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RUSI PRODIRAJO PROTI ŠLEZIJI IN KRAKOVU

Ameriške čete udrle v
ostreje nemške izbok-
line v Belgiji

JAPONSKIE BAZE BOMBARDIRANE

London, 16. jan.—Ruske čete so udrle skozi vrzel prebitne
nemške bojne crte Varšava-Krakov
in okupirale Kielce, nemško vo-
jaško trdnjavo, v prodiranju proti
Šleziji, nemški industrijski pokrajini, in Krakovu. Mos-
kva poroča, da so prve čete od-
daljene 50 milj od Šlezije in 21
milj od Krakova.

Radio Berlin je priznal, da so
ruske armade v ofenzivi na obeh
straneh Varšave. Cilj je obkro-
žitev poljske prestolnice in pre-
bitje nemške linije v poljskem
koridorju v ozadju nacijske ar-
made v Vzhodni Prusiji.

Ruske sile so prekoracle reko
Vislo pri Warki in Pulawyju, 30
in 60 milj severovzhodno od
Varšave, ustanovile mostišča in
zasedle trikot ozemlja med Vislo
in reko Bug na severni strani
poljskega glavnega mesta. Dru-
ge sovjetske kolone so prekor-
acle reko Neretvo v kraju, ki leži
30 milj od Varšave.

Sodi se, da je rusko poveljstvo
zagnalo v ofenzivu v krajih 600
milj dolge fronte, ki se razteza
od Baltiškega morja na severu
do Budimpešte na jugu, čez 1,-
500.000 vojakov. Berlin trdi, da
so ruske rezervne sile prihajajo na
fronto. Poveljnik sovjetskih sil
na Poljskem je maršal Ivan S.
Konev. Te so v zadnjih dveh
dneh okupirale čez 700 nasel-
bin.

Pariz, 16. jan.—Oddelki prve
ameriške armade so udrli v
Houffalize, osrčje nemške izbok-
line v Belgiji, v prodiranju proti
St. Vithu. Poročilo pravi, da je
nemško poveljstvo odredilo umik
čet iz Houffaliza, da jih reši pred
uničenjem.

Tretja ameriška armada pro-
dira proti Nemčiji ob reki Mo-
selle med Luksemburško in
Saarsko industrijsko kotljino. Okupirala je Butzdorf, Nennig
in Wies. Slednje mesto je pet
milj znotraj Nemčije.

Poročilo pravi, da feldmaršal
Rundstedt pošilja nove čete v
Saarsko kotljino in severno Alza-
cijo. Možnost je, da bodo Nem-
ci skušali obnoviti operacije proti
ameriškim silam tamkaj.

Ameriški in britski letalci so
ponovno napadli mesta in indu-
strijska središča v južni Nemčiji
in Porurju. Vrgli so več tisoč
ton razstrelilnih v začigalnih
bomb na Augsburg, Reutlingen,
Ingolstadt, Munich in Freiburg.
V spopadu v zraku so sestrelili
237 nemških letal, sami pa so
izgubili 39 bombnikov.

Pearl Harbor, Havaji, 16. jan.—
Ameriške letale trdnjave so
bombardirale japonske morna-
rične in letalske baze na kitaj-
skem obrežju, poroča admiral
Chester W. Nimitz. Bombe so
padale na Hongkong, Swatow in
Amoy.

Rezultat bombardiranja teh
baz še ni znani. Nimitz je prej
naznanil, da so enote ameriške
bojne mornarice in letalske sile
potopile in poškodovale 38 ja-
ponskih parnikov in ladji v bli-
žini francoske Indokine.

Luzon, Filipini, 16. jan.—Cete
šeste ameriške armade so v pro-
diranju proti Manili, glavnemu
mestu Filipinov, okupirale Ca-
miling, strategično cestno križi-
šče. To je oddaljeno 35 milj od
obrežja zaliva Lingayena.

General MacArthur poroča, da
ameriške čete prodirajo naprej
v vseh sektorjih Luzona in dro-
be odpor japonske sile.

Ameriške izgube na zapadni fronti

Vojni department objavil številke

Washington, D. C., 16. jan.—
Vojni department je naznani, da
ameriške izgube od 15. de-
cembra, ko so Nemci udrli skozi
Ardennes, do 7. januarja so zna-
šale skor 40.000 ubitih, ranjenih
in ujetih vojakov, v vseh sektorjih
zapadne fronte pa \$52,594. Te
izgube so utrpele prva, tretja,
sedma in deveta ameriška ar-
ma.

Stevilo uključuje 4038 ubitih,
27,645 ranjenih in 20,866 ujetih
in pogrešanih vojakov. Nemške
izgube prekašajo ameriške. Vojni
department sodi, da so zna-
šale 90.000 ubitih, ranjenih in uje-
tih.

Vojni tajnik Henry L. Stimson,
ki je objavil številke, je
priznal, da bo veliko več časa,
preden bo razkrit obseg ameri-
ških izgub v teku nemške
protiofenzive na zapadni fronti.

Odporni proti voja- škemu vežbanju

Zveza ameriških
kolegijev pojasnila
stališče

Atlantic City, N. J., 16. jan.—
Zveza ameriških kolegijev, naj-
večja grupa na polju vzgoje, se
je na svoji konvenciji izrekla
proti obveznemu vojaškemu
vežbanju v mirnem času. Resolu-
cija s pozivom na kongres, naj
odloži akcijo o načrtu vojaške-
ga vežbanja, je bila sprejeta z
210 proti 35 glasovom.

Konvencija je ignorirala apel
generalja Marshalla, šefa gene-
ralnega štaba, ki je dospel z let-
alom iz Washingtona, v prilog
obveznemu vežbanju. Zveza je

sicer zagotovila vso podporo
programu zadostne obrambe, za-
vrgla pa je teorijo, da vojaško
vežbanje utrjuje zdravje, pris-
peva k vzgoji in razvoju discip-
line. Naglasila je, da vojaško
vežbanje postane lahko nevarno
politično orožje, kar je bilo do-
kazano v Nemčiji in nekaterih
drugih državah.

Sprejeta je bila resolucija, naj
kongres stori korake za razvoj
ekonomskih virov in bogastva
dežele. Ta tudi poudarja, da je
strojna sila važnejši faktor v
narodni obrambi nego delovna
sila, kar je dokazala ta vojna.

Dr. Donald J. Cowling, pred-
sednik kolegija Carleton, North-
field, Minn., in načelnik odseka,
ki je ustavil resolucijo proti ob-
veznemu vojaškemu vežbanju,
je dejal, da bi sprejetje zakon-
skega načrta imelo isti učinek
kot ga je imel prohibicijski za-
kon, katerega je moral kongres
preklicati.

Delegati so zagotovili podporo
na načrtu glede ustanovitve
mednarodne organizacije za
vzdrževanje in zaščito miru v
vojnji dobi.

Stirinajst ljudi zgorelo v hotelu

Chicago, 16. jan.—Štirinajst
ljudi je zgorelo v požaru, ki je
nastal v hotelu General Clark
na 217 N. Clark st., osem pa je
dobil težke opinke. Ogenj je
nastal v pritličju hotela in se
kmalu razširil na vsa nadstropja.
Povzročena škoda se ceni na
\$30,000.

Dva milijona ljudi strada v Italiji

New York, 16. jan.—Howard
B. Barr, asistent Myrona C. Tay-
lorja, Rooseveltovega reprezen-
tanta v Vatikanu, je dejal, da
dva milijona ljudi strada v Ita-
lij. On se je pravkar vrnil v
New York iz Italije. Barr je
razkril akutno pomanjkanje ži-
vlja v Italiji v razgovoru z re-
porterji.

POLJSKA UBEŽNA VLADA SESTAV- LJA PROTEST

Obsodba ruskega pri-
znanja odbora
v Lublinu

MOSKVA OBDOLŽE- NA KRŠENJA DO- GOVORA

London, 16. jan.—Poljska
ubežna vlada, katere predsednik
je socialist Tomasz Arciszewski,
sestavlja noto z ostrom protestom
proti Stalinovemu prizna-
janju odbora v Lublinu kot legal-
ne poljske vlade. Nota bo po-
slana vladam vseh zaveznih
držav v okviru Združenih narodov,
s katerimi ima ubežna vlada
odnosaje, z izjemo Rusije.

Ubežna vlada trdi, da je Ru-
sija priznala odbor v Lublinu z
namenom uničenja neodvisnosti
Poljske. Člani tega odbora niso
bili izvoljeni kot reprezentanji
poljskega ljudstva in z svoje
povozilci, ki je padel v tej vojni.
Poleg matere zapušča brata in
tri sestre.

Padel v Franciji

Ambridge, Pa.—Caroline Ho-
chevar je bila obveščena, da je
4. dec. padel v Franciji njen sin
Pfc. Harry Hochevar, star 19 let
in pri vojakih od septembra
1943. On je prvi član društva
33 SNPJ, ki je padel v tej vojni.
Poleg matere zapušča brata in
tri sestre.

In Cleveland

Cleveland.—Po dolgi bolezni
je umrla Amalija Golob, roj.
Rus, starca 57 let in doma iz St.
Rupert na Dolenjskem, od ko-
der je prišla v Ameriko pred 43
leti. Bila je članica SNPJ, ABZ
in SZZ. Zapušča dva sinova
(enega pri vojakih), dve hčeri,
štiri vnukov, dve sestri in vč-
estnikov.

Ubežna vlada je obsodila izja-
vo odbora glede svobode vesti v
šolah. S to je razkril svoje na-
menje, da je za odpravo verske-
ga pouka v šolah.

Naznanko odbora v Lublinu
glede razkosanja veleposestev v
osvobojenih krajih je razčačilo
poljsko ubežno vlado. To je po-
njenem mnenju uvod v kolekti-
vizacijo. Odbor bo skušal prisli-
čiti kmete v dostavljanju pridel-
kov državi. Vlada obsoja tudi
delavske razmere pod adminis-
tracijo odbora, zlasti one v Lub-
linu, ter grožnje glede deporta-
cij delavcev.

Premirje končalo

bitke v Atenah

Dogovor o izmenjavi vojnih ujetnikov

Atena, Grčija, 16. jan.—Bitke
med britskimi četami in enota-
mi grške levica vsebino odborne
fronte v Atenah so bile končane,
ko je premirje stopilo v ve-
ljavo. General Ronald M. Scobie,
poveljnik britskih čet, je po-
posvetovanjih s člani grške vla-
de naznani izmenjavo vojnih
ujetnikov.

Britske avtoritete so storile
karake glede osvoboditve levicarjev,

ki se niso udeležili bitk
in so bili ujeti v navalih na njihova
stanovanja. Nekateri so bili
odvedeni iz Aten in vzelno ve-
čni dni za izvedbo načrta. Vpra-
šanje je, ali bodo levicarji izpu-
stili talce.

Britska krogla in grška vlada
premjerja Plastirasa vztrajajo
pri zahtevi, da morajo biti talci
izpuščeni. Ce se bodo levicarji
upirali, bodo nastale nove po-
težkoce. Plastiras bo morda pre-
klical premirje pod pretvezo, da
ga ni podpisal. On in britski
krogla skušajo povzročiti razko-
ljevanje in izločitve.

Pogoji sklenjenega premirja
določajo med drugim evakuacijo
levicarskih gerilcev iz hrivov v

bližini Aten. Levicarske sile še
vedno drže 21 izmed 37 grških
pokrajjin, skoraj dve tretjini de-
žele.

Domače vesti

Novi grobovi v Penni
Hermenin, Pa.—Ko je šel 12.
jan. John Zagor z 5. zutraj na
delo, ga je 300 korakov od nje-
govega doma zadela srčna kap
in pol ure pozneje so obvestili
ženo, da je mož mrtev pri že-
lezniški postaji. Bil je član društva
87 SNPJ, star 59 let in rojen na
Zagi pri Bovcu na Primor-
skem. Prvič je prišel v Ameriko
1911, drugič pa 1913 in ves
čas živel tukaj in delal v pre-
mogorovu. Poleg žene zapušča
tri sinove (enega v armadi) in
brata, v starem kraju pa tri se-
stre, če so še žive. Pokopan je
bil civilno.

Untontown, Pa.—V bližnji na-
selbine Lemont je umrl pri plju-
nico Joseph Velicevič, star 53
let in doma iz vasi Drnevo, fara
Leskovec pri Krškem. Tukaj za-
pušča ženo, dva sinova in hčer, v
starem kraju pa brata in tri
sestre.

Washington, D. C., 16. jan.—
Srbska osvobodilna fronta je
osvojila program in pozvala vse,
ki misijo in čutijo odkritosr-
no, naj ga podpirajo. Točke pro-
grama je objavila radiostaja
Slobodna Jugoslavija. Te so:

Mobilizacija vseh srbskih ener-
gij za poraz nacijskih invader-
jev.

Dejanska udeležba v naporih

za dovršitev načrta v vojni za
osvoboditev, dosega namenov in

celjev, konsolidacijo bratstva
med jugoslovanskimi ljudstvi v
demokratični in federativni
državi na osnovi pravic samood-
ločevanja v smislu in duhu za-
kujučkov narodno osvobodilne
fronte in skupčine.

Ustanovitev oblasti od naj-
manjše do največje na demok-
ratični podlagi, da bodo ljudje
uživali pravice z izjemo onih, ki
so sodelovali z okupatorji in
kvizilngi.

Izločitev vseh fašističnih ele-
mentov iz državnega ustroja.

Obnova ekonomskega živje-
nja in mobilizacija vseh sred-
stev in energij za razvoj dežele.

Mladina se mora vzgajati v
duhu etnosti in v interesu lju-
dstva. Vse grupe in stranke,
ki tvorijo osvobodilno fronto,
naj skupno rešujejo nastale pro-
bleme.

Zaključki eksekutivnega odbora
osvobodilne fronte so obvezni
za vse člane.

Prej je bilo naznanjeno, da

so voditelji strokovnih unij skli-
čali zborovanje, na katerem bo
razprava o re

Jradne vesti društev SNPJ

Cleveland, Ohio.—Naznanjam laništvu društva št. 406 SNPJ, da radi smrt moje žene ne bom obiral asesmenta kot popravljanje, kadar pride plačat asesment in me ne najde doma, potem se obrnite do brata predsednika Maksa Cermelja, 3621 E. 46 st. in plačajte pri njem. Prosim, da poštevate to obvestilo in plačate pravočasno.

Charles Kerzie, tajnik.

Sloven. Pa.—Na letni seji društva št. 241 SNPJ je bilo sklenjeno, da se plača iz društvene blagajne za mesec januar asesment za vse člane-vojake. Pri vojakih je 23 članov in tri članice. Ta sklep naj vzemajo na znanje starši članov-vojakov oz. oni, ki za nje plačujejo asesment. Naložite sporočil vsem onim, ki se niso udeležili letne seje, da smo izvolili za l. 1945 vse stare uradnike.

Karolina Papeš, tajnica št. 241.

St. Louis, Mo.—Starši članov ste mladiškega oddelka SNPJ ste prešeni, da pripeljete svoje otroce na sejo, ki se bo vršila 21. januarja ob pol treh popoldne, imeli bomo malo proste zabave za otroke. Seja se bo vršila na So. 7th st. in Ann ave. v dvojni Riess, tretje nadstropje.

Ne pozabite plačati asesmenta pravočasno, da ne bo suspendirano.

J. B., tvoja zadeva pride pred odbor meseca aprila—bodi pazljiv.

Ciril Medved, tajnik št. 107.

Salida, Colo.—N a z n a n j a m laništvu društva št. 256 SNPJ, da ni imelo naše društvo letne seje zato, ker je bolan predsednik Joseph Bohinc, tajnica Mary Stibil, blagajnica An-Nefer, zapisnik Joseph Pečnik, predsednik nadzornega odbora Martin Matekovič, člana nadz. odbora Joseph Körbar in John Bratush, predsednica bolniškega odseka Mary Stibil. Društveni zdravnik dr. Tuttel.

Seja vsak tretjo nedeljo v mesecu ob treh popoldne v običajnem prostoru, 26 Polmer st.

Zeleti je, da bi članost bolj redno in v "večjem" številu posečalo seje v l. 1945. Torej vsi na sejo 21. januarja. Podani bodo tudi računi med društrom in jednoto za l. 1944.

Mary Stibil, tajnica št. 325 SNPJ.

Ann Florjancic, tajnica.

Naša kulturna propaganda v Mehiki

Piše J. Z. Lisi

Pryva dva tedna meseca novembra se je vršila na prostranem odprttem trgu v bližini imponantnega "Monumenta a la Revolución Mexicana" blizu središča glavnega mesta Mehiki tretja letna razstava knjig, radija in časopisja ali takozvanega "Feria del Libro".

Razen vseh mehiških književnih založniških podjetij, knjigarn, časnarskih in radijskih družb, kinematografskih ateljejev, raznih mehiških ministrov v drugih vladnih organizacijah, postavljajo tu običajno svoje pačiljene tudi razna priateljska večja tujezemskih vladnih zastopanstev v svrhu kulturne, kakor tudi politične propagande v prid svojih dezel.

Zgodilo se je letos prvič, da je bila zastopana na tej razstavi jugoslavija. Četudi naša domovina nima v Mehiki nikogar diplomskega zastopstva, konzulat sam pa za také prireditev na videz nima niti ne prave volje, še manj pa potrebnih gmočnih sredstev od strani naše vlade na svoje razpolago, se je bilo zahvaliti letos izključno letu interesu in prizadevanju društva Svobodna Jugoslavija, da smo mogli pokazati širšemu mehiškemu občinstvu vsaj majčken vzorec tega, kar bi se moglo imenovati sodobna jugoslovanska kultura.

Dodela odrezanih od tozadnega pravega vira, naše stare domovine, na drugi strani pa le v rabilih v površnih stikih z našimi kulturnimi organizacijami v Ameriki, smo imeli v resni težave, da smo v naglici za silo zbrali med nami samimi vsaj nekaj malega, kar bi bilo vredno izzaviti pogledu tukajšnjega in-telektualnega občinstva.

Društvo bo še nadalje ostalo član Prosvetne matice. Članstvo je prošeno, da se bolj redno udeležuje društvenih sej in plačuje svoj asesment.

Charles Zakely, tajnik.

Kitzville, Minn.—Na letni seji društva št. 161 SNPJ je bil izvoljen sledenec odbor: predsednik Anton Ribich, podpredsednik Frank Pipan, tajnik Charles Kerzie, blagajnik John Rotar, zapisnik Jacob Podlipnik. Nadzorni odbor: Frank Zidarich, Ludvik Bartol in Frank Shega. Seje vsako zadnjo nedeljo v mesecu.

Na glavni letni seji je bilo tudi sklenjeno, da še nadalje ostanejo včlanjeni v minnesotski federaciji SNPJ.

V ameriški armadi imamo devet članov. Ti so: Charles Kerzie, John Russ, Tony Pogorels, William Zidarich, Frank Zidarich, John Podlipnik, Robert Zelen, Henry Magajna in John Rotar.

v okviru tudi "Bilten" partizanske omladinske organizacije, tiskan bogove kje v osvobojenih jugoslovenskih hribih, ki smo ga pravočasno prejeli iz New Yorka.

V steklenih omarah je bilo nekaj naših knjig: partizana Božidarja Jakca "Odmevi rdeče zemlje", kakor tudi njegova slikarska monografija; Adamčevi "The Native's Return" in pa "My Native Land"; Zormanova "Pota ljubezni", ljušljanski "Domaci prijatelj", izvirni katalog fotografiske razstave v Zagrebu in morda še kaj drugega, česar se trenutno ne spominjam. Po policih in obiskovalcem občinstvu na prostu razpolago vse do sedaj izšle številke našega "Boletin del Comité de Ayuda al Ejército Libertador y Guerrilleros de Yugoslavia", londonski "Rat u slikama" in še nekaj drugih podobnih publikacij. Končno, ljudem na prodaj, iztis zadnje knjige našega društvenega tajnika dr. Fodorja (Th. Balka) "El Mariscal Tito".

Dosti pozornosti so vzbujale med publikacijami tudi velike in dobro posnete izvirne fotografije, razobesene na obsežnem kartonu poleg velike slike maršala Tita, predvsem razne priizre iz partizanskih bojev v naši domovini.

Obisk našega paviljona je bil docela povolen; naj zadostuje, če omenim med našimi odličnimi posnetki le sovjetskega poslanika Konstantina A. Umanškega, bivšega češkega poslanika v Mehiki dr. Wendla, novega češkega poslanika dr. Hyka, mehiškega generala Zuna Hernandesa itd.

Dasi radi postojčnih razmer sicer na razmeroma skromen način, smo s to našo udeležbo na razstavi "Feria del Libro" vsekakor poskusili dokazati mehiškemu narodu, da Jugoslavija ni le samo hraber v svobodoljubeč, temveč tudi napreden in kulturni narod, vreden dokaj boljše usode, kakor pa so nam jo poskusili začrtati oholi nacistofistični zasužnjevalci.

Glasovi iz naselbin

NAZNANILO

Sharon, Pa.—Pozivam člane Slovenskega delavskega doma, da se polnostevilno udeležijo seje, ki se bo vršila 28. t. m. S seboj prinesite zadolžnice ali certifikate naše korporacije. Izven mesta živeče člane pa prosim, da jih pošljete po pošti.

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Br. Molek pravi: "Stališče, ki ga večkrat podpira glede Stalinevne imperialistične politike v Iranu, na Poljskem, v Italiji in drugje, je korektno, demokratično—čim pa stopiš v Jugoslavijo, je baš narobe. V Jugoslaviji Stalin docela izgine in izginejo vsi njegovi lakaji . . ."

Ne! Če bi pisec teh vrstic zastopal tako stališče, bi bil res popolnoma slep. Bodisi in dobro ali slabo, faktično je Stalin s svojimi lakaji in "lakaji" vred večji kot je kakšna tuja osebnost—ali simbol. Njegova senca pada preko vsega Balkana, preko vse Evrope. Ta senca je faktično večji kot je senca rimskega papeža. Pisec teh vrstic odprtov prizna, da se te sence boji, ker vidi v nji največjega sodobnega Machiavellija. (Machiavelli je bil italijanski politik, ki je učil, da je vsak državnik bedek, ki se ne poslužuje vseh sredstev za doseglo svojega cilja.)

Toda Stalinova ali ruska politika napram Jugoslaviji in osvobodilnemu gibanju je bila do danes na vsej črti progresivna in prijateljska. (Enako je progresivna in prijateljska tudi napram Čehoslovaški.) Rusija je sprvega podpirala Mihajlovič, toda ko je prišlo med slednjim in partizani do konflikta, ko so četniki z nacifašističnimi invadatorji vred pričeli napadati partizane, se je Rusija odločno postavila na stran slednjih, sploh na stran vse Osvobodilne fronte in za to politiko direktno ali indirektno pridobil tudi London. Tako—in zato—je velesrbska čaršijska klika v zamejstvu izgubila bitko na vsej črti.

Drugo dejstvo je, da se je osvobodilno gibanje širom vse Jugoslavije odprto naslonilo na Rusijo bolj kot na kakšno drugo velenilo in iz nje zajemalo in tudi dobivalo velike inspiracije. Vse to ne radi kakšnega nagiba do boljševiškega monstruma, marveč deloma radi slovanstva—panslavizma, če hočete!—deloma pa radi tega, ker je v junaškem odporu rdeče armade ljudstvo videlo svojega rešitelja izpod nacifašistične sužnosti. Saj so se celo slovenski "belogardisti," hravski pavlečevci in srbski nedievcji pri svojem izdajništvu in zločinstvu sklicevali na Sovjetsko unijo, češ, da je ona z Ameriko in Anglijo vred na njih strani. Tako smo čitali v njih lastnem tisku.

Pisec teh vrstic ni tako naiven, da bi mislil, da sovjetska vlada podpira osvobodilno gibanje in maršala Tita radi kakšnega panslavizma ali komunizma. (Isto velja tudi za Čehoslovaki.) Ne! To jugoslovaško revolucionarno ljudsko gibanje podpira vsled tega, ker je prišla zgodaj do zaključka, da bodo ruski interesi na Balkanu veliko bolje zavarovani, če zmaga in pride na krmilo nove Jugoslavije Osvobodilna fronta, ki faktično predstavlja vse napredno orientirane slike in struge, kot pa če se zoper vrnejo na krmilo elementov starih buržavzavnih in čaršijskih političnih strank. Iz istih razlogov je tudi Churchill podprt Osvobodilno fronto—da v Jugoslaviji "reši, kar se rešiti da" za angleški kapitalizem in imperializem. Oba, Churchill in Stalin, sta bila v temki za sfero vpliva in Jugoslaviji. Zmagal je Stalin, toda Churchill še ni izgubil vsega upanja . . .

Je gola imperialistična igra s strani obeh velesil. Toda kot izgleda, ta igra ne bo tako slabo izpadla za jugoslovenska ljudstvo—sigurno bi izpadla veliko slabše v primeru zmagre starožitomcev. Če morate izbirati med dvema zleria, si boste izbrali manjše zločevrav boste pri tem lahko tudi nafarbani. Toda danes še ni mogče reči, da li bo raztag sovjetskega vpliva na Balkan zlo ali dobro.

Kar se Jugoslavije tiče, se nam vsaj zdi, dasi smo lahko v zmoti, da bo sovjetski vpliv ugodno deloval na notranji razvoj in da imajo ljudske mase več upanja glede boljših dni od sovjetskega vpliva, kakov pa če bi dežela prišla v angleško sfero.

Možnost je tudi, da se pod Titovim in ruskim vplivom razvije Balkanska federacija po tej vojni, kar bi bila konkretna pridobitev za vso Evropo. Možno vsekakor je, da se novi federalistni Jugoslaviji pridružijo tudi Bolgari. Že to samo na sebi bi bila velika pridobitev za mirno sožitje balkanskih narodov.

Toda ruska politika izven Jugoslavije in Čehoslovaki— in z možno izjemo Bolgarije pa nove ogrske vlad—je vse nekaj drugega kot progresivna in prijateljska. Napram rumunski reakciji z gnilo monarhijo na čelu je zelo obzirna. Kaj se dogaja v Rumuniji, sploh ne vemo, ker je dežela še bolj zaprta pred zunanjim svetom kot je Bolgarija. Slično politiko igra tudi v Italiji, kjer je komunistična stranka—gotovo na povelje Moskve—zadnjici zopet rešila Bonomijevu kraljevsko vlado, proti kateri so v opoziciji socialisti in akcijska stranka.

Sovjetska politika napram Finski, baltiškim državam in Poljski pa je 100% imperialistična. Od Finske je odrezala precejšnji kos zemlje na obeh koncih, baltiške države je enostavno anektirala, na Poljskem pa igra slično politiko kot Churchill v Grčiji, kar se notranjih zadev tiče, v imperializmu je pa še bolj izrazita.

Taka je sovjetska zunanja politika v Evropi. V Jugoslaviji in Čehoslovaki daje zaslomblo in protežira napredne elemente, v Rumuniji in Italiji reakcijo, na Baltiku in Poljskem držno in brez rdečice zasleduje gol imperializem in potiske na stran ali enostavno likvidira vsakega, kdor se upira njenim načrtom. Poslužuje se vseh sredstev, dobrih in slabih, konstruktivnih in zgrešenih, za doseglo svojega cilja: razširjenja ruskega vpliva in ozemlja na račun svojih sosedov. Radi slednjega je s Churchillom vred tudi kreirati velike mednarodne frikije in zvezne oziroma koncepta združenih narodov napravila navadno farso.

To je okjetivna in ne doktrinarska analiza današnje sovjetske zunanje politike. Kdor je doktrinarec, kot je na primer br. Molek, bo "dosleden" in vse skupaj metal v en koš. Pisec teh vrstic skuša biti objektiven in delati zaključke na podlagi dejstev, ne na podlagi doktrinarskih predskrov. Zato tudi ne morem obsojati sovjetske politike napram Jugoslavijo in Čehoslovaški, ker je bila do danes napram tem državam progresivna in prijateljska. Kakšen bo notranji razvoj v Jugoslaviji, je pa drugo vprašanje.

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DRUŠTVA NADE

Chicago, III.—Pri društvu Nade št. 102 nismo imele težav izvoliti društveni odbor. Z malo izjemo so vse odbornice obdržale svoje pozicije. Druga poročila so bila tudi zadovoljiva; v preteklem letu smo bile aktivne in smo napredovali v članstvu in v gmočnem oziru. Poročilo sestre Mary Udovich nas je še posebno razveselilo, ker nam je zaupala, da je takoj spočetka, ko se je udeležila tekme v prvi kampanji, sklenila, da hoče pridobiti 500 novih članov, in ker sedaj po končanju treh kampanj beleži 458 članov in članic, bo nadaljevala z iskanjem novih članov, dokler ne doseže svoje, sebi naložene kvote. Ob teh besedah so ji članice odobravajoče aplavdirale.

Sestra predsednica se ji je v imenu društva zahvalila za njen izredno uspešno agitacijo in izrazila željo, da bi pridobila za društvo Nade toliko novih članov, da bi lahko na prihodnjem konvenciju poslale kar dve delegatini. Zadnje mesece ni bilo na bolniški listini nič bolnic; mislim še že, da je pri Nadi zelo zdravo podnebje, toda nenadoma, zadnji mesec, pa je nemila usoda pretrgala nit življenga članici in ustavnoviteljici društva Nade sestri Kržišnik. Njena smrt je nas vse boleče zadel. Najlepša hvala Franku Barbiču, ki ji je v spomin napisal tako lep nekolog.

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Za društvo Nade št. 102 SNPJ: Christina Moseley.

O DELU NA
DRUŠTVENEM POLJU

Johnstown, Pa.—Zoper se oglašam v Prosveti. Božični pripravniki so minili in tudi novo leto je za nami. Navada je, da delamo razne rezolucije in obljube za prihodnje leto, a jaz nisem naredila nobene druge, kot da se bom potrudila kolikor največ mogoče v pridobivanju članstva in jih obenem vse obdržala v društvu, ako bo le mogoče.

Na letni seji društva št. 3 SNPJ je v tej okolici eno najaktivnejših v vseh panogah. Prostovoljno je odšel k pomorščakom William Oreskovich, sin Johaa Oreskovicha, bivšega tajnika Adrie. Starejši brat saržent Mathew Oreskovich pa se nahaja nekje v Belgiji. Društvo Adria želi izrekati povratke obema in prav tako drugim članom-vojakom.

Na letni seji društva št. 3 SNPJ je bil izvoljen sledeč odbor:

predsednik Louis Stefanic, podpredsednik Michael Tomec, tajnica Mary Vidmar, blagajnik Stanley Lunka, zapisnikarica Mary Dragar. Nadjorniki: predsednik Joseph Rovan, Milica Kubala in Mary Samec. Držveni zdravnik dr. Joseph Chobay. Seje pa se vrše vsako drugo nedeljo v mesecu.

Pozdrav vsemu članstvu SNPJ!

Mary Vidmar, tajnica.

POROČILO TAJNICE
ŠT. 205 SNPJ

New Duluth, Minn.—Na letni seji društva št. 205 so bili izvoljeni sledeči odborniki: predsednik John Kobi, podpredsednik Frank Sever, tajnica Angela Blatnik, blagajnik Frank Sever, zapisnikar Frank Petrich, Nadzorni odbor: Anna Novak, Agnes Rapach in Frances Boravac. Reditelj Sebastian Pepe. Društveni zdravnik dr. A. J. Bianco. Seje se obdržavajo vsako tretjo nedeljo ob pol dveh popoldne v Internationalnem institutu. 115 W. McGonagle st.

Bliža se letna seja glavnega odbora SNPJ. Mnenja sem, da bo ta seja zelo važna, kajti to leto se ima vršiti konvencija SNPJ, katere naloga bo začrtni pot organizaciji za prihodnja štiri leta. Nahajamo se v izrednih časih. Vojna vihra razsaja in še ni videti konca. Veliko naših članov se nahaja na krvavih poljanah. Mnogi se ne bodo nikoli več povrnili, nekateri pa bodo pohabljeni za vse življenje. Vse to moramo imeti pred očmi in najti pot, po kateri se bo najbolje pomagalo ublažiti to gorenje.

Ker naša dobra mati SNPJ ni samo navadna komercialna zavarovalna družba, temveč povsod prisotni na pomoč, kar se zreali v vsej njeni zgodovini, bo tudi v tem primeru častno rešila svojo nalogo. Ali bomo pa tudi mi, sestre in bratje, storili svojo dolžnost do nje? Upam, da se bomo vsi potrudili in da bomo ob koncu tega leta zoper pomnožili naše članstvo za nadaljnje tisoče. Prepričana sem, da bo glavni odbor na letni seji razmotril tudi o tem.

Udeležba na letni seji je bila prav slaba. Ne vem kaj je temu vzrok, ali so krivi uradniki ali članstvo? Dolžnost vsega članstva je, da bi se udeležilo seje vsaj enkrat na leto. Seveda, oni, ki so zaposleni, so oproščeni, toda mnogi člani in članice bi se lahko udeležile seje, a pravijo, češ, saj boste lahko tudi brez mene vse opravili.

Prihodnja društvena seja se bo vršila 21. januarja. Upam, da ne boste tega naznani preželi in da se udeležite v polnem številu.

Rensica je, da je naša društvena blagajna prazna, toda ker je bilo tako malo članov in članic navzočih na zadnji seji, se nismo mogli niti zediniti glede poselne naklade. Zato je potreben, da se udeležite prihodnje seje, da bomo odločili tudi o tem.

Mnogi člani so bolj počasni s plačevanjem asesmenta. Prosim, da bi ga plačali vsaj do zadnjega v mesecu. Ako suspendiramo člana, ki je zaostal z asesmentom, misli, da se mu je zgodila krivica, ne ve pa, ako bi bil vsi tako počasni s plačevanjem, potem ne bi imela kaj poslati v glavnji urad. Tudi tisti, ki so naučeni, da pridevam hišo po asesmentu, bi se lahko malo zanimali za društvo in bi lahko sami prinesli v društveno dvoranó, ker niso oddaljeni.

Med našimi agitatorji je tudi članica, ki dela že veliko let, in če se ne motim, je največ priporočila, da se je ustavnovito zasedlo društvo Nade. Ne samo članice SNPJ smo lahko upravičeno ponosni nanjo. Ob na-

Ker tukaj nimamo svoje društvene dvorane, pobiram asesment na domu kar skozi ves mesec.

Bolan je član John Borich. Člani mu žele skorajšnjega okrevanja. Operacijo pa je presta mlada članica Sherly Stritar. Sedaj se zdravi doma in bo kmalu zdrava.

Pred kratkim sta bila poklicana k vojakom člana Edward Petrich in Lawrence Sever. Naše društvo ima sedaj 20 članov v vojni. Upam, da bo kmalu konec te grozne vojne in da se naši mladi povrnejo na dom k svojim dragim zdravi in zadovoljni. Naši mladenci so se prav težko ločili od svojih dragih, posebno od mater, katere so sedaj v neprestanem strahu zanje. Noč in dan skrbne, da se jim ne bi kaj hudega pripetilo.

Tudi jaz vem dobro, kako je hudo materi, ako zgubi svojega otroka. Še sedaj mi je hudo, ker mi je umrl sin v mladosti in potem tudi hčer, ko ji je bilo 21 let. Toda pomagati se ne da, zato moramo junaško prenašati gorie, kajti druge poti ni.

Zaključujem z željo, da bi bilo kmalu konec tega strašnega človeškega klanja.

Angela Blatnik, tajnica.

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For Members of Slovene National Benefit Society and American Slovenes

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Twentieth Anniversary
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Speaking Lodge Movement

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 17

Ward Again Defying the Government

Most of our readers know that recently the government seized the Montgomery Ward plant in Chicago a second time, the first time being last April. The plant was seized because of Sewell Avery's (Ward's chairman) high-handed defiance of the government, his anti-labor, anti-union provocations and his contempt for obedience to necessary wartime measures.

And once again, as last spring, all reactionary papers let their hair down for a real cry, giving their readers the wrong interpretation of the case. Our readers will remember that when Chicago policemen staged a massacre of striking steelworkers a few years ago, these same labor-hating papers didn't have the decency to condemn the outright slaughter of unarmed workers. But now that the government moved in and again forced the defying Avery to submit to the law, the reactionary papers again raised a terrific cry, claiming that the government has become dictatorial.

The Ward property was taken over under special authority granted the President. Avery said openly that he would not obey the law, in effect that Ward is greater than the Government of the United States.

The real issue at stake is Sewell Avery's attack on the labor union, the United Retail, Wholesale & Department Store Employees union of the CIO. The company is trying to destroy the union so that it would have a free hand in continuing exploitation.

At any rate, the case is now before the District Federal Court. It is obvious that the company would rather spend a million dollars fighting the War Labor Board than submit to the law everyone else is dutybound to obey.

Regimentation and Conscription

Organized labor as well as all progressive groups are 100 per cent against regimentation of workers now as well as against conscription requiring one-year military service of American youth in peacetime.

Both the CIO and AFL correctly characterized the conscription bill, now pending in Congress, as "undemocratic, un-American and a direct contradiction of our tradition of freedom."

The CIO leaders, in issuing a statement, said:

"We are convinced from records of Congressional sponsors of this proposed legislation and of its many public sponsors that one of the unstated purposes is to regiment our youth on a mass basis for use as a military strike-breaking, union-busting force."

Although it is doubtful that such a law would be enacted now, the workers, both organized and unorganized, must stand on guard in order that no such plan would be foisted on them now or in the future.

As regards labor regimentation now, such a plan is not necessary in view of various production miracles performed by American labor. We must remember that the workers have responded to the call of our armed forces for supplies and ammunition of all types—with actual results. They will continue to perform their duty even on a larger scale if necessary, provided that the various government agencies will cease issuing contradictory reports on actual needs.

The splendid record of American labor in this war speaks for itself, that's why no regimentation is needed. Compulsory labor would mean labor slavery.

The Infantile Paralysis Drive

The annual fund raising campaign to fight infantile paralysis is now under way, and everyone is asked to contribute as much as he can for this worthy cause.

It is well to remember that half the money collected locally is retained by the community chapters of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, the rest going to the National Foundation to finance continuous study and research of the disease for which no preventive cure is known.

Not until a great deal more is known about the disease can humanity hope to remove the danger of attack on children everywhere. In addition to treating new polio victims, the local chapters also care for those from previous years requiring hospitalization and appliances.

To carry on the work of fighting polio, local chapters depend entirely on contributions.

Buckeyes' Bits

By OH

BARBERTON, OHIO.—It's a sad case when neither pleas, fines, gifts nor good deeds can accomplish a desired end. It's truth that at least 20 more members could have been present at the Buckeyes election meeting a while back; sadly, they neglected their duty to their lodge.

We can only say in return that each of you will come to a time in your life when you'll need the assistance and comfort of lodge officers and members and if they fail to come flocking to your door, you'll have only yourself to blame and we know, from past experience, that your criticism will be hard—but remember, a hermit's life induces no friendships, an ostrich attitude encourages no social contacts. So leave it to you. Do you choose to be a hermit or would you rather keep in touch with your neighbors and townpeople by sharing their fun, their problems, their joys and sorrows?

Why not start now to be a better neighbor? Come to the first regular meeting of the year on the 28th of this month and get acquainted or renew contacts with the following old or new officers: Chas. Dornish takes the reigns as president and you all know him, you can come

around to say "Hi." and "Good luck" to our new secretary, Dorothy Miller, who doesn't know half of the membership but is more than willing to get acquainted. You'll all like this brand new secretary, boyish and full of pep and well known as a champ in local bowling circles. Then there is the new treasurer, Toni Brancik, no mean bowler herself. And Nelle Valencheck doing a repeat as recording secretary. Quiet and efficient, poppa of the twins, Stevie Beres takes a flier as vice pres. for this year.

Gosh, then there is an entertainment committee that promises at least one interesting time every month. Since a couple of the names escape me at the moment, I'll name 'em for you next week and perhaps give you a preview of some of their plans. We know that big things are in the wind for 1945, so you see, members, you'll just have to come around and join in the fun!

A sample event was the social after the last meeting. It proved to be fun when about 15 of those present got a bingo game going, a couple or three hooked up Dottie Miller's portable phonograph and all the while the whole gang cut

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COMRADES' NOTE BOOK

By J. J. Fitolt

In The Service

CLEVELAND.—Our friend Julius Pirnat finally made it. He writes: "You asked when I'll finish training and I am happy to say that I received my wings last Wednesday. Will stay here another month for a check out in P. B. Y. flying boats. Hope to get a leave after that. Spent the holidays checking out as a cadet and everything jammed up. Would like to wish you and the lodge the best of everything in this new year. Thanks again for the gift from the lodge and Christmas card. Congratulations, Julius.

From England S/Sgt. Sue Pakis sends Christmas greetings and at the same time enclosed a sample of English holly.

Eddie Azman finally came home on furlough, and happy to be back in Cleveland. Understand Vehar and Johnny Pecon are also on the way back.

In response to a question as to when a serviceman missing in action is finally pronounced dead and payment of mortuary benefits can be made, Supreme Secretary Vider advises as follows:

"After the expiration of 12 months the War or Navy Department will, upon request, issue a "Certificate of Presumptive Death," and until the date of presumptive death, assessment must be paid for the insurance carried by the serviceman with our Society. When the Official Proof of Death is issued by the proper Government agency under the provisions of the above cited law and submitted to us, (Public Law 490, 77th Congress, as amended) the mortuary benefit insurance will be paid, provided that the assessment was paid in full as required by the By-Laws and Benefit Certificate."

This may be of interest to other secretaries.

General

Some people get all the breaks. In the midst of Cleveland's worse storm, Agnes Flanders beats it to Florida for a rest. We hope she comes back well rested and raring to help at our next dance.

The cooperation of many of the members in taking care of their past and future dues is appreciated. It makes the work of a secretary much easier if he does not have to be continually after the members to pay their dues. Keep up the good work.

In Jugoslavia

Albina Vehar, Pauline Ross, A. Skok, together with the Smoles and others saw the old year out and the new year in at the writer's home. The gals took a trimming at their favorite game.

Convention

War Mobilization J. Byrnes' order requesting that organizations pass up conventions if the gathering is more than 50 persons, indicates that our next convention might not be held. At the next supreme board meeting the executive committee should contact the insurance department and have definite answers as to procedure to be followed. Many organizations are acquisiting to the request and it would seem that the SNPJ should patriotically fall in line.

Comrades' Anniv. Dance

In April of 1926 the Comrade lodge was organized. In February the following year they held their first mid-season frolic. Saturday, Feb. 17, will mark the 18th successive mid-season affair. Some of us are getting old! For practically most of these events the writer has been beating the drums, telling members and friends to assemble, renew old acquaintances and make new ones. Our pleas have been well heeded in the past. We trust you'll listen to this one. The place is the National Home, music by Smick with the usual refreshments. Set aside that night and be present, what say?

Notice, Members of SNPJ Lodge No. 755

SHARON, PA.—As the new secretary of SNPJ lodge 755, Keystoners, I wish to inform all members that our meetings will start at 7:30 p. m. instead of 2:30 p. m. Our meetings are held on the first Sunday of each month. Please attend. Also, will collect dues at my home, 909 Cedar Ave., Sharon. Please be prompt.

JACK ZAGGER, Sec'y.

Pvt. Stanley Kuznik Home on Furlough

CHICAGO.—Pvt. Stanley Kuznik of SNPJ lodge 102 had been on a week's furlough from Camp Hood, Texas, and has now returned to Washington.

Golden Eagles

Federation Notes

GIRARD, OHIO.—A goodly number of representatives and friends attended the last SNPJ federation meeting held in Girard. Several representatives were absent but war work and transportation were the responsible factors rather than a lack of interest.

A very definite note of optimism accompanied those present. So much so that it was decided to attempt to increase our affiliated membership. Niles and Lowellville were mentioned prominently as those who should benefit from unity and united support.

There is some new material on the executive board for 1945. Joe Garm from Sharon will continue as president. After several years of keeping the minutes, that grand old-timer—and we say that with a note of respect—John Petrich finally declined to be nominated for office because of his work. So Girard's own John Rovan will take over the duties of recording secretary. Tony Nagoda, also from Girard, will be responsible for the accounting of our federation money and Frank Rezek will serve as secretary.

Books received from the Educational Bureau were distributed and this year's dues were ordered sent in. For the second consecutive year, the federation will pay fifty cents for each new member obtained by its affiliated lodges whether adult or juvenile. Sharon will act as host for the meeting in April.

SANC Branch Meet

Sunday, Jan. 21, is an important day in Girard. All lodges in Girard that are supporting the local branch of SANC should encourage their members to attend this meeting.

Two items of special significance are the order of the day. For one, volunteers must be obtained to seek and solicit membership dues for 1945. Then arrangements must be made to solicit clothes for the needy in Jugoslavia. The need is desperate and we should not rest until we have resorted to every tactic and device necessary for a successful fulfillment of our objective.

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At the Slovene National Home, Sunday, Jan. 21

Badgerland News

MILWAUKEE, WIS.—The first meeting of the current year is drawing closer. Let us start off on the right foot by making this a date.

The meetings are always short and snappy. Your attendance will be an added incentive for our new officers. Would like to see some of the oldtimers back in the groove again. So no excuses will be accepted for your not attending this all-important meeting.

Those that are working nights are naturally exempt as war production must go on, so as to get our boys and girls back as soon as possible.

So keep that in mind—Friday, Jan. 26, at the usual place, Sostarich Hall, located at So. 6th and West Bruce st.

Our Members in the Service

Pfc. Anton Primozich of the U. S. Marine Corps was a recent visitor on a short furlough. Tony had many interesting stories to tell with restriction of his many months spent in the Southwest Pacific. He is now in northern Minnesota visiting with his folks and old friends and will report back to his base the latter part of this month. He acknowledged receiving the little Badger gift and greeting card and really appreciated the fact that we remembered him.

Again I say to all you Badger boys and girls, write to our members in the service. All news of the old home town and friends are read and reread by those boys on the far-flung battle fronts.

The addresses for this week are: Leon Sagadin, S. F. 3/c, Ship Repair Unit Navy 128 Y. R. D. (H) 7 Division, c/o Fleet Post Office, San Francisco, Calif.—Erwin E. Vodnik, M 3/c, U.S.S. Basilan A. G. 68 U.S.N. Rec. Station, Mobile, Alabama.

Change of Addresses: Pvt. Frank Faletich, 36826727, Detachment of Hospital Plant 4176, A.P.O. 121, c/o P. M. New York, N. Y.—Pvt. John Obluck, Marine Barracks N.O. F.T., Pier 5OB, San Francisco, Calif.

Bowling Taps

The boys really had an off night in Remic's Mixed league last Monday evening. Rudie Pugel was top man with a 591 total. Down at the bottom

Our Front

By Louis Beniger

last week, almost three years after the tragedy of Bataan, Yanks established a long beachhead on Leyte Gulf, on Luzon, largest island of the Philippines.

Bloody fighting continues on the Eastern Front, extending from Prussia to Yugoslavia. The Russians are still battling for Budapest, and Marshal Tito's forces reported to have crossed the Adriatic border from Slovenia. In other words, now that the long-awaited Russian drive for Berlin on, a real, and perhaps final freeze will be applied against the sinking Nazi domain.

All in all, the Allied military forces are on the march everywhere and the next few months likely to see considerable change in the military situation.

It is expected that Roosevelt, Churchill and Stalin will soon meet somewhere, perhaps in Cairo, or the Crimea, Russia.

Crimes would indeed be an ideal place for the Big Three to discuss world problems, both military and political problems. Although the war is still on and the end is not in sight, the Allies are in much better position than they were at the time of the Teheran conference. Along with the much improved military situation, there is a number of difficult political problems concerning the "liberated" countries—France and Poland, Belgium and Italy, as well as others, are due for overhauling, politically. Church has already "settled" the Greek problem—with the sword.

At any rate, it appears that Stalin is a much better politician, as can be seen in Poland where there is nothing among the Poles, except with the Poles in London, but even that is only verbal.

It is hoped that in a not too distant future Slovenia and the rest of Yugoslavia will be liberated as the forces of National Liberation and the Red Army drive the Nazi invaders out.

Speaking of Yugoslavia, recent news reports pertaining to the settlement of the Italo-Slovene frontier are once more somewhat disturbing. It is said that the British will not permit Trieste and Fiume and Gorica to return to Yugoslavia. On the other hand, the Yugoslav liberation front made it clear that those three cities and adjacent territory must be included into Yugoslavia if there is to be a lasting peace between Yugoslavia and Italy. Of course, British interests would like to have it their own way, and I have a strong suspicion that the Slovenes would again be robbed of their land if Britain could make a bargain with Russia. It is my opinion that Russia will not permit such a grave injustice to happen.

This clearly shows that the problem of our Primorje is not settled, and this means that the Slovene American National Council must be constantly on guard against any predatory schemes against the Slovene nation!

Buckeye Bits

By OH

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pose on the yummy hamburger sandwiches cooked by Toni Brncic and slapped together by Anne Wilson, Mary Apchak and this dept. Mrs. Nicholas came thru royally with the coffee making and we surely appreciated everything. This is once when K. P. wasn't half bad!

We have a couple of dates for you all to remember. The first is Jan. 28 at 2 when the Buckeyes meet for the first time under the leadership of the new officers. It's still in the small meeting room of the Slovene Center Hall so let's see you all there.

Another big date is the annual Buckeye dance which is scheduled for the last Saturday before Lent, February 10. Keep that news circulating and have all your friends for that night. We'll give you all the dope on it in another column. We do have Taffy and his boys booked for that in-the-groove live so get hep, you all, and loosen your limbs for a lovely evenin'.

By the way, all you housewives who have any red or blue ration stamps to spare, won't you give a call to this dept. at SH-3795 or call Dot Miller and let us have your contribution for some food stuff we served at the last meeting and some we plan to have at the dance? We surely would appreciate anything you could do in that line.

Our belated but very best wishes to newlywed Anne and Mike Kumer; and congrats to Tony and Helen Steffler who got a new girl from the stork! The Buckeyes all express their sympathies to Mrs. Poje and her two sons Joe and Frank upon the recent death of Mr. Poje. The two boys are on the fighting fronts and were unable to get home. We're truly sorry.

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NOTATIONS

By Frances L. Rak

CHICAGO, ILL.—Once again we're reminding you of the Pioneers' first meeting of this year. You should start out the new year right by attending your lodge meetings regularly. You should help make the plans for our various activities. The meeting will be held this Friday evening, Jan. 19, at the lower SNPJ hall, at 8 o'clock. Please attend.

Perfect Circle.—Last Saturday morning we attended Perfect Circle's first meeting of the year. It was well attended. Several new faces were there, and yes, taking it all in, too. The Voice of Youth was thoroughly analyzed and needless to say Perfect Circle was well represented in the first issue of the magazine under its new name. An interesting event was the installation of officers. Fifth anniversary was discussed at some length, also a few resolutions were ironed out.

After the business meeting the Circle Manager, Ann Sanemann, cut the very large and beautifully decorated cake which had five birthday candles on it. The candles were lit and the members sang "Happy Birthday" to Perfect Circle's fifth birthday. (The Chicago Circle was organized in Jan. 1940.) Milk was also served with the large helpings of cake for children and the adults got coffee. All we did was suggested and John Rokavec Jr. was a willing dishwasher, and a good one, too. Marion Cerveny and Josephine Slanek did the rest. A short social followed, and we were reminded that the next meeting will be held Jan. 27 at 10:30 a.m.

Waukegan Bound.—A group of 18 Perfect Circle members plus quite a number of parents and friends are making a trip to Waukegan this Sunday, Jan. 21. The SNPJ lodges of Waukegan are sponsoring a celebration at which two Juvenile Circles will participate, namely, Waukegan and Chicago. The Chicago group will present a portion of their Barn Dance Program as requested. The Perfect Circle group will leave by North Shore on the ten a.m. train and we're all looking forward to the trip.

Slovene Center Social Club.—Despite the snowstorm last Saturday afternoon and evening, a nice attendance turned out for the annual meeting of the Slovene Center Social Club. The 1945 officers are as follows: President, Frank Taucher; Vice-President, Frank Lotrich; Secretary, John Rak Jr.; Recording Secretary, Edward Hudale. Auditors: John Herbeck, John Martinjak, Anton Trojar, Frank Zaitz and Louis Zorko. After the meeting very good sausage and kraut were served. Stelby was there from Waukegan and furnished the dance music. A happy time prevailed till the wee hours.

Servicemen.—Frank Sodnik of the Navy stationed in Clearfield, Utah, telephoned his wife Dorothy and son Norman on New Year's day after his brief silence. A nice V-mail letter came this week from Lt. O. B. Godina who acknowledged the Christmas greeting and said that the airmail stamp on it was given to a French stamp collector. Oscar says he enjoys the Prosveska which he receives regularly. Lt. Mike R. Kumer was in the city last week and took in the Slovene Center.

Little Fort Lodge

WAUKEGAN, ILL.—To all members of the Little Fort Lodge 568: Don't forget the meeting Thursday, Jan. 18, at 2 p.m. at Slovene National Home. This meeting is important because there will be election of officers for the new year. Due to the fact that there were not enough members at last month's meeting we postponed it until Thursday the 18th. We need as many members as possible. Until Thursday, I hope to see some members who belong to the lodge but never come to the meetings.

DOROTHY OGRIN, 568.

Not All Farmers Are Prosperous

The Federal Reserve Board took a year-end look at agriculture and came up with these interesting conclusions:

As a whole, the industry is more prosperous than in any other period in history. Higher prices and increased production have raised cash income 160 per cent above pre-war levels.

The top 40 per cent of farm families had cash incomes ranging from \$1,600 to \$3,370 and over. Fifty per cent of the farmers received 88 per cent of the total income. Ten per cent had incomes of less than \$130 and 40 per cent had incomes under \$700.

These figures, the board said, "make it obvious that rural poverty has not been eliminated." It added that many low-income farm families are worse off than before the war.

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Killed in Crash



Ensign William Pestotnik

Ensign William Pestotnik, Navy fighter plane pilot, who was killed in a plane crash at Green Cove Springs, Florida, was born in Hia-watha, Utah, Sept. 13, 1922. After graduating from Philippi High School in 1940, he came to Detroit and was employed as a tool maker until his enlistment in the Navy Air Corps Feb. 2, 1943. He received his training at Wooster, Ohio; St. Mary's College, Calif.; Seattle, Wash.; Corpus Christi, Texas, and thence went to Green Cove Springs, Fla., for completion of his aviation instruction.

William has four brothers, three of whom, A/V/S John, Sgt. Frank (who spent 27 months in the Aleutians), and Cpl. Frank, are serving with the U.S. Armed Forces. In addition to the four surviving brothers, are his mother and father and three sisters. All members of his family are associated with the SNPJ.

Practically every Spirit was given especially for the juveniles, but immensely enjoyed by the adults too, was one of the Spirits' best. The attractive tree decorated with lights and all the trimmings, the hall was also dressed up in its yule special. Before Santa arrived the kiddies were shown the Mickey Mouse and Donald Duck movies, and the members were surprised to see themselves on the screen, as movies that were taken of our outing in Collinsville and a picnic at Hoffman's Grove, were shown.

Practically every Spirit was shown how he or she looks when caught with a movie camera off guard. Many 107 members were also taken. We certainly enjoyed viewing the movies as we had many good laughs. The kiddies all grouped together sang Jingle Bells, then Santa carrying a huge bag of gifts and goodies appeared and the youngsters getting excited. Each one receiving a nice gift and a bag of candy, fruit, etc. The adults were served free sandwiches, cake, coffee, etc. We all enjoyed the juke-box music, especially those good Slovene polkas. Among us we were glad to have Bro. Louis Maurich from Gillepsie, father of Alma, Mary and Ida, and Bro. Pete Kokal who was home from Norfolk, Va., from the holidays. Also the parents of our new juvenile transfers from Chicago Pioneers, Orth and Lucidos. Thanks to John Spiller for operating the movie projector, etc., and Pete Dolenz for playing Santa, hoping that our 1945 yule party will be as happy, but with all our service boys home to enjoy it.

Out Our Way: Letters of thanks for their yule packages were read at the meeting from John Rhodus, Ed. Hervatin, Anthony La Borde, and greetings from Francis Sethela and Stanley Schobert. Stanley Hervatin is back in Camp Hood, Texas, after a 15-day furlough.

Meetings are held on the first Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. in the Library Slovene Hall.

Members, Please Note: The Financial Secretary for 1945 is Alvina Ocepek who lives directly across from the Federal Supply Store. Kindly arrange to pay your dues on time in order to avoid suspension.

The delegates who will attend the E.S. Federation meeting on Jan. 21 at Strabane, Pa., are Pat Sexton, Rose Podlesnik, and Fran Dermotta.

Plans are progressing to sponsor the annual Valentine dance on February 11 at the Slovene Hall. Further details will appear in later editions of the Prosveska. Until then, keep Feb. 11 marked as an evening to be spent with the J. Z. Jrs.

Just a word of praise for a job well done by the members of Lodge 366, who so willingly collected, sorted and packed the used clothing for the people in Yugoslavia. A special thank you to Brother Jake Dolence for the use of his truck and time. The untiring effort, on the part of you members, to help in any good cause is certainly appreciated and will always be remembered.

On Dec. 14, the J. Z. Jrs. lost their first member, Bernard Comis (better known as "Dino") who was killed in action over Germany. "Dino" was a likable boy and will not only be sadly missed by his family but also by the community. To the Comis family the J. Z. Jrs. offer their sincere sympathy.

Our sincere sympathy to the Kosala family in the loss of their father who passed away on January 2 after a prolonged illness. Mr. Kosala was a member of Lodge 366 and is survived by two sons, both members of Lodge 662, and a daughter who is also a member of Lodge 366.

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Juvenile Circles of the SNPJ

Perfect Circle Ready for Trip to Waukegan Sunday

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GRACE ANN GERDANC

Spirit-O-Grams

By Whoosit

ST. LOUIS, MO.—Our first meeting of the year hinted that for the Spirits 1945 will be an active and progressive one—with the first attraction of the year being our May Festival on May 5, at the Concordia Hall, 13th and Arsenal.

The 40th anniversary committee gave the final results of the celebration which was held Nov. 18, and membership campaign. Each of the three lodges received a grand sum for the treasury, which looks mighty good. Tillie Ducote received the award of \$5 for selling 28 admission tickets. The membership campaign locally was successful comparing it with the previous one. Spirits procured 23 new members, Planinski Raj 20, and Radinicka Sloga 9. The Spirits received \$15 as first award and Helen Heratin, Cyril Medved and Frank Pavetic each \$5. Our thanks goes to the committee, candidates and all the members for their fine cooperation in celebrating and working to bring such great success to our 40th anniversary.

The annual yule party held Dec. 30 given especially for the juveniles, but immensely enjoyed by the adults too, was one of the Spirits' best. The attractive tree decorated with lights and all the trimmings, the hall was also dressed up in its yule special. Before Santa arrived the kiddies were shown the Mickey Mouse and Donald Duck movies, and the members were surprised to see themselves on the screen, as movies that were taken of our outing in Collinsville and a picnic at Hoffman's Grove, were shown.

Thanks to Bro. and Sis. Vanderworker for their cash donation towards the yule party. It is nice to have such thoughtful

America's Hour Has Struck!

An Open Letter to President Roosevelt by a 28-Year-Old Bombardier-Veteran of 35 Flying Missions Over Europe

By LT. L. E. SHUCK JR.

(Of The U. S. 8th Air Force)

Dear Mr. President:

At this critical point in the development of the postwar pattern of life I am impelled, as a veteran of this war, respectfully to address to you a letter which I know will bear, in spirit, more signatures than mine. It no doubt will bear the un-signed signatures of many of our 500,000 casualties.

We went to this war behind your leadership and inspired by ideals and aims embodied in your public utterances. We were willing and anxious, nearly all of us, to do this because the words from you expressed so well our own thoughts and opinions.

Through your representation we, the people of the United States, made certain promises to the peoples of the world. We made these promises not only as an explanation for our fighting but for the purpose of claiming support, moral and physical, from the peoples whom we wished as allies.

We made very definite promises to guarantee the existence of political, social, and economic freedom throughout the world. You gave expression to our feelings in the Atlantic Charter and in the wording of the Four Freedoms.

The American Promise

We guaranteed all nations, with the provisional and temporary exception of our enemies, the right to a government of their own choosing.

We publicly resolved to throw all our powerful resources into the war to fight for the avowed aims.

In support of them millions of us answered your call to arms and went abroad, thousands of miles from our homes, to fight for these American promises of freedom. These promises are clear-cut and definite. Our fighting has been clear-cut and definite. We want now a clear-cut and definite support given to these promises.

We know that the United States occupies a position of power—economic, political, and military—unprecedented in history. We are in a position to vindicate fully the faith of mankind in our social and political leadership. This power, it seems logical to assume, must be used to carry out American promises of freedom. The fulfillment of our promises seems far more important, even, than further sacrifice to "Allied unity" if this unity is to be purchased at the price of complete acquiescence to the selfish nationalist aims found among our Allies.

Actually we make the full contribution to Allied unity when we fulfill the promises we made, as a member of the United Nations, to the peoples of the world. Defections from these promises are the wedges driven into unity. The fulfillment of the promises can never be anything but the payment of a debt not only to our soldiers who have died in their defense, but to the peoples of the world in general. Unity, which is but a background, anyhow, cannot be purchased at the price of freedom, or at the price of our national honor.

A Sleeping Giant

Now there appear in the news reports sinister evidences of forces directed against both Allied unity and against the freedom for which the little peoples of the world have fought and died in the battle against fascism and oppression.

There are suspicions that the world has been secretly parcelled out, once again, into spheres of influence for Great Powers whose very existence is so dependent on our support and on American power.

The world is depending upon us. Our soldiers and our workers have made us incomparably the most powerful nation in the world. We depend upon our Government under your usually brilliant leadership to use that power for the benefit of mankind. We know it must be used forcefully against the elements of reaction and against those groups ambitious to return only to the unsatisfying social order of 1939. We have a right, I respectfully submit, Mr. President, to expect that power to be used with force and clarity.

Too long has America been a sleeping giant following instead of leading. Now, in our unique power, we must step out and lead rather than follow. Too long have we been solely the source of power for the interests, ambitions, and safety of nations and groups other than our own. We should delay no longer in using our strength for the support of the principles which we know to be correct and to the defense of which we have pledged ourselves.

A Dangerous Moment

It is my humble opinion, Mr. President, and the opinion of thousands of others in similar circumstances, that this is a dangerous moment in American policy formation. We are in danger of becoming again merely the source of power for other completely selfish interests. We are the source of power-economic, political, and military—for the United Nations. Therefore it seems to be our clear duty to the peoples of the United Nations—and I use "peoples" rather than "governments" with intent—to fulfill the promises made by the United States and resolved as war aims by the United Nations.

It is important that these prom-

SOCIAL SECURITY BENEFITS SHOWN TO BE VERY SMALL

That the Social Security system is a step in the right direction but falls far short of providing adequate protection for Americans is a conclusion that may fairly be drawn from a year-end report by Chairman Arthur J. Altmeyer of the Social Security Board.

It disclosed that, during 1944, 1,200,000 persons received benefits from the contributory pension fund. More than 60 per cent were women and children. Payments aggregated \$196,000,000, which figures out at about \$15 a month.

Among those who received benefits were 462,000 retired workers who had contributed to their own pensions and who received monthly benefits of \$10,900,000, averaging between \$23 and \$24 a month, a sum which by no stretch of the imagination can be made to cover a bare subsistence.

Inadequacy Emphasized

Its inadequacy is further emphasized by the fact that under state-federal assistance programs about 2,100,000 aged men and women who were unable to contribute to any pension fund received payments of \$802,000,000, averaging about \$28 a month.

In other words, those who paid for their pensions averaged less than those who were unable to do so.

Meanwhile, the pension fund reserve, contributed by employees and employers, has passed the six-billion-dollar mark!

Another interesting disclosure in Altmeyer's report is that more than 700,000 men and women past the age of 65 are entitled to pensions but have not claimed them. They could do so any day.

Probably they have refused to retire because they could not survive on the inadequate payments they would receive.

Doesn't Encourage Idleness

Sharp cutbacks in war contracts, if accompanied by widespread layoffs, might see these men and women transferred to pension rolls, Altmeyer said.

He also recalled that approximately 70,000 who once had received pensions gave them up temporarily to return to war jobs. They can reclaim benefits whenever they choose to quit work or are laid off.

"These figures," Altmeyer observed, "reflect a will to work on the part of the American people that is an effective answer to those who say social security will only encourage idleness."

Under the state-Federal assistance program, 650,000 dependent children received \$134,000,000, averaging about \$15 a month, and 57,000 blind persons were paid \$19,000,000, averaging about \$28 a month.

Job Benefits Small

Payments for job benefits were likewise shockingly small. During the year about 530,000 unemployed workers received benefits of \$63,000,000, an average per week of about \$15 for an average period of eight weeks.

California, Illinois and New York, with less than a third of the nation's 43,000,000 covered workers, paid 41 per cent of the job insurance and 44 per cent of the total benefits.

Collections for job insurance during the last year were \$1,330,000,000, or more than 20 times as much as was paid out.

State job insurance funds have piled up reserves of six billions, substantiating the contention of organized labor and others that higher benefit payments are justified.

Another defect in the social security system pointed out by Altmeyer, is that 20,000,000 workers and self-employed persons do not have its protection.

Women in Postwar

The Women's Advisory Committee of the War Man-Power Commission has no illusions as to the attitude of hundreds of thousands of women war workers toward remaining at work at war's end. The committee is so convinced that a majority of these women workers will want to continue at their jobs that it is now urging that due consideration be given them in any postwar conversion programs whether such programs be sponsored by the State or Federal government or by private enterprise.

Conceding that discharged servicewomen will have first claim on their old jobs, the committee makes no effort to conceal its conviction that any easy assumption that great numbers of women workers will return to their household duties when wartime production shutdown is open to question. The number of married women in industry is increasing almost daily, many women widowed by war have been compelled to accept employment in war industries, and thousands of housewives have adjusted their family life and found a new economic status which they will not relinquish.

The Women's Advisory Committee bases its conviction that due consideration must be given to the rights of thousands of women to stay on their jobs on the general belief that no society can boast of democratic ideals if it utilizes its women power in times of great stress and neglects it in times of peace.

This is monstrous mismanagement and ineptness.

The truth of the matter is that Mr. Byrnes has not really bothered to understand the war economy and accepts uncritically what the brass hats and the conscription boys tell him.

In his press conference the "assistant president" hinted darkly about national service legislation. A year ago the President told Congress that national service legislation was necessary as part of a five or six point program. The other points had to do with price control, higher bracket taxation and other laudable goals. It is significant that only national service has been revived.

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—Minn. U. Advocate.

SNPJ Sports

Bowling Bits

By J. J. Spilar

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CLEVELAND, OHIO.—Returning to the bowling wars after a two week layoff, the lads in the Cleveland SNPJ league were confronted with a doubleheader and found the going rather tough. Not a 600 series was recorded during the two shifts. Must have been a most strenuous vacation for all.

The pacemaking Lunder-Adamic aggregation won five of their clashes and now lead the Utopian Tigers by six games. This sporting quintet who have been highlighting SNPJ leagues for the last few seasons, total 221 years in age. An average of 44 years per man! And teaching the young 'uns' a lesson or two, too!

Joe "Whitey" Matthews, the league's capable secretary surprised quite a few after appearing with and passing out a box of cigars. The celebration . . . a sturdy bounding boy . . . the newest addition in the Matthews' mansion. Congratulations, Mr. and Mrs. Matthews!

Twin Bill Results

Lunder-Adamic 2, V-Boj's 1; Betsy Ross 2, Utopian Tigers 1; Utopian Lions 2, Utopian Panthers 1.

Lunder-Adamic 3, Utopian Tigers 0; Utopian Lions 3, Betsy Ross 0; V-Boj's 2, Utopian Panthers 1.

200 Circle

J. Rosci 243, J. Spilar 235, F. Picman 233, J. Matthews 226, F. Speck 224, J. Birk 219, M. Poklar 205, R. Lisch 203, J. Jevnikar 200.

Team Standings

	W.	L.
Lunder-Adamic	25	8
Utopian Tigers	19	14
Utopian Lions	18	15
Betsy Ross	14	19
V-Boj's	14	19
Utopian Panthers	9	24

Team High 3	Team High 3
Utopian Tigers 2772	Utopian Lions 1010
Betsy Ross 2758	Utopian Tigers 968
Utopian Lions 2606	Betsy Ross 977

Ind. High 1	Ind. High 3
J. Spilar 250	J. Spilar 632
C. Krause 257	C. Krause 623
J. Atwood 256	J. Matthews 618

SNPJ Ladies' Bowling League

CLEVELAND, OHIO.—After 18 weeks of play the Ladies League is still a scramble for the top spot with the first six teams bunched closely in the race. In the past week Strugglers No. 1 crushed the Utopians No. 2 in three frays thereby putting themselves in to the second place position. Hermine Zupancic was tops for the triumphant team with 489 and favorable support from her team mates. Albinia Gruden was high for the Utopians with 415.

Comrades No. 1 snatched two from Utopian No. 1 team. Frances Tomsic, who again found her spot on the alleys lead the Comrades with 451 followed by Pauline Spik with 442. Fanny Svetina's 400 was high for the Utopians.

Cavaliers seized two from the league leading Strugglers No. 2. Christine Kebe came through with games of 169-169-166-504 series to lead her team. Great assistance came from Sophie Klein and Marie Son with 460 and 458 respectively. Theressa Clements lead the losers with 421.

Comrades No. 2 team, on the downward grade, were again defeated in two rounds by the Comordian five. Millie Marn, the only southpaw in the league and a profitable one at that, crashed the maples for a superb 516 series; her 197 single game was high for the evening.

Mollie Koren, who always manages to hit a god game in her series, came through in the winning game with 175 and 442. We may be down, but we're not out as a helping thought in keeping the spirit of cheer at all times.

PAULINE ROSS, Sec'y.

This fella, Ed Prazak, who is the son of Mike Prazak, foreman of the SNPJ printery composing room, has been very steady with his letters and never fails to tell us when he goes to a new location. He, too,

is a Bull in China Shop!

U.S. Cooperatives Ask Internat'l Alliance

CHICAGO (CLNS)—Concerned with the need to draw together the cooperatives of all nations for immediate relief and rehabilitation work and to make plans for post-war cooperative trade, the Board of Directors of The Cooperative League voted at its quarterly meeting here, December 21 and 22, to ask the International Cooperative Alliance to call an international meeting of cooperative representatives as soon as possible.

It is said that Mr. Byrnes is sorely disappointed because he did not get the vice presidential nomination at the Democratic National Convention a few months ago. He went to the convention telling his friends that everything had been arranged. While he was receiving congratulations, some one unceremoniously jerked the rug from under his feet.

Mr. Byrnes blames the C. I. O. and seems disposed to "get even" with all organized labor. There are those who say Mr. Roosevelt decided Mr. Byrnes wouldn't make a strong running mate and ruled him out of the race.

Labor does not pretend to know the facts about this vice presidential "brawl." It does know that Mr. Byrnes is making a nuisance of himself on the home front.

Since Uncle Sam took a hand in this global war, American workers have produced everything the navy, the army and the air force needed—and very much more! Public officials, from the President down, have repeatedly described the performance as a "miracle."

American workers will repeat that "miracle" whenever and wherever it is necessary. They will not let down their brothers on the fighting fronts, but they could do a better job if Mr. Byrnes could be persuaded to hush his political wounds in private.

—Labor.

—Minn. U. Advocate.

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