

Federacije SNPJ

SEJA GIRARDSKE FEDERACIJE

Sharon, Pa. — Meseca decembra imajo vsa društva SNPJ svoje letne seje, na katerih bodo izvoljeni odbori za l. 1945. V tem okrožju imamo 17 društev SNPJ. K federaciji za vzhodni Ohio in Pennsylvanijo spada 12 društev.

Zadnja seja naše federacije se je vršila 25. avgusta v Salemu, O., po seji pa smo imeli piknik. Vse delo je imelo v oskrbi društvo št. 476; v imenu federacije se tamkajšnjemu članstvu najlepše zahvaljujem, posebno pa sestro Frances Mihovec, ki je imela največ dela s piknikom.

Poprej smo imeli štiri seje na leto, sedaj pa samo tri. Število sej smo znižali zato, ker nimamo dovolj gasolina, da bi se vozili na seje.

Prihodnja federacijska seja se vrši v nedeljo, 31. decembra, v Girardu, O. Apiliram na društva, da pošljejo svoje zastopnike na to sejo, kajti to bo ob enem letna seja in volili bomo tudi odbor za leto 1945. Tista društva, ki še niso včlanjena pri naši federaciji, naj pošljejo na sejo svoje opazovalce in se prepičajo, da so federacije koristne društvom in jednoti.

Joseph Garm, predsednik.

ZAPISNIK FEDERACIJE ZAPADNE PENNE

Redna seja federacije društev SNPJ v zapadni Penni, ki se je vršila 22. oktobra v Bridgevillu, Pa.

Brat predsednik John Kvaritch odpre sejo ob 11:15 dopoldne. Od odbora nista navzoča nadzornika br. Anton Rožanec in John Terčelj. Zastopana so sledeča društva: 6, 88, 89, 106, 118, 136, 166, 172, 265, 295, 300, 319, 386, 426 in 427. Skupaj 15 društev z 32 zastopniki.

Zapisnik prejšnje seje je čitan in sprejet brez popravkov. Poročilo odbora: Brat predsednik J. Kvaritch poroča o prireditvi dneva SNPJ za zapadno Penno, kateri se je vršil v nedeljo, 27. avgusta t. l. v Syganu, Pa., in se v imenu federacije zahvali vsem, kateri so pripomogli do tako lepega moralnega in gmotnega uspeha. Poročilo predsednika se vzame na znanje in sprejet je soglasno predlog, da se federacija zahvali vsem, kateri so sodelovali pri prireditvi dneva SNPJ, posebno pa gre zahvala članstvu društva št. 6 v Syganu, kateri so imeli vse najtežje delo, in pa bratu Jamesu Magliču, kateri je izborni vodil vse priprave skupno z odborom obeh federacij.

Brat predsednik tudi poroča o konvenciji SANSa. Njegovo poročilo se vzame na znanje.

Brat tajnik Jakob Ambrožič pod finančno poročilo za zadnje tri mesece. V blagajni je \$934.03. Delež federacije od dneva SNPJ je \$177.30. Brat blagajnik in nadzorniki potrdijo poročilo tajnika, nakar so računski sprejeti. Predlog je tudi sprejet, da brat blagajnik hrani zvezne bonde, ker je on odgovoren za premoženje federacije.

Poročila zastopnikov: št. 300 (Bradock): ustanovili podružnico SANSa; št. 89 (Midway): pridobili 10 novih članov; št. 6 (Sygan): 92 članov pri vojakih; št. 88 (Moon Run): priredili veselico 18. novembra; pri vojakih imajo 41 članov; št. 106 (Imperial): pridobili devet članov v odrasli oddelci in pet v mladinski; 37 članov pri vojakih; nabrali \$39 za ambulanco; v vojni je bil ubit brat August Vehar; št. 265 (S. View): pridobili šest članov; 14 članov pri vojakih; št. 427 (Coverdale): nabrali \$1000 za pomožno akcijo; št. 295 (Bridgeville): 22 članov pri vojakih; pridobili pet članov; darovali \$50 za pomožno akcijo; št. 172 (Bridgeville): bodo od sedaj naprej bolj aktivno sodelovali pri federaciji; št. 166 (Presto): pridobili 12 novih članov; pri vojakih 18 članov; št. 138 (Strabane): na zadnji seji so odposlali \$100 v urad SANSa za pomožno akcijo; brat Zigman je pridobil 47 novih članov; pri vojakih šest 200 članov.

S tem so bila poročila društvenih zastopnikov končana, nakar predsednik pozove navzoče zastopnike, naj vstanejo v znak sočutja za pokojnimi člani.

Brat Anton Cipic poroča o seji angleško poslujoče federacije. Njegovo poročilo se vzame na znanje. Angleško poslujoče federacije zastopa br. James Maglič in poda precej obširno poročilo. Poroča tudi o pripravah in zaključkih glavnega odbora za veliko manifestacijo za člane vojake, ki se bodo vrtili domov po končani vojni. Magličovo poročilo se vzame na znanje in soglasno je sklenjeno, da izvršni odbor sodeluje s federacijo angleško poslujočih društev in deluje skupno za priprave, ko pride čas za to.

Sprejet je predlog, da se daruje \$25 za SANS. Bratu Kvaritchu se odobri račun \$6.67 za vožnjo v Cleveland za konvencijo SANSa. Društvo št. 88 ima listke in se jih kupi pet knjižic iz federacijske blagajne.

Sklenjeno je, da se vrši prihodnja federacijska seja v nedeljo, 28. januarja, v Slovenskem domu na 57th in Butler st., Pittsburgh, katera bo ob enem letna seja. Vsi društveni zastopniki so pozvani, da se seje gotovo udeležijo. Sklenjeno je tudi, da se po federacijski seji vrši velik javen shod skupno s podružnicami SANSa. Bratu Ambrožiču pa je poverjena naloga, da piše pisatelju Louisu Adamicu, da bi prišel na shod kot glavni govornik. Nadalje je tudi sklenjeno, da federacija kupi zvezni bond za \$75.

Brat Joseph Hrvatin poda poročilo o nabiranju obleke v Pittsburghu in priporoča, da bi bližnje naselbine pripeljale vse obleke v Pittsburgh, da bi tako lahko zbrali dovolj obleke za en ali dva železniška vozova. Federacija priporoča vsem društvom, da pošljejo obleko v Slovenski dom v Pittsburgh, ako sama nečemu pošiljati v New York.

S tem je dnevni red izčrpan, nakar brat predsednik zaključuje sejo ob 3:45 popoldne in se zahvali kuharicam v Bridgevillu za zelo izvrstno južino.

Anton Rednak, zapisnikar.

LETNE SEJE

Pittsburgh, Pa. — Naznanjam članstvu društva št. 118 SNPJ, da se vrši letna seja v nedeljo, 10. decembra, ob osmih zjutraj. Volili bomo društveni odbor za l. 1945, zato je važno, da se seje polnoštevilno udeležite.

Apiliram tudi na tiste člane, kateri zmirom zaostajajo v asesmentu, da ga pravočasno plačajo, da bodo knjige ob koncu leta v pravem redu.

Joseph Hrvatin, tajnik.

Helper, Utah. — Na redni seji dne 19. novembra je bilo sklenjeno, da se povabi vse članstvo društva št. 689 SNPJ na letno sejo, ki se bo vršila 17. decembra v običajnem prostoru, in sicer ob dveh popoldne.

Na dnevi red pride več važnih zadev in ob enem volitev novih uradnikov za leto 1945. Pridite na sejo in izvolite odbor, ki bo deloval za napredek in korist društva in jednote.

Anton Teskar.

Waukegan, Ill. — Opozarjam članstvo društva št. 14 SNPJ, da se vrši letna seja v nedeljo, 10. decembra, točno ob dveh popoldne. Dolžnost vsakega člana je, da se seje udeleži vsaj enkrat na leto, ako ne, bomo odstranili.

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Frank Bruce, tajnik.

Walsenburg, Colo. — Odbor društva št. 299 SNPJ apelira na članstvo, da se gotovo udeleži letne seje, ki se bo vršila 17. decembra ob devetih zjutraj v običajnem prostoru. Ako se bo članstvo udeležilo seje, bo lahko volilo odbor, ki bo vsem po volji.

Louise Zupancic, tajnica.

Cle Elum, Wash. — Naznanjam članstvu društva št. 79 SNPJ, da se vrši letna seja 17. decembra ob dveh popoldne v Slovenskem domu. Udeležite se seje polnoštevilno, kajti volili bomo tudi odbor za l. 1945.

Rose F. Cernack, tajnica.

Cleveland, O. — V nedeljo, 10. decembra, je letna seja društva št. 142 SNPJ. Vrši se v zgornjih prostorih Slovenskega doma na Holmes ave. in se prične točno ob pol dveh popoldne.

Na članstvo apeliramo: udeležite se v čim večjem številu ter z dobrimi nasveti in dejanji pomagajte društvu do boljšega napredka v bodočnosti.

Frank Sustersich, tajnik.

Milwaukee, Wis. — Leto 1944 se bliža koncu. Na zadnji društveni seji društva št. 16 SNPJ je bilo sklenjeno, da se ima vršiti glavna letna seja v torek, 12. decembra. Pričekujemo točno ob pol osmih zvečer v običajnem prostoru. Na dnevnem redu so več važnih reči, posebno pa volitev odbornikov za prihodnje leto. Udeležite se seje v velikem številu. Mnogi člani se le redko kdaj udeležijo seji, zato je njih dolžnost, da se udeležijo vsaj letne seje. Po seji smo imeli nekoliko okrepčila. (Društvo bo priobčeno v dnevniku. — Ured.)

John Kump, zapisnikar.

Društvene vesti

Cleveland, O. — Prišel je zopet čas, ko vas kliče, da se v večjem številu ali pa prav vsi udeležite letne seje. Vršila se bo 17. decembra, točno ob eni popoldne v iverani št. 1 SND.

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Wm. Candon, tajnik.

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Ursula K. Gradisek, tajnica.

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Med prvo svetovno vojno so bile v Ameriki tri glavne skupine, ki so se bavile s politiko o novi jugoslovanski državi. Jugoslovansko republikansko združenje in Slovenska liga sta vodila kampanjo za ustanovitev samostojne države, prvo za republikansko obliko vlade, druga pa je simpatizirala z dinastijo Karadžorčevićev. Tretja skupina — klerikalna — je vodila kampanjo in propagirala interese stare Avstrije. Slovenija je tedaj imela izbornega borca v voditelju krščanskih socialistov Janezu Evangelistu Kreku, obenem pa tudi take izdajalce kot je bil dr. "Johann Schuster-schitz", predsednik Slovenske ljudske stranke, ter kanonik Ev-gen Lampe, oba naznana "gro-barja slovenskega naroda", ki sta se posluževala vseh sredstev, tudi cerkve in vere, da ohranita narodno bodočnost skupaj z brati Hrvati in Srbi v enotni državi. "Slovenskim cunjim" se je namreč zahotelo nadaljevati svojo narodno bodočnost skupaj z brati Hrvati in Srbi v enotni državi. Ameriška slovenska duhovščina je tedaj v veliki večini pripadala tej skupini ter v Ameriki vodila izdajalsko politiko doktorja Šušteršiča in kanonika Lampeta. Ta dva sta tudi bila odgovorna, da je orožništvo zaprosilo duhovnika Jurija Trunka (Pisano polje) ter pisatelja Fran-ca K. Meška.

List "Clevelandska Amerika" sedaj Ameriška Domovina, je podpiral Slovensko ligo. Teda-nji urednik je spisal uvod k brošuri "Slovenija vstani!", ki je vsebovala govor dr. Nike Zu-pančiča, člana jugoslovanskega londonskega odbora, in katere je liga izdala. Marsikoga bo za-nimajo, kaj je tedanjemu uredni-mislil o onih, ki so zavajali ameriške Slovence v protijugo-slovansko politiko, in kakšno stališče je zavzemal napram "svobodni" Jugoslaviji, ki se te-daj še ni porodila. Dne 7. maja 1916 je zapisal sledeče:

"Mi, ki živimo v Ameriki, smo dobri in zvesti ameriški državljani, ki smo kot taki prekinili vsako zvezo s suženjske Avstri-je. Mi spoštujemo ustavo in po-stave Zedinjenih držav, mi sledimo naši ameriški vladi ter se veselimo svobode, ki jo tukaj uživamo. Ravno tako svobode in zlato prostost v političnem pomenu besede pa privoščimo našim zatiranim bratom stare domovine. Kdor se bori za svobodo, spolnjuje najlepšo dolžnost svojega zemškega življenja. Mi kot ameriški državljani moramo želiti, da pride našim bra-tom onkraj morja ista svoboda kot jo imamo tukaj, zato je naš boj upravičen, naše stališče na pravem mestu! Narod je prišel razumovati, ideali so jasni pred nami vsemi—mi moramo gledati da naš narod dvignemo iz inferi-ornosti, kjer smo bili do sedaj in kamor se je s prezirno gle-dalo na nas kot suženjske Avstri-je. Visoko glavo, bratje, veliki dogodki nas ne smejo pre-hiteti! Slovenski narod v Ame-riki je prebujen in na shodu 28. aprila je sijajno manifestiral za svobodno Jugoslavijo, za zdru-ženje vseh treh jugoslovanskih rodov: Srbov, Hrvatov in Slo-vencev! Podirali to svobode v naših lastnih vrstah morajo zgi-niti, kot so zginili Judeži na dre-vosih z vrhov. Tema zginja in triko je danes ljudi držati v tem, najsi bo tema imperikalizma ali fanatičnega klerikalizma."

Te besede je zapisal bivši ko-lega sedanjega urednika Ameri-ške Domovine, pokojni Louis J. Pirc. (Ampak Pirc je potem na-veš črti podpiral Slovensko li-gu in kraljevaše.—Ured.)

Pirc je že pred 28 leti obsojal "fanatičen klerikalizem". Kaj bi pomekel danes, ko je njegov list postal glasilo najbolj fanati-čnih klerikalcev v Ameriki, urednik pa eden najbolj navdu-šenih zagovornikov novih izda-

jalcev slovenskega naroda v do-movini in tujini?

Ta list se sedaj grozno pona-ša, ker je predsednica Sloven-ske ženske zveze, Marie Pri-sland, objavila v Zarji, da je "obvestila predsednika Sloven-skega ameriškega narodnega sveta, da želim, naj se me opo-siti častnega odborništva... da ne bo moja oseba povod nadal-jnim napadom na SANS, ki se redno objavljajo v listu Ameri-ška Domovina..."

Tega urednika bo mogoče za-nimalo, da SANS ni ustregel "tež želji" ter da je sestra Pri-sland še vedno častna podpred-sednica SANSa.

nem teku in pričakujejo še na-daljšnih denarnih prispevkov.

V Euclidu, Ohio, je bila ko-maj pred enim mesecem usta-novljena naša podružnica šte-v. 106, toda blagajničarka Mary Konestabo nam je že poslala ček za \$400 za pomoč revežem v Ju-goslaviji. Zavedni rojak in član zbora Slovana (katerega pevcu so vsi postali člani SANSa) brat Louis Znidaršič je sam nabral \$335.00. V tej naselbini so zelo pridno na delu tudi članice krožka št. 3 Progresivnih Slo-venk, katere so prav uspešno pomagale tudi pri drugih po-družnicah v Clevelandu. Poro-čajo, da je to šele pričetek.

Iz La Salla, Ill., je poslala se-sstra Ema Shimkus, blagajničar-ka podružnice, \$30 za SANS ter \$270 za pomožno akcijo.

Za podružnico v Sharonu, Pa., je poslal blagajnik Anton Va-lentiniček ček za \$50 za relief. Iz blagajne so darovali \$25, drugih \$25 pa je daroval Slovenski na-rodni dom.

Iz St. Louisa, Mo., nam po-šilja tajnica podružnice št. 23, se-sstra Theresa Speck, ček za \$100, kar je darovalo društvo št. 107 SNPJ. Oblike so poslali v New York že 6560 funtov, toda s po-biranjem še niso prenehali.

Skupne podružnice SANSa in JPO-SS v Pueblu, Colo., so SAN-su poklonile \$100, za pomožno akcijo pa so poslale blagajniku JPO \$500. Predsednik skupne-ga odbora ter gl. predsednik KSKJ, brat John Germ, poroča, da je skupna veselica prinesla \$417.95 čistega dobička, društvo Sv. Jožefa št. 7 KSKJ pa je iz-ročilo \$102.77 dobička lastne ve-selice v ta namen. Posamezniki so darovali \$51.00. Odbor je pri-čel kampanjo tudi za nbiranje oblike.

Od društva št. 120 SNPJ, Gallup, N. Mex., nam piše se-sstra Mary Marinšek: Društvo je sklenilo in izvolilo sestro Mary in Jennie Marinšek, da obiščeta naše člane in grsta od hiše do hiše nabirati prispevke za jugo-slovanski relief. Nabrali sta \$164.50. Vsa čast vam, ker se ne ustrašite hinavcev in farizejev in delate za lepšo bodočnost na-šega križanega naroda, iz katere-ga smo prišli.—Tudi obema se-strama čast za njuno velikoduš-no delo.

Društvo št. 606 SNPJ, Read-ing, Pa., je nabralo med člani in poslalo v naš urad \$82.41 za pomoč bednim v stari domovi-ni. Nabirala sta tajnik Anton Matijašič in blagajnik Matija Vardijan.

Med delave v tovarni L. Huch Co. v Chicagu je naš rojak Av-gust Gubal nabral \$20.20, sam pa je še dodal \$4.80, tako da nam je njegova soproga Marion prinesla \$25.00. Ta rojkinja je malo pre-je nabrala in izročila podruž-nici št. 25 vsoto \$100.

Iz Celumeta, Mich., nam po-

poslala poštno nakaznico za \$20, katero vsoto so darovali: mr. in mrs. Keschman \$10, mr. in mrs. A. Stavanja ter mrs. Frances Bizjak po \$5.

Ti prispevki predstavljajo do-datno vsoto \$2,492 kar ni vklju-čeno v znesku \$26,913.67, ki je že bil odposlan v New York.

Pred kritkim smo poročali, da je podružnica v Detroitu po-slala \$700 ter da je do tega zne-ska pripomogla tudi postojanka JPO. Tajnica nam sedaj poroča, daje lokalni odbor JPO prispe-val le \$54.20, drugo pa so nabra-le članice SANSa, in sicer: se-sstra Mary Knez \$225.00, sestra Mary Jurca \$290.80 in sestra Lia Mentca \$130.00. Posamezniki, ki so darovali večje vsote v ta na-men, so: John in Elizabeth Pla-ter \$100, Slovenski narodni dom \$100 in Joseph Topalak \$100. Mrs. Mary Potochnik je darova-la \$50.00, Peter Benedict pa \$25. Žal, da je nemogoče priobči-ti imena vseh drugih darovalcev, ki so prispevali od \$1 do \$20.

Radi obilega gradiva bomo po-ročati prihodnji teden o kampa-nji za zbiranje oblike in druge-ga materiala za Jugoslavijo.

Mirko G. Kuhel, tajnik.

Društvene vesti

Lyons, Ill.—V nedeljo, 10. de-cembra, se bo vršila letna seja društva št. 270 SNPJ. Na tej seji bomo volili društveni odbor za leto 1946. Da nam bo mogo-če izvoliti uradnike, kateri bodo služili društvu in enotni vobče, je potrebno, da se seje udeležite v velikem številu in izberete kompetentne uradnike. Prosim vas, da se je gotovo udele-žite! Po seji bomo imeli neko-liko okrepčila.

Društvo je razpisalo izredni društveni acesment \$1 na člana (izvzeti so člani-vojaki) za kritje rednih in izrednih stroškov. Ako niste še poravnali, prosim, da to storite še ta mesec, da mi bo mogoče predložiti natančen rač-un za l. 1944.

Naše društvo je izgubilo to le-to že tri člane, katere je vzela kruta smrt, ki ne pozna stavek, temveč kosi neprestano, ne da bi vprašala ali si star, mlad, bo-gat ali revež.

Dne 22. novembra je umrl brat George Miloš, star 67 let; bil je član društva 27 let. Prisiljen sem povedati, da mi je žal, da sem moral poklicati nečlane, da nam pomagali nositi pokoj-nega k večnemu počitku. Vprašam vas, ali mislite, da boste vedno živeli? Tudi vas bodo morali nositi prej ali slej, kajti prišla bo kruta smrt tudi po nas in bo dolžnost društvenih čla-nov, da nas bodo nosili k večne-mu počitku. Po mojem mnenju bi se morali člani bolj zanimati za društvo in ne prepustiti vse

Naše prireditve ta mesec: V nedeljo 10. decembra priredi v Detroitu podružnica št. 1 igro "Z vero v vstajenje". Vrši se v Slovenskem delavskem domu, 437 S. Livernois. Kot govornik nastopi gl. tajnik SANSa.

Na božični dan, 25. decembra, priredi podružnica št. 48 v Col-linwoodu domačo zabavo v ko-risti pomožne akcije WRFASDD. Prostor: Slovenski delavski dom na Waterloo Road.

V soboto, 9. decembra, se vrši kartna zabava v Društenem domu na Recher Avenue, Euclid, O. Prireja jo podružni-ca št. 106 SANSa, ter krožek št. 3 Progresivnih Slovenk. Čisti dobiček je namenjen takojšnemu relifu za staro domovino.

Kampanja za 6 vojno posojilo je v polnem razmahu. Na naše slovenske Amerikance apeliramo, da po svojih najboljših mo-čeh sodelujejo in kupijo čim naj-več bonдов. S tem boste poma-gali tudi junaški jugoslovanski cavbojdilni vojski, kateri poma-ga Amerika z vojnimi potrebšči-nami. Vojni bondi predstavljajo boljše varcat kot katera druga investicija!

Mirko G. Kuhel, tajnik.

KARTNA ZABAVA PODRUŽ-NICE ŠT. 106 SANSa

Euclid, O.—V soboto zvečer, 9. dec., priredi podružnica št. 106 SANSa skupno s krožkom št. 3 Progresivnih Slovenk kartno zabavo v Društenem domu na Recher ave. Pridite! (Ostalo bo priobčeno v dnevniku.—Ured.)

Frank Cesen, tajnik št. 106 SANSa.

ZADNJI POZIV

Waukegan, Ill. — Sporočam rojakom in rojakinjam, da za to leto zaključujemo s pobiranjem oblike za Jugoslavijo. V soboto, 9. t. m., odpošljemo, kar imamo. Kder ima namen še kaj darova-ti, naj prinese najkasneje do petka, 8. decembra, zvečer. Oni pa, ki imate, a neutegnete pri-nesti, obdržite doma, ker pobirali bomo zopet kasneje. O tem bomo pravočasno naznanili v časopisu. Mary Celarec.

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So. Chicago, Ill. — Dne 18. no-vembra so Istrani iz So. Chica-ga priredili zabavo, katere čisti dobiček je namenjen jugoslo-vanskemu bednemu narodu. Pri-redba je zelo dobro uspela in je dobiček je zadovoljiv. To je dokaz, da se lahko postavi gotova skupina naroda, ako se zavzame. Od dobička priredbe smo po-slali v urad SANSa \$1000 za Vojni relief Amerikancev južno-slovanskega porekla.

Naj še omenim, da se zmirom zbiramo oblike za reveže v sta-ri domovini. Vsi tisti, kateri še niste storili svojo narodno dolž-nost, vas ponovno opominjam, da zberete svojo ponošeno oble-ko, ki je še v dobrem stanju, jo očistite in zapakajte ter jo izro-čite našemu odboru. Ako je po-trebno, pridemo ponjo. Pokličite Saginaw 0472, ali pa piši-te spodaj podpisanemu na na-slov 10121 Ave. M in ne na na-slov 9710 Ave. L, kot je bilo do sedaj oglašano. (Imena prispeva-teljev bodo priobčena v dnevni-ku.—Ured.)

Jacob Briljavac, tajnik.

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FRED MALGAL, tajnik društva 2, La Salla, Ill.



LOUISE ZUPANCIC, tajnica društva 299, Walsenburg, Colo.



ANTON SKOBERNE, tajnik društva 275, Maynard, Ohio.

Med agitatorji, ki so bili pridno na delu v prav kar minuli jubilejni kampanji in prišli n-často listo, so tudi gornji trije. Brat Malgal je peti član glavnega odbora, ki se je v zadnji kampanji po-vpel na častno listo. On je že dolgo let tajnik društva 2 in član glavnega nadzornega odseka SNPJ. Sestra Zupancic pa je bila zelo marljiva na delu v svoji naselbini, kakor tudi brat Skober-ne, ki je v maju prevzel tajništvo pri društvu 275 in od tedaj pridobil 18 novih članov v svoji razse-roma majhni premožanski naselbini. Priznanje vsem trem, kakor tudi njih društvom!

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"Rešimo, kar se rešiti da..."

"Prišli smo tako daleč, da slovensko časopisje, nekdanji glasnik narodne svobode, danes... objavlja udanostne izjave sovražniku, ki je domala uničil in narod i zemljo.

"Prišli smo tako daleč, da so najvišje slovenske kulturne ustanove... po svojih najvišjih predstavnikih klečeplazile pred sovražnikom in dajale izjave udanosti onim, ki so nas uničili, poptepali našo kulturo in iztrebili naše kulturne delavce.

"Prišli smo še do hujšega... do sramotnega 20. aprila 1944, ko so slovenski fantje pod vodstvom zrelih slovenskih ljudi prisegli pred nemškim generalom... "da se bodo skupaj z nemško vojsko borili"... prisegli Hitlerju zvestobo, ko se tulijo sveži grobovi, ki so jih Hitlerjevi zločinci natrosili po naši zemlji... In našel se je slovenski list, ki je to nazval: "Prisego časti in zvestobe".

"Našli so se duhovniki, ki so 16. junija letos... izrekli udanost in pomoč... "nemški oblasti" na Slovenskem... "in to v trenutku, ko so širom lavantinske škofije in v polovici ljubljanske škofije zaprte domala vse cerkve, in desetkrat toliko duhovnov... gnije po nemških ječah ali pa tava po izgnanstvu.

"Po slovenskih hribih in dolinah pa odmevajo bojni klici za ubijanje bratov, namesto da bi se po njih razlegala sveta jeza slovenskega slovenskega naroda proti sovražniku, ki... se je namenil, da nas popolnoma iztrebi v sedanji vojni.

"Oglejte si to sliko. In dajte odgovor na vprašanje: Kako je bilo to mogoče?

"Spričo tega tako žalostnega položaja naše domovine tik pred osvoboditvijo, nam je narekovala vest, da storimo zadnji poskus, da se reši, kar se da rešiti..."

Gornjih besed ni govoril kak komunist ali socialist, marveč slovenski duhovnik dr. Lojze Kuhar, ki je po napadu na Jugoslavijo zbežal v London in postal član zamejne jugoslovanske vlade. Gornje besede in zgočene obzore tudi ne veljajo komunistom, socialistom in drugim pristajam Osvobodilne fronte, marveč svojim lastnim klerikalnim pristajam, ki so se z ljubljanskim škofom Rožmanom na čelu prodali z dušo in telesom Hitlerjevemu nacifasističnim barbarom in organizirali "domobranci" za pobijanje svojega lastnega naroda.

Kuharjevi govori (objavljeni so bili v dnevniku Prosvete) so zelo značilni. Pričr Kuhar postavlja na glavo vsa zavajalno propagando slovenske klerikalne bande, ki se v tej deželi zbrala pod firmo Zveze slovenskih župnij in pričela zlivati gnojnico laži, potvarjanja in strašenja na Osvobodilno fronto v starem kraju in tudi na njene vodilne pristaje v tej deželi. Predvsem je zmetala veliko blata na Louisa Adamiča, katerega je enostavno proglasila za—boljševiškega hudiča s tisoč rogovi.

To svojo propagando laži, blatenja in zavajanja trosi že mnogo mesecev skoraj dan za dnem, teden za tednom v Ameriški Domovini, kateri bi lahko tudi Goebbels dal nacijsko kolajno kot priznanje za strašenje v komunističnim in boljševiškim bavlavom.

Seveda Kuharjevi govori niso bili adresirani Zvezi slovenskih župnij in Clevelandu in njenim klerikalnim pristajam širom dežele, marveč slovenskim klerikalcem v stari domovini, ki so padli tako globoko, da so postali izdajalci in morilci lastnega naroda pa odprti Hitlerjevi pristaji, kateremu so prisegli zvestobo. Glavni povzročitelj te največje, toda popolnoma logične klerikalne degeneriranosti je seveda ljubljanski škof Rožman, ki je enako kriv izdajalstva kot general Rupnik. Oba zaslužita enako kazni.

Ampak za tragično sliko, katero je dr. Kuhar naslikal in ogorčeno obsodil v svojih govorih, tudi on ni povsem nedolžen. Kot bivši urednik ljubljanskega Slovenca in eden glavnih voditeljev klerikalne Slovenske ljudske stranke, je s podpiranjem klerofasističnega barbarstva v Avstriji in Španiji pridno gnojil tla, na katerih so se razvili Hitlerjevi in Mussolinijevi pristaji in postali izdajalci in morilci svojega naroda. Pod njegovim uredništvom je ljubljanski Slovenec ustvarjal politično mentaliteto, ki se je v najbolj usodnem trenutku zatekla k—"domobranstvu" in pričela moriti svoje lastne brate in sestre.

Seveda je to delala pod slepilno pretvezo, da se bori—"proti komunistizmu". To laž je dolgo ponavljal tudi ves jugoslovanski zamejni aparat, v čigar službi sta bila tudi dr. Kuhar in France Snoj, kakor sta danes še vedno rev. Ambrožič in rev. Gabrošek, ki je zdaj "osrečel" Cleveland in farane pri sv. Vidu. Zveza slovenskih župnij in A. D. sta s njem dobila dobrega pomočnika!

Kuhar in Snoj sta se vsaj toliko razbremenila svojih velikih grehov, da sta ob enajsti uri spregledala v Londonu in drugimi vodilnimi pristaji SLS v zamejstvu prišla do zaključka, da je "treba rešiti, kar se da rešiti..." Medtem ko sta bila oba dolgo zagrižena nasprotnika Osvobodilne fronte in jima je bilo znano, kaj se godi v Sloveniji, to je, da so bili klerofasistični "domobranci" organizirani PROTI Slovincem in da more svoj lastni narod—one, ki se herojsko bori proti krutemu okupatorju—sta spregledala šele zadnje čase in priznala svojo zmo.

Sicer ne vemo, če je ta spreobrnitev iskrena ali zgolj oportunistična. Najbrže je oboje. To je posebno razvidno iz sledečih Kuharjevih stavkov v tretjem govoru: "Od 27. aprila 1941 Osvobodilna fronta ni več strankarsko-komunistično gibanje. Osvobodilna fronta je danes narodno gibanje, ki po svoji biti in po svojih ciljih daleč presega strankarski komunistični okvir. Borba proti Osvobodilni fronti ni borba proti komunistu, ampak borba proti lastnemu narodu, ki se bori za svobodo."

To nam je bilo znano takoj, ko so skrozi strogo cenzuro v Londonu končno prodrla v svet poročila o pravem značaju borbe v Jugoslaviji in zadala usodni udarec lopovski propagandi jugoslovanske

Glasovi iz
naselbin

SEJE SO VAŽNE

Springfield, Ill.—Nahajamo se v času, ko se vršijo glavne letne društvene seje, na katerih je ena glavnih točk dnevnega reda volitev društvenega odbora. V Prosveti je bilo že povedano, da so za članstvo prav tako potrebne društvene seje kot druge odredbe, katere določajo jedrnostina pravila.

Resnica je, da je mnogo članov pod vtisom, da ni potrebno prihajati na društvene seje, kar pa je popolnoma napačno mnenje. V slučaju, ako bi bili vsi člani pri društvu tega mnenja, potem bi društvo ne imelo obstanka, toliko manj pa še napredka v kakem naprednem smislu, in bi bilo podobno slabemu kmetovalcu, kateri se ne zanima za svojo lastnino.

Ako bi kmetovalec šel na polje le ob času setve in vsejal seme, potem pa vse skupaj prepustil lastni usodi vse leto, kako naj bi potem pričakoval dobrega uspeha od tistega, kar je vsejal, ne da bi se bil ob času do časa zanimal za polje in ga kultiviral?

In tako je z vsem, kar človek potrebuje za svoje življenje in obstanek. Pri tem tudi niso naša društva izvzeta in je naša dolžnost, da se zanimamo zanje in njihov obstoj in napredek. Od vsakega posameznika že to samo od sebe zahteva, da se v danih razmerah zanima za to, od kar pričakuje pomoč v gotovem času zase in svojo družino. Torej bratje in sestre društva št. 47, vsi priznamo, da društvo je nam vsem potrebno v razmerah, kakršne še sedaj vladajo nad nami, in zato je naša dolžnost, da se zanimamo za društvene seje vedno. Posebno pa se priporoči članstvu društva 47, da se polnoštevilno udeleži letne seje 17. decembra ali tretjo nedeljo ob 2. uri popoldne.

John Gorsek, tajnik.

V NEDELJO VSI
V DVORANO SNPJ

Chicago, Ill.—Naše kulturno gibanje je bilo nekaj časa precej v zastoji. Odrejen je bilo racioniranje raznih potrebščin, ki se jih potrebuje za pridrebe in zaeno je bilo poklicanih k vojačkom mnogo naših diletantov.

Počasi pa zopet prihajamo k sebi. V tej sezoni je bilo podanih že nekaj uspešnih kulturnih priredb v raznih slovenskih naselbinah. V Clevelandu, Pueblu, Detroitu in drugod se zopet bolj pogostoma oglašajo.

Tudi v Chicagu ne smemo zaostajati na kulturnem polju. Pred kratkem je imel pevski zbor France Prešeren uspešen koncert in lep varijantni program. Dvorana SNPJ je bila natlačena. Imenitno je uspela tudi 40-letnica SNPJ, na kateri je nastopila slovita operna pevka Zinka Milanova.

V nedeljo (to nedeljo!) pa vprizori klub št. 1 JSZ sijajno

zamejne vlade. (Žal, da je tej propagandi naselil tudi bivši urednik Prosvete, ki se je vse svoje odraslo življenje boril proti reakciji; valed tega je prišlo tudi do spora med njim in glavnim odborom.) In del tega propagandnega aparata sta bila tudi Kuhar in Snoj.

Oba je vzelo dolgo časa, da sta spregledala. Kot je soditi po Kuharjevih govorih, je bil za oba največji udarec—sramotna domobranci "prisega zvestobe Hitlerju." Kuharjevo ožigovanje te sramote in tega izdajstva je sicer prišlo precej pozno, toda, ko se je končno odločil, je udaril z vso vehemenco. Na drugi strani je pa na primer rev. Ambrožič v A. D. skušal priti do sramote in veleizdajstvo. Zveza slovenskih župnij in A. D. sta šli pa enostavno preko tega izdajstva in nadaljujeja s svojo umazano propagando. S tem ti klerikalni elementi le kažejo vso svojo moralno in etično degeneriranost.

In tako je bil proti koncu avgusta poslan v Slovenijo France Snoj po zamejnem vodstvu SIS, "da reši, kar se rešiti da..." Tja je šel z nalogo, da odvrne zaslepljene "domobranci" od njihovega krvavega in veleizdajniškega posla. In Snoj, ki je prej storil vse, kar je mogel proti osvobodilnemu gibanju, je šel v Slovenijo s privojenjem maršala Tito. To pomeni, da Osvobodilna fronta in njeno vodstvo ne moreta biti tako zločinska in degenerirana kot jih slika lažnjiva in zavajalna propaganda Zveze slovenskih župnij in A. D. Sploh je videti, da je vodstvo Osvobodilne fronte zelo človekoljubno in velikodušno, ker daje vse prilike zapeljanim "domobrancem" v resnici fasistom in jim je pripravljeno odpustiti vse grehe, ako spregledajo in se pridružijo veliki borbi proti brutalnemu okupatorju.

Toda, da bo Snoj rešil SLS, kar je moral biti vsekakor glavni namen ljudi, ki so ga poslali v Slovenijo, je več kot dvomljivo. Taki klerikalna stranka, ki je bila skrozi dolga desetletja gospodar in vladar slovenskega naroda, si je s svojim veleizdajstvom sama izkopala grob, iz katerega je ne bodo izveliki vsi Kuharji in Snoji.

dramo "Norec". Ako je nam res kaj do slovenske kulture, potem bomo v nedeljo vsi pohiteli v dvorano SNPJ in zasedli vse seje!

Igralci se bodo potrudili, da bodo dobro igrali, vi pa jih nagradite z veliko udeležbo.

Pred igro nastopi z nekaj pesmimi pevski zbor "Naprej iz Milwaukeeja, Frank Zaitz, urednik Proletaarca, pa bo spregovoril nekaj besed.

V igri nastopijo sledeči igralci in igralke: Angela Zaitz, Marya Omahen-Mohar, Ann Zimmer, Ernestine Mohar, John Rak, John Olip in Milan Medvešek. Režiser je Milan Medvešek, Katka Zupancić pa suflerka.

Po igri bo ples in domača zabava. Za ples igra Gradišek-Omerovz orkester. Pričetek ob treh popoldne. Vstopnice lahko kupite pri članih klubov, v Labor Centru in pri Pavlu Bergerju. Na svidenje!

Odbor.

VABILO NA SEJO IN DRUGO

West Allis, Wis.—Delavske razmere so dobre, ker delamo vsi. V Prosveti čitani, da se naši ljudje sedaj zelo zanimajo za pomoč našim rojakom. Tako je prav; Slovinci v stari domovini krvavo potrebujejo naše pomoči. Zadnjič smo pokazali tudi v West Allisu, da se lahko precej skupaj spravili, ako se zavzamemo.

Nekateri so že veliko prispevali za jugoslovansko trpeče ljudstvo, a nekateri pa še ničesar. Če je že, da bi se tudi njim omehčalo srce.

Apeliram na vse člane in članice društva št. 104 SNPJ, da se udeležite letne seje, ki se bo vršila v petek, 8. decembra, ob osmih zvečer, v dvorani brata Franka Kraja, 6001 W. Madison st. Na dnevnem redu bomo imeli več važnih zadev in izvolili bomo društveni odbor za l. 1945. Pomeniti se moramo tudi

glede domače zabave, katero bomo priredili na starega leta večer. Prav tako imamo urediti gledne društvene blagajne. Pri našem društvu smo plačevali to leto po 10c mesečno v društveno blagajno. Toda to ni zadostovalo, ker so se razmere spremenile. Potrebno je, da imamo vedno tudi nekaj denarja v blagajni, tako da smo v položaju, darovati kadar nanese potreba.

Pridite na sejo, da ne boste potem govorili, da uveljavlja društvene sklepe samo nekaj uradnikov in članov. Dolžnost vas vseh je, da posetite letno sejo in pomagajte reševati te zadeve, da ne boste potem godrnjali, da imamo zopet doklado.

Tudi glede naših članov-vojačkov, ki se bojujejo za nas na krvavih poljanah po vsem svetu, moramo kaj ukreniti in jim podariti kaj za božične praznike ter jim tako pokazati, da nismo pozabili nanje.

Z veseljem naznanjam, da ni bil do sedaj še nobeden naših

članov ubit, dasiravno so vsi onstran morja na bojiščih. Sledeči so v vojni: John F. Bartol, Wilhelm Miklich, Louis Kovačić, John Kovačić, Henry Faspeirič, Rudolph F. Sebanc, Walter Repovž, John Mushich, Frank Candek, Erwin Candek, Joseph Soršek, David Oblak. Vsem želim, da se kmalu zmagoslavni povrnejo domov.

Sesto vojno posojilo je sedaj v teku, zato kupite vojne bonde, da tako pomagamo poraziti krvoločnega Hitlerja in Japonce.

Ne pozabite glavne letne seje. Prejel sem tudi jednotine stenske koledarje. Kdor jih želi, naj pride na sejo.

Po seji bomo pa imeli malo proste zabave in okrepčila. Na svidenje!

Joseph T. Turck, tajnik.

"Z VERO V VSTAJENJE"

Detroit, Mich.—Na odru Slovenskega delavskega doma v Detroitu je bilo odigranih že lepo število dobrih dram, burk, šaloiger in tudi nekaj operet. To delo sta največ vršila pevka zbor "Ljubljanski vrh" in "Svoboda", pozneje pa tudi "Slavec". Toda nobeden teh zborov ni imel zadostno število pevecv in igralcev, da bi dali na oder res nekaj prvovrstnega, da ne bi pri tem trpela tehnična stran igre. Tako so hodili na posodo drug k drugemu. In rezultat je bil dobro vzprizorjene igre in prilično dobra udeležba. To je navdušilo igralce, da so posegali vedno po boljših in težjih delih.

Po moji skromni sodbi so bile sledeče tri igre najuspešnejše vzprizorjene na slovenskem odru v Detroitu: Ciganska nevesta, Kamolom in Rdeče rože. Vse tri so bile vzprizorjene s sodelovanjem obeh zborov, kajti drugače sploh ne bi prišle na repertoar.

Že poprej in v tem času so nekateri člani priporočali združitve obeh zborov. Toda do združitve ni prišlo. Vzrokov je mnogo in nobenega! Rajše posamezno umreti, kot skupno naprej. To se je tudi zgodilo, čeravno pravijo nekateri, da je tega kriva vojna. Mi sami smo se pokopali!

To omenjam zato, ker se je odločila podružnica št. 1 SANSa vzprizoriti tridejanko "Z vero v vstajenje". Preden se je podvzel ta korak, so se morali odborniki podružnice obrniti do posameznikov, do igralcev bivših zborov. Kakšne potežkoče so v tem, ve le oni, kdor je kdaj skušal skupaj spraviti 18 igralcev in zbor v naselbini, kjer žive Slovinci raztreseni več kot 20 milj narazen. Ako bi pa imeli močan zbor, ali pa bili vsi ti igralci združeni v dramatičnem društvu, bi samo rekli "igrajmo" in bi igrali.

No, končno smo se le skupaj znašli (najbrže zadnjič) in tako bo v nedeljo vzprizorjena Jontezova drama "Z vero v vstajenje". Ta drama ni lahko delo. V njej se odigrava borba za biti in nebiti, ljubezen do rodne grude, družine, izdajstvo, osveta, samomor, uboj, sadizem nacijskega, značaj našega človeka, ki je kot jeklo in ga ne upogneš.

Drama je bila spisana v času brutalne okupacije Slovenije po Nemcih. Prvo dejanje se vrši v hiši Klemenca, bivšega Amerikanca, ki je načitan unionist. Hitro in trezno misleč, se takoj po prvem obisku gestapovcev, kateri mu razbijejo pohištvo in mu nameravajo odpeljati edino hčer, odloči pobegniti v gore. Takoj spozna, da je to edina rešitev slovenskega naroda.

Tako so iz teh izgnancev nastale prve partizanske skupine. Vsak dan jih je bilo več v Sloveniji, Hrvaški, Bosni, Srbiji. Vsak dan številnejši in močnejši in danes pišejo smrt vsem in vsakomur, ki jim pride nasproti. Še večerj mala skupina, danes osvobodilna vojska. Silna je moč in hrabrost jugoslovanske osvobodilne fronte.

Drugo dejanje se vrši v gestapovski pisarni. Gestapovski komisar, sadist, z naslado trpinč in ubija, mori nedolžne otroke, kajti Slovinci morajo biti iztrebljeni v letu dni. Zato išče zatrotnike. Toda vse muke ne izsilijo tajnosti iz aretirancev, kajti oni nečejo biti kvizlingi. Zato besni še hujše, nenadoma pa počijo strelji in krvoloč obliži na tleh zaklan. Na steni je zapisano—osveta.

Dasiravno se nahajamo v vojni, smo prilično dobro napredovali, upam pa, da bomo drugo leto še boljše.

Tretje dejanje se vrši v gorah. Gora je sprejela v zaščito svoje sinove in hčere—obvarovala jih bo in ohranila. Saj ni to prvič, da je njen sin pribežal k njej iskati zavetja; poznana ji je zgodovina "Slovenije otrok". Prihrumeli so Huni, požigali in morili njen rod, potem Germani, Turki, Benečani. "V gore!" je šel klic od sela do sela. Kdor se ni odzval, je padel pod mečem osvobodilca. Gora je oživela; pošteno gleda na svoje sinove in hčere. Ni jih oplasil ognjeni krst, kakor jih ni še nikoli poprej. Tudi ne klonijo glav, niti za hip ne! Glej! Za vsako jelko je junak, ne eden, ne dva: žena pri možu, dekle ob ljubljencu. So bolj hrabri, bolj odločni kot kdaj prej. Ti krvoloč, ki si moril in onečastil slovenske hčere, prislunhi tem goram... Ali slišiš krik "Hajdukov oporo-ke"?... Toda preveč si nadut, zaslepljen; svastika ti zastuplja močgane; vidiš samo svojo gloriožo, a pogina ne vidiš in to je dobro za nas. Dan obračuna ni več daleč!

V igri nastopi 18 igralcev: C. Slular (?), M. Rant, J. Urban, A. Platt, J. Korsic, Fr. Kapel, L. Kirn, F. Hreščak, F. Modic, L. Sluga, J. Gorup, C. Rant, J. Kapel, C. Gaber, A. Naprudnik, F. Gorup, M. Jurca. Režisira A. Fatur.

Pevski zbor "Slavulj" sodeluje in bo zapel nekaj pesmi. Glavni govornik bo Mirko G. Kuhel, tajnik SANSa.

Vabimo vse Slovence iz Detroita, Kanade, Toleda, Flinta in drugod na to prireditve. Ze sama igra je vredna več kot je cena vstopnice. Namen je blag: pomagati bednim v Sloveniji, kateri v krvi in solzah prosijo naše pomoči. Pridite, ne bo vam žal!

Jakob Gorup.

SEJA ZBORA PREŠERNA

Chicago, Ill.—Letna seja pevskega zbora Prešerna se vrši prihodnjo soboto, 9. dec. ob 7. uri zvečer v prostorih P. Bergerja. Želim, da se vsi aktivni, podporni ter častni člani in članice udeležite te seje. Važno je, da pridemo vsi skupaj vsaj enkrat na leto. Izvoliti je treba odbor ter narediti načrte za bodoče leto.

Več Prešernovih žensk nam pomaga vsa ta leta ter gre velik del zborovskega uspeha njim v kredit. Pridite na to sejo, da se skupaj pogovorimo, ali bomo tudi v bodoče šli z roko v roki naprej, a po seji bomo s prigrizkom in pijačo potrdili naše sklepe in načrte.

Predsednik.

CLEVELANDSKIM
DRUŠTVOM SNPJ

Cleveland, O.—Ta mesec imajo naša društva letne seje, zato je potrebno, da razmotirajo o sledečih mojih priporočilih:

Društva naj gledajo, da izvolijo dobre zastopnike za farmo SNPJ. Direktorji farme je razpravljati in prišel do zaključka, da je najboljši, da kupimo še dodatnih pet akrov zemlje, ki meji na izletniške prostore SNPJ. Ako bi zemljo kupil kdo drugi, potem bi lahko imeli velike stitnosti in škodo.

Iz gospodarskega stališča je potrebno, da kupimo tisto zemljo in tako protektiramo tudi denar, ki so ga investirala naša društva v farmo SNPJ. Lastnik zahteva za pet akrov \$1000. Zemlja je vredna za nas, zato se ne smemo obotavljati in jo čim prej kupiti, dokler je na prodaj. Lahko bomo postavili nekaj kabin, a obenem pa ne bomo imeli straha, da bi se v našo bližino naselil nepriljubljen gost. Tudi naš najbližji sosed priporoča, da bi kupili zemljo.

Priporočam, da dajo društva polno moč svojim zastopnikom, tako da bo šla vsa stvar hitreje od rok, ali pa pišite tajnici izletniških prostorov sestri Šubel in ji sporočite, kaj je sklep društva.

Bratje in sestre, to je moje priporočilo in upam, da boste o tem razpravljali na sejah ter storili dober zaključek v korist vsega članstva SNPJ v Clevelandu in okolici.

Dasiravno se nahajamo v vojni, smo prilično dobro napredovali, upam pa, da bomo drugo leto še boljše.

Ne pozabite na farmo v zimskem času in jo obiščite, kadar namene prilika.



Kakor je že vsem znano, bomo imeli 28. januarja prireditve, na kateri bomo praznovali petletnico obstoja farme SNPJ. Ali že imate vstopnice? Če jih nimate, jih takoj kupite!

John Sorc, predsednik.

GLAS IZ GREENSBURGA

Greensburg, Pa.—Pri nas je po navadi. Vsi smo se že naveličali te strašne vojske. Tudi v naši naselbini zbiramo oblake in denarne prispevke za naše bedne brate in sestre v stari domovini. Na društveni seji smo prejeli za jugoslovanski relief \$13.15 od članov, iz društvene blagajne pa smo dali \$10. Bratje in sestre, ne pozabimo naših sester in bratov, ki umirajo od lakote in mraza na svoji lastni grudi!

Nekaj besed o naših bolnikih. Skozi vse leto imamo bolnike. Sedaj se je moral podvreči operaciji Matt Maurovich. On je predsednik društva št. 223 SNPJ. Matt Kristan pa je na bolniški listini že od septembra. Nakopal si je bolezen v rudniku. Kdaj bo sposoben za delo, se še ne ve. Na bolniški listini je tudi Anna Jereb. Umrla pa je Louise Jordan. Zapušča moža, sina in tri hčere. Doma je bila iz Primskovega na Dolenjskem.

To leto smo izgubili tri člane, pridobili pa smo v jubilejni kampanji 28 novih članov. Društvo šteje 120 članov v odraslem oddelku in 98 v mladinskem. Pri vojakih pa imamo 15 članov, katerim smo poslali po \$5 za božično darilo. V primeri z njihovim trpljenjem in žrtvovanjem je darilo majhno, vendar pa bodo videli, da jih njih društveni bratje in sestre niso pozabili.

Mary Russ, tajnica.

SILVESTROV VEČER

Detroit, Mich.—Gospodinjki klub SDD priredi ples in domačo zabavo na Silvestrov večer v SDD, 437 S. Livernois. Pridite in se malo poveselite v naši družbi. Vsem bomo dobro postregli. (Na vašo vprašanja vam pojasnujemo, da sta bila Lunder in Adamič umorjena meseca septembra l. 1908 v Ljubljani.—Ured.)

M. Dugar.

Društvene priredbe

VESELICA DRUŠTVA
ŠT. 121 SNPJ

Detroit, Mich.—Društvo št. 121 SNPJ je zelo dobroščeno in rado pomaga v vseh slučajih, pri tem pa se je blagajna nakopala sušice. Za odpravo te boleznii imamo dvoje zdravil: prvo je direktni ali izredni assesment, drugo pa kakšna zabava.

Ker pa se članstvo boji izrednega assesmenta kot vrag "žegnane" vode, smo na zadnji seji sklenili, da priredimo "perutninsko" zabavo in na ta način okrepčamo društveno blagajno. Zato vabimo vse tiste, ki jim perutninska pečenka dela skominne, da pridejo na 17. decembra ob šestih zvečer v SND na John R. in poskusijo svojo srečo. Stavili boste lahko na purane, kure in race in morda tudi na kakšne druge dobrote, kot so "ognjene voda", svalčice, kava slaščice etc. Torej pridite v velikem številu in pomagajte društveni blagajni.

Tudi ne pozabite na nedeljsko prireditev! Pridite v SDD in videli boste dramo "Z vero v vstajenje." V tej drami je realistično opisana borba partizanov za svobodo in boji proti nacistom. Ves čisti dobiček te priredbe gre v korist našim bratom in sestram v stari domovini.

Bratu Georgu Gorniku priporočam, naj nadaljuje s svojimi podučljivimi dopisi in naj se ne ozira na one, ki ne gredo z duhom časa naprej.

Leto 1944 gre k zatonu. Bratom in sestram po vsej Ameriki voščim vesele božične praznike in srečno novo leto. Želim tudi, da bi bilo že konec tega klanja in da bi zavladal resničen mir ljudem na zemlji!

Joseph Korsic.

AGITIRAJTE ZA PROSVETO!

RISTOPLI ČLANI

NEW MEMBERS

	Cert.	Death Benefit	Sick Benefit
NOVEMBER 1, 1944			
George	106347	\$1,000	8
Traine	106348	500	1.00
James	106349	1,000	2.00
Elma	106350	1,000	1.00
Milka	106351	500	
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A Word to Our Writers and Readers

At this time, as another year is drawing to a close, it is appropriate to address a friendly word to our lodge secretaries and contributors who write regularly or occasionally to the Prosveta.

First of all, we all know that our SNPJ official organ, the Prosveta, has the largest circulation of all our papers in this country. In fact, since the invasion of Slovenia three and a half years ago, Prosveta became not only the leading Slovene newspaper on this continent but in the world as well. As such it occupies an important position and its influence assumes a much greater scope. Therefore, it is our duty to constantly strive to improve its service, maintain its standard and spread its influence.

Likewise, its three-page English Section has the largest number of readers and contributors of all our fraternal organs, and as such it commands the attention of the largest number of our young people. It is an undisputed fact that Prosveta is in every respect the best balanced and most effective of our publications. Therefore, it is of vital importance for our organ not only to retain its position and its reputation but also to strive to gain wider circulation and new members.

This section of the official organ is primarily devoted to lodge, federation, labor, cultural, social and educational reading matter. Of necessity, all lodge and federation news always receives first consideration for the obvious reason that it is of primary importance to the Society as well as to its lodges and federations. All other material, therefore, including personal items, is of secondary importance and is printed only after all lodge news on hand is printed.

Occasionally, some of our contributors attach lengthy yarns to their lodge announcements, while others send in lengthy discourses and subordinate their lodge news to the last few lines.

Therefore, it would be good practice to eliminate all unimportant matter from lodge news and write a separate article on whatever other subject one desires. Also, while we all know that quantity does not necessarily bespeak quality, some of our contributors often transgress in this respect. It isn't space alone that comes into consideration at this point, but also an application of the long-established rule—namely, that brevity is the soul of wit.

We have an established rule that the Prosveta shall publish all letters from the members in good standing, within the bounds of reasonable length, which do not conflict with the welfare of the SNPJ and its organ; this rule has proved to be a wise one. And although we do not have any definite rule limiting contributions to any certain number of words, it is obvious that such a rule is being imposed on every paper by the bulk of material sent in.

Occasionally, as during the pre-annual meeting period, members request that we translate important announcements into Slovene or vice versa. This is cheerfully done as a matter of course and there is no reason why it should not be.

Prompt publicity is always the desired thing. Therefore, all letters intended for publication in Prosveta should be mailed early and correctly addressed.

Address all letters intended for publication in the official organ to:

Prosveta, 2657 S. Lawndale Ave., Chicago 23, Illinois.
The zone number, which is 23, should always be included in the address.

A number of our writers are often guilty of the practice of attaching lodge notices to the letters addressed to the Secretary's Office, or to some individual at the Main Office. This is wrong because it invariably causes delay. It often happens that the individual to whom a letter intended for publication is addressed, is out of town or on business elsewhere. What then? The result is that all personal mail must wait until he returns, and the delay in publishing such matter is obvious.

We should all be striving for but one objective: to promote our lodges and to help keep our official organ a well balanced and effective publication for the continued success of our SNPJ. In order to do this, we must cooperate with one another at all times.

Report of Campaign Next Week

The 40th Anniversary Campaign ended on Thursday, November 30. Since then applications for new members have been pouring into the main office in large numbers. In the past week alone, nearly 350 applications were received. They will continue to arrive during the next two or three days until all of the most distant lodges have been heard from. It must also be remembered that a number of applications have had to be returned for correction, while others are being held pending receipt of further information. These, too, will be counted when officially approved. With all this in consideration, we will do our best to have as complete a report as possible of the final standings of the contestants and lodges in the next two weekly issues of the Prosveta.

MICHAEL VRHOVNIK, Campaign Director.

Cooperatives, 100 Years Old Dec. 21,

Will Stage Nationwide Celebrations

CHICAGO (CLNS)—The cooperative movement, which will be one hundred years old December 21, will mark the event with hundreds of dinners, meetings, parties and celebrations. Gilman Collins, Centennial Director of The Cooperative League of the USA announced.

Before the war, more than one hundred million people in 39 countries were members of cooperatives which have their history to the opening of the little store on Toad

Lane" in Rochdale, England, December 21, 1844. In all the free countries of the world, similar celebrations will be held. Two and a half million U.S. families, members of consumer cooperatives, will observe the centennial.

Meetings are already scheduled from New York to California. Dinners, parties, mass meetings, combined Christmas and Rochdale Day parties and Freedom Fund Rallies will be held from coast-to-coast.

Girard Lodges

Planning Dance

GIRARD, OHIO.—Well, here I am back with a flash of a very important date. The Golden Eagles and Ljubljana lodges are holding a dance Saturday evening, Dec. 30, at the Slovene Hall. We have engaged Conrad Mohar's orchestra for the occasion.

The social committee will make certain that food and refreshments are plentiful. Everyone is cordially invited to an evening of frolic and fun. With the war going on we all need relaxation and fun so let's make it a date to attend this dance.

The Golden Eagles' meeting has been changed again. It will be held the second Sunday of December, at 2 o'clock. As this is our yearly meeting, officers will be elected and it is important that everyone attend.

With Christmas approaching, we have not forgotten our members who are in the armed forces. Each one will receive a Christmas box. I wish to thank Mamie Zitnik, Mary Leskovic, Frances Matekovich, Frances and Anthony Sirca for help in packing these boxes.

A Juvenile Christmas party will be held at the Slovene Home on Saturday, Dec. 23, at 3 o'clock. Every child wishing to take part in the gift exchange of one dollar, will hand in his or her name to Marjorie Macek, Jeanette Tancek, Rose Zaubi or Margaret Matekovich.

MARY MACEK, Sec'y.

Young Americans

DETROIT, MICH.—Attention, all of our members and friends, another Young American "Feather Party" is in store for you. Don't forget to attend, Saturday, Dec. 9, 8 p. m. at SND Hall, 17153 John R. The prizes will include turkeys, chickens, ducks and a goose donated by the Y. A. bowlers. So come and win your Christmas dinner at our Y. A. "feather party." All benefits will go into our fund for members in the armed forces.

At our last "game nite" Oct. 14 the prizes and cash donations given by the following were greatly appreciated. Mrs. J. Koss, Mr. and Mrs. T. Meyers, Mr. and Mrs. Zupan, Mr. and Mrs. U. Korun, Mr. and Mrs. A. Werholtz, Mr. and Mrs. G. Stimac, Mr. and Mrs. J. Golla, Mr. and Mrs. A. Hometz, Mr. and Mrs. J. Smoltz, Mr. and Mrs. T. Hostnik, Mr. and Mrs. A. Pernal, Mr. and Mrs. I. Travnik, Mr. and Mrs. V. Bence, Mr. and Mrs. B. Travnik, Mr. and Mrs. A. Spental, Mr. and Mrs. M. Nagel, Mr. and Mrs. A. Junko, Mr. and Mrs. V. Hostnik, Mr. and Mrs. J. Dolence, Mr. and Mrs. C. Berry, Mr. and Mrs. F. Nagel (in memory of the late Lt. Joseph Nagel), Frank Jacklich, Frances Jacklich, John Janc, Albina Stritzel, Ann O'Branovic, Val Travnik, Mrs. Krainz, Mrs. Plankar and last but not least, a check from Edwin Watko, funeral director (Y. A. member) who is active in the Naval Reserve here in the city.

JOE FIFOLT, Sec'y.

Bowling News

In the Slovene-Croatian league the Y. A.'s are holding their own as usual in the team standing. We find the CSB team (including 3 Y. A. bowlers) in first place, Y. A. Pirates fourth, Y. A. SND eighth (a little disappointing), Y. A. Tigers ninth. In team records we find SND with a 1042 game and a 2931 series and the Pirates with a 2836 series. In the individual standings the Y. A.'s dominate fully with V. Hostnik hitting a mighty 729 three game total a record for the league previously held by a Wolverine member L. Benik—719—Vin's series included a 287 game (first ten strikes in a row). In the Palmer Park Senior House league we find John Janc's Sportsman's Cafe team (Y. A. bowlers) tied for first place. In individual listing we find E. Blake hitting the maples for a nice 708 total and J. Golla with a 296. A. Werholtz receives a handsome bowling ball bag as a birthday gift from a group of his friends. Next day he wins the "pot" and he claims it must be the new bag.

Servicemen News

Pfc. Eddie Pader who was listed as missing for over three months now found to be a German prisoner. Cpl. Al Plankar home on furlough from Texas and also Pvt. Matty Plankar from No. Carolina. Word from Sgt. Ray Travnik from Mississippi where he had been transferred. Frank Stimac recuperating at Great Lakes hospital.

Don't forget important monthly meeting for annual election of officers Friday, Dec. 8, at 7:30 p. m. JOSEPH GOLLA, 364.

Curious

Jones and his wife were on a fishing expedition. At the end of a trying, fishless day, Jones brought things to a climax by falling into the water.

COMRADES' NOTE BOOK

Annual Meeting Dec. 16

CLEVELAND.—Once again another December has rolled around. This means election meeting, Saturday, Dec. 16, at 7:45 p. m., room 3, old building SNH. We are again asking that you make it a point to be on hand that night. Many of you have not showed up at all during this year. That's bad. Make up your mind to be present at the December meeting. Here's what we are offering:

1. Drawing award of \$7. Names will be pulled out of the bag until someone present will be selected as the winner.

2. Free supper: goulash, potica, coffee, etc. After the meeting we will all convene to the lower hall where the SNPJ juveniles are having a program. Music by the Vaden boys. Refreshments, etc.

Note: The writer must know by Dec. 10 (Tel. EN 4737) if you will be with us, so that arrangements can be made for sufficient food and drinks.

3. Elections: The importance of continuing to have proper leadership need no explanation.

4. The Smoles are leaving Cleveland for Huntington, W. Va., and we want to give them a good send-off.

Lodge Dues

It is important that EVERYONE be paid up for the year by Dec. 25. The books are going to be audited. If you are not paid up by then, writer will have to take drastic action.

Calendars: SNPJ calendars have arrived. In case you want one you can pick it up at the Dec. meeting or Dues Collection Nite, Saturday, Dec. 23.

In the Service: Gifts were mailed to those that gave me their latest address. Christmas cards have been sent to ALL of our service men, regardless of address. When are you going to send me the snapshot as requested sometime ago?

We are sorry to report Comrades' first fatality: Harry Frelich, killed in action Sept. 16. No word as yet has been received regarding Johnny Prudish who was seriously wounded. Rudy Feltz, I understand, also wounded, is coming along in good shape. How about remembering the boys in the service with a card this Christmas?

Miscellaneous: In addition to buying bonds, helping JPO, SANC, Russian War Relief, Yugoslav War Relief, five (5) boxes of food is being packed for mailing to Jugoslavia for needy Slovene families. Don't forget—Saturday, Dec. 16.

JOE FIFOLT, Sec'y.

Wolverine News

DETROIT, MICH.—The regular monthly meeting of the Wolverine Lodge 677 will be held Sunday, Dec. 10, at 6 p. m. at the Omira Cafe. It is urged that all members attend this meeting for the purpose of electing officers for 1945. Also, on that date, immediately after the meeting—in lieu of Nov. 26 as originally scheduled—awards will be distributed. Through these awards we were able to make a merrier Christmas for all our members in the armed forces.

Clothing and donations for Yugoslav War Relief may be deposited at the SND hall, John R. and Slovene Workers Home, Livorno. Come, members, let us do our usual cooperative part to this deserving cause.

We, the Wolverines, are among the legion of many who find it difficult to realize that Ensign William Pestotnik is no longer with us. Ensign Pestotnik, Navy fighter pilot, was killed in a plane crash near Green Cove Springs, Florida. William's brothers Frank, John and Edward are all in the armed forces, Frank having served 27 months in the Aleutians. To his bereaved parents and family we wish to express our deepest sympathy.

Notes and Quotes: One of our beautiful blonds, Mary Ann Yeglich, has a good reason for that wistful look. She will be saying "I do" on Jan. 20, 1945. Best wishes, Mary Ann.

Word received from Lt. Oscar Godina somewhere in France indicates that all is going well with him.

For lusty voices of cheer one need only witness the Wolverettes bowl, both Blues and Golds holding their own in the upper brackets of the score sheet.

ANN R. STROMAR.

Morning Stars Will Elect December 10

PITTSBURGH, PA.—Don't forget, members of SNPJ lodge Morning Stars 665, our yearly meeting will be held Sunday, Dec. 10, at 3 p. m., Slovene Hall, 57th and Butler sts. I'm counting on you to be there. The new 1945 SNPJ calendars will be distributed at this meeting. SYLVIA FABEC, Sec'y.

Lodge 540 Will Meet on Dec. 10

ELIZABETH, N. J.—The last meeting of Lodge 540 was held on Sun., Nov. 12, with a fairly good attendance. A lot of business was cleared away which held the interest of the members.

We regret the loss of Joseph Oblak who passed away Nov. 1st. He was one of the charter members of this lodge and one of the best liked and swell all-around sports. He never failed to attend the meetings and no affair was complete without his presence. He will be sadly missed by us all and will long remain in our memories. Our heartfelt sympathy goes to his widow, Amelia Oblak. (Her address is 556 S. Park Street, Elizabeth, N. J., in case anyone would like to write to her.)

A welcome goes to Frank Mehlitz, his wife and brother who were transferred to our lodge from Newark lodge 756.

Wedding bells will soon ring for Joseph Cipoth Jr. who recently gave his best gal a ring. Congratulations. Congratulations to Frances and Murray Abrams on the birth of their son Joseph on Nov. 8. Congratulations and best wishes from us all to Albina Cipoth who was married recently to Roy Bellah.

Service News: We have 9 members in the service and 8 are overseas. They are: John Bratnik, Louis Bettys, George Cerne, Frank Skarl, and John Pasarik in the European area. Frank Pasarik and Theodore Cipoth, Pacific area. Joseph Pasarik, Nebraska. Tony Skarl is missing since Sept. 12. We wish with all our hearts his family will receive good news concerning Tony.

Some members have already donated old clothes to the Yugoslav Relief and brought the articles to the home of Finance Sec'y J. Pasarik. But there are many members to be heard from yet and if you intend to donate anything, please do it as soon as possible.

All members are urged to donate a bit more to SANC if possible.

On Sunday, Dec. 10, at 2 p. m. this lodge will hold its last general meeting and all members are urged to attend. Election of officers will be held and other important business will be taken care of. There will be no Yule party after this meeting as other years, but we can look forward to it next year. Let's all try and make this the best attended meeting of 1944. Don't forget the date, time and place: Dec. 10 at 2 p. m. at First St. Elizabeth, N. J. Please pay your dues on time.

Lodge 540 wishes all a very merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. May it bring Victory.

MARY PEZDIRC, 540.

Annual Meeting of Lodge 713 Dec. 17

CHESWICK, PA.—Ramble, members of SNPJ lodge 713, please notice that next meeting, our yearly meeting, will be moved from the fourth Sunday to the third, Dec. 17, at 3 p. m. Please try to attend in full number because it's important. There will be the election of officers for 1945 and other business. Also there will be a treat for all members attending the meeting, Sunday, Dec. 17, at 3 p. m. at the usual place.

JOHN SKARJA, Sec'y.

Yearly Meeting of Lodge 615 Dec. 17

LOS ANGELES, CALIF.—Lodge 615, Wilson, SNPJ 615, urges all members to attend the annual meeting on Dec. 17 at 1:30 p. m. at the Knights of Pythias Hall, corner of Whittier Blvd. and Herbert St., East Los Angeles. We will have election of officers for the coming year. It is the duty of each member to attend this meeting. Let's make a little special effort and see if we can't have a good turnout at this meeting and elect a capable staff of officers for the coming year. See you all at the Dec. 17 meeting.

AUGUST KOTCHNIK, Sec'y.

Lodge 79 to Elect Officers Dec. 17

CLE ELUM, WASH.—All members of SNPJ lodge No. 79 are urged to attend the annual and regular meeting on Sunday, Dec. 17, at 2 p. m. at the Slovene Hall. Election of officers and other important matters will be transacted. Please attend.

ROSE F. CERNICK, Sec'y.

Harmonizers to Mark Anniv. Sat., Dec. 23

ROUNDUP, MONT.—The Harmonizers, SNPJ lodge 700, will hold the 5th anniversary dance on Saturday, Dec. 23, in Legion Hall, featuring Star's orchestra. Get your tickets and be sure and attend. Door prize and other prizes. Tell your friends.

LEA OSET, Sec'y.

Our Duty on the Home Front

"This war is not over." These are the words of General Eisenhower. The man entrusted with the task of bringing Germany to its knees knows what he is talking about. He has seen the strength of the enemy; watched it grow day after day until our boys are confronted with a do or die stand of Hitler's legions.

The words of General Eisenhower ring forth throughout the land on the eve of the Sixth War Loan. They will be heard by millions. Some will pay scant heed. Those bitten by the complacency bug will scoff and continue to believe—"it won't be long now," until the end of the war.

These unfortunate, optimistic persons, innocent though they may be of slowing the total war effort, are nevertheless aiding and abetting the enemy. An enemy that, were it to be successful, would level the American way of individual enterprise, the right of freedom of religion, speech and unionization into slavery.

Our hardest task in the European war has just begun, even though it be the final phase. And with the defeat of Germany seeming more distant each day as resistance increases—we still have Japan to lick in the Pacific where distances over water are measured in thousands of miles.

The American public is getting the truth. There is nothing of the sugar-coated in Eisenhower's words—"this war is not over." On the contrary, these are the words of a very busy man; a man who has learned to say much with little.

Granting this, the home front has an extra duty to perform in the Sixth War Loan. We are after 14 billions of dollars in this War Bond campaign. We need this money to finance the war that is "not over." We need it to lick Germany and to once and for all set Japan back to where she will not be a threat to peace-loving nations.

We need it to bring victory that much closer and our boys back from their bloody tasks. Our duty on the home front is a job of support, an all-out effort, in the Sixth War Loan.

There are many ways in which we can accomplish our aim. One is to buy War Bonds for cash. Another is to subscribe to the Payroll Savings Plan in which deductions are made from payroll. A third is to combat complacency by swatting it every time it rears its ugly head.

Americans will not—cannot—let down their boys and the war effort. They will—and must—now more than ever, rise to the situation which demands that extra punch. The enemy is groggy but he isn't licked.

Let us join in a united, supreme effort to win this war, now and every day hence.

—U.S. Treasury.

NOTATIONS

By Frances L. Rak

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CHICAGO.—Last Friday evening a nice group of workers showed up at the Center to pack the remaining Yule boxes for Pioneer service members. The work went along smoothly, assembly style, and net results were—we finished up in real good time. The list of workers included: Mae Cerkoney, Steve Cerkoney, Wilma Gratchner, Jack Groser, Kathryn Groser, Pauline Kline, D. J. Lotrich, Frank "Lefty" Lotrich, Ruth Medic, Frances L. Rak, Joanne M. Rak (juvenile), John Rak Jr., Ida Simon, John Simon, Erma Vertnik, John Vertnik, Marc Vertnik and Eva Zordani.

Norec.—This coming Sunday afternoon we Chicagoans will have the pleasure to witness a dramatic presentation at the SNPJ hall. The dramatic group, under auspices of Branch No. 1 JSF, will present a three-act drama, entitled "Norec." It's a powerful play and you'll not want to miss it. The cast consists of Christine Mohar, Marya Mohar, Angela Zaitz, Ann Zimmer, Milan Medvesek, John Olip and John Rak. Remember the date, Dec. 10, at 3 o'clock at SNPJ hall. Friends are invited to attend.

Federation Yule Party.—The Chicago District Federation is having a Yule party for SNPJ juveniles with Santa being present, Sunday afternoon, Dec. 17. Perfect Circle has been asked to present a program—and rehearsals are well under way for a repeat performance of the Barn Dance program. The program will be carried out in the same style as last June, with new dance steps and, of course, the singing will favor the holiday spirit. From what we've seen at rehearsals the program will be "tops," but come to see for yourself. Next week this column will carry the highlights of the program, so watch for it.

Wedding.—The flash of the week is that the Pioneer Lodge President, Anne Groser, left Chicago last Friday afternoon for a little trip out West Virginia way to visit with her fiancé, Lt. Michael R. Kumer. Saturday word reached us that it's Mr. and Mrs. Kumer from now on. Both are active SNPJs and we want to be among their many well-wishers. Congratulations and best wishes.

Servicemen.—Waldo Pirok of the navy is home on a furlough. Waldo was in on the D-day invasion and from what we've heard, the John Vertnik household is busily entertaining the sailor—Frank Zordani is also spending a furlough from Camp Fannin, Texas. To both of you boys, happy furloughing.

Blue Tokens.—Have you been wondering what's happened to the blue tokens? Well, among other

things they were distributed by the UNHRA to be used in exchange for articles distributed by the Yugoslav Relief Stations of which there are seven in Jugoslavia.

All-A-Round.—Here's news that's news. John Olip Sr. received by mail the past week a few packs of cigarettes as a Christmas gift from his son, John Olip Jr., who is stationed somewhere in Panama. John sent his mother a blanket—Edward Udovich, president of Perfect Circle, took part in the Music Festival at the Farragut High School last week. We've been given to understand that Eddie had all the girls swooning during his solo number—Lillian Zasadil is getting along nicely after her recent operation.—News has also reached us that Joseph Drasler, former Chicagoan, is now in France.—In concluding, come and join your friends for a pleasant afternoon and evening at SNPJ hall at the presentation of "Norec."

Lodge No. 64 to Elect Officers Sun., Dec. 10

WEST NEWTON, PA.—SNPJ lodge No. 64 will hold its annual meeting Sunday, Dec. 10, at the usual time and place. All members are requested to attend. Election of officers and other important matters will be on the agenda. Do not fail to attend.

JOHN KOBE, Sec'y.

Yearly Meeting of Lodge 725 Dec. 10

LATROBE, PA.—SNPJ lodge 725 will hold its regular annual meeting Sunday, Dec. 10, at one o'clock in the afternoon. All members are urged to attend this meeting as important business matters for the entire year will be decided.

MARY E. FRADEL, Sec'y.

Lodge 627 to Elect Sunday, December 17

PORTLAND, OREG.—SNPJ lodge Mt. Hood 627 will hold its annual meeting on Sunday, Dec. 17, at Secretary's residence, 3524 S. E. 42nd Ave., at 2 p. m. This meeting is important. Officers will be elected for the coming year, and other business will be transacted.

JOHN STRUZNIK, Sec'y.

Yearly Meeting of Lodge 539 Dec. 17

PAW PAW, MICH.—All members of SNPJ lodge 539 are requested to attend the annual lodge meeting Sunday, Dec. 17, at 2 p. m. at the same place, Mrs. John Sitar. Election of officers and other matters will be taken up. Please attend.

Mrs. JOHN SITAR, Sec'y.

Our Front

By Louis Beniger

Next week, on Dec. 12, the British Labor Party (Socialist) will hold what is expected to be the last conference before victory in Europe. All Socialist parties in the United Nations and representatives of the Socialist parties in Switzerland and Sweden will attend; the Italian Socialist party has also been invited. Prof. Harold J. Laski, noted British economist and writer, discusses this in the Chicago Sun of last Friday. The object is twofold: to discuss the issues to which victory will give rise and to embark on the preparatory labors necessary for a prelude to the recreation of a Socialist International. "As far as we can see," writes Laski, "it looks as though we may hope before the conference ends both to have defined Socialist objectives in the postwar world and at least to have begun the important task of thinking out the institutions implied in their attainment."

On the day before the conference, the British Labor Party's executive committee will meet with delegates of other Socialist parties to discuss various problems and to prepare the agenda.

There is no doubt that this will be an important international conference at which all Socialist parties should be represented. But will they be represented? Listen to what Prof. Laski says on this score: "It is little less than a tragedy that there is no American Socialist party to invite to the discussion. It is difficult to think of a period in world history when there has been an American Socialist party less significant than that in the United States today."

"After the first world war, Eugene Debs could at least poll the respectable total of a million votes; today, in the last stages of an even vaster struggle, it is grim to think that Norman Thomas cannot poll even a tenth of that number."

"I know that Thomas is a warm-hearted, sincere Socialist who hates the forces of Fascism, whether in Europe or Asia, no less bitterly than we. But it is difficult for us not to feel that he has led his party into a cul de sac and made it not only insignificant in number but utterly unrealistic in outlook."

And how do we American Socialists seem to Laski and his British comrades? His opinion is this: "The American Socialists seem to us in Britain as muddle-minded as the Independent (British) Labor party, which is but a pale wraith of what it once was. They will not face facts here, as the American Socialists under Thomas do not face facts."

"Had our attitude been that for which Thomas stands, we should now be a province of a Nazified Europe instead of a free nation which sees victory near at hand."

"If we accepted the premises of American Socialist thinking, we should not have the right to hope, for power, if not in the next election then pretty surely in the election after that; we should, instead, be what Thomas has made of the American Socialist party, a pitiful little sect, which has lost all chances for many years to come of influencing mass opinion in America."

Annual Meeting of Lodge 528 Dec. 10

CORNWALL, PA.—All members of SNPJ lodge No. 528 are requested to attend the final meeting of the year Sunday, Dec. 10, as there will be an election of new officers. It was passed at the Nov. meeting that all members must attend the Dec. meeting. Also all members are to pay 25c into the treasury to defray the cost of flowers bought recently for the funeral of the late John Podjed.

Lucky Stars Planning Dance; Meeting Dec. 10

IMPERIAL, PA.—The Lucky Stars, SNPJ lodge 716, wish to remind you of the dance they are giving on Saturday, Jan. 27, 1945, at the local Slovene Hall. The orchestra has not been selected as yet, but we'll have more on that in a later edition.

Members, please don't fail to attend the annual lodge meeting Sunday, Dec. 10. Since this is one of the most important meetings of the year, it is your duty to attend as officers will be elected and vital matters discussed.

As you all know, the 6th War Loan Drive is on. Buy an extra bond if at all possible to make Victory that much earlier.

Lucky Stars Elect Officers Sunday

IMPERIAL, PA.—The annual meeting of Lodge "Lucky Stars," No. 716, will be held in the Slovene Hall, Sunday, Dec. 10, beginning at 12:30 p. m. Election of officers and other important items will be heard and discussed. It's your duty to attend as kindly be present.

JAMES M. MAGLICH, Sec'y.

Which "I beg your pardon, ma'am," said the newly arrived Irish maid to the English officer's wife, "but is it not a major I should be calling the captain?"

FLASHES

By DONALD J. LOTRICH

CHICAGO.—Over 100 regular size packages of cigarettes will be given away free at the next meeting of the Pioneers, Friday, Dec. 15. This, incidentally, will be the annual meeting. We'll be electing officers for 1945. Some of our thoughtful members suggested that we secure cigarettes as special inducements for attending this meeting. Make the date now and be sure you attend!

The next job of the Pioneers and our local lodges will be the preparation for the annual Juvenile Christmas party on Sunday, Dec. 17. Representatives of the Chicago SNPJ Federation met last Thursday night and decided to share the work as follows: Lodges 1 and 631, the bar; 39, chips; 102, the kitchen; 559, the dining room; 449, the door. Juvenile Circle 26 has already started its rehearsals for the program. We'll have the usual supper for all juveniles of lodges affiliated with the federation. The number of juvenile members has increased considerably during the past year due primarily to the membership campaign. We'll try to satisfy the youngsters and the parents with a good program and refreshments on Sunday, Dec. 17, at the SNPJ hall.

During 1944 the Pioneers have thus far taken in 146 new members! Most of these have come into the organization because of the membership campaign. There isn't any doubt but that membership campaigns are profitable for the Pioneers. We recognize the importance of these campaigns and the necessity of getting new members. Yes, we also recognize the need for keeping these new members. There seems to be a desire on the part of the Pioneer officers to continue to build the lodge and increase its membership. Our success in this respect is an indication that we are pretty much up on this subject. We have had to cancel but very few of the new members, in fact, of any members. We try to make them understand the need for remaining with us and, we just can't help but emphasize the fact that our total membership is nearing the 1,100 mark and that our quota of 40 for this year's campaign was more than trebled. These factors stand out for the Pioneers and show that we know what we are doing. Let other units make every effort possible to follow suit.

At last Thursday night's meeting of the federation \$100 was contributed to the Yugoslav War Relief. It was also decided to hold the annual meeting of SANC local 25 sometime during December and selected Frances Vider and Agnes Heidenreich to represent the Chicago SNPJ Federation at that meeting.—Our friend, Joseph Vesely, a Bohemian of Zagreb, contributed \$100 to the Yugoslav Relief. In addition, we received \$10 from Anton Medic, and \$5 from Matt and Mary Vidgar.—It is necessary to correct the name of a contributor which was published two weeks ago. The name was Mr. and Mrs. Ulehar, not Bulcher. Likewise, Frank Pichman and Anne Pichman each contributed \$5. We are always glad to make things clear.—The West Side News carried a nice account of the aims of our Yugoslav War Relief station and the fact that it was closing its store at 3936 W. 26th st. on Dec. 6 in their issue of Dec. 3.

Conrad Ladstetter was recently inducted into the Navy which makes it 130 Pioneers under the colors.—Richard Rayer looked mighty trim when he was home on furlough last week. Richard is a well-behaved lad and has grand opportunities of becoming an officer.—Frank Widmar writes that he works nights and sleeps most of the day and he catches up on his letter-writing on his day off. He is with the Combat Aircraft Service Unit (F) 13. He hears regularly from Ernie Dreshar and Leo Vider, his bosom pals, and expects to be in the States soon.—After a long absence we have finally heard from Edward Smolik who is still in the

Central Pacific on the island of Angauis, in the Palau group. He reads the Pioneer Bulletin regularly and was glad to know that things are going so well for the bowling league and hopes to be home soon again to share the pleasures with us. He says that it rains plenty in the Palau Islands.—And another letter from Charles Zadel acknowledges receipt of our mail and the good news about the status of the folks at home. He's taking it much easier now and adds that his mail is keeping up with him now.

Happy news has come to us from West Virginia where Anne Groser went last Friday. Upon her arrival there she became Mrs. Michael Kumer. All of us extend heartfelt congratulations and sincere wishes for their happiness. Both Anne and Mike have done a whole lot for the SNPJ and have acquired many friends because of their SNPJ activities. As president of the Pioneers, Anne has done much to keep up the home-front until the boys return. Now as a team, they will be able to do ever more for themselves and for their SNPJ friends. We hope that Michael will not take Anne away from us because we'll miss her very much.—Most SNPJ members have heard of Rudy Pugel. He hails from Milwaukee and is best known for being able to play the accordion without notes. As a hobby he also bowls and seems to be pretty good at it. In fact, he is so good that he is constantly in the company of the top-notchers in bowling. This week Rudy will bowl in the All-Star Tournament in Chicago. His many SNPJ friends will want to wish him a lot of pins.

A note comes in from Anne Cartier from Provo, Utah, and includes a snapshot of our Seaman Frank Sodnik who visited with them recently. The scenery is beautiful and Frank with his host, Roy Cartier and Ramon look good. Anne hopes that our Seaman can be with them for Christmas and promises to return to Chicago and take up her work where she has left off, someday.—Not so very long ago the Wall Street Journal reported that U. S. firms scrambled "to beat the band" for a chance to advertise their wares to Soviet buyers. Most American industrialists know that Soviet Russia is going to be in position to buy a tremendous volume of merchandise after the war, so each one tries to outdo the other to advertise his ware. That also indicates Russia's credit.—More than 1,000 government owned factories in England are being leased to selected industrialists for a ten year period which means that the British people will not get a chance to utilize these plants and socialize them. They will be used by private industrialists to make profit for the selected few. That's in contradiction to the policy of the British Labor Party who have asked for the nationalization of such plants.—In America 88 per cent of our farmhouses do not possess a bathroom and 90 per cent do not have mechanical refrigeration. What wonders we can still do to make life easier for the American farmer. We are glad that the Tennessee Valley Authority is only the first development of its kind and that others have been proposed. The American farmer can still use America's help.

Notice to Wolverines

DETROIT, MICH.—The next meeting of our SNPJ lodge 677 will be Sunday, Dec. 10, at 6 p. m. at Omira. Please attend as the election of officers will take place and it is important that you be there. After the meeting, the drawing will be held, and we'll also dance to the tunes of the really enjoyable orchestra.

Another notice for members and friends of the Wolverine servicefolks. If you wish to send a Christmas message to our boys and girls (and I hope you all will), please call CEDAR 4416 or come in person to 4553 Rosalie, Dearborn, and I will give you all the addresses you desire.

RUDOLPH BERNICK, Sec'y.



MARY BRINOCAR
Lodge No. 567
Springfield, Ill.

Here we have a picture of Mary Brinocar, who carried the banner of victory in the 40th Anniversary Campaign for the Lincolns, Lodge 567, Springfield, Illinois. The Lodge's quota was more than tripled as she qualified for the "Honor Roll" of successful contestants. A total of 16 new members were enrolled. Congratulations to Sister Brinocar and the Lincolns!



STANLEY M. TISUL
Sec'y Lodge No. 100,
Chicago, Ill.

Stanley M. Tisul, Secretary of the Trailblazers (100), Chicago, Ill., went over the top in the 40th Anniversary drive by not only qualifying for a special campaign award, but also by attaining the lodge's quota. Brother Tisul, while not old in point of years, is really an oldtimer in the field of fraternal service. At the time of the merger in 1941, he was the assistant supreme secretary of the former SSPZ, after which he was employed in the main office of the SNPJ for nearly a year and a half before resigning to take a Civil Service job in the U. S. Treasury Department (Chicago office), where he is now employed in a supervisory capacity. Congratulations to Brother Tisul and the Trailblazers!

Juvenile Circles of the SNPJ

Juvenile Circle No. 7 to Hold Yule Party Dec. 23

GIRARD, OHIO.—This is Circle Dawn of Youth No. 7 reporting on our previous meeting.

First, we, the members, would like to thank Frank Rezek and Irene Rowan for the lovely cards they sent us.

A Christmas Party was the topic of new business. A motion was passed that we have the party December 23 at the Slovene Dom. A gift exchange will be held. All gifts will be one dollar. Mary M. Matekovich, Rose Zaubi, Freeman Hake, Marjorie Macek, and Jeanette Tancsek, each taking a section, will be in charge of collecting all members' names and correct age. Frieda Perchlin and Irene Mihelich are in charge of the fish pond.

Our manager, Frank Rezek, would like to see several articles in the Prosveta and M. L. from the members, especially from Henry Leskover and Louis Beach.

Our regular monthly meeting will be Sunday, Dec. 10, at the Slovene Dom. Bring parents. Members should be there. We will elect new officers for the coming year.

This is that Irene Brown has been home on several week-ends and she says, "College certainly is difficult."

Our bowling team bowls every Monday night. Come on down and enjoy yourself by bowling. A prize will be given later on; who knows, you may be the lucky one.

Remember: Our meeting will be Dec. 10 and don't forget the Christmas Party, Dec. 23. Come down and enjoy yourself. I'll be seeing you.

DOEOTHY MUSTER, Rec. Sec'y.

Lodge 700 to Elect Sunday, December 10

ROUNDUP, MONT.—All members of SNPJ lodge 700 are requested to attend the annual meeting Sunday, Dec. 10, at two o'clock in the afternoon in the New Moose Hall. The officers for the coming year will be elected.

LEA OSET, Sec'y.

Golden Eagles

GIRARD, OHIO.—Here is good news for all those who call the Mahoning Valley home. The Golden Eagles and Lodge Ljubljana are going into the entertainment business again. They have set aside Saturday, Dec. 30, for a mammoth year-end dance! Conrad Mohar and his orchestra from Struthers, Ohio, have been contracted to supply the music, the type of music YOU want.

It has been many a month since the two lodges have sponsored a dance. It is still difficult to obtain the necessary merchandise for a well stocked food and refreshment counter but the Girard people feel that the attempt should be made. Many of the lodge's supporters have inquired about our next dance. Many have said that they are ready to invade Girard. So, once again—Slovene hall, Girard, Ohio, Dec. 30! Important!

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Eagles is set for Sunday, Dec. 10, at the Slovene hall. This will be the election meeting. Of course, many of you could stay away, thus avoiding nomination for the various offices. But we believe most of you will appear to choose and nominate and to accept whatever is in store for you. Like so many others we have been lax in many things but we must permit a continuation of the Eagles. Our soldier-members expect that.

There will be no after-the-meeting entertainment just detain yourself long enough for the routine meeting. Some of you have hibernated for many months. Many have not attended even one meeting so far this year. Let's make it this one! Then sit down and write that soldier-member across the seas all about it. I don't think it is too much to expect.

Juvenile Circle

The local Circle is always indulging in something new and has now organized two bowling squads. They are mixed teams but that makes matters all the more enjoyable. Each Monday night at seven o'clock you will find these teams at O'Connell's here in Girard. The members are doing very well considering that this is their first venture into this pastime.

The annual Christmas party is set for Saturday, Dec. 2. As usual there will be a gift exchange. Parents must remember that no gifts will be offered unless the members participate in the gift exchange. Henry Leskovec and Ray Robel are on the purchasing committee; Frieda Perchlin and Irene Mihelich are in charge of the fish pond, and Jeanette Tancsek and Marjorie Macek are responsible for the gift exchange. Also included on this committee are Freeman Hake, Rose Zaubi and Mitzi Matekovich.

The election of officers will take place Sunday, Dec. 10. Let's have another large attendance at this meeting. Clara Mihelich and Freeman Hake were the winners of war stamps at the last meeting. The educational literature sent by the Juvenile Director was distributed.

"Beachy's" Letter

We are reporting this letter because many of you remember "Beachy." "We had received orders to relieve an outfit that had been doing a grand job of fighting. Orders were received early this day to start marching to the place where we were to meet the outfit being relieved. It had to be rain or the orders would not have been complete. Rain it did. Most of the day was spent marching. At last we arrived at the place. It was just about dark. Most of the men were happy to see us because they knew that they were going back to a rear area for a few days rest."

"We were not very happy about being there as the Germans were only about two hundred yards from us. It was dark enough at this time; you could not see very much of the ground out to our front. Very hurriedly in the rain, we dug our

beds of mud for what little sleep we may have had a chance to get. We could not talk (loud) or move about any more than was really necessary. The rain continued to keep us company during the night. Everyone is very quiet as they wait for morning to come. "Halt!" shouts a guard as we wait for the shot to be fired. There is no shot fired—we try going back to sleep again. I don't know how to explain it but a person can hear everything going on even though they are asleep. For some reason or other you just don't sleep at a time like this. Another thing, it is best that you don't sleep. By doing so you are never caught with your pants down.

"It was a long wait for morning to come. At last morning came—so did the Germans. The Germans could be heard talking while they were still some distance away. Talking gets louder and louder. Here they come! Hand grenade after hand grenade they throw in on us. In between time we were throwing ours. Still they continued. A soldier would jump away from where a grenade landed only to find himself near another. A grenade landed right at my side which I did not see. My right wrist was hit but I could not tell how bad it was since my hands were covered with mud. All you could see was mud and blood. Not more than a minute later the favor was returned in the very same way. I opened my eyes again and there was a German soldier not more than ten yards from me. He threw a grenade at me and before I had a chance to move, snap! from the grenade hit me in the right and left thigh. I fired one round at the German—my rifle failed to fire again. Time to fix the rifle must have taken only a half second but it seemed like hours at the time."

There was more to "Beachy's" letter. For instance: "The Germans are only a few hundred yards from my fox-hole at the present time. Artillery shells are going out as well as coming in." Because of this report, we cannot give you his address. But it does give you an idea as to what a grand SNPJer is doing.

OFF THE RECORD—A surprise to most of you in the form of a letter from Lt. Mike Kumer who is now in the Ashford General Hospital, West Virginia. In part, it says: "Anne and I were married on the 2nd." And so our heartfelt best wishes and congratulations to Anne Groser and Mike Kumer.

John Tancsek, one of Girard's most active men in Slovene circles, is in the North Side Hospital in Youngstown.

S. Sgt. Mike Standohar, 547 Night Fighter Squadron, APO 920, c/o PM San Francisco, is somewhere in the South Pacific. It was somewhere in New Guinea that he met his younger brother, Joseph.

Remember that the Federation meets on Sunday, Dec. 30, in Girard at the Slovene hall. All affiliated lodges should see that representatives are sent.

FRANK REZEK, 643.

NEW POSTAL NOTE

The Postmaster General has announced that new postal notes will be placed on sale at first class post office by approximately January 1, 1945. They will be made available to other post offices as rapidly as possible; they may be cashed at any post office; they are designed as a safe, convenient and economical way of sending money not exceeding \$10. The fee will be 5c. The conventional money order is not being displaced by the new note. No application to fill out will be required. The notes will be sold at money order windows. A postal note will be valid for two calendar months from the date of issue.

Friendly City News

JOHNSTOWN, PA.—I wish to remind our members, SNPJ lodge 684, that our annual election of officers will be held at our next regular meeting, Sunday, Dec. 10, at the usual time and place. I am not going to stress how important it is for all you members to attend this meeting, for you are given the privilege of selecting your officers for the next year, upon whose guidance the progress of your lodge depends. Attend this meeting.

We have had no activities for quite some time. Our monthly card parties will be started again beginning the first month of the next year.

There will be a dance at the Moham Slovene Hall on New Year's Eve for the benefit of the Yugoslav relief. Watch for further news concerning this affair.

Following is an excerpt from an article published in our local paper about Bro. James Trofino, who is now in Italy. Prior to his entry into the army, he was an athletic director and a Friendly City member.

"For the first time in almost two years, two Johnstown soldiers were reunited recently in Italy. Pfc. James J. Trofino is a rifleman with the 361st regiment of the 91st (Wild

West) division in Lt. Gen. Mark W. Clark's 5th army. He was relieved of his duties for a few days and sent to the 5th army public relations section to aid in distribution of stories about men of his regiment to their home-town newspapers. The first man he met was Cpl. John Chiodo who logs war correspondents' copy at the press camp.

"The meeting had added meaning for the two men as Trofino's sister, Caroline, is married to Chiodo's brother, Pete Chiodo, who is a local city patrolman. 'I was never more surprised in my life,' said Chiodo. 'We had been trying to see each other ever since we knew we were in the same theater.'"

Trofino wears the Combat Infantryman Badge and one campaign star. Because he could speak Italian fluently, he was placed in charge of Italian soldiers leading the queues to front-line positions of the 351st. Trofino performed a great service for the fighting men by successfully bringing needed supplies to them in a time when the going over the rocky terrain was extremely hard and dangerous.

Now, a final reminder to attend your lodge meeting on Dec. 10.

ELSIE CULKAR, 684.

Spirit-o-Grams

By Wheelie

ST. LOUIS, MO.—There remains but one meeting for the current year which will take place Friday, Dec. 8, at the Concordia Turner Hall, 13th and Arsenal. All members must attend this meeting if at all possible. Only those who have to work or who are sick will be excused. We should do our best to attend and show our officers that we appreciate the splendid work performed by them during the past year. Officers for the coming year will be elected; final results of the membership campaign, etc., will be discussed—in short, it's an important meeting. Monthly meeting will start at 8 p. m. and annual meeting will follow.

Members, be sure and mark Dec. 30 on your date list. What then? Well, Spirits are going to hold their annual Yuletide Party at Albert's Hall, 3549 Arsenal, just off Grand Ave. There will be refreshments for all and the feature of the evening will be a delayed visit by Santa and he'll have presents for all juvenile members. Music will be furnished by a juke-box so a lot of polkas can be played. All who attend are assured of a grand time, so tell all your friends about Spirit's Yuletide Party.

Again we wish to remind members of the three SNPJ lodges to make returns on their dance tickets as soon as possible. Committee wants to make a complete report in the very near future.

This and That: Lt. Walter Youngman recently spent a fifteen-day furlough at home. He then returned to Frederick Field, Oklahoma. All who saw him in his new uniform said he looks "grand."

Congratulations to Sis. Mary Kelly on the arrival of a baby boy Dec. 1st. No doubt there is quite a bit of excitement at the Petrovich house with two new grandsons. John Pataky Jr. is already a member of the SNPJ, so it's hoped the new baby will also become a member. The writer wishes to correct an error in last week's article which stated Dorothy Pataky's husband was overseas whereas he is stationed in the state of Washington.

Anne Kokal's brother, Christy Domitrovich, is now home on furlough and he'll be able to spend Christmas at home this year. Quite a change; last year he spent it in England.

Only a few weeks remain for the Sixth War Loan Drive, so if members wish to purchase bonds, just call the treasurer or secretary and they'll do the rest. Bro. Tony Hervatin bought a bond last week. Members, come on and let's buy bonds.

Again I want to remind members of the important meeting Dec. 8 at 8 p. m. See you then.

Victorian News

CHICAGO.—The annual and regular meeting of the Victorians, SNPJ lodge 632, will be held Thursday, Dec. 7, at Berger's hall, 2653 S. Lawndale Ave., at 8 p. m. I hope that all who read these lines will respond by being present at this, the most important meeting of the year. A few of us are very fast to sense our obligation toward the lodge, others need individual inducement to assure their presence.

To those who are usually present at the monthly meetings the word "meeting" means their attendance is essential. Each and everyone of us has a right to equal representation, that is, the privilege to voice our opinion and to cast our vote on matters of significance.

This meeting is an important one because election of officers will take place. So come all you members and participate in the election. Be present and cast your vote in order that the best fitted and most capable members to fill the respective lodge offices may be elected.

In conjunction with this meeting a social and grab-bag party will also be held. All who desire to participate in this affair are requested to bring a gift (wrapped), ranging from 10c up to 25c. Visitors are cordially invited.

Victorians, if you don't need, please bring them to the Yugoslav War Relief station at 3936 W. 26th st. Please clean out your clothes closet.

There is a good time and play in store for us. It is drama "Norec," in which one of our girls, Ann Zirmann, and other good players have parts. This is a three-act drama. The presentation will take place at SNPJ hall, Sunday, Dec. 9, at 3 p. m. Hoping to see you there. And once again: Attend the meeting, social, grab-bag and dance Dec. 7 at Berger's.

MARY E. NOVAK, Sec'y.

Annual Meeting of Lodge 666 Dec. 10

TOLEDO, OHIO.—All members of SNPJ lodge 666 are requested to attend the final meeting of the year on Sunday, Dec. 10, and the first meeting of 1945 on Sunday, Jan. 14, as there will be an election of new officers. A motion was passed at our last meeting that the members that do not attend these two meetings will be dealt with according to the decision. Members that have to work or are sick will of course be excused. I ask very kindly that we all attend.

VICTOR WALLACE, Sec'y.

NANCY'S SANDWICH SPREAD
Ernie Bushmiller—United Feature Syndicate, Inc.

Your Dollar

By CONSUMERS UNION

Cigarette Lighters

Cigarette lighters have not been hit too hard by wartime shortages. CONSUMERS UNION found in tests of 14 brands. True, many brands are "Not Acceptable." But you can still get a good lighter at a fair price.

Steer clear of Fox-Hole and other "cat-tail" lighters. Sometimes these lighters work, but more often they don't. When they do work they smell bad and make your cigarette smell the same way.

CU tested lighters first of all for reliability. Each lighter was adjusted to top efficiency. Then 25 attempts were made to strike a light, with credit given for each successful try. CU also tested for windproofness, fuel capacity, workmanship and other factors. It counted the number of operations necessary to light a cigarette, and also took into consideration whether the lighter could be used for cigarettes only, or for pipes and cigars as well.

The Dunhill at \$27.50 (sterling silver) was the best of those which CU tested. But it was considered overpriced. Other good lighters are the Thorens (non-automatic) at \$7.50; Dunhill Service at \$7.50 (silver) and \$2 (enamel); Lektrolite at \$1.48.

Watches

Most well known brands of Swiss watches have movements of about the same quality. CU found in a survey of the watch market. These movements are generally reliable, and the watches are a safer buy than unknown brands which may sell at lower prices.

This doesn't mean that a little known brand can't be good. It means simply that the non-expert buyer is safer with a 17-jewel watch bearing such a name as Longines, Gruen or Bulova.

Tricks are common in the watch business. The number of jewels, for example, is often used as an indication of quality. Yet, some watches with 7 or more jewels may

wear little better than an Ingersoll, if the jewels are not placed at the important points of wear.

Solid gold and fancy cases usually cost more dollars than they're worth. A solid gold case worth no more than three or four dollars may cost you \$30 or \$40 more than a gold-plated case. Cheap diamond chip trimmings may double the price.

Don't take words like "waterproof" and "shockproof" too seriously. No watch is completely shockproof and few are really waterproof. If you get a watch called "waterproof" demand a written guarantee covering damage by water.

The following are likely to be good buys, say CU: P-X (Army Post Exchange) 15 or 17 jewel watches sold at \$15 to \$20; lowest price lines of well-known brands, such as Bulova, Gruen, Wittnauer, Longines, Benrus, etc.

The old American-made standbys—Hamilton, Elgin, Illinois and Waltham—are not now available.

Fountain Pens

Good fountain pens are an expensive gift this Christmas. CU found in a survey of the market. Medium-priced pens of the four leading brands are generally unobtainable. If you want a Parker, Waterman, Sheaffer or Eversharp you'll probably have to buy it as part of a pen and pencil set costing \$13.75 or more. Some single pens can be found at around \$10. The same quality in simpler style used to cost \$2.50 to \$5.

Pre-war \$1 pens now cost about \$3. In this price range, Esterbrook is best. But it's no better than the old \$1 Esterbrook used to be, and is definitely inferior to the four top brands.

Material and labor to make a \$10 or \$15 pen cost less than \$1, CU estimates. The balance goes for distributing costs, advertising and profit. It will pay to see if your old pen can be repaired before buying one of these pens for yourself.

Badgerland News

MILWAUKEE, WIS.—A very important date to keep in mind is Friday, Dec. 22. That is the day when our most vital meeting of the year will be held. Officers for the ensuing year will be elected, which should be reason enough for a large attendance. After the business session we will have a good old-fashioned get-together. Refreshments and dancing will round out the evening. Sis. Ann Meyer has graciously consented to take charge of the entertainment. That should be an added inducement to all you Badgers to attend. Ann's efforts are very much appreciated, but we think we did disappoint Ann on occasions with a small attendance in the past. So again I say let us have a large turnout; when we see that big smile on Ann's face we will know that she was happy to do her part for the lodge.

During the month of November we admitted 4 adults and 2 juveniles to our lodge. I believe that puts us over the quota assigned to our lodge. Too much credit cannot be given to our hard working secretary, Leo Schweiger, who was a one-man gang when it came to getting new members. When a new member attends his or her first meeting go up and introduce yourself. Make them feel right at home. Instill that great fraternal spirit that is so outstanding whenever SNPJ gatherings are held. Then they will be happy to take an active part in lodge affairs.

Am happy to report that Sis. Ann Barbarich is well on the road to recovery after going thru an appendicitis operation recently. Ann is recuperating at 627 W. Bruce St. Drop in and pay her a visit. Hear that Sis. Clara Medved is also on the sick list. We all wish you a speedy recovery, Clara.

With the Yuletide season just around the corner it is a very appropriate time to send greetings to our members serving in the armed forces. Sisters Olga Golob and Frances Debelak have been delegated to write to our members in the service. Greetings will be sent along with a little gift. A good time for the rest of us to get busy and write to those boys and girls in far off lands. A good idea would be for all members who are writing and receiving letters to acknowledge them at our monthly meetings. Then we can devise ways and means to see that each and every one of our members will be getting a letter from someone in our lodge.

The addresses for this week are: Sgt. John Bitenc Jr., 16049113, B. A. D. 4, A. P. O. 635, c/o P. Master, New York, N. Y.—Cpl. Frank M. Beysck, 36291532, 15th Special Service Co., A. P. O. 350, c/o P. Master, New York, N. Y.

Sister Mary Lucadello who is with the Coast Guard in Florida

sends her greetings to all her Badger friends.

Bowling Tips

Among the Badger bowlers we find 4 hitting the honor roll this week. In the Remic Mixed League Max Loncaric was the only one to garner a 602 total. In the ladies group we find Josie Smarz cracking 517 and Francy Freidl measuring the sticks for a 508 slam. In the Thursday Allstar wheel Rudie Pugal hit the pocket for a 647 total. Rudie will be in Chicago all week competing for the World's Individual Match Championship, the finals of which will be bowled Sunday, Dec. 10. If any of you Chicago SN-PJers have a little time drop in and give Rudie your moral support. You will find the time and place in your local papers. Tony (Zip) Verbick is just about due to hit the honor roll. (Our bowling expert will gladly give you his advice gratis. Tony, if you will explain your difficulties to your reporter.)

Until next week "SALTY," 584.

Buckeye Bits

By Oh

BARBERTON, OHIO.—You know, all the great decisions and acts of the world come about through meetings of a various people. Columbus had to meet and plan with people in order to make his historic sailing to America; our country grew and weathered all sorts of trials because far-sighted folks had meetings to discuss and plan her future; wars were fought, won or lost after some of the most read about meetings in history; great and humane deeds were accomplished at meetings of not only government bodies but by agencies such as Red Cross, fraternal organizations and national and international relief agencies. All these things came about because a group of people were interested in their fellow human beings and things that affected their lives. Invariably, these meetings were staffed by able leaders chosen as their representatives by the people.

Among the world's many worthy organizations, we have our own SN-PJ with its branches scattered throughout the United States. Its principles, you are all familiar with; its leaders, you've met or read much about; its benefits, many of you have enjoyed; its activities you have participated in. Through 40 years of meetings the SNPJ has flourished. And now in this month of December, all around the country the branches of our organization are meeting in their most important meeting of the year. Each lodge will cast about among its membership for the responsible and able leaders to carry on yet another year; to make more improvements; to add worthy accomplishments; to inject new life and vigor.

Each of these lodges since their beginning, have seen a succession of able leaders doing their best for SNPJ. Some of them have been at it for years, never tiring nor slackening in their office. Perhaps some of them will still carry on; some of them will need help from new officers; others will insist that another take over. But every one will expect that their entire membership will at least be interested enough to come to this most important of the year's meeting in order to make their choice of leaders or to perhaps become one of the leaders themselves. Every member of the great SNPJ must be aware that each decision, each plan, each activity concerns him, and so it is that the Buckeyes lodge 626 is expecting and looking forward to having every member at the annual meeting on Wednesday, Dec. 13, at the Slovene Center. Let's all pick an able leader in our minds and then show up at that meeting to cast our vote. Your very presence will add something to the occasion.

The Buckeyes' harvest hop of Nov. 18 started out looking like high school night but before the evening was over, a few years were added and the event turned out satisfactorily to all who attended. It was a pleasure to have Clevelanders from the St. Claire vicinity and the Loyalties' Rains, Rossa, Zupun and their friends with us. We'll look forward to that future visit connected with a bowling match.

The Buckeyes were sincerely sorry to learn of the death of Mrs. Agnes Mesek the day after Thanksgiving. To her sons and daughters, all of them members of our lodge, we extend our heartfelt sympathies. To those members who worked for the success of our dance and to all those who helped in any way during the above mentioned loss of our member, the officers express their appreciation. It was really nice of you all.

May we see all of you members at the Buckeyes annual meeting this coming Wednesday, Dec. 13, at 7:30 at the Slovene Center Hall?

Just as he crawled out, his wife appeared on the scene.

"Did you fall in?" she inquired in surprise.

"No. No! Just crawled in to see which fish it was that got away from me!"

SNPJ SPORTS

Nominate Candidates for National Athletic Board

The term of present members of the SNPJ National Athletic Board will expire when the annual meeting of the Supreme Board is held in February, 1945. At the same meeting an election will take place for the ensuing term.

The rules provide that candidates for the National Athletic Board may be nominated by the various lodges in each of the five athletic districts of the Society, irrespective of whether they are English or Slovene speaking lodges. Each lodge has the right to nominate a candidate for the district in which it is located.

It is further provided that the members of the National Athletic Board shall be elected by the Supreme Board or, when necessary, by the Supreme Executive Committee, from candidates so nominated.

All lodges are instructed to take up the matter of nominating a candidate for the Athletic Board at the regular meeting, either in December or January, and in each instance mail the name of the nominee to the Athletic Director on or before the first day of February, 1945.

The five athletic districts of the Society for which candidates are to be nominated and later elected for the term of 1945 are as follows:

- Dist. 1—Eastern Pennsylvania and New York.
- Dist. 2—Western Pennsylvania (West of Cambria County) and West Virginia.
- Dist. 3—Ohio and Michigan.
- Dist. 4—Indiana, Illinois and Missouri.
- Dist. 5—Wisconsin and Minnesota.

MICHAEL VRHOVNIK, Athletic Director.

Utopians Upset Lunder-Adamic in 2

CLEVELAND, OHIO.—The Utopian Panthers who currently are nestling on the lower rung of the league standings, pounced unexpectedly on the first place Lunder-Adamic gang in two snorting sessions. And quite a melee was that second game in which the underdogs, spurred on by Frank Strehovec who cashed in with a double, sneaked from behind in the last frame to triumph by a narrow margin of four pins. That's getting them when the chips are down, Frank! Al Hirsch hurled best for the dope upstetters with a 533 set. Mike Poklar with a 519 series was high for the astonished leaders.

V Boys Lower Flagmakers

Another major upset saw the lodge V Boys storm in with a double win over the Betsy Ross Ramblers. Frank Beniger's 511 series stood out for the winners. For the losers Carl Krause was tops with a 538 series.

Tigers Tame Lions

After dropping the first fracas by a considerable margin the Utopian Tigers nosed in with the last two clashes in their bout with the Utopian Lions. "Whitey" Matthews and Joe Zupanic with 581 and 533 series, paced the attack. For the Lions "Beltin" Bill Schlarb and Frankie Zupun were most aggressive with 540 and 535 setto's respectively.

200 Circle

A. Hirsch 214, W. Schlarb 212, J. Attwood 205, J. Matthews 204, C. Krause 200 and L. Strukel 200.

The Fleets In

For the second consecutive Sunday, a Utopian members in the service dropped in to pay the keglers a visit. This time it was First Class Shipfitter Eddie Benedict, who was enjoying a 13-day furlough. Eddie has served 28 months and 13 of them were spent in the Aleutians. Ed now is stationed at Camp Parks which is situated close to San Francisco. "As a whole I like it out there," replied Eddie to our questioning. "But I'm waiting for the time when I can get back and start slinging that bowling ball." We're looking forward to that time, Ed, when you can again join with us in all our social and sporting events.

JOHN J. SPILAR, Ath. Rep. District No. 3.

Of 200% Americanism

New York.—Concerning the post-war dangers "of hate organizations that parade falsely in the name of nationalism," Dr. H. Scudder Meekel of the University of Wisconsin remarked (to the annual meeting of the National Committee for Mental Hygiene): "Within the last hundred years there have been three nationwide organizations that threatened or internal peace and security—the Know Nothings... The American Protective Association... the second Ku Klux Klan. "The spearhead of the first two was anti-Catholicism... The spearhead of the third... was and is triple-pronged—anti-Catholic, anti-Negro and anti-Jew. "Each one of these three has been stronger than the one before and has been able to attract more adherents... the world trend of such prejudice movements, as we see in Germany, is to embody an ideology. It will not be called fascism, because that term is in disrepute."

Official Proceedings

SNPJ FINANCE COMMITTEE Meeting of Sept. 16

Meeting was held at SNPJ headquarters and was called to order at 9 a. m. All officers except recording secretary were present. Minutes of the previous meeting were approved as read.

Report submitted by secretary was accepted. The purchase of \$150,000 U.S. treasury 2½% bonds due March 15, 1970-85, at 100 10/32nds was made from C. F. Childs & Co. Nothing further has been accomplished in regard to the Wallace country bonds. Secretary has been unable to secure any helpful information regarding bonds ordered written off.

Mortgage loans repaid included the following: FHA 72, Belfiore, Cleveland, \$3703.12, Aug. 10; FHA 70, Connors, Chicago, \$3024.05, Aug. 9; MTG 172-A, A. Tislo, Chicago, \$1656.04, Aug. 15; MTG 185-A, V. Zupanic, Chicago, \$1200, Aug. 21; FHA 38, Evans, Chicago, \$3601.61, Sept. 1; FHA 54, Sherman, Cleveland, \$376.27, Sept. 6; MTG 35-A, Klicek, Gary, Ind., \$1068.02, Sept. 2; MTG 138-A, Strin, Chicago, \$2050, Sept. 12; MTG 2-A, SNH, Cleveland, \$1500, Sept. 12.

A \$1000 Retail Properties, Inc. bond was called for payment as of April 1; no notice was received until the current coupons were presented for payment. By a vote of four to one, decided to accept the offer of Merchants Refrigerating Co. to purchase our Terminal & Transportation Corp. shares at \$11.50 per share. Unanimously agreed to sell \$35,000 Lakeworth, Fla. bonds at 99 plus interest; also, unanimously agreed to dispose of Safety Harbor, Fla. bonds in amount of \$4,800, interest 1% to 5%, at 50%; motion carried to offer \$12,000 Edinburg, Tex. bonds at 75.

Non-admitted assets. Decided to secure bids on \$20,000 Buncombe county, N. C., road and bridge district bonds; to hold \$25,000 Fort Myers, Fla. bonds, also \$812.50 certificates of indebtedness of Safety Harbor, Fla. and \$15,000 Parma, O., street refunding bonds; to secure bids for the \$38,250 Tarpon Springs, Fla. bonds and for the \$25,000 Transylvania county, N. C. bonds maturing in 1972; to hold the \$1,000 Bessemer City, N. C. series A and the \$2,000 Key West, Fla. refunding bonds.

Unanimously decided to invest the entire \$150,000 available into U.S. treasury 2½% bonds at market price.

Decided that the chairman call meeting when deemed necessary. Because the committee secretary is on leave of absence from the Society, unanimously agreed that the supreme secretary assumes that post. Discussion on various questions pertaining to real estate loans, interest, etc., followed.

Meeting adjourned at 12 noon.

Matt Petrovich, Chairman

F. A. Vidar, Secretary

D. J. Lotrich, Act. Rec. Sec'y.

This and That

By Peter Elish

Bold Program Necessary

The test of our modern democracy is yet to come. For over 150 years our democracy has been able to withstand several major crises and depressions, and once a civil war, but today the threat to free government is still as great as in the past.

In Europe, the test came about a dozen years ago when the democracies on that continent were floundering with baffling problems of huge national debts, continued economic depression, and various social and national hostilities. Unable to solve these problems, and not deeply rafted in democratic processes, they easily succumbed to the rising tide of fascism and totalitarianism.

Prior to our liberation army not a vestige of democracy with the exception of Switzerland and Sweden was left in continental Europe. Today, they are again given a chance to make democracy work in their lands.

Most believers of progressive democracy were elated at the returns of the recent election, and for these two reasons we should not be blinded about the future.

For will our democracy be able to withstand the challenge of the future? Or will the forces that have crushed European democracies, and other unforeseen forces crush not only European democracies, but destroy or seriously hamper our democracy, too?

The greatest challenge to our democracy, and the greatest problem that we will have to solve is in economic field—the problem whether we can prevent unemployment and poverty in America. Everyone agrees that we in American and the rest of the world cannot undergo after this war another serious and prolonged depression as the recent one. No government, ours included, would be able to stand up a heavy economic depression without serious repercussions at home and abroad.

Yet, there are signs that after the war, depressions and unemployment will follow in its wake. Our government, unlike England's, has not taken the responsibility to prevent unemployment and social insecurity among its people. Even the Kilgore bill which is a move in the right direction, has not been approved, and neither has the CIO's demand nor an annual wage, or the various other plans of reconstruction of industry to civilian production after the war.

Our postwar depression has been taken as a matter of fact not only by England, which is very much concerned because their prosperity or lack of it ties up with ours, but by Josef Stalin. Recently, in an interview with Eric Johnston, of the Chamber of Commerce, Stalin taunted Johnston about our coming depression. Johnston immediately reiterated about our surplus savings, our need of consumers goods, etc., which he (Johnston) thought would give us full productions and full employment for several years after the war. "I did not name the year," laconically replied Stalin.

And I remember, too, Hitler's diatribes about our "decadent bourgeois democracy" being unable to solve our domestic problems. That is the challenge. The responsibility of solving this problem lies squarely with the present administration. If it fails to do this, then it will go into defeat, and in its defeat would go liberal and progressive government in America.

That is why it is imperative for the Roosevelt Administration to take a bold and definite course in solving our domestic and international problems in such a manner that the fear of want and poverty will be abolished from our nation.

Notice to Friendly City Members

JOHNSTOWN, PA.—The yearly meeting of Friendly City Lodge, No. 648, will be held Sunday, Dec. 10, at the Moxham Slovene Hall, Lorain Boro, at 7:30 p. m. All members are urged to attend as we will elect our new officers for the year of 1945.

ANN BRICELY, Sec'y.

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WORLD EVENTS

By Scott Nearing

More than thirty years have passed since July 1914. During those years "responsible statesmen" have been making decisions and giving directives that have involved the happiness, liberty and lives of hundreds of millions. It has been my job to read those decisions and directives—thousands of them. As I pass them in review, I am struck by the frequency with which the statesmen used the words "peace" and "prosperity" in a period that was characterized by war and depression.

Here is a recent example. Some years ago, Secretary Cordell Hull made a series of speeches in which he declared peace to be "normal" and war "abnormal." It was no concern of his that Block, in his Future of War, had shown that, in the past 2,500 years, the world has enjoyed peace one year in 12 and war the other 11 years. It made no difference to him, that, since 1878, there have been four "peace" years and that the last of these years was 1910. He was unconcerned when military scientists referred to peace as "the interval between wars" and social scientists like N. J. Spykman wrote that "war is unpleasant, but it is an inherent part of state systems composed of sovereign independent units" (America's Strategy in World Politics, p. 25). Mr. Hull has found a phrase that sounded well and went over with the public and, without examining its validity, he repeated it again and again.

The latest edition of the phrase is "peace-loving peoples." American delegates to the Moscow Conference, headed by Secretary Hull, were evidently responsible for getting the phrase into the Moscow Declaration. When Secretary Hull opened the Dumbarton Oaks Conference he used the phrase seven times in a twenty-minute talk. E. R. Stettinius, Jr., Acting Secretary of State in reviewing the D. O. Conference, opined that "the peace-loving peoples of the world will be heartened and encouraged by what we have accomplished." At the same time, Secretary Hull spoke of "the cruel and barbarous enemy" and contrasted them with "the peace-loving peoples." President used the phrase four times in his speech of Oct. 21, 1944.

Who are the peace-loving peoples? Of course, all peoples describe themselves as peace-loving. There is not a people on earth that would voluntarily line up under the banners of war. That is why all modern wars are "defensive."

This, however, is not a question of assertion or of sentiment, but of fact. Look over the record. Who has fought the recent wars?

Prof. Quincy Wright (University of Chicago), with a number of associates, recently completed a two-volume Study of War, covering the years 1400-1941. Here is a part of Prof. Wright's list of the number of wars in which various nations have taken part.

Great Britain 71 wars, France 71 wars, Russia 61 wars, Austria 72 wars, Turkey 43 wars, Sweden 26 wars, Italy 23 wars, Holland 23 wars, Germany 23 wars, Denmark 20 wars, China 11 wars, Japan 9 wars.

Prof. Wright credits the USA with 13 wars in 150 years, but the War

Department records shows 110 wars fought against the Indians alone.

Of the 278 wars listed by Prof. Wright, 178, or two-thirds, were fought mainly in Europe.

That is the record. Among the chief nations during the past 461 years, Britain and France head the list of war-makers, while Germany and Japan stand at the bottom of the column.

The "peace-loving peoples" phrase is only one example of the verbal irresponsibility of present-day statesmen. Prime Minister Chamberlain's "Peace in our time," Prime Minister Churchill's "I have every hope that a wise and harmonious settlement will be made in confidence and amity between the Great Powers" (speech to Commons, Oct. 28, 1944), President Roosevelt's "The vast majority of the people of Argentina have remained steadfast in their faith in their own free, democratic traditions" (press release, Sept. 29, 1944), are all examples of utterances unrelated to the facts.

There are two possible explanations for these irresponsible official utterances. The first is that the statesmen do not know what they are talking about. This ignorance alibi is charitable, if not creditable, to those involved.

The more probable explanation is that the statesmen are serving a class interest in a class-divided community. And, serving this interest, they must (1) fool their class rivals and (2) keep the factory-cannon-fodder loyal to the class interests for which they speak.

Peace-loving peoples will feel profound concern when they read that:

1. The American Legion, at its 1944 national convention, decided that, for the coming year, its legislative activity would be concentrated on the passage of a federal law providing for universal compulsory military training. The armed services strongly favor such a measure. It has been endorsed by the President and by high-ranking politicians, business executives and academicians.

2. The British Government has completed plans for compulsory military training after the war for all boys over 14 with a year of regular military service after reaching 18. Britain has more than 60,000 conscientious objectors in World War II. By beginning early with the new generation, the Tories hope to avoid a repetition of this embarrassment.

3. Sun Fo, chairman of China's Legislative Yuan, writes that, within 5 to 10 years after this war, China cannot hope to have either a strong air force or a big navy, but she can become a "second rank" nation by having "an army of the very first order, supported by an air force of some weight (China Looks Forward, p. 203)." By carrying out the conscription law to the strict letter, to have a million men a year under military training should not be a hard thing. (Ibid., p. 202).

4. Soviet Russia already has a system of universal military training as had most European nations before 1939.

5. Technicians assure the world that aviation is in its infancy and that the robot bombs used against Britain this spring are only mos-

Killed in Action



Rudolf Ograyensek, Radioman 3rd Class and member of SNPJ lodge 292, Avella, Pa., who lost his life at Salerno, Italy, Oct. 9, 1943. He was aboard the Destroyer Buck when it was sunk off Salerno and he was reported missing as of that date. The report of his death was not officially issued until a year after that time.

Rudolf Ograyensek was born in Avella, Pa., Jan. 17, 1924, and was graduated from Avella High School in the class of 1941. He enlisted in the Navy on Aug. 20, 1942, and took his boot training at the U.S. Naval Training Station at Great Lakes, Ill., and a radio course at Northwestern University, Evanston, Ill. He had been on sea duty from Jan. 30, 1943, to the time he was reported missing. Rudolf joined the SNPJ at the age of one and became a very active member in his youth, serving as recording secretary up until the time of his enlistment. In the family there are 13 members, nine in the adult and four in the juvenile department.

Surviving besides his mother, are five sisters and five brothers. A half-brother, S. L. Frank Cokel, is on duty in the Pacific.

quite bites compared with the bigger and better species that are on the way.

With the "democratic and peace-loving peoples" speeding up the technical arts of destruction and training tens of millions in the science of mass murder, World War III will assume proportions that should stir the imagination and whet the appetite of every military strategist and munitions-maker.