

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 true 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 we leave it to you. Do you choose to be a hermit or would you rather keep in touch with your neighbors and townspeople 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 reins as president and tho 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 Brack, no mean bowler herself. And Nelle Valencsek doing a repeat as recording secretary. Quiet and efficient, poppa of the twins, Stevie Beres takes a flier as vice pres. for this year.

Goah, 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!

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COMRADES' NOTE BOOK

By J. J. Fifioli

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.

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 girls 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 acquiescing to the request and it would seem that the SNPJ should patriotically fall in line.

Comrades' Annie 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 practice 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 Snnick 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, Keystone, 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 lodge dues at my home, 369 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 Rovon 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 Yugoslavia. 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.

A short time ago, one of our neighborhood service boys was home on sick leave. This boy is quite adventuresome by nature and one day found himself volunteering for a dangerous mission into Yugoslavia. It so happened that he was badly injured. Sometime later, he was found by one of Marshal Tito's patrols.

In Yugoslavia

This, in short, is the story of one of our boys who found himself in Yugoslavia. And this episode is closely connected with SANC for we heard a story from this boy's lips which speaks of untold suffering and hardship. Nothing but coldness and hunger and all those multiple items which make life miserable and painful. This boy of whom I speak, and others who had an extra outfit altered the trousers and coats so that they might cover the bodies of the small boys. This description could be multiplied a thousand fold and we would still but skim the surface.

Here is a task which we should accept willingly and gratefully. In every home, in some forgotten corner, is a garment which would be welcomed and cherished—perhaps by one of our own relatives. Begin your clothes hunt TODAY. Let us have a record accumulation of clothes for the needy in Yugoslavia. In the meantime, every lodge in Girard should guarantee several representatives for the SANC meeting on the 21st of this month. We cannot accept half-measures. In order to attain a full measure of success, we must have the complete and willing cooperation of every lodge in Girard.

OFF THE RECORD—Ed Krivak is somewhere in the Aleutian Islands. He reports that the place is a paradise for bachelors. Write to U.S.D. APO 980, Unit 2, Sattle, Washington, c/o PM.

The last combined dance ended very satisfactorily. Mary Macek thanks all those who contributed their time and effort to this latest success.

Anything now on the girls' bowling squad? Milwaukee should turn out in full force when the "play," "Norec," visits the town on February 18. They will be delighted with the dramatic talent of the entire cast. And a big "hello" to the Milwaukee Golubs.

FRANK REZEK, 643.

Attention, Members of SNPJ Lodge No. 256

SALIDA, COLO.—To the members of SNPJ lodge 256: Due to the illness of our president, Bro. John Virant, we have not held our annual meeting which was to take place Dec. 17. Bro. Virant is a patient at the D. N. R. J. hospital; also a member of our lodge for 15 years, always in good standing. We have postponed our meeting until later and will let each and every member know when it will take place.

ANN FLORYANCIC, Sec'y.

3 Waukegan Lodges Mark SNPJ's Anniversary 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 sts.

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.

So 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 Pts. 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 50B, 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 rung we find Maxy Lonerich with a 480 total. Al Maren pounded them a trifle better with a sizzling 488. Frankie Kouchich had some dust in his eyes as the pins were really falling hard for him. He finished up with a 466 total.

Among the lassies we find Josie Smanz powdering the setups for a 533 total. Some of these boys had better look to their laurels for the girls are creeping up on them.

Up in the suburbs we find our new prey for the coming year in the spotlight for the second time. In Ned Day's home league he cracked a creditable 607. Clara Medved came thru again in the Wisconsin Woman's Classic. She hammered the pins for a hefty 578 series. In Hank Marino's ladies' league she garnered a 536 total. Alice Owen was off form this past week. Her big roundhouse hook was going everywhere but the right place. In the Mixed league she posted a weak 362 total. Albina Debelak also had a tough night finishing with 391.

SALTY, 584.

Veronian News

VERONA, PA.—Marge Markovitch, Madge Cestnik, Marge Zibreg, Jennie Eiffler, Mary Melle, Mary Krulc, Helen Majcan, and Helen Lessar are the Slovene hostesses who will take part in the "fruit festival" that will take place at our Veronian Club on Sunday, Jan. 28.

Also, at this affair that is billed as a Presidential Ball because all proceeds will be turned over to the Infantile Paralysis Fund, you will see the Casals, Larry and Mary, as judge and secretary; and hold everything and lock all doors after the affair starts because Eddie Klause is going to be the treasurer.

The bakers are Mrs. Joe Zolet, Helen Majcan and Mary Krulc, while the police roles will be played by Tony Bergamo, John Lesar and Fritz and Joe Miller. The star attraction of the evening, of course, will be Jackie Persin's band from Warren, Ohio.

To the Conville family whose father passed away recently, Veronian Lodge 680 extends its sincere sympathy. Andy Sepelyak, a Navy guard on a merchant ship who has been near the Philippines and on one of his trips met up with his brother Michael and Charles Latin in Ha-

Waukegan Jolly Juveniles and Chicago Perfect Circle Will Present Program

WAUKEGAN, ILL.—The three SNPJ lodges in Waukegan, Sloga 14, Moška Enakopravnost 119 and Little Fort Lodge 568, are celebrating the 40th anniversary of the SNPJ on Sunday, Jan. 21, at Slovene National Home, corner of Tenth and McAlister, at 2 p. m. The program consists of the following numbers:

- I. Tableau, celebrating 40th Anniversary of SNPJ, presented by Jolly Juvenile Circle 24.
 1. Pledge of allegiance.—2. Star Spangled Banner.—3. A tribute to the Pioneers written by M. Vrhovnik.—Juliette Gabrosek.—4. History of SNPJ—Marge Kenik, Marilyn Pierce.—5. "Hej Slovani."
- II. Introductory Address—John Mahnich, Michael Vrhovnik, Juvenile Director of SNPJ.
- III. Down on the Farm—Chicago Circle.

"DOWN ON THE FARM" SNPJ Barn Dance Broadcast

Presented by Perfect Circle 26 of Chicago, directed by Mrs. Ann Sannemann, assisted by Ruth Medic; Edward Udovich, master of ceremonies

1. Virginia Reel.....Circle City Slickers
2. "Saturday Night, Anywhere".....Stanley Mozina
3. Sweet and Low Melodies.....Circle Harmonizers
4. Clementine.....Rob Ann Sannemann
5. Farmer Brown Goes to Town.....Frankie Sternisha
6. "It Happens in the Best of Families".....Marion Cervenka, John Rokavec
7. Piano Poetry.....Myra Beniger
8. Apple Cider Fun.....Joanne Rak, Frankie Sternisha, Rob Ann Sannemann
9. Hay Loft Rubes.....Edward Udovich, John Rokavec, Stanley Mozina, William Kovacic, Richard Zasadil
10. Old-Time Quadrille.....Circle City Slickers

SIGN OFF

"SPOMINI IZ SLOVENIJE"

- Presented by Jolly Juveniles, Circle 24, directed by Mrs. Christine Stritar, assisted by Dorothy Gabrosek and Mrs. A. Koncilja
1. "Perice"—odraščene deklice
 2. "Moj očka ima konjčka dva"—David Stritar
 3. "Slovenska deklica"—male deklice
 4. Ples—grupa malih deklic in dečkov:

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| Frances Brnce | Luana Mullaney | Roger Sables |
| Frank Brnce | Lillian Nichols | Janice Sekulich |
| Ellen Celarec | Marcia Novak | David Stritar |
| Kenneth Kirm | Marilyn Pierce | Billy Thomas |
| Albert Koncilja | Barbara Pierman | Diana Trnovce |
| Carolyn Kovach | Norma Jean Routt | William Trnovce |
| Joyce Mesec | Janice Rae Sables | |
5. Baton Twirler—Juliette Gabrosek
 6. Slovenska pesem na harmoniko—Albert Koncilja
 7. "Jaz' mam pa nekaj novega—Juliette Gabrosek
 8. "Dekle ima vrtič"—grupa odraslenih deklic in dečkov:

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| Raymond Ark | Juliette Gabrosek | Blanche Mesec |
| Henry Birtic | Gerry Glitski | Dick Peklay |
| Mary Deblak | Mildred Gregorin | Dolores Rhode |
| Louise Dolence | Margie Kenik | Ann Simic |
| Rudolph Dolence | John Karlovich | Frank Stritar |
| Dorothy Gabrosek | Clifford Latz | Julia Valencic |
9. "Dolgo nismo, pili ga"—grupa odraslenih deklic
 10. "Sladko je vince"—grupa odraslenih deklic
 11. "Ne bom se možila"—Dorothy Gabrosek, Richard Peklay, Frank Stritar
 12. Ples šotiš, sedem stopinj—grupa odraslenih deklic in dečkov
 13. Solo na klavir—Marilyn Pierce
 14. Venček slovenskih pesmi na harmoniko—Dolores O'Black
 15. "Al' me boš kaj rada imela—grupa odraslenih deklic in dečkov
 16. I jop, jop, jop—Mildred Gregorin
 17. "Eden po cesti gre"—Julia Valencic, Margie Kenik
 18. "Bratci veseli vsi—grupa odraslenih deklic in dečkov

The End.

Immediately after the program a hot supper will be served. Dancing to the music of Jack Nagode follows. We cordially invite all SNPJ members and friends from Waukegan, Chicago and vicinity to attend this fine program. We're happy to have the Chicago Juvenile Circle participate in our program and are hoping to see many of our friends from Chicago attend the program. We're sorry the Milwaukee Juvenile Circle was unable to be present at this time—maybe some other time in the future.

This 'n' That

It's been a long time since yours truly has written an article for the Prosveta. Now that I've started maybe I'll write more often. It was nice seeing WAVE Dorothy Krainc home on leave. Dorothy's brother, Frank Krainc, was home on leave at the same time. Dorothy reports to Rhode Island and Frank reports to Georgia. Good luck to you both! Both Dorothy and Frank are Little Fort members.

Members, don't forget the lodge meeting this month. Will be held on Thursday, Jan. 18, at 8 o'clock at Slovene Hall. Try to come, if possible.

MILDRED S. KOZLECAR, 568.

wail, is furloughing at home for 28 days.

Any Slovene orchestras wishing to play at our Veronian Club on Valentine's Day, call Oakmont 9588 between 5 and 10 any evening.

MICHAEL LIPESKY, 680.

Accurate Description

"I had an awful headache last night."
"Yes, I saw you with her."

SNPJ Lodge No. 107 Will Meet Sunday

ST. LOUIS, MO.—The Planinski Raj lodge 107 will hold its monthly meeting Sunday, Jan. 21, at the Reiss Hall, 3rd floor, at 7th and Ann, at 2:30 p. m. All members with children should bring them to the meeting. There will be an entertainment and refreshments after the meeting. And don't forget to pay your dues.

ANN BARMIG, Rec. Sec'y.

