

We Hail the Renewal of SNPJ Day In Cleveland!

THE FIRST POST-WAR SNPJ DAY TAKES PLACE THIS WEEK-END

Featured Will Be Sports and Cultural Events On Grand Scale

Thousands of Members Expected to Participate At This Great Celebration

CLEVELAND.—The Cleveland Federation of SNPJ Lodges is ready for the national festivities which will begin this Friday and last through next Monday, the Labor Day. Visitors and local members are cordially welcomed to participate in the various cultural and sports events. Various committees are ready for the hard task ahead. They will be assisted by our loyal members who have responded by the hundreds to contribute their share of work so that all present will be served.

Our kitchen in the Slovene National Home on St. Clair Ave. will be open from morning until night all 4 days.

A bus for the MONDAY PICNIC at the SNPJ RECREATIONAL FARM on Chardon Road will transport picnicers from the National Home on St. Clair, proceeding to the Slovene Workingmen's Home on Waterloo Road, thence to the Slovene Home on Reher Ave. The first pickup will be at 11 am, the second at 1 pm.

All events except the Picnic will be held at the Slovene National Home, 6409 St. Clair Ave.

The 4 day festivities in the first post-war SNPJ Day celebration will begin Friday morning, Aug. 29, with the Conference of Juvenile Directors who will come to Cleveland from various parts of the country. It will begin at 9 pm.

After the morning and afternoon sessions, a program will be given at 8 pm by Juvenile Circle No. 2, Bro. Michael Vrhovnik, chairman of the Conference, will show some movies portraying various juvenile activities, etc. After the program refreshments will be served with dancing to Mauser's orchestra in the evening. Do not forget to see the juvenile exhibit which will be shown in connection with this conference and open all 4 days.

Saturday morning and afternoon will be devoted to the baseball, basketball, and golf tournaments, which will continue also Sunday and Monday. In the evening there will be dancing in both halls: in the Auditorium with the Vadal orchestra and in the lower hall with Pintar's trio.

On Sunday at 4 pm the big cultural event will unfold in the Auditorium. Under the direction of General Chairman, Bro. Matt Petrovich who is also chairman of our Cleveland SNPJ Federation, the following will participate on the program:

MARION ROSSMAN, singing, accompanied by Dolores Kaucic, FLORENCE UNETIC, singing. THE SNPJ JUVENILE SINGING CIRCLE of Cleveland. Guest Speakers will be BRO. MICHAEL KUMER of Universal, Pa., a member of the Supreme Supervisory Committee who will speak in English, and the SUPREME

MONDAY: Cam. Zarnik, chairman, Frank Ipavec, Blas Novak, Anton Kerze, Nick Spehar, Charles Koman, John Sorc, Frank Pyke, Joe Kikel.

KITCHEN will be under the direction all 4 days of Sister Julia Zerovnik, assisted by Josephine Trainik and majority of ladies from lodge Napredne Slovenke No. 137.

HOUSING: Ann Opeka, chairman, Mary Meklan, Pauline Ross, Anton Jankovich, members.

PUBLICITY: Carl Samanich, chairman, Anton Jankovich, Ann Opeka, John Spillar, Agnes Jerich, Marian Adams, John Botjancich, Nada and Alma Zagar.

All meals will be served in the annex of the Auditorium from early morning to 6 pm every day. After 6 pm dance committees will help.

All welcome to our Slovene Metropolis in the USA. Visit our Recreational Farm, also all the nine Slovene National Homes in Cleveland the addresses of which are given in the Slovene section of today's Prosveta.

Carl Samanich, publicity director.

SNPJ News from Strabane

STRABANE, Pa. — On Sunday, Sept. 7, the two SNPJ Lodges of Strabane, Nos. 138 and 589, will hold an outing for the entire combined membership at Forest Villa on Route 19 between Canonsburg and Washington. This affair is for the enjoyment of the members and the success of the affair will depend on them. We hope to see a large turnout of members at the outing.

There will be plenty of eats and liquid refreshments for all and free of charge to all members. No one need pack a basket for the outing. Also there will be music for dancing by Joe Terpin and Becky Yarkosky, who also play for Al Medafor's Polkateers. They will play some fine polka music for all.

No one need worry about transportation as busses will be provided to transport all of you from the SNPJ Hall to Forest Villa. Busses will start leaving from the SNPJ Hall at 2 p. m.

We urge all members who desire to spend an enjoyable Sunday, to attend the outing at Forest Villa on Sunday, Sept. 7.

Pioneer Sports

In the local community softball league the Pioneers are now in first place and if they continue their fine play they are bound to stay on top. Should they copy the second half title, they will play Phil's Motors for the championship of Canonsburg.

The "138-589" Balina league continues to roll each Sunday at the courts at the SNPJ Hall. In the men's division the "Old Folks" are on top with 14 wins and 8 losses, followed by the "Bums" and "Flashers" with 13 wins and 9 losses. Then come the "Senators" and "Soaks" with 12 wins and 10 losses; the "President" with 11 and 11; Balina Busters 10 wins and 12 losses; "Champ and Stars" with 9 wins and 13 losses and the "Governors" bringing up the rear with 5 wins and 19 losses.

In the ladies division the "Cardinals" lead with 13 wins and 7 losses; followed by the "Cubs" with 11 wins and 9 losses; the "Giants" with 10 wins and 10 losses and the "Buccs" with 6 wins and 14 losses.

All members of Lodge 589 are urged to note that the regular meeting scheduled for Sept. 7 at 8 p. m. has been postponed until Sunday, Sept. 14, at 8 p. m. due to the outing at Forest Villa.

PUB. COMM.

Annual Picnic of Lodge 544

CLEVELAND.—The SNPJ "Velebit" Lodge 544 will hold its annual picnic at the West Side Slovene Home, 6818 Denison ave., Sunday, Aug. 31, beginning 4 p. m. Everybody welcome. Dancing and refreshments. Music by Johnnie Seelan.

NEWS AND COMMENTS

By J. F. Fiftolt
NATIONAL S. N. P. J. DAY

CLEVELAND, OHIO.—The vanguard of visitors in the form of Juvenile Circle Directors will start arriving in Cleveland Thursday night, August 28. Their conference will open on Friday. Later in the evening movies will be shown by Bro. Vrhovnik, a program will be presented by Circle No. 2 and a social will follow, music being furnished by the Mayer boys, in the annex, free to the general public. Workers, friends and members of all the lodges are asked to be present Friday evening.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 30, the day's activities will be concluded with a DANCE in the upper hall with music by Frankie Yankovic and down the lower hall the Pintar trio.

ON SUNDAY, AUGUST 31, a MUSICAL PROGRAM review will be sponsored in the afternoon followed by dancing in the evening with the Vadal boys steering the musical ship.

MONDAY, SEPT. 1, we'll all head for the great outdoors, with all roads leading to the SNPJ Recreation Grounds, Heath Rd., Chardon, Ohio. For those not having any transportation bus service will be provided.

GENERAL

The National Home, E. 65th St. and St. Clair Ave. will be open to serve meals at all times for those that get hungry on Thursday. All visitors or residents should see to it that they secure an identification card. President V. Ceinkar and Mike Kumer will be the guest speakers on Sunday afternoon. A lot of workers will be required for the three days. It is expected that those who indicated their intentions of working put in their appearance.

Comrades Meeting

Comrades August meeting was scheduled at the height of Cleveland's warm spell. Writer figured that if anyone showed up they should be examined. Lo and behold, we had a very nice turnout. It was quickly decided to hold the meeting on the veranda, sort of a moonlight meeting. Writer commented on the results of the Supreme Board meeting, favorable reaction to his request for a substantial donation to the SNPJ Recreation Grounds. We talked about our successful wiener roasts and the past picnic. Our first dance of the year will soon be here, the date, Friday, Sept. 12, with music by Vadal. The girls will be bowling that night, so it will be up to the fellows and non-girl bowler members to help out that night. The writer read the letter that was written to the English Speaking lodges asking whether they would care to co-sponsor the expense of the fireplace. Next week we'll let you know how many of the lodges responded and their reaction. Sick benefit forms for Jean Svete an Ann Orchick passed for payment. Frank Ross informed the group that two men teams have been lined up. After the short business session, the gang partook of refreshments prepared by the girls.

General

Mary Svete is now a Mrs. Congratulations. Mary Seed, recently transferred, announced the arrival of their first born.

A few weeks ago a group of Comrades took in the wedding of Dot Rossa to Pete Jones. There we had the pleasure of renewing acquaintances of Frank Hribar, Leon Hostnik, his wife and Al Peternel, Young Americans from Detroit. Dot Rossa as a bride was as "purty" as in the movies. In fact surroundings did not do justice to the entire bridal party. 'Twas an elegant affair. We hope Dot and Pete enjoy many years of happily married bliss.

Sometime ago Vera (Novak) Mang, 3659 Glendale Rd., Albuquerque, New Mexico, dropped me the following note: "Enclosed find my check for dues. I've been a busy lady moving and have not had time to write before. I've been living in the 'land of sunshine' for one month now and so far like it very much. We bought a trailer and are parking it on my brother in law's lot, giving this country a try. So far the weather has been beautiful, very hot but with a cool breeze always. The nights are cool and won-

Welcome To Cleveland August 29, 30, 31 and September 1

CLEVELAND, O.—In behalf of the Cleveland SNPJ Federation I wish to extend a warm and friendly welcome to many hundreds of SNPJ members and their friends who will come to Cleveland this weekend to celebrate a great Fraternal Holiday, the National SNPJ Day.

When our Cleveland SNPJ Federation accepted the call to hold the National SNPJ Day celebration in our city, we had fully realized our responsibility to provide to the utmost for the entertainment and comfort of our guests on this occasion. We realize that much is expected of us and we are determined to do everything possible to make this celebration a memorable one.

As far as amusement and entertainment are concerned, Cleveland, with its National Homes and SNPJ Farm, offers facilities which cannot be surpassed. The sports program is in the capable hands of the Cleveland SNPJ Athletic Board; and the Saturday evening dance will be held under their auspices at the Slovenian National Home on St. Clair Avenue. The Sunday afternoon Musical program and Sunday evening entertainment will be held in the same Home under the auspices of the Cleveland SNPJ Federation. The very best local and outside talent will participate on this Variety Program.

On Labor Day, September 1, a great outing and picnic will be held on the SNPJ Recreation Farm near Chardon, Ohio. A new dance hall was recently erected on this Farm, a building of which Cleveland SNPJ members have a right to be proud. One of our Federation committees is hard at work to make this picnic a real success.

A Housing Committee is working diligently to provide housing for all of our guests. Some weeks ago this Committee had issued a call to prospective visitors to send in their reservations early. I am sure that all of you who had answered that call will have no difficulty with sleeping accommodations.

MEMBERS OF THE SNPJ, FAR AND NEAR!

Labor Day is our National Holiday. Come to Cleveland for at least one day, if you cannot stay longer. Our hands are extended to you in a friendly welcome.

Let us meet again,
Let us renew our friendship,
Let us reinforce the tie of Brotherhood which is binding us together as members of SNPJ.

MATT PETROVICH, President
Cleveland SNPJ Federation.

Jolly Quipps' Picnic Was a Huge Success

ALIQUIPPA, Pa.—The big day we members were waiting for arrived and past. That was our picnic held at Pollack's Farm on Aug. 17. The beautiful weather brought the crowd to the picnic.

Drinks, hot dogs, ham sandwiches, candy, gum and balloons were sold. The younger children had fun breaking balloons and blowing bubbles while the older people enjoyed themselves dancing to the music of Johnny Kregg and his boys. A few of our boys played mushball.

We are glad to announce that Mrs. Zakrajsek won the big ham which was given away at the picnic.

The juveniles wish to thank all the Excelsiors who helped make our picnic a big success.

MARY ANN RUDICH, Pres.

Dance at West Newton On Labor Day, Sept. 1

WEST NEWTON, Pa.—The SNPJ of West Newton is sponsoring a dance at the Slovene Hall on Labor Day, Sept. 1. Music for the occasion will be furnished by the ever-popular Eddie Zabak and his Slovenians from Cleveland, Ohio. Let us all attend and hear Eddie swing with those polkas and popular songs. Dancing from 9 until 1. Refreshments will be served.

FRANK ZORKO, Treas.

derful. I don't believe you know we have a little fellow in our family, Michael Timothy, born Feb. 3, 1947, at St. Ann's. I hope you and your family are all well. How's the store coming? Good, I hope. Drop me a line and let me know how things are at home. Say hello to my lodge friends for me."

BUCKEYES' BROADCAST

BARBERTON, Ohio.—Since the first announcement of the Buckeyes' Lodge picnic honoring the ex-GI's, you have all been informed by mail of the change in date. By the membership's decision, the big time is now scheduled for Sunday, Sept. 7. All are to meet at the Slovene Center on 14th St. at 1:00 p. m. in order to get transportation arranged for everyone.

The program for the day is varied enough for all tastes: There is the swimming, so bring your suits; on the grounds is a miniature golf course, archery, dancing in the pavilion, besides our own schedule which includes card games, croquette, lunch and community singing.

Among the first to make reservations were a couple of ex-GI's from our neighboring SNPJ lodge in Cuyahoga Falls who wanted to join in the fun and who will be most welcome. The reservations are coming in and glad we are, too. We're counting on seeing all our 24 ex-GI's as many members still haven't met them and are ahankerin' to it. It's sad that Johnny Spetich won't be with us as their Melody Makers band is scheduled for an appearance at a picnic in Canton.

Those of you who have not as yet made your call for a reservation should do so immediately as the committee wants to be sure they plan a menu big enough to take care of what we expect to be hearty appetites for it will be a day of much activity.

We're counting on it being a beautiful, sunshiny day (got your fingers crossed?) but even if it does rain, who cares, there's shelter for lunch time and plenty to do anyway! The committee will have the proper refreshments for the grown-ups as well as the kids!

CHATTER-CHATTER: Bowling season is about to bust out all over and don't the Buckeyes know it! Betcha there's at least one Buckeye represented in every league in the Slovene Center alleys and Frank Janiga, when last we heard, was rounding up the boys for a Buckeye team in one of the leagues. As for the ladies, well the Tuesday night ladies' league finds the Buckeye girls bowling with various teams and, who knows, one of these seasons they'll get together and form a couple Buckeye girls teams! (Wow! what a chattering 'n' night the league met for this season's organization! You never heard the LIKE!)

You never saw such an athletic bunch as the Buckeyes! Half of 'em play golf and swim, another bunch goes hiking 'n' hiking, there are baseballers, basketballers, and simply EVERYONE bowls—and if you think the dancers in the crowd are athletes, you should see some of 'em jitterbugging!

And watch me SPRINT—for the nearest mail box!

"OH" BALENCHECK, Pres.,
SNPJ Buckeyes 626.

Young Americans

DETROIT, MICH.—Well, at last it has come to the organizing of two SNPJ Bowling Leagues here in Detroit, one for the Women and one for the men. These two leagues will bowl at the Palmer Park Recreation, Six Mile Road at Woodward (the site of the next SNPJ National Bowling Tournament) starting Sunday, Sept. 14, at four o'clock in the afternoon.

The men's division elected the following officers for their first year: Joseph Golia, president, Edward Blake, vice-president, Al Mancini, secretary-treasurer, Frank Olinick, sec. secretary. Auditing committee: Don Obed, Rudolph Bernick, George Stimac, John Smoltz, and John Jacklich. As for the girls division, their election has not been completed.

This weekend we will be celebrating our National SNPJ Day in Cleveland, Ohio. Word from Cleveland that everything will be ready for the greatest SNPJ celebration ever held. In conjunction with the Labor Day affair, the National Softball, Golf and Balina Tournaments will be held. The Young American Softball team defeated the Wolverines Sunday, August 10, by the score of 16 to 3 and gained the District championship, and the honor of playing the Cleveland Loyalties, District 3 champions, who traveled to Detroit and defeated our Young Americans by the score of 5 to 2. The pitching of Charles Citinsky of the Loyalties and Bud Lynch and Bucky Wierbicki of the Young Americans featured in this ball game. By winning this game the Loyalties will represent Districts 3 and 4 in the National elimination in Cleveland.

On behalf of the Young American Lodge we wish at this time to express our deepest sympathies to the family of the late Mrs. Martin Canzel.

Congratulations to Josephine Klarich and Rudolph Grum and also to Berchie Naprudnik and John Marolej who were recently married.

JOSEPH GOLIA,
Young American, 564.

SNPJ Wolverine Lodge

DETROIT.—This weekend will find all loyal active SNPJ members heading for Cleveland to participate in the huge National SNPJ Day affair. In the softball finals there will be no contender from Detroit as the Wolverines were beaten by the Young Americans who in turn bowed to the Loyalties of Cleveland, thus eliminating hopes of the Detroit boosters.

Odds and Ends

Little Judy Culkar is the newest juvenile to enter our midst.—Postcard greetings from the Podar family vacationing in Tacoma, Washington, and other western states.—Judy and I, along with the Joe Hochevays, spent a few days in western Pennsylvania visiting friends and relatives in Sygan, Imperial, and Burgetts-town.—Visitors in Detroit from Aliquippa were Mike Zakrajsek, his wife and daughter, and Mr. and Mrs. Antonick.—Al and Rosemary Raines flew in from Cleveland with all of the Loyalty ballplayers.—Helen Slaga spent two weeks with her family in Steubenville, Ohio.—Molly Peric is also vacationing with her folks in Oklahoma before school starts. Molly and her sister Mary Mannise are both teachers in the Detroit schools.—There's never a dull moment at John R on Thursday nights when the ladies play balina.

MILLY BERNICK, 677.

to an infected jawbone.—Mrs. Anzick is still in Grace Hospital and we sincerely hope for a speedy recovery for both of you members. A casualty of the Wolverine-Young American softball game was Leo Bernick who got a badly sprained ankle sliding into second base. Leo has been hobbling around with the aid of a cane for two weeks.



By Donald J. Lotrich

CHICAGO.—All of the active SNPJers will go to Cleveland, Ohio, over the Labor Day weekend; who can make it. The rest of them will have their thoughts there, too, for the revival of the SNPJ Holiday. We certainly hope that a large number of people will attend, despite the handicap of accommodations. The SNPJ has a valuable page in the history of this country. We as a nationality can look up to the progress and the accomplishments made by our influential society. Many things which were dreams forty years ago, but which were in the forefront of the minds of our founders, have become a reality. We are known because of what the organization was able to accomplish. We are recognized for the services the SNPJ has given. A large attendance for the 1947 National SNPJ Day will therefore be a manifestation for all of the good things for which our Society stands. A large attendance will show that the membership is loyal and does understand the needs of an organization. To those who will perform the various tasks, we should give a word of praise in advance.

The Pioneers have added Mary Reuh to the sick list. She has gone to South Bend, Indiana, for an operation.—We received a fine note from Doctor Lillian and Joan Zervnik, who are visiting the quaint city of Quebec. They explain that the scenery is wonderful and that the numerous land marks are interesting.—A note from Anton Shuler tells us that they are vacationing in Salt Lake City and the Mormon country.—We see where John Alie Jr. has made a trip to Cuba and is looking over the Spanish characteristics of Havana.—Molly Thomas spent her vacation in her hometown, Johnstown, Pa.—Mary Udovich Sr., we learn, was the recipient of an award for her lovely garden from the local garden club. She had a lot of beautiful flowers.—James Jachino is still in the Marine Hospital following his operation.

Everybody is talking about the vast profits which are being made by American companies. Our Daily News reported that 402 companies which list their stock on the exchange, nearly doubled (100%) their profits over 1946. They are actually robbing the people and they call it free enterprise. Pretty soon they will get the extra few savings from the common people and with the exports diminishing will be bouncing into a real depression again. That's what the common people get for listening to the greedy politicians. Surprising how little protest the common people have made on the extremely high prices of the things they need every day. Surprising, indeed, that some organization hasn't been formed to combat these robbing prices. As for the government, those who constitute the system, are the government. What can you expect from them? It is a shame how little attention the people pay to the primary lesson in economics, that controls are essential in a system such as ours, because it has been shown time and again that without regulation, the private profit system just runs wild and catches all the suckers when the spiral goes up and doubles its take when the spiral drops. What is doubly bad, the consumer credit is now at an all time peak. When that gets top-heavy, watch it topple over. Why can't Americans do some straight thinking?

The Chicago Star is the only newspaper in Chicago which has been promoting public ownership of our electric plant. They have pointed out many interesting facts. Especially are we interested in the large sums of money which would go into the city treasury if the plant was municipally operated. This would cut taxes considerably. Now that the city will be acquiring its transportation system because it hasn't been able to operate profitably under private enterprise, we hope the next thought will be to a utility which can really bring some revenue and relief to the people of Chicago. Chicago should own its own light and gas plant.

Vatican Envoy Called "Illegal"

BUFFALO, N. Y.—The international convention of the Disciples of Christ was told here it should meet the efforts of any church to obtain an official connection with the government or a financial connection with the public treasury. Charles Clayton Morrison, Chicago founder and editor emeritus of the Christian Century, weekly religious publication, in a prepared address criticized as unconstitutional the continuance of Myron C. Taylor as the President's ambassador to the Vatican and the use of public money for textbooks and bus transportation for pupils of parochial schools.

In Alabama 66% of the dwelling units have no running water.

Welcome To SNPJ Day In Cleveland

As our members and readers of Prosveta already know, the ninth annual National SNPJ Day celebration will be held on August 30, 31 and September 1 in Cleveland, Ohio, our Slovene metropolis. Thousands of members from all parts of the country are expected to gather in the spacious Slovene Auditorium on St. Clair Avenue and take part in this great event.

On Friday, August 29, or the day prior to that celebration, the Juvenile Circle Directors' Conference of the SNPJ will take place in the same building.

This year's Labor Day weekend will be the first National SNPJ Day celebration after the World War II, and as all previous events of this type that were held at different places every year up to 1942, after which year we had to omit them on account of difficult war conditions, the 1947 celebration is combined with the athletic championships as well as with other cultural and social programs. Quite appropriately, the main summer activity of our Society comes at the close of the summer season, and calls for a genuine fraternal celebration of all loyal members. And there is no doubt that all members of our great fraternal family, who can possibly attend, will try to be there and join us in this special event of our national festivity and personal enjoyment.

We sincerely and cordially extend our greetings and hearty welcome to all SNPJ members and friends who will gather in Cleveland to help celebrate our Society's national event over the Labor Day holidays. Cleveland is ready and eager to receive you and welcome you. We all cordially invite you and want you to feel at home in our great Slovene-American metropolis on this happy occasion. We all want you to come and enjoy and carry back home with you only the best impressions and happy memories of our concerted efforts. So, let us all go and join for a complete success of this great national fraternal event and for a greater and stronger Slovene National Benefit Society!—V. CAINKAR, Supreme President.

AT EUROPE'S GRASSROOTS

By THEODORE JORGENSEN

PRAHA—I did not know Praha before the war; some say it was much more beautiful then. But it is certain that it is not ugly or broken down at the present either. The houses are old in the old part of the city, but there are also a great many fine and modern buildings in a style that I like. It is a combination of functionalism with the grace and liteness of the best in ancient Greece. I am told that such a combination of the modern and the classical is a characteristic of the new architecture in Slavic lands.

There is much building activity in Praha just now and many things are being repaired, coated with new plaster, painted. I do not know where they get their materials, but they seem to have all they need. Whether the buildings go up as government and municipal structures or whether they are the result of private enterprise, I do not have the means to determine, but a good deal of the activity appears to be in the former category—"made work" perhaps, but at least work that beautifies and improves the city.

I am mostly interested in human beings: strictly speaking I am not interested in parties or blocks or groups except as they serve or obstruct the welfare of this humanity of God's children here on earth. Often when I look at these ancient habitations of men, I am driven to repeat the words of Christ when he looked down upon another ancient community, "Would that you knew what serves the interest of your peace, but it is hidden to your eyes."

People here seem to be happy; I believe they are happy. Almost continually the radio across the back yard of the hotel carries a broad band of national music—not martial but folk music. It has a rich warm color and a fresh flavor. The painter and the plasterer out in the hall are singing lustily when they come on their jobs in the morning.

But the common people are working hard. I saw some laborers today laying large stones in the pavement down town. Stripped to their belts, the men looked like galley slaves. They moved methodically, with their faces set. When they come home in the evening, they probably have to worry about what the international politicians are going to do with their country.

You can take this from me as a certainty: The people of Czechoslovakia are as friendly toward the U. S. as any people on earth. The bookstores are full of American papers as well as those of any other country. You are basically wrong if you think these people are not able to find out what we are saying and doing in western lands. Today when I was down in the office of the "bourgeois" organ, Svobodne Noviny, I found the window covered with copies of an American magazine showing the picture of J. Edgar Hoover and featuring an article by him entitled "How to Fight Communism." If they had any strict censorship in this country—with a Communist prime minister—such agitation could not go on in the capital of the realm. Every radio owner can tune in on any station in Europe. In fact I have found no restrictions whatever on the complete personal liberties of Czechoslovak citizens. But the people here are equally friendly toward Russia. I doubt

Juvenile Circles of the SNPJ

Juvenile Circle 21 Dance

SHARON, Pa.—The Juvenile Circle 21 is sponsoring a dance this coming Sunday, Aug. 31, at Slovene Home. Music will be furnished by the well known Joe Koracin and his Slovene Aces of Yukon, Pa. Public is invited!

FRANCES NOVAK, Manager.

Thanks From Circle 24

WAUKEGAN, Ill.—The Jolly Juvenile Circle 24, SNPJ, wishes to thank the Perfect Circle of Chicago and Junior All Stars from Milwaukee for taking part on our Mid-West Juvenile Field Day here on Sunday, August 17. It was a very nice gathering and get-together for our Juveniles. Thanks to everyone who helped make our Field Day a success.

DOROTHY GABROSEK, Circle 24, SNPJ.

Best Wishes from Perfect Circle

Chicago.—The Perfect Circle is extending their very best wishes for a successful Circle Directors' Conference and an enjoyable weekend of SNPJ activities to the First SNPJ Circle Directors' Conference, Cleveland, Ohio.

SYLVIA TROJAR, Sec'y.

Ramblers' Spotlight

OKMONT, Pa.—Another season of bowling is just around the corner. Grant's bowling alleys, Hulton Road, Okmont, have been reserved on Wednesday nights at 7 p. m. All members interested in bowling contact Paul Kusa.

Sunday, August 18, at Sylvan Heights found many golfers participating in the SNPJ Golf Tourney. Once again John Richter shot a one hundred par 71 to take the trophy back to Universal. Joseph Bertovich from Universal placed second with a par round of 72. The Ramblers were well represented at the tournament but couldn't score.

Ramblers will soon stage their own inter-club golf tournament; particulars are not available at this time.

The American Slovene Day Committee will sponsor a picnic at Rosedale Sportsman's Club, Harmarville, Sunday, Aug. 31. Proceeds to be used for Slovene Cultural Radio Program heard over WPIT every Sunday morning at 10:30 a. m.

P. K., Lodge 713.

Badgerland News

MILWAUKEE, Wis.—With this terrific heat wave that we are experiencing, you will excuse me for making it short and snappy. We just want to remind one and all that the Badgers will hold a family outing on Sunday, Sept. 7, which will take place at Alpers Resort at Tichigan Lake. We will meet in front of the Collins-Meyers Club house, 735 W. National Ave., at 9 a. m. and shoot right out for a day of fun and frolic. Bring along your lunch and the kiddies and let's make it a real affair.

SALTY, 584.

them win the war, and it is one of the sad chapters of history, to all good Norwegians that this solidarity is not being maintained.

In Czechoslovakia the feeling has the additional element of brotherhood. The Czechs believe they must stand with their Slavic comrades thru thick and thin, for they see no other promise of happiness in their part of the world. As far as I can make out, Pan-Slavism is much broader and stronger in these lands than we at home realize; it is stronger than what we sometimes call Anglo-Saxon or Anglo-American unity. And that, in the ultimate analysis, goes a long way toward explaining the present cleavage in Europe.

(Co-op Builder)

Shoe prices are 72% higher than before the war and 30% higher than OPA ceilings.

Attention, SNPJ Day Contestants

CLEVELAND.—The sports events sponsored in conjunction with the celebration of National SNPJ Day will get under way Saturday, Aug. 30, at 2:00 PM at Ridgewood Golf Course.

The ballns tournament will begin Sunday, Aug. 31, at 10:00 AM at the indoor and outdoor courts of the Slovene National Home on St. Clair avenue. Finals will be played off Monday afternoon at the SNPJ Farm.

All golf and ballns contestants must report to committees in charge one hour before game time. Baseball semi-finals and finals will be played on Sunday. Players enrolled in this contest will be notified of time and place by their team captains and managers.

ATHLETIC COMMITTEE.

JUVENILE CIRCLE DIRECTORS' CONFERENCE

This Friday morning, August 29, the Directors of thirty Juvenile Circles of the Slovene National Benefit Society will gather together at a conference in Cleveland, Ohio. These youth leaders of the SNPJ, coming from nine different states—from as far west as Roundup, Montana, and as far east as Brooklyn, N. Y., will represent their respective Circles in the first Juvenile Directors' Conference ever held by the Society. They will meet with the Juvenile Director, Michael Vrhovnik, in the lower hall of the Slovene National Home on St. Clair avenue.

The conference will be opened at 9 o'clock by the Supreme President, Vincent Calkar, who will first greet the Directors on behalf of the Society and proceed then to address them with a message that will, no doubt, prove timely and interesting. Upon conclusion of his address, the gavel will be taken up by the Juvenile Director, who will conduct the conference from that point on.

With one exception, the conference representation will be composed of the same Directors whose names were published in the Prosveta last week. The only change appears at the very head of the list where we have Sister Eva Balich, Director of Circle No. 1, Walsenburg, Colo., returned to her original place, replacing Sister Mary Tomsic. She will also report on the special topic "Relationship of the Parent Lodge to its Circle."

The Cleveland Federation of SNPJ Lodges will be represented by Brother Matt Petrovich who will extend greetings and welcome to the conference representatives on behalf of our membership in Cleveland. Supreme Secretary Vider will attend, if at all possible, to give a talk on principles of the SNPJ. The Juvenile Director will also have a report to submit to the conference.

Reports on special topics will be read by the eight Circle Directors to whom they were assigned, each of whom is expected to have a number of constructive ideas and suggestions to impart to the delegation. These eight Directors are: Eva Balich, Circle 1, Walsenburg, Colo., Ann Stromar, Circle 20, Detroit, Mich., Jennie Padar, Circle 50, Brooklyn, N. Y., Ann Briceley, Circle 47, Johnstown, Pa., Frances Novak, Circle 21, Sharon, Pa., Joseph Batis, Circle 52, Herminie, Pa., Mary Aidich, Circle 54, Springfield, Ill., and Ann Sannemann, Circle 26, Chicago, Illinois. When all reports have been read, the conference will continue with a discussion of the special topics in the order as they were submitted and, upon conclusion, will turn to discussion of miscellaneous matters for the good of the Circles and the Society.

While we have every confidence in the leaders of our Juvenile Circles and know that they will do all they possibly can to solve the questions and problems with which they will be confronted at the conference, we cannot expect them to do in one or two days what others have failed to accomplish in months or years. We realize, just as they must realize, that anything worthwhile does not take firm root overnight, but takes time, study, planning, and a great deal of work to establish it on a permanent foundation. With these facts in mind, strengthened by the knowledge that our Directors possess an abundance of good will, ability and real desire to strive for higher goals in the field of fraternal endeavors, we extend to them fraternal greetings and best wishes for a very successful conference.

NATIONAL SNPJ SPORT EVENTS AT CLEVELAND THIS WEEK-END

Cleveland, Ohio, will be the center of national SNPJ sport activities this week-end, August 30-31 and September 1, with contestants coming from the east and the midwest to challenge each other's supremacy and right to championship honors and awards on the field of softball, golf and ballns. Not in the last five years, since September 1942, has the Society offered to its membership the opportunity to participate in a program of this magnitude and importance.

Several thousand members, mostly from Ohio and the neighboring states of Pennsylvania, Michigan, Indiana, West Virginia and New York are expected to attend and take part in the sport and social events which will feature this year's National SNPJ Day celebration. There will, no doubt, be a few scattered visitors among the spectators and contestants from Illinois and Wisconsin and, possibly, from other more distant states, but the number will be only a small percentage of all who would be there if hotel accommodations were available. Yet, in spite of the handicaps, this will be a week-end of festivity, reunions, and rounds of pleasure and fun for everyone who can and will attend, with the Cleveland Federation of SNPJ Lodges in the responsible role of host to the visiting throngs.

First on the sport program will be the national softball play-offs which will bring together four supposedly well-matched teams. With the Veronians, Lodge 580 of Verona, Pa., winner of the national title in 1942 and also two out of the three previous years, eliminated from the play-offs in its own district, a new champion is certain to emerge from the contest. Just who this will be will not be known until the final game has been played and won, but of one thing we are certain, it will have to be one of the following teams:

TRIGLAV, LODGE 82, Johnstown, Pa., representing District No. 1
REVELIERS, LODGE 699, Ambridge, Pa., representing District No. 2
LOYALITES, LODGE 590, Cleveland, Ohio, representing Districts 3 & 4
BADGERS, LODGE 584, Milwaukee, Wis., representing Districts 5, 6 & 7

The Triglav team qualified for the national play-offs by winning the Conemaugh Valley SNPJ League title, the Reveliers team by copping first place in the E. S. Federation Softball League of Western Pennsylvania, the Loyalties by defeating Young American Lodge 564 at Detroit, and the Badgers by being the only team in the midwest area ready and willing to meet all competitors. Never having seen these teams in action, we have no way of telling what their comparative qualities are and, therefore, are in no position to offer any kind of prediction favoring one or the other of the four teams. We can only say, as we always say before a tournament of this kind, may the best team win. . . . While entries in the golf and ballns events have been very slow in coming in, according to the report of the local committees, competition, nevertheless, is expected to be very keen and exciting among those who have entered, with new national champions certain to be crowned at their conclusion. Here, as in the softball play-offs, may victory go to the most deserving team and individuals.

NATIONAL ATHLETIC BOARD MEETING SATURDAY

A meeting of the National Athletic Board will be held at 7 o'clock this Saturday evening, August 30, in room 20 (2) of the new building of the Slovene National Home on St. Clair avenue, Cleveland, Ohio. All members of the Board are expected to attend. At this meeting we will have, in addition to other urgent matters pertaining to SNPJ athletics, the drawing to determine how the four teams entered in the national softball play-offs will be paired in the semi-final round. Managers and captains of the respective teams are requested to be present to witness the drawing.

CONFERENCE LABOR DAY MORNING

A conference of representatives of SNPJ lodges, attending the National SNPJ Day, will be held at 10 o'clock, Monday morning, September 1, 1947, and this, like the meeting of the National Athletic Board, will be held in room 20 of the SNH on St. Clair avenue. Those of you who have attended past meetings of this nature know that one of its main purposes is to decide where to have the 1948 National SNPJ Day. Since this year's SNPJ Day is being celebrated in the eastern region (Districts 1, 2, 3 & 4), only lodges and Federations in the midwest area (Districts 5, 6 & 7) are eligible to enter bids for next year's event. Bids, not mailed to the Main Office, can be submitted in writing at this conference. A vote of the representatives present will decide the question. Not only will the selection of the site of next year's National SNPJ Day be on the agenda but, also, sport activities and other matters of benefit to the Society. This meeting is important enough for every lodge, having representation at the National SNPJ Day, to have at least one or two representatives present to vote and voice opinions in its behalf. Let's have a large attendance.

MICHAEL VRHOVNIK, Juvenile Director.

Jugoslav 5-Year Plan Backed by People

By Bob Travis

BELGRADE.—(ALN)—Although life is hard here now, there is a spirit of hope as the people pitch in to make their first 5-year plan a success.

Rich in minerals, timber, coal, oil and other raw materials, Yugoslavia has been kept in a terribly backward agricultural state by rulers who sold out to foreign interests instead of industrializing the country.

The 5-year plan is geared to provide the people with the basic productive potential needed for a higher standard of living. With the limited beginnings of industrialization and electrification, the government has already begun to lift living standards by lowering prices and raising wages.

Labor is cooperating wholeheartedly toward achieving the goal of a country run for and by those who work. In Zagreb a worker in a new electric motor plant showed me with pride an idea that had been accepted by the union and management. It made work easier and increased production 30%. In Belgrade textile workers able to read and write spend their spare time teaching their illiterate friends.

What impressed me especially was how the people seemed to know the meaning of the 5-year plan. This can best be explained by a conversation I had with a peasant in a small Bosnian village.

"I was a partisan," he said. "During my fight against fascism I learned to read and write, like thousands of others. Since then I've taught my wife and five children how to read. After five years nobody in Yugoslavia will be illiterate. All the peasants know what the 5-year plan means to them. Why don't you ask one of these people about it?"

I had my interpreter question a Moslem woman, still wearing the native traditional costume but with the veil thrown back from her face. "Soon," she said, "we will have electric lights—the poles will come over the mountain and down the road through the village, on to the next. Over there, on the right, where the foundations are being built, will be the first school, with flush toilets and large, light, airy rooms."

"Our library will be on the next block and our books are already promised. There'll be sanitary sewers for the village and pipes will carry pure water from the mountains into every home. And we'll have a clinic with a real doctor."

Her face glowed. She couldn't talk fast enough. "It'll be hard work," she continued, "but it'll be worth it. We've been working hard for centuries and we have nothing to show for it. This time we'll be working for ourselves."

"Any more questions?" she asked. "No."

"Well, all we ask of you is to tell the truth about our country," she said as she shook hands and walked away.

The Aftermath

BEAVERDALE, Pa.—Dance Aug. 17 went over big. It was one of the largest turnouts our Hall ever witnessed. Of course, we had one of the best Slovenian orchestras, none other than Frank Yankovic and his Yanks.

At this time we wish to thank everybody that helped out to make this dance a success. Also all the patrons. The American Slovenian Social Club wants to make an apology to all patrons who were not permitted to the grill rooms. That was beyond our control. We are obliged to live up to the Liquor Control Board rules which do not permit non-members to the grill rooms. Everybody seems to be over the big time except Mr. and Mrs. Louis Hrebar, the cure takers of the Hall. They have one big cleaning job to do to get the Hall back in normal shape again. Just about the time they get that done we will start all over again.

Sunday, Aug. 31, Joe Plavie and his Polka artists from Cleveland will play for another big dance at the Slovenian Hall, Lloydell. Time: from 7 to 12 p. m. E. S. T. Donation 75c per person to the dance floor.

Only members will be admitted to the grill rooms.

JOHN JEREB, Club Secretary.

Total savings by individuals for the first quarter of 1947 were less than half the figure for the last quarter of 1946 and the lowest since 1940.

One result of Jimcrows in the south: Negro population of New York City has increased 67% in the past 15 years.

POSTAL REGULATIONS

A SUGGESTION: Postal regulations prohibit publishing or mentioning in any way items covering rallies or games of chance, in newspapers. Papers containing this information are refused admittance to the mails. Our members will, therefore, kindly eliminate such subjects from their articles.

LABOR'S BLACK YEAR ON THE LEGAL FRONT

By NATHAN WITT, labor lawyer
for Federated Press

This has been the blackest year in the history of American labor legislation. It is misleading to say that the Taft-Hartley law sets us back decades or even centuries. The Taft-Hartley law revolutionizes the law of labor relations so completely and imposes such discriminatory requirements on unions that there can be no question of its fascist character.

A century ago organized labor in this country was just emerging from the darkness of the law of criminal conspiracy. Every piece of federal labor legislation and, until the last few years, every major piece of state labor legislation, marked an advance in the recognition, protection and encouragement of organized labor and of its basic aims and activities. This development was climaxed with the Wagner act, the Norris-La Guardia act and the progressive U. S. supreme court decisions of the last decade. With one blow, this century of progress has been erased.

In addition, limitations and discriminations have been imposed which even the most ardent supporters of the doctrine that unions are conspiracies would not have dared suggest a century ago.

Let us see why this is so and why so conservative and experienced a student and mediator as Prof. Witte calls this law the most backward piece of labor legislation yet adopted by any democratic country.

The Taft-Hartley law reshapes the Wagner act into a thoroughly oppressive instrument against labor by making it possible for the NLRB and the courts to enjoin and restrict labor for the mildest exercise of elementary rights. Thus, if an employer charges that a union is "restraining" or "coercing" workers, the union can be dragged through lengthy and expensive hearings and at the end find itself enjoined from carrying on any effective organizing. On the other hand, the mild penalties against employers are made practically unenforceable.

The same operation is performed on the Norris-La Guardia act. It would have been serious enough to repeal this law for which labor fought for 50 years, but Taft-Hartley goes much further. It now makes the government the servant of the employers in obtaining injunctions, in fact compels the NLRB to obtain injunctions on a mass scale. In the old days the employers were at least put to the trouble and expense of getting their own injunctions. Now the government will use its power and prestige directly on the side of the employers.

These two basic changes are only part of the story. Under the pretense of making collective bargaining easier, the new law actually destroys free collective bargaining by arbitrary prohibitions, limitations and regulations on union security, checkoff, initiation fees, welfare funds and a large number of unspecified subjects included under the false label of "featherbedding." Violent assaults are made on political liberty, free speech and a free labor press. Under other false labels like secondary and jurisdictional strikes, the right to strike and to picket is severely limited. Other provisions invite employers to destroy union treasuries by making unions liable in a large variety of situations.

Had enough? If not, get any lawyer to point out other pleasant features. But this should be enough to indicate that the welfare of our country demands that every member of Congress who voted for this infamous and vengeful law should forfeit his political future.

The picture in the states during this year is almost as bad. Fifteen states enacted laws prohibiting or severely limiting union security and checkoff provisions. In several of these same states and some others, restrictive legislation was enacted limiting strikes, picketing and boycotts, making it easier to sue unions and regulating the internal affairs of unions.

When these laws are added to those previously enacted in recent years, we have a pattern in a large number of states which resembles the new federal pattern. And these states include not only those in the south but highly industrialized states like Indiana, Michigan and Pennsylvania.

In the states as well as nationally labor must get into political action on an unprecedented scale so that true servants of the people will sit in our legislative halls instead of the flunkies of big business.

Marshall Plan Poses British Dilemma

By PHYLLIS ROSNER

LONDON—(ALN)—There is no Marshall plan; what there is, is the hope of certain European countries that they can get dollars from America to save them from a critical situation. Konni Zilliacus, leader of British Labor party opposition to Foreign Sec. Ernest Bevin's policies, told Allied Labor News here.

A second factor involved is the realization by certain U.S. circles that without foreign markets, America may choke her own abundance within the next few months, Zilliacus added.

The British government, he pointed out, is faced with a dilemma. The better its relations with eastern Europe, the less its chances for American money. Despite this, however, Zilliacus foresees increased economic relations with the Soviet Union and eastern Europe because of Britain's acute need for food.

(On Aug. 8 the Ministry of Food announced completion of a trade pact with Hungary. Bacon, eggs, lard and other foodstuffs will be sent to Britain. A trade agreement has also been signed with Poland.)

Present U.S. policy is extending the Truman doctrine from Greece and Turkey to western Europe, he said, but this is not the reconstruction scheme originally hoped for when Marshall made his speech.

"I regret that the Soviet Union and eastern European countries did not come into the Paris discussions, although I believe that neither France nor Britain—and far less the U.S.—genuinely wanted them," he remarked.

Questioned about current developments in Greece, Zilliacus termed the mass arrests of leftists and liberals on the pretext of a Communist plot a familiar trick of fascism. As precedents he named Franco's alleged plot in Spain, Hitler's Reichstag fire and Mussolini's uprising in Italy.

U.S.-British actions in Greece have been mentioned in Moscow as one reason why the Russians distrusted western intentions at Paris, he said, adding: "If support of this kind of program continues, nobody in Europe will believe them when they say they are for democracy."

Slap at Democracy

Mississippi, home of Bilbo and Rankin, destroyed another leaf of the Rule Book of Democracy before permitting its people to cast ballots in the State's Democratic primary last week.

The Mississippi Legislature, at a special session in March, 1947, enacted a law decreeing that voters must certify agreement with party principles as set forth by the State Democratic Executive Committee.

The Executive Committee decided that these principles should include opposition to Federal anti-lynch laws, anti-poll tax legislation and Fair Employment Practices Commission.

The direct effect of this action was to ask prospective Negro voters to openly express disapproval of measures which they believe are designed to aid them.

Those who refused to do so were denied a voice in the selection of officeholders.

Those unfamiliar with the South probably will say that this disgraceful performance was just another step in the Bilbo "white supremacy" program. It was that—and more, too.

It was a continuance of the old practice (not confined to the South) of trying to win elections by means fair or foul.

Boes Ed Crump of Memphis—just a few miles from the Mississippi line—doesn't follow the Bilbo-Rankin technique. He believes that Negroes should be permitted to vote, over and over and over again in the election—just as long as they vote for Crump-picked candidates.

It would be easy to say that the Mississippi election fiasco involved only a race issue—but that wouldn't be honest.

Those in the political saddle intend to stay there if they can. They would apply their shary spurs to any group—Negro or white—that attempted to unseat them.

In this instance the Negro was made the scapegoat. In another instance it may be the "politically undesirable" white man.

The CIO has more than an indirect interest in Mississippi, because it's a state in which the CIO is conducting a successful membership drive—a drive that has drawn the wrath of Bilbo-Rankin, Inc.

It is a state which has a law saying that those who vote in the Democratic primary must approve the "time-honored and cherished traditions of the South."

One of the most cherished traditions of the South has been operation of the non-union shop.

Could those who favor unionism be denied the right to vote in the primary? We doubt it, but—

Plan to attend the SNPJ Day Celebration in Cleveland Aug. 29-30-31 and Sept. 1st

THE UPPER CRUST



A prayer: "And may high prices and profits continue all the years of my life. Amen."

THE SLAVIC AMERICAN IS YOUR MAGAZINE. BUILD IT UP!

By Leo Krsycki and George Pirinsky

The first issue of THE SLAVIC AMERICAN, a quarterly published by the American Slav Congress, is off the press.

The appearance of our publication, at this critical period in the life of our country and its relations with other nations, is an expression of the determination of millions of Americans of Slav descent to carry forward Roosevelt's legacy for the building of a lasting peace based on the complete destruction of fascism.

THE SLAVIC AMERICAN is the opening gun in the campaign of progressives to keep America democratic and prevent another world war. It is also an answer to the anti-Slav hysteria and the attempts of some "poison peddlers" to intimidate Slav Americans.

Never before has the need of such a magazine for Slav Americans been so great as today when the policymakers of our country, having abandoned FDR's policies, are going ahead with plans to rebuild the industrial might of Germany, at the expense of former allies.

It is our hope that all organizations affiliated with the American Slav Congress, and all our friends in the ranks of labor, will fully appreciate the constructive role to be played by THE SLAVIC AMERICAN. We hope they will rally to the support of this magazine.

THE SLAVIC AMERICAN must compete for readers in a field monopolized by such million-dollar publications as Life and Look. Our publication needs a lot of backing.

Despite the obstacles of paper shortage and high cost of printing, the National Executive Office has carried out the decision of the National Committee meeting in Pittsburgh last February. We have carried out the task assigned to us. Will every reader of this newspaper now carry out the task of supporting the magazine?

Every Reader a Subscriber!

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Get Your Friends to Subscribe

Ask your friends at your place of work and in your community to subscribe, or arrange to have the magazine sent to them. Our Zlatko Balokovic, Chairman of the Resident Board, gave a splendid example by paying for 100 subscriptions to be sent to 100 of his friends. If you cannot subscribe for 100 people, subscribe for 10, subscribe for 5. The money will be one of the best investments you have ever made in your life. By helping to popularize

the magazine you are helping the cause of justice and freedom. You are letting Americans know about the great contributions Slav Americans have made in the building of this country and about the people of your native land.

Help Plan the Subscription Drive in Your Organization

We urge all readers of this newspaper to see to it that their society or lodge plan an intensive campaign for subscriptions and the most effective distribution of all available copies. Propose to your Executive Committee that they send THE SLAVIC AMERICAN to important labor and community leaders in your city or town. Follow the example of the National Committee of the Croatian-American Council in Pittsburgh and the Slav Council of Los Angeles. Each of these organizations took \$100 from its treasury and is having the magazine sent to a list of 100 prominent people—labor leaders, city and state officials, professionals, businessmen, writers, movie stars and others. This is one of the best ways to bring THE SLAVIC AMERICAN to the attention of wide circles.

Organize Special Affairs

Subscriptions alone are not enough to keep up a magazine like THE SLAVIC AMERICAN. Support must come through advertisements and direct contributions from firms and organizations. We suggest that during the next three months every lodge and society organize a special affair for the purpose of bringing the magazine to the attention of big groups of people and raising money for it.

THE SLAVIC AMERICAN is a publication you may well be proud of as a spokesman for yourself and your children. You have helped the American Slav Congress break a record in establishing unity among Slav American organizations. We know we may count on you in breaking another record in putting over this publication for all Slav Americans.

High Cost of Accidents

CHICAGO—Remember when you complain about the high cost of living that at least you're living!

The costs of accidents in 1946 totaled nearly \$6,400,000,000, according to the 1947 edition of "Accident Facts," the statistical yearbook of the National Safety Council.

This includes accidental injuries that cost \$3,600,000,000, property damage in motor vehicle accidents of \$900,000,000, fire losses of \$554,000,000 and other costs of occupational accidents of \$1,300,000,000.

In other words, the accident cost to each person in the United States averaged \$45.71 in 1946.

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TIME IS RIPE FOR NEW PARTY,

Say Liberals, But Not Now

By HARRY FLEISCHMAN

"A rose is a rose is a rose" declared Gertrude Stein. But Alex Rose, vice-chairman of New York's Liberal Party and Millinery Union leader, contradicts her.

Asserting before a meeting of the Liberal Party state committee this week that the time is ripe for a political realignment in the country and the formation of a national liberal party, Rose then reversed his field, and declared that such a party must come from the organization of liberal parties in the respective states, and that until a grass roots movement of that kind developed in many states to produce mass support for a national third party, liberals had no right to form a national third party.

To the question of how to organize grass roots liberal parties in many states, Rose replied by praising Truman's veto of the Taft-Hartley bill and his foreign policy and insisting that:

"It is our duty to support President Truman on these issues and hope that he will continue this policy in the remainder of 1947 and 1948. With such a record, Truman, in contrast to any reactionary Republican candidate, will present no problem for liberals to arrive at a decision for the 1948 election."

Berle Retracts

Liberal Party chairman A. A. Berle now admits that the Communists are not primarily responsible for third-party talk. In discussing the 80th Congress, Berle declares "Republican majorities elected last November organized the House and Senate and staffed its committees. They formed a coalition with certain reactionary Democrats, (Editor's note—a majority of the Democrats in the House and Senate) ran up the banner of the Roosevelt-haters and marched straight towards the 'normalcy' of Warren Gamaliel Harding."

"Undoubtedly last November the people wanted some changes. They wanted more enlightened modern, capable public thinking. What they got was a witches' kitchen of big interest lobbies."

"It is fair to say that they got no effective leadership from either political party as organizations," Berle continued. "Certainly in New York Dewey and the Republican Party straddled or came down on the wrong side of every question where public interest was involved. The Democratic Party folded up."

Berle concedes, "Yes, it is true that the movement for a liberal party does not come from Communists. It comes from millions of Americans who consider, rightly, that the political organization boys are not meeting the situation by miles." But when it comes to the question of 1948, Berle writes "a national third ticket is a gift of God to the most reactionary wing of the Republican Party."

To make this doubletalk sound reasonable, the Liberals have to misread history. Berle claims that in 1924, the LaFollette Progressives drew strength away from the Coolidge reactionaries and then adds "But who would want to vote a liberal ticket for the sole purpose of handing the national government over to Pew, Grundy, Colonel McCormick and their friends?"

Divide and Rule

In every election-contested by a third party, the cry of "aid to reaction" has been raised. It was raised in 1924, where many unions that were strong for LaFollette at the beginning of the campaign, weakened because of that claim and backed the "lesser evil," John Davis, Democratic presidential nominee.

Even in 1856, when the then radical Republican Party emerged as a third party, it was attacked as splitting the liberal vote and aiding reactionaries.

And in Great Britain, when Labor first organized on the political field, the same cry was raised. But Labor in England had sense enough to realize that the meager crumbs it got for voting for a "lesser evil" did not compensate for the losses it lost. Labor insisted on building its own party and running its own candidates and rejected the notion that "the time is not ripe." With what result? A Labor government, based on avowed democratic socialist principles, is now in power.

The attempts to now picture Truman as Labor's knight in shining

armor because he vetoed the Taft-Hartley bill are rather far-fetched. After all, Truman's record includes:

1. Demanding a vicious draft-labor - into - the - army - to - break - strikes bill, a bill that was even worse than the Taft-Hartley bill.
2. Seizure of coal mines and railroads to break strikes.
3. Appeasement of and then surrender to the Congressional drive to scuttle price control.
4. Advocacy of peacetime conscription, opposed by labor, church and farm groups throughout the nation.
5. Turning the 25 billion dollar government-owned war plants over to private profiteers at such low prices as to be a virtual steal.
6. Signing a fake rent-control bill that raised the rents of millions of Americans.

Sure the Republicans are rotten. They scotched all attempts to get housing for veterans, health insurance, Fair Employment Practice Legislation, anti-poll tax, anti-lynching bills. They passed the Taft-Hartley bill together with Democrats.

The gladiators of the "right wing" of American progressivism have about completed their return to the Democratic Party.

The closeness of the relationship of the top leadership of Americans for Democratic Action to the Democrats is becoming every day more evident.

But supporting Truman and the Democrats is no answer, as their record clearly shows. And supporting them will never build a new party.

Do the Liberals means their talk about the need for a national new party? They do. But their good intentions are cancelled out by their muddled thinking.

Only Program

The way to build an independent mass party is to build an independent mass party, not to support the Democrats. (The Call)

Ten Commandments for Motorists

Ten "safe and sane" commandments for motorists were suggested by the Greater Chicago Safety Council in a special bulletin calculated to bring to every responsible driver an awareness of his obligation to the public at large, and in an effort to reduce the increasing traffic toll on our city streets. The Commandments are:

1. Keep your car in sound condition.
2. Keep your car under control; you are always in danger if you cannot stop in the assured clear distance ahead.
3. Keep your eyes on the road; disaster can happen in a second.
4. Never fight for the right of way; the fight generally ends at an inquest or in a damage suit.
5. Go along with the procession; you have no more right to drag traffic than you have to jeopardize others by cutting in.
6. Be as courteous on the road as you are in your own home.
7. Know your local traffic rules and obey them.
8. Take pride in your driving skill; if normal people are nervous when riding with you, something is wrong with your driving.
9. Don't mix liquor, anger, or worry with gasoline.
10. Study local maps and experiment with shorter and less congested routes; you may be surprised at the time you can save.

The rise in dissemination of company propaganda is shown by the increase in the number of company publications from 30 in 1916 to 6,000 in 1947.

IMPORTANT NOTICE to Subscribers of Daily Prosveta

The Supreme Board, at the meeting held February 14, 1947, decided that the subscription rate for the Daily Prosveta would be increased \$2.00 per year for all subscribers. This also includes all subscribers that have 5 members in the family, therefore, kindly take notice that you, too, must pay \$2.00 for your subscription to the Daily.

By decision of the Executive Committee, in no case can you include more than 5 members from one family, regardless of the number of members in the family, and these should all be from one same address. The other members not included should receive their Weekly so that they, too, may know what is going on in the Slovene National Benefit Society.

Taking note of this, we ask you kindly to send us an additional \$2.00 for your subscription.

PHILIP GODINA, Manager.