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Colombija pretrgala diplomatske odnose s Sovjetsko unijo

Clani sovjetskega poslaništva dobili potne liste. Vojske čete okupirale oljna polja

Bogota, Colombija, 4. maja.—Vlada je pretrgala diplomatske odnose s Sovjetsko unijo. Kot vzrok je omenila revolto in izgrede, ki so izbruhnili v Bogoti 9. aprila in se razširili na druge kraje. Vlada trdi, da so revolto podžgali in vodili komunisti.

Zunanji minister Eduardo Zuleta Angel je naslovil diplomatsko noto Evgeniu Fedinu, o pravniku poslov ruskega poslaništva, v kateri ga je obvestil o odločitvi colombijske vlade, zaenot pa mu je dostavil potne liste za 30 članov štaba poslaništva. Ti so zadržani v uradu poslaništva in svojih rezidencah. Letala jih bodo čez nekaj dni odpeljala v Miami, Fla., odkoder bodo odpotovali v Rusijo.

Nota ne omenja revolte in izgrede, vsebuje pa obvestilo, da je vlada poslala kablagram argentinskemu poslaništvu v Moskvi, ki je prevzelo posle Colombije tamkaj, naj informira Kremlin o pretrganju diplomatskih odnosih. Nota je bila odobrena na seji članov kolombijskega kabineta zadnje srede. Med drugim trdi, da so tehnični vzroki za prelom diplomatskih odnosov med državama.

Formalno naznanilo o prelomu odnosov je zadrževal predsednik Mariano Ospina Perez, dokler niso bili storjeni zaščitni koraki v krajih, ki so pod dominacijo komunistov. To pojas-

Ameriški načrt bo pokopan

Velika Britanija predlagala ustanovitev komisije za Palestino

Lake Success, N. Y., 4. maja.—Izgleda, da bo ameriški načrt, da pride Palestina pod poverništvo Združenih narodov, pokopan. Velika Britanija je predlagala ustanovitevčasne komisije za Palestino, ki naj bi prevzela administracijo 15. maja, ko se bo ona odpovedala mandatu.

Ameriški delegat Philip G. Jessup ni komentiral britskega predloga na seji političnega odbora Združenih narodov, toda mnenje je, da ga je ameriška delegacija prej odobrila.

Začasna komisija naj bi skusala pridobiti žide in Arabe za pogajanja v svrhu rešitve palestinskega problema. Ako ne bo premirje aranzirano, se komisija ne bo vmešavala v administracijo pokrajin pod kontrolo židov in Arabecev.

Splošno se priznava, da je ameriški načrt poverjenstva za Palestino mrtev. Kanadski delegat A. G. McNaughton je na seji političnega odbora izjavil, da se načrt ne more upoštevati, ker ni izvedljiv. John Cooke, reprezentant britske vlade v Palestini, je dejal, ad skula mednarodni, Rdeči križ aranzirati premirje med židi in Arabci v Jeruzalemu.

Konfuzija se je povečala, ko je Amerika revidirala svoje stališče. Ona je 29. novembra izsili la na zborovanju generalne skupščine Združenih narodov sprejete načrta, da se Palestina razdeli na dve državi—židovsko in arabsko. Pred nekaj tedni se je izrekla proti načrtu in predlagala, naj pride Palestina pod poverništvo Združenih narodov.

Domače vesti

HBZ zmaga na sodišču
Pittsburgh, Pa.—Državno vrhovno sodišče je potrdilo odlok dveh nižjih sodišč, ki sta razveljavili sodnijsko prepoved, katero je dobila poražena Butkovičeva frakcija lansko jesen po zadnji konvenciji Hrvatske bratske zajednice, s katero je skušala preprečiti novemu glavnemu odboru prevzem vodstva zajednice. Da-li bodo voditelji mirovali ali dvignili novo tožbo na podlagi procedure "Quo Warranto", to je, da izvoljeni odborniki niso kvalificirani ali upravičeni do uradniških mest, bo pokazala bodočnost, pravi Zajedničar.

Nov grob v Ohlu
Niles, Ohio.—Po petletni boleznij je umrl Andrej Gancar, star 70 let, rojen v Javorju pod Ljubljano, v Ameriki od 1904. Bil je član in eden izmed ustanoviteljev društva 48 SNPJ in živel ves čas bodisi v Girardu ali Nilesu. Tukaj zapuša žena, sipa, dve hčeri in šest vnukov.

Načrt za prihod razseljencev v Ameriko odoben
Washington, D. C., 4. maja.—Justični odsek nižje kongresne zbornice je odobril načrt, da pride 200,000 razseljencev iz Evrope v Ameriko v dveh letih. Ti so v taboriščih v Nemčiji, Avstriji in Italiji. Načrt dovoljuje 15,000 razseljencev, ki so dospeli v Ameriko, stalno bivanje v deželi. Predsednik Truman je priporočal, naj kongres dovoli prihod v Ameriko 400,000 razseljencev v štirih letih.

Državne univerze, kjer se prakticira zapostavljanje zamorcev. Shod se je vršil na trati pred okrajnim sodiščem, ker je uprava univerze odločila, da Wallace ne sme govoriti v dvoranih univerze.

Wallace je v svojem govoru omenil, da je bivši britski premier Winston Churchill govoril v Fultonu, Mo., v navzočnosti predsednika Trumana 1. 1946. Takrat je omenil železni zastor med vzhodno in zapadno Evropo in sprožil silo, ki so povzročile že ogromno škodo Ameriki.

JAPONSKE DELAVKE PRISILJENE DELATI DVANAJST UR NA DAN

Tokio (ALN)—Tukajšnji socialistični list Sakai Simbun je dognal, da japonske delavke delajo po 12 ur na dan v tekstilnih tovarnah v Hačioju, tokijskem predmestju.

Omenjeni list je vodil preiskavo na svojo roko vsled poročil o skrajno slabih razmerah v japonskih tovarnah. Dalje je list dognal, da 90 odstotkov izmed 400 tukajšnjih tovarn krši zakon, ki so ga ameriške oblasti priporočale v sprejetje pred sedmimi meseci. Japonski parlament je zakon potrdil, nihče pa se ne potru di, da ga bi vlada izvajala.

Dočim so delavske razmere v nekaterih tovarnah, kjer imajo delavci svoje unije, nekoliko boljše, postopajo delodajalci z neorganiziranimi delavci še slabše kot pred vojno. Najbolj so prizadete delavke.

Pred vojno so japonske delavke bile sužnje velikih in malih tovarnarjev. Delale so dolge ure za neverjetno nizko mezd, kar je onemogočilo japonskim kapitalistom, da so izvažali ogromne množice tekstilnih izdelkov

Možnost končanja stavke se pokazala

Helstein se sestel s časnikarji

Chicago, 4. maja.—Možnost končanja stavke klavniških delavcev je omenil Ralph Helstein, predsednik unije CIO, ki je oklicala stavko, na sestanku s časnikarji. Neki časnikar ga je vprašal, kaj bi unija storila, ako bodo kompanije znižale cene mesa in zvišale plačo za devet centov na uro, kar so ponudile. Helstein je odgovoril, da bi unija tako potezo upoštevala.

Jeklarske kompanije so nedavno naznanile znižanje cen in zavrnile zahtevo jeklarske unije za zvišanje plače.

Helstein je na sestanku s časnikarji naznanil, da bo mednarodna unija instruirala krajevne unije, naj okličejo stavko proti neodvisnim klavniškim kompanijam, ako ne bodo pristale na zahteve glede zvišanja plače. V sedanjih stavki so prizadete velike klavniške kompanije Wilson & Co., Armour & Co., Cudahy Packing Co. in Swift & Co. Wilson & Co. je pozvala stavkarje, naj se vrnejo na delo. Izjavila je, da se je več stavkarjev odzvalo pozivu, unija pa trdi, da se je poteza izjavila na vsej črti.

V konflikt med unijo in kompanijami je posegel federalni posredovalni odbor. Reprezentativna unija in kompanije je pozval na konferenco v Washington, toda nobenega izgleda ni, da bo stavka kmalu končana.

Kanada naj se pridruži paktu

Ona mora imeti prijatelje v Evropi

Ottawa, Kanada, 4. maja.—Zunanji minister Louis S. Laurent je v svojem govoru v parlamentu sugeriral, naj se Kanada in Amerika pridružita ekonomskemu in vojaškemu paktu, ki so ga sklenile Velika Britanija, Francija, Holandija, Belgija in Luksemburška. Te države so v protisovjetskem bloku.

"Demokracije v zapadni Evropi," je rekel Laurent, "so naše zaveznice proti Sovjetski uniji. Kanada in Amerika jih potrebujeta kot prijatelje. V našem interesu je ustavitev pohoda komunizma in širjenje sovjetskega vpliva v Evropi. Mi se moramo združiti s svobodnimi državami v interesu kolektivne zaštite pred komunizmom."

Socialist in predsednik belgijske vlade Paul Henri Spaak je bil v Ottawi zadnji teden. Konferiral je z Laurentom in drugimi kanadskimi uradniki. Laurent bo morda nasledil Kinga, ki bo resigniral kot predsednik kanadske vlade in šel v pokoj.

Laurent je v svojem govoru poudaril prijateljske odnose med Kanado in Ameriko ter državami v zapadni Evropi, ki ne deleže ameriške pomoči na podlagi Marshallovega načrta.

Delavci se izrekli za končanje stavke

Peoria, Ill., 4. maja.—Delavci, ki so zastavkali proti Caterpillar Tractor Co., so se pri glasovanju izrekli za končanje stavke in vrnitev na delo. Za končanje stavke je glasovalo 9,428 delavcev, proti pa 636. Stavko je oklicala Farm Equipment & Metal Workers CIO, ko je kompanija pretrgala mežina pogajanja.

BRITSKA VOJAŠKA SILA V JERUZALEMU OJAČANA

Oblasti skušajo raztegniti premirje na vse mestne predele

MacMILLAN POSVARIL ARABCE

Jerusalem, Palestina, 4. maja.—Britska vojaška posadka v Jeruzalemu je bila ojačana s prihodom novih čet. Utihi la je židovske in arabske topove in puške v četrti Katamon.

Jeruzalem je imel najmirnejši dan po več mesecih. Le nekaj strelav je počilo v obronkih mesta. Britske vojaške oblasti upajo, da bodo s pogajanj z židi in Arabci raztegnile premirje na vse predele Jeruzalema.

Čez tisoč arabskih vojakov je dospelo v Jeruzalem s otoka Cipra. Transportni parnik jih je pripeljal v Haifo, pristaniščno mesto, odkoder so odpotovali v Jeruzalem. Britska križarka je zasidrana v bližini Jafe.

Prihajanje britskih čet v Palestino po evakuacijskih operacijah v zadnjih tednih je povzročilo različna ugibanja med židi in Arabci. Židje vprašujejo, ali čete tvorijo novo policijsko silo.

Arabski vojaški krogi v Amanu, glavnem mestu Transjordanije, so priznali nastalo konfuzijo, ki je posledica pošiljanja britskih čet v Palestino. Radi bi vedeli, kaj je namen britskih oblasti.

Abdel Azzam, generalni tajnik Arabske lige, je dejal, da je še vedno uverjen, da bodo britske čete zapustile Palestino. Britska vlada je pred nekaj tedni naznanila, da bodo vse čete zapustile Palestino do 1. avgusta. Velika Britanija se je odločila za odpoved mandatu v Palestini, katerega je dobila od stare Lige narodov, 15. maja.

Enote iraške ekspedicijske armade so dospelo v Mafrak, Transjordanija. Poročilo pravi, da se pripravljajo za invazijo Palestine.

General G. H. MacMillan, poveljnik britskih oboroženih sil, je posvaril armade arabskih dežel pred invazijo Palestine. Dejal je, da bodo šle njegove sile v akcijo, ako bodo arabske armade ignorirale svarilo in udrele v deželo.

LASTNIKI LISTOV V ODLOČILNEM BOJU PROTI TISKARSKI UNIJI

New York (FP)—Mogočna zveza izdajateljev časopisov se je odločila, da udari z vso silo po tiskarski uniji ADF s pomočjo protidelavskega Taft-Hartleyevega zakona. V ta namen, za boj proti uniji, imajo poseben sklad pol milijona dolarjev.

Za odločilen boj proti tiskarski uniji so si časopisni magnati izbrali mesto New York. Cranston Williams, načelnik zveze časopisnih magnatov, je 22. aprila na letni konvenciji njihove zveze izjavil, "da odločitev proti uniji mora pasti v New Yorku."

Časopisni magnati se bahajo, da imajo v svojih rokah najboljša orožja proti tiskarski uniji v novih pisalnih strojih, imenovanih "varitype", s katerimi napajo poraziti zahteve unijskih delavcev. Teh strojev se poslužujejo čikaški dnevniki, pri katerih so tiskarji na stavki od preteklega 24. novembra.

Na svoji konvenciji so časopisni magnati zvišali assessment 15% za sodnijski boj proti uniji, dočim so newyorški izdajatelji časopisov zvišali assessment 25% iz istega razloga. Njihov namen in cilj je združitev unijske moči, kajti tiskarska unija ni le ena najstarejših, ampak tudi med najbolj solidarnimi unijami.

ODSEK ODOBRILO POVEČANJE LETALSKE SILE

Senator Bridges naznanil diskuzije o načrtu

TRUMAN PODPRL OBRAMBNEGA TAJNIKA

Washington, D. C., 4. maja.—Senatni odsek za apropiacije je šel preko predsednika Trumana in obrambnega tajnika Forrestala in odobril načrt, ki določa povečanje letalske sile na 70 grup, z 18 proti enemu glasu. Proti je glasoval samo senator Green, demokrat iz Rhode Islanda.

To je že druga zmaga letalskega tajnika Symingtona. Nižja kongresna zbornica je pred dvema tednoma sprejela načrt, da se letalska sila poveča na 70 grup, kljub opoziciji s strani Trumana in Forrestala.

Senatni odsek je sankcioniral potrošnjo nadaljnje vsote \$822,000,000 za gradnjo 1,200 novih bojnih letal. Med temi bo 800 raketnih letal. Odsek je prej odobril potrošnjo \$3,233,000,000 za ojačanje letalske sile.

Forrestal in Truman sta prvotno predlagala povečanje letalske sile na 50 grup. Pozneje je Forrestal sugeriral povečanje na 66 grup. Pred člani kongresnega odbora za vojaške zadeve je naglasil potrebo sprejetja načrta vojaške konspiracije in obveznega vojaškega vebanja.

Symington, ki je tudi nastopil pred kongresnim odborom za vojaške zadeve, je dejal, da mora Amerika zgraditi mogočno letalsko silo. Poudaril je, da Rusija lahko doseže Ameriko po zraku preko Berinske ožine in Alaske. Povečanje ameriške letalske sile je v interesu obrambe Amerike, ako bo izbruhnila vojna s Sovjetsko unijo. Symington je rekel, da armada in mornarica ne moreta vzdržati ravnotežja. V drugi svetovni vojni je bilo demonstrirano, da bojne ladje ne igrajo važne vloge v operacijah proti sovražniku, ako jih ne štiti letalska sila pred napadi iz zraka.

Odločitev glede povečanja letalske sile je izsilil senator Bridges, republikanec iz New Hampshire in načelnik odbora za apropiacije. On je naznanil, da se bodo pričele diskuzije o načrtu, katerega je odsek odobril, v višji kongresni zbornici prihodnji teden.

Stavka telefonskih delavcev odurnjena

Washington, D. C., 4. maja.—Stavka telefonskih delavcev je bila začasno odurnjena. Delavci so člani neodvisne unije. Naznanilo pravi, da je bil sklenjen dogovor glede podaljšanja veljavnosti sedanje pogodbe, da se bodo pogajanja lahko nadaljevala. Unija je oklicala stavko lanske leto, ko je bila njena zahteva za zvišanje plače odbita.

Akcija o stanovanjskem načrtu zagotovljena

Washington, D. C., 4. maja.—Kongresnik Wolcott, republikanec iz Michigana in načelnik odbora za bančne zadeve, je dal zagotovilo, da bo kmalu podvezela akcija o stanovanjskem načrtu. Avtorji načrta so Taft, Elender in Wagner. Načrt je bil sprejet v senatu, akcija v nižji zbornici pa je bila odložena. Načrt določa zgradnjo 15,000,000 hiš v četrletih s finančno podporo federalne vlade.

Federacije S. N. P. J.

ZAPISNIK WESTMORELAND-SKE FEDERACIJE

Latroba, Pa. — Federacijska seja se je vršila 25. aprila v Slovenskem domu v Yukonu. Zastopanih je bilo 14 društev s 25 zastopniki.

Zapisnik sprejet kot čitan. Poročilo odbornikov vzeto na znanje. Nadzorni odsek poročila, da je pregledal knjige in našel vse v redu. Tajnika Antona Zornika ni na seji, ker je še vedno bolan. Njegovo mesto za ta dan vzame Frank Kovacic, tajnik društva 117 iz Yukona.

Poročila društvenih zastopnikov: Iz Exporta poročajo, da so pridobili tri nove člane. Pri društvu v Lowberju pridobili enega člana. Angleško poslušajoče društvo iz Exporta pridobilo dva nova člana, pri društvu v Baggeleyju dva nova člana, umrla pa je članica Mary Skoda; darovali \$5 za obrambo našega naprednega tiska.

Pri društvu v Yukonu pridobili dva nova člana, umrl pa je Joseph Kastelic; plesno veselico bodo imeli 22. maja, za katero bo igrala Benedictova godba iz Clevelanda; vabijo vse na veselico.

Društvo iz Hutchinsona bo pripravilo plesno veselico 6. maja, in sicer v Oakdale Parku, Route 71; igrala bo Jankovičeva godba iz Clevelanda. Pri društvu v Claridgeju imajo 202 člana v odraslem oddelku in 160 v mladinskem; priredili bodo veselico 25. julija v Slovenskem domu. Društvo 725 (Latroba) je pridobilo dva nova člana in pripevalo \$5 za svobodni tisk. Društvo 87 vpraša za asessment za člana Josepha Turka. Pri društvu 200 sta umrla Anton Pregar in George Anzun. Odobri se pol strani oglas za slovenski dan; oglas stane \$8. Dalje se odobri za tri mesece asessment za člana Josepha Turka. Prav tako je sprejet predlog, da federacija kupi od tajnika Zornika 146 izvodov "Tovariša", kar zneso skupaj \$21.90.

Veselični odbor poročila, da se bo vršil piknik 18. julija v parku Beachwoodu. Za ples bo igral Frankov trio, za govornika pa sta povabljeni Joseph Culkar, drugi podpredsednik SNPJ, in Frank Gradšek, distriktni podpredsednik. Povabljeni sta tudi mladinska krožka iz Herminieja in Latroba.

Prihodnja federacijska seja se bo vršila 25. julija v Slovenskem domu v Herminieju.

Opomniti moram, da je bilo na tej seji lepo število članic in članov, kar je dalo več poguma zastopnikom društev. Upam in želim, da bi prišli na sejo člani in članice v drugih nasebinah, kadar se pri njih vrši federacijska seja.

Društvo 117 je tudi lepo postreglo zastopnike s prosto pijsko. Torej so pokazali v vseh ozirih, da smo dobrodošli v njih nasebinah. To društvo sodeluje s federacijo v vseh ozirih.

Mary E. Fradel.

ZAPISNIK FEDERACIJE SNPJ ZA VZHODNI OHIO IN W. VIRGINIJO

Blaine, O. — Predsednik odpre sejo ob pol treh popoldne v Boydsville. Izmed uradnikov ni navzoč zapisnikar in za to sejo je izvoljena Paula Glogovsek. Zapisnik zadnje seje sprejet kot čitan.

Sprejet je predlog, da se bo vršil federacijski piknik v Slovenskem domu v Blainu, kjer je pripravljen prostor. Vstopnice so že v predprodaji. V pikniški odbor so izvoljeni Paul Ilovor, John Vitez in Louis Suiter. Piknik se bo vršil 5. julija, začetek ob štirih popoldne. Za ples bo igrala domača godba Koran, ki sestoji iz članov naše jednote.

Poročila tajnika: Za Ameriški slovenski kongres je darovala federacija \$10. Federacijska blagajna znaša 24. aprila \$682.06. Knjige so v najlepšem redu. Za društvo št. 4 ni posebnega poročila. Zastopnik društva št. 13 br. Suiter poroča, da društvo povoljno napreduje ter iz-

razi željo, da bi se članstvo bolj zanimalo za sejo. Sestra Mary Potnick pa poroča, da so izgubili tri člane. Vzrok je, ker nekateri člani ne razumejo pravil ali pa jih nočejo razumeti. Na njih mesto so pridobili nekaj članov v odrasli oddelku in dva v mladinski. Smrt pa je vzela Louisa Kozla. Darovali so za svobodni tisk \$10 in pomagajo za vsako koristno akcijo. V odraslem oddelku imajo 206 članov, v mladinskem pa 93. Dalje poročila, da imajo v blagajni \$1862.24; 1. avgusta pa bodo imeli piknik, na katerega že sedaj vabijo člane SNPJ in druge prijatelje.

Zastopnik društva 258 poročila, da so imeli 11 bolnikov, ki pa jim gre na bolje. Zastopnik društva 283 Frank Lauter poročila, da se pri društvu držijo po najboljših možnostih in da ostanejo še nadalje v federaciji. Zastopnica društva 333 Frances Buch (?) poročila, da je začetek težak, vendar pa napredujejo s pomočjo vsega članstva. Kathrine Bursenski pa poročila, da je prestopil en mladinski član v odrasli oddelku, ena članica pa je vzela prestopni list, dve članici pa sta pustili društvo, kar seveda ni krivda uradnikov; skušali bodo

Prispevek društva 582 Louis Bergant nima posebnega poročila; napredujejo dobro. Enako poročila br. Skoff, sestra Skoff pa poročila, da so zbrali nekaj za svobodni tisk in denar poslali na merodajno mesto. Društvo 628 ni zastopano. Mary Holub se ni mogla udeležiti seje, zato je poslala pismeno poročilo. Njih društvo 640 ostane še nadalje v federaciji; napredujejo za 10 članov v mladinskem oddelku in za dva v odraslem; pri društvu na splošno dobro napredujejo. Poročila zastopnikov so izčrpana in sprejeta na znanje. Predsednik federacije Vitez pravi, da agitira za napredne stvari in je daroval za tiskovni fond. Prihodnja seja se bo vršila 22. avgusta v Windsor Heightsu, W. Va., začetek ob dveh popoldne. Paula Glogovsek, zač. zapisnikarica.

Glasovi iz nasebin

GLEDE PLAČEVANJA IN ZALAGANJA DRUŠTVENEGA ASESMENTA

Cleveland, O. — Se nikdar nisem bil društveni tajnik, sodeloval pa sem že z mnogimi tajniki kot društveni odbornik, zlasti še kot predsednik dveh društev. Radi tega se hočem tudi jaz malo pomuditi pri naših tajnikih, o katerih lahko rečem, če znajo zapisati asessment v članske in asessmentne knjige, šteti denar in ga odposiljati v glavni urad, so tudi toliko zmorni, da znajo čitati točke naših pravil.

Tudi meni servirajo te točke od časa do časa, katere pa znam že vse na pamet, kakor sem znal katekizem, kajti verouk je bil v tedanjih ljudskih šolah v stari Avstriji obligaten predmet. Kljub temu, da sem dobro znal molitve o veri, upanju in ljubezni, in Frank Gradšek, distriktni podpredsednik. Povabljeni sta tudi mladinska krožka iz Herminieja in Latroba.

Prihodnja federacijska seja se bo vršila 25. julija v Slovenskem domu v Herminieju.

Opomniti moram, da je bilo na tej seji lepo število članic in članov, kar je dalo več poguma zastopnikom društev. Upam in želim, da bi prišli na sejo člani in članice v drugih nasebinah, kadar se pri njih vrši federacijska seja.

Društvo 117 je tudi lepo postreglo zastopnike s prosto pijsko. Torej so pokazali v vseh ozirih, da smo dobrodošli v njih nasebinah. To društvo sodeluje s federacijo v vseh ozirih.

Mary E. Fradel.

ZAPISNIK FEDERACIJE SNPJ ZA VZHODNI OHIO IN W. VIRGINIJO

Blaine, O. — Predsednik odpre sejo ob pol treh popoldne v Boydsville. Izmed uradnikov ni navzoč zapisnikar in za to sejo je izvoljena Paula Glogovsek. Zapisnik zadnje seje sprejet kot čitan.

Sprejet je predlog, da se bo vršil federacijski piknik v Slovenskem domu v Blainu, kjer je pripravljen prostor. Vstopnice so že v predprodaji. V pikniški odbor so izvoljeni Paul Ilovor, John Vitez in Louis Suiter. Piknik se bo vršil 5. julija, začetek ob štirih popoldne. Za ples bo igrala domača godba Koran, ki sestoji iz članov naše jednote.

Poročila tajnika: Za Ameriški slovenski kongres je darovala federacija \$10. Federacijska blagajna znaša 24. aprila \$682.06. Knjige so v najlepšem redu. Za društvo št. 4 ni posebnega poročila. Zastopnik društva št. 13 br. Suiter poroča, da društvo povoljno napreduje ter iz-

razi željo, da bi se članstvo bolj zanimalo za sejo. Sestra Mary Potnick pa poročila, da so izgubili tri člane. Vzrok je, ker nekateri člani ne razumejo pravil ali pa jih nočejo razumeti. Na njih mesto so pridobili nekaj članov v odrasli oddelku in dva v mladinski. Smrt pa je vzela Louisa Kozla. Darovali so za svobodni tisk \$10 in pomagajo za vsako koristno akcijo. V odraslem oddelku imajo 206 članov, v mladinskem pa 93. Dalje poročila, da imajo v blagajni \$1862.24; 1. avgusta pa bodo imeli piknik, na katerega že sedaj vabijo člane SNPJ in druge prijatelje.

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odstopili članici nadomestiti z novimi. Paula Glogovsek poročila, da imajo v društveni blagajni \$268.22; priredili bodo piknik 29. maja in vabi na veliko udeležbo; preostanek bo za popravilo doma; ostali bodo še nadalje v federaciji; darovali so za obrambo tiska \$2.

Zastopnik društva 407 br. Mike Luketič poročila, da so izgubili enega člana; darovali \$5 za slovenski radijski program in \$10 za svobodni tisk; priredili bodo piknik 29. maja v Windsor Heightsu; želi, da bi se vršila prihodnja federacijska seja pri njih, ker so uredili prostor, ki je pripravljen za sejo.

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Alfonz Halocan, udarnik in novinar tovarne avtomobilov v Tesnem na Štajerskem.

in ki stoji na strani Wallacea. Vstopnina je prosta. V petek zvečer odložite na stran vse in pridite na ta shod! Odh.

PRIPREDA MLADIH TAMBURAŠEV

Brooklyn, N. Y. — Mladi tamburaši bodo priredili v nedeljo, 9. maja, v počast materam lep program. Poleg petja in glasbe bo vpriporjena tudi enodejanska šaloigra. Vstopnina prosta. Mladi tamburaši se pripravljajo za veliko udeležbo Ivan Gerjovich.

NA NOVO SO SE NAROČILI NA PROSVETO:

Frances Mahkota San Francisco, Calif.
Agnes Gorisek LaSalle, Ill.
Louis Matelko Indianapolis, Ind.
Louis Erchul Gilbert, Minn.
Vaso Radakovich Ironton, Minn.
John Laurich St. Johnsville, N. Y.
Frank Baucar Painesville, Ohio
John Skrbis Milwaukee, Wis.
Josef Miklavcic Jugoslavija, Europe

NAROCNIKOM

Datum v oklepaju, na primer (May 31, 1948), poleg valnega imena na naslovu pomeni, da vam je s tem datumom potekla naročnina. Pomerite jo pravočasno, da se vam list ne ustavi.

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For Members of Slovene National Benefit Society and American Slovenes

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STRABANE PIONEERS

STRABANE, Pa.—The time does fly! We could hardly wait for the Detroit pin tourney and now it is 2 weeks old already. Just like we promised, we made a good showing with fun-giving if not so much of anything else. Detroit has never seen a "crazier" bunch of good time guys; they took their fair city over, we heard. Sorry we didn't have too many girls to take that trip, but we are sure the boys made up for them.

Johnny Tershell, Eddie Florgancic, Tony Progar, Tony Tershell and Frank Podboy made up the 5-man team which took 2nd place in the "B" class. Willie and Jimmy Tomasic (brother act) took 3rd place in the doubles. Congratulations to all of you.

The Detroit lodges, Wolverines and Young Americans, are to be commended on the swell hospitality extended to their visitors and also for making the tourney the huge success that it was. Our club wants to thank them one and all.

Joe "Philo" Curnarski, we heard was practically all the floor show they needed for the whole affair (the rest of the fellows were feature attractions). With all the good food Joe would want salami to eat. Frank Podboy and "Chuckie" Koval bought him a 3 1/2 lb salami and a whole loaf of bread and made Joe a sandwich with the whole thing. We can picture Joe walking around with his salami sandwich and his cigar, giving everybody a nibble.

Then too, somebody please put a stop to Tony Progar and "Er" Krulce engaging a hotel room together (especially with just one double bed). There is not enough room on one bed for 2 big fellows, so one of them had to sleep on the floor. Results might have been bad bowlin', you know.

We are sorry to report two of our boys came back very sick. Harry "Ham" Kaminski got an acute appendix attack on the way home and they had to stop in a Toledo Hospital for emergency treatment. They brought him home and took him to the local Canonsburg hospital where he had an operation performed. He is feeling much better.

Johnny Twardy hasn't been feeling too good for quite some time. The doctor advised the trip to Detroit would relax his nerves but unfortunately he got a complete breakdown upon his return home. He is in the same hospital. All the gang wishes both boys a very speedy recovery.

Belated birthday greetings go to a lovely blond little girl, Mary Lou Tershell of the Juvenile Circle, also to "Basha" Tony Progar and Joey Krulce of our lodge.

Mrs. Jimmy Tomasic is getting along nicely in a Pgh. rest hospital. We miss your sweet self, Jennie.

Congratulations go to Henry Mavric and his wife (he is president of our lodge) upon the birth of a son. No doubt a new juvenile member and future star bowler.

Don't forget the meeting date is May 9, Sunday, at 7 p. m. D. S. T. Big things are in store, so come help plan them. MARY KOVAL, 589.

Veronian News

VERONA, Pa.—First social activity for the month of May will be the dance Saturday, May 15, music furnished by Frank Porovne and His Musical Stylists. Now that the roads are clear of ice and snow, traveling is much easier and many a crowd is on hand to enjoy dancing and singing to this "makes you want to dance music," so come on, you members from near and far, be with us at this time, for a grand time is always had by all who attend.

Belated birthday greetings go out to Mike and Joan Pavalko and Joe Melle. Overlooked quite a few wedding anniversaries, so extend congratulations to Mary and Joe Luzer, also to Eleanor and Joe Maurer and Dorothy and Rudy Stanik celebrating their first on April 12 and Josephine and Willie Kirm on April 26. Helen and Johnnie Lesar will celebrate their 11th wedding anniversary on May 7, while Madge and Mirko Stanik celebrated their first anniversary on May 3.

The bowling banquet proved very successful and a nice time was had by all. John Peretic had high average for the season while Red Vrbencic lead in high for three games. For the women, Anne Lipesky had high for the season. During the meeting officers for the 1948-49 bowling season were elected and John Peretic was elected as chairman, Mrs. Mary Casol as treasurer and Elmer Effler and Marge Markovitch as secretaries. The entire crowd at the banquet enjoyed themselves and quite a few pictures were taken so many a good laugh can be had at some of the poses. The only bad feature of the evening was when

PROMPT PAYMENT OF ASSESSMENT IS ESSENTIAL

We are well aware of the responsible and not too attractive duties the local lodge secretaries must exercise, therefore, we try to cooperate with them to any possible extent, and, of course, within the limits of the by-laws and other regulations of the Society. The local lodge officers, executive committee or supreme board must not step over the boundary of restrictions or rules governing the Society so that strict equality for all members alike, as well as democracy in the full meaning of the word, shall prevail.

Recently the Main Office received complaints from some of the lodge secretaries expressing disappointment with members who fail to meet with the payment of their lodge dues within the specified time. For those members, the lodge secretary sometimes advances the money from his own pocket, but it frequently happens that when the debt has accumulated to a large sum, the secretary receives a notice from the member that he wishes to drop from the lodge, thus the secretary suffers a financial loss. It is essential to explain at this point that in instances where the local lodge or the secretary advances dues money for a member or members, the Society is not responsible for the loss if the member fails to take care of his debt. The secretary or the local lodge in such a case must withstand the loss. The by-laws in this respect are very explicit and if any secretary is not familiar with the rules in that connection, we recommend that he or she read Sections 54, 55 and 56, then guide himself accordingly.

It is a known fact that many of our local lodge secretaries advance dues for some of their members at the end of each month, especially to those who are reliable, yet we do not consider it very advisable to advance dues for any member for a period of six months or longer, as in some cases according to the latest reports received from some of the secretaries; neither is such generosity a good policy for the lodge in general. If such a member drops out of the lodge and Society, the lodge secretary usually suffers considerable loss and as a consequence he begins to lose interest for his official position.

When one neglects his duty as a member of the lodge and Society to the extent that he fails to pay dues or assessment for a period of several months or longer, it is quite risky for the secretary to trust such a member. Records of the Society demonstrate that members who are constantly lagging behind with the payment of their dues, usually drop from the Society sooner or later. We doubt if there is any reasonable justification, at least at the present time, for delay in payment of dues, since the wheels of industry are still in full swing. What would happen then if an economic depression hits the country and many members shall have very little or no income at all?

We recommend to those secretaries who submitted complaints about losses they incurred through advancement of dues, to be more cautious in the future. Members must realize that payment of their dues is just as essential to the Society as the benefits derived from their insurance are to them in time of need when prompt payment is expected.

It must be understood that in order to have a good fraternal organization, we must always show our interest for it, and not only when we need benefits. Members who are ill or injured expect prompt payment of the Society's obligations, but on the other hand it is also true that the Society cannot meet payments without income, thus the members must realize this fact and see that their dues are paid promptly on or before the last day of each month.

Brothers and Sisters! Our SNPJ Juvenile Anniversary membership campaign is now in full swing. Let us do our share toward strengthening the Society by enrolling new members into the organization.

F. A. VIDER, Supreme Secretary.

New York All Americans

BROOKLYN, N. Y.—On Sunday, April 18, the New York All Americans Lodge 580 held their last regular meeting. The sick committee was happy to report that Sister Albina White was fully recovered from her recent illness, but it was later learned that Brother Jerry Corel was ill. We all wish him a speedy recovery.

The dance committee reported that all plans were completed for the dance and beer party on Saturday, May 15. The committee promises an extra good time for this dance is for a very extra good purpose. All the proceeds of the dance are to go to the Juvenile Circle of our Lodge. Circle 50, directed by Sister Jennie Murin and assisted by Sisters Catherine Stuart and Catherine Kirk, is doing a very good job of providing a special type of interest to our juvenile members. So far an evening of fun and a very good time, come to our dance and beer party, Saturday, May 15, in the American Slovene Auditorium at 253 Irving Av., Brooklyn.

The next regular meeting of Lodge 580 will be held Sunday, May 16, at 4 p. m.

WILLIAM F. FUGINA, Sec'y

Lodge 333 Planning Dance on May 29th

BLAINE, O.—I'm writing just a few lines to announce that SNPJ Lodge 333 is sponsoring a dance May 29 at the Slovenian Home here. I would like to see many of our young and old members to attend this dance as it is for a worthy cause; the receipts will be used to repair the Home.

I would also like to ask if more of our young and older members would attend our meetings. The meetings are held each first Sunday of the month at 2 p. m. at the Slovenian Home. Every meeting we serve a little lunch and have a little entertainment.

I'm sending out a special invitation to all our neighboring lodges to attend our dance on May 29. I'll be seeing you all then at the Slovenian Home in Blaine. Dancing begins at 8.

FRANCES BUTCH, Pres.

The chartered bus broke down and we all had to walk home part of the way, but this did not hamper our spirits any.

CORNELIA GORUN, 659

Now that we're going by daylight

Victorian News

CHICAGO.—I guess everybody is back to work with the beautiful memories of the national SNPJ bowling tourney which always leaves nice thoughts for years to come. This is the first one that I missed, but I was there in spirit. Congratulations to the Victorian girls who came in second and to the boys who got the bacon, too. Just keep up the good work as bowling is grand for a person.

Our member Frances Hrovatich changed her name to Mrs. Halenz and is living at Riverside, Ill. Congratulations from us Victorians.

May is the most beautiful month of the year and May 9 is Mother's Day, which should mean a lot to all of us, as mother is your best pal. She does understand you when others don't. So, please remember dear mother on her day May 9 and always. A small gift is always welcome, not only on Mother's Day, but always.

Victorians, please visit the sick. Katherine Pouche, 30339 S. Millard ave.; Louis Skubic, 2727 S. Tripp ave.; Pauline Zalokar, 2512 East ave.; Berwyn, and Mary Hartenian, 7382 S. Park ave. We Victorians wish you all a speedy recovery.

Our next meeting is Thursday, May 6, at Gratchner's Hall, 2953 S. Lawndale. Be present if at all possible. It is your lodge and we always need you all. Hoping to see a large number present.

If you have any spring dance tickets left, please return them so that we can report to Uncle Sam for his share (federal tax).

MARY E. NOVAK, 632

Lodge No. 407 Slatas Dance for May 29th

WINDSOR HEIGHTS, W. Va.—In the merry month of May with summer here and all flowers blooming with beauty and all gay events and sports being enjoyed, there are many organizations and lodges planning on having parties and dances.

The SNPJ Lodge 407 are planning on having a dance on May 29. To dance to a good Slovenian orchestra be sure and come to this affair and enjoy the music of Jackie Martincic, former entertainer of WJPA, Washington, Pa. radio station. We're sending a special invitation to our neighboring towns of Boydsdale, Bridgeport and Glencoe in Ohio and out Pa. way we're sending a special invitation to Aveila. Are you going to help us make this a success?

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First California SNPJ Day in Los Angeles July 3-4

LOS ANGELES, Calif.—Announcing the first California SNPJ Day, July 3 and 4 sponsored by SNPJ Lodge 615 at Los Angeles.

Members of all lodges and their friends in California and other states are invited to attend this affair. Arrangements will be made for sleeping quarters and meals for out-of-towners. Please contact Ray Prim, chairman of the housing committee, if you want sleeping quarters; his address is 937 S. Burger St., Los Angeles.

This affair will be held at the American Croatian Hall, 330 S. Ford Blvd., East Los Angeles. Dance Saturday evening, July 3. Balina tournament Sunday, July 4, at 10 a. m. Program July 4 at 3 p. m. and dance in the evening from 8 to 9. Louis Simonic orchestra. Details in the near future. Keep July 3 and 4 in mind for the first California SNPJ Day.

Lodge 615 is sponsoring a dance May 15 at American Croatian Hall, 330 S. Ford Blvd. Proceeds of this dance for Free Press Fund and Slavic Council. Let's get to this dance and make a good showing for Los Angeles. I am sure that everyone will have a good time as in the past. Louis Simonic will be there with his orchestra to play some good polkas and waltzes. The committee has planned some other enjoyment. But that's a surprise. Come one and all for a really good time May 15.

At our April 18 meeting, Brother John Olip showed pictures (slides) of Yugoslavia and surrounding territory. I am sure that we all enjoyed them and also his lecture; we thank him very much for going to all the trouble of getting the slides.

Our April meeting was pretty well represented, but I really expected to see more of our members. It is hard to understand why some members will not come to the meetings. We have very nice meetings (no arguments). I wish very much that some of you members that read this, please take time out the 3rd Sunday of the month and come to at least one of our meetings.

Next meeting May 16 and I am sure the committee will prepare some entertainment for you. So, circle May 16 on the calendar. See you all at the dance May 15 and meeting May 16.

MARY KOTCHNIK, Sec'y

Lodge 82 Holds Dance Saturday

JOHNSTOWN, Pa.—Triglav Lodge 82 is having its first dance of the season Saturday, May 8, at the newly remodeled Slovene Home in Lorain Boro. The music will be furnished by the ever-popular Stan Kobal and his Airliners from Girard, Ohio. I would like to take this time to invite our neighboring lodges to our dance and swing to their favorite polkas with the great crowd that is expected.

With the completion of this dance our athletic department will delve into our summer sport, softball. According to the latest report, the competition in the Conemaugh Valley league will be much stronger than last year when Triglav became the league champions. Triglav will again be bidding for that honor this summer.

James Trofino, our athletic director, tried desperately to have all the district lodges enter a team in the league last season but, unfortunately, several lodges were unable to do so. With a year for preparation there is no reason why any lodge cannot enter a team. If this can be accomplished, we will sponsor the strongest league in the city of Johnstown. Let us all cooperate and make this a very successful season.

WILLIAM S. ZABRIC, Sec'y

Irwin Lodge No. 63 Plan Dance Sunday

IRWIN, Pa.—The SNPJ Lodge No. 63 will sponsor a dance Sunday night, May 9, at the Italian Hall in Rillito. The music will be furnished by Johnny Krek and his Polkadettes from Bridgeville. Dancing from 9 to 1. Refreshments will be served. The lodge is inviting all its members and friends, also neighboring lodges to join our fun.

DOROTHY SHUSTER, Treas.

saving time, don't forget that the dance will be starting at 9 o'clock D.S.T. The dance will be at the Italian Hall. Admission 50c. So, make it a date and remember Jackie Martincic's orchestra at Windsor Hts. W. Va. on Saturday, May 29.

DOROTHY STUCIN

FLASHES

By Donald J. Lohrich

CHICAGO.—The Pioneer bowlers are having a get-together this Friday, May 7, at the Center, 2301 S. Lawndale ave. Every Pioneer bowler who bowled in the league or in the Sunday Inter-Lodge league or who participated in the tournaments and even those who would like to bowl are invited to attend. The get-together will be absolutely free because Louis Zefran and Ed Mijalaki will pay for the eats and the Pioneer secretary will supply the beer. We hope to make a good party of it. Perhaps, by Friday night we may be able to announce the list of winners at Detroit.

We have added Fred Gritcnik, 4535 West End ave., and Johanna Klancnik, Augustana Hospital (419 Dickens) to our sick list. Members are urged to visit them.—A nice note came in from Mary Moe, Verdugo City, Calif., who tells about the springtime in California and who gives her moral support to the doings back in Chicago.—Mary Vertnik and her brother Rudy attended the funeral of Pauline Klasnek of Freeburg, Ill., who was a sister-in-law of their mother. The deceased was the mother of John F. Yurcek, president of the Spirits of St. Louis. Mary Vertnik has been a hard worker for the Pioneers.—Quite a number of our folks are still talking about the large crowd which was attracted to the tournament dance in Detroit and the fact that Frank Yankovic is still able to pack them in. The Pioneers were one of the first to give Frank Yankovic the publicity he deserves and with sufficient popular demand, we may get him here for our picnic on August 7.

May Day celebrations were held throughout the world. These celebrations were more conspicuous in other countries than in our own, because it seems that the common people have become more realistic and certainly more understanding in many of the other countries than we here. Americans are still looking for some "pie in the sky" which is going to give them a chance to become rich. In reality, the upset conditions, the extra high prices on all commodities and the insecurity of jobs will become more noticeable soon. When the common people manifest, it is because they want security and because they want to set up the world in such a way as to have an abundance of everything. An abundance of the good things is by far possible now. We need only to have the proper system and the proper social order to make this possible. These May Day manifestations were larger than ever before and this gives those of us who have worked and followed these trends new hope and heart.

A very interesting item appeared in the Wall Street Journal recently, regarding the Marshall plan. It was a report by the Associated Press which said that the guns and bullets, planes and tanks which Western Europe may need will have to be gotten free from the United States. The Marshall plan thus will become a rearmament plan. Yet they tell us that the purpose of the Marshall plan is to feed and rehabilitate the peoples of Europe. Americans have done so many things differently from what they said they would do that it is impossible to believe that they really want to make the Marshall plan work right. We were going to rebuild the economy of Greece and after the first 4 hundred million dollars was spent, we needed more hundreds of millions because we finally admitted that we were rearming the Greeks, and that money was used for that purpose. We can understand that the Free Enterprise will do everything and anything that will continue the life of the present system even if that means making treaties and then altering them to suit their needs, as in the case of Palestine and Trieste. They don't dare tell the truth, because if they did even the middle class of people would be opposed to such programs. Indeed, we fear that Big Business will extract its pound of flesh for every nickel's worth of help.

That brings us down to another story, the Italian elections. It is important who won and it is a shame that we in America, never support the progressive elements, but always the reactionary. The elections did show that the left group was strong and only a miracle could have altered the course that was set by our government. We wanted to see the status quo remaining. We didn't want to see the little fellow get a piece of land. We didn't want to produce for consumption, but for profit, and all of this is going to haunt us some day, because we threw millions of dollars into the campaign and sent agents and food to avert the changing tide. If the election proved anything, it proved

that we meddled in the affairs of another country. Indeed, we threatened the Italians with hunger in case they didn't vote the reaction back in the saddle. One other thing, for all of these many years, we have been told that religious people never meddle into politics and that the church was outside of politics. This time the Pope set the Catholics definitely in politics and the church was a potent factor in averting a change for the better among the Italians. Henceforth, no one should dare open their mouth and say that the church is not in politics. It has been heretofore and these elections prove that it is very openly so now.

Funny, isn't it, how everything seems to be upside down and how the people are bluffed into believing that the communists are responsible for all of these things. After all, who is running the American government, the communists? Who is running American industry? No, it isn't the commies that are responsible for our trouble, but the greedy "free enterprisers" and the Wall Street crowd which is running the government. The commies are in a great minority, yet they do things for the vast majority while free enterprisers make things difficult for everybody. The common people should form the only weapon that can be properly used against these distortions. Knowledge, intelligence and organization. That is the only thing that will make for a real American Democracy.

A television set has been installed at the Center. You can get ringside seats by sitting right at the Center now.

Spirit-O-Grams

ST. LOUIS, Mo.—I'm still trying to catch up on my sleep after that tiring trip to and from Detroit. What a time we did have. Every minute was taken up. So much fun and laughter cramped up in such a short time.

Well, we did come home with the champs. We still haven't heard about how we came out on the doubles and singles but the team event is in the bag. Hurray for the Spirits bowlers! I think this writer deserves some credit for their luck. Some teams take a dog for a mascot, with us here it's different. I was the mascot and brought good luck. I doubt if you could have done so well without me. Of course, the wives and others also did their share of rooting so they, too, deserve some credit. In fact, I believe we were the noisiest rooters in the whole tournament.

It was very interesting to meet so many fine young SNPJs. Had the opportunity to renew old friendship and make new ones. It's unfortunate that time was so short. We enjoyed the dinners at the Slovene Hall where they served polkas with their meals. Would have enjoyed spending more time there but as I said before time was so short.

I want to take this opportunity to thank the Johnstown (Pa.) gang and the John Raks of Chicago for their contribution towards our spring dance which will be held Saturday eve, May 8, at Liederkranz Hall, 2163 Grand ave. I also wish to thank the Spirit out-of-town members, the Fritz Rugels, Louis Dolence and Sister Bove for their cooperation in regard to the dance. So sorry you cannot be with us.

Everything is in readiness for a grand time. All you members are asked to do is sell more tickets and the workers are expected to be on the job.

Last but not least I wish to thank Mrs. Theresa Horn, Joseph Johnson's mother, for donating one of those beautiful dolls she makes in her shop at home. It really is gorgeous. Thanks a million, Mrs. Horn. It certainly is sweet of you to give us such a beautiful gift.

Sister Mary Petronic, Stanley Schober and Anton Hervatin are still on the sick list. Let's send them a word of cheer. So sorry to hear of the accident at the Gillespie mine which claimed the life of Fred Podgornik who was a good friend of some of our members.

Went down to the bowling alleys to see our team last Tuesday. Boy, are the boys throwing out their chests, but why shouldn't they? How about making it a point to be present at our meeting Friday eve, May 14, to give them a rousing cheer. I'll be there too. You can give three cheers for the mascot too.

SOPHIE VERTOVSEK.

Nearly three out of four men 65 years old and over in the United States were gainfully employed in 1890, says a Twentieth Century Fund report, as compared with less than half in 1940.

BADGERLAND NEWS

MILWAUKEE, Wis.—Two new adult members have joined the Badgers. They are Ann Rebernick and Jean Baillie. The following 15 youngsters are now in our juvenile ranks: Kathryn and Carol Loosen, Mary Posada, Elaine and Marilyn Aussen, Janis Gorishek, Barbara Budish, Anton Muhich, Robert Gendreau, Johanna Claffey, Donald Osep, Helen Woods, Sandra Koren, Barbara Ann and Jo Ann Sinski, and Thomas Gorichar. Don't forget that the membership campaign is in full swing now and get your new member signed up right soon.

Our congratulations to Jack and Fannie Berliak who are the proud parents of a baby boy.

The national SNPJ pin meet held in Detroit is now past history, but it still leaves pleasant memories. On the alleys we heard greetings from all sides and the old SNPJ spirit was very much in evidence. The usual moaning was heard when one was tapped or drew a split at the wrong time. Most of it was taken good natured and that familiar cry "wait till next year."

Our gals had some transportation trouble, but outside of a little extra money they had to dish out, it all turned out all right. Ain't it so, gals?

Duc Kriskovic had to do some fast stepping to get to the alleys on time for his team event. And to top it all his teammates really failed him as far as scoring goes. The Home really shook to its rafters Sunday pm what with the Badgers in full parade and helped along with SNPJs from far and near. Matty Pink, Rudy Pugel and some guy who thought he could play an accordion gave out with Slovene songs that hit the spot with the vast throng that packed the Home all day. All in all it was time well spent and we hope we see all those people in Indianapolis next year.

Our sincere thanks to Jimmie Ulasia who was kind enough to drive our people back and forth from the hotel to the alleys. Most of us know Jimmie as he lived in Milwaukee before moving to Detroit.

Leona (Puncer) Plashuta has transferred to the Pioneers in Chicago where she will make her home.

Johnny Poklar, a well known Badger and Bernice Kokali will be married May 15.

Make plans now to attend our May meeting as some more surprise will be in store for you.

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California Capers

LOS ANGELES, Calif.—These capering Californians are really on the go all the time. All you need to say is, "Why don't we do it" and before you know it, we do! You can expect a lot of firsts from California in the future. Our hard-working secretary is announcing the First Big Event elsewhere in this issue.

All arrangements are complete for the dance for May 15. The K. P. committee reports plenty of strudel, potica and those delicious hamburgers. We offer the best in food, drink, and music; so, don't miss it. The proceeds will go to the Free Press Fund and the Slavic Council. So, besides a good time, we are offering all members an opportunity to help protect our democratic rights.

The westside bowlers finished in 3rd place in the city league, which rates them a big pat on the back. The eastsiders have challenged them to a match game, but they haven't invaded the eastside territory yet. We even offered to lend them Ray "Open the Window" Prim! Another coat of plant and Sia Walkup would have had a 200 pins. She rolled a 193 last Sunday.

I see I'll have to check and double-check in the future. To the checker-uppers of this column, a native Californian is a person born here and who has lived here at least 16 years. Two year olds don't count, in my records.

According to the papers the Grunion will run again on June 8. Lodge 615 fishermen please circle that date on your calendar. We're going on a Grunion Hunt.

Our after-meeting socials are going over big. We had quite a turnout at the April meeting; and the slides and lecture of Yugoslavia presented by Bro. John Olip and the man behind the camera, Bro. Guizero, were enjoyed and appreciated by everyone.

Our Juvenile Circle will present a combined Mother's and Father's Day program after the June meeting. Juveniles not now in our Circle are invited to join and participate. Our Circle members have many and exciting plans; so bring your children to our meetings, parents. It is their privilege and your duty to do so.

HELEN RIBARICH, 613

Juvenile Circles of the SNPJ Let There Be Light LABOR IS COUNTRY'S STRONGEST FORCE, SAYS CZECH U.N. DELEGATE Spring Concert in Waukegan Sunday

Circle 7 Mark Mother's Day

GRARD, Ohio.—This is just a brief reminder to all members of the Dawn of Youth, Circle 7, of the program and covered-dish dinner to be held on Mother's Day at Jake's Place.

We would also like to invite the members of Lodges 643 and 49.

All those who are planning to attend the program are asked to bring their own bread, cups, and silverware for the dinner.

Remember May 9 at Jake's Place. MARY M. MATEKOVICH, Assistant Director Circle 7.

Circle 58 Presents "Wildcat Willie"

DETROIT.—Another busy month has rolled around for Juvenile Circle 58. We have been rehearsing our play, "Wildcat Willie," as you have probably read in the last few issues of the Prosveta.

Our program will be given May 9, Mother's Day, at 4 o'clock, at the Slovene Workers Home, 437 S. Livernois. This is just a little reminder to let you know everyone is cordially invited and we are really looking forward to see the East Side Juvenile Circle. We're sure everyone will enjoy our program as there will be several individual acts preceding the play. After the program is over there will be dancing and refreshments will be served.

Our Circle held its regular meeting April 25. There was quite an attendance. We have also had quite a few new members join and hope we get more. We all hope you can make it to see our first play, Sunday, May 9.

MARGARET DEVYAK, Pres.

Circle 69 to Honor Mothers on May 14

ST. LOUIS, Mo.—Circle 69 held their regular meeting on Friday, April 30, with very good attendance. Membership cards and buttons were given out at this meeting. Those of you who were not able to attend will receive yours at the next meeting.

The order of business was carried through very nicely and plans of the Mother's Day program to be presented on May 14, at the Concordia Turner Hall, 13th and Arsenal, were rehearsed with much satisfaction. Suggestions for an appropriate name for our Circle are to be brought to our May meeting for discussion. We are planning a small Father's Day program, more to be said at our May meeting.

We were sorry that Vice President Alvin Kacin could not be with us. The boys really missed you, Alvin. We're hoping to see you at our next regular meeting on May 28, that is, the fourth Friday night, 7:30 pm on 3500 S. Broadway.

We are indeed glad to hear that Mary Frances Yartz, is improving after her case of measles. And what has happened to little Joe Gasparich? We missed you, too. Don't forget our May 14, Mother's Day program, Joe!

RICHARD DUCOTE, Pres.

Circle No. 36 Plan Mother's Day Event

SYGAN, Pa.—The Jolly Juniors Circle 36 will have a Mother's Day program. At present everyone is busy practicing music, speeches or parts for the play. Shirley Usnick, secretary, and Anna Rosh Bofin, rec. sec'y, are sending special invitation to mothers of Circle members. We are counting on all mothers to attend.

Jolly Juniors purchased a combination radio and record player. We expect to have some good times listening and dancing to the music.

Our Circle girls are very busy learning to crochet. This is very interesting work to those just learning. We get together every week; the evenings spent that way are very pleasant.

The boys are eager to play softball; they will play other Circle teams this summer as before.

Circle 36 will hold a dance on Sunday, May 16, music by Johnny Krek and his Polkaaters. Remember this date. Will be seeing you in Sygan. LEONA WIRANT

Jr. All Star Circle Plan New Activities

MILWAUKEE, Wis.—Play ball! That is what the Jr. All Star boys and girls' softball teams are saying. It was decided that baseball practice be held on Sunday afternoons beginning at one o'clock, Vieux Playground, S. 4th and W. Nat'l. To date enough players have signed up for two boys' teams and one girls'. The captains to be elected later on in the season according to good ball playing, consistent at-

tendance and worthiness. This year the ball players will be coached by Mr. Ludwig Vodnik Sr. Some of you probably remember him from Field Day Meet in Waukegan and outings that were held last summer. Mr. and Mrs. Vodnik are both very interested in our Circle and do everything possible to help promote and better Circle activities.

Mrs. Vodnik wishes to remind all of the dancers that there will be a dancing rehearsal this Saturday afternoon at Rebernik's Hall at two o'clock. There are quite a few new dances to learn and if you are unable to make the rehearsal please notify Mrs. Vodnik or the writer. Bowling is still going on Sundays, however, if you feel that with baseball practice being in the afternoons you would like to discontinue bowling, please notify me as soon as possible.

Saturday some members of the Circle worked on Mother's Day articles and posters. On behalf of the Jr. All Stars we want to wish each mother a very happy Mother's Day. We are also very happy to see two new faces at our meetings, mothers of juveniles in our Circle, Mrs. Schmitt and Mrs. Bozich. Something very different is being planned for our next regular meeting on May 15, so each and every one of you will want to be there. The meeting will take place at Rebernik's Hall, 6th and Bruce, starting promptly at two.

Please cooperate by being on time for baseball practice, dancing rehearsals and last but not least attending meetings regularly. Only members in good standing will be able to attend parties, picnics and outings. An outing and hike has already been planned for June so if you are interested don't stay away from the next meeting.

Lorraine Sterle, secretary, has done a very wonderful job of writing an appropriate play. She deserves many compliments and thanks for doing a splendid job of turning out work well done. The details must remain a secret.

MARIE ERMENC, Director.

Circle 66 Honors Mothers Sunday

SOUTHVIEW, Pa.—On Sunday, May 9, at 7:30 p. m. we will present a Mother's Day program. There will be poems, singing, dancing, and music. We will honor the oldest and youngest mother present, and also the mother (present) with the most members in the SNPJ. We cordially invite every one and especially mothers. Come and enjoy yourself with our juveniles.

On Saturday, April 17, the boys' bowling team of Lodge 265 held a dance and the juveniles sold refreshments, took care of the check-room and made over twenty dollars. Lodge Secretary John Patnecky also donated \$4 he won as a door prize. Thanks to all.

Now that spring is here, the boys and girls will play softball. Our senior softball team has promised to let us have the bats and balls.

The past two months eight new members have joined our Circle. On each second Wednesday of the month we have a birthday party for all who are celebrating their birthdays that month. A good time is had by everyone.

Don't forget, Mothers, Dads, and all our friends, Sunday, May 9, at 7:30 p. m. at the SNPJ Hall.

MARY WOLFE, Director

Circle 29 Holds Picnic Saturday

DETROIT.—The Circle meeting was held Saturday, May 1, at 2 p. m. and operetta practice afterwards. The attendance wasn't too good. From now on no cards will be sent out for meetings, unless it is a special meeting, as all the members know our meetings are held the first Saturday of the month at 2 p. m.

We are having our first picnic of the year, Saturday, May 8. We will meet at SND at 1 p. m. sharp. From there we will proceed to Palmer Park. We want to get our boys' and girls' softball teams organized at that time. The small fry are to bring balls, jump ropes, etc. There are plenty of swings, slides and teeter-totters out there. How about a buggy-ride, small fry? Parents that would like to join us are welcome. And if you have small-fry but can't come along, just bring them to SND and we'll see that they enjoy the picnic and will bring them back to the SND. Of course there will be a wiener roast and marshmallow toast also.

Play practice will be held on May 15 at 3 p. m. We need more children for this operetta, so if you are interested, please attend these rehearsals, and members that already have parts, please show up for practice. The operetta "Professor Owl" will be held on Sunday, June 27, at 17153 John R. After the operetta we will show films that will be sent from

headquarters. Later there will be music and refreshments.

Many Circle members and myself had the pleasure of meeting Juvenile Director Michael Vrhovnik while he was here for the national bowling tournament.

Don't forget, folks, that the West-side Circle 58 are giving their Mother's Day play on Sunday, May 9, at 2 p. m. Let's get out and show the children that we are interested in what they are doing. I know that director of this Circle, Mrs. Gertrude Taucher, is working hard in making this affair a success. Good luck, kids.

Next Circle meeting will be held June 5, at 2 p. m. HELEN STIMAC, Director.

ASC Conference and Concert Huge Success

NEW YORK.—The Sixth Conference of the American Slav Congress of Greater New York, held on Sunday, April 25th at the Yugoslav American Home, was attended by 250 delegates and visitors, who welcomed enthusiastically the reports of Zlatko Balokovic, Chairman of the Resident Board, and Steve Krell, former Executive Secretary.

Mr. Balokovic's report, a brilliant analysis of tasks facing Slavic Americans today, also described the cross-country tour of Slavic centers he and Mrs. Balokovic made recently.

Formation of a Women's Division, with Agnes Vukcevic as temporary chairman in Greater New York, was unanimously approved. At the National Committee meeting last February, Joyce Balokovic had been named national chairman of the Women's Division.

Resolutions passed by the delegates centered around the growing attack on civil rights, the rebuilding of Germany and the November elections. The resolution on civil rights read in part, "If we are to be worthy of our American heritage, if we are to continue to enjoy its benefits in the future, every American must join in the fight to safeguard the civil rights of every citizen and non-citizen residing in the U. S."

The Conference endorsed the statement of the National Committee demanding Congressional investigation of U. S. policy in Germany. The body also went on record as welcoming the candidacy of Henry A. Wallace and Sen. Glen Taylor for President and Vice-President on the new party ticket. Also adopted was a resolution in support of the partition of Palestine. Universal Military Training was condemned as a trend toward war.

Nationality panels pledged to get 1000 new subscribers to THE SLAVIC AMERICAN in Greater New York, each panel adopting a suitable quota.

Zlatko Balokovic was reelected President of the Greater N. Y. American Slav Congress. Co-chairmen are: Catherine Glueczak and George Kusic; Treasurer, Peter Bartkiv; Financial Secretary, Konstantin Ossip. Executive Secretary is Charles Musil.

The day's business session was followed by a concert rally at the Central Opera House with 1000 present to hear Zlatko Balokovic featured in a number of violin selections. Among others on the star-studded program were Michael Rybicki, baritone, member of the cast of Inside U. S. A., new Broadway musical comedy; and Maria Dnytryshyn, in a number of Ukrainian and Russian folk songs. The Radischev Dance Group and Polyanka Ensemble lent their usual warmth and color to the proceedings.

Speakers were Joyce Balokovic and Congressman Vito Marcantonio, who called for the return of the U. S. government to the Roosevelt policy of collaboration and friendship with our Slav allies.

Many in the audience bought albums of records of Slavic music with Zlatko Balokovic and Ivan Petroff, baritone, as recording artists. These newly recorded albums are now available at the office of the American Slav Congress, 205 East 42nd Street, at \$5.00 the album, postage prepaid.

P. S. W. Club 10 Hold Second Dance May 22

JOHNSTOWN, Pa.—Second dance of the Progressive Women's Circle No. 10, Cambria City, will be held in St. Louis Slovene Hall in Conneaut, near Chestnut st., May 22. Music by Eddie Lapanja and his polka band, better known as Slovene Masters, playing every day over station WARD, Kaiser-Frazer polka time. There will be plenty of refreshments. We are cordially inviting all to attend. Tickets may be obtained from our members, also at the entrance. We are ready to help other lodges out when they need help, that's what our progressive club is for. Will see you May 22. MARY UKMAR.

CLEVELAND.—Although a generation, perhaps more than two generations, have gone by since our mothers and fathers, or their mothers and fathers, left their homeland to forge a new life and a new destiny in a strange, fabulous country, as an ocean, we cannot escape the fact that there are links which tie us to our roots in Europe. This is not, I think, chauvinistic thinking—it is just straight fact.

We were brought up in homes where Slovenian traditions were strong, where Slovenian customs, but in very color and beauty, created its own unique environment. Our names are still Slovenian names, although perhaps Stanko or Stanislav has become Stanley, and Milenka has changed to Mildred—and perhaps Kovac has even become Smith, or O'Neil—yet why does the Slovenian language sound pleasant in our ears? Why do Slovenian songs ring a little sweeter? I believe that we all have that much at least in common, although we are certainly American in every conceivable way. We would be unnatural children of our mother country if we did not love the land which has been bountiful and generous to us, and to our parents, in a way which would have been considered the height of luxury in their homeland. No one will deny that there has been deep and real happiness here, although I can understand the wistful yearning of most immigrants for the mountains and valleys of Slovenia.

It must have been a common experience, when the Nazi Wehrmacht marched into Yugoslavia, that we were jubilant over the fact that the Yugoslav people were the first to resist passionately against the advance of the German armies. I remember my friends hysterically congratulated me as though I were personally among the fighting men and women of Yugoslavia, who had become our allies without any conference or treaties to resolve the issue at stake.

It was delight, and pride, and all things wonderful—but that was a long time ago, and today, like everyone else, you must feel quite sensitive about Yugoslavia, for it has certainly been the center of violent and noisy controversy, with one issue after another bringing it into screaming, angry headlines.

I cannot help thinking, that if I were not receiving direct news from Yugoslavia in letters from members of my family, from friends whom I revere, I would think Yugoslavia was the most villainous country in the world. But I do just what every rational thinking human being does: I read and sift and weigh, from the great mass of information that swirls about us every day of our lives, through the media of newspapers, periodicals, and radio, and I read carefully, even suspiciously, what my letters tell me. The conclusion is indeed bewildering. There is great confusion somewhere. I cannot believe with the fervor of a fanatic that the present regime in Yugoslavia is all right—or all wrong. The best possible solution, of course, would be to see for myself. Since that is quite impossible, I read what first-hand observers say. AP and UP reports from Belgrade I definitely discount, for I have heard from more than one source that American reporters very rarely leave their hotels.

I was therefore deeply grateful to Robert St. John for "The Silent People Speak," which was fascinating because it rang with truth. It is not fawning, glossy account of a visit to Utopia, but a frank and openly critical and suspicious exposure of what life in Yugoslavia is like today, and there seems to be no mincing of reality. St. John says it again and again, life there is rugged, and compared with ours, meager, and bare.

Better than any book, however well written it may be, is the personal experience of talking with and listening to a skilled observer, who has seen, and heard, and now speaks openly of his views and his conversations with the citizenry of the country. And that wonderful opportunity is now available.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald L. Hesson, of Chicago, who have recently returned from an 8 month tour of Europe, are speaking on Yugoslavia at Slovene National Auditorium, 12, Clair ave., on Wednesday, May 12. Mr. Hesson is a distinguished Chicago lawyer and writer, who has contributed articles to European and American periodicals, most recently to the United Nations World. Mrs. Hesson, who is justly famous under her maiden name, Marie Seton, is a young woman of wide and varied experience. She has been an actress, a drama critic, a newspaper correspondent, a film writer and producer, dramatist, and novelist, all in slightly more than 2 decades. Both Mr. and Mrs. Hesson believe that it is first necessary to know the people of a country as human beings, set in the background of their history and culture. Only after they had gained some knowledge and feeling of the people do they turn to officials and policy makers for information. Surely

LABOR IS COUNTRY'S STRONGEST FORCE, SAYS CZECH U.N. DELEGATE

By GLADYS CARTER

NEW YORK.—(ALN)—"Organized labor is the most important political force in Czechoslovakia—stronger than any political party. No government could stay in power without its support."

Frantisek Kraus, Czechoslovak Social Democrat and former labor lawyer, made this assertion in an exclusive interview with Allied Labor News on the recent government changes in his country. Kraus just arrived here to represent Czechoslovakia on the Social Commission of the United Nations Economic and Social Council.

Labor grew to its present strength, he said, during the German occupation, when previously divided union groups merged into a unified, tightly-knit underground labor movement. Kraus added, frightened some right-wing groups and the recent governmental crisis represented in part an attempt by anti-labor political parties to test this unity.

Right-wing attempts to split labor started in the second half of 1947, Kraus said. Left-wing labor leaders, anxious to concentrate on pressing problems of economic recovery, bent every effort to compromise with right-wing union minorities on controversial issues. "This," Kraus said, "lulled the right-wingers into thinking the unions were weak and the workers would not follow their left leadership."

There were two surface reasons for the political crisis which developed last February—one a dispute over appointment of police officers and the other an argument over pay increases for government employees. Actually, Kraus said, left-wing and right-wing parties were in basic disagreement over nationalization of industry, land reform and other fundamental economic issues. The problems which touched off the showdown were relatively unimportant.

The crisis was precipitated Feb. 20 when representatives of three right-wing parties resigned from the government. The move was made while Czechoslovak unions were in the midst of an analysis of the nation's economic situation. Through works councils which exist in all major factories and are empowered to examine company financial records, the unions had found that private firms were reaping enormous profits despite price controls and taxation. The union leadership concluded that nationalization of medium-sized enterprises was essential and summoned a conference of works council delegates for Feb. 22 to discuss further nationalization.

Kraus confessed he was completely baffled over the reasons for the sudden right-wing resignations. "Some people say the right wing was trying to out-manuever the labor movement. Others say that influence from abroad was behind it. One thing is sure: either the leadership of these parties were crazy or they firmly expected to get outside help, because it was clear from the start they couldn't win."

The works council conference went ahead on schedule despite the government crisis. Right-wing parties got their final slap in the face when their members, whom they had ordered to vote against further nationalization, went along at the meeting with the majority. Out of 7,000 delegates, less than a dozen voted No. The delegates gave equally enthusiastic support to Communist Premier Klement Gottwald, who addressed the meeting and announced he was seeking to form a new government without the resigned ministers.

The works council meeting voted for a token 1-hour strike on Feb. 24 to back up its decisions. "If the right-wing parties needed further proof of labor's unity, the complete

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The lecture is to start at 8 o'clock, with admission free of charge, open to the public, and incidental music will be provided by Lou Trebar and the singing groups, Glasbena Matice and Zarja. There will be a short social afterwards, and an opportunity to meet our lecturers informally. Sponsorship of the lecture is in the hands of the English-speaking lodges of the various Cleveland fraternal groups, SNPJ, SDZ, CFU, and AFU, whose representatives have been acting as a committee to arrange the details of this lecture. VIDA SHIFFER.

success of the strike provided it," Kraus said.

Kraus ridiculed the charge that the Russians had a hand in the government change. "The general strike," he said, "is the exclusive weapon of the workers. It can't be forced on them and it can't be broken—except by outside interference or if the police and army are lined up against the workers." Neither happened in Czechoslovakia, he added, and the workers won the day.

Labor's authority "increased immeasurably" by the events of those few days, Kraus said. In forming a new cabinet, Gottwald included both Pres. Antonin Zapotocky and Gen. Sec. Evzen Erban of the United Revolutionary Trade Unions as Vice Premier and Minister of Social Welfare respectively.

As a result of the government changes, the nationalization program proposed by labor was immediately adopted. Equally important was the immediate action on a new social insurance plan which Kraus described as the "last word" in protection for all citizens. Since its introduction "early a year ago, the right-wing parties had spent their energies in trying to filibuster it out of existence. After the government change, the bill was approved by the cabinet within 10 days and is expected to be made into law by Parliament in a very short time.

THE COMMITTEE

Waukegan Singers To Give Operetta

WAUKEGAN, Ill.—The Slovene Choral Society of Waukegan has been very active within the last few years. After having our very successful operetta last year, we decided it was just the beginning of something wonderful. Quite frequently we receive new members, but more are always welcome. So we urge everyone interested in singing to join, especially the old faithful members.

Our first performance this year will be one of great importance and also with great competition. On Sunday, May 9, at 2 p. m., the Prosveta Matice JSZ is sponsoring an all Slovenian Concert. It is expected to be one of the largest affairs of the year.

Waukegan has ever had. We were very honored to have been asked to sing on this program because we are to be hosts to Cleveland, Chicago, and Milwaukee. They are all very well known for their excellent performances in various concerts. Dancing will follow with Stan Gregorin and his orchestra furnishing the music. On schedule are a lot of polkas, waltzes, and modern music.

The main event for the Choral Society this year will be the operetta, "The Gypsy Troubadour," held on June 12 and 13 at the Slovene National Home. Last year we had such a great demand to have our operetta a second time, so this year we are having it two days. Saturday night will be the first performance, with a dance following and also Stan Gregorin and his orchestra playing. The matinee will be Sunday with a cast party following it. We hope it will be as well liked as our last one was.

We hope to see everyone at these two glorious affairs. You may obtain tickets from any member of the Choral Society and they will also be on sale at the door the day of the performance. Don't forget to mark May 9 and June 12 or 13 on your calendar, as a day set aside for your enjoyment. DOLORES RODE

don't forget that the Women's Club is sponsoring a drawing to be held May 15, the proceeds going into the SND Building Fund. Tickets can be bought from any one of the members. See you all Friday.

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"Which one's that?"

"He keeps getting older every day."

SND Women's Club Will Meet Friday

DETROIT.—The SND Women's Club will hold their next meeting at a new time and date, on Friday, May 7, at 7:30 p. m. So members get out for this meeting. They will also organize the Women's Ballina League. If anyone is interested in playing ballina this year, let's see you this Friday. And another thing,

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FOREIGN POLICY LED TO MILITARY TRAINING DEMAND

The Senate Committee on the Armed Services, early in March, scheduled the Executive Secretary of the People's Lobby for a twenty minute appearance April 2nd, opposing peace time universal compulsory military training, but March 26th the Chairman, Chan Gurney, wired him canceling the appearance, on the pretext of "the urgent press of Senate business."

A personal protest to the Chairman failed to change the verdict, but a brief was filed with the Committee as part of the record, sent to all Committee Members, and Senate and House leaders, and given the press.

Following are excerpts from this brief:

America is a plutocrat on power and a pauper on foreign policies.

America's domestic policies determine her foreign policy. Without a vast re-armament program, and its concomitant increase in the armed forces by draft, and in potential forces by military training, we will have a serious recession if not depression, with several million unemployed, within one or two years.

It is easier for the real rulers of America to sell the threat of war to the American people than the blessings of breadlines or even of protracted unemployment, with meagre benefits.

Universal compulsory military training solidifies apprehension of the designs of other peoples.

The campaign for it, is really a sinister scheme to cover up the infantile ineptness of our recent foreign policies, and sacrifice American youth to the shallow and callow statesmanship of those responsible for our foreign policies,—and they were not elected by the American people.

Foreign Policies Dictators

The demand for military training and even a temporary draft are also due partly to the fact that Catholics, as adherents of an alien Government, the Vatican, have since the Spanish revolution largely affected our foreign policy, through the authoritarianism which enables them to exercise direction of their members, as non-state-churches do not, and through placing their agents in vital policy making positions in the Government; while the Vatican, which was a great factor in entrenching Franco, Mussolini and Hitler, is mortal enemy of the Russian economic system.

In addition to the large number of Catholics in important positions in the State Department and the diplomatic service, we may mention Admiral Wm. E. Leahy, Presidential Adviser, and General J. L. Collins, Deputy Chief of Staff.

Foreign Policies Folly

We insolently grabbed naval bases in the Pacific, then asked the United Nations to make us trustee for them, with the warning we could act with or without their approval.

Our American Military Government in Germany has successfully protected many of the chief industrialists and cartels there, and they have apparently escaped the "trials" almost unscathed,—while the cartels in which some American monopolies are deeply involved, continue their program for world industrial domination.

The Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers in Japan has not broken the stranglehold of the Zaibatsu on Japan's economy, as proposed by the Far Eastern Commission in 1945.

This is partly, as an article in the State Department's Bulletin for July 13, 1947, states, because the plan "took no cognizance of the fact that much of the Zaibatsu strength lay in the intercorporate holdings of their subsidiaries," and "the plan was silent regarding measures which might be taken to prevent the emergence of new Zaibatsu groups."

The Holding Company Liquidation Commission set up in Japan, April, 1946, does not appear to have had much luck either, and of course American investors are no more averse to gold mines in Japan, than in Germany, Italy, or any other nation.

In Italy and in Greece also, our administrators have not shown brilliant results.

The pattern was projected in the raucous remarks of Henry Luce about the "American Century" echoed by his disciples in the press, and on the radio.

Bombast and Bombs

We have stockpiled atomic bombs, developed bacterial warfare, perfected jet propelled rockets and pioneered in atmospheric penetration.

This record has militated against the success of the belated, but potentially highly helpful European Recovery Program, which, in due recognition, might be called the Marshall-Vandenberg Plan,—for genuine help through self help, and for reconstruction on a truly international basis.

We should remember that we, not Russia, insisted upon the veto in the United Nations; that President Roosevelt agreed to give Russia the inside track in Eastern Europe, and practically to let her run Korea north of the 38th parallel, and also gave her the Kurile Islands.

Constructive World Planning Needed

The major causes of war are economic, not ideological, because part of the world can have a socialized economy, and part a mixed economy,—as in the United States and Britain,—but every nation even at the price of curtailment of its na-

THE UPPER CRUST



"I wonder why people aren't saving these days."

JUGOSLAVS PUSHING THEIR 5-YEAR PLAN

By Osgood Caruthers

Belgrade, Yugoslavia (AP)—When I came here, the first words I learned were, "Nema nista, Druze," that means something like, "We ain't got nothing, Pal." It climaxed my dealings with almost every shopkeeper, headwaiter and pharmacist in Belgrade.

That was nearly two years ago—about six months before Yugoslavia nationalized most industry and commerce and started her first five-year plan. Though I have had to spend most of my time in Belgrade, I've been able to watch the slow and labored development almost from the beginning.

In five years, these people want to plant the roots of all the economic and social development neglected in 500 years. They are out to industrialize a predominantly agricultural country.

Promises Given

So they have tied their oversize agriculture irrevocably to a new-born industry. To the peasant, they have guaranteed a supply of industrial goods from clothing to farm implements; to the industrial worker, more food at low prices.

Now the peasant has this choice: Selling his food surpluses for "lower uniform prices" and getting coupons entitling him to buy industrial products at equally "lower uniform prices."

Or selling at the "free market price," about five times as much. In this case, he gets no coupons and so must pay an equally high price for the things he needs.

All this depends on a distribution system still struggling for improvement.

Railroads still are mostly single track. Tired old engines drag long trains of overloaded cars, doing their best for Yugoslavia's huge new import-export program. Many roads are under construction, but many are in a state of disrepair.

Incoming goods—mostly machinery for new industry—pile up on the docks of Split, Sushak and Rijeka (once Fiume). Trucks from the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration, once in good supply, are wearing out fast.

But little by little, new freight cars are appearing, new trucks are arriving from Czechoslovakia. The shops along Belgrade's Marash Tito St. are showing things most people haven't seen for seven years. There isn't a luxury item, though, within several hundred miles.

Last year, except for UNRRA goods, you could get nothing but the poorest cloth and only one pair of clumsily made shoes a year, and those only on ration coupons.

Today the stores are bright with new cottons and woolsens from Yugoslavia's own mills, some on free sale. Fairly decent looking shoes are showing up.

Peasants, generally speaking the wealthiest people in Yugoslavia right now, do most of the heavy buying. They pay the equivalent of \$20 to \$60 for shoes, \$20 a meter (little more than a yard) for wool, \$5 for cotton—less at "fixed prices."

A vast new cooperative movement has made Yugoslavia a country where a man can chalk up more than 400 working days in a year.

A cooperative is an enterprise run by producers or consumers who share the proceeds. The Yugoslav movement goes back to prewar days

cause they were a minority, then the Lutherans. Repression follows repression.

Ailan Fraser, a Labor Member of Parliament, said if the Liberals and Country party succeeded in banning Communists, there was no guarantee they would not ban the Labor party as well if ever they got back into the government.

Attacks Smear Campaign

Sen. Murray sees newspaper bribe in anti-health bill

WASHINGTON—(FP)—The Natl. Physicians Committee is trying to bribe the American press into smearing the Wagner-Murray-Dingell health bill, Sen. James E. Murray (D, Mont.) charged on the Senate floor April 26.

Murray, a long-standing champion of labor's legislative battles, told the Senate of a phony contest for newspaper cartoonists sponsored by the physicians committee. It offers \$3,000 in prizes for newspaper cartoons attacking the federal health legislation which all labor supports.

Catch to the so-called contest is that all entries must have been published. An ad in the publishing trade magazine, Editor & Publisher, gave as a sample a smear cartoon against "socialized medicine" which appeared in the anti-labor Chicago Tribune. The magazine editorially denounced the contest as a bribe to the press.

Murray pointed out that the NPC is the "political lobbying and propaganda bureau of the American Medical Assn., and its chief purpose today is the blocking of any legislation aimed at the extension of medical service under a system of national health insurance." The AMA set up the committee, Murray said, to do the AMA's propaganda work when the parent outfit feared such work might undermine its tax-exempt status.

The Montana accused the committee of "working the red menace for all it is worth," by smearing health insurance as "socialism" and "communism." He said it has flooded the country with 25 million pamphlets, passing many of them to the public over drugstore counters, and has arranged for more than 3,000 full-page newspaper ads.

Nazi Bankers, Industrial Bosses, Back In West Germany

BERLIN—(ALN)—German bankers and industrialists who built up and ran Hitler's World War II machine are being brought back to power in the new separate administration for western Germany, composed of the U. S., British and French occupation zones. They are also getting jobs in Marshall plan organs which may pay out over \$1 billion to German industry during 1948.

August Schniewind, top Nazi financier, has been appointed German liaison officer for the European Recovery Plan. Schniewind rose to power in German banking in the 1930s after eliminating Jewish stockholders from his firm. He was a director of the Nazi government's Reichsbank during the war.

Schniewind has also been named chairman of the board of the new Bank Deutsche Laender, chief financial clearing house of the three western zones set up under Allied control.

The president of the new trizonal bank is another Nazi, Herman J. Abs. A U. S. military government report once accused Abs of running the wartime Deutsche Bank as "an economic arm of the German army exploiting the resources of occupied Europe." At the Nuremberg trial of ranking Nazis, Abs was described as having seized properties in Luxembourg, Czechoslovakia, Yugoslavia and Romania.

Old Nazi bosses are also returning to the boards of major industrial monopolies in western Germany. Walter Rohland, former SS man and chairman of the "inner committee" of Hitler's Armaments Ministry, is back as director of Vereinigte Stahlwerke (the German steel trust). He was released from internment only recently.

Negro Leaders Attack Armed Forces Segregation

WASHINGTON—(FP)—A group of Negro leaders here turned down a bid from the armed forces to form a racial relations advisory council for the military.

Sec. Lester B. Granger of the Natl. Urban League served as chairman of the group. Granger said none of his associates "wanted to continue in an advisory capacity on the basis of continued segregation in the armed services." He added, "Our group is concerned with elimination of segregation, not with its perpetuation."

The conference of Negro leaders met with chiefs of the armed forces at the Pentagon. They emerged from the meeting highly critical of Army Sec. Kenneth Royall. They said Royall had "a brickwall attitude" on the subject of segregation.

Another member of Granger's group, Pres. John W. Davis of West Virginia State College, said the air force position was like that of the army. Davis quoted air force Lieut. Gen. Ildw Edwards as saying integration of white and Negro troops would be "unwise." Davis said the statement was untrue.

In recent congressional hearings, Pres. A. Philip Randolph of the

WORLD-WISE

By Israel Epstein—Allied Labor News

EVERYTHING involving the west and the Russians, with the exception—so far—of bilingual dictionaries, is a "battle" these days. We will scrutinize this pleasant custom of headline writers and the better-paid (than we) columnists in relation to the late "battle of Berlin."

If a new "battleground" hasn't already been found, you'll still remember how early April papers ranted about Americans "besieged" in that city. That was the land "battle" that followed the sea "crisis" of those "Russian submarines" and "immediately preceded the tragic Anglo-Soviet plane accident that took the headlines in to the air. With the advantage of hindsight, let's see what really happened.

Back in 1945 the Allies agreed that planes and vehicles belonging to any one of them and traversing the zones of others would be immune from examination provided they carried only their own nationals and supplies—no Germans. Thus Nazi war criminals and other undesirables could not evade the controls of one ally by hiding under the immunity provided by the flag and military markings of another.

On March 31, 1948, the Russians, claiming western violations of the agreement, assumed the right to check passengers on U. S., British and French trains crossing their zone into Berlin. U. S. Gen. Lucius D. Clay and his Anglo-French colleagues said they would rather run no train at all than submit. They cancelled even food shipments by rail (with which the Russians proposed no interference). Men and materials were thenceforth moved, without Russian objections, by air alone. Thus the 5-day "siege" began.

On April 5, after the main bugs had been ironed out but not before the big business press and radio had screamed war to high heavens, the New York Times Berlin correspondent let out that western interzonal military trains had indeed moved Germans. Americans hadn't, he said, but the British and French had transported whole "separate coaches" of them.

Meanwhile, another incident occurred in Berlin. On April 5 a British airliner and a Soviet fighter plane collided right over the border of their respective occupation zones. All aboard both planes perished. New headlines built up the accident by recalling a Russian World War II combat technique. The headlines read: "Red Pilot Rams British Craft." No one explained why he should have chosen this method of suicide or picked that kind of target.

Russian commander Sokolovsky agreed his pilot had been careless.

INDUSTRY PROFITS SMASH ALL RECORDS FOR 2ND YEAR

NEW YORK.—(FP)—American big business shattered all its profit records, for peace or war, in 1947. The Wall Street Journal reported March 22.

The newspaper's annual survey of financial reports from 332 companies in 22 industries showed the firms hauled in profits of \$3.6 billion last year, a 48% increase over 1946. Net profits for all corporations in 1946 showed a 33% increase over 1945.

Far out in front in the profit race was the auto industry. Total earnings of the 17 companies in this industry totaled about \$440 million, 223% more than in 1946. Pacing this group was General Motors Corp., whose profit of nearly \$288 million was more than triple its 1946 profit.

Other industrial groups which showed tremendous profit gains were electrical equipment, with a rise of 154%; mining and metals, 123%; sugar companies, 117%; pulp and paper, 99%; office equipment, 96%; machinery and tools, 84.7%; building materials 63%; coal 61.5%; petroleum products, 56.2%; iron and steel, 53.1%; textiles, 26.7%; railway equipment, 23.8%; tobacco 16.5%.

Of the 22 industries surveyed, only four groups—distillers, drugs, movies and rubber goods—showed smaller profits than in 1946. The aircraft manufacturing group turned in an operating loss last year, but the Journal pointed out: "Some observers, however, think the industry may be able to reverse the earnings downturn from here on, especially if there is a pickup in military orders as seems likely now."

Huge as the reported profits are, they actually give only a partial picture of industry's unprecedented money grab. In an attempt to con-

Bro. of Sleeping Car Porters (AFL) threatened a civil disobedience program if military segregation was not ended. Asked about Randolph's statement, Washington attorney Charles Houston said:

"I am happy Randolph said that. It reflects a very deep feeling among the Negro people." Houston added that he himself is not yet ready to endorse such action.

Particularly irritating to the group was the statement by Army Sec. Royall, as quoted by Dr. Benjamin E. Mays of Morehouse College, that "there can be segregation without discrimination."

He apologized. The western allies then ditched a plan for fighter escort for their own planes. The New York Times' man, in a calmer mood, said he wasn't sure whether the Russian had buzzed the British plan "on orders" or had been stunting on his own or had simply made an untimely maneuver to land on a Russian airstrip adjacent to the British. This was the first mention of the Soviet airfield.

In the third incident on April 5, a Soviet lieutenant was shot dead in the British zone, presumably by a German. Some U. S. papers buried this event in their columns. Others ignored it. No "crisis" arose. What was clear was that with all the inter-allied excitement, even Germans felt it safe to let off guns.

April 6 both big New York papers—Times and Herald Tribune—took a new tack. They now thought the Russians had stirred up the Berlin row to divert European press attention from enactment of the Marshall plan. It was a "Soviet propaganda triumph." Heads were solemnly shaken. Those reds "outwitted us" again.

Unfortunately for this theory, the same issue of the Times reported that the Soviet army's own Berlin German-language paper had played down the city quarrel, asking editorially: "Why All This Noise?" The Times explained that Berlin was a "bottle of face." Russia was supposed to be showing all Europe she could flout the west. But if so, why did the Russians apologize about the plane and let the murder of one of their officers pass? It can't be said that they got scared and caved in. While freight trains were resumed, the Russians still insisted on checking passenger credentials.

Squaring off for more headline "battles," some columnists said sagely that these would certainly come, both in Berlin and elsewhere, since "the Italian elections were only 13 days away." A good head for this one would be: "Italian Pre-Election Violence Spreads Throughout World."

Indeed, no end of wisecracks could be made about how the press inflames every two-bit difference into a cause of war—or nearly. Unfortunately, wisecracks aren't in order. The stuff of which such obscene catch-penny thrills are made is dynamite—no joke at all but your life and mine.

The total number of women wage earners and salaried employees in the U.S.S.R. increased from 3,300,000 in 1929 to about 9,350,000 in 1937. In 1939 over 43 per cent of all Russian manual workers in large-scale industries were women.

The boast of heraldry, the pomp of power, and all that beauty, all that wealth e'er gave, await alike the inevitable hour: the path of glory leads but to the grave. —Gray.

Read "The Silent People Speak"

THE SILENT PEOPLE SPEAK is the title of the latest book about Yugoslavia written by Robert St. John. The author spent last year nine months in Yugoslavia, studying the conditions by contacting the rank and file of the people, rather than the government officials. The book should be of interest to all Americans who are still confused about that country, and particularly to those of Yugoslav descent. It can be ordered from SANS, 3424 Wab 26th St., CHICAGO 23, ILLINOIS. (In Cleveland, contact the Secretary of branch 39 at the Slovene National Home). Members of SANS can purchase the book at a special discount (\$3.50), otherwise the book sells for \$4.00.