jan. je umrl John Poklar, ustanovitelj mladinskega krožka št. 4 in mladinskega zbora Junior All Star Chorusa in aktiven član SNPJ. Bolehal je več let. Zapušča ženo, dva sinova in hčerko. Sin John je armadi nekje v Italiji, odkoder včasih poroča v Prosveti. Vsa družina je pri jednoti.

Poroča

Chicago, — Dne 27. jan. sta se poročila Dorothea Lucille Zavertrnik, hčerka družine Joseph Zavertrnik, in John Evan Dorsey, ki služi pri mornarici.

Obisk

Detroit, — John Bučar iz Alberta, Kanada, je bil tukaj na obisku pri svoji sestri, družini Smrd. Njeni otroci so prvič videli svojega strica in ga bili zelo veseli. Obiskal je tudi Slovenski dom na John R., kjer se mu je zelo dopadlo.

Na dopustu

Lowber, Pa. — Po 16 mesecih bojevanja na južnem Pacifiku je prišel domov na dopust za 30 dni Cpl. Edward Cuffar, ki služi pri marinarjih. On je član družine 583 SNPJ in najmlajši sin družine John Cuffar.

V bolnišnici

Waukegan, Ill. — Dne 21. jan. se je radi hudega prehlada morala podati v bolnišnico sv. Terezije Jennie Miller, ki se ji zdravje že vrača.

Sinova pogrešana

Barberton, O.—Agnes Jerina je bila obveščena, da sta dva njena sinova, John in Joseph, pogrešana na zapadni fronti v Evropi. Joseph je bil saržen in je služil pri 45. pehotni diviziji, pri vojakih je tri leta in se je boril v Siciliji in Italiji. John pa je dve leti v oboroženi sili in je služil pri padalnih četah v Belgiji, kjer je pogrešan od 27. dec. Njen tretji sin Frank je v armadi v Angliji, četrti sin Tony pa je doma. Vsi štirje bratje so bili aktivni v baseballu.

Vile rojenice

So. Chicago, Ill.—Pri družini Mike Chandech, zapiskarju društva 8 SNPJ, so se oglasile vile rojenice in pustile hčerko, ki se z mamo vred dobro počuti in je že postala članica mladinskega oddelka. Čestitke!

Padel v Belgiji

La Salle, Ill.—Theresa Strell je bila obveščena od vojnega departamenta, da je bil njen sin Pvt. Fred Strell ubit v Belgiji 8. jan. Rojen je bil 8. avg. 1924 v Rockvillu, Colo., in član društva 2 SNPJ. K vojakom je bil poklican decembra 1943, lanskega maja je bil doma na dopustu in se je poročil z Inezou Mautino iz Oglesbyja, naslednji mesec pa je šel v Anglijo. Zadnje pismo je pisal materi 30. dec., v katerem je omenil, da je vse dobro. Poleg matere zapušča pet bratov—tri v armadi, eden je doma, John pa je učitelj na univerzi Illinois. On je drugi član družine 2 SNPJ, ki je v tej vojni dal svoje mlado življenje.

Iz Clevelanda

Cleveland, — Po kratki bolezni je umrl Martin Zerjav, star 82 let in doma iz Boršta na Notranjskem, odkoder je prišel v Ameriko pred 45 leti. Član je bil KSKJ in SN čitalnice. Zapušča ženo, hčer, dva sinova in pet vnukov. — V Franciji je bil resno ranjen v levo nogo Sgt. Joseph J. Majetich, ki ima starše v Pennsylvaniji, ženo pa tukaj.

Po dolgi bolezni je umrla Frances Brodnick, roj. Hačević, doma iz vasi Rasiča pri Velikih Lačah, kjer zapušča več sorodnikov, tukaj pa moža, štiri sinove (dva v armadi), hčer in več sorodnikov. Bila je članica KSKJ. — Iz bolnišnice, kjer je sredi prestala operacijo, se je vrnila Ann Paternoster. — Družina Anthony Bayt je bila obveščena, da je bil 9. dec. resno ranjen v Franciji sin Pfc. Anthony Bayt, oženjen. V armado je šel novembra 1942 in preko morja lanskega maja.

Wallace odgovoril svojim kritikom

Delavci in farmerji mu zagotovili podporo

New York, 30. jan.—Henry A. Wallace, bivši podpredsednik, katerega je Roosevelt imenoval za trgovinskega tajnika, je izjavil, da ne mara te pozicije, če se korporacija za rekonstrukcijo financ loči od trgovinskega departamenta. Zadevni načrt, čigar avtor je senator George, demokrat iz Georgije, je pred senatom.

Wallace je govoril na banketu Unije za demokratično akcijo. "Prepričan sem, da so možje, ki bi lahko vodili in upravljali posle korporacije za rekonstrukcijo financ," je dejal. "Oni, ki me kritizirajo in napadajo, vedo, da nisem mistik ali sanjač. Ti pobijajo zdrava načela, katere naglašam in na katerih podlagi je zagotovljena bodočnost Amerike kot dežele blagostanja in izobilja."

Wallace je odgovoril senatorju Baileyju, demokratu iz Severne Karoline in načelniku odseka za trgovinske zadeve, ker je izjavil, da ne bo glasoval za potrditev moza kot trgovinskega tajnika, ki bi zapravljal denar.

Na banketu je bilo prečitano Rooseveltovo pismo, v katerem je predsednik hvalil Wallaceja. "Z drugimi Američani vred sem hvaležen Wallaceju za stvari, katere je storil," pravi pismo. "On se je izkazal za sposobnega kot poljedelski tajnik in podpredsednik Združenih držav. Ameriško ljudstvo in vlada ga potrebuje."

Drugi govorniki na banketu so hvalili Wallaceja. Med temi so bili Henry J. Kaiser, ladjegradniški magnat, Rooseveltova žena, Walter P. Reuther, podpredsednik avtne unije, in James G. Patton, predsednik Sloinske zveze farmerjev. Slednja sta izjavila, da delavci in farmerji so in bodo še nadalje podpirali Wallaceja. Rooseveltova žena je rekla, da je Wallace pogumen voditelj, ki gleda v bodočnost in ima globoko vero in zaupanje v ameriško ljudstvo.

Sestanek med angleško delegacijo in grškimi levičarji

Atene, Grčija, 30. jan.—Člani delegacije Kongresa britskih strokovnih unij so se sestali z reprezentanti grških levičarjev. Sestanku prisluškejo važen pomen. Načelnik britske delegacije je Walter Citrine, tajnik Kongresa strokovnih unij, grške pa John Kalomiris, dolgoletni tajnik Delavske zveze. Nekateri vidijo v teh razgovorih uvod v izravnavo konflikta med levičarji in grško vlado, kateri predsednik je general Plastiras.

Dvanajstletnica Hitlerjevega režima

London, 30. jan.—Danes, ko stoji Nemčija pred največjim porazom v zgodovini, je dvanajstletnica Hitlerjevega režima. Običajno je Hitler govoril ob vsaki obletnici, dvomljivo pa je, da bo danes. Njegov padec in vseh onih, ki stoje ob njegovi strani, je blizu.

Nemški general ubit na vzhodni fronti

London, 30. jan.—Ruski vojak so našli truplo generala Fingera, poveljnika nemške pehotne divizije, na bojišču v bližini Mikklova, poročila Moskva. General je padel v bitki z Rusi.

Organizacija finskih veteranov razpuščena

Moskva, 30. jan.—"Tovariši v orožju", organizacija finskih vojnih veteranov, je bila razpuščena po poročilu iz Helsinka. Moskva je označila to organizacijo za fašistično.

OBNOVA PLOVBE NA JUGOSLOVANSKIH REKAH

Premogovniki v Srbiji spet obratujejo

DOGOVOR GLEDE POMOČI PREBIVALCEM

Washington, D. C., 30. jan.—V teku bitk v Jugoslaviji, zlasti one za posest Belgrada, je bila plovba na rekah skoro ustavljena po poročilu, katerega je objavil belgradski list Borba. Najmanj 44 parnikov je bilo potopljenih, Nemci, ko so se umikali, pa so odpeljali 38 parnikov in 236 manjših ladij, parnikov in tankerjev. Osvoboditvi Belgrada je sledila obnova plovbe na Donavi in drugih rekah.

Borba pravi, "da je bil formiran direktorij za rečno plovbo in organiziran tehnični departament. Ladjedelnice v Cukarici, težko poškodovane v bombnih napadih, so bile popravljene. Zgrajen je bil začasni pomol in druga konstrukcijska dela so v teku. Problem prevažanja premoga in drugega kuriva dela preglavice avtoritetam. Čistilnica olja v Smederevu je bila razdejana v bombnem napadu."

Belgradski list dalje pravi, da pomanjkanje parnikov ovira potniški promet. Samo tri potniške linije so bile odprte v prvih tednih tega leta. Te so Belgrad-Sabac, Petrovgrad-Titel in Pančevo-Belgrad.

Premogovniki v Srbiji so obnovili obrat. Dva izmed teh—Ivanovo in Zvezdan—prodirata povprečno osem železniških vagonov premoga dnevno. Premogovnik Balkan proizvaja sedem vagonov premoga dnevno.

Belgradski listi so objavili provizije dogovora, katerega je maršal Tito sklenil z reprezentanti zavezniškega vrhovnega poveljstva v Sredozemlju. Na podlagi tega bosta Amerika in Velika Britanija pošiljali živila in druge potrebščine v Jugoslavijo za nasičevanje prebivalcev.

Pomoč je obljubila tudi Bolgarija. Glasilo bolgarske domovinske fronte poroča, da je bila prva pošiljka živil dostavljena Jugoslaviji. Bolgarija bo pošiljala Jugoslaviji tudi olje, avtne obode in material za popravilanje mostov.

Japonska armada še močna

Ameriški general vidi dolgo vojno

Washington, D. C., 30. jan.—General Joseph W. Stilwell, ki je bil nedavno imenovan za poveljnika ameriških sil na kopnem, je dejal, da Japonska lahko vrže pet milijonov vojakov na fronte in da ne verjame v polom japonske sile, dokler ne bo dobila katastrofalnih udarcev na vseh bojiščih.

"Računati moramo na isti fantazem japonskih vojakov v bodočnosti kot v prošlosti," je rekel Stilwell. "Vse kaže, da se bo vojna z Japonci zavlekla. Tudi v slučaju poraza Japoncev na japonski celin, se bodo lahko borili v drugih azijskih pokrajinah, katere so zasedli. Na Japonskem se rodi milijon otrok več letno kot pa umre ljudi. Mi bomo morali pobiti najmanj 10,000 Japoncev tedensko."

Stilwell je bil poveljnik ameriških in kitajskih čet na Kitajskem in v Burmi. On morda bolj nego kateri koli drugi ameriški general pozna japonske vojske in generale. Kot poveljnik ameriških in kitajskih čet je bil odpovedan na zahtevo diktatorja Kaišeka, s katerim se je spril. On ni hotel govoriti o ozadju konflikta med njim in Kaišekom.

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Federacije SNPJ

ZAPISNIK FEDERACIJE ZA VZHODNI OHIO IN PENNO
Youngstown, O.—Izvelec zapisnika seje federacije društva SNPJ za vzhodni Ohio in Penno, ki se je vršila 31. decembra 1944 v Girardu, O.

Zapisnik zadnje seje je sprejet kot čitan.

Poročila odbornikov: Brat predsednik Garm omenja in apelira na društva in zastopnike, naj se zanimajo za federacijo in delujejo po svoji najboljši moči, da organizacija ostane krepka in čvrsta, kar bo v prid društev in SNPJ. Predsednikovo poročilo se vzame na znanje. Prečitano je poročilo o dohodkih piknika, ki se je vršil v Salemu, O. Poro-

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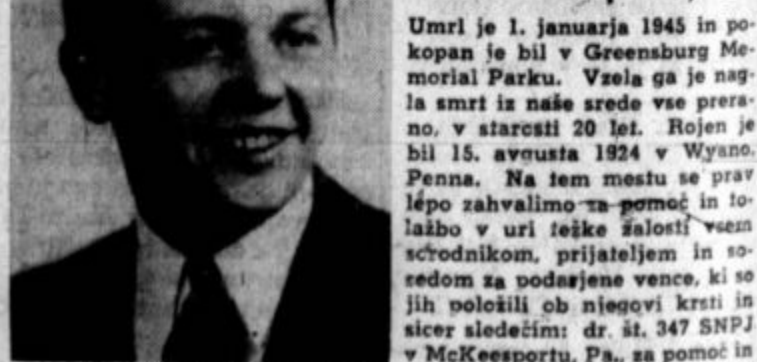
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Churchill in grško uprašanje

Napisal Harold Laski

"Zares, končan je samo oni, ki se sam ubije," pravi dr. Johnson. Videti je, da je Churchill odločen dokazati, da je ta izrek pravilen. Žalostno je gledati moža, ki je obdarjen po naravi, da postane resnično velik in katerega zasluge za stvar civilizacije so tako velike. Toda zdaj si Churchill prizadeva z vsemi svojimi silami, da dokaže, da je malo ljudi, ki morejo, ne da bi se pokvarili, dolgo uživati neomejeno oblast.

Parlamentna debata drugi teden v januarju o Grčiji se ni dobro končala zanj. Grmel je in napadal. Črnil je svoje nasprotnike in se iz njih norčeval. Pokazal je neko perspektivo, ki ni prepričala nikogar, ki ni bil že prej na njegovi strani. V mislih vsakega pristnega člana delavske stranke se je rodilo prepričanje, da zopet prihaja v ospredje oni Churchill iz leta 1939, ki je s toliko strasti in silo poskušal zadušiti boljševo stranko in poriva v senco ono mogočino in romantično podobo moža, ki je v tistih temnih dneh leta 1940-1941 tako čudovito simboliziral voljo našega naroda.

Ono, kar on danes trdi glede gibanja EAM je v nesoglasju z besedami ministra za zunanje zadeve, ki je dne 20. decembra objavil politične smernice v zunanjih zadevah britanske vlade.

Churchill nam je povedal, da se strinja z načeli resolucije, katero je sprejela konferenca delavske stranke dne 13. decembra. Ako je to res, potem si je izbral jako čudno pot, da ta načela uveljavlja. Danes nam je znano, da je dal nalog radijski družbi BBC, da ne sme v nobenem slučaju priznati zasluga EAM in ELAS v svojih oddajah. Povedal nam je, kako strastno se zavzema za talce, katere je vzela borbena organizacija ELAS. Ničesar pa nismo slišali o tem, da bi ga skrbela usoda onih drugih talcev, katere je vzela grška policija v vrstah levičarjev—policija iz časov diktatorja Metaksa.

Churchill nam naznanja, da mu je na tem, da pride čim prej do pravičnih in rednih volitev na Grškem. Človek, ki je tako sposoben kot Churchill, mora vedeti, da ni nobenega upanja na pravične volitve, ako bo te volitve vodil ministrski predsednik general Plastiras, ki ima ne le prepričanje, temveč celo jasno izražen namen, da jih po svoje pristrizhe. Ponosen je na to, da je predložil, da pošlje angleški parlament in delavske unije predstavnike na Grško, toda znano mu mora biti, kot je znano vsakomur, da nobena taka delegacija ne more zajameti pravičnih volitev. Administracija, katero vodi profesionalen diktator, tudi če je ta diktator republikanec, ne bo izvedla volitev, ki bi se odigrale brez faktorja strahu.

Churchill je šel celo tako daleč, da je trdil, da je general Plastiras levičar. To pomeni le, da sta za Churchilla levičar in republikanizem eno in isto: Nobena oseba, ki se nahaja v vladi generala Plastirasa, ne more resno trditi, da ima podporo ljudskih mas. Vlada generala Plastirasa je na Grškem prav tako predstavnica levice kot Churchill na Angleškem.

V svojem govoru si je dovolil besne napade proti angleškemu časopisu, med njim na Times in Manchester Guardian, ki je odkrito napadalo njegovo politiko na Grškem. Churchill bi moral vedeti, da ti listi niso proti njegovi vladi in da je le "nekaj spoštovanja do svetovnega mnenja" napravilo vsako drugo stališče v tej zadevi zanje nemogoče.

V bistvu je zavzel Churchill tako stališče, da si je zajametil podporo v parlamentu na nepošten način izsiljevanja. Vsakomur je jasno, da moramo na vsak način vzdrževati slog v naši državi vsaj toliko časa, da bo hitlerizem razbit. Ker je to potrebno, in ker ve, da ga radi tega moramo podpirati, zahteva podporo delavske stranke v vprašanjih, v katerih bi te podpore ne mogel dobiti v nobenem drugem slučaju.

V tej zadevi govorim kot poznavalec. Kot predsednik konvencije delavske stranke v preteklem mesecu sem dal na glasovanje resolucijo eksekutivne, glede katere nisem privolil v nobeno spremembo. Ako bi bil dopustil glasovanje o resolucijah, katere so predložile velike delavske unije kot železničarji in inženirji, bi bile te resolucije sprejete, in članom delavske stranke bi postalo nemogoče ostati v vladi. Kar sem storil, sem storil zato, ker sem hotel ohraniti slog, dokler ne bo zmaga v Evropi dobljena. Obenem pa je naša resolucija zahtevala nošteno pomirjenje na Grškem.

Podobno mnenje o odkritosti. Pod zaščito stvari vitalne važnosti se je Churchill podal, da uniči in ubije duha, v katerem bi moral velik prvak države ravnati in uporabljati veliko oblast, ki mu je poverjena, za najvišje cilje. Churchill dobro ve, da njegova dva govora glede Grčije ne delata le mnogo zlega na Grškem, kor vlivata olje na ogenj in krepiata vse one, ki sovražijo demokracijo in vse, kar demokracija pomeni, temveč da bosta imela tudi slične posledice v Italiji. Čisto mogoče je, da je Churchill hotel, da slika te govore in njihov odmev v Italiji. Znano mu je, da nameravajo osvobodilna gibanja sezidati nov svet, in kjerkoli more—izvzemši v Jugoslaviji—dela vse, kar more, da bi jih strahoval in odvnil. Kdo ve, kakšno bi bilo njegovo stališče v Jugoslaviji, ako bi mu ne bil Stališ povedal svojega mnenja z vso potrebno jasnostjo.

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Uradne vesti društev SNPJ

Gillespie, Ill.—Sporočam članstvu društva št. 465 SNPJ, da je bil na decembrski seji izvoljen sledeč odbor za leto 1945: predsednik Pavel Jesih, podpredsednik Pavel Sarjon, tajnik Peter Menchak, blagajnik Nick Lube, zapisničarica Margareth Menchak. Nadzorni odbor: Fred Podgornik, Rudolf Kaitar in Frank Folkar. Društveni zdravnik dr. O'Connell.

Redne se je se vršijo vsako tretjo soboto v mesecu ob šestih zvečer.

Ob tej priliki tudi opozarjam članstvo, da redno plačuje svoj asessment; ako vam je mogoče, plačajte na društveni seji. Zadnji dan je 30. v mesecu. Ako ne biko tega vpošteval, bom ravnal z njim v smislu pravil. Jaz ne bom za nikogar zalagal asessmenta.

Peter Menchak, tajnik.

Milwaukee, — Društvo Sloga 16, SNPJ je začelo poslovati v letu 1945 z vsemi starimi uradniki. Seje se vrše drugi tork v mesecu ob 8. zvečer v Lenkovi dvorani, vlog 8. ceste in National ave. Vsak član plača 20c mesečno v društveno blagajno, poleg rednega asessmenta za jednoto. Ker smo prej vsako leto priredili veselico za društveno blagajno, smo na letni seji sklenili, da ne priredimo nobene veselice ali kaj podobnega v ta namen, dokler traja vojna, in da je bolje, da meseca marca plača vsak član 50c v blagajno.

Za pomožno akcijo za stari kraj je društvo darovalo \$75. Ko dobimo poročila od svojih dragih, v kakem stanju se nahajajo, bomo pa odprli našo blagajno in pomagali, kolikor bo nam mogoče. Društvo ostane v Prosvetni matici z dolarjem mesečne članarine in prav toliko je pripravljeno prispevati, ako je treba, mladinskemu krožku. V slučaju smrti člana ali članice društvo preskrbi avtomobil, ki stane \$12, in venec za pet dolarjev.

Lansko leto smo imeli deset pogrebov. Zadnja dva sta bila: Br. Mihael Krevl, ki je umrl 17. dec. za srčno hibo v starosti 68 let in rojen v Rajhenburgu na Štajerskem. Tukaj zapušča ženo in hčer. Dne 18. dec. pa je umrl John Jaklich radi mrtvouda v starosti 60 let in rojen v fari Prečna pri Novem mestu. Tukaj zapušča ženo, dva sinova in hčer. Društvo izreka globoko sožalje obema družinoma. Društvo bo pogrešalo oba člana, ker sta bila



Vojski rdeče armade v pouličnih bojih v Budimpešti, kjer se že več tednov vrše krvavi boji za slednjero poslopje. Žrtve in žem mestu morajo biti ogromne tudi med civilisti.

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zmiraj pripravljena delati v njegovo korist.

Društvo je sklenilo, da plača zdravniško preiskavo za vsakega novega člana, ki pristopi v naše vrste, da nadomestimo one, ki so umrli.

Naši bolniki so: Louis Parkel, ki se nahaja v okrajni bolnišnici; komur čas dopušča, naj ga obišče. Rosemary Boggs in Mary Zajec, ki sta bili operirani in sta zdaj doma pod zdravniško oskrbo. Frank Jamnik je zelo bolan. Mihael Medvedovich se je pobil, ko je šel na delo. Sestre M. Ule, M. Kramer in Paula Vogrich so pod zdravniško oskrbo. Želimo vsem, da kmalu okrevajo.

Prihodnja društvena seja bo 13. febr. Udeležite se polnoštevilno. Ker sem videl v koledarju, da bo na 13. febr. pust in ker smo ga po naši stari navadi ta dan zmiraj kakšnega spili, bomo ta večer po seji naredili presenečenje neki naši članici za njen rojstni dan.

Frank Perko, tajnik.

Sacramento, Cal.—Naznanjam članstvu društva št. 549 SNPJ, da se bo vršila prihodnja redna mesečna seja v nedeljo, 18. februarja, v dvorani Dane Club, 1511—P st., Sacramento. Sejo smo prenestili iz razloga, ker je ta dvorana cenejša in tistim, ki se vozijo na sejo z avtomobili, ne bo treba plačati prostora za parkiranje avtomobilov.

Bratje in sestre, želimo, da vzamete to spremembo na znanje in se gotovo udeležite seje. Na društvenih sejah razpravljamo o koderistih vsega članstva in čim več je navzočih tem bolj pametno ukrepamo. Posejte se vsak mesec!

Apeliramo tudi, da pridobite kakšnega novega člana in želimo, da plačujete svoj asessment redno in ob pravem času. Ne čakajte do zadnjega dne v mesecu, zlasti ne oni, ki pošiljate asessment po pošti.

Joseph Ruzich, tajnik.

Springfield, Ill.—Tem potom naznanjam članom društva št. 47 SNPJ, da sem se preselil in moj novi naslov je: 319 West Elliott Ave., Springfield, Ill. Torej se priporoča članom društva št. 47, da se v vseh društvenih zadevah obračajo na novi naslov.

John Gorsek, tajnik.

Ali ste naročeni na dnevnik "Prosveta"? Podpišajte svoj list!

Nekaj podatkov o Karpatski Rusiji

Napisal Donald Bell

Pred nedavnim časom smo prejeli iz Londona nekaj vesti o prerokanju, ki se je razvilo okrog vprašanja Karpatske Rusije. Gre za to, ali bo ostal ta najvzhodnejši del Čehoslovaške republike priključen tej državi ali se bo pridružil Sovjetski Rusiji. Vsa poročila soglašajo, da Kremlin ni stavil nobene uradne zahteve glede tega ozemlja. Obenem pa je res, da je vsaj radio Kijev zavzel stališče, ki ne ugovarja gibanju v Karpatski Rusiji, ki zahteva separacijo in priključenost k Sovjetski Rusiji.

Kaj je prav za prav Karpatska Rusija? Malo je ljudi v Ameriki, katerim je to znano. V tej deželi se nahaja približno 300.000 oseb, ki so se priselile iz teh krajev, ali pa so potomci takih priselencev. Toda iz razgovorov z njimi se ne bomo mnogo naučili. V političnem pogledu so precej zmešani—veliki nasprotniki komunistov so, a navzlic temu zagovarjajo priključenost k Sovjetski Rusiji. Zgodovinsko ozadje tega presenetljivega političnega naziranja je pred vsem nasprotje proti Čehoslovaški, katerega podlaga je separatistični ponos posebnega naroda, ki ima svojo posebno cerkev in je bil dolga leta pod nasprotujočimi si tujimi vplivi—osamljen in zapuščen v svojem pozabljenem kotu Karpatskih gor.

Karpatska Rusija je ozemlje, ki je tako sporno, da je čisto težko določiti njegovo pravo ime. V čehoslovaški literaturi nosi večinoma ime Podkarpatske Rusije. Nemci so mu nadeli ime Karpato-Ukraine. Zopet v drugih deželah nazivajo to ozemlje Rutenija. Slovenci pravijo Rusinija ali Rusinska Ukrajina ali Rusija. Vsa ta imena so pravilna. Vprašanje je le, s kakšnega vidika pogledate na to zemljo.

Iz naših zemljevidov je razvidno, da je bilo to ozemlje prisojeno Čehoslovaški po zadnji svetovni vojni. Čehi in Slovaki so si zelo sorodni, kajti razlike v jeziku ni skoro nobene, tako da je smatrati, da je slovaški jezik le narečje, ki je skoro istovetno s češkim pismenim jezikom.

Rusini pa so nekaj čisto drugega. Sorodnost njihovega jezika s češčinjo je manjša kot z jezikom, katerega govori narod v Ukrajini. Le dejstvo, da so živel stoletja pod gospodstvom Madžarov je vzrok, da so postali prehod med vzhodnimi in zapadnimi Slovani. Čehi so potrebovali to ozemlje kot most do Rumunije in v cilju, da se zavarujejo proti revizionističnim zahtevam Maržarske. Takrat si je bil ves svet edin, da je treba enkrat za vselej zlomiti madžarski jarem nad slovanskimi narodi. Rusinija pa je bila premajhna, da bi mogla ostati neodvisna.

Leta 1918 sta bili le dve slovanski deželi, ki bi bili mogli sprejeti v svoje meje to deželo—Čehoslovaška in Poljska. V slučaju, da bi bilo pripadlo Poljski, ki ni imela nobenih kulturnih vezi z Rusini in čez glavo manjšinskih problemov z Rusi na svojih vzhodnih mejah, se je bilo bati, da pride do sodelovanja in zveze med Poljsko in Madžarsko in tako do obkoljenja Čehoslovaške. Bilo je torej logično in naravno, da postane Rusinija eden sestavnih delov Čehoslovaške republike.

Praska administracija je imela mnogo težav s to svojo Podkarpatsko Rusijo. Prebivalstvo—približno 400.000 oseb, je bilo zaostalo. Obsegalo je 300.000 Rusinov, 80.000 Židov, ostalo pa so bili Madžari. Madžari so tvorili tako zvani višji razred, židje pa so bili zdaj skoro vsi poklani od Nemcev. Rusini, narodnostna manjšina na Čehoslovaškem, so imeli sami v svoji deželi tudi posebno manjšino, ki je bila posebno neprijetna radi tega, ker je tvorila skoro celokupno številno premožnih slojev, ki so popolnoma dominirali kulturno in gospodarsko življenje. Trgovina in industrija sta bili popolnoma v rokah manjšinskih elementov in celo v kmetijstvu so imeli Madžari vso dobro zemljo v svoji posesti. Rusini so bili le živinorejci, ali pa delavci na poljih in v gozdovih teh premožnih tujih slojev.

Praska administracija je obljubila Rusinom avtonomijo, toda to obljubo je bilo težko izpolniti. Položaj je bil tak, da bi bila avtonomija velika kazen za Rusine, katere bi bili dobili manjšinski elementi še bolj v svoje roke. Pozneje so Madžari, Poljaki in Nemci izkoriščali to

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stojata najmanj dva vzroka, ki govorita v prilog priključenosti Rusinov k Sovjetski uniji. Prvi je to, da so ponosne zmage rdeče armade zanele navdušeno narodno zavest med Rusini. Drugo pa so kolaboratorji, ki so bili vedno proti čehoslovaški oblasti in so postali pozneje kvizlingi Horthyjeve vlade. Vsi ti elementi vedo, da bo Beneševa vlada trdo kaznovala vse kolaboratorje, pa naj bodo Čehi, Slovaki, Madžari ali Rusini. Ti elementi so bili vedno strogo protikomunisti in radi tega tudi proti Rusom. Toda danes imajo le še eno samo upanje—namreč, da utegne Sovjetska Rusija zatistiti oči in pozabiti, kaj je bilo, ako prineso s seboj deželo, nekako v dar ali v odkup. Poudarjali bodo, da njih izdajstvo ni bilo naperjeno proti Rusiji, temveč le proti enemu njenih zaveznikov.

V sedanjem trenutku nikakor ni mogoče reči, kaj bo rešitev tega problema. Čehoslovaška vlada v Londonu seveda noče, da bi bi vprašanje postalo večna sporna točka med Čehoslovaško in Rusijo—za to bi rusinsko ozemlje ni bilo dovolj važno. Toda pomisliti je treba tudi, da je Sovjetska Rusija priznala stare meje čehoslovaške republike. Z vidika mednarodnega prava ni nobenega vzroka, da bi Beneš odstopil to ozemlje, toda pravno vprašanje ni edina stran, katero velja premisliti. Največ domnev se suče okrog plebiscita, ki bi bil prirejen na podlagi Atlantskega čarterja.—ONA.

Glasovi iz nasebin

CHICAGO, Ill.—Zavedna rojkinja sestra Jennie Dolence iz Lintonia, Ind., se je potrdila, da je med člani društva št. 180 SNPJ nabrala vsoto \$12.50 v pomoč našemu blednemu ljudstvu v stari domovini. Darovali so rojaki in član v zneskih od \$1.60 pa do 60 centov. Hvala vsem darovalcem in sesterski pozdravi!

Tajnik društva št. 316 SNPJ v Danvillu, Ill., brat Frank Pinter, je poslal vsoto \$12 v pomoč našemu narodu v starem kraju, katero so darovali v zneskih od \$1 pa do 50 centov člani omenjenega društva. Hvala vsem! Upravni urad SANSa v Chicagu, Ill., potrjuje prejem zgore omenjenih vsot, ter se darovalcem in nabiralcem za njih trud in pomoč v imenu trpečega naroda v starem kraju najiskrenejše zahvaljuje. SANS.

PRISPEVKI ZA STARO DOMOVINO
BURGETTSTOWN, Pa.—Članice angleške poslujočega društva "Cavellers" št. 741 SNPJ Anna Vajentic, Mary Leskovich in Theresa Colpo so bile nabirateljice prostovoljne prispevke za naš trpeči narod v Jugoslaviji, da se mu nekoliko olajša grozna beda in tipljenje, katerega prestaja v svoji borbi za neodvisnost in svobodo izpod jarma Hitlerjevih tolovajev in njegovih domačih kolaboratorjev.

Društvo št. 741 SNPJ je darovalo \$10 in Frank Braddock pa \$5, ostalo vsoto so pa darovali razni posamezniki v zneskih od \$4 pa do 35 centov. Vsega skupaj so nabrale \$65, kar sem odposlala na upravni urad SANSa v Chicagu, da se odda na pristojno mesto za pomoč našemu narodu v stari domovini.

Hvala vsem darovalcem in sesterski pozdravi!

Emma Korosec, tajnica št. 741 SNPJ.

APEL NA GLAVNE ODBORE PODPORNIM ORGANIZACIJ

Pittsburgh, Pa.—Na redni seji naše organizacije SND smo imeli na dnevnem redu med drugim tudi zbiranje relifne pomoči za jugoslovanske narode, za katero je veliko zanimanje. Vzeli smo na znanje apel Janka Roglja, predsednika ABZ, ki je izšel v Novi Dobi dne 10. januarja.

Naš sklep je bil, da pošljemo apel na vse glavne odbore slovanskih bratskih jednot, da na svojih letnih sejah končno rešijo zadevo sklada JPO-SS, ki je postal predmet javne razprave po vsej Ameriki.

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Na podlagi sedanje politične situacije v Jugoslaviji je sedaj edino pravilno, da se JPO-SS priključi z vsemi sredstvi k pomožnemu odboru ZOJSA v New Yorku, ki deluje za edinstveno pomoč vsem narodom.

Po našem mnenju odpadejo sedaj vsi vaši izgovori, da je bil namen pomagati samo Slovence. Ko je bil JPO ustanovljen, ni bilo znano, da so narodi v Jugoslaviji vzeli svojo usodo v svoje lastne roke, da so ustanovili skupno narodno armado v njihovi sveti vojni za obstanek. Če bi se ti narodi še vedno delili kot je želela in delovala begunška vlada in njeni zastopniki v inosemstvu, bi danes ne bilo upanja za novo, demokratično federativno Jugoslavijo.

Iz teh razlogov vas pozivamo, da to zadevo enkrat končno rešite, kot zahteva današnji položaj in interesi prizadetih narodov.

Paul Klun, predsednik, Frank Oblak, tajnik.

Prehrana civilnega prebivalstva

Živilska administracija in urad za ekonomsko stabilizacijo v Washingtonu ugotovlja, da je po toradnem programu za leto 1945 določeno, koliko živeža bodo dobile naše armadne sile, koliko ga bo na razpolago za civilno prebivalstvo in kolike količine živilnih izdelkov bodo potrebne za nadaljevanje potrebne vojne proizvodnje. Na podlagi ocenitve zaloga živil, ki sta jih izvršili omenjeni vladni vojni agenciji, je urad za vojno administracijo določil, kako se bodo porazdelile obstoječe zaloge med civilno prebivalstvo. V soglasju z navodili sodnika Vinsona, direktorja urada za ekonomsko stabilizacijo, bodo civilni prebivalci deležni manjših odmerkov nekaterih živil v tekočem letu.

Vsaka oseba bo prikrajšana na odmerkih sladkorja, sirovega masla, predelane živeža (processed foods) in mesa. In tu so vzroki zakaj:

Sladkor: Letos bo prišlo 78 funtov sladkorja na osebo, dočim je bilo lani povprečno 85 funtov sladkorja na osebo, a v letu 1941 pa 107 funtov. Pomanjkanje sladkorja je pripisovati večji uporabi tekom lanskega leta, dalje manjši pridelavi sladkorne pese; pomanjkanju ladij za prevoz, raba ogromnih količin sladkorja za izdelovanje industrialnega alkohola in pa večje zahteve od strani armade za tekoče leto.

Sirovo maslo: Dvanajst milijonov funtov manj sirovega masla je določeno za civilno prebivalstvo v letošnjem januarju nego v januarju prošlega leta. Vzrok je najti predvsem v dejstvu, da ameriško ljudstvo popije sedaj veliko več mleka in vlada rabi velike zaloge sira, mleka in sirovega masla za armado.

Predelani živeži: Komaj dvestotinska količina predelane ali konzervirane in dehidrirane živeža, ki ga je imelo civilno prebivalstvo na razpolago v letu 1941, bo razpoložljiva za tekoče leto. Vlada bo vzela 45% tega živeža za vojaške in druge potrebe. Poleg tega so zaloge na rokah sedaj dokaj manjše od laniških zalog v tem času leta.

Meso: Civilno prebivalstvo bo dobilo letos za 15% manj mesa na osebo kot lani—približno 127 funtov tekom leta, kar je skoro toliko, kot povprečen človek porabi mesa v normalnih mirnih časih.—FLIS.

Bolgarija hoče biti "co-belligerent"

Bern, (ONA)—Bolgarski minister za notranje zadeve, Anton Jugov, je izjavil danes, da bi moral dobiti Bolgarija status "Co-belligerenta" in "meti svoje mesto na mirovni konferenci radi svojega rastočega prispevka na strani zaveznikov.

Jugoslovanska vojaška misija, katere načelnik je general Popović, je 18. jan. prispela v Sofijo. Kakšen je namen te misije, ni bilo objavljeno.

CUNARD-WHITE STAR PAROBRODNA DRUŽBA IMENOVALA NOVEGA ZASTOPNIKA ZA ZDR. DRŽAVE

Cunard-White Star parobrodna družba je sporočila, da je ravnateljstvo družbe v Liverpoolu v Angliji za svojega zastopnika v Združenih državah imenovalo Harolda P. Borerja, namesto Roberta Blakesa, ki je umrl 3. januarja. Borer je vstopil v potniški urad Cunard parobrodne družbe leta 1910, leta 1925 pa je bil postavljen za glavnega ravnatelja potniškega oddelka, na katerem mestu je ostal tudi potem, ko sta se obe parobrodni družbi združili.

Mr. Borer je bil rojen v Brooklynu in živi s svojo družino v Great Necku, L. I. Leta 1916 je bil v narodni gardi na mehiški meji. V prvi svetovni vojni je bil namestnik v uradu za pošiljanje armade v Evropo. Ima tri sinove, starejši poročnik Harold W. Borer je pogrešan tekom napada na Formozo, drugi sin je na nekem transportnem parniku, najmlajši pa še obiskuje šolo. (Adv.)

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Vladna omejitve konvencij

Te dni stopi v veljavo vladna omejitev konvencij širom dežele. Po odloku vrhovnega direktorja vojne mobilizacije in "pomožnega predsednika" Byrnesa mora po 1. februarju zaprositi za posebno vladno dovoljenje vsaka organizacija, katere konvencija bi štela več kot 50 članov. Odlok se tudi glasi, da bodo dovoljenje dobile le one organizacije, katerih konvencije so "potrebne za vojne napore."

Ta dekret je bil izdan za olajšanje osebnega prometa na železnih. Kdor danes potuje po železnici, ve, da so vlaki res natrpani in je srečen, če dobi sedež. Precejšen del tega prometa tvorijo delegati raznih organizacij, katerih je v deželi tako rekoč brez števila in mnoge od njih zborujejo letno; to posebno bizniške organizacije. V Chicagu na primer ni tedna ali celo dneva brez kakšne konvencije, čestokrat večje konvencije z več tisoč delegati; mnogokrat čitamo v lokalnih listih, da je v mestu 20 do 25 tisoč delegatov, po nekaj tisoč pa vsak teden. Več ali manj se to dogaja tudi v vseh ostalih vsemestih širom dežele.

Značaj mnogih konvencij je zgolj—izletniški. V mirnem času so taki izleti priporočljivi in dobri za organizacije in za biznis. In te vrste ljudje so tudi petični. Gre malo po bizniških opravkih in malo na konvencijo na trgovsko ali poklicno posvetovanje. Te vrste organizacije imajo edino konvencijsko agendo—poslušanje govornikov, za zabavo si pa privatno poskrbe—navadno tam, kjer so lepa dekleta in drage pijske.

V vojnem času, ko je promet na železnih velik, te vrste konvencije lahko odpadejo brez vsake škode. In odpadejo lahko tudi konvencije takih organizacij, ki postavno niso prisliljene zborovati.

Vse nekaj drugega je pa glede inkorporiranih bratskih organizacij, ki so pod državno kontrolo in v smislu zakona morajo zborovati v določeni dobi. In med temi organizacijami je tudi naša SNPJ, ki mora v smislu pravil in zakona države Illinois letos imeti svojo konvencijo. Če bi jo odgodila na prihodnje leto ali še na poznejši čas, bi prišla v nevarnost, da izgubi svoj čarter ali pa poslovnico v kateri izmed 18 držav, v katerih posluje.

Na podlagi legalnih informacij, ki jih je dobil upravni odsek naše jednote, bi ne bilo priporočljivo, da bi odgodili konvencijo niti tedaj, če bi to dovoljenje dobili od illinoiske državne oblasti. In tako dovoljenje bi lahko dala le legislatura s sprejetjem izjemnega zakona, ki bi kril, seveda, vse prizadete bratske organizacije, inkorporirane v tej državi. Odgoditi konvencije bi ne bila priporočljiva niti v tem primeru, kajti bi lahko sitnosti delala pa kaka druga država, kjer ima jednota poslovnico.

Priprave za našo konvencijo morajo torej iti naprej brez ozira na odlok zveznega direktorja vojne mobilizacije, bivšega vrhovnega sodnika Byrnesa. In te priprave morajo iti naprej v smislu naših pravil, kajti vsako drugačno postopanje bi bilo nepravilno—nelegalno.

Kar se tega Byrnesovega odloka tiče, podpornim organizacijam, ki morajo v smislu državnega zakona imeti svoje konvencije v predpisani dobi, po našem mišljenju ne bo delal posebnih zaprek. Byrnesov odlok je namreč le odlok—ne zvezni zakon—ki ne more iti preko nobenega zakona, niti te ali one države ne. V bistvu je "moralen pritisk" na organizacije, naj s svojimi konvencijami ne obremenjujejo potniškega prometa na železnih.

Toda ker je tudi zgolj "moralni pritisk" zvezne vlade velik (saj je še enak "pritisk" navadnega policaja), bo seveda vsaka organizacija, ki želi imeti konvencijo v "prepovedani dobi," vložila prošnjo na zvezno komisijo, ki jo je kreiral direktor Byrnes v ta namen. In tako prošnjo je treba vložiti ne prej kot šest mesecev in ne pozneje kot 30 dni pred konvencijo. To bo storila seveda tudi naša jednota—glavni urad na tem že dela. In ker moramo letos imeti konvencijo v smislu državnega zakona, kakor tudi v smislu naših pravil, ki so podrejena zakonu, niti ne dvomimo, da bo prošnja odobrena.

Torej lahko z vso sigurnostjo pričakujemo, da se bo naša konvencija vršila v smislu pravil in sklepov zadnje konvencije. V smislu tega sklepa se ima vršiti v Minnesoti—v Evelethu—dasi ima glavni odbor pravico, da jo premesti v kako drugo mesto ali državo. Na svoji zadnji seji je sklenil, da ostane pri konvencijem zaključku. Svoj sklep seveda lahko spremeni na prihodnji seji, ki se prične 15. februarja.

Zdaj prihaja čas, ko naj članstvo začne razmotrivati na svojih sejah, kaj je treba izboljšati pri organizaciji. V ta namen se članstvo lahko posluži tudi Prosve, kot običajno pred vsako konvencijo. Na ta način smo izboljšavali jednoto od konvencije do konvencije. V teh razpravah je vedno prišlo mnogo idej, dobrih in slabih; kar je bilo po mnenju večine delegacije dobrega, je postalo meso in kri, pleve pa je odnesel veter.

Pravil najbrže ne bo mogoče dosti izboljšati; vsaj radikalne spremembe niso potrebne. In kolikor so te spremembe potrebne, bodo najbolj vedeli oni glavni funkcionarji, ki so na čelu poslovanja jednote, in pa tajniki društev, ki imajo največ izkušenj pri društvem poslovanju.

Eno izmed najvažnejših vprašanj pred članstvom je vsekakor vprašanje pomožne mladinske krožkov. Dobro bi bilo, če se članstvo poglubi v to vprašanje, kajti za bodočnost organizacije so mladinski krožki velike važnosti. Dobra razprava o tem vprašanju s strani članstva bi lahko veliko koristila prihodnji konvenciji in organizaciji. Če ustvarimo večje zanimanje med sabo in pri društvih, ne bo ostalo samo pri besedah.

Glasovi iz nasebin

DRUŠTVENIKU V SPOMIN

Walsenburg, Colo.—Ko sem bil v ponedeljek, 8. januarja t. l., zaposlen kakšnih par sto čevljev od prostora št. 2 v premogovniku Cameron, me nenadoma pokliče delovodja s pretresljivim glasom in pove, da se je zgodila nesreča v prostoru št. 2.

Ker vem za vsak prostor in za vsakega delavca, kje dela, sem takoj vedel, komu se je pripetila nesreča. Hitro stečem v prostor in najdem Franka Tomšiča ležečega na tleh, a kamen mu je držal nogo samo za podplat čevlja. Hitro vzdignem kamen in delovodja mu premakne nogo izpod kamna. Na prvi pogled sem mislil, da ni nič hudga, ali ko sem videl, da se nič ne premakne, sem takoj zaslutil najhujše. Takoj sem ugotovil, da ima zlomljen hrbet, toda bil je pri zavesti vzlic hudi poškodbi. Ker je bila potrebna velika previdnost, je vzel skoraj pol ure, predno smo pripravili vse potrebno za obvežanje in prenos. Med tem časom pa sva se pogovarjala o različnih stvareh, ali ko smo ga dvignili, da smo postavili deščice pod zlomljen hrbet, sem takoj videl, da so minute njegovega življenja zelo kratke. In res, čez nekaj minut je mirno zaspal za vedno.

Pokojniki je bil rojen v Knežaku na Notranjem in po domače smo mu rekli Lavrihov Frank. V Ameriko je prišel 1. 1921, in sicer meseca marca s parnikom Columbia. Prišel je najprej v Trinidad, Colo., kjer je pričel delati v premogovniku Morley. Potem se je preselil v Primer, Colo., kjer se je tudi oženil. V zakonu so se mu rodili trije otroci, dva sinova in hčerka. Sinova sta sedaj oba v službi Strica Sama, deklica pa počenja še v šoli tu v Walsenburgu.

V Walsenburg se je preselil 1. 1925 in živel tu do svoje smrti. Tukaj si je kupil tudi dom. Pred leti je bil aktiven pri SNPJ in bil tudi v društvem odboru in precej časa zapisnikar pri okrožni federaciji SNPJ in dve leti njen predsednik. Na zadnji redni konvenciji SNPJ je bil tudi delegat, a od tedaj naprej pa je postal silno aktiven pri Ameriški bratski zvezi. Leto poprej je bil tudi delegat na konvenciji ABZ, na zadnji konvenciji te organizacije pa je bil izvoljen v glavni porotni odbor. Ameriška bratska organizacija je izgubila z njim ne samo člana in tajnika tukajšnjega društva, ampak tudi zelo dobrega agitatorja. Službo glavnega odbornika je nastopil s prvim januarjem t. l. Takoj po konvenciji se je lotil z vso vmo in energijo agitacije za ABZ in pridobil dokaj novih članov.

Pokojniki je bil tudi član Zapadne slovanske zveze in predsednik tukajšnjega društva. Pogreb je imel civilni, in sicer v nedeljo, 14. januarja. Poleg zastopnikov društev in premogarskih organizacij, se je od njegovega poslovi tudi Louis Korosec iz Puebla, Colo. Pogreba se je udeležilo veliko zunanjih ljudi iz Puebla, Trinidade, Aguilara in Delague.

Ed Tomšič.

RAZNO IZ SHARONA

Sharon, Pa.—Bolje je pozno kot nobenkrat. To se nanaša na poročilo o prireditvi mladinskega krožka št. 21 SNPJ, ki se je vršila na božični večer. Dvorana je bila prilično napolnjena. Otroci so vloge še precej dobro rešili. Ljubek je bil nastop male vnučkinje Joeva Pavleniča, tajnika društva 31. On je zdaj na bolniški listi in vsi člani Slovenskega doma in tudi društva 262 mu želimo hitrega okrevanja.

Vstopnine na tej prireditvi ni bilo, pač pa so navzoči prostovoljno prispevali \$53.90. Matt Bahor in žena sta darovala \$6, ostali pa po tri, dva in po dolarju. Vsa imena so zabeležena v knjigah postojanke 13 JPO-SS—čisti preostanek je žel namreč za pomožno akcijo. Kdor se zanimala, naj pride na sejo postojanke prvo nedeljo v februarju in bo slišal poročilo. Vendar prosim vse, da pridete na to sejo, da se kaj ukrene za združitve obeh postojank in izvoli odbor.

Podpisana in Frank Kramer, predsednik postojanke pomožne akcije, sva zelo zaposlena pri Slovenskem domu, jaz kot tajnica gospodinskega kluba, on pa kot tajnik Doma, poleg tega pa še vsak pri svojem društvu. Ne vem, zakaj moramo imeti toliko različnih odborov, in največ povsod ene in iste osebe.

Prosim tudi ljudi, ki prinašajo obleke v Slovenski dom, da ni treba prinašati nekaj, kar je nerabno; ako je preslabo, da bi sami nosili, tudi ni vredno, da bi pošiljali v stari kraj. Več se dobre obleke, ki smo jo izbrale v Domu, sem dala v čistilnico in sama plačala \$5.85. Priporočljivo bi bilo, da bi vsakdo sam dal očistiti težko obleko, suknje in podobno, kar ni mogoče oprati: Vsak posameznik bi plačal le male cente, dočim stane precej, kadar se več nabere. Nas je več ki smo že prej poslali v skladišče v New Yorku in dali vsak svoje očistiti.

Blagajnik postojanke JPO-SS ima po zadnjem poročilu na rokah \$112.95, včevši \$5, ki jih je prispevalo društvo 174 ABZ.

Frances Gorence, 262.

NEREŠENI PROBLEM

Cleveland.—Seji glavnega odbora v februarju 1942 je braj gl. tajnik poročal med drugim tudi sledeče:

"Stroški dvanajste redne konvencije, ki je bila ob enem združitvena, in priprave znašajo do sedaj \$71,952.47. V konvencijem skladu je bilo dne 31. decembra \$10,952.20 deficita, toda treba bi se plačati zapisnik in pravila obeh oddelkov, kar pomeni, da bo končni primanjkljaj nad \$16,000.00.

"Če bazarimo dohodke v konvencijem sklad na podlagi sedanjega števila članstva, pomeni, da bodo dohodki štirih let znesli okrog \$43,500.00. Ako od omenjenih vsote odštejemo že imenovan primanjkljaj šestnajstih tisoč, bomo imeli v konvencijem skladu do prihodnje konvencije okrog \$27,500.00, ali konservativno računano, \$25,000.00 premalo. Kako in kje bomo dobili denar za pokritje stroškov bodoče konvencije, je problem, katerega bo moral rešiti glavni odbor na tej ali eni bodočih sej."

Da, bratje in sestre, to je problem, katerega bi mogel glavni odbor rešiti. Dasi se je za tem vršilo že pet letnih sej gl. odbora, ni isti ničesar definitivnega ukrenil. Na zadnji konvenciji je bilo nad polovico delegatov iz mest bližje konvečnega mesta, kot pa Chicaga, na prihodnji konvenciji pa bo obratno. Glavni odbor bi lahko sam, brez splošnega glasovanja, spremenil sedež prihodnje konvencije in s tem prihranil več tisočakov konvencijem skladu. Preteklo leto je članstvo razpravljalo o iniciativni društvu št. 21, katerega namen je bil znižati zastopstvo za prihodnjo konvencijo; ker pa bi predložena sprememba ne znižala zastopstva zadostno, ni iniciativa dobila potrebne podpore, da bi šla na splošno glasovanje. Isti čas je več društev priporočalo gl. odboru, naj isti izda iniciativno v svrhu rešitve problema. Gl. odbor je o stvari razpravljal, ni pa podvzel potrebne akcije, češ, naj se prepusti konvenciji.

Članstvo društva št. 126 je o

zadevi razpravljalo in prevladovalo je mnenje, da je potreba nekaj storiti pred prihodnjo konvencijo, kajti nahajamo se v izrednih razmerah zdaj, vsled vojne in konvencijni sklad ne bo zadostoval za kritje stroškov prihodnje konvencije. Ker je bilo razvidno, da ni gl. odbor pripravljen rešiti problema, je društvo na seji dne 17. septembra osvojilo predlog v svrhu spremembe določb o načinu volitev delegatov, s čemer bi se zastopstvo prihodnje konvencije znižalo za približno polovico. Predlog je določal, da se delegate voli po okrožjih, v katero svrhu se članstvo posluži že obstoječih okrožnih federacij.

Nato je društvo prejelo obvestilo od br. gl. tajnika, da gl. izvršni odbor ni odobril iniciative, češ, da je v protislovju z določbo 1. točke 4. člena pravil ter državnimi zakoni. Društvo je amendiralo še 1. točko 4. člena in ponovno poslalo v gl. urad s pojasnilom, da določbe niso protislovne državnim zakonom. Br. gl. tajnik je iniciativo zopet vrnil z motivacijo, da bi morali najprej spremeniti čarter predno se more dati iniciativa na glasovanje. V odgovoru omenja, da izvršni odbor dvomi, da bi državni zavarovalniški urad spremembo odobril vsled dualnega sistema volitev. Sprememba bi baje tudi odpravila važen princip enakopravnosti.

Društveni člani se seveda ne strinjamo z izjavi razlogov za odklanjanje iniciative, a ker se je zadeva s tem zavlekla, je društvo opustilo nadaljnje poskušnje, izvesti zamišljene spremembe. Na mestu tega je sklenilo predložiti spremembo, o kateri ne bo moglo biti dvoma o zakonitosti. Na seji dne 17. decembra je društvo sprejelo iniciativno, glasom katere bi društva sama določila in plačala dnevne delegatom svojega društva. Društva, katere ne bi poslala svojega delegata, pa bi lahko pooblastila delegata drugega društva, da jih zastopa.

Kdor tolmači postavbe v glavnem uradu, je tudi o tem tolmačil tako, da zakon ne dovoljuje, da bi društvo smelo pooblastiti katerega drugega delegata, da njih društvo zastopa na konvenciji.

Na zadnji društveni seji je bila večina članstva mnenja, da je gl. izvršni odbor proti vsaki spremembi in vsled tega ne dovoli, da bi se članstvu dalo kakšne spremembe v razpravo, in ker se bliža čas volitev delegatov, je društvo sklenilo opustiti nadaljnje poskušnje rešitve problema. S tem je princip enakopravnosti v tem oziru rešen, ni pa rešen problem konvečnega sklada.

Blas Novak, št. 126.

NEKAJ SUGESTIJ

Gross, Kans.—Po zaključku jubilejne kampanje SNPJ poglujemo nazaj na naše izvršeno delo in ocenimo eventualne napake, storjene v času kampanje ter jih skušamo popraviti, ali se jim izogniti v bodočih agitacijah.

Seveda, naše naloge so, da vršimo agitacijo za nove člane brez zastojanja, neglede ali je razpisana kampanja ali ne. Vendar pa izven razpisanih kampanj vršimo agitatorično delo z veliko manjšim tempom. Zakaj? Vsaj prinaša štoklja novorojenčke na svet približno z enakim tempom, ne ozirajoč se na naše kampanje. Tako bi moral tudi naš mladinski oddelek napredovati z enakim tempom.

Kadar je razpisana kampanja,

se naši agitatorji poženejo v agitacijo za nove člane, ker dobe nekaj nagrade za nove člane, ki pa v mnogih slučajih niso nobene nagrade, pač pa le povrnitev faktičnih stroškov. V mnogih slučajih je treba pritisniti več kot enkrat na kljuko, predno se pridobi novega člana. Dostikrat pa so vsa pota brez uspeha, kajti ni pod vsakim grmom zajca.

Naravno. Take potežkoče so znane vsem agitatorjem in jih ni treba tukaj navajati. Kar hočem povedati, je tole: Jednota naj bi dala nekaj nagrade za vsakega novopridobljenega člana, neglede na kampanjo. Če organizacija lahko plača nagrade v času kampanje, mislim, da je mogoče in pravilno, da bi plačala tudi, kadar ni kampanje. Tako bi bili naši agitatorji stalno na delu in se poslužili vsake prilike za pridobitev novih članov, kajti štoklja se oglasi tu in tam tudi po kampanji in pusti dober propekt za naš mladinski oddelek.

Ker nimamo vsaj delno plačane agitatorja, se z agitacijo odlašča, češ, bo mogoče kateri drug član stopil za novimi člani. Saj imamo vsi enake pravice in dolžnosti do društva in jednote. Tako se zanašamo drug na drugega. Ako pa bi jednota dala oziroma plačala nagrado, pa ne bi čakali s prospekti do razpisane kampanje, med tem časom pa je morda propekt vpisal agent komercialne zavarovalniške družbe. Komercialne zavarovalniške družbe imajo svoje plačane agente in ti so ne prestopajo na lovu za novimi člani. In tako zgubimo člana, da sicer imamo boljše zavarovanje kot katere koli privatna zavarovalna družba. Povrhu pa imamo tudi Mladinski list ali po novem "Voice of Youth", kateri je velik prijatelj otrok.

Morda bodo nekateri dejali, da je dolžnost vsakega člana, da gre za novimi člani in jih pridobi v društvo brez odškodnine. Teorija je dobra, toda v praksi je drugače. Časi, ko smo agitirali med znanci iz golega idealizma za tedaj še šibko SNPJ, so za nami. Takrat je imela jednota idejnih agitatorjev zelo veliko, a danes pa smo menda vsi postali več ali manj materialisti, ki pričakujemo, da dobimo vsaj delno plačano za naše delo za organizacijo. Tega se zavemo tudi glavni odborniki naših bratskih organizacij, zato tudi od časa do časa razpisujejo kampanjo za nove člane. Jednota se je v štiridesetih letih dobro finančno opomogla, zato lahko nekaj plača svojim delavcem-agitatorjem.

John Shular, 206.

NAPREJ DAN V MILWAUKEEU

V sredini Prosve smo čitali poziv režiserja Medveška na vajo za igro "Norec". To znači, da se fantje in dekleta v Chicagu zares trudijo, da bodo nam Milwaukeeanci postavili na oder zares izvršno igranega. Prav za prav smo mi Milwaukeeanci—četudi smo izbirčni—bili še vedno zadovoljni, kadar so nam Čikažani odigrali kakšno igro. Za Naprejev dan to leto pa menda mislijo pokazati najboljše, kar premorejo njih igralske moči in njih režija. In prav je tako. Milwaukeeanci namreč zelo upoštevamo dobro igrane igre in pa tiste, ki nam jih podajo. Prav zato smo prepričani, da bodo Čikažani nastopili dne 11. februarja pred zelo hvaležnim občinstvom.

Seveda tudi Naprej ne spi! Tudi Naprej se hoče na svoj dan postaviti. Vadi se, da je le kaj! Naši ljudje namreč ljubijo tudi lepo slovansko pesem in na ta dan se ne bodo vrnili razočarani domov. Zato bodo že poskrbeli Naprejevci, kakor so še vedno. Razlika med prejšnjimi koncerti in letošnjim bo pa ta, da bo za enkrat nadomestila umetno pesem ljubka narodna pesem, harmonično zapeta. Naprejev namen je namreč ta, da zadovolji tiste, ki so nas že neštokrat opominjali, naj podamo enkrat občinstvu takšne pesmi, ki so vsakemu znane še izza mladostnih let. Na stotine teh pesmi imamo Slovenci, pesmi, ki so spremljale naše ljudi od zibel do groba, od fantovanja do "ohceti"! Lepo število teh bo vsak Milwaukeean imel priliko slišati na Naprejev dan. In pa prav čedno po vrhu!

Vstopnice bodo stale 70 centov z davkom vred. To seveda ni dosti, če prvič pomislimo, da zaenkrat živimo v dobrih denarnih razmerah. Drugič, da ostane Napreju od plačane vstopnice samo 58 centov—ostalo je davke. Tretjič, s tistimi vstopnicami pomagamo vzdrževati Naprej, kateremu je obstoj omogočen le s podporo občinstva—in vzdrževanje pevskega zbora stane več kot bi si kdo mislil.

Začetek programa bo TOČNO ob petih popoldne. Pričelo se bo s petjem. Nato drama "Norec". Med dejanji zopet petje in tako do konca. Presledek 20 minut bo le med drugim in tretjim dejanjem, da se vsakdo lahko okrepča—saj veste! Program bo dokončan najpozneje ob osmi uri zvečer. Po tem sistemu bomo omogočeno tistim, ki delajo nedeljo z drugimi vred proslavljati Naprejev dan, tistim pa, ki jih dolžnost kliče na delo rano v ponedeljek, tudi ne bo delala cela reč nikakih preglastic.

Dvorana bo odprta ob poltretih popoldne. Na Naprejev dan se po navadi snidejo stari znanci, ki radi malo pokramljajo. Treba je namreč nekoliko premlatiti svetovno politiko, domače razmere in kaj še vse! Za take prijeteljske pogovore bo časa dve uri in pol. Vrhu tega bo pa imel vsakdo dovolj časa izbrati si sedež, kakršnega si bo želel, kar je tudi nekaj vredno. Stevovali bi pa vsakomur, da pride že zgoraj v dvorano, že ob poltreh; saj veste: "Early bird gets the worm!" Ob štirih popoldne bodo najbrže že vsi najboljši sedeži zasedeni!

Se eno! Vstopnice prodajajo vsi člani Napreja in pa društveni tajniki in tajnice.

Na svidenje v SS Turn dvorani dne 11. februarja.

Publiski odbor.

Društvene priredbe

SLAVIJA NAS VABI

Chicago.—Samo nekaj vrstic, da ne boste pozabili domače zabave društva Slavije 1 SNPJ, ki se vrši "drugo soboto zvečer v jednotni dvorani na 27. cesti in S. Lawndale ave. To bo ravno na pustno soboto, ko se mnogi radi poveselijo. Tudi v "maskare" se lahko napravite in pride na to zabavo. Pripravljeni odbor je obljubil dobro godbo in domačo postrežbo. Torej le pripravite se in pridite na to zabavo v soboto zvečer, 10. februarja.

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VABILO NA DOMAČO VEČERJO

West Park, O.—Članstvo društva št. 257 SNPJ in prijatelji so vabljani na domačo večerjo, katero bomo servirali dne 11. februarja zvečer v dvorani JDN na West 130 st.

Večerja bo prav domača, kajti servirali bomo gulaž in polento. Po večerji bomo imeli prost zabavo in tudi pijske ne bo manjkalo. Apelim na naše članstvo in prijatelje, da nas obiščejo in se malo razveselijo z nami.

Za leto 1945 je bil izvoljen sledeč odbor: predsednica Cecilia Brodnik, podpredsednik Jack Gustinčič, tajnica Mary Knafelc, blagajnik Anton Buh, zapisnikarica Josephine Gabriel. Nadzorni odbor: Anton Peterle, Joe Zakrajšek in Joe Gabriel. Zastavonoša Frank Potrebuj. Zdravnika A. J. Cortner in (?) Mesečna seja se vrši vsako tretjo nedeljo dopoldne.

V vojni je bil pogrešan precej časa Stanley Gabriel, sedaj pa se je oglasil iz Nemčije, kjer je ujetnik. Razumljivo, da so bili tega poročila njegovi sorodniki zelo veseli, še posebno pa njegova mati Elizabeth Gabriel. Tudi članstvo našega društva je veselo tega sporočila, kajti bil je dober in aktiven član. On je bil prvi od našega društva, ki je bil pogrešan. Želimo, da bi se kmalu srečno povrnil nazaj, prav tako ostalih 13 članov, ki so v vojski.

Na bolniški listi smo imeli tri člane. Brat Carl Strekyel je bil operiran in se je že javil zdravega. Sedaj pa je bolna njegova žena. Bolan je bil tudi Frank Mlakar, a je že zdrav.

Na koncu pa ponovno vabim vse članstvo in prijatelje, da nas gotovo posetijo dne 11. februarja zvečer.

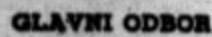
Domačo zabavo smo preložili na nedeljo, 11. februarja, zato, ker je dvorana oddana v soboto, 10. feb. Prosim, da to spremembo vpoštevate.

Mary Knafelc, tajnica.



Sestanek med voditelji CIO in jugoslovanske pomožne akcije, na katerem so planirali kampanjo med unijami CIO za zbiranje prispevkov za jugoslovanski relief. Na sliki so od desne na levo: Leo Kravicki, podpredsednik Amalgamated Clothing Workers, Richard T. Frankenstein, podpredsednik avne unije UAW, Mrs. Balokovich in pisatelj Louis Adamič.

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SNPJ a Leader in Fraternalism

In glancing over the history of the Slovene National Benefit Society, we note with pride several outstanding features, which are as interesting as they are important to our members in general and to the younger generation in particular.

Our Society was from its inception a pioneer in many endeavors among our fraternal benefit societies. It was first to establish the central sick benefit fund and a uniform sick benefit scale; it was first to give its members the initiative and referendum; it was first to give equal rights to women members, and it was first to have women delegates at its conventions and women officers of its lodges.

In the educational field, our Society was fortified with its progressive principles and labor ideology. The SNPJ was the first to publish its own daily newspaper and weekly organ, and the first to establish its own printery. Our Society also experimented in publishing books of science and fiction; likewise, it was first with founding its English speaking lodges and giving them an English section in its official organ.

In addition, the SNPJ was a leader in establishing its juvenile department, which proved to be such a wise thing that soon afterward all other Slovene fraternal societies followed suit. Our Society was also a pioneer in founding its juvenile organ, now known as *The Voice of Youth*.

These and other noteworthy features adopted by our Society many years ago have proved valuable assets for the organization as well as for the membership. Of course, the above brief review is not the complete story of our Society's endeavors, but it will suffice to show the ingenuity of the pioneers and subsequent leaders of the organization.

We believe that one of the outstanding features in our fraternal system is our Juvenile Department. Fortunately, our Society recognized early the importance of this department which proved to be an invaluable asset.

We take pride in the fact that our Society was the FIRST fraternal organization in this country in establishing its Juvenile Department. This historic step was taken at the fifth regular convention in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, in 1912, and the motion was approved by a referendum in the fall of the same year. Thus the Juvenile Department was officially established Jan. 1, 1913.

Official records of other fraternal societies show that the first actual steps to organize juvenile departments were not taken until 1914. At that time, or two years after the establishment of our Society's Juvenile Department, several societies followed suit and established juvenile departments.

This movement spread rapidly and was used most effectively by many fraternal societies as a channel through which adult members could be reached. It can now be stated that one of the chief reasons for the advances made by the fraternal societies in the past—is the admission of children into their fold.

It was 30 years ago that the National Fraternal Congress approved "whole family protection"—a step which generated the societies and, according to statistics, it appears that the future success of the fraternal system depends on further promotion of the juvenile movement.

According to Wilson H. Grabill, a Census Bureau Expert, childbirth in recent years has increased considerably and the war marriage boom is on the upgrade. He says that more marriages took place in each of the last four years than in any year in the United States.

The immediate effect, he says, is a boom in childbirth. Of course, it is up to the fraternal societies to take advantage of the situation.

During the last six months of the past year, our own Juvenile Department was increased by a total of nearly 1,300 new juvenile members. Although the increase is ascribed to the membership campaign, it nevertheless reflects the present situation, which means that there are still many insurable children in our communities that could and must be enrolled into our lodges.

We must remember that the future of our Adult Department to a very large extent depends on a strong Juvenile Department which must be constantly reinforced with new juvenile members.

NOTATIONS

By Frances L. Rak

CHICAGO.—A short meeting was held by Perfect Circle last Saturday. Over thirty members attended, among them four new members: Marlene Pokorny, Mildred Pokorny, Allen Obluck, and Warren Obluck. The older girls were putting the Circle by-laws in booklet form while the older boys played ping-pong. The younger group went through marching exercises while Marlon Cervenko played the piano for them.

Perfect Circle will hold a Valentine party on Feb. 14 at the lower SNPJ hall. Each member is going to make a homemade valentine which will be sent to those whose names they drew at the meeting. There will be a box decorated for all other valentines, also. Make your plans now, as parents are also invited to attend.

In Sympathy.—The news of the death of Mrs. Anna Vidmar was shocking to many of us and especially to her family. Her daughter, Tillie Peklay, rushed here by plane from Vancouver, Wash., to be at her mother's bedside but came too late. It is especially sad because her son Frank Vidmar is with the Navy somewhere in the Pacific and in his recent letters has been talking about a furlough soon. Mrs. Vidmar was a member of lodge Slavija. To the family and relatives our heartfelt sympathies.

week is that John Jachino, recently decorated in Italy, has arrived in good old U. S. A. Jachino spent over two years overseas and is furloughing in Nokomis and then Chicago. Joseph Drasler, a former employee of Proletarec, is being hospitalized somewhere in Belgium. We hope it's not serious. A letter from our WAC Sgt. Ann Hecovar, of Johnston, Pa., tells us that she spent a nice two-weeks furlough with her folks at home. She's stationed at Ft. Knox, Ky.

All-A-Round.—Rehearsals have started again for drama "Norec". As you've been told it will be repeated to a Milwaukee audience Feb. 11.—Slavija Lodge is sponsoring an dance on Feb. 10. Try to attend.—Perfect Circle Manager Ann Sannemann and her husband Bob celebrated their wedding anniversary recently. Congratulations. Ann is still thrilled about the bond she won at the Waukegan affair Jan. 21 and there's still a lot of talk about the wonderful time we all had.—Lastly, we want to remind you that the children of Perfect Circle, ages 5 to 12, will have a little dance rehearsal next Saturday morning at 10:30 for about an hour or more. The date is Feb. 3rd.

It is not easy but effort—not facility but difficulty, that makes men. —S. SMILES.

Servicemen.—The good news this

Commendable Progress in Membership

Undoubtedly the Society's membership will be happy to learn that in the last half of the past year, the SNPJ has gained a total of 1,928 new members, and the total membership of the Society at the end of last year was 66,072. The splendid progress of the last campaign is a great satisfaction to all those of you who have, in one way or another, helped to attain such achievement, for which we are grateful to you all.

This time the Juvenile Department progressed remarkably well, since its membership has scored a gain of almost 1,300 within a short period of time.

Our progress in the moral sense, however, in the new and progressive ideas, technically or theoretically, in which our organization has always taken leading part among the American Slovenes, must not lag behind the membership or financial successes. We must not allow educational work among us to become dormant, because everything depends upon it—the future of our Society and consequently, the future of mankind.

The Society's successes can be assured only if we will go forward with the spirit of time as we have done in the past.

F. A. VIDER, Supreme Secretary.

Utopians Plan Social Season

CLEVELAND, O.—Having closed a successful 1944 season the SNPJ Utopians are looking forward to bigger and better social and sport sessions in 1945. Following are the officers who will lead the Utopians thru the coming year: Pres., George Jelinek; vice pres., John Spilar; sec'y, Jennie Gerchman; rec. sec'y, Joseph Matthews; treas., Frances Pucel. Auditors: Nick Shepar, Julia Krunik and Rose Shume.

As in the past a social will be held after every meeting which falls on the third Saturday of the month. June, July and August the Utopians will stage their annual outings, preferably at Stuffer's Grove, a short jaunt from Collinwood. In December Santa will again visit the juveniles for their gala Xmas party which made such a big hit with the youngsters last month.

A year ago this month there were 129 members in this lodge. Today the roll has risen to 178 with a goal of 200 set before the year's out. Let's go, Utopians! The initial meeting was well attended with the party lasting till the wee hours of the morning. Supported by four accordionists, Joe Fradel, Tony Gerchman, Frank Spehek and Rudy Polzer who lightened heavy feet with those lifting polkas and waltzes, it really was hard to get away.

Mixing around the merry crowd we saw Mr. and Mrs. Svigel, Mr. and Mrs. Birk (Lunder-Adamic), Mr. and Mrs. Spehek (Spartans), Mr. and Mrs. Jeunek, Mr. and Mrs. Gerchman, Mr. and Mrs. Lisch, Mr. and Mrs. Polzer, Mr. and Mrs. Francel, Mr. and Mrs. Tomic, Mr. and Mrs. Perdan, Mr. and Mrs. Elersich, Mr. and Mrs. Maslar, Mr. and Mrs. Shepar, Mr. and Mrs. Benedit.

Stabbing it for the evening were Frances Pucel, Elsie Jenkins, Julia Kronik, Jennie Selock, Fanny Svetina, Louise McMahon, Mary Zorman, Joseph Matthews, Stan Zagore, John Mavrich, Joe Zorman and a number of others whom your writer failed to place.

Until next meeting time don't forget our members in the armed forces. The Utopian Xmas packages have arrived to a few of our men, but until we hear from them again, don't forget to drop them a few lines. Write, write and write again! For a letter when you have time to spare—is a treasure for them over there!

JOHN J. SPILAR, 604.

Lodge 747 Plans Hard Time Dance Feb. 10th

MILWAUKEE, WIS.—The January meeting of SNPJ lodge Vjolica 747 was fairly well attended and was made more interesting by the presence of several English speaking members.

Our topic was the future of our young members and the importance of their attendance at our meetings. It was finally decided that all members, young and old, need a little recreation to renew our activities for the year and to get acquainted among the members.

For this reason a Hard Time Dance will be held on Saturday, Feb. 10, at Sparrow Park Gardens, 3052 W. Fon du Lac Ave. A good time will be assured for everyone for a small donation of 35c. The music will be furnished by Norman Lugich and his orchestra, and I know it will make a hit with everyone for those boys surely know how to swing it.

Do not dress fancy, you'll be more popular in your old duds, just bring your friends and share in the fun. HELEN AMBROZICH, Sec'y.

Badgerland News

MILWAUKEE, Wis.—Our first meeting of the year was a success, from the business session to the social gathering which ended in the wee hours of the morning. The installation of our new officers highlighted the session. The meeting was fairly well attended; really the spirit of old was floating around, and the topics of discussion were both timely and interesting.

Two of our soldier boys home on furlough were with us, namely, S/Sgt. Frank Fritz and T/2 c. Louis Lonkner. Frank spoke of some of his experiences in the China theatre of war. After hearing what the boys have to say about some of the living conditions of these countries, we can be mighty thankful we are living in America. We are mighty glad to see you two boys, and our sincere wish is that you will be with us again in the near future. Good luck to both of you.

The very sad news came to me that Brother John Poklar passed away Jan. 27. Burial took place Tuesday, Jan. 30. John was well liked by all who knew him. He was always willing to lend a hand. He enjoyed giving his time and effort to help along our younger members. You are gone, John, but not forgotten. May you rest in peace. Our deepest sympathy is extended to his family.

Dates to Remember

Our next meeting date which falls on Friday, Feb. 23.

Our local Singing Society "Narej" is sponsoring a concert on Feb. 11 at the Old S. S. Turn Hall, 725 W. National Ave. The featured event on the program will be the enacting of a drama in 3 acts called the "Norec". It will be staged by the Dramatic Club of Branch 1 JSF of Chicago. Door will be open at 2:30 and the program will begin promptly at 5 p. m. A lot of our members sing with this club so make it a date and spend a few hours with this congenial group.

A benefit card party sponsored by the Fun-O-Leer Club will be held at the Plaza Ballroom, 3000 S. 13th St., on Feb. 25. Prizes will be awarded at each table.

Our Boys in Service

Again I ask all of you to write to our members in the service. Addresses are published every week in the Prosveta and most of them are on file with our secretary. So pitch in and keep our members informed of all our doings in the old home town. The addresses for this week are: Pvt. Elmer Vachetz, 36849523, Co. 4, 112th J. T. B. 1, R. T. C. 77th Regt. Camp Jos. T. Robinson, Ark.—Cpl. Frank E. Deyak, 36234550, 3014th A. A. F. B. V., Section C-5 D. A. A. F., Douglas, Ariz.

Bowling Taps

In the Remic Mixed league which functions on Mondays scores were very mediocre. Al Maren was top man with a 368 total. On the other end of the activities we again find some familiar names. Still in a bad slump we find Frankie Kouchich cracking a weak 414. Husky Matt Levar outdid himself again. He joined the Society of Duffers by paying a fine with his 129 game. His total for the evening was a measly 440. After shooting some very good totals in the past few weeks Wally Remic finally lost the pocket and fumbled around for a 469 set. Among the lassies we also find one honor score. Albina Debelak had a very good night totaling a formidable 538. In the Wisconsin Women's Classic we again find Clara Medved in the limelight cracking a creditable 566. In the Fridays nights Business Mens session we find Rudie Pucel hitting a nice total of 659.

Victorian News

CHICAGO.—The regular monthly meeting of the Victorians, SNPJ lodge 632, will be held Thursday, Feb. 1st, at Berger's, 2653 S. Lawndale Ave. Social after the meeting, no please attend.

Please visit our sick members, Katherine Pouhe, 2772 Frances Place, and Andrew Spolar Jr., 1642 Blue Island Ave. Do your fraternal duty and visit them.

Those of you who are in arrears with your dues, please pay up. MARY E. NOVAK, Sec'y.

Golden Eagles

SANC Meeting
GIRARD, OHIO.—These are the accomplishments of the latest SANC meeting. Vigorous attempts are being made to solicit new members for SANC for 1945. Volunteer workers pledged themselves to this work. John Rovnan and Frank Prevec will canvass Gordon Street and the McKinley-Heights-Avon Park area. This is the largest territory but these two men accepted their tasks willingly. Louis Muster and Matt Kogovsek will contact people in the Churchill Road district while Anthony Selak and Matt Zaubi will handle Smithsonian Street.

All this does not throw the burden of responsibility on these people. If you have been forgotten, offer your membership to one of these men. Make their task easier. The local Juvenile Circle, Dawn of Youth, was the first to offer membership with a contribution of five dollars.

Clothing for the needy of Yugoslavia came in for its share of attention. The people of Girard will be soon notified further on this matter. It is not too early, even now, to begin the hunt for clothes. A date will be announced later as to the accumulation and packing of these needed garments. Do prepare for your contributions now!

Anthony Selak gave us a complete convention report. Tony took care of his own transportation and incidentals and we want him to know that SANC appreciates his generosity. Also to be complimented are the trustees of the Slovene Home who offered SANC the use of the hall, rent free. Thanks! The next meeting is scheduled for Sunday, Feb. 18, at three o'clock at which time the JPO-SS will also get together.

Juvenile Circle

New ideas! New policies! New activities! This will be the theme for the Circle for 1945. Gil Robsel, the newly elected president, will soon leave for the Army and for this reason a hurriedly arranged bowling match with Sharon is being attempted. Secretary Frieda Perechlin is arranging the necessary details. If Sharon has an open date, Henry Leskovec, Ray Robsel, Gil Robsel, Dorothy Muster, B. Muster and J. Tanecik will make the trip. This is part of our athletic program for the year.

The following received certificate of awards: Clara Mihelich, Marjorie Mack, Jeanette Tanecik, Rose Zaubi, Margaret Matekovich, Dorothy Muster and Henry Leskovec. This group was issued certificates of attendance: Mary M. Matekovich, Henry Leskovec, Clara Mihelich, Beatrice Muster, Bernice Muster and Rose Zaubi.

A new contest was announced by the managers. There will be a winner every month with points awarded for the following: dues paid, 5 points; attendance, 5 points; articles in Voice of Youth, 10 points; articles in Prosveta, 10 points; new members in Juvenile Department, 10 points, and also points for the accumulation of Ohio sales tax and special features. This contest will become effective in February. Ray Robsel was the winner of the insurance award and Mary M. Matekovich won the attendance award.

Off the Record.—Here is the address of Pvt. Freeman G. Hake Jr., one of our former active Circle members. Write to Company C, 62nd Bn, 4th Platoon, Camp Walters, Texas. He could use some letters from his friends back here.

A few addresses of our Eagles: Pfc. William Ponigar, 2nd Bn. Hq. Co. 100th Infantry, APO 34, New York. Bill is in Italy.

William Godec can be reached by writing to C.G.C. Hombden, c/o C.G. Station, Woods Hole, Mass.

The Eagles' bowling squad is still at it every Monday night. They report more fun and higher scores. Twelve reported for duty last Monday.

FRANK REZEK, 643.

Victorian News

CHICAGO.—The regular monthly meeting of the Victorians, SNPJ lodge 632, will be held Thursday, Feb. 1st, at Berger's, 2653 S. Lawndale Ave. Social after the meeting, no please attend.

Please visit our sick members, Katherine Pouhe, 2772 Frances Place, and Andrew Spolar Jr., 1642 Blue Island Ave. Do your fraternal duty and visit them.

Those of you who are in arrears with your dues, please pay up.

MARY E. NOVAK, Sec'y.

Notice, Members of SNPJ Lodge No. 700

ROUNDUP, MONT.—Notice to all members of SNPJ lodge 700: The new Financial Secretary, Frances Stalcup, lives at 1103 Third St. W. and will be at home to lodge members paying dues, after 5:30 p. m. the 1st, 16th, and last of each month.

FRANCES STALCUP, Sec'y.

Juvenile Circles

Veronian Juniors, Circle No. 15, Plan Dance Feb. 17

VERONA, PA.—The Veronian Juniors, Juvenile Circle No. 15, are holding their regular monthly meetings each second Sunday of the month at 2 o'clock in the afternoon. Our new officers for 1945 are: Angie Brusic, President; Richard Zibreg, Vice President; Eleanor Zibreg, Secretary; Tony Basic, Treasurer.

Yes, we are going to have our first dance of the year on Saturday, Feb. 17, and the Streamliners will be there to entertain you. So if you are planning for a good time, make it a date to be there.

ELEANOR ZIBREG, Sec'y.

Salem Juvenile Circle to Meet Sunday, Feb. 11

SALEM, OHIO.—Our Juvenile Circle No. 10 had a meeting on Jan. 14. It was decided at this meeting to give a donation to the Yugoslav War Relief. A total of \$14 was donated; \$5 was taken from the treasury and the balance was donated by the members.

Names were also drawn for a valentine exchange, which will be held at our next meeting on Sunday, Feb. 11.

We planned on having a sled-riding party, so on Jan. 21 we met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Stokovic. The street they live on is wonderful for sled-riding, and at times some of them went nearly a half mile. At about 4 o'clock we began to get hungry. Mrs. Stokovic had a warm supper for us. After eating we were ready for more sled-riding, which we did until dark.

We want to thank Mr. and Mrs. Stokovic for the use of their home, and all the parents for their part in making the occasion a happy one.

There were contests in which the winner for the men was Mr. Morina; for the women, Mrs. Stokovic, and for the children, the writer.

FRANCES KORDAN, Sec'y.

Voice of Youth Juvenile Circle Has New Manager

MIDWAY, PA.—It's been almost six years since Mary Janeshek and I started the Juvenile Circle No. 22, "Voice of Youth," in Midway, Pa.

About four years ago I had to resign, due to the fact that I had two small babies to care for. Mrs. Janeshek then carried on alone and did an excellent job, too. After she resigned, Wilma Koscem and Margaret Petach took over the job. Although they have done a fine job, they, too, find it necessary to resign, since they are both working girls and don't have much time to spend with the Circle.

So once again I have been asked to take over the management. I shall try to do my best to carry on the good work. I realize, of course, that we can't have as many outside activities as we did in the past, but we can still have lots of fun.

I have attended a couple of the meetings in the past year, and I find that even though the membership has increased immensely, the attendance of the meetings has fallen down considerably. What has happened to all of you members?

The meetings will be as usual, on the last Friday of each month, at 6:30 p. m.

Mrs. IRENE LUKAN, Sec'y.

(Ed. note: Sorry! Your letter reached us at the time last week's paper went to press and we were able to insert only the meeting announcement.)

Perfect Circle No. 26 Planning Varied Activities

CHICAGO.—Saturday morning, Jan. 27, Perfect Circle held a regular meeting at which 32 members were present. The coming Valentine party was discussed, and a committee was formed to carry out the work in connection with the party.

The Circle is going to set aside one Saturday of each month for the benefit of the smaller children. They will be taught simple folk dances and games, marching drills, and learn to make easy paper decorations that can be used for Circle socials and activities. A 25 minute practice demonstration of some of the games and drills that are going to be tried was given after the meeting.

The children are very eager to continue, so on Saturday morning, Feb. 3, at 10:30 a. m. all Circle members, especially those 12 years of age and under, may come to the hall for this purpose. Our Asst. Mgr. Ruth Medic is now employed on Saturdays and Marion Cervenko, Vice-President of the Circle, has graciously offered to help with the little folks, and at the piano. Thank you, Marion, it is appreciated by all of us.

Four new members were proposed

and accepted, namely, Mildred and Marlene Pokorny, and Allen and Warren Obluck who are newcomers from Milwaukee.

The following regulations were approved and adopted by the Circle membership. They are being put together in booklet form, and each member is making his or her own book.

Rules and Regulations of Perfect Circle No. 26 SNPJ

Regular meetings to be held on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays of each month at 10:30 a. m., lower SNPJ hall, 2657 S. Lawndale Ave., Chicago 23, Ill.

Attendance

Any member who fails to attend three consecutive regular meetings without good reason, will be canceled from the membership of the Circle. CLAUSE: Members who are employed on regular meeting dates, but who cooperate in every way possible for the welfare of the Circle are not affected by this ruling.

Attendance Record

At each regular meeting the members who are present must sign the Attendance Book of the Circle.

Attendance Certificates

Members who are ill or otherwise indisposed, thus prevented from attending a regular meeting, will be marked present, providing a note is brought stating reason for absence and signed by either parent.

Activities

Participation on Circle programs or other activities, will be judged by a member's attendance, record and his or her ability to do the best in the interest of the Circle. On this, the Adviser's decision will be final. ANN SANNEMANN, Mgr.

Jolly Juveniles Express Thanks For Cooperation

WAUKEGAN, ILL.—I wish to apologize for my delay in writing to the Prosveta to express our appreciation to the Perfect Circle cooperation in making our 40th anniversary program on Jan. 21 a great success.

It was a pleasure to have the Chicago group come here and participate in our program as their coming has made it an event that both Circles will long remember.

Mrs. Sannemann and Miss Medic are doing a great job with their Circle and they should be proud. I wish to thank Mrs. Sannemann for her fine cooperation and courtesy in making our program more entertaining with her excellent "Barn Dance" cast. It was enjoyed by everyone.

The Chicago Circle's friendliness, courtesy, and sociability shown toward our Circle induced them to get together and dance a few old folk dances, the Virginia Reel, and a number, which was new to our young people, called the "Broom" dance. These steps and dances were enjoyed by everyone.

Our Circle members enjoyed the Chicago Circle very much and they all feel that it was a very good treat to them to have another Circle like theirs get together.

Again, I wish to thank each and everyone who made this program a success and hope that in the near future more gatherings of this kind will be had.

DOROTHY GABROSEK, Manager Circle 24.

Junior Harmonizers, Circle 28, Install Officers

ROUNDUP, MONT.—The Junior Harmonizers, Juvenile Circle No. 28, held their regular monthly meeting on Jan. 14. We had 11 members present at the meeting. The former president installed the new officers: Robert Bilant, President; Eddy Hilderman, Vice Pres.; Natalie Glotch, Sec'y; Patricia Stalcup, Treas.; William Meznerich, Sgt.-At-Arms. Auditing Committee, Frank Leake, chairman; Frank Bedey and Matilda Bilant, committee members. We received Christmas cards from Circle 28, Circle 21, Joan, Albena and Delmer Fincio, and Michael Vrhovnik, Juvenile Director of the SNPJ. We wish to thank you for the lovely cards. Joan Fincio and Eddy Hilderman received \$1 each in war stamps from the SNPJ.

The Circle decided to donate \$1 to the Youth Canteen, which is going to pay its own expenses except for the salary of the supervisor. At the next meeting the supervisor is going to have the lists ready to divide the children into two groups.

At the next meeting, which will be held Feb. 11, we are going to induct our new members. We are also going to discuss what we are going to do for Valentine's Day. We are planning to have a play for the adults. We will present a playlet, some piano pieces, and some songs. We have \$36 in our treasury. NATALIE GLOTH, Sec'y.

Our Front Our Juvenile Circle Activities

By Louis Beniger

By Michael Vrhovnik

According to District Judge Sullivan, who cast his decision on the narrowest possible terms, the Government had no authority to seize properties of Montgomery Ward & Co.

In the past the American people witnessed many such decisions which were detrimental to themselves. This is merely another proof of what one man can do in favor of a powerful employer. That's why it is imperative that the Supreme Court should pass its judgement in the case as quickly as possible.

We all know that the underlying issue in the case was—the destruction of labor unions. Sewell Avery, chairman of Ward's, is an arch-enemy of labor and labor unions, and now a District Court comes to his support in a time when the country is engaged in the biggest struggle in its history.

As the last word in the case has not yet been spoken, let's hope that the Supreme Court will reverse the decision of Judge Sullivan; if it does not, it will show that the law is made only for the underdog to obey and not for the powerful industrialists who dare to defy the Government at will and always win.

The reactionary press is having its day once again, this time against Henry A. Wallace, who has been nominated for Secretary of Commerce.

It is said that Wallace has had "no training in financial affairs." But it is a fact that the Department of Agriculture, which he headed several years ago, has handled up to a billion dollars a year with complete competence.

Henry Wallace believes that we shall have to provide 60 millions jobs after the war—and that Reconstruction Finance Corp. had better dispose of war plants in a manner which will increase national production, and that the federal government must spend money to make work.

Henry Wallace is no "starry-eyed visionary," he is simply a man who is trying to do something good for the common man. At any rate, the reactionary Senators are determined to reject him.

As this is written the Red Army vanguard is reported to be putting "the finishing touches" to the fleeing Nazis everywhere.

This is the same Russian Army which was supposed to collapse six weeks after the Nazi invasion of Russia in June 1941. The "prediction" came from practically the same "military experts" and sundry "strategists" who predicted last summer that Germany would surrender on such and such a date. This only shows how foolish these "experts" are and how wrong the Russophobes were in their shallow estimates.

Be that as it may, I am glad that the actual events have proved otherwise in the case of Russia. I am quite sure that under Russian influence things in Europe most certainly will not be as bad as they were before World War II.

Russia has proved its worth in fire and is entitled to its full share at the coming peace table.

AFTER SEVERAL WEEKS of "silence," during which the writer failed to contribute a single line to the columns of the Prosveta, he finally has emerged from "hibernation," this time to expose his views and reviews on topics of interest centering mainly around our Juvenile Circles—their activities and functions. While it must be admitted that the Juvenile Circles have suffered a let-down in the past year due to reasons obvious to everyone, yet many splendid programs have been put on by them, especially when the occasion demanded it. For example:

A WEEK AGO last Sunday, on January 21, a very enjoyable afternoon and evening was spent in the Slovene National Home at Waukegan, Illinois. The occasion for my visit in an official capacity was the 40th anniversary celebration of the SNPJ, sponsored by the three local lodges—Sloga (14), Moska Enakopravnost (119), Little Fort (568), and the Jolly Juvenile Circle (24). The two-hour program, consisting almost entirely of juvenile talent, was well prepared and directed, and certainly very much in tune with the spirit and purpose of the celebration.

THE CHICAGO JUVENILES (Perfect Circle 26), who some time before had been invited to present their "Down on the Farm" barn dance broadcast, were on hand bright and early and just rarin' to do their darndest in the best country style—and this they did to the complete satisfaction and pleasure of some 400 to 500 people in attendance. This was the group's third and best performance of the barn dance broadcast.

THE JOLLY JUVENILES, not to be outdone by the "city slickers" from nearby Chicago and equally eager to put on a "five star" performance, succeeded from the very outset in making a grand impression on everyone, first with the opening number, a very colorful tableau presented in special tribute to the 40th Anniversary of the SNPJ, and later with selection after selection of Slovene songs, dances and music, entitled "Spomin iz Slovenije," meaning "Memories from Slovenia," each number, whether by individual, duet or group, masterfully rendered.

THE PEOPLE ENJOYED the fine show. Everyone was pleased with the contrasting entertainment of the two juvenile groups. The young people and, I dare say, their leaders bulged over with pride in the knowledge that they had played a very important role in commemorating the 40th anniversary of the Society, and that they were directly responsible in attracting so many people there and, no doubt, helping some of them to forget, for a few hours at least, that there is a war going on—impressing upon their minds that this was the day of the 40th anniversary celebration of the SNPJ in Waukegan and hoping they would enjoy every solid minute of it.

TO THE THREE local lodges and the "Jolly Juveniles" Circle go our heartiest thanks and congratulations. And likewise to the Chicago juveniles who made the trip without mishap and returned to their homes happier and wiser for their experiences. . . . But the biggest round of applause and congratulations must go to the program directors and assistants, namely, Christine Stritar, Dorothy Gabroske and A. Kocelj of the Waukegan group, and to Ann Samu, Mann and Ruth Medice of the Chicago group. We are immensely proud of them all.

NOT ALL OF OUR JUVENILE CIRCLES are as fortunate as the Chicago group in having four or five talented juveniles, and almost as many adults, reporting regularly on their activities. This should not always be taken as a reflection of inactivity on them, although often this mistakenly is the case. Let us take for example the Circle at Sharon, Pennsylvania.

A report recently received from Frances Novak, the Manager of the "All Around" group, states that the Circle is progressing very nicely. In the month of December, a Slovene play, entitled "Čarobna Košara," which required much rehearsing and a great deal of work with the making of the costumes, was the feature of the Christmas program and was well liked by everyone. All of the profit, amounting to \$53, was donated to the Yugoslav Red Cross. This, we are given to understand, has been done for the past several Christmases.

There was a Christmas party and a roller-skating affair, a week earlier, which every one enjoyed. The boys have their basketball team and have already won many games. Christmas packages were sent to three former members of the Circle who are now in the armed forces and, this might surprise you, all of the cookies were made by the Circle girls and, believe it or not, they

were really good! The members are now (that was a couple of weeks ago) planning a sleigh-ride which promises to be a "load" of real fun, etc.

That's an interesting report and serves to give you an idea that, even though we don't read of all the activities in the Prosveta or The Voice of Youth, there is something going on in Sharon all the year round.

AND HERE IS ANOTHER GOOD EXAMPLE.—Anne Briceley, reporting for the "Youth of America" Circle of Johnstown, Pa., tells us that on account of her regular work, lodge duties, etc., it was necessary to cut the Circle meetings from twice every week to once a week. Think of that, this group has been holding meetings twice every week since it was organized in June 1942. They have business meetings, play meetings and work meetings. Besides working on scrapbooks, they are interested in handicraft articles—the girls are making pot-holders and the boys are working on hot-pads. Instructions in this activity are given by Elsie Culkar, wife of the 1st District Vice-President, who is assisting Sister Briceley this year.

Occasionally a dance is held by the group; the last one on Monday, Jan. 15. The admission was only 5 cents and additional income, to cover expenses and to make a small profit for the Circle's treasury, was derived from sale of refreshments. Having several musicians among the members helps to clear the music problem. Until it became too cold, the children took a number of long hikes into the country. Now, Matt Nozak, who has been their leader on several outdoor jaunts, is planning to take a group into the nearby woods (right after a light snowfall) to show them how to track down animals. This, no doubt, will be educational, as well as a lot of fun.

At one of the recent play meetings the children brought games received for Christmas, and these, besides volleyball and dodge-ball, provided all of them with an evening of wholesome fun and exercise. There you have an "over-all" picture of some of the things the "Youth of America" Circle is doing. Active? They certainly are!

MORE RECENTLY A LETTER was received from John J. Spilar of the Cleveland Utopians in which he tells us of the fun everyone had at the last Christmas party—especially the juveniles—which proves that much can be done for juvenile members even though they are not organized into a Circle. But let Brother Spilar tell it in his own words. Briefly:

"I would like to tell you a little about our party for the youngsters on December 23. There wasn't anything in the Prosveta about the affair, although I know it would have done the lodge a lot of good if a few lines of publicity had been devoted to it. We had Frank Bohling, one of our active members, dressed up as Santa Claus and he really put it over in grand style. He passed out forty-one gifts, each costing a dollar or more, along with grab-bags and popcorn balls. All were not members, but their parents are and so all were allowed the same treat. Through this, I'm sure, we will gain new members. A good write-up would have boosted our 'stock' plenty. Anyhow, we all had a grand time watching the youngsters."

THE UTOPIANS form one of the most active SNPJ E. S. Lodges in Cleveland. Formerly an SSPZ Lodge, it is now taking a leading role in reviving the social and sports activities of the Society in that city. It is growing steadily in membership. Three juvenile and one adult applications were received last Monday from Jennie Gerchman, the active lodge secretary, and along with them an order—"Send me more juvenile applications at once!"

The road to a greater SNPJ lies through our youth. To give our juveniles all the advantages offered by the Society, we urge SNPJ Lodges everywhere to ORGANIZE JUVENILE CIRCLES! Any information you will need will gladly be furnished by the Juvenile Director.

Not Quite Understood

A young wife, wishing to announce the birth of her first child to a friend in a distant city, telegraphed:

"Isiah 9:6." Which passage begins: "For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given."

Her friend, unfamiliar with the Scriptures, said to her husband: "Margaret evidently has a boy who weighs nine pounds and six ounces, but why on earth did they name him Isiah?"

Grace is to the body what good sense is to the mind.
—ROCHEFOUCAULD.

Universal Comets

Dates to Remember

UNIVERSAL, PA.—February 4—Monthly meeting of Comets' Lodge 715, at the Slovene Hall, Universal, Pa., at 7 p. m.

Feb. 11—Dance by J-Z Juniors Lodge 682, at Slovene Hall, Library, Pa.

Apr. 8—E. S. Federation Duckpin tourney and dance at the Slovene Hall, Sygan, Pa.

Apr. 29—E. S. Federation Tenpin tourney to participate in the National Telegraphic Tourney scheduled for April 28-29. This event is scheduled at Strabane, Pa., and will be followed by dancing in the upper hall.

Comets' News

All members of the Comets' lodge are reminded of the monthly meeting this Sunday. Nothing is more important to the welfare of any lodge than its meeting; it is there that decisions are made that will affect the interests of the individual lodge members, and that will determine whether or not the lodge shall make progress and be active in our Society.

Of special interest at this meeting will be the report of the delegates who attended the recent meeting of the E. S. Federation. A duckpin tournament of the federation is scheduled, and we want to begin organizing teams for participation. A tenpin tournament is also scheduled, and it is entirely possible that we will have a couple of teams entered. This latter tournament will be both a sectional and national tournament in that the scores attained may be entered for prizes in both affairs.

This column will attempt to keep you posted each week on the activities of our lodge servicemen. Meanwhile, we should begin making plans for the proper accommodation of our servicemen. The meeting on Sunday is the appropriate place to begin such plans. The federation is preparing ambitious plans for the proper return of all our servicemen, and we will be expected to cooperate with the federation in these plans. All Comets in uniform will participate in this celebration, and individual Comet members have a personal interest in seeing that an excellent program is sponsored. And there is need for immediate stimulation of activity for the enjoyment of our servicemen during these hectic times. Let us all get out to the meeting and do things.

E. S. Fed. News

The recent meeting of the E. S. Federation of SNPJ Lodges of western Pennsylvania was held at Strabane, Pa. The attendance was entirely satisfactory, and if we consider the circumstances even the greatest enthusiast would say that it was very good. The business at hand was disposed of in good fashion, and many things were accomplished. Here are the highlights:

A duckpin tournament is scheduled for Sunday, April 8, at the Slovene Hall, Sygan, Pa. Entry blanks will be mailed during the next 30 days to the individual lodges comprising the federation. Teams are asked to inform the chairman of the Athletic Committee, Brother Frank Tomic of Strabane, Pa., the time when they prefer to do their bowling. This time will be strictly observed by the committee, and those teams failing to appear at the stated time will bowl when all others have finished. A dance will follow the bowling, and the music will be furnished by Jackie Martincic. Jackie is unknown to me, but according to various reports he is tops in W. Pa.

A tenpin tournament is scheduled for Sunday, April 29, at the Slovene Hall, Strabane, Pa. This affair will be both sectional and national, since scores may be used for prizes by the Federation and for participation in the National SNPJ Telegraphic Tournament scheduled for Apr. 28-29. Because we anticipate a limited number of tenpin bowlers, it is expected that all events can be completed in one day. What applies, as mentioned above, to the duckpin tournament also applies to the tenpin tournament. Jackie will also be featured for this dance following the bowling. Watch for more details on both tournaments.

The problem of sick benefits and our servicemen created a long discussion from which there was no possible solution. It appeared that this is a highly controversial problem, and the more it was discussed the more confusing it became. It is a serious criticism of our way of doing things that after more than three years of war our lodge secretaries are not thoroughly familiar with the Society's position on the status of our servicemen as regards sick benefits. An attempt will be made for a thorough and clear interpretation of the Decisions of the Society on this important matter.

A steering committee was elected to meet with a similar committee of the Slovene Federation to begin plans for properly welcoming back our servicemen after the war. No emphasis, we hope, need be placed on the need for such an undertaking, both in the interests of the returning members and the federations. It will be an enormous undertaking; very conceivably it will be the largest sectional affair we attempted. It will require exact and close cooperation of all lodge members of both federations, and it is already agreed that the two steering committees will be a very small part of the effort that will be required to promote this occasion successfully and properly. Let us all prepare for it now by giving the preliminary committees suggestions and our offer of assistance.

Officers and committees for this year are as follows: President, Elmer Eiffler; Vice-President, Helen Dermotta; Secretary, James M. Maglich; Treasurer, Frances Dermotta; Recording Secretary, Rose Podlesnik; Auditing Committee, Frank Opeka, Brother Miller (Strabane No. 589 Pioneers), and Max G. Kumer; Athletic Committee, Frank Tomic, chairman, Larry Cassol, Max G. Kumer, Andrew Pryatel, and Michael R. Kumer; Publicity Committee, Frances Dermotta, Michael Lipovsky and this writer.

Bro. Frank Tomic is recommending to the Supreme Board for election to the National Athletic Board. The next meeting of the federation will be held in Verona, Pa., with the capable Veronians as hosts. The writer was elected to attend the meeting of the Slovene Federation on Sun., Jan. 28, in Pittsburgh. The officers received an increase in their pay. Pioneers proved excellent hosts—everyone present enjoyed a hearty meal, the bowling was great fun, and general good fellowship prevailed. We left there satisfied that we had a good meeting, a good time, and with anxiety look for the successful performance of our future activities.

News and Views

In a letter to a friend serving in the Belgium-Germany section today, I told of the current unrest in Washington, D. C., over the appointment of Henry Wallace as Secretary of Commerce. He will not like the bitter opposition in the Senate to Wallace for he will realize, as we realize, that the forces of reaction, ever on the alert to prevent social progress, are united to defeat the appointment of America's greatest liberal in the nation's capitol. The unity of the common people, of which Mr. Wallace is a symbol, can be best exemplified by flooding our respective congressmen and senators with letters and telegrams to defeat the George Bill stripping the Secretary of Commerce of lending powers, and to approve the nomination of Wallace as the new secretary.

Comet member Al Como has been at home on leave since Jan. 5 and reported to duty on Jan. 30. This is Al's first visit home in four years, and he has served almost three years in the Pacific theater. He was commissioned a 2nd Lt. over a year ago. His experiences are vast, and he has been interesting company to many of us during his stay here.

Adolph Slapnik of the J-Z Jr. lodge of Library is also home on furlough from the Pacific area. We talked with Adolph at Strabane. He is happy to be back, and has a vivid description of his travels as well as interesting pictures.

Johnny and Rudy Ujcic stopped in at Strabane following the federation meeting for a brief visit. Rudy is a gunner, and will report back to duty soon. Johnny is stationed at the Veterans' Hospital in Aspinwall, and should be discharged soon. It was very pleasant to see these servicemen, and it seemed like old times again at Strabane.

MICHAEL R. KUMER.

Integrity Broadcast

CHICAGO.—The regular monthly meeting of Lodge Integrity, SNPJ 631, was fairly well attended last Friday evening.

Johnny Roycht, Sis. Rose Roycht's brother, paid us a visit at the meeting and gave a short talk of his experiences in the Aleutians. Good luck, Johnny. We hope your furlough is most enjoyable.

Marty Abram and Julius Abram finished in fourth place in the Brothers' Tourney at Bensinger's Bowling Alleys on Jan. 14. Julius shooting 574 and Marty 575, missing first place by 14 pins. More luck next time, boys.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Leo Kotar recently. Congratulations. As you know, Bro. Kotar is in the armed forces stationed in sunny California.

All members interested in the Pioneer handicap bowling tourney scheduled for Sunday, March 4, starting at 12 noon, get in contact with Mary Abram, Rose Roycht or the Secretary on or before Feb. 23. All dues should be promptly paid on time. A mere reminder as it is quite difficult to get the report ready on time.

MICHAEL R. FLEISCHACKER, Sec'y SNPJ Lodge 631.

Sharon Keystoneers

SHARON, PA.—If you want to know where the crowd is headed for Sunday evening, Feb. 11, just ask me. No other place than to Keystoneers Valentine dance, at Slovene Home, in Sharon.

Yes, that's true. So if you want to give your heart away to some nice boy or girl, be there, and you won't be sorry. The music? Remember our New Year's dance? I know you all had a wonderful time. And now, will you come? I know you'd change your mind.

Also, don't forget Keystoneers monthly meeting Sunday, Feb. 4, at 7:30 sharp. Come in and at least pay up your monthly dues.
FRANCES NOVAK, 755.

Comrades' Note Book

By J. F. Fifolt

Dance, Sat. Feb. 17

CLEVELAND, O.—Details for the forthcoming dance are being whipped in shape. Tickets have been printed and some will be given to Pauline Spik to distribute to the girls at one of their bowling sessions. At dues collection Joe Sireel, Alice Popotnik, Ann Prijatelj, Pauline Reinmann, and a host of others stated they would be on hand. Tony Kerze, Tony Debeve have already dragged out their barkeep shoes. Keep this date open and bring the gang along. Alice also brought along part of her ration.

In the Service

Vic Wallencheck, recently elected as one of the auditors, stopped over the house and stated that if he did not show up at the meeting (he was going for his physical) he would be on the way. He did not show up. They asked him his preference, he stated the Navy, so they put him in the Army. Good luck, Vic, and let's hear from you.

Lou Shuber gave me a change in address for his brother Joe (O-688720) Post Headquarters, Box 178, Hendricks Field, Sebring, Fla.

A change of address for Pfc. Edward L. Debevec 33437007, Anti-Tank Co. 291st Infantry, APO 451, c/o Postmaster, New York.

Pictures are starting to roll in. Johnny A. Rossman, somewhere on the Pacific, Stanley Haze at Norfolk, Frank Chaperlo. Pretty soon we'll have a complete album. If yours is not in, send it along at the first opportunity. One more, Henry Jeglich, SI/c 9408033 S. S. Jurman, c/o Fleet P. O., New Orleans, La.

Johnny Vehar FI/c U.S.S. Salamana C.V.E. 96 Div. B, c/o Fleet Post Office, San Francisco, sends us the following:

"I first want to thank each and everyone for the yule gift I received from you, it was most appreciated. Now I want to wish all of you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and not like the last one. I hope we can all be together on the next one. It is hard to express our feelings out here for we do not live the way we do at home. I think a good letter is as good as the biggest package from home. I want to say I would like to hear from a few members of the lodge and see what is going on."

How about sitting down tonight and dropping John a short note? What say?

Here's one from Stanley J. Haze, SI/c AEM Div. 7, Sec. 4 A&R Shop 360, U.S. Naval Air Station, Norfolk, Va.: "Before I proceed in my writing I'd like to thank you for the card you sent. It certainly was appreciated and made me feel that I wasn't forgotten. Thanks a million. I'm sorry that I couldn't write much sooner but ever since I've gotten myself, shall we say in this mess, they've had me coming and going. What a life to lead—it isn't for me and I'll be glad when this is all over with and we can come home and live like we should. Really, I shouldn't complain, for I live the 'life of Reilly,' compared to what some of the boys live who are overseas. Still all in all, as guys gripe and moan wherever we are, there's nothing that can satisfy us, except 'Home Sweet Home.' Yup, that guy was really on the ball when he wrote those words."

Stan continues and asks that some of the gang write to him and that they won't have to wait till their hair turns grey before an answer will be forthcoming.

General

A baby girl, 3 lbs. 5 oz. named Gloria Jean for Stella and Dan McCarty. Congratulations. By now she is back in Cleveland.

A note from "Mix" Modic recently laid up. "I feel much better. Got

home Friday afternoon. Hope to get on my feet soon."

Comrades' Last Meeting

Our President, Joe Zorman, made a good impression at Comrades' initial meeting of the year. The attendance was not up to par. We had with us Joe Koren on furlough, likewise Eddie Azman. Ed had been away for three years overseas. He answered many questions and provided an interesting half hour. He left to welcome Jackie Vehar who was coming in on his furlough.

Sick reports for Josephine Novak, Mix Modic, and Frank Trebata passed for payment. Lodge joined the "March of Dimes" by voting a \$4 donation to this worthy cause. Booklets in which dimes could be inserted were also passed among the members. When filled they could either be turned into the writer or Mr. Gornik Sr. for forwarding to the President of the United States. Pauline Reinmann won the \$1 award. Refreshments served later in the Club Room. At the meeting we also heard that Frank Golob was recently granted an emergency furlough; his mother passed away. Our deepest sympathy to Frank and his family.

Point of Clarification

There has always been more or less confusion, at least in my mind, as to whether the men in service would receive operation and sick compensation. Some told me that they would as long as they were in the States, but not when they left the country. Comrades finally had a definite case which was submitted to the Main Office. Our Supreme Secretary wrote me: "This is to inform you that under the provisions of Section 85 of the By-Laws, brother mentioned is not entitled to any operation benefit for his operation, because he is in the service." Section referred to reads as follows: "No compensation shall be payable to a member while in the army, navy or marine corps, or any armed force, or while the member is residing in a foreign country or territory."

I thought I'd bring this up for the benefit of other secretaries.

Nervous Community Council

The Mayor's Committee on Disaster is still working on the problem. Meetings are being held quite frequently. Right now an attempt is being made to organize a corporation that will purchase all of the lots in the burned out area, reshuffle the property into larger size plots and dispose to first the original owners, than others interested. Driving out undesirable factories is also being pursued. The council still holds their meetings on the last Thursday of the month. Mark this date on your calendar.

Lodge Slavija No. 1 Plans Dance Feb. 10

CHICAGO.—Lodge Slavija, No. 1 of SNPJ, will sponsor "a night of entertainment" on Saturday, Feb. 10, at the SNPJ hall, and cordially invites its friends and members to attend. This will be a reunion where we'll renew old acquaintances and make new ones.

The committee in charge wishes that all members who possibly can, attend this affair, and bring their friends along, too. Also, members of other lodges are invited to join us in the fun that is in store for them.

Music will be furnished by the Mozzina Trio. Slavia ladies will see that good refreshments will be on hand. So don't fail to come Saturday, Feb. 10, at 8 p. m. Admission only 25c plus 5c tax.

ANTON TROJAR.

Growing Democratic

Indian chieftain (making a speech to his tribe)—"You all know me as 'Old Chief Trainwhistle,' but since I am extremely democratic, I hope that, for short, you will feel free to call me 'Toots!'"

Sgt. Ray S. Sternisha Wins D.F.C.



Sgt. Ray S. Sternisha, member of SNPJ lodge 115 and son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Sternisha, Joliet, Ill., recently won the Distinguished Flying Cross for completing 30 missions over Germany. In the above photo he is showing his mother, **Sis. Helen Sternisha**, Secretary of Lodge 115, the citation he received with the flying cross. In addition, he holds an air medal with three oak leaf clusters, the European ribbon with two gold stars, and the Presidential citation. Sgt. Sternisha, a graduate of Joliet Township High School, is 23 years old, entered service in October 1942 and went overseas in February 1943. He is a radio operator and gunner on a B-24 and recently has been spending a furlough with his parents before reporting for reclassification at Santa Ana, Calif.



SNPJ SPORTS



National Telegraphic Bowling Tournament April 28-29

A national "telegraphic" ten-pin bowling tournament will be conducted throughout the jurisdiction of the SNPJ on Saturday and Sunday, April 28-29. This has been decided by the National Athletic Board. The tournament also received the approval of the Supreme Board at its meeting last August. The rules under which it will be conducted appear in today's sports section. Be sure to read them over carefully and discuss them at your forthcoming meeting. Entry blanks, copies of the rules, and other information will be mailed to all prospective lodges.

Since the closing weeks of the summer of 1942 all national sports have been abandoned in the SNPJ. The national bowling tournament at Milwaukee, Wis., in April of that year, and the softball and golf tournaments held at Cleveland, Ohio, the following September were the last such events sponsored by the Society. During the interim which followed, bowling has been the only sport to survive the conditions brought on by the war. In fact, outside of bowling in the local leagues and the few sectional tournaments, there has been practically no other sports activity in the SNPJ.

Now, after more than three years of war, a war in which approximately 6000 of our SNPJ youth are directly involved through service in the armed forces, an attempt will be made to revive sports activity through the medium of a national bowling tournament carried out on a "local" scale. This will be a tournament of many local tournaments staged over the same week-end in the various localities where SNPJ Lodges are established. It will be a "telegraphic" tournament for the reason that, upon conclusion of each local tournament, the names of the winners in each event and their respective scores are to be telegraphed to the Athletic Director at the main office in Chicago. Complete results will follow by mail a day or two later.

As provided in the rules, each lodge or combination of lodges may stage a local tournament as a part of the "telegraphic" tournament. These will be open to all SNPJ adult and juvenile members in good standing. Each will be headed by a secretary in charge of all the arrangements. If necessary, a committee may be elected to assist him. All entries and fees (except cost of bowling) are to be forwarded to the Athletic Director. Tournament prizes, regular and consolation, will be awarded to the winners, and these will be augmented by a sizable sum from the Society's athletic fund. Whenever possible it is recommended that a social affair be held in conjunction with the local bowling tournaments. In that way we can have a chain of social and sports get-togethers all over the country the same week-end.

A separate class has been provided for juveniles who desire to bowl in the "telegraphic" tournament. The team event only will be open to them. The entry fee will be 25c per bowler or \$1.25 per team. This will furnish our juveniles, especially those who are members of active Circles, with an opportunity to enter a team. Strabane, Sygan, Avella, Girard, Chicago, Waukegan, Milwaukee, and a few other communities are known to have juveniles interested in this sport. Let's see how many teams we can attract from these places.

The national "telegraphic" bowling tournament is something new for the SNPJ. For the first time it will enable all of us to stay right at home or some nearby community and participate in a national affair. No time need be lost from work. No transportation fare to amount to much need be paid. In fact no extra expenses need be involved other than those usually connected with a local gathering of this kind. So let's all put our shoulders behind the wheel of SNPJ sports and push forward to success.

Sports Flashes

A good barometer of interest growth in sports is the fact that, to date, we have received the names of nine nominees as candidates for places on the National Athletic Board. There definitely will be competition in three of the five districts. That's how we like to see it—Lots of rivalry for every office all down the line. Lawrence Cassol, 2nd District representative of the N.A.B., reports that the E. S. Federation of SNPJ Lodges in Western Pennsylvania held a successful meeting recently. A new athletic committee was elected composed of Frank Tomic of the Strabane Pioneers (589) as chairman, Michael Kumer, Max Kumer and Andrew Prijatelj of the Universal Comets (715), and Brother Cassol of the Veronians (680).

He further revealed that the SNPJ Duckpin Bowling Tournament will be staged at Sygan on April 8, and will be followed a few weeks later by the Ten-pin Bowling Tournament at Strabane on Sunday, April 29. The latter will be in line with the "telegraphic" event and good results are already anticipated. Incidentally, the Sygan and Strabane SNPJ Homes have excellent facilities for bowling, dancing and other recreational pleasures with which to satisfy all who will participate in these two tournaments.

While no official notice has been received by the Athletic Director, the Chicago Pioneers are proceeding with arrangements to conduct an Invitational Doubles Handicap Tournament on March 4 at the Southwest Bowling Lanes. The Cleveland SNPJ Bowling Leagues have been setting a fast pace of late. Many excellent marks have been chalked up to the credit of the various teams and individuals. Some mighty fine reports have been coming in from John J. Spilar, representative of the N.A.B., who does the reporting for the men's league and from Pauline Ross who pens the news for the ladies. Keep up the good work! Other SNPJ leagues please take note.

Frank Dolinar, who is stationed at Chanute Field, Rantoul, Illinois, visited in Chicago last week-end and spent several hours with the writer. He is a member of Lodge 6, Sygan, Pa., where he left a fine record as a softball player, golfer and bowler before entering the military service nearly three years ago. Like most of our members in the armed forces, Brother Dolinar is anxious to return home to the normal ways of living—and to SNPJ sports and social activities. We certainly hope that will be soon.

MICHAEL VRHOVNIK, Athletic Director.

S.N.P.J. National Telegraphic Ten-Pin Bowling Tournament Rules

1. The National Telegraphic Ten-Pin Bowling Tournament of the Slovene National Benefit Society (SNPJ) shall be held throughout the jurisdiction on April 28-29, 1945.

2. The tournament shall consist of the following events: Five-man team, Two-man team and Individual contests for men bowlers; Five-woman team, Two-woman team and Individual contests for women bowlers; and Five-boy and Five-girl team contests for juvenile bowlers.

3. All bowlers must be members in good standing of the lodge they will represent, and shall have joined the SNPJ on or prior to March 1, 1945. Members, transferred from one lodge to another, must belong to the new lodge at least ninety (90) days preceding the tournament.

4. The entry fee for each event in the adult class, over the cost of bowling, shall be 75c per bowler and 25c for each one in the juvenile class. No entry fees, once received and filed, shall be refunded. Bowlers for whom fees have been paid, who are unable to participate in the tournament, must get substitutes to fill their place and report the change at least 24 hours before set time of bowling event.

5. There shall be a secretary at the head of each local tournament elected by the lodge conducting the tournament. His duties shall include the following: To collect the entry and bowling fees, keep a record of all income and disbursements, arrange for a place to bowl, draw up the schedule, secure reliable scorers and foul-man, correspond with the Athletic Director when necessary, mail him the entries and fees, check and approve the tournament scores, and report news items of interest pertaining to the tournament in the sports section of the Prosveta.

6. The tournament secretary shall make duplicate copies of each set of entries. The original copies shall be mailed to the Athletic Director of the SNPJ along with the entry fees, and the duplicate copies shall be kept for local record. The DEADLINE for all entries (Chicago office) is April 18, 1945.

7. All entry blanks must be signed by the tournament secretary and the financial secretary of the respective lodge, and bear the lodge's seal. Each bowler's certificate number shall appear opposite his name.

8. There is no limit to the number of teams and individual bowlers a lodge may enter. Teams or individual bowlers, however, will not be permitted to bowl more than once in any one event.

9. Bowlers shall be notified by the tournament secretary of the time and the alleys on which they are scheduled to bowl. The alleys, on which the bowlers shall roll their games, shall be decided by drawings. Team captains shall be required to report line-ups thirty (30) minutes before starting time. This also applies to all Two-man (woman) and Individual entries.

10. The entries in each local tournament must roll all their games on alleys certified by the American Bowling Congress. Each event shall be rolled across two alleys and no two events shall be rolled on the same alleys by the same bowler(s), unless there are less than six alleys in the bowling establishment.

11. Any one participating in an event under an assumed name, or is otherwise ineligible, shall be expelled from the tournament and scores forfeited. If it is a team event, other members or member shall forfeit prizes in said event. Any member guilty of falsification of the records of a tournament may be barred from all SNPJ sports activities for an indefinite period.

12. All prize money shall be divided into two funds, the REGULAR PRIZE FUND from which awards shall be paid for GOOD BOWLING, and the CONSOLATION PRIZE FUND from which awards shall be distributed among the Five-person teams finishing out of the regular prizes, in the ratio of one prize for every three places.

13. The number and amount of prizes in each event shall be determined by the number of entries and the amount of appropriation received from the SNPJ Athletic Fund. The official prize list shall be drawn up by the Athletic Director, subject to approval by the National Athletic Board.

14. The Society shall appropriate for its Athletic Fund towards the tournament prize funds, a sum based on the number of Five-person teams entered in the tournament. The scale effective is as follows:

40 teams	\$200	70 teams	\$500
45 "	\$250	75 "	\$550
50 "	\$300	80 "	\$600
55 "	\$350	85 "	\$650
60 "	\$400	90 "	\$700
65 "	\$450	100 & up	\$800

15. Not less than 50% of the appropriation received from the So-

ciety, after deduction for trophies and/or medals, shall be placed in the TEAM PRIZE FUNDS, the balance to be divided in proportion to the number of entries between the Two-person team and individual entrants.

16. A lodge in any locality may arrange a tournament in conjunction with other lodges at a place mutually agreed upon by them. This arrangement is especially recommended for large SNPJ centers where two or more lodges of the Society are located.

17. When two or more lodges plan to conduct a tournament together, a committee may be formed of representatives of the participating lodges to assist the tournament secretary in his work, or it can be left entirely under the direction and management of one lodge.

18. Upon conclusion of the events and verification and approval of scores, the secretary of each local tournament shall telegraph the names(s) and score of the winner in each event to the Athletic Director, and shall mail him a complete report, along with the official score sheets, each signed by the tournament secretary and proprietor or manager of the alleys, not later than May 1, 1945.

19. The reports of all local tournaments shall be checked and approved by the Athletic Director and two other members of the National Athletic Board residing nearest to the headquarters of the SNPJ, before the winners are announced in the Prosveta and prizes distributed.

20. The SNPJ National Telegraphic Ten-pin Bowling Tournament shall be conducted under the Rules and Regulations of the American Bowling Congress, except as otherwise provided in the SNPJ Rules.

Approved by the National Athletic Board Jan. 26, 1945.

MICHAEL VRHOVNIK, Athletic Director.

Lunder-Adamic Ride On—Whip V Boj's

CLEVELAND, O.—There seems to be no stop sign for this tough Lunder-Adamic crew after the Hotshots hung the horseshoe on the V Boj's to increase their league lead to eight games. Tony Primc, the likable gent who last week established a new league high with a fine 638 series, again set a torrid pace with 190, 190 and 195 tallies in a 575 series. Andy Poklar rated top spot for the losers with a 463 series.

The Utopian Lions strengthened their grip on second place after cuffing the Utopian Panthers in two frays. Frankie Zupun zipped in a 579 series to star for the roaring Lions who lately have been traveling at a fast clip. For the Panthers J. Attwood was high with a 514 series.

After dropping nine consecutive games, yes, count them, chums—1-2-3-4-5-6-7-8-9—the Utopian Tigers finally managed to salvage one game from the Betsy Ross Flyers. Hooray! Well, we got a fine round of applause anyhow, fellows! Tony Gerchman (the people's choice) barreled a 225 score in a 556 set to momentarily stop the fast fading Tigers. Carl Krause highlighted the Rossmen's attack with a 542 series.

200 Circle

M. Poklar 233, A. Gerchman 225-215, F. Zupun 220, L. Strukul 211, J. Birk 206, F. Kastelle 200.

Bowling Bits

Ozzie Hirsh, the man with the taking ways... scooting home with the teams bowling fees and jackpot money!... That's a new one for our books! The Betsy Ross Trick Artists... making wide open splits and crazy setups with the greatest of ease. Mike Poklar predicting that he would cop the cross alley prize and backed up statement with a 233 winner.

Mrs. Christine Lisch and youngsters rooting for daddy. Mrs. Mabel Flagg also giving a lift in the last game, but the Tigers' one game winning streak ended abruptly. Mabel on the shift preceding ours had clouted 182 and 226 scores before collapsing to 135 for a 544 series. We could have used a few series like that, Mae! Tony Gerchman's 225 and 215 investments returning dividends. You never can tell, Tony!

Here's a must attend notice for all SNPJ Keglers. The Athletic League bowlers' dance to be held Sat., Feb. 24, at the Slovene National Home on St. Clair. Be sure to attend the dance for the profits from this affair will enable the league's prize list to pay off a larger share.

J. J. SPILAR, Ath. Rep.—Dist No. 3.

Midwest SNPJ Athletic League Bowling Time

CHICAGO.—All SNPJ lodges affiliated with the Midwest League please send the name and address of your delegate to the league secretary at once. The following lodge secretaries should send them in: 14, 100, 559, 568, 573, 584, 631, 632, and 686. There are no dues for the league this year.

Pioneer lodge is sponsoring the Handicap Bowling tournament this year at the Southwest Bowling Alleys, 1659 S. Blue Island Ave., Chicago, on March 4, 1945. This is their annual tournament. Many keggers and friends from the Midwest attend these tournaments annually. Will you?

Preparations are in the making for the National Telegraphic SNPJ Bowling Tournament, which is to be held in the last week of April and hope all lodges will be bowling right

Struggler Views

CLEVELAND, O.—The first meeting of the year was very poorly attended. It may have been due to the unusual weather we are having but, then again, some members live just around the corner from the Slovene Home where our meetings are being held, so you can readily see that blaming it on the weather is a very poor excuse indeed.

Those who were not present missed seeing Frank Ipavec, an unusually quiet member, get up and speak his piece (incidentally, Frank is quite interested in the SNPJ farm) and I'm sure that the membership will agree with me when I say that he is an ardent booster of the Strugglers and SNPJ. Another fine quality in Bro. Ipavec is the fact that regardless of what we ask of him he is more than willing to do it—wish there were more like you, Frank. We saw Ted Laurie assume his duties as Sec'y and we are quite certain that he is capable of fulfilling the job, and if you should ever need help, Ted, you can feel free to call on us.

Strugglers' News-Notes

Just whatever happened to Joe and Ann Karlinger? We miss you at our meetings. Why not come around once in a while? That invitation is not only extended to them but to the entire lodge as well. How about attending our next meeting which will take place on Saturday, Feb. 10? Think it over, folks. Word has reached your scribe that Frank Koss Jr. (our former Sec'y's son) had undergone a serious operation and is now recuperating at home. Hurry up and get well, Frankie. Two more childbirth reports from our members, namely, Anglea Baranowski and Betty Woodworth. How about enrolling them into our lodge, mothers?

In Sympathy

To the parents of Louise Rataic (juvenile member) we extend our heartfelt sympathies. Louise had only been ill a short while when she passed away. To the bereaved parents the entire lodge expresses its heartfelt sympathies. Also word has reached us that Amalia Golob, mother of Paul Golob, had passed away. Again we offer our heartfelt sympathies. May they both rest in peace.

Service-News-Corner

The lucky winner of the service-men's bank-note-award was none other than Edward Marinic. Acknowledgments of the money order sent by the Strugglers to our members in the services for Xmas were received by Christine Zupanc, Jo Lokar, Robert Gubanc, Tony and Frank Vadal, Jack Svetek, Rudy Lokar, Edmer Miklavic, John Hrovat, Walter Lampe, Edward Marinic and Vic Zele. Next month will, no doubt, find more acknowledgments as the mail service has been quite poor and then again some of our boys have been in combat and at the present time are unable to write. From time to time your scribe will publish names and addresses of our members in service so that you who are home can drop them a line. But then there will be some difficulties as the Sec'y hasn't their latest address—will you help him by supplying him with their most recent address? Remember if you don't write you're wrong.

ANNE (STRAUSS) ZELE.

A Definition

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here in Chicago under the auspices of the Pioneer lodge 559. If you participate in this affair we can make this the greatest sport event in the SNPJ.

MICHAEL R. FLEISCHACKER, Sec'y Midwest Athletic League.

SNPJ Ladies' League

CLEVELAND, OHIO.—Strugglers No. 1 rimmed the Cavaliers in three games making their winning streak to nine straight, and maintain top notch in the league. Led by Hermine Zupancic with 461, and well supported by her teammates all rolling over 400 series, Christine Kebe was high with 467 for the Cavaliers.

Strugglers No. 2 edged the Utopians No. 2 in three tries. Theresa Clemens piloted her team with 498 and Julia Kronik's 366 was high for Utopians.

Comrades No. 1 took two games from the Concordians. Pauline Spik was tops for the Comrades with a 201 game 467 Series, followed by Fran Tomic and Anne Prijatelj with a 212 game 505 Series, took top honors for the evening, was high for Concordians.

Antoinette Skok's smooth performance with 491 aided the Comrades No. 2 to win two from Utopians No. 1. Frances Simoncic, a first year bowler who was really hitting them, was high for the Utopians.

PAULINE ROSS, Sec'y.

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FLASHES

By DONALD J. LOTRICH

CHICAGO.—Entry blanks for the Pioneer Invitational Double-Handicap tourney were sent out last week just as we had announced. These entry blanks should get into the hands of those people who are interested in competing. We are well-assured of a record entry because this doubles competition will enable more people to form squads. Already a number of our friends are considering on bowling, such people who have never had an opportunity to join one of the teams. Many who haven't bowled for years will have a chance to get into this line-up. The entry fee is reasonable, a lot of time is still available so all who can should get into the swing and make the tourney on March 4. Anyone desiring additional entry blanks can have them by writing to the Pioneer secretary.

Our mail this week brings us a letter from Mary Suglich of Washington, D. C., who relates an interesting account of their War Relief Benefit, naturally for the South Slavs. Emil Hrst was supposed to have won half of the things he will need for furnishing a home. On Feb. 11 they will hold a dance for this same purpose. We hope that it will be successful.—Then we have one from Mike Reading of Santa Ynez, Calif., in which he remembers the Pioneer Bulletin and in which he compliments the Pioneers for their progress in 1944.—John and Gilbert Tratar postcard from Santa Anna, Calif., where they spent an early vacation and drank plenty of orange juice.—Mr. and Mrs. Victor Zupancic contributed \$20 for the Zupancic War Relief. This should be a reminder to others that we are still taking in money for this worthy cause.—This Friday, Feb. 2nd, the subject at the Toman Library shall be "What will happen to the small countries in Europe". The speaker, Wesley Sharar, of the Abraham Lincoln School. The subject is interesting enough for all who can attend.

We were glad to receive the statement of the United Committee of South Slavic Americans on the political situation in Yugoslavia precipitated by King Peter's dismissal of the Subasic cabinet. The statements called this undemocratic and in contradiction to the very aims for which the United Nations fight. We know that it was caused by the fear of the king that he might lose his throne. So far as we are concerned, Yugoslavia does not need a king and certainly not one who is reactionary. The former Yugoslav government was everything but progressive. There was no such thing as free speech and assembly in Yugoslavia prior to the war. We are for the statement and we hope that it will have some affect in U. S. Government circles.—The American Labor Education Service is showing labor films on Jan. 31 to unionists and other progressive elements on how things are run. Commentators will be on hand at 84 E. Randolph St.

The Pioneers are still getting letters from overseas acknowledging the Christmas parcels. Most of these parcels have arrived in good shape. The supplies came in useful and, in general, were shared with others. Herman Zordani, who is in France and who has been on the go for quite some time now, is one of those who expresses appreciation in his V-mail.—Another is William Fister in the Pacific. He adds that he likes the Bulletin and that both of his brothers and he are in good shape. Bill also sent along some Jan treasures for the Pioneer collection.—A third arrived from Frank Furar, who is in eastern France. He adds that everything is coming along as well as can be expected. They are kept very busy. He finds France much nicer than Africa and the people more hospitable.—Bernard Pirok writes that he received the package and is glad to know that the bowlers are getting along so well. He is back in New York now after spending some time in Ireland. He was also in Belgium and will undoubtedly have much to relate of what he has seen.

Lukas Grosor Jr. who has been in the hospital for some time and is now well relates that everything is coming along fine. They have got to watch out for air raids though. They have had their first rain in a week but it's mighty hot. He sent Marion Herick a little souvenir from Philippine Islands. He also comments on the Pioneer bowling league.—According to Gene Pirman, her husband, Tony, is now in Belgium.—It is the opinion of Andy Sosko, who is in the Philippines, that the Japanese war will soon be over. They are getting such a bad beating from the Americans that they can't stand it much longer. Air raids are frequent, he tells us, nearly as frequent as the rain but he is getting used to it. Stanley Zbacnik is close to where Andy is situated. He will try and contact him.—Stanley Maly received his Xmas package in January but it tasted good just the same, he tells us. He is still getting the Bulletin and thus keeps in touch with us. He tells the bowlers to keep up the good work.—And the final note this week came from John Korun who acknowledges receipt of the parcel and the monthly Bulletin and adds, "Under way right now and they're not the same rolls as we have on Lake Michigan. Sure am anxiously waiting to get back to old Chicago

again. Had a nice Xmas."

Minnesota's iron ore mines are yielding a new substance that resembles manganese and was discovered by Dr. W. Gruner of the University of Minnesota. The substance will be known as Groustite and is a mineral composition containing manganese, hydrogen and oxygen.—A tiny mercury dry cell five times as durable as a standard unit will make up the miracle battery of the future. It will most likely be used to great extents in the peacetime market in automobiles. The Army is now using it in its activities in the Pacific. At the same time such batteries are costly, are so powerful that it pays the Army to use them.—Electronic midges, tubes tinier than your little finger will shrink the size of post-war merchandise. It will mean cigar box radios, more compact hearing devices, much slimmer business machines because these small tubes will take up so much less space. These tubes are now being used by the armed forces to advantage and will have much to do with the radio of the future. It will have much to do with the radio cabinets of the future, too.—Yes, these latter two are developments of the war which will serve mankind even in peace providing the civilized people are able to organize their political and economic structures in such a way as to share the plenty that can be man's.

The Chicago District Federation of SNPJ held its annual meeting last Thursday and elected Jacob Zupan pres., Louis Zorko vice pres., Frank Alesh sec'y-treas. and Anton Trojar recorder. We reviewed the Juvenile Yule Party and the work in connection with the SNPJ Section at the Woodlawn Memorial Cemetery.—Mrs. Anna Vidmar, mother of Frand Vidmar and Tille Pokly, died last Wednesday and was buried in the SNPJ Section of Woodlawn Cemetery last Saturday. Slavia lodge officiated.

"Naprej" Concert and Drama "Norec" Feb. 11

MILWAUKEE, WIS.—Altho "Naprej" Singing Society has been quite dormant during this wartime era, the reason, of course, attributed to the induction of most of its younger members into the armed forces, the group has recently been rejuvenated, and brought into activity, by transferring some of the older members of the juvenile All Stars Circle Chorus into Naprej fold.

Thus, thru combined efforts and diligent rehearsals, in the past months, Naprej is again prepared and will favor the Slovene populace of Milwaukee and surrounding cities by presenting a concert comprising of a splendid variety of popular folk songs.

In addition, and as the main feature of the program, the committee has, indeed, been fortunate in arranging to have the excellent drama "Norec" presented thru the cooperation and willingness of the dramatic section of Branch 1 JSF of Chicago. This drama was staged at the SNPJ auditorium in Chicago several months ago and really proved to be a direct hit with the audience.

With this but a brief outline, as to the richness of above mentioned program in store for you, Naprej is cordially inviting you to attend this outstanding affair sponsored at the S. Side Turner Hall, 725 W. National Ave., on Sunday, Feb. 11.

JOHN MAREN.

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