

SEDEM ZAVEZNIŠKIH ARMAD V OFENZIVI!

Ruske oklopne kolone se vale proti Dunaju

AMERIČANI INVADIRALI OTOK CEBU

Pariz, 27. marca. — Sedma ameriška armada, katere poveljnik je general Patch, je prekorčila reko Reno na južnem koncu zapadne fronte in se pridružila ostalim šestim zaveznim armadam na vzhodni strani Rene, ki drobe odpor nemških sil v prodiranju proti Berlinu. Zavezniki prodirajo naprej v vseh sektorjih zapadne fronte.

Nemško poročilo pravi, da so enote sedme armade pred vrati Karlsruha, komunikacijskega centra.

General George S. Patton, poveljnik tretje ameriške armade, je zagnal oklopne kolone v osrčje Nemčije po okupaciji Frankfurt, industrijskega središča ob reki Main, devetega največjega nemškega mesta, ki je imelo 546.000 prebivalcev v mirnem času. Enote tretje armade so prodrle 80 milj daleč v smeri Berlina od reke Rene in prve so despele do točke, ki je oddaljena samo 200 milj od nemške prestolnice.

Oklopne in pehotne kolone prve ameriške armade so prodrle 35 milj daleč od Remagena ob Reni in se približale Heckholzhensu, osem milj severovzhodno od Limburga. Nemške čete beže iz Limburga, ki leži 225 milj južnozahodno od Berlina.

Druga britska armada drobi odpor nemških sil na vzhodni strani Wesela. Britske, kanadske in ameriške čete drže mostišča v severni Nemčiji. Glavni stan generala Eisenhowerja poroča, da so zavezniki ujeli 248.000 sovražnikov od začetka ofenzive na zapadni fronti.

London, 27. marca. — Oklopne in pehotne kolone dveh ruskih armad se vale preko Ogrske proti Dunaju ob reki Donavi. Moskva poroča, da so despele v bližino Gyora, glavne trdnjave v trikotju ozemlja ob Donavi. Prve so zasedle ozemlje, ki leži 60 milj južnovzhodno od predmestij avstrijskega glavnega mesta.

Rusi so zasedli po prekoračenju reke Hron v več krajih 36 milj dolge fronte Banskó Bistricy v Slovačiji, 125 milj vzhodno od Dunaja. Druge sovske sile se bližajo Krkonoskim goram v prodiranju preko Gornje Slezije.

Uradni komunikacije, objavljen danes jutraj v Moskvi, pravi, da so Rusi ujeli 21.000 Nemcev v obročnih krajih Vzhodne Prusije in da zdaj naskakujejo Emaus, pol milje od Gdanske, pristanišnega mesta ob Baltičnem morju. Heele in Pelonken, predmestji Gdanske, sta v ruskih rokah.

Manila, Filipini, 27. marca. — Radio Tokio poroča, da so ameriške čete invadirale otok Cebu v Filipinski grupi, ki je še v japonskih rokah. Glavni stan generala MacArthurja ni potrdil in ne zanika tokijskega poročila.

Cebu leži med otokoma Negros in Leyte. Dolg je 130 milj in 29 milj širok. Glavno mesto tega otoka je bilo tarča ameriških bombnih napadov v zadnjih dveh dneh. MacArthur je naznanil, da so Japonci izgubili 297.024 vojakov v bitkah z ameriški silami na Filipinih.

Guam, 27. marca. — Čez dve dni ameriških bombnikov je bombardiralo japonske letalske baze in vojaške objekte na otoku Kyushu. Bombe so padale tudi na Omuro, kjer so velike letalske tovarne, in na Okinawo, pomorsko bazo.

NEKAJ O OCENITVI JEDNOTE

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V tej izdaji glasila je priobčena aktualna ocena naše organizacije (Valuation Report) za leto 1944, v katerem se članstvo opozarja na nekatere statistične podatke.

Tako na primer lahko vidite, da je solvenost naše jednote kljub vojnim izgubam porasla nad pol odstotka, kar sicer ni veliko, vendar je pa važno za te čase. Slišali so se opomini od strani nekaterih članov na pažnjo gospodarske strani organizacije, češ, da je treba sedaj večje previdnosti, da ne zabredemo v kakšno nepravilno. Aktualno poročilo je porok, da sedaj še ne postoji nobene nevarnosti smrtninskemu skladu, to je, da bi pretila kakšna potreba za izredne doklade v omenjeni sklad.

Tudi članska umrljivost, valic vojnim žrtvam, se ni posebno zvišala, kar priča zadevna tabela tega poročila. To pomeni, da je naša jednota zdrava in močna v gospodarskem oziru, kar je temeljna podlaga vsakega podjetja te vrste.

Edino obrestna mera naših investicij je problem, s katerim je treba računati, toda v tem oziru so vse denarne institucije in življensko zavarovalne družbe enako z nami prizadete. Sicer pa, če potreba nanesemo, se lahko nekoliko zviša assement za novoizdane certifikate, kar bo tudi vprašanje—če ne pride do kaj hujšega—rešilo.

Ker smo na zadnjih par konvencijah imeli precej razprav glede vpeljave nove vrste zavarovanja v naši organizaciji in je bilo med nekaterimi mlajšimi delegati precej optimizma glede certifikatov "gotovinske vrednosti po dvajsetih letih plačevanja" (endowment), bo mogoče člane zanimalo, ako pokažemo, kako je članstvo zavarovano v razne vrste zavarovanja, oziroma pod različni načrti v oddelku odraslih.

Za navadno življensko zavarovanje (Ordinary Life) je izdanih 40.532 certifikatov, ali 80.24%; za v teku dvajsetih let plačano zavarovanje (20 Year Life) je izdanih 9.005 certifikatov, ali 17.82%; za dvajsetletno izplačano gotovinsko zavarovanje (20 Year Endowment) je izdanih 432 certifikatov, ali .78%; 492 je na plačnem in avtomatičnem podaljšanju zavarovalnine, črtanih, 49 je zavarovanih pod načrtom gotovinske vrednosti ob 70. letu in eden v iste vrste načrtu bo dobil izplačano gotovino ob 80. letu starosti.

Resnici na ljubo je treba kajpada omeniti, da dvajsetletno gotovinsko zavarovanje pri naši organizaciji ni še posebno dolgo v veljavi, vlic temu se lahko smelo reče, da med našimi ljudmi ni zanj takega zanimanja kot se je mogoče pričakovalo.

Kot že omenjeno, trdna gospodarska podlaga je najboljša garancija sigurnega zavarovanja v naši jednoti, kar naj člani, ki se podajo na agencijo za novimi člani, ne pozabijo naglašati.

Poleg gospodarske stabilnosti je pa jednota tudi napredno in delavsko orientirana organizacija, katere ne služi le interesom svojega članstva, ampak demokratičnim težnjam vobče.

ČLANI NE POZABITE NA JEDNOTINE AKTIVNOSTI, POSEBNO V PRIDOBIVANJU NOVEGA ČLANSTVA!

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Važen odlok vladnega odbora

Pogajanja z organizacijo delovodij

Washington, D. C., 27. marca. — Vojni delavski odbor je reviziral svoje stališče z odlokom, da se morajo delodajalci pogajati z organizacijo delovodij. To je važen odlok in bo vplival na odnose med grupama.

Delodajalci so trdili, da so delovodije v bistvu udeleženi v upravljanju industrij in da kot taki nimajo pravice do kolektivnega pogajanja v smislu Wagnerjevega zakona.

Vojni delavski odbor je v maju l. 1943 sicer priznal delovodjem pravico organiziranja, zanikal pa jim je pravico kolektivnega pogajanja z delodajalci. Sedanjí odlok je ovrženje prvotnega odloka.

Odbor je odločil, da se morajo v prihodnjih 60 dneh vršiti volitve med delovodji, ki so upošleni v tovarnah Packard Motor Car Co. v Detroitu. Pri teh bodo odločili, ali naj jih neodvisna unija, znana pod imenom Foremen's Association of America, reprezentira pri kolektivnih pogajanjih ali ne. Ta unija je vodila več stavk v preteklem letu v detroitskih tovarnah.

Poljski odbor v Varšavi protestira

London, 27. marca. — Poljski odbor v Varšavi, katerega je sovjetska Rusija priznala kot začasno vlado, je objavil deklaracijo s protestom, ker ni bil povabljen na konferenco Združenih narodov, ki se prične 25. aprila v San Franciscu, Cal. V tej trdi, da je vzrok v intrigah poljske ubežne vlade v Londonu. Povabilo, naj se udeleži konferenca, ni dobil odbor v Varšavi in ne ubežna vlada v Londonu.

Hitler sklical konferenco ministrov

Diskuzije o kritični situaciji

London, 27. marca. — Poročilo iz Curiha, Švica, pravi, da je diktator Hitler pozval člane vlade in voditelje nacistične stranke na konferenco v Berchtesgaden, svojemu skrivališču v Bavarskih Alpah.

Poročilo dostavlja, da bo glavni predmet diskuzij kritična vojna situacija. Nemške sile dobivajo strahovite udarce na zapadni in vzhodni fronti in znamenja kažejo, da bodo kmalu zdrobljene. Nemčija stoji pred neizbežno katastrofo.

Ministre in voditelje nacistične stranke bodo pripeljala letala v Berchtesgaden. Druga vest iz Švice pravi, da je besednik nemškega vojnega ministrstva opozoril nemško ljudstvo, naj bo pripravljeno na vse eventualnosti.

Govorice se širijo, da Nemci odvažajo težke topove, tanke in drugo orožje v bavarske pokrajine v zvezi s pripravami za zadnjo obrambo. Zavezniki letalci poročajo o prevažanju orožja v te pokrajine iz krajev ob zapadni fronti, kjer ameriške, britske, kanadske in francoske sile drobe odpor Nemcev.

Načrt za omejitve dolga sprejet

Washington, D. C., 27. marca. — Senat je sprejel načrt, ki doleča omejitve narodnega dolga na tristo milijard dolarjev. Senator Taft, republikanec iz Ohia, je pozval Rooseveltovo administracijo, naj predloži kongresu pregled vladnega fiskalnega programa. Nižja kongresna zbornica je istočasno dovolila \$50.000 za študijo finančnega programa administracije za socialno zaščito.

BRUENING HOČE POSTATI VLADAR NEMČIJE

Katoliški center naj bi rešil nemški imperializem

VATIKAN SKUŠA OPRATI ZLOČINCE

Moskva, 27. marca. — Pisatelj Ilija Ehrenburg piše v Pravdi, glasilu komunistične stranke, da je dr. Heinrich Bruening, Hitlerjev prednik kot kancelar, postal kandidat za vladarja Nemčije. On hoče biti Hitlerjev dedič.

"V Vzhodni Prusiji sem se setal s katoliškim vikarjem, ki mi je pojasnil načrt glede formiranja močne nemške katoliške države," pravi Ehrenburg. "Drugi duhovniki so tudi govorili o načrtu. Ti niso sanjali, temveč reprezentanti disciplinirane organizacije." Očitno je, da bo katoliški center skušal rešiti nemški imperializem. Bruening, vodja nemških katolikov, ki živi v Ameriki, se je oglasil zdaj, ko ruske, ameriške in britske armade prodirajo proti Berlinu. V svojih člankih, katere objavlja v glasilu nemških socialnih demokratov, govori o prošlosti, misli pa na bodočnost. Bruening piše in govori svobodno v Ameriki kar pomeni, da ima pomagače in podpornike. On ni sanjač. Katoliški listi v Ameriki se silno zanimajo za rehabilitacijo Nemčije. Če ne bi bili pisani v angleščini, bi jih človek lahko smatral za nemške časopise.

Ehrenburg dalje pravi, "da se rimski papež silno zanima za rešitev Nemčije. To zanimanje je političnega značaja in nima zveze z vero. Vatikan noče rešiti nemških otrok, temveč nemško armado. To ni krivda katoliške vere kot take. Katoliki v Franciji, Belgiji in na Poljskem so se odločno in pogumno borili proti nemškemu invaderjem. Ti so gotovo presenečeni, ko vidijo, da skuša Vatikan oprati vojne zločince. Vatikan se boji, da z zlozom nacizma in fašizma pride prerjenje, svetloba in svoboda."

Boston, Mass., 27. marca. — Dr. Heinrich Bruening, ki je profesor na univerzi Harvard, je dejal, da je članek v Pravdi nesmišeln. On je odločno zaničkal trditve, da hoče postati Hitlerjev dedič. Bruening je bil nemški kancelar od marca l. 1930 do maja l. 1932.

Kongresna preiskava črnih tržišč

Washington, D. C., 27. marca. — Kongres se je izrekel za preiskavo črnih tržišč, ki so deloma odgovorna za pomanjkanje mesa. Ugotovljeno je, da operatorji teh tržišč grmadijo profite. Separatno preiskavo bodo vodili tudi agenti detektivskega biroja federalnega justičnega departmanta.

Američani osvobodili vojne ujetnike

Washington, D. C., 27. marca. Sedma ameriška armada je osvobodila 900 zaveznikov vojnih ujetnikov, ki so se nahajali v nemškem taborišču v bližini Saarbrueckena. Med temi so bili Rusi, Jugoslovani, Poljaki in Francozi.

Zbornica kanadske province razpuščena

Toronto, Ontario, Kanada, 27. marca. — Premier George A. Drew je razpustil zbornico te province. Akcija je sledila, ko je zbornica izrekla nezaupnico vladí. Drew je naznanil, da bodo razpisane splošne volitve v bližnji bodočnosti.

Domače vesti

Ilustrirana revija o Jugoslaviji

New York. — Združeni odbor je izdal zelo lepo in zgodovinsko važno ilustrirano revijo "Liberation (Osvoboditev)" o osvobodilnem boju v Jugoslaviji. Revija bazira na izbranih slikah — po številu okrog 125 — ki jih je Združeni odbor prejel iz starega kraja. Uredil jo je zelo lično in okusno pisatelj Louis Adamič. Stane 50c izvod in se naroča pri United Committee of South-Slavic Americans, 465 Lexington ave., New York 17, N. Y. Revija je velike zgodovinske vrednosti in jo toplo priporočamo vsem.

Kandidira v šolski odbor

Springfield, Ill. — Prihodnji torek, 3. aprila, bodo v tem mestu volitve za šolski odbor, v katerega kandidira tudi Gerry Allard, član društva Lincolntes 567 SNPJ. Gerry je znan delavski borilec in je bil nominiran za šolski odbor od organiziranega delavstva, predvsem od premogarjev. Volitve so nestrankske in če se jih delavstvo udeleži, so dobri izgledi, da bo br. Allard izvoljen. On je bil več let urednik Progressive Minerja in pozneje Socialist Calla.

Bolniki

St. Louis, Mo. — Pri društvu 107 SNPJ so na bolniški listi sledeči člani: V bolnišnici sta Terzija Romshek, zadeta od mrtvouda, in Anna Hočevar, doma se pa zdravita John Skubic in Geare Racky.

Posvan v armado

Fredericktown, Pa. — Dne 14. marca je šel k vojakom Edward Magayna, drugi sin predsednika društva 288 SNPJ, ki je bil pozvan v armado. Starejši sin Max Magayna ml. je nekje v Nemčiji. Poleg teh so še sledeči člani tega društva v službi Strica Samka: William Lokar, John Zadnik, Edward Turman, Joseph in Paul Cerar, Charles Yerkish in Frank Barbich.

Novice iz Minnesote

Ely, Minn. — Tukaj je umrla Elizabeta Janezich, doma nekje z Gorenjskega, kjer zapušča več sorodnikov.

Hibbing. — V tukajšnji bolnišnici je po kratki bolezni umrl John Barich, star 51 let in je živel v tem mestu čez 30 let.

Chisholm. — V Mesaba Clinic Hospitalu je umrla mr. J. Klebar iz Milwaukeeja, stara 28 let.

Nashauk. — Mike Miskovich je bil obveščen, da je 22. febr. padel v Italiji S/Sgt. Joseph Miskovich.

Se smirno ponesrečil

Compton, Cal. — Pri delu v rafineriji se je 5. marca smrtno ponesrečil Frank J. Lampe, star 53 let in rojen v Gornji Oreovici pri St. Jerneju na Dolenjskem, odkoder je prišel z materjo v San Franciscu, ko mu je bilo devet let. Zapušča ženo, dve hčeri, tri mesece starega sinčka, dve sestre, štiri brate in več drugih sorodnikov. Bil je član samostojnega društva.

Novi grobovi v Penni

Conemaugh, Pa. — Dne 20. marca je tukaj umrl po dolgi bolezni Frank Zupančič, star 71 let, doma iz Gornjega Hotiča pri Litiji, odkoder je prišel v Ameriko pred 38 leti. Zapušča ženo, tri sinove in štiri hčere. Bil je dolgoletni član društva 168 SNPJ.

Krky, Pa. — Tukaj je naglo umrl Anton Mrak, star 62 let, doma iz Begunj pri Cerklju in član društva 174 SNPJ. Zapušča ženo, dva sinova (enega v armadi), dve sestre in več drugih sorodnikov.

Is Clevelanda

Cleveland. — Po enoletni bolezni je umrla Gertrude Leslie, roj. Bonča in stara 24 let. Zapušča moža, sinčka, starše, tri brate in dve sestre. — Družina Joseph Novak je bila obveščena, da je bil na otoku Iwo 24. febr. ranjen njen sin Pfc. Lawrence Novak, pri vojakih od junija 1943. Prej je služil preko Atlan-

Usoda tujih delavcev v Nemčiji

Rdeči križ izraža bojazen

Bern, Švica, 27. marca. — Uradniki mednarodnega Rdečega križa izražajo bojazen glede usode tujih delavcev in zaveznikov vojnih ujetnikov v Nemčiji. Ti so v precepu zaveznikov armad na zapadni in vzhodni fronti.

Rdeči križ sodi, da je v Nemčiji okrog 15.000.000 tujih delavcev in vojnih ujetnikov. Dokler ni nastala konfuzija kot posledica zaveznikov ofenziv, je lahko dostavljati zavoje z živili vojnim ujetnikom.

Več tisoč vojnih ujetnikov so osvobodile ruske, ameriške in britske armade v sedanji ofenzivi. Glavni stan mednarodnega Rdečega križa sodi, da je veliko število delavcev pobegnilo iz nemških mest in industrijskih središč, ki so tarča bombnih napadov. Ti se skrivajo v gozdovih.

Med tujimi delavci in vojnimi ujetniki je okrog 3.000.000 Poljakov in Rusov ter čez 2.000.000 Francozov. Ostalo število tvorijo vojni ujetniki in delavci iz drugih evropskih držav. Pogajanja med uradniki Rdečega križa in nemškimi avtoritetami glede postopanja napram vojnim ujetnikom niso prinesla zadovoljivega rezultata.

Kontrola otokov na Pacifiku

Posvetovanja glede rešitve problema

Washington, D. C., 27. marca. — Doznava se, da je bil na konferenci "velike trojice" v Jalti na Krimu sestavljen načrt, ki bo omogočil rešitev problema kontrole strateških otokov na Pacifiku. Diskuzije o načrtu se bodo nadaljevale na konferenci Združenih narodov, ki se prične v San Franciscu, Cal., 25. aprila. Možnost je, da bo na tej konferenci formiran svet zaupništva v okviru predlagane svetovne organizacije za vzdrževanje in zaščito miru po zaključenju sedanjih vojn.

Predsednik Roosevelt in državni tajnik Edward R. Stettinius se posvetojeta s člani ameriške zaščitne organizacije. Trdi se, da bodo imeli na konferenci v San Franciscu besedo reprezentanti delavskih unij in industrijskih grup.

Poučni krogi v Washingtonu trdijo, da je bil sporazum med Ameriko, Veliko Britanijo, Rusijo in Kitajsko dosežen glede formiranja sveta zaupništva. Te velesile sponzorirajo konferenco v San Franciscu.

Kakšno stališče bo zavzela Francija, ki je bila povabljená, naj se pridruži sponzorjem konference, a je povabilo odklonila, ni znano.

V Washingtonu je dospel kanadski premier Mackenzie King in se setal z Rooseveltom in Stettinijusom. Uradno poročilo pravi, da so razpravljali o poziciji Kanade v mednarodni zaščitni organizaciji, ki bo najbrže formirana na konferenci v San Franciscu.

Ruska cerkev pošlje delegacijo v Sofijo

Moskva, 27. marca. — Patriarh ruske pravoslavne cerkve Aleksej je naznanil, da bo delegacija te cerkve obiskala Sofijo z namenom utrditve in poglavitve odnosajev z bolgarsko pravoslavno cerkvijo. Delegacija bo vodil moskovski nadškof Gregorij.

tika 18 mesecev in bil ranjen, po ozdravljenju pa poslan na Pacifik.

NEMŠKE PRIPRAVE ZA OBRAMBO LJUBLJANE

Enote jugoslovanske armade v bližini mesta

NEMCI MOBILIZIRALI DIJAKE

Washington, D. C., 27. marca. — Časniška agentura Tanjug poroča iz Belgrada, da se enote jugoslovanske armade bližajo Ljubljani, prestolnici Slovenije, in da se Nemci pripravljajo za obrambo.

Nemške vojaške avtoritete so mobilizirale vse prebivalce za kopanje strelskih jarkov in gradnjo utrdb. Enote nemške armade se vežbajo za poulične bitke. Ljubljana je ograjena z omrežjem boječe žice.

Poročilo dostavlja, da samo nemški častniki in njihovi služabniki dobivajo dovoljenja za obiske okoliških krajev. Služabniki prinašajo živila v Ljubljano in jih prodajajo na črnih tržiščih. Promet cestne železnice je bil ustavljen zaradi pomanjkanja električne sile.

Nemci so mobilizirali dijake za obrambna dela. Nemška delavska organizacija Todt je zagleda poslopja ljubljanske univerze.

Radio Belgrad je naznanil, da so bili štirje poškodovani mostovi in šest razbitih v distriktu Metkoviću popravljeni. Promet je bil obnovljen na vseh cestah in železnicah v tem distriktu.

Osvobodene jugoslovanske pokrajine potrebujejo za izvedbo rehabilitacijskega programa 27.000 ton železa in jekla, 2100 ton kavčuka, 4500 ton stekla in 1700 ton usnja.

Bivši britski premier George umrl

Član "velike četverice" v prvi svetovni vojni

London, 27. marca. — David Lloyd George, britski premier v prvi svetovni vojni, je umrl v spanju v svojem domu v Carnorvonshiru, Wales, po pettedstari bolezni. Ob smrti je bil star 82 let.

Njegova žena je bila ob njegovi postelji, ko je umrl, kakor tudi dve poročni hčeri in sin Gwylm, minister za kurivo v vladi premierja Churchilla.

Lloyd George je bil član parlamenta 54 let. Prvič je bil izvoljen za poslanca l. 1890.

Priden ja Anglija stopila v prvo svetovno vojno, je George postal premier. On je igral vodilno vlogo na mirovni konferenci v Versaillesu po zaključitvi te vojne kot član "velike četverice." To so tvorili on, ameriški predsednik Wilson, francoski premier George Clemenceau in italijanski premier Vittorio Orlando. Izmed teh živi še Orlando.

Ruski maršal Sapošnikov umrl

London, 27. marca. — Radio Moskva poroča, da je maršal Boris Sapošnikov, bivši šef generalnega štaba, umrl po dolgi bolezni. Poročilo dostavlja, da je bil Sapošnikov eden izmed najspodobnejših ruskih vojaških voditeljev.

Bombe ubile 800 ljudi v Hagueju

London, 27. marca. — Zdaj je bilo razkrito, da so bombe, katere so britski letalci vrgli na Hague, glavno holandsko mesto, ubile čez 800 ljudi in ranile čez tisoč drugih. Napad je bil izvršen 3. marca.

Iz urada tajništva SANS

"Zadnji teden smo v tej koloni objavili pismo, ki je bilo odobreno na seji glavnega odbora SANSa 10. marca in v katerem je bilo izraženo naše zadovoljstvo o zaključkih krimske konference. Dne 16. marca pa je bil prejet iz Washingtona sledeči odgovor:

The White House
Washington
March 16 1945.
Mr. Etbin Kristan, President,
Slovenian American
National Council,
Chicago 23, Illinois.

Dear Mr. Kristan:
The President wishes me to tell you how much he appreciates your letter of March thirteenth. Your word of confidence is most pleasing to him and he is indeed glad to know that you and your associates approve his report to the Congress on the Crimea Conference.

Very sincerely yours,
William D. Hassett
Secretary to the President

Pošiljka relifnih potrebščin

Ameriški rdeči križ je obvestil urad WRFASDD v New Yorku, da je dobil obvestilo od jugoslovanskega rdečega križa iz Barija, Italija, da je prva pošiljka relifnega materiala od Vojnega relifnega fonda Američanov južnoslovanskega porekla dospela v jugoslovanske roke. Skoraj istočasno pa smo prejeli izlika belgajske "Politike", v kateri je priobčen daljši članek o prejetih zalozah in citat iz pisma WRFASDD, v katerem je bilo pojasnjeno delo tega skupnega jugoslovanskega relifnega fonda in seznam poslanega materiala. V članku je omienjeno, da je 80% poslanih potrebščin od WRFASDD, ostali del pa od JPO, slovenske sekcije, od Hrvaške bratske zajednice in organizacije kanadskih Rusov.

Zverinako postopanje sovražnikov v Sloveniji

Iz lista "Slobodna Dalmacija" od 11. februarja 1945 vzemamo:

Narodne oblasti v Sloveniji so točno ugotovile vse zločine in imena nekaterih zločincev, ki so decembra meseca lanskega leta v okrožju Kozje v južni Stajarski tri tedne ropali, ubijali in požigali pod komando majorja Bergea. V tej dobi so domobranec, ustaši in Nemci odpeljali iz kozjanskih vasi 28 tovernih in 8 privatnih avtomobilov napolnjenih s hrano in živežem in okrog 40 glav goveje živine. V Zagorju so zločinci popolnoma oropali cerkve, odnesli zvon in vrvi iz zvonika, pokradli zlato cerkveno posodo, na cerkvena okna pa zapisali: "Živijo Hitler!" in "Živijo Pavelić!". V vasi Planini so Rupnikovi belogardi, ustaši in Nemci oskrnili 30 žena, izmed katerih je ena umrla. Enemu vašaču so presekali vrat in odsečili ličnik. Ubili so tudi eno vaščanko, mater peterih otrok, ker so pri njej našli otroško kapo s partizansko zvezdo. Fašisti so nameravali narod do kraja uničiti, a je namero preprečila narodna vojska, katero je narod zgradil v borbi proti okupatorjem.

Prispevki za pomožno akcijo WRFASDD

Med 15. in 23. marcem so poslali prispevke za pomožno akcijo Vojnega relifnega fonda Američanov južnoslovanskega porekla sledeči: Podružnica št. 25, Chicago, \$5. Darovala je sestra Mary Andreas; št. 94, Hostetter, Pa., \$15.00; št. 98 (darovalo društvo sv. Alojzija št. 57 ABZ), Export, Pa., \$20.00. Vsoto je poslal Andrej Drinjevič. Za podružnico št. 79, Girard, Ohio, je poslal blagajnik Math Kogovšek lepo vsoto \$200.00. Od te podružnice smo nekaj tednov prej prejeli že \$300.00. Društvo št. 104 SNPJ, West Allis, Wis., je po tajniku Josipu Turku poslalo \$76.00; darovali so večina slovenski gostilničarji in trgovci. Seznam darovalcev je bil izročen Prosveti.

SANSov zapisnikar Jakob Zupan je daroval za pomožno akcijo \$20, SANSu za upravo pa \$20.00. To pomeni, da je brat Zupan daroval vso plačo, ki jo je prejel za ureditev kongresnega zapisnika, v korist slovenskega naroda. Sestra Pepea Juratović, Hammond, Ind., je prispevala za pomožno akcijo \$10.00.

Iz Detroita poroča tajnica po-

družnice št. 1 sestra Lia Menton, da je lokalni odbor zopet poslal 209 velikih vreč obleke, oblačila in drugih potrebščin v naše skladišče v New York. Iz Aurore, Ill., se je zopet oglašila naša rojakinja Antonia Aister in sporočila, da je odposlala zopet en zaboj obleke, čevljev, nogavice itd., vse za deklice v starosti med 12. in 16. letom. Rojakinja Frances Prosen, Alton, Ark., tudi sporoča, da je poslala 32 komadov raznega oblačila in blaga v skladišče.

Vsem darovalcem in prispevateljem izrekamo prisrčno zahvalo.

Razno

Vsem odborom SANSa in lokalnim podružnicam smo poslali po en izvod knjige "Guns for Tito", ki jo je spisal ameriški major Louis Huot. Podružnične tajnike prosimo, da knjige posodijo svojim članom za čitanje. Kdor hoče knjigo kupiti, jo lahko naroči tudi od Louisa Adamiča, Milford, New Jersey, ako pošlje denarno nakaznico za \$2.75.

Nekaterim podružnicam smo že odposlali SANSove znake, toda ne še vsem. Vzrok za odlaganje je, ker prejmemo vsak teden le po par sto znakov in te sproti pošiljamo podružnicam v zaporednem redu. Vzelo bo še nekaj tednov, predno prejmemo vse. Člane prosimo, da upoštevajo vojne razmere in nekoliko potrpijo, ako znakov takoj ne prejmejo.

V kratkem bodo prejete tudi ilustrirane revije "Liberation", v katerih je ponatisnjenih 118 slik iz Jugoslavije, največ iz Slovenije. Revijo je uredil Louis Adamič. Posamezni iztisi se bodo prodajali po 50 centov. Delo je zelo lično, gradivo poučno in slike nadvse zanimive.

Prireditve

Na Velikonočno nedeljo priredi v Waukeganu podružnica št. 36 SANS in postojanka JPO-SS dramsko predstavo "Norec". Gostujejo člani dramskega odseka kluba JSZ iz Chicaga. Govoril bo Joško Oven.

V soboto, 14. aprila ima podružnica št. 33, Bridgeport, Ohio, shod in veselico v družstveni dvorani v Boydsvillu. Kot govornik nastopi Mirko G. Kuhel.

V nedeljo, 29. aprila prireditve skupne podružnice SANSa v Chicagu bogat program, v katerem je vključena tudi Mile Klopčičeva enodejanka "Mati". V imenu SANSa bo govoril predsednik Etbin Kristan.

Isti dan se vrši velika prireditve v korist SANSa in pomožne akcije v Strabanu, Pa. Program je v oskrbi dramatičnega kluba SOČA. Govoril bo Joško Oven.

Podružnice in lokalne odbore, ki prirejajo veselice, shode in igre v korist SANSa ali pomožne akcije, prosimo, da sporočijo v naš urad potrebne podatke. La na ta način je mogoče prireditve pravilno oglašati.

Seja glavnega odbora SANSa, ki se je vršila 10. marca, je bila obdržavana v Bergerjevi dvorani v Chicagu. Brat Paul Berger je dovolil rabo dvorane brezplačno. Brat Berger in njegova soproga vedno rada pomagata pri vseh prireditvah podružnice št. 25, kakor tudi za časa seji izvrševalnega odbora. V imenu SANSa mu izrekam najlepšo zahvalo za njegovo velikodušnost in poštovanje.

Mirko G. Kuhel, tajnik.

Društvene vesti

Witt, Ill. — Članstvo društva št. 151 SNPJ je na svoji redni seji, ki se je vršila 18. marca, pretresalo o 13. redni konvenciji in zaključilo, naj glavni eksperimentalni odsek preloži konvencijo za nedoločen čas vsled sedanjih vojnih razmer.

Nadalje smo sklenili, da se naše društvo letos ne bo združilo z drugim društvom v svrhu izvolitve delegata za 13. redno konvencijo, kajti društvo šteje samo 47 članov. Toliko v pojasnilo.

Jacob Bregant, tajnik.

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REPORT OF SICK BENEFIT PAYMENT
Payment of March 8, 1945

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Glasovi iz naselbin

PRIREDBA V KORIST STARE DOMOVINE

Chicago, Ill. — Pisma za oglaševanje za programske knjižice in vstopnice so bile poslano na vsa slovenska čikaška in okolišna društva, za katere smo imeli naslove, v korist prireditve, katere se bo vršila v pomoč našim ljudem v stari domovini. Ta veljavna priredba se bo vršila v nedeljo, 29. aprila, v Češki dvorani na 1838 W. 18th St. Pričetek programa ob treh popoldne. Celokupni odbor je mnenja, da to pot se bo točnost tudi upoštevala. Na javnost apeliramo, da pride v dvorano pred tretjo uro in sledi celotnemu programu.

Kot je že dosledno razvidno od prijavljenih, ki bodo sodelovali pri programu, lahko trdimo, da bo bogat in skoz in skoz zanimiv. Imena skupin in posameznikov, ki bodo sodelovali pri programu, bomo objavili kakor hitro bomo imeli ves program skupaj. Ker na takih priredbah ne sme biti brez govornika, smo povabili in se je odzval starosta vseh govornikov Etbin Kristan, predsednik SANSa.

Na programu bo tudi za te čase in za to priredbo najbolj primerna igra "Mati", ki jo je spisal nam ameriškim Slovincem poznani, v stari domovini živeči pesnik in pisatelj Mile Klopčič. Igra je enodejanka in je skoz in skoz napeta, ker je povzeta iz partizanskih bojev proti okupatorjem in domačim kvizlingi. Odbor je mnenja, da popoldanski program ne sme trajati več kot dve uri in pol. Po programu so pa takoj prične domača zabava in ples. Seveda, pijača in jedcača bo tudi na razpolago.

V pismih smo poudarjali, da mora biti ta priredba solidarna demonstracija vseh čikaških in okolišnih Slovincem v korist naših ljudi v stari domovini. Če bo, bomo po prireditvi tudi kdo zabeležili, koga bo zadelo, na to se ne bomo ozirali. Kdor nasprotuje direktno ali indirektno taki humanitarni akciji, ki gre za tem, da se pomaga tistim, ki si sami ne morejo pomagati in so najbolj pomoči potrebni, tak ni drugega vreden. Ponovno apeliramo na vsa čikaška društva in posameznike, da sodelujete z odborom do vključitvi 29. aprila, da bo ta priredba velik moralen in finančni uspeh. — Za združeni odbor čikaških podružnic SANS in JPO-SS —

Louis Zorko, tajnik.

RAZPRAVLJANJE O KONVENCIJI

Witt, Ill. — Mislim sem že vreči puško v koruzo in se podati v pokoj, pa mi živci ne puste, čeprav ima brat urednik dobre škarje in odreže, kar njemu ne ugađa.

Nimam namena nikogar žaliti. Danes se bom dotaknil prihodnje konvencije, katere se i-tima vršiti to leto, kar bo koristno za vse člane SNPJ. Iz poročil mnogih članov je razvidno, da konvencija želi, da bi preložili konvencijo do konca vojne. Tudi jaz kot star jednotar se popolnoma strinjam, da bi preložili konvencijo. Zato je mnogo razlogov: prvič, konvencijski sklad ima primanjkljaj, drugič, ako pomislimo, kje se bo vršila konvencija in koliko bo stala vožnja, moramo priti do zaključka, da bodo samo železniške družbe na dobičku, dočim bodo morali člani in članice pokriti stroške, a stroškov pa je že tako in tako preveč na vseh straneh.

Bratje in sestre, apeliram, da pristanemo na glavni odbor, da povzamemo korake in preloži konvencijo za nedolocen čas, to je, dokler traja vojna. Glavni odbor naj vso zadevo pojasni za varovalniškemu komisarju države Illinois (to se je že zgodilo —ured.) in gotovo bo prošnja uslišana.

Jaz se že pokoravam pravdom SNPJ od prve konvencije naprej in sem pripravljen pokoravati se tudi v bodoče, ako bo konvencija preložena. Seveda, od prve konvencije dalje so bila naša pravila z vsako konvencijo

izboljšana skoro v vseh ozirih, tako da so danes prilično izpolnjena in ni potreba kakšnih posebnih sprememb.

Kar pa se tiče delegacije, naj ostane tako kot je zaključila zadnja konvencija v Pittsburghu. Članstvo pa naj samo sodi, koliko delegatov si izvoli za prihodnjo konvencijo. Ako društva izvolijo dobre in razsodne delegate, potem jih je potreba polovico manj in bodo bolje izvršili delo in hitreje zaključili konvencijo.

Znano mi je, ko se delegati vrnejo domov in poročajo konvencijske sklepe članstvu svojih društev, da mnogi niso zadovoljni s sklepi. Temu pa se ni čuditi, kajti vsak član je ustvarjen po svojem kopitu. Sam sem že slišal govoriti, da je SNPJ jako dobra podpornica organizacija, samo njena ustava je od muh, češ, da se nič ne sliši od cerkve in Boga. Nekaterim to dela velika preglavice, jaz pa sem za to, da obdržimo naša načela, kar pomeni s trudom začrti naši pionirji. Mi jim moramo biti hvaležni za njih trud in delo, katerega so izvršili vzlic nasprotovanju od vseh strani. Vse te stvari so meni dobro znane. Kljub temu, da so naši pionirji začrtali napredne, delavske smernice, je naša jednota lepo napredovala v članstvu in prav tako premoženju. Naši nasprotniki gotovo niso pričakovali tega in sedaj gledajo s solzami v očeh na premoženje SNPJ.

Naj se povrнем h konvenciji SNPJ. Apelirajte na glavni odbor, naj povzame korake v smeri, kakor sem zgoraj omenil. Samo pomislimo, koliko bi jednoto stali samo vozni stroški delegatov iz New Yorka, Penne, Ohia itd. In prav v teh državah, poleg Illinois, je največ članstva SNPJ. Nisem nasproten minnesotskim društvom, katere so prav tako upravičena od vseh pravic kot društva drugih držav, toda pomisliti moramo, kako velike stroške bi imeli, ako se bi vršila konvencija v Minnesoti. Rad bi slišal mnenje drugih članov o tej zadevi.

Dovolj o konvenciji, prihodnjič pa bom opisal, kako so pred 62 leti svetniki skakali po cerkvi. Jos. Hauptman, 151.

VELIKONOČNA PRIREDBA V WAUKEGANU

Waukegan, Ill. — Velikonočna nedelja in priredba v pomoč Jugoslaviji je že zelo blizu. Zadnji teden sem prisluškovala na seji prireditelne odbora. Že razprave same so bile zanimive. Fr. Nagode je vprašal Judnich, "ali je res drama Norec tako zanimiva kakor pišejo v listih?" Judnich je takole odgovoril: "Midva s Peklajem sva jo videla v Chicagu in če ne bi nama ugajala, bi prav gotovo ne bila pripravljena pričeti z delom že ob osmih zjutraj na velikonočno nedeljo. Pripraviti morava oder prav po načrtu, ki ga je nama izročil režiser Milan Medvešek. Pripravni, oziroma odlični prostor morava najti tudi za Katko Zupančičevo, kajti ona je glavna opora igralcem. Filipu Godini morava tudi preskrbeti primeren prostor, kajti on bo vršil s svojimi barvami najbolj primeren posel za veliko noč. Da, igra bo vsem ugajala in bo dobro igrana, za kar jamčijo imena igralcev in igralec," je še poudaril Judnich.

Nato je povzel besedo Možek in dejal: "Program bo dober, naravnost imeniten. Samo pomislimo, kakšen vtis bo napravil na občinstvo Joško Oven!" "Da," pravi Perpich, "pa tudi naša mrs. Mrnjac ne zaostaja!" "Veš, Martin," pravi Mathias, "tvoja hčerka Dorothy mora poleg ameriške himne zapeti tudi kakšno slovensko narodno pesem, tako da bo program v vseh ozirih popoln."

Kdo pa bo vršil vse potrebno delo? Je vprašal Joe Zorc. "Vrata dvorane morajo biti odprta ob eni uri!" Frank Bruce pa je odgovoril: "Mi vsi, ki smo tukaj, moramo biti na mestu ob pravem času. Ako pa nas ni za dosti, bomo pa našli še nekaj drugih moči. Ti, Furlan, ne zabavi govoriti z Mathom Jere-



bom glede blagajne, pa tudi Tina Jereba bo treba navdušiti, da bo imela mrs. Jelovek dovolj opravila doli v kuhinji s svojimi pomočnicami. Ženske pravijo, da moramo imeti potico za veliko noč in prihrup tudi, če pa bi nam jih zmanjkalo, jih bo pa mr. Godina pobarval. Glede plesa pa bo treba govoriti s predsednikom Narodnega doma Mahnichem. Posta bo konec in treba se bo malo zavrteti."

K zgoraj razgovoru nam ničesar drugega dodati, kakor da se vsi, ki čutimo z našimi rojaki onkraj morja, priredbe gotovo udeležimo. S tem bomo sami imeli nekaj ur duševnega užitka in zabave in zaeno pomagali podpre vrednim hrabrim Jugoslovanom.

Albina L. Furlan.

Iz gibanja SANSa in JPO-SS

SKUPNA SEJA ČIKAŠKIH PODRUŽNIC SANS IN JPO-SS

Chicago. — Prihodnja seja vseh čikaških zastopnikov in zastopnic SANS in JPO-SS se bo vršila v ponedeljek, 2. aprila, pri Tomažinu na 1900 W. Čermak Rd. Pričetek ob 8. uri zvečer. Vsak posameznik, ki je pripravljen sodelovati v enem ali v drugem oziru za uspeh priredbe, ki se vrši v nedeljo 29. aprila, bo na seji dobrodošel. Ker ne bodo poslana posebna vabila, prosim upoštevajte to naznanilo. Louis Zorko, tajnik.

VABILO NA KARTNO ZABAVO

West Alliquippa, Pa. — Ker se zavedamo, da je nadaljna pomoč našemu trpečemu jugoslovanskemu narodu potrebna, smo sklenili na zadnji seji podružnice SANSa, da priredimo v soboto zvečer, 31. marca, kartno igro "66" v prid pomožne akcije.

Pridite vsi! Kdor ne igra kart bo pa kibical. Vabimo tudi rojake iz Ambridgeja, da pridejo po nagrade, saj so jih do sedaj še vedno odnesli. Menda mi Aliquippčani ne prakticiramo zadosti.

Naznanjam tudi, da bomo še nadalje pobirali obleko in gročerijo za staro domovino. Torej, kdor želi še kaj dati, naj prinese v Sokolski dom.

Theresa Gerzel.

Federacije SNPJ

ZAPISNIK CLEVELANDSKE FEDERACIJE

Cleveland, Ohio. — Sejo odpre predsednik Matt Petrovič ob 8:15 zvečer, dne 27. februarja v običajnem prostoru v Slovenskem narodnem domu. Zapisnik seje z dne 27. januarja sprejet kot čitan. Sestra tajnica Josephine Tratnik prečita račune za november, december in januar in so sprejeti kot čitani.

Za farmo SNPJ poroča predsednik John Šore. Federaciji se zahvaljuje za sodelovanje ob petletnici farme in poroča o položbi plesnega prostora. Apelira na članstvo društev SNPJ, da dajo finančno pomoč za pravno starega poslojca ali pa zidanje novega. Želi tudi naveste od društev, ali naj se zgradi dvorana posebej in bara ter kuhinja v drugem posloju.

Atletični odbor vabi vse zastopnike na nocojšnjo prireditel. Ves dobiček priredbe bo šel za nagrade telefoničnega kegljarskega turnirja SNPJ.

Za podružnico št. 39 SANSa poročajo, da bo Glasbena matica priredila 25. maja koncert in ves dobiček je namenjen za pomoč Jugoslaviji. Vstopnice so bile razposlane vsem društvom. Mladinski pevski krožek je

VALUATION REPORT OF SLOVENE NATIONAL BENEFIT SOCIETY as of Dec. 31st, 1944

16. Does the society issue separate certificates promising disability benefits? Answer: No. Benefits stated in By-laws.
If so, specify same. Answer: xxxxx
17. Are the net contributions for disability benefits kept in a fund separate from all other benefits and expense funds? Answer: Yes.
If so, state the increase, or decrease, of the funds in the year 1944. Answer: Increase \$81,057.57
18. How many assessments were actually collected during each of the last five years? Answer: See below.
- | | 1944 | 1943 | 1942 | 1941 | 1940 |
|--|------|------|------|------|------|
| Death | 12 | 12 | 12 | 12 | 12 |
| Disability | 12 | 12 | 12 | 12 | 12 |
| Expense | 12 | 12 | 12 | 12 | 12 |
| Combined death, disability and expense | 12 | 12 | 12 | 12 | 12 |
19. Date when the Society last changed the number of regular assessments to be collected each year. Answer: Always twelve
20. What proportion of first and subsequent years' contributions may be used for management expenses? Answer: First year Illinois Standard Subsequent years None
21. Are there any reserve liens (not certificate loans or premium loans) outstanding against certificates in force? Answer: No
If so, state face amount and rate of interest charged. Answer: xxx
Were the full reserve liens and interest thereon deducted in all instances during the year in the payment of claims and other benefits? Answer: xxx
If not, explain fully. Answer: xxx
22. Are certificate liens or loans or premium loans granted? Answer: Yes. Certificate and premium loans
If so, state conditions and amount of each class of liens or loans outstanding. Answer: Certificate and premium loans \$85,217.37
Also state the amount of liens or loans outstanding at each rate of interest. Answer: All at 4%
I hereby certify to the correctness of the foregoing answers and to the correctness of items 37, 48, 50, 59, 72 and 74 of the Valuation Exhibit.

VALUATION EXHIBIT

(Section 23-a method—Basis other than Accumulation)

ASSETS—Actual and Contingent (Excluding assets of expense and special funds)	LIABILITIES—Actual and Contingent (Excluding liabilities of expense and special funds)
*28. Present mid-year value of future net contributions on following forms of certificates:	**139. Present mid-year value of promised benefits, or net tabular mid-year values, on following forms of certificates:
37. Assets available for payment of death losses determined as follows: Admitted Assets, item 38, page 4 of annual statement (including loans and interest thereon secured by reserves or accumulations actually maintained on the corresponding individual certificates) \$11,583,892.88 less sum of (general or expense funds \$302,995.15, sick and accident funds when not valued \$804,007.17, and special funds (include all funds other than general or expense funds not available for payment of benefits) \$161,485.61	140. Adult death only \$7,088,749.00 143. Juvenile, death only 112,161.00 144. Adult, Special 500,000.00 145. Juvenile, Transfer Credit 114,434.00 146. Juvenile, Special 185,566.00
38. Assets—Actual and Contingent—sum of items 36 and 37, above \$10,315,404.95	147. Total \$8,000,910.00 48. Deduct liens and interest thereon, not included in Admitted Assets, and not in excess of required reserves on the corresponding individual certificates valued according to Section 23-a Method—Basis other than Accumulation 8,000,910.00
	50. Liabilities of mortuary or benefit funds determined as follows: Total Liabilities, except reserve, page 5 of annual statement \$325,038.77 less sum of liabilities of general or expense funds, page 5 of annual statement, not in excess of balance in corresponding funds (item 37, above) \$6,861.55; liabilities of sick and accident funds when not valued, page 5 of annual statement, not in excess of balance in corresponding funds (item 37, above); and liabilities of special funds (funds other than general or expense funds not available for payment of benefits), page 5 of annual statement, not in excess of balance in corresponding funds (item 37, above) \$145,787.29
	51. Liabilities—Actual and Contingent—sum of items 49 and 50, above \$8,173,399.93
	52. Ratio per cent of Assets—Actual and Contingent—(item 38) to Liabilities—Actual and Contingent—(item 51)

Form of Explanation for Publication

(N. B. The following is to be used only where the ratio of assets to liabilities is equal to or in excess of 100%.)
53. The above valuation indicates that, on the basis of the (See Schedule A) table of mortality with interest at 3%, 3½, 4 per cent, the future assessments of the society, at the net rates now being collected, together with the now invested assets, are sufficient to meet all certificates as they mature by their terms, with a margin of safety of \$2,142,106.02 (or 26.21%) over and above the statutory standards.

Form of Explanation for Publication

77. This valuation is made on the Accumulation basis and covers outstanding certificates originally issued at contribution rates which were not computed upon standard tables of mortality and rates of interest and which therefore were not designed to provide tabular reserves. The law requires that the Valuation on the Accumulation Basis must show the results of past operation to the date of the Valuation, but it does not indicate whether or not the accumulated surplus, or credits, together with future contributions, will provide for future claims. This method of Valuation credits each member with his net contribution and interest and charges him with his share of the losses each year and carries the balance, if any, to his credit, and the law provides that this Valuation shall not be construed as giving to the individual member any right or claim to any such reserve or credit other than in manner expressed in the contract and the laws of the society, nor as making any such reserve or credit a liability in determining the legal solvency of the society. If the member's share of losses for any year exceeds his credit, including the contribution for the year, his contribution is to be increased by the difference between his share of the losses and his current contribution in order to provide for his share of current claims. This increase in contribution to meet the excess share of losses may be paid from funds or contributions especially created or required for that purpose, or must be provided for by direct assessment of the member, or by liens established against his certificate, as provided in the laws of the Society enacted when accepting this method of Valuation. Under the provisions of the laws of the Society any excess share of losses is provided for by (State how provided for).

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imel sejo 16. februarja. Izvoljen je bil nov odbor, in sicer: Krist Štokel, predsednik, Leo Poljšak, podpredsednik, Josephine Tratnik, tajnica, Louis Kafferle, Walter Lazar, mojstra odra, Rudy Lisch, svetovalec.

Ostali člani tega odbora so: Marie Stefanic, John Zaman, Joseph Fiftol in Frank Cesen. Trije člani tega odbora so se sestali z učiteljem Malečkarjem, kateri želi več sodelovanja od strani staršev. Objubil je, da bo koncert uspešen, ki bo sestojal iz 16 točk, deklaracij itd. Trajal bo približno dve uri.

Ker se bo vršil 8. aprila koncert mladinskega pevskega zbora iz Collinwooda, se soglasno sklene, da se preloži koncert mladinskega pevskega krožka SNPJ na nedeljo, 13. maja. Nadalje je sklenjeno, da ima tajnica polno moč najeti dvorano za prihodnjo božičnico.

Društvena poročila. Pri društvu št. 53 je umrla ena članica. Pisali so na glavni odbor za preložitve konvencije in znižanje delegacije; pri št. 135 so izgubili sestro Mary Lužar, mož pokojnice je bil dolgoletni tajnik tega društva, sedaj pa je blagajnik. Članstvo društva št. 450 je pripravljen pomagati farmi SNPJ z denarjem. Od društva št. 566 poročajo, da so imeli zelo uspešno veselico. V armadi imajo 51 članov, eden je bil ubit, dva pa sta pogrešana. Pri društvu št. 604 so pridobili dva člana v mladinski oddelek. Zastopnik št. 742 C. Zarnick se je opravičil, ker se ni mogel radi dela udeležiti zadnje seje. Pri št. 614 so izgubili enega člana v mladinskem oddelku; praznovati bodo 17. letnico 17. aprila. Atletični

odbor pa poroča, da je bil izvoljen ves stari odbor.

Glavni odborniki podajo kratka poročila o zadnjem zborovanju glavnega odbora. Glavni odbor je sklenil, da se bo vršila konvencija, kakor je sklenila konvencija v Pittsburghu; seveda bo vprašal za dovoljenje transportacijsko komisijo in se posvetoval z varovalniškim departamentom. Gl. odbor se je tudi izrekel, naj se denar JPO-SS izroči za takojšnjo pomoč.

Vsak vojak, ki se povrne iz vojne, lahko prestopi v bolnišni oddelek v teku 60 dni, toda poprej mora biti zdravniško preiskan.

Na seji so zastopana sledeča društva: št. 5, 53, 128, 135, 137, 139, 142, 185, 312, 442, 450, 477, 544, 566, 576, 604, 742, 614 in Atletična liga. Od glavnih odbornikov so navzoči: Math Petrovič, Rudy Lisch, Josephine Močnik in Cam Zarnick.

Seja je zaključena ob 9:40 zvečer. (Prišlo prepozno za objavo v zadnjem glasilu.—Ured.)

Carl Samanich, zapisnikar.

LISTNICA UREDNIŠTVA

Vpraševalcu in Pennsylvaniji: Površina Texasa je 262,398 kvadratnih milj, prebivalstva pa ima država šest milijonov (po ljudskem štetju l. 1930 5,824,000). Površina predvojne Nemčije je znašala 208,830 kvadratnih milj (po enciklopediji Britanici), prebivalstva pa je štele 65 milijonov. Država Texas je torej po površini dokaj večja, toda po prebivalstvu več kot desetkrat manjša od Nemčije.

V Prosveti so dnevne svetlobe in delavske vesti. Ali jih čitate vsak dan?

Društvene vesti

St. Louis, Mo. — Opominjam članstvo društva št. 107 SNPJ, da pravočasno poravnava svoj društveni asement, to je pred prvim aprilom, ker bom 1. aprila zaključil račune. Od sedaj naprej ne bom za nikogar zalagal asementa. Čitali ste opomin v Prosveti, v katerem gl. urad sporoča o sitnostih, ki jih ima s suspendiranimi člani. Z njimi je veliko nepotrebnega dela za tajnika in prav tako za gl. urad. Prosim, da vpoštevate ta opomin, ali pa si posledice pripišete samemu sebi.

Joe, ivoja zadeva morda pride na vrsto meseca aprila, kajti stvar se je nekaj zamotala v Danvillu, Ill., zato nisem mogel ničesar poročati. Ako odbor ne bo hotel tedaj vpoštevati prošnje, potem bo treba čakati na drugi termin. Ker ni denarja, gre zadeva vse bolj počasi naprej. Treba je delati, korespondirati in telefonirati.

Ciril Medved, tajnik št. 107.

Ali ste naročili na dnevnik "Prosveto"? Podpirajte svoj list!

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Tako ne govori diktator

Nekatere dobre duše med nami se še vedno boje diktature, seveda—"komunistične diktature" v starem kraju. Te diktature se posebno boje oni "krščanski" ljudje iz klerikalnega tabora, ki so v avstrijski in španski civilni vojni pridno lomili kopja za klerofašistične pučiste pod vodstvom krvnika Dollfusa in mesarja Franka. Ker sta imela oba mesarja "božji" in papežev žegen na svoji strani, so obema aplavdirali, ko sta morila po svobodi hrepenče delavce.

Ako ne javno, so ti "krščanski" možje vsaj v svojem srcu vzklikali: "Živela naša (klerofašistična) diktatura!" Zdi pa ni pod solncem bolj vnetih "demokratov" kot so ti ljudje. In ker je velik "demokrat" tudi neki škof, ki sliši na ime Rožman, so seveda njegovi verni pristaši in branitelji, kakor tudi vseh onih slovenskih "demokratov," ki so iz tega ali drugega razloga zbežali v Rim pred partizani.

Ti ljudje se zdaj strašno boje, da se bo Jugoslavija znašla po tej vojni, ako se še ni, v strašni—"komunistični diktaturi." O tem so tako trdno uverjeni kot da je Bog v nebesih, čeprav nimajo dokazov ne za prvo ne za drugo. V nekem "svetovnem" listu svojim zaslepljenim ljudem pojejo to pesem dan za dnevom. Posebno je mojster v tej pesmi neki "dušni pastir," ki zadnje čase tako od strani ali mimogrede "pase duše" okrog kotla ali korita sv. Vida, po dva šilhta na dan pa izganja komunističnega Belcebuba iz Slovenije in Jugoslavije. Naj še omenimo, da je ta pastir prej pridno pasel duše okrog—Mihajloviča, seveda za srbsko čaršijo in za interese političnega klerikalizma v Sloveniji.

Poleg teh, kot znano, so še nekatere druge dobre duše med nami, ki tudi vidijo velikega komunističnega babbava v starem kraju. Tudi v njih očeh je Tito nič drugega kot boljševiški Belcebub, ki le prede mreže za svojo diktaturo. Ker ne mislimo spreobračati klerofašistov, pa bili v talarju ali samo v fraku, bodo naslednje vrstice veljale predvsem dobrim dušam iz teh "bolj naših" krogov.

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Kdor hoče v kakšni deželi ustvariti levičarsko diktaturo, jo mora odprto propagirati. Zgradijo mora politično gibanje, ki sloni in tudi odprto izpoveduje boljševiška načela diktature proletariata. Lenin in sploh vsi njegovi pristaši so to delali odprto, v vseh svojih govorih in spisih in konspirativnih načrtih. Po to delali že pod carizmom, še bolj ognjevitno in direktno pa po strmoglavljenju carizma. S to narolo so tudi gradili sovjete, s katerimi so strmoglavili Kerenskijevo vlado.

Če bi moral hotel zgraditi komunistično diktaturo v Jugoslaviji, bi jo moral tudi odprto propagirati in graditi svoje politično gibanje—Osvobodilno fronto—na boljševiških teorijah proletarske diktature. Če bi ne gradil takega gibanja, čim bolj treniranega v dialektiki proletarske diktature, bi sploh ne imel nobenega orožja, s katerim bi mogel izvesti svoj načrt—upostavitve boljševiške diktature.

Ampak Tito in sploh vse osvobodilno gibanje širimo Jugoslavije govori povsem drugačen jezik, orientira ljudske mase v povsem drugačno smer kot so jih usmerjali ruski boljševiki pod Leninovim vodstvom. Vse osvobodilno gibanje je zgrajeno, ne na teorijah in naukih proletarske diktature, marveč na konceptih najširše ljudske demokracije in svobode. Se več! Ustanavlja slično novo državo, kakršno je v zadnji vojni propagiralo v Ameriki Jugoslovansko republikansko združenje—demokratsko federativno Jugoslavijo brez kronskih parazitov.

Kdo bo mogoče rekel: "Bedak, slepec! To je le komunistična prevara! Tito ima s svojimi komunisti vred demokratično federativno Jugoslavijo le na jeziku, v načrtu ima pa komunistično diktaturo, katero bo upeljal kakor hitro bo okupator izgnan iz dežele."

K temu rečem le to: Če bi Tito res skušal napraviti kaj takega, bi vrgel deželo v eno najstrašnejših civilnih vojn in tudi sam bi bil za vnanjo obsojen temeljitemu porazu. Tudi brez vsake zunanje pomoči bi vsak komunističen puč zadušil v krvi iste sile, ki tvorijo hrbenico osvobodilnega gibanja—preproste, toda demokratično usmerjene ljudske mase, ki že štiri leta umirajo za svojo svobodo in obenem polagajo temelj novi, demokratični državi.

Ljudje, ki toliko pretpe za svojo svobodo, ki so pokazali v najtežjih časih svoje zgodovine toliko svoje ustvarjalne sile in toliko borbenega duha, ne bodo nasledili nobeni prevarti in nobenemu prevartu, ki bi jih hotel "osrečiti" s kakršno koli diktaturo. In mi smo prepričani, da bi se danes sam Tito postavil tudi proti vsaki komunistični diktaturi v Jugoslaviji, čeprav bi bila dekretirana iz Moskve.

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Zadnjič je Tito imel značilen govor, v katerem je orisal program nove provizorne vlade. In ta govor je značilen predvsem v tem, ker je vseskozi prepleten z debelo nito demokratične usmerjenosti. Nikjer ni duha o kakšni diktaturi, ampak le o demokratičnih težnjah in željah in potrebah širokih ljudskih mas. Na teh demokratičnih težnjah in željah, pravi Tito, bo slonela tudi vlada in vsa država. "Vse demokratične pravice, katere so si izvajale široke mase našega ljudstva in na katerih temelji struktura ljudske administracije, se morajo zaščititi in razširiti kolikor je to mogoče v obstoječih vojnih razmerah," pravi Tito. "In to se predvsem tiče takih svobod, kot je osebna svoboda, svoboda vere, govora, tiska in zborovanja..."

Človek, ki tako govori, ne kaže diktatorskih ambicij in tudi ne—"komunistične diktature." Njegov govor bo priobčen v dnevniku.

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naselbin

O VESELICI IN DRUGE VESTI

Pueblo, Colo.—Veselica društva Orel SNPJ, ki se je vršila 4. marca, je nenavadno dobro izpadla. Dvorana je bila napolnjena in vse je bilo izvanredno veselo. Za nekaj ur smo pozabili vjono in vse mizerije, katere je prinesla s sabo. Večina članov društva je seveda pozabila, da kadar kaj priredimo, gre dobicek v društveno blagajno, katere je last vseh, ne samo tistih, kateri se trudijo in delajo na dan veselice, kakor tudi še nekaj časa poprej. Tisti seveda, kateri so šli na "siht" tisti večer, so izvezli. Drugi si pa mislijo, le imejte se kakor hočete. Blas Strovas in žena Mary sta člana SNPJ, nista pa naša člana, a prišla sta iz Rigbyja in pripeljala s seboj vse svoje ožje sorodnike in to zato, ker verujejo v bratstvo. Mi smo jim hvaležni.

Navzoč je bil tudi John Sukle iz Crested Butteja, kateri je bil prav takrat tukaj na obisku. Vse priznanje zasluži tisti, kateri so bili čez mero zaposleni tisti večer in z vestnim delom pripomogli, da se je vse v najlepšem redu izteklo in vsem tistim članom, ki so prišli na ples in s tem pokazali, da so zavedni člani društva, kakor tudi onim, ki so se drugače odzvali.

Zelo dobro je izpadla tudi plesna veselica dramskega kluba Zore, ki se je vršila 11. marca.

Mladinski krožek društva Orel napreduje. Do sedaj so bile obdržane tri seje, katere so vse dobro izšle; mladina se zanima za potek sej in po seji pomaga brat Joe Cetin, da je zabava popolna za male in večje člane krožka. Louis Malenshek je tudi vselej na mestu. Na zadnji seji je bilo določeno, da se bodo od sedaj naprej seje vršile enkrat na mesec in to je vsako prvo soboto v mesecu ob 4. uri popoldne. Določeno je bilo tudi ime krožku in to se glasi "Pueblo Youth". Sedaj, ko je vsa stvar v poteku, bo Valentin Udovich, voditelj krožka, malo mirneje spal. V bližnji prihodnosti bo krožek priredil program s plesom. Člani društva Orel, kateri imajo mladino v društvu, so naproseni, da opozorijo mlade člane, da ne pozabijo na sejo, katere bo 7. aprila ob 4. uri popoldne v Narodnem domu.

Tony in Jennie Lukanich sta dobila vest iz Evrope, da je 24. jan. v Belgiji padel njihov nekak Louis Loushin, star 21 let. V bolnišnici Corwin se že precej časa nahaja Conrad Kern, sin Anne in Blaža Kerna. Bil je v precej slabem položaju, a kot kaže, se mu stanje počasi zboljšuje.

Umrli je 9. marca John Knafelc, oče naših članov Primoža Knafelca, Frances Marincich in Caroline Sabec. Poleg teh zapuščila tukaj v Puebloju še žena Mary in hčer Mary Pavlovec. Rojen je bil v Knežaku na Notranjskem in ob smrti je bil 82 let star.

John in Amelia Sabec sta dobila malega fantka Rudolpha, Nick in Elsie Oreskovich pa Ronaldna, naša društvo pa dva majhna člana.

V Nemčiji je daroval svoje življenje za demokracijo Joe Trontel, sin Johna in Mary Trontel. Izguba, ki je zadela družino, je velika, ker Joe je bil nad vse dober in ugleden sin. Star je bil 34 let.

Sem pa tam kdo zdihuje v Prosveti po naslovu našega mladinskega lista. Po mojem mnenju se ni moglo nič bolj koristnega ukreniti za napredek naše mladine v jednoti kot je sprememba "Mladinskega lista" v "Voice of Youth". Vsaj v naši naselbini tako izgleda. To se je poznalo tudi v zadnji kampanji. Anglesko ime je imelo privlačnost nad slovenskim. Dosti naših fantov je oženjenih v Ameriki ali druge narodnosti. Ameriška polovica zakona se zaveda, da je na svojih tleh, torej kolikor toliko knotrolira vzgojo otrok. Naša mlajša generacija je že sama po sebi poameričanjena, mogoče nekoliko bolj kot v nekaterih drugih naselbinah, zato ni nič čudnega, da kjer "Mladinski list" ni bil dobrodo-

šel, je "Voice of Youth" z veseljem sprejet. Ni jim zameriti: rojeni so tukaj in skušajo biti pri delu v isti vrsti z Američani, a o naši domovini ne znajo ničesar kot nekaj usnih izročil svojih staršev. In kako moremo zahtevati, da naj naš naraščaj ljubi našo Slovenijo, katero ni nikdar videl, kot jo n. pr. ljubimo mi, ki smo bili rojeni in vzgojeni v njej? Kako jim naj povemo, da ima naša domovina znamenitosti, na katere smo mi ponosni, ki smo bili tam rojeni? Ne pomislimo, da so oni prav tako ponosni na Ameriko, deželo, kjer so se rodili. Ta ponos jim brani, da bi priznali, da je še kje kaj dobrega.

Moj nečak se nahaja na italijanski fronti. Nisem nikdar videla Italije, zato ne vem prav ničesar o njej. Po njegovem pismu sodeč, je njegovo mnenje, da Jugoslavija izgleda kot Italija. Med drugim piše: "Ta raztrgana, toliko od turistov opevana Italija! Nič čudno, da ste prišli vsi v Ameriko, ker ste živeli v tako grdi 'kontri'." Najbrž Eddie v Italiji pogreša naše coloradske pustinje, katere se mu vidijo lepe, posebno od daleč.

Nečak mojega moža je prišel na obisk iz severne Dakote. Ko sem mu razkazovala naravne lepote našega Ryea, se je izrazil: "Veš, Rose, Californija je nekak taka kot je vaše Colorado, samo da Californija ne izgleda tako zelo slabo kot Colorado." On je vreden brezkončne ravnine, vznemirjale so ga naše modrozelenne sinje gore, ki so krasota Colorada; zapirale so mu pogled in ni se počutil dobro. Torej ni prav nič gotovega, če bi naša mladina videla naše kraje, da bi se navduševala nanje.

Kako naj spoznajo lepoto slovenske govorice? Kako se naj navdušujejo zanjo? Dva soseda nimata enakega narečja, zato je ne razumejo in se raje trdno držijo svojega rojstnega ameriškega jezika. Naš ubogi jezik mrcvarimo in vlečemo na vse štiri vetrove, mešamo z angleščino, da že ni več podoben slovensčini, katero so nam zabijali v glave po naših šolah. Spomnim se na "Flisa", ki je pisal članke v Prosveti, v katerih je večkrat razmotrival, zakaj se naša mladina sramuje staršev. Po mojem mnenju je bilo to popolnoma krivično. Le spomnimo se, kako je naša mladina hodila pokoncu kot petelin, ko je prišlo po radiu sporočilo, da se je Jugoslavija uprla nacistom; vsak Američan, ki je prišel z njo v dotiko, je moral na dolgo in široko poslušati, da je to dežela, kjer sta bila rojena "moj oče in mati". Dobila je vzrok, da je bila ponosna na nekaj kar je bilo v zvezi z roditelji in kar je bilo popolnoma jasno, drugo pa je za njo vse v megli.

"Voice of Youth" je glasilo mladine SNPJ. Starši naj zainteresirajo mladino, da piše v ta list. Z dopisi se jim bo bistril um, dobili bodo zanimanje za jednoto, h kateri spadajo, zraven bodo pa tudi pripomogli, da bo krožek "Pueblo Youth" aktiven, se širil in rastel.

Končno naj še omenim, da so člani društva Orel nekako pozabili ta mesec, da je društvena seja vsako drugo soboto ob 8. uri zvečer v Narodnem domu.

Rose Radovich.

IZ METROPOLE
Cleveland, Ohio.—John Šore, podpredsednik našega velikega društva št. 53 SNPJ, mi je ukazal, da moram nekaj napisati, ali pa bom kaznovan po paragrafu naše metropolske tikete. Čudno so božja pota; podpredsednik ukazuje predsedniku, da se mora pokoriti, ako pa ne, ga čaka izobčenje iz vrst dopisnikov. No, namesto da bi šli kukati v pravila, kdo ima večjo moč, predsednik ali podpredsednik, in da ne pride do obtožbe, se pokorno javljam in izvršujem ukaz!

Najprvo želim opozoriti članstvo SNPJ in rojake in rojakinje v splošnem, da bo imelo društvo Svoboda št. 748 SNPJ plesno zabavo dne 1. aprila. Ta dan ne bo "April fool", temveč za žensko društvo Svoboda res-

no delo, tako da bo čim večji dobicek in porast društvene blaginje. Da bi naše vrle ženske pridobile tudi mnogo novih članic!

Ko se bo vršila ta veselica, bo minilo prav sedem dni manj kot leto, ko je na isto velikonočno nedeljo to društvo izgubilo iz svoje srede članico, ki se je trudila z drugimi društvenimi sestrami vred, da bi bil uspeh veselice povolen. Ali ko se je vršila veselica, je ona ležala mrtva in članice so čutille neko težnjo v svojih srcih. Človek nikoli ne ve, kaj pride in kdaj pride smrt in ker ne vemo, moramo biti pripravljeni na zadnjo misel: storili smo svoje delo, dokler smo živeli. Torej dokler smo tu, moramo iti z našim delom naprej in pomagajmo pomnožiti članstvo SNPJ.

Pravilno je, da se spomnimo pokojnih in izražamo priznanje za njih delo. Ne smemo pa pozabiti, da mi še živimo in delujemo za izboljšavo našega življenja. Za žalostjo naj nastopi veselje. Zatorej vabim vse one, ki so še živi, da se udeležijo veselice društva Svoboda št. 748 SNPJ, ki se bo vršila v nedeljo, 1. aprila, v Slovenskem delavskem domu na Waterloo rd. Pridite in se malo razveselite. Za ples bo igrala Vadalova godba. Pričetek ob osmih zvečer, koliko stane pa vstopnina, vam bodo povedale članice pri blaginji.

V drugem delu tega dopisa pa vam naznanjam, da bo imel Mladinski pevski zbor SDD svoj koncert 8. aprila. Slovensko občipstvo v Clevelandu in okolici je vabljeno, da se v velikem številu udeleži tega koncerta.

Voditeljica tega zbora je Anna Vadalna, ki ima tudi sinove, ki so godbeniki in dobro poznani med našim narodom v Ameriki. Dva sta pri vojakih, dva doma, toda eden je še premajhen za veliko harmoniko. Kadar bo velik, bo dobil veliki "bas". In Vadalova mama bo ponosna nanj, čeprav bo kdo rekel, da je čisto podoben svojemu očetu in zato ima debel glas. Dasi je majhen, je že mnogokrat nastopil na odru. In kaj šele bo?

Ne pozabite, na dan 1. aprila pohitite v Delavski dom h koncertu Mladinskega pevskega zbora SDD. Odbor bo za vse poskrbel.

Članstvo društva št. 53 SNPJ naj ne pozabi, tudi Janez Šore ne, da se bo 8. aprila vršila seja, in sicer ob pol desetih popoldne v običajnem prostoru. Ker bo to obletnica smrti žene našega predsednika, mu je boss obljubil, da bo lahko tisti dan ostal doma, da se bo lahko udeležil društvene seje in pa obiskal njen grob.

Frank Završnik, ki je bil delegat na konvenciji SNPJ v Clevelandu, je sedaj zaposlen tu in je član št. 53.

Jože Durn, ki je bil operiran, se sedaj nahaja doma in bo menda zdrav enkrat po 15 aprila. Želimo mu ljubelega zdravlja. Ko je bil v bolnišnici, mu je društvo poklonilo šopek rdečih nageljnov. Zaslužil jih je, kajti društvo je naraslo v času Jožetovega tajnikovanja iz 462 na 623 članov.

Tudi naš vojak, član št. 53, Theodore Možina, ki se nahaja v Ft. Blissu, Texas, je bil operiran, a sedaj je zopet v vojaški suknji. Mary Bukovnik pa je doma z zmaknjeno nogo. Steve Bevcar je tudi bolan za srčno napako. Jack Glažar je bil na bolniški listini, a se je naznanil zdravim, dasiravno ni še zdrav. Naš nadzornik Tone Brenčič je bil na bolniški listini, ali ko bodo te vrstice tiskane, bo že zdrav in razbijal po parnih kotlih v delavnici železnice NYC.

"Nekaj sem zvedel novega, od nekega dekleta zaljubljenega" in to je: Alice Vidmar, pevka pri socialistični Zarji, ki stanuje na 1115 E. 68th st., se bo omožila 7. aprila s srečnim mladeničem Josephom Tekavcem, 7119 Heckera ave. Obilo sreče obema! Upam, da Zarja ne bo izgubila dobre članice kakor je Alice. Vprašal sem jo, ali je članica SNPJ. Odgovorila mi je, da je, toda ne ve pri katerem društvu, asesment pa plačuje Juliji Žerovnik. Ze vem, sem dejal. To so Slovenske Sokolice št. 442 SNPJ. Torej, Sokolice, pazite na vašo članico Alice, ki se bo kmalu pisala Tekavec. In tudi vi, Zarjani, kajti ona je vaša dobra moč.

Ongava Tončka od št. 137 SNPJ se tudi ne piše več Sušel, am-

pak Mohorčič. V zakon je stopila prav tedaj, ko sem bil odsoten iz Clevelanda, to je meseca februarja. Želim ji obilo sreče. Preselila se je iz Clevelanda na Miller ave., Euclid, O.

Amalija Kopal, tudi članica št. 137, je nesrečno padla na ledu in si zlomila roko v zapestju. Sedaj je zopet zdrava in se dobro počuti.

Jože Poglednik iz Milwaukeeja, Wis., me je vprašal, ako poznam rojaka Georga Finka, ki dela tukaj na poulični. Joe, ne poznam ga. Delal ni ne na St. Clair ave. in ne na Superior ave. Tudi sedaj ne dela, oziroma ni delal zadnjih 28 let, odkar sem jaz tukaj. Za nekega Finka sem zvedel. On je že 60 let star ali več. Povedali so mi, da živi na Schaefer ave., med 71. ulico in Addison cesto. Ob priliki ga bom obiskal in vprašal, če je on pravi.

Jože Poglednik je že star 80 let, vzlic temu pa je čital mol dopis. Živel Jože in še drugih osemdeset svetih Jožefov!

Frank Barbič.

ČLAN PADEL NA BOJIŠČU

Pittsburg, Ill. — Društvo št. 445 SNPJ je izgubilo mladega člana, ki je padel na bojišču za svojo domovino in svobodo sveta. Starši Eskra so prejeli sporočilo od vojnega urada, da je bil njihov sin Cpl. Victor Eskra ubit v Belgiji, dne 1. februarja t. l.

Pokojnik je bil poslan preko morja 6. januarja 1945, a v teku treh tednov je že padel na bojišču. K vojakom je bil vpoklican meseca maja l. 1942 in ves čas se je vežbal v Zedinjenih državah.

Victor Eskra je bil rojen 21. julija 1914. Iz mladinskega v odrasli oddelku društva št. 445 je prestopil 21. julija l. 1930. Zapuščal mater Ifku in očeta Stankota, dva brata in zaročenko. Njegov brat Emil je prvi poročnik in se nahaja v državi Oklahomi, brat Johnny pa je v Chicagu.

Za pokojnikom žaluje poleg družine, zaročenke in drugih sorodnikov tudi mnogi njegovi prijatelji in člani društva št. 445 SNPJ. Članstvo našega društva izraža svoje globoko sožalje pri zadeti družini.

Naj pokojnik-junak mirno počiva v tuji zemlji!

Dora Stefancich, tajnica.

ZA PRELOŽITEV KONVENCIJE

San Francisco, Cal. — Društvo Tabor Slovanov št. 304 SNPJ je na redni mesečni seji dne 14. marca imelo na dnevnem redu tudi bodočo konvencijo in članstvo je soglasno odglašovalo, da pošljemo priporočilo gl. odboru, naj konvencijo odloži za nedoločen čas, to je do časa, ko se predrugačijo sedanje razmere.

Naše članstvo se je odločilo za to priporočilo vsled tehničnih vzrokov: v teh vojnih časih je zelo težko potovati, kajti vojaki in mornarji imajo povsod prednost in človek nikdar ne ve, koliko časa ga bo vzelo potovanje iz enega kraja v drugi. Poleg tega pa so še druge poteškoče. Ko bo vojna končana, bomo imeli dovolj časa za konvencije.

Valentine Laharnar, tajnik.

VAŽNA SEJA ŠT. 326
SNPJ IN PODRUŽNICE
ŠT. 17 SANSa

Uniontown, Pa. — Članstvo društva št. 326 SNPJ je sklenilo na zadnji redni seji, ki se je vršila dne 4. marca, da se premešči prihodnjo sejo, in sicer iz prve nedelje v aprilu na drugo. Bratje in sestre, vpoštevajte ta zaključek. Sejo smo preložili na drugo nedeljo v aprilu, ker je prvo nedeljo velika noč. Torej udeležite se seje dne 8. aprila, ker bo zelo važna za nas vse.

Po seji društva št. 326 SNPJ pa se bo vršila seja podružnice SANSa. Na tej seji bomo morali izvoliti odbor za skupno delovanje med jugoslovanskimi narodi v Uniontownu. Potrebno je, da gremo Slovenci, Srbi in Hrvati skupno na delo in zbiramo obloke in druge potrebščine za naše sestre in brate v Jugoslaviji.

Moje mnenje je, da bi bilo dobro, da bi se enkrat sestale vse tri narodnosti in potem skupno priredile shod ali pa banket v Uniontownu. Ves prebitek take skupne priredbe bi razdelili med SANS in JPO-SS. S tem bi pokazali, da smo resnično pripravljeni pomagati naše-

mu trpečemu narodu v stari domovini. Da, pokazati moramo z dejanji in ne samo z besedami. Beseda ne pomeni nič, ako ne sodelujete za to akcijo! Zastopniki in posamezniki, ki ste se izrazili, da ste pripravljeni pomagati v tem ali onem oziru, pridite gotovo na sejo podružnice SANSa.

Naj še omenim, da me je že vprašalo veliko oseb, ako bomo nadaljevali s pobiranjem obleke. Povedal sem, da sem jaz samo ena oseba in potrebujem pomočave pri tem delu. Toda do danes se ni prijavil še nihče, ki bi bil resnično pripravljen pomagati. Povedal sem, kako bi si razdelili delo. Vsaka naselbina naj zbira obleko zase, potem pa se naj vse skupaj pripele na dotično mesto, naka bomo skupno odposlali v New York. S tem bi delo hitro in uspešno izvršili. Več o tem na prihodnji seji, ki se bo vršila 8. aprila.

Louis Dornik, tajnik.

VESELICA SLOVENSKEGA KLUBA

Lloydell, Pa. — Slovenski klub bo priredil plesno veselico na velikonočno nedeljo, to je 1. aprila popoldne. Za ples bo igral poznani orkester Louisa Kaplerja. Za člane kluba je vstopnina prosta.

Vabimo vse člane in članice kluba, da se plesa gotovo udeležijo. S seboj lahko tudi pripelje svoje prijatelje ali prijateljice in znance.

Prosil bi člane društev SNPJ, kakor tudi ABZ, ki še niso člani Slovenskega kluba, da bi prestopili vanj. Res je, da skoro vsi spadamo h klubu, vendar pa nekateri še niso člani. Čim več bomo imeli članov, tem bolje bo napredoval naš klub. V slogi je moč, pravi pregovor. Držimo se tega pregovora.

Na svidenje 1. aprila v Slovenskem klubu v Lloydellu, Pa.

Ralph Jerman,

tajnik št. 60 SNPJ.

Društvene priredbe

ODOPOVED VESELICE

Cleveland, O. — Članstvo društva št. 264 SNPJ je na decembarski seji sklenilo, da priredi društveno veselico v soboto, 7. aprila. Ker pa morajo biti po novem zakonu vse priredbe končane pred polnočjo in vse zaprto ob 12. uri, se nam ne bi izplačalo prirediti veselice na soboto večer.

Na zadnji društveni seji je članstvo razmotrivalo sedanje postave in zaključilo, da rajši priredimo piknik, in sicer v nedeljo, 27. maja. Pričetek ob pol štirih popoldne na vrtu Doma zapadnih Slovencev, 6818 Denison ave.

Članstvo naj to spremembo vpoštevata in je prošeno, naj se udeležijo v velikem številu tega piknika. Kdor se ne bi udeležil, se bo ravnalo z njim v smislu društvenega zaključka.

Na piknik vabimo tudi člane drugih društev in naše prijatelje in prijateljice v splošnem. Pridite in razveselite se nekaj ur v prijateljski družbi. Za ples bo igral trio Franka Zaiza. Za drugo bo poskrbel odbor.

Charles Zakeley, tajnik.

PRIREDBA ZA VOJAKE

Moon Run, Pa. — Odbor slovenskih društev v Moon Runu bo priredil dne 31. marca veselico za naše vojake.

Naši mladeniči in možje se bojujejo za nas, zato je potrebno, da se spomnimo na nje in jim pripravimo kak dar in jih razveselimo, ko se zopet povrnejo domov.

Odbor vljudno vabi vse rojake in rojakinje, da se veselice gotovo udeležijo in s svojo navzočnostjo pripomorejo do večjega uspeha. Vabimo tudi rojake iz bližnjih naselbin. Igrala bo izvrstna godba Jacka Martinčiča iz Strabana. Ta godba lepo igra polke in valčke, tako da se vsakdo lahko vrti po svoji volji. Torej na svidenje 31. marca zvečer.

Za društvo št. 88 SNPJ:

Jerica Gorjup.



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O vprašanju konvencije

Naše članstvo že nekoliko nestrno vprašuje, kdaj bo dobilo navodila glede redne konvencije, ki se v smislu naših pravil in zaključkov zadnje redne konvencije ima vršiti to leto. Zato bo spet danes nekaj vrst te kolone posvečenih vprašanju konvencije, vendar pa morajo naša pojasnila iz znanih razlogov biti tudi še sedaj več ali manj kratka in omejena.

Kot je naše članstvo bilo že večkrat obveščeno potom zapisnikov izvršnega in glavnega odbora, smo se ves čas dobro zavedali, da naša trinajsta redna konvencija pade na to leto in podvzeli smo vse potrebne korake za konvencije priprave že davno. Določeno je mesto in čas, kdaj prične konvencija, najeti so primerni prostori za zborovanje, poskrbljeno je za stanovanja in prehrano delegatov in drugih članov konvencije, pripravljena so tudi priporočila za spremembo in izpopolnitev pravil in tako dalje. Sploh je podvzeto in poskrbljeno je tako rekoč vse potrebno, da se bo konvencija lahko vršila, kakor je bilo prvotno zasnovano in določeno.

Pri tem pa seveda nismo pozabili, da smo v vojni in na razne potrebe v zvezi z vojno. Zavedamo se, da je vojna točno naša najbolj važna stvar, ter da to zahteva žrtve in iziskuje potrebne doprinese tudi od nas. Kot znamo, je veslogrednega prevoza vozov in vojnih potrebščin nastalo splošno pomanjkanje železniških vozov in busov ter drugih prevoznih sredstev že precej časa nazaj. Zvezni urad za kontrolo prevoza pa je zadnje čase bil prisiljen poseči po drastičnih sredstvih in poskuša omejiti predvsem nepotrebno potovanje civilnega prebivalstva. Vsled omenjene odredbe so prizadete predvsem organizacije, ki so nameravale imeti svoje konvencije to leto, in med temi je tudi naša jednota.

Mi smo seveda pripravljani na kooperacijo z oblastmi v vseh ozirih, a v tem slučaju, ko moremo nekaj doprinesiti za pospešitev vojne zmage in olajšanje trpljenja naših vrlih vojščakov, pa seveda še toliko bolj. Ampak naše konvencije niso za špas ne za šport, temveč so važen faktor našega upravnega sistema in obdržujemo jih iz potrebe. Poleg tega nas veže državni zakon, da imamo svojo konvencijo enkrat na vsaka štiri leta.

Vse to in še več drugih potrebnih reči smo točno sporočili in pojasnili zveznim in državnim oblastem. Kljub vsemu temu pa še danes ne vemo, dali bomo mogli imeti svojo konvencijo še to leto ali ne. To je gotovo, da nam je zvezne oblasti ne bodo dovolile, dokler bodo take potežkoče s prevozom. V zakonodajni zbornici države Illinois je tudi predlog, ki predvideva moratorij ali podaljšanje konvencije terminu, oziroma da se mora konvencija vršiti v teku enega leta po preklicu omejitvenega odloka po zveznih oblastih. Medtem pa se splošno domneva, da odredba, ki omejuje potovanja, ne bo ostala dolgo, da olajšava kmalu pride itd.

Kot že povedano, smo mi pripravljani kooperirati z oblastmi in odložiti svojo konvencijo na poznejši čas ali dokler je potrebno, pripravljani pa moramo biti tudi na možnost, da se bodo rezmere v zgodnjem času izboljšale in da nam zvezne oblasti čez nekaj mesecev znajo sporočiti, da jo lahko obdržujemo še to leto.

Vprico vsega tega bo torej najbolj pametno, da se držimo prejšnjih zaključkov in pripravljamo na konvencijo, kakor bi se, če bi teh izrednih razmer ne bilo. Društva, ki nimajo zadostnega števila članov za lastnega delegata, lahko medtem podvzamejo potrebne korake za združenje, in sploh se pripravljamo na volitve delegatov v običajnem času kot določajo pravila. To je najboljši nasvet in navodilo glede konvencije, ki ga za sedaj moremo dati.

VINCENT CAINKAR, gl. predsednik.

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Medical Science Marches On

Modern science is making rapid progress especially in technology as well as in medical research and chemistry. While the former is now used chiefly for destructive purposes in the war, medical science is used solely in combating diseases and healing of wounds.

It is said that the past decade has been among the most outstanding periods in all medical history.

First, there came the wonder-working sulfa drugs.

Then a new magic word edged its way into everyday conversation—penicillin. Penicillin came into prominence only within the past two years and its healing properties proved its value in thousands of cases.

Now comes the third wonder-working drug—tyrothricin. While tyrothricin will not supplant either the sulfa drugs or penicillin, it fills certain vital gaps on the medical front. It gives man one more weapon with which to fight his eternal enemy—killer microbes.

Eventually, this new medical word "tyrothricin," just as the jaw-breaking name of the sulfamamide family that became known as the "sulfa" drugs, will very likely be shortened to plain "tyro."

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The new drug, which is now undergoing wide clinical trials, is an unparalleled weapon against certain types of infection.

Tyrothricin, as already mentioned, will never supplant the sulfa drugs or penicillin, but will do many jobs which they cannot do. For instance, it cleans up a variety of dangerous soldier wounds, and routs empyema, the horrid infection of the chest cavity. It also heals carbuncles and boils and ulcers, according to medical reports. In addition, it fights many other ailments that cause untold suffering. This new drug, like penicillin, is now gradually finding its way into hospitals and into the hands of physicians.

The story of "tyro" to a large extent is the story of Rene J. Dubos, research man who was working at a medical research institute in New York. He was seeking to find how the soil destroys the microbes that kill men. In other words, he was trying to solve the problem of why, when a victim of tuberculosis is buried, the microbes which killed him were within a short time destroyed.

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The fact that there are microbes in the soil which destroy all organic matter—all living matter—has been known for a long time. Since bacteria which cause disease are organic matter, the conclusion was that they, too, are attacked by soil bacteria.

Dubos solved the problem by painstaking and persistent work in the laboratory. He filled three tumblers with soil, watered them every day with cultures of violent microbe death. Into one tumbler he put the pneumonia bacteria, in another the streptococci which inflame throats and poison wounds, and the third the pus-forming bacteria. After several months of this procedure, Dubos dropped bits of soil into tubes containing cultures of the bacteria and found that something was destroying the microbes... it was a common soil bacterium which he named tyrothricin.

More laboratory work followed and it was found that the drug could be used by spraying it on wounds and sores and applied to dressings. It is also proving to be effective against mastitis, an inflammation of cow udders.

At any rate, there is no limit to the possibilities of medical and chemical research. There are still many deadly diseases which must be conquered, and the only hope is in medical science which must be made to serve all humanity.

NOTATIONS

By Frances L. Rak

CHICAGO VIA JOHNSTOWN, PA.—This Sunday, April 1, the dramatic section of Branch 1 JSF, Chicago, will travel to Waukegan to present the three-act drama "Norec" at the Slovene Nat'l Home in Waukegan. All proceeds to go for the benefit of Yugoslav War Relief. It's a worthwhile cause and the performance deserves a packed hall. Joseph Owen will be one of the principal speakers.

Furloughing.—Recently we received word from S/Sgt. Lawrence Langerhole (this writer's brother) informing us that he and his wife are going home to Johnstown on a short furlough. Not knowing when the Langerhole clan would be all together again, we decided to make the trip also. It was nice seeing the family and friends again, among them Stan and Rose Klucik, the Glavachs, Cekadas, Podboys, Lubshes, Terceks, Steve Smear, Janjars, Josephine Birjak, Agnes Bombach and her parents and many others. Like all "home-fronters" they are busy in war industries and hoping for an early end of the war.

Servicemen (Flood City).—The Glavach family of Highland Park have the distinction of having the largest number of Flood City boys in the service. Rudolph is at present home on furlough; Frank is recuperating at the Walter Reed Hospital, Washington, D. C., from wounds received while on maneuvers at Fort Mead, Md.; Victor Glavach is serving overseas in France while Dominic Glavach, the youngest, is somewhere in Italy. All of these boys are members of Flood City lodge. The past week the family received word that Dominic was wounded the second time but not seriously. Recently he received the Bronze Star for heroism.

Frank Mavri, serving somewhere in the Pacific, has been promoted to 1st Lt. Frank is a pilot on a

B-25 and has 40 missions to his credit. "Gunch" Gomiller who was getting his basic training somewhere in Florida, has been hospitalized. Ernest Widmar was recently drafted and is stationed at Ft. Bragg, N. C. Adolph Glavach has a new APO address. 1st Lt. Elizabeth Bombach, an army nurse somewhere in Belgium, has been awarded the Bronze Star for bravery. The hospital in which she works has been bombed twice.

S/Sgt. Larry Langerhole has left for his new camp, Ft. Meade, Md. Cpl. Frank Verhovsek, of the USMC, and member of Lodge 82, has been in combat and hand to hand fighting with the Japs; he's in the field artillery and has seen plenty of action in the more than two years of overseas duty.

All-A-Round. Congratulations to Frances (Walters) Semenac on the arrival of a son! Another member for the SNPJ.—John Jernejec celebrated his birthday last week. The bowlers after a match game joined Johnnie on this occasion and enjoyed a good time. More such birthday parties are in order.—Frank Grosz's article in last week's issue was interesting reading. Hope we hear from him more regularly.—Stan Klucik and John Rak's bowling teams were engaged in a match game. Stan is now looking for the score sheets to see if he really lost the match game.

J. Z. Jr. Bright Spots

LIBRARY, PA.—The J. Z. Jr. are sponsoring their Spring dance on Sunday, April 22, at the Library Slovene Hall. Dancing to the music of Jackie Martinec's orchestra will begin at 8 p. m. and will end a few minutes before midnight in order to abide by the curfew. See you on the 22nd.

COMMITTEE, Lodge 682.

Veronian News

VERONA, PA.—Starting this column with Easter greetings to all SNPJ members, and a reminder that the Veronians are going to celebrate Easter day with a dance at our Club. On April 1st, Frankie Porovne's musical stylists will again swing into action with tunes that our Veronians will like. Just two weeks ago Frankie made his debut with his new band at our club. The result? A large crowd is expected on Easter Sunday. Remember the music will start at 8 p. m. till 11:30. Come early.

Some time ago Rudy Stanik's relatives and Veronian members were hoping that he, Rudy, who had been listed as missing in action, would somewhere, some day turn up alive. Word has been received that Rudy is alive and a prisoner of war in Germany. "Wounded in action," that's what the telegram read about Walter Gostkowski, our former financial sec'y. We hope that you, Walter, Rudy Hodnik, Joe Cestnik, Elmer Mehelic, Andy Lipesky and Joe Plese get better at the earliest possible time. Will Kaus was home on a short leave. Soon to be discharged from the Mason General hospital in Long Island, New York, is my other brother, George. Coming home soon by the rotation plan is Charles Latin. Chuck was one of the first Veronian boys to be inducted.

For the third time since the latter part of February our Allegheny river has gone on a rampage. At this moment there is about a foot of water in our basement and still rising. A few weeks back many Veronians were forced to leave their homes. Our lower floors in our Veronian Club were covered with water, but thanks to the Veronian members headed by our Board of Directors that damage was slight.

Congratulations in behalf of our Veronian Lodge to Tony Bergoich and Frances Mestak on their recent engagement. A swell couple these two, shouldn't take them long to say, "We do."

A pool table at our club, a preview of what's to come to entertain our older and juvenile members. Now that our club will soon be paid for, our next move will be to make it (our club) one of the finest recreational spots in Penna, a place where our fighting soldiers will enjoy themselves.

Veronian blood donors who have given plenty are Mr. and Mrs. Elffler, Mr. and Mrs. John Lesar, and Larry Cassol.

Under the guidance of Matt Kern and Mary Krulic, our Veronian juveniles have been going at a fast pace. Meetings, the use of our club once a week, dances that saw Les Faulk's orchestra, a brand new band, playing for these affairs.

Before closing, I wish to remind you again about the dance Easter Sunday, and about the coming Sixth War Loan. Do your part, won't you? Thanks to Fritz and Kay Miller for the use of their car in helping to try and locate the barrels that were stolen from our club. Unless these 34 barrels are found, other means will have to be had to keep our float up as barrels are hard to get.

MICHAEL LIPESKY.

Sharon Keystoneers

SHARON, PA.—Keystoneers' April meeting will take place on Easter Sunday at 7:30 p. m. Come up to the Club real early to enjoy yourselves, then stay for the meeting. Be present and help us pick out a date for our seventh anniversary.

Anyone, male or female, who wants to take a part in the national SNPJ telegraphic bowling tournament should report either to Bill Macek or Frances Novak who are in charge. Let's show them that we, too, can roll the tenpins!

Keep in mind the Juvenile Circle dances. First, April 8, one Sunday after Easter; second, the Mother's Day program on May 13 with Jack Persin's orchestra.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Godina on the arrival of a baby boy. Another juvenile for the Keystoneers.

FRANCES NOVAK, 755.

Struggler Lodge

CLEVELAND, OHIO.—Attention, members of SNPJ Lodge Strugglers No. 614! In the future the monthly lodge assessment collections at the Slovene Workmen's Home, will be collected on the 26th of the month, if the 24th falls on a Saturday, Sunday or holiday.

For the benefit of the members who wish to pay by mail, the address of the Sec'y of the Strugglers Lodge 614 SNPJ is:

Theodore F. Laurie,
13416 Eaglesmere Ave.,
Cleveland 10, Ohio.
Phone Potomac 6188.

COMRADES' NOTE BOOK

By J. J. Fifolt

CLEVELAND, O.—Our last meeting: As usual many were expected but only a few showed up. Fran "hard luck" Presern, recording secretary, was not there due to spraining her ankle. Pauline Spik presided in place of Joe Zorman, who was troubled with his vocal chords. The ballot sent us by the Norwood Community Council was voted on as submitted. Ten tickets for SANC were purchased and distributed among those present. Usual donation was made towards the Easter Seal campaign.

In memory of John Prudish, serviceman, killed in action, members stood at attention. It was voted that the secretary arrange for the purchase of a \$25 war bond to be presented to his wife Helen for daughter Diane. Sick and operation reports for Bertha Erste who is well on her way to recovery were passed for payment. It was voted that theft insurance for the funds handled by the secretary be secured.

Entry fees for the team events in the City Tournament for the girls' teams to be paid for by the lodge. Joe Zorman won the \$1 award. Rose Smole was not present for the \$3 prize. Maybe we can prevail on John and Rose to drive in to Cleveland from Huntington every third Tuesday of the month for the meeting.

Some of those not present to partake in the birthday cake that the group presented to the writer after the meeting were Mary Krizmanic, Mary Zak, Albina Vehar, Antoinette Skok, Agnes Flanders, Tony Kerze, Heine Martin, Frances Tomsic, Mary Stefanic, to mention just a few. Many thanks to those who were so thoughtful.

Servicemen

Max Spik, out in California, was seriously stricken with stomach attack. Operation developed a rupture of the spleen. Prompt action on the part of the Navy medics, together with the aid of blood transfusions and plasma and penicillin has enabled him to show speedy recovery. His wife Kay who is with him, was quite worried. We trust Max will be on his feet soon.

Julius Pirnat Jr., who was recently commissioned an ensign, stopped over at the house during his recent furlough. He regretted his inability to attend the meeting and asked to express a hello to all of his friends. Julius presented a striking figure in his uniform and was very happy. His next assignment will be in Florida after which he hopes to see action in the Pacific.

Christmas card sent to Bill Azman, after traveling to five different points finally arrived back. It will be sent to Bill, home on furlough. There has been considerable agitation regarding inability of mail to reach the boys. My experience has been that Uncle Sam does try to locate them, judging from some of the cards and letters that come back.

Finally getting around to mention the last letter received from our good friend and Pioneer, Frank Grosz. It was addressed from somewhere in Germany. With the coming of spring, after the cold and deep snow, they'll be wallowing around in rain and mud. His health was good at the time he wrote the note and asked to say hello to the gang.

Bowling

Preparations for the national SNPJ telegraphic bowling tournament in the hands of Johnny Spilar and Whitey Mathews are progressing nicely. Additional prize money donated by the Cleveland Athletic League, outside of the national funds, should make the tournament enticing. The girls' teams are all set. How about a boys' team? What say, Alden, Kushlan, Shuber, Teakutz, Grum and others. The deadline for entry blanks is April 14.

Cooperation of the various lodges during the last Athletic League dance brought about very good results. Financially the dance was one of the most successful. Marie Stefanic, Spillar, Mathews, Jeric, Albina Vehar, and the others are to be congratulated for the efforts expended.

General

Don't look for Ed and Helen Grum on Addison, they've moved to E. 74th st. A note from our far away friend, Frank Truden, enclosing his check for dues. He and the family plan to be in Cleveland this summer if transportation problems ease up. He adds, "Sorry to hear about Johnny Prudish and I would like to add my sympathies to those of the rest of the Comrade members and hope that the rest of the boys return safe and sound."

That happy look on Mrs. Azman these days is explained by the fact that three out of the four boys were home on furlough together.

Understand that Glasbena Matica

Strabane Pioneers

STRABANE, PENNSYLVANIA.—With deepest regret was the news received that two of our members, Major James Bell and Robert Terschel, previously listed as missing, are now officially listed as killed in the service of our country. The Pioneers extend deepest and sincere sympathy to both families.

Major James R. Bell, well known Canonsburg physician, served as a flight surgeon and made many trips between England and France removing soldiers from the front to hospitals in England. It is reported he was killed when his plane crashed into the mountain in southern Scotland during a heavy snow storm. Major Bell served first at an Army camp in the State of Washington, later in Utah, then Randolph Field, Texas, and was stationed for a short time at Sioux City, Iowa, from which base he left for overseas duty exactly one year after enlisting. Based in England, he received his promotion to the rank of major one year after he left the States.

Fireman First Class Robert Terschel was serving on a mine sweeper in the area of Lingayen Gulf in the Philippine Islands at the time of the mishap. Entering the service just one year ago, Fireman Terschel received his boot training at Great Lakes, Ill., and left for service overseas last July. Four other members of the Terschel family are in the service: Lt. Mary L. Terschel and Lt. Frances, with the Women's Army Corps in France. Seaman First Class John Terschel Jr. in the Philippines and Pfc. Tony Terschel at Camp Beale, Calif.

Cpl. Joseph P. Kern, who is stationed at the Marine base in Quantico, Va., spent a furlough at home. A/S Guy Cornell has completed his recruit training at the Sampson Naval Training Station, N. Y., and is spending a furlough with his father and sisters. A/S Edward Kloubcher arrived home after completing his boot training at the Sampson Naval Training Station, N. Y., for a 5-day leave. M.O.M.M. 2/c Syvester Chemic, a member of the United States Coast Guard, arrived home from the European war area to spend a 24-day furlough. He will report for duty at Brooklyn, N. Y. Cpl. Joe Sterle of Carlisle Barracks, Pa., and Charles Kominski of U.S. Navy also spent a few days leave at home.

Sgt. Joseph Vercek and S/Sgt. John Cadez, both of whom are attached to the Signal Battalion, are reported to have arrived safely in France. Sgt. Jacob Tomsic is also located in France.

Somewhere in the European war theatre, two local soldiers met. They are Cpl. Joseph Delost Jr., a member of the Field Artillery Battalion, and Cpl. Joseph Krulic Jr., attached to the 13th Corps Artillery.

Here in the States Pvt. Frank Barish and Pvt. Martin Vehar have met at Camp Wheeler, Ga.

In our mailbox this week are letters from John Progar who is in France and L. Gervovsek from Germany. Both say it's "plenty hot" out there and they don't mean the weather; the Germans are keeping them busy. Lots of luck, boys!

The honors of the week go to the parents of Mirko Tomsic, stationed in England and John Tomsic serving in Germany somewhere.

ATTENTION, PIONEER MEMBERS: The regular monthly meeting will be held Sunday, April 1, at 6:30 p. m. at the SNPJ Hall. All members are urged to attend.

HELEN TERSHEL, 589.

members are busy preparing themselves for presentation of "The Gypsy Baron," in April. Their previous performance of this operetta was very successful.

The article by Secretary F. A. Vider relative to delays encountered in the preparation of monthly reports due to lodge secretaries not sending in their statements on time, brought out by members not paying their dues when they should, ought to be read and reread by those concerned. Just a nasty habit that should be corrected. Some day it might hurt.

Norwood Community Council

A very successful meeting was held last Thursday of the council. Director John Howard of the City Planning Commission was present with various plans and sketches they had prepared on planning of the Norwood Area for the future. They have made the plans, it is up to the people to evidence interest and execute them. Our Councilman Ed Kovacic, former member of Comrades, was there and outlined some of the steps already taken. A number of the younger set were present. Up to date developments of the Wellman case, the American Heat Treating problem, the fire devastated area were presented. Make plans to join the council.

Belated congratulations to Hank Spolar and his wife on the arrival of a lovely girl named Sarah Jane.

CONCERNING THE VALUATION REPORT

Our Society's Valuation Report for 1944 is published in this issue of Prosveta, and the attention of members is called to certain important statistics contained therein.

The Society's solvency rate has increased by over one-half percent, not a large increase, to be sure, but important for these times. There have been remarks on the part of certain members in connection with the business administration to the effect that greater caution is necessary in these times to guard against difficulties of the mortuary fund. The actuary's report is proof that there is at present no danger to the mortuary fund, and that there should be no fear of special assessments for this fund.

As can be seen from the Mortality Table in the Report, our Society's mortality rate is not much higher, in spite of war casualties. This means that the organization is strong and financially sound, a fundamental requirement for every enterprise such as ours.

Our main problem is the rate of interest earned on our investments, but in this respect all financial institutions and life insurance companies are affected in the same manner. However, if the need should arise, we can increase the assessment on new business, which would solve also this problem provided that the situation does not become extreme.

We had considerable discussion at our last two conventions concerning new classes of insurance in our Society, and some of our younger delegates were very optimistic about endowment insurance. Perhaps our members will be interested in knowing the number insured in each of the various plans in the adult department.

There are 40,532 Ordinary Life Certificates, or 80.24%, 9,005 Twenty Year Life Certificates, or 17.82%, 432 Twenty Year Endowment Certificates, or 78%, 492 Paid Up and Automatic Extended Term, 49 Endowment at Age 70 and 1 Endowment at Age 60.

While it is true that our organization has had endowment insurance for only a comparatively short time, nevertheless we can say that there has not been as much interest in it among our people for endowment insurance as was perhaps anticipated.

As previously mentioned, our sound business basis is the best guarantee for safe insurance in our Society, and members should always remember to emphasize this when they try to secure new members.

In addition to being financially stable, our Society is a progressive and labor minded organization which does not serve only the interests of its members, but is also a defender of progressive ideas and is a champion of democracy.

MEMBERS—REMEMBER THE SOCIETY'S ACTIVITIES, PARTICULARLY THE ENROLLMENT OF NEW MEMBERS!

F. A. VIDER, Secretary.

Golden Eagles

GIRARD, OHIO.—Meeting Minutes: About a dozen attended our last meeting. Even so, much was discussed and accomplished. Captain Anthony Barkovich—up from the ranks—took time out from his numerous duties to pen the Eagles a letter. As with many others, there is always that plea, "Continue with your lodge activities."

Then there was that letter from Mike Vrhovnik containing information about the Telegraphic Bowling tournament. No arguments were needed to convince the members that it was their duty to enter the tourney. Entry fees will come from the lodge treasury while the bowling fees will be taken care of by the bowlers themselves. There is little doubt that the team entering will be a women's team. One or two men probably will take their chance in the singles.

Since there are about a dozen attending the weekly bowling sessions, it will be necessary to utilize the process of elimination. The week of March 18 and the week following were used as elimination games. Those possessing the highest averages in these two games will represent us in the tourney. Tony Serca is secretary of local games.

And that letter from Supreme Sec'y F. A. Vider concerning compensation for local secretaries. This is an outgrowth of the last convention. Secretary Mary Macek explained the contents of the communication and reaffirmed her pledge to apply herself to the spirit of the letter.

William Reinhart was transferred into the adult department. We had Agnes Klucik, Mary B. Thedka, Ann Merrick and Helen Reinhart on the sick list. Five dollars was contributed to the local branch of SANC. The insurance award went to Andy Geronea. Mary Selak, Ann Godec or Lud Milavec could have won it had they been present.

Juvenile Circle
Beatrice Muster noted the events of the meeting in the absence of Dorothy Muster, regular recording secretary, who was occupied with her duties in the Civil Air Patrol.

If at all possible, arrangements will be made for a bowling match with the Sharon Circle. The Circle will also participate in the telegraphic tourney. Here, again, eliminations will be used.

Frances Matekovich, president of the Eagles, made an interesting talk during the meeting. She cited the advantages of Circle membership. She appealed to members to continue their membership in the SNPJ when transfer time approached. These talks to Circle members by adults will continue from time to time.

The coming fifth anniversary in July was much discussed. The Circle will sponsor a Country Fair to mark the birthday. A table lamp will be given away and entertainment offered. It is an ambitious program but one which will be long remembered. The date is Sat. evening, July 7, at the local Slovene Hall. Members of Lodge 49 and 643 will be asked to contribute to various games and such. Each will be notified as to the type of contribution desired. "Fancy work", cakes, etc., will be among the prime requests.

The new Circle contest is taking hold and interest is increasing. Points are awarded for attendance, dues paid, articles in The Voice of Youth, articles in Prosveta, new members in the department as well as in the Circle, Ohio sales tax, special features, etc. Winners are determined on a monthly basis. Frieda Perechlin was the winner for March with eight members in second place.

Donations for a table lamp is the special feature for the period from March 18 to April 15—the date of our next meeting. Ten points are awarded for each ten donations. The table lamp will be given away on the night of the Country Fair—July 7.

OFF THE RECORD—A letter today from Pfc. Stanley Hribar. He sends his regards to his many friends. His one souvenir—so far—is a German helmet. Write to him to Battery A, 292 F. A. Obsn. APO 758, c/o P.M. N. Y., N. Y.

Another two hundred dollars was sent to Chicago by our local SANC Branch 79. More than five hundred dollars was contributed by the good people of Girard.

The next SNPJ federation meeting is scheduled for the fourth Sunday at Sharon, Pa. The next Eagle's meeting will take place on Sunday, April 8, at two o'clock. Both meetings should be well attended. Mary Rezek (that's my missus) howled 176 the other night. Just wanted Milwaukee to know that she is doing very well out this way.

Louis Raich, a former president of the Circle, is home on a fifteen day furlough. He is stationed out Washington state way. Looking fine, too.

FRANK REZEK, 643.

WHERE THE FUEL GOES



AN AIRPLANE ENGINE burns up its own weight in gasoline in about 2 hours.

Our Front

By Louis Beniger

Last week, according to reports from Belgrade, the Yugoslav government and UNRRA signed an agreement which will facilitate relief supplies to that nation.

M. W. Fodor, correspondent of the Chicago Sun, writes from Belgrade that the agreement is the third UNRRA pact signed with a Central European country. The other two nations are Czechoslovakia and Greece.

This means that the sending of food and other supplies by UNRRA to Yugoslavia will start soon. "Major ships loaded with UNRRA and M. L. (Military Liaison) supplies are already in the harbor of Split and are en route to the coast awaiting improvement in overland transportation facilities," writes Fodor.

He adds that UNRRA will start functioning in Yugoslavia April 15. "Until then M. L. will supply most of the urgently needed medical supplies, agricultural requirements, clothing, etc."

It can be assumed that from now shipments of relief supplies to Yugoslavia will flow regularly.

The question arises, however, whether UNRRA will be able to fill the immediate needs in Yugoslavia. There is no question that a very large amount of needed supplies will be sent through this agency. But this does not mean that our own relief work here can cease. On the contrary, we must continue our relief work to supplement UNRRA work.

Slovenia and a large part of Croatia are still in the enemy clutches; only isolated parts of these two countries are liberated. It is likely that the enemy will soon be driven out and the need there will be great. That's why we must not relax now when the time is at hand to give help to our long suffering people.

Our relief action must continue unabated. We must not let our people down in the hour of their greatest need.

Turkey is once again making headlines. This time in connection with Yugoslavia nad Russia.

The Turks, who have only recently jumped on the band-wagon, are now trying to stir trouble in the Balkans by attempting to drive a wedge between Yugoslavia and Greece. I am confident that the Yugoslavs will handle the situation well and tell the Turks where to get off.

As for Russia, now is the time for her to assert herself in the Black Sea by getting what belongs to her in the Dardanelles, namely, a free passage and control of the famous Straits even as England controls the Straits of Gibraltar.

It is of vital importance to Russia that she realizes her 100-year old position in the Dardanelles. She must not be locked up behind this gate that leads to the Mediterranean.

School Board Election in Springfield

Bro. Gerry Allard Seeks Position

SPRINGFIELD, ILL.—Next Tuesday, April 3, the citizens of this town will elect a new school board. Among the candidates is also Gerry Allard, a member of the SNPJ Lincolnites Lodge and well known especially among the Illinois coal miners for his indomitable spirit and devotion to the cause of Labor.

For a number of years he was editor of the Progressive Miner and later of the Socialist Call. If elected to the Board of Education, the school board, as well as the progressive movement in education, would get a real endorsement on this important position. Gerry's candidacy is being sponsored by the miners of this town.

A MEMBER.

Juvenile Circles of the SNPJ

Perfect Circle Busy Planning New Activities

CHICAGO.—Perfect Circle No. 26 and one of their "busy bee" sessions last Saturday morning, preparing for the Easter social. Members had brought the hard-cooked eggs as instructed, and they had much fun decorating them. After the eggs were ready, several of the older members helped set up the table and will display the handwork of the children. Part of the wall was decorated and the result is very colorful. We are all looking forward to the party, as we usually have a very nice stay.

A short business meeting was held, and more members are reported to be coming. The past month had quite a few Circle members on the sick list. These members are missed by the Circle's willing and able help. Mrs. Frances L. Rak, one of the Circle's willing and able help, is visiting relatives with her family out Johnston way. Circle members and myself hope they have a very nice stay.

Circle members are requested to keep two dates in mind: Wednesday, April 4, first rehearsal for our singing program, and Saturday, April 7, the trip to the Chicago Museum of Natural History.

ANN SANNEBMAN, Mgr. Perfect Circle No. 26.

SNPJ SPORTS

Telegraphic Tourney News and Reviews

By Michael Vrhovnik

Less than a month from now, April 28-29, SNPJ bowlers in many parts of the country will take their respective places on the bowling lanes and begin to blast the "mangles" in the first National Telegraphic Ten-pin Bowling tournament.

Now that you have had time to think the matter over and discuss it at the meetings of your lodge, what is the decision? Have you decided to participate? Have you elected or appointed some one to organize the bowlers in your locality? Are you planning a social affair in conjunction with the tournament?

You know, of course, that the DEADLINE for all entries at the Chicago office is midnight, APRIL 18, which means that the local closing date will have to be two or three days earlier to allow for mailing time. That leaves less than three weeks in which to organize your bowlers and mail in the entry blanks and entry fees.

You must act quickly, if we are to assure the fullest measure of success for the first SNPJ "telegraphic" bowling tournament. There is no time to lose. Do not wait until the last week to get started. Do not delay until the last day to mail in your entries. This is one tournament in which there can be no excuse for late entries, and little or no excuse for failure to participate.

We urge, therefore, that you exert every possible effort to be represented in the "telegraphic" tournament. If the lodge can't organize a five-person team of men and/or women bowlers, then do the next best thing by having them enter the doubles or singles events. But above everything enter this tournament for the fun, competition and prizes offered.

Do not confuse entry fee with the bowling fee. The entry fees of 75c per event for each adult bowler (25c for juveniles in the team event only) are to accompany the entry blanks when mailed to the Athletic Director at Chicago. The bowling fee is extra and this is to be paid according to the arrangements made by the local tournament secretary or bowling committee. Bowlers, please take note of this fact!

The rules (Sec. 5) provide that each local "telegraphic" tournament shall be headed by a secretary whose duties shall include the following: To collect the entry and bowling fees, keep a record of all income and disbursements, correspond with the Athletic Director when necessary, mail him the entry blanks and entry fees, etc. In order to avoid confusion, we again remind you to designate a certain member as tournament secretary who will be the official contact "man" between the local and national offices. This will help to expedite matters quickly and with a minimum of misunderstanding. . . We also suggest that each lodge organize its own bowlers, turn entry blanks and fees over to the local tournament secretary who, after deducting and setting aside that which is to remain under his jurisdiction, will then mail a copy of each set of entries and fees to the Athletic Director.

Frank Rezek of the Golden Eagles (643) reports that plans have been completed for a local "telegraphic" tournament in Girard, Ohio, with several teams of adults and juveniles being formed. This is the ninth tournament organized to date, and its secretary is Anthony Serca, formerly of the Strabane Pioneers (589), who now resides at 218 Russell Ave., Niles, Ohio. According to Brother Rezek's letter, the Golden Eagles are not expecting a large cut of the prize money, but, he writes, "You can be sure that everyone will be in there pitching and having a grand time." And to that can be added that our Girard kieglers will have plenty of company for, after all, the real inducement in a tournament of this kind is the fun, recreation and excitement one is able to obtain from participation. Of course, if on top of that you are able to win a cash prize, or be crowned the SNPJ Champ in any one of the events, so much the better. We're pulling for you, Girard SNPJ. Keep that banner flying high!

Spirits of St. Louis. . . John Yurgee, secretary of the "telegraphic" tournament in that locality, writes to let us know that all is in readiness for the big event down in his town. The tournament will be conducted on the alleys of one of the finest bowling establishments in the city, the Du-Bowl-Lanes, located at 3665 Gravois Blvd., on Sunday, April 29, at 11 A. M. Lodges and bowlers, who wish to participate in this "telegraphic" tournament, send your entries and fees to John Yurgee, 4017 Castleman, St. Louis, Mo. . . You're on the beam, "Spirits." Nice going! . . .

Possibilities are growing exceedingly bright for an entry of more than one hundred teams in the first "telegraphic," and it might surprise many of us by going as high as 125 teams or better. How many doubles and singles entries there will be, we cannot predict at this time, but it is

almost certain that all previous marks will be shattered.

The prize list promises to be the most attractive yet offered in any SNPJ bowling tournament. The top prizes in the last national tournament, held at Milwaukee, Wis., in 1942, were as follows: Men's division: Team \$45, Doubles \$20 and Singles \$10, and for the corresponding events in the women's division, \$30, \$12 and \$8. There were, besides these, high game and all-events prizes, and trophies for the champions. . . This year the top prizes, based on a 100 team entry, will start at a point at least 25% higher, with a high of \$60 or better for the men's team event, and \$45 to \$50 for the women. Corresponding increases will also be arranged for each of the other events. Consolation awards of \$5.00 each will be given to every third team finishing out of the regular prizes. In 1942 there were a total of 52 regular and consolation awards in the team events alone. This year we expect to duplicate or better this number, and in addition to cash prizes, the Athletic Director, having contacted several trophy manufacturing concerns, is now able to report that suitable trophies for champions in all classes will be purchased and distributed when winners are known.

The Chicago tournament is rapidly taking shape and at this writing points to a minimum entry of 25 teams on the basis of 10 teams from the Pioneers (559), 7 teams from Integrity (631), 3 teams from the Trailblazers (100), and one team each from Lodges 86, 102, 131 and Circle 26. We have not yet given up on Slavija (1), Delavec (8), Roznik (18), Calumet Sentinels (610), or any of the remaining four lodges in the Chicago area. Each of these lodges have bowlers and with a little encouragement, we're almost sure that a team or, at least, a doubles combination can be organized to represent them. Chicago lodges have a good opportunity to set the record in number of entries in the first "telegraphic" tournament. Show them YOU CAN, Chicago SNPJ. . .

Mail your entry blanks and entry fees to Michael Vrhovnik, 2657 So. Lawndale Ave., Chicago 23, Illinois. This tournament will be conducted at Arkansas Southwest Bowling Alleys, 1659 S. Blue Island Ave., on Sunday, April 29 and, if necessary, on the preceding Saturday evening, the 28th. The bowling fee of 85c per event is to be paid at the alleys. Integrity Lodge (631) will be in full charge of this tournament.

Jugoslav Relief Rally . . . Let us not forget that the Jugoslav Relief program and dance will also be held on Sunday, April 29, at the American-Bohemian Hall, located at 1438 W. 18th Street (only a stone's throw from the Southwest Bowling Alleys), starting at 3 o'clock in the afternoon. Because there will be no social affair held with the tournament, we suggest that all bowlers attend the relief rally for entertainment, refreshments and to help a worthy cause. Be a good SNPJ'er by participating in both events. . . Don't forget! The deadline for entries is April 18!

SNPJ Ladies' League

CLEVELAND, OHIO.—Strugglers No. 1 belted the Concordians in three games to retain the top position by a gap of seven games. Lillian Kenikma, a first year bowler, sparked with a new high of 477, pursued by Hermine Zupancic and Frances Perusek with 469 and 465, respectively. Agnes Jeric topped Concordians with 457.

Comrades No. 2 slid into a second place tie with Strugglers No. 2 by defeating the Utopians No. 2 in three rounds. Mollie Koren highlighted the way for Comrades with 537 which was high for the evening. Mrs. Mary Rupnik lead the Utopians No. 2 with 396.

Cavaliers nosed out Comrades No. 1 in two games. Chris Kebe cramped the high single game of 215-497 for Cavaliers. Frances Tomacic's 448 capped the Comrades.

Strugglers No. 2 gained a two game victory over the Utopians No. 1, as they struggled to hold on to second rung in the league. Theresa Clements lead the way with 486, a close second came Anne Karlinger with 473. Fannie Svetina scored high for Utopians being very consistent with her games of 167-167-165-499.

Attention, girls! It has been suggested that we double up on our games if possible to avoid the on-coming warm weather. What do you say, girls?

PAULINE ROSS, Sec'y.

Spehek's 642 Series Sets Season Mark

CLEVELAND, OHIO.—After being completely checked in the first two skirmishes, the Utopian Lions with Frankie Spehek leading the drive, buried the Utopian Tigers in the last encounter under a torrid deluge of strikes. Spehek limbered up with 194 and 183 tallies, then started slamming strikes all over the place to register a hefty 265 game that inspired his teammates to a 1015 game which bettered their own league record of 1010. Incidentally these two 1000 scorers

are the only ones rolled in the league this season. Got a priority, fellow! Frank Zupon co-starred in that feature flurry with a 233 throbber even after getting a bad fill and missing in the ninth frame. Joe Zupancic with a 561 series shone for the Tigers.

The Under-Adamic Sharpshooters stepped in first place undisputed after shelling the Utopian Panthers thrice. Mike Poklar slung out a nifty 609 set for the former. J. Attwood's 479 series was tops for the latter.

With Mike (Fireball) Krall and Johnny Lunka getting the pace, the Betsy Ross quintet took the V Boy's over the hurdles in two sessions. Mike rammed consistent scores of 207, 203 and 200 to notch a 610 series. Johnny's 585 package contained a sparkling 251 surprise. For the V Boy's Frank Iskra did his new ball proud in lashing a 210 game in a 546 series.

200 Circle: F. Spehek 265, J. Lunka 251, F. Zupancic 233, M. Poklar 216-210, F. Iskra 210, M. Krall 207-203-203, J. Zupancic 205, A. Gerchman 203, C. Krause 201, M. Dolence 200.

Statistics

Team	Standings	W.	L.
1—Lunder-Adamic	43	23	
2—Utop. Tigers	42	34	
3—Utop. Lions	36	30	
4—Betsy Ross	33	33	
5—Lodge V Boy	29	37	
6—Utop. Panthers	14	52	

Team High 3

1—Utop. Lions	2832
2—Lunder-Adamic	2787
3—Utop. Tigers	2772

Team High 1

1—Utop. Lions	1015
2—Utop. Tigers	985
3—Betsy Ross	977

Ind. High

1—F. Spehek	642
2—A. Prime	638
3—J. Spilar	632

Ind. High 1

1—C. Krause	268
2—F. Spehek	265
3—J. Spilar	259

Athletic League Lights

Well, here the good news, bowlers! The gala bowlers' dance held under the auspices of the Cleveland Athletic league turned out to be a financial success. The eight ladies' and six men's teams will benefit to the tune of 20 smackers per team.

But that isn't all that is in store for you. The league also has announced that a donation of a \$100.00 will be given for a local prize list in the coming SNPJ National Telegraphic tournament. . . Here's your chance for a two day crack at that pay-off column. Get your entries in now! The deadline is Saturday, April 14th. Positively no entries will be taken after that date!

J. J. SPILAR,
Ath. Rep. Dist. No. 3.

A Statement and an Answer

CHICAGO.—The undersigned members of Pioneer Lodge 559 SNPJ who have had most to do with handling the Pioneer Invitational Handicap Bowling tournament and the payment of prize money for same wish to state:

1. That the Pioneers have held six annual handicap bowling tournaments in six successive years beginning with 1940.
2. That a list of the winners and prizes was drawn up each year, immediately after the completion of the tournament.
3. That Pioneer checks were drawn and delivered to the winners at the social which followed each tourney. If the winners didn't attend the social, checks were mailed to the lodge secretary.
4. That any statement to the contrary is 100% untrue.
5. That the only reason the 1945 prize list was not drawn up as in previous years was the dissatisfaction with the 50% cut in the appropriation from the SNPJ Athletic Fund by the Athletic Board, at the instigation of the Athletic Director.
6. That the tone and color of the "Explanation for Nat'l Athletic Board" by Michael Vrhovnik which appeared in the Prosveta of March 21, 1945, is neither complimentary to his position as athletic director nor proper as an official. We would expect national officers to determine right from wrong before accusing others of wrongdoing.

Creating animosity and ill will among the members and lodges is an offense against the whole Society and should not be permitted. We would expect our Supreme Athletic Director to know better. Certainly, accusing an active group of loyal SNPJ workers falsely deserves a reprimand.

EDWARD HUDALE,
JOHN ALIC JR.,
DONALD J. LOTRICH.

Addenda to Statement

Why the Athletic Director takes such an antagonistic attitude toward the Pioneers, we can't say. We can say that the explanation in the Pioneer Bulletin was genuinely friendly and that nowhere in the whole transaction were we insolent so as to deserve this attack.

For his information let it be firmly stated that the additional check of \$50 was received Wednesday, March 14, 1945, AFTER 5 P. M. The Bulletin was printed several hours earlier. Here again, he is all wrong. No responsible officer writes that way.

DONALD J. LOTRICH,
Sec'y Pioneer Lodge 559 SNPJ.

Spirit-o-Grams

By Whoosit

ST. LOUIS, MO.—The main topics of conversation are the two dances which are coming off in the very near future. One, SANC dance which is being held on April 7 at the Croatian Hall, Twelfth & Russell. Let's see each and everyone there. Besides having lots of fun, it's for a good cause.

Second, our own May Dance, being held at the Concordia Hall on May 5. All our other dances have been huge successes, but let's all help make this one even more of a success. It can be done with your help.

Hope you haven't forgotten about the SNPJ telegraphic bowling tournament. It's not very far off and we Spirits want to try and come out on top. The teams bowl on Sunday evenings. If you want further information, why just see John Yurgee. And besides, it's lots of fun.

This and that—Ann Bonarich is now in Arizona, regaining her health. All Spirits wish her a speedy recovery. Hope you haven't forgotten Bro. Zimmerman is in the Koch Hospital. Have you either written a note of cheer or else dropped a card? How about it?

Don't forget to send your buddies Easter cards.

Here's a note of interest. Mitzi Sveglisch's brother, who is with Gen. Patton's Army Tank Division, worked 48 hours straight through without sleep of any kind. Gen. Patton, seeing this, made him sleep and rest in his own tent. Now there is an example of American democracy and just what we are fighting for.

Hope you haven't forgotten the relief drive is still going on, so if any member has anything at all, give it to the relief. Those people in Yugoslavia really are in need. The Red Cross, too, needs your help, so let's all do our share.

Lincolnites

SPRINGFIELD, ILL.—Arrangements for the Lincolnites' 19th anniversary dance have been moving along nicely the last week. John Gorsek's five piece orchestra has been hired to play for this affair. April 14th has been set as the date, and of course the place where all will trip the light fantastic will be the Slovene Dom. The tickets were printed last week also and most of them have been distributed. A committee member tells us that the members have willingly taken them to sell and are having no trouble doing it.

One of our new members, Jack Cunningham, took care of having the tickets made up for us, donating the expenses of the printing, and we think this was a mighty generous gesture. Jack, by the way, is a master plumber, and a good union man. So far he has attended every meeting since becoming a member. And that reminds us, wouldn't it be nice to see a few of our other members out to the next meeting whom we haven't seen for a while? Yes, there are some we haven't seen for several years.

Now that the days are warmer and spring seems to have actually arrived, even though early, we are enjoying some mighty nice visits from our friends in town. In fact, butcher Frank Volk dropped in at a most convenient time yesterday. We were butchering the last hog that it will take to fill the locker for the summer months and here comes Frankie just in time to cut it up for us. And never have we seen a better job done or a quicker one. Just a few whacks here and there, and in what seemed no time at all the job was done. Pretty nice to have such friends. Thanks again, Frankie.

Gerry Allard, a member of Lincolnites, is a candidate for member of the Board of Education in local election to be held Tuesday, April 3. With his election organized labor will gain control of the school board. He has a very good chance of being elected, if we will all give him our support.

MARY BRINOCAR, 507.

Lodge No. 86 to Hold Spring Dance April 7

CHICAGO.—Well, folks, it looks like spring is here and I'm sure we are all glad after the cold winter we had. But let's hope we don't have a hot summer.

Members and friends of SNPJ lodge 86, don't forget our Spring Dance Saturday, April 7, at Fleiner's Hall, 1638 N. Halsted st. As you all know about the curfew, make up your plans to come early. On account of the curfew we will have doors opened one hour earlier, which will be at 7 p. m. We will have some one at the bar to serve you if you come early. Come early and help make our dance a great success. Music will start to play at 8 o'clock sharp.

We'll be looking for all, old and young, to be there early and enjoy themselves and have a grand time. There will be plenty of good eats and drinks. Wishing each and every one a happy Easter.

Mrs. MARY (GRILL) CIRAR.

Waukegan-No. Chicago Co-op Meet Saturday

WAUKEGAN, ILL.—The Board of Directors, the General Manager, and the Auditor of the Waukegan and North Chicago Cooperative Association will present their reports at the annual meeting to be held

Waukegan News

WAUKEGAN, ILL.—This is the last reminder of the Yugoslavs of this and other nearby communities to come and spend the Easter Sunday afternoon with us at the Slovene Home and enjoy the program of JPO and SANC, which promises to be a real treat for everyone.

The program will consist of singing and speaking and the presentation of the three act play "Norec." Dorothy Judnick will sing the American hymn as the opening number, followed by Joseph Owen and Mrs. Mrnjac who will be the speakers. The main feature will be the play which, according to Martin Judnick, is very interesting; it will be presented by the dramatic group of Club 1 JSF of Chicago.

Mrs. Jelovsek and her committee are in charge of the kitchen, and there will also be dancing in the lower hall after the program. The admission is \$1. Tickets are on sale by the committee. It will be a good opportunity to spend an afternoon and evening at the SNH and at the same time help our people in Yugoslavia, as this is a benefit program for Yugoslav relief.

P-T-A. Program: On Wednesday, March 14, we had a Yugoslav program sponsored by P-T-A. of Lincoln-McAllister School. Bro. Michael Vrhovnik gave a good talk on the activities of the SNPJ and Yugoslavs in America and also showed the movies of Slovenia, and Dr. Furlan described the contributions of Yugoslavs to America. Mothers, members of the SNPJ, served potica and flancette. The auditorium was filled to capacity and the program was well received by the audience consisting of many nationality strains.

Telegraphic Tourney: Our twin city will be in the national SNPJ telegraphic bowling tournament sponsored by the three local lodges on Sunday afternoon, April 29, at the Bowlarium alleys in North Chicago. Sec'y Frank Bruce of lodge 14 reported at the joint meeting that his lodge will have seven teams. Sis. Kozina of lodge 119 reported they will have two or more, and Sec'y Christine Stritar of lodge 568 said she hopes to get at least as many as lodge 14. Sis. Edith Dobnikar is secretary of the bowling for lodge 568. All entries must be in the hands of local secretaries by April 18 and at the main office by April 18. The bowlers will pay their own bowling fees, and the entry for each team is \$3.75. The three lodges will give \$15 as prizes. Lodge 568 will take care of the alleys and lodges 14 and 119 will be in charge of the hall, bar and kitchen. Supper will be served at the SNH at 75c per plate which includes dancing; tickets for the dance alone will be 35c. Proceeds will be shared by the three lodges. The next meeting of the representatives will be on April 11 at 8 p. m.

Little Fort News: A new baby boy arrived in the family of Mr. and Mrs. Mateja (formerly Miss Mesec). Congratulations, Sis. Tina Scalling is home from the hospital. Her husband is stationed in New Hebrides. We wish Tina a speedy recovery. Sis. Angela Korenchak received a letter from her husband Frank that he was given an APO address, which means overseas.

The next Little Fort Lodge meeting is scheduled to take place on April 19, just ten days before the tournament. We expect many members at this meeting and for this reason we are planning a party after the meeting. Be sure to be present.

ALBINA L. FURLAN, 568.

Integrity Broadcast

CHICAGO.—We are most happy to hear the good news that Charles Young is a prisoner of war; when at first it was feared he was missing in action. Alfred Kallinger is home on furlough, spending it with his folks out in Willard, Wis., and in Chicago. Jean Fende is also spending some time in Willard. Emma Zager and Anne Podlesnik spent the weekend at the home of the Andy Prelesniks. They came in from Detroit where they are employed. We want to congratulate Mary (Legault) Travers on the addition of a new son.

On May 20 the Integrity lodge will hold a bunco party; net proceeds to go to the coming Christmas party for the juveniles of the lodge. —John Setina Sr. is spending some time in Kansas.—The last meeting was fairly well attended. Refreshments were delicious, potica, cake, apple strudel, coffee.

M. FLEISCHACKER, Sec'y.

Saturday, March 31, at the Slovene Hall. It is hoped by the board that a large number of the 496 members will attend and participate in the discussions of the projects by the administration. The proposals of the board and the manager will require a full expression of the opinions of the membership in order to take proper action. The proposals of the board, both recommended by the auditor, are: 1. The use of Slovene and English at our meetings. 2. Allocation of savings. Both proposals will require deep thinking and the thorough discussion as is obtained in consumer cooperative societies, because of the inherent democracy. Be present.

A COOPERATOR.

World Events

(Continued)

Europe is not alone in suffering from the economic dislocations incident to World War II. Worldover Press, in its latest news release, offers some figures on price advances in Latin America and Asia. In Brazil, the cost of living was 188 for 1943 and 213 for July, 1944; in Mexico, 247 for 1943 and 325 in September, 1944. Advances in Chili, Colombia, Costa Rica and Peru were less sharp. Japan's cost of living index was 158 in 1943 and 185 in September, 1944. China, with runaway inflation, reported an index, based on 1937 as 100, of 11,498 as an average for 1943 and 44,341 for May, 1944.

War crimes and war criminals are occasioning acute embarrassment in London, where the United Nations War Crimes Commission has been reorganized in an effort to keep the lid on an increasingly explosive situation. Top-ranking British officials, including Prime Minister Churchill and Foreign Secretary Eden, are evidently determined that the top-ranking officials of enemy governments shall not be brought to trial.

Moscow Conference declarations, issued Nov. 1, 1943, included a forthright statement on atrocities: "In their desperation, the receding Hitlerites and Huns are redoubling their ruthless cruelties. . . Those German officers and men and members of the Nazi Party who have been responsible for, or who have taken a consenting part in, the above atrocities, massacres and executions will be sent back to the countries in which their abominable deeds were done, in order that they may be judged and punished according to the laws of these liberated countries."

The Moscow statement was followed by the appointment of the War Crimes Commission and there the matter seems to have rested. For something like a year, Soviet and American delegates on the Commission have tried to get action. Their recommendations have been pigeonholed and, in some cases, not even acknowledged by Sir John Simon, under whose jurisdiction the Commission functions. Soviet and American delegates evidently want the high-up Nazi war criminals tried under established criminal procedure. That would mean that they would have a public trial, could summon witnesses in their own defense and would have a jury decide their guilt or innocence.

British officials take the position that the high-up Nazi should be tried and punished by a joint decision of the Allied governments. Under those circumstances, there would be no public trial and the proceedings could be surrounded with the complete secrecy that habitually shrouds Big Three conferences.

The situation is in many ways similar to that in 1919, after Lloyd George had won his postwar election on the slogan: "Hang the Kaiser!" The Kaiser was a cousin of the British King and was related to half of the other reigning families of Europe. The Bolsheviks had only just finished disposing of a king in rather summary fashion and, once that business got started, there was no knowing when or where it would stop. So the old gentleman was allowed to go on chopping wood at Doorn until he died a natural death.

Nazi high-ups, on trial before a criminal court, would be entitled to summon character witnesses. What a sight it would be to have Sir Samuel Hoare appear for Mussolini, Lord Londonderry for Goering and the Prime Minister for Hitler. Indeed, the entire Cliveden Set in England could be called to the stand. If they did not appear in person, their writings would suffice. And the same would hold true for General Knudson and many another USA higher-up. As a Jan. 15 London despatch to the New York Times put it, "Conservative politicians fear that, in a regular trial, their own past praise of fascism or endorsement of Nazi leaders might be quoted against them."

(To be concluded.)

Lodge No. 748 Holds Dance Sun., April 1

CLEVELAND, O.—SNPJ Lodge Svoboda No. 748 will give a dance Sunday, April 1, at the SWH, 15335 Waterloo rd., starting at 8 p. m. and featuring the Vadal orchestra. Come early and avoid the rush.

We were told that Alice Vidmar, member of the singing society Zarja, will be married to Joseph Tekavec on April 7. We wish them good luck and happiness.

FRANK BARNIC.

In Loving Memory
of our beloved
PFC.
FRANK SEIBERT
killed in action at North Africa
on March 26, 1943
— — —
Sadly missed by
Brother, Sisters and
Friends,
Johnstown, Pa.

Minutes of Meeting of Supreme Board of Slovene National Benefit Society

Held Feb. 15-17, 1945, at Headquarters, 2657 S. Lawndale Ave., Chicago, Ill.

SESSION FEB. 15, 9 A. M.

Supreme President Vincent Cankar calls meeting to order at 9 a. m. Lawrence Gradisek, Secretary of the Sick Benefit Department; Camillus Zarnick, 2nd Vice President; Joseph Culkar, Vice President of 1st District; Jacob Zupan of the Finance Committee; and Dr. John J. Zaverinik, Supreme Medical Director, are absent.

Culkar is unable to attend because of his war work, and Zupan will attend as his work will permit. Gradisek was suddenly taken ill. Zarnick was delayed due to transportation difficulties, and Zaverinik will attend some sessions. Unanimously carried that officers named be excused.

Order of business accepted:

1. Call to order
2. Roll call
3. Time of sessions
4. Special motions
5. Reports
6. Discussions
7. Unfinished business
8. General business
9. Miscellaneous
10. Adjournment

Sessions shall be from 9 to 12 and 1 to 5 daily.

Report of Supreme President

The duties of the supreme president are to supervise the work and activities of the Society, and his report must deal primarily with related problems. I have tried to prepare this report so that it would cover all phases of our administration and present a clear picture of our activities, and especially to give you a true picture of our achievements.

Our Activities

The vitality of every organization is shown best in its activities. As always in the past, we have also tried to keep up our activities last year, such as celebrations and other affairs, membership campaign, athletics, etc. Of course, we were conscious of the fact that wartime conditions prevent full participation, but we went ahead in spite of this in order to achieve as much as possible, and our efforts have not been in vain.

Fortieth Anniversary

As you know, last year we celebrated the 40th anniversary of our Society, which was an outstanding milestone. The great work accomplished by our organization during its long existence called for a fitting observance. As already mentioned, we had to consider wartime conditions and inescapable difficulties, yet, the response was favorable from lodges and federations and we celebrated the occasion successfully. However, we did not send as many speakers to local and sectional celebrations as in normal times, and our anniversary affairs were correspondingly smaller but nevertheless numerous and morally successful.

Various Affairs

In addition to anniversary affairs of our Society, there was a number of lodge anniversaries as well as other events in 1944. Many lodges also sponsored benefit affairs for Yugoslav relief. Some lodges even canceled their own affairs in favor of Yugoslav relief, convinced that this, at this time, is more urgent. Several important affairs were also sponsored by our juvenile circles, and there were a few bowling tournaments. There would have been more of these events if it hadn't been for transportation and other difficulties. In spite of all this, we have shown enough activity and vitality.

Solicitation of New Members

In connection with the anniversary we also conducted a membership campaign. The motive power behind each campaign is always an important factor, and the securing of new members is of vital importance to the organization. It was altogether fitting that the campaign was held in celebration of such an important jubilee. There is perhaps nothing as effective to observe an anniversary as is a membership campaign that is well planned and well carried out. The campaign manager will give you a more detailed report on the campaign. I wish to mention here that the drive was a great success in spite of adverse conditions. Other organizations had their campaigns also, but we enrolled more new members than many another larger organization, as well as more than those that have a much more favorable field.

Conditions at Main Office

As you know, a request had been made at the semi-annual meeting to grant a leave of absence to the supreme treasurer in connection with his work for SANC, of which he was assistant secretary. After a lengthy debate on this problem, it was decided that this question concerns primarily the executive committee which should grant him a leave of absence, if sufficient help can be obtained and if the duties of the treasurer can be discharged without harming the Society. Soon thereafter the SANC convention took place and Bro. Kuhel was elected SANC secretary; events developed rapidly and it became necessary that he devote his full time to that organization. The executive committee, seeing that for the most effective action in behalf of our people in the old country it would be necessary to grant Kuhel a short leave of absence, decided to give him a three-months leave, effective in mid-September; after the expiration of that period, another three-months leave was granted. In the meantime, the work of the treasurer must go on, and this is being done by the supreme secretary as well as others.

However, besides this, there is more than enough other work in the main office. Our administrative work is becoming each day more precise and complicated, that's why we must have more and experienced help, which is hard to get. High wages in war plants attract many workers and because of this we have already had considerable difficulty. In spite of this, we are carrying on, executing our duties and the administrative work as promptly as possible.

The Convention Problem

In accordance with a previous decision, I am corresponding with the Minnesota federation concerning preparations for our 13th regular convention scheduled to take place at Eveleth this fall. I wish to report that the federation decided that all preparations will be in charge of the Eveleth lodges, which have already rented a hall and other quarters as well as taken care of lodgings and board, and everything in that connection is in readiness.

A short time ago, as you know, the Office of Defense Transportation issued an order banning all conventions and similar gatherings because of transportation. Every organization which intends

to hold a convention this year must, in accordance with this order, obtain a special permit from the said office, but for which it must apply not earlier than six months before the convention and no later than 30 days before the opening of the convention. This places us in an uncertain and unpleasant position.

Knowing that State laws demand that fraternal organizations must hold their conventions every four years and that our convention is therefore scheduled to take place almost at the end of the four-year-period, we immediately asked the proper authorities for necessary information and advice. Thus far our attorneys and state authorities were unable to give us the right answer and we will have to wait before we find out definitely what is what. It is understood that we are ready to cooperate with the federal authorities and postpone our convention if this is demanded and if it is legally granted. Since this problem will very likely be taken up later, I will explain at that time.

Our Relief Action

I wish to report briefly about our cooperation with the relief and political actions for the old country. As I have already mentioned, the SNPJ loyally supports both because it considers this as temporarily very important and necessary. We are cooperating with Yugoslav relief and in order to bring about the best results possible, several supreme board officers assumed responsible offices in this work. For that same reason I took the position as president of JPO some time ago and for the same reason the position of treasurer of SANC. Last fall, when a united relief committee was organized on the initiative of the United Committee of South-Slavic Americans, I was trying to merge JPO with this group. As you have seen in the minutes, there was a strong opposition and we succeeded only partially. From the JPO fund it was granted to give only \$25,000; concerning a merger, voting is now in progress and the outcome will be given at the next meeting which is to take place soon.

Administration

Concerning bond purchases and investments of our Society's assets in general, a detailed report will be submitted by the finance committee. Let me mention only this, that in these times there are difficulties in regard to investments; there are relatively fewer bids and there are few selections; for this reason we are investing mostly in federal securities. The rest of the financial work is in the hands of the executive committee; economy is practiced in every respect as much as possible.

Publications

There have been no important changes in this department since the last meeting, except the new name for the juvenile monthly, as decided at the semi-annual meeting. The manager and editor will report about the printery and publications.

Status of Society

As I have mentioned at the outset, the potential strength and vitality of an organization can best be seen in its activities. We have been quite active throughout the past year and we have reaped praiseworthy successes. From detailed reports that will follow mine, you will see that in spite of adverse conditions we have again registered considerable progress in membership and resources and the general condition of the organization is very favorable.

VINCENT CANKAR.

Report accepted.

Report of Supreme Vice President

It is a happy occasion for me to be back among you after an absence of numerous months. And I am pleased to report that within a shade more than a week I shall again enjoy a status equal to that of July 1942 when I was inducted into the Army of the United States.

A review of the time from then until the present would not reveal a real contribution to our Society by the office of your First Vice-President. This is indeed regrettable, and I can only state that I contributed all the effort possible under the circumstances. The future will, I hope, find this office far more active for the welfare of the Society.

During this period of more than two and one half years temporary leave, it is interesting to observe that the Society has made steady and real progress. This is all the more encouraging for the future welfare of our Society when we consider that this continued success has been made even though hundreds if not thousands of our members, both in and out of the armed services, have been burdened with duties previously unknown in our history. It would appear to be, therefore, our immediate task to begin preparations for activities previously unknown when our boys return to civilian life and our civilians are free to make a greater contribution to Society interests. The measure of effort will depend largely on how well we will organize and plan future activities.

It has also been of great interest to witness the close cooperation between our Society and the organizations of JPO and SANC. I believe it appropriate to say that in these times there is no more important expression of the character of our Society than the very closest cooperation between these two groups and ourselves.

Since my return home I have attempted to create interest in our Society, in JPO and SANC. I shall continue to do so in the future. Meanwhile, I wish to express my appreciation to individual Executive Committee Members, and to all members of the Supreme Board for the cooperation shown me during my absence. My office was extremely doubtful to me numerous times, and it was only your patience, tolerance, and cooperation that enabled me to successfully carry on.

MICHAEL R. KUMER.

Report accepted.

Report of First District Vice President

Excuse me for not attending this February session of the supreme board, as it is impossible for me to get away from my work at this time.

Since the last meeting, I attended anniversary celebrations and the Pennsylvania Fraternal Council held in Philadelphia, Pa., Nov. 14-15, to which I was appointed a delegate to represent the SNPJ. This Pennsylvania Fraternal Congress consists of 71 fraternal organizations operating in Pennsylvania. 41 of these organizations were represented by 86 delegates and 28 visitors—mostly prominent

business men and officials of financial institutions. A very instructive program was offered, featuring such prominent men as Arthur H. Williams, President of the Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia, stressing the difficulties of fraternal organizations finding suitable investments, also the effects of war finance and peace time conditions; Hon. Gregg L. Neel, speaking on the future of fraternalism; Dr. R. L. Johnson, president of Temple University of Philadelphia, an address on the educational problems facing the country in the postwar period; Homer W. Teamer, Sec'y-Mgr. of the Insurance Federation of Pennsylvania, whose subject was "The Great Uncertainty" telling us how certain bills have been proposed to congress which would seriously affect, if passed, our fraternal organizations, and that we must be constantly on guard against the passage of such bills. S. H. Hadley, past President of the National and Pennsylvania Fraternal Congress, subject: "Reminiscences of the Pennsylvania Fraternal Congress", beginning with the organizing of the various state Fraternal Congresses and their importance, and gradually working up to a most important congress for protection and bettering of the fraternal organizations. Greetings were extended by the following Presidents of Fraternal Congresses of their states: John Lang, New York, R. C. Kester, Ohio, J. M. Weber, Maryland and the District of Columbia, Wm. Grogan Jr., New Jersey, J. D. Butkovich, Canada.

The session was very educational in the line of fraternalism. I am very pleased to have had the privilege of attending and representing the SNPJ. It is my sincere belief that we should continue membership and representation to the future Pennsylvania Fraternal Congress sessions.

Due to the limited number of activities in my district there isn't much more I can report.

I'm sure that the combined reports and recommendations of the District Vice Presidents will be favorable in regard to the past membership campaigns and future activities.

I extend wishes for good results in your deliberations for the good of the SNPJ.

JOSEPH L. CULKAR.

Report accepted.

Report of Second District Vice President

My report for the six months period ending December 31, 1944, is as follows:

I attended various lodge and federation functions, and in spite of conditions all of them were fairly well attended and fraternal success attained. The outstanding event being the 9th Annual Pennsylvania SNPJ held in Sygan, Pa., on August 27.

In my contacts with members of our Society I find that the outstanding topic is the coming convention. Most of them think that the convention ought to be postponed, if possible. Reasons are many, and most of them are sound. Another question asked is: What disposition was made of the Dr. Arch case? Since the case is pending no definite answer can be given. The sick and disability benefits of our members in the armed forces is something that only a very few understand. It might be well to have an explanation on this more frequently in Prosveta so our members may become acquainted with the decision of the Supreme Board as of August, 1942. During the period of this report an explanation was published in Prosveta English section on Nov. 29, 1944, by the supreme secretary. It would be helpful if this article was reprinted from time to time.

From my experience as well as conversations with other lodge secretaries I find that the 60 day grace period for discharged members pertaining to reinsurance for sick and disability benefits is not working out as well as anticipated. I recommend that a grace period up to six months be made, if possible. Perhaps a committee might make a further study of this problem and present their findings to this supreme board for consideration.

Since it is apparent that the coming convention will be more or less streamlined, the supreme board ought to set the example by conducting its business in a more efficient manner. Recommendations are: Reports of members and their recommendations should be acted on in order; that is from the president on down the line; in discussions on various items members ought to confine their talk to the problem before the body only, and refrain from longwinded orations which in most cases have no meaning. More attention ought to be paid to carrying a motion. At the last supreme board meeting a motion was carried by a vote of seven to four in presence of twenty-four members. A motion must receive a majority vote of the members present to be carried. Likewise, the chairman ought to maintain better order, and the members can assist him by being more cooperative. These recommendations offer a more business-like meeting and more can be accomplished in less time.

The success of the last membership campaign again proves that campaign after campaign can be successful if properly conducted and responsible persons are placed in charge.

My report on other items will be submitted to the meeting of the district vice-presidents; their combined recommendations will be presented to this board for consideration.

JAMES MAGLICH.

Report accepted.

Report of Third District Vice President

It is with extreme pleasure that I submit my report personally rather than by mail as I had anticipated.

Being a member of the Armed Forces for the past 31 months has prevented my being active to any great extent. I have however, watched with interest the results of our membership campaign, the various sports functions and the work of the Juvenile circles and I have been delighted with the results. Our Brothers and Sisters who have worked so diligently under such trying conditions, are to be commended on the wonderful achievements they have produced.

With results as encouraging as these, the outlook of the SNPJ in the postwar era is very bright, indeed.

Our executive board, SNPJ employees and our editorial staff are also to be congratulated upon the fine work they have done during these months and years of extreme hardships. Their work has been commendable and recognition is due them.

Our athletic board and juvenile circles under the able leadership of Bro. Vrhovnik have also been splendid. A decided improvement has been noted in these programs since our last convention.

With the war still being fought in Europe, and a great deal of fighting still to be done in the Pacific, the future holds many question marks for us. We have lost and will continue losing many of our younger members and since we do not know what to expect in the postwar era, and since no permanent plans can be made until completion of hostilities, I recommend that if possible, the convention of the SNPJ be postponed until the time

is more appropriate. I am sure that with travel and labor conditions being so critical, both State and Federal permission could easily be obtained. I am sure that the SNPJ members and lodges would be heartily in favor of this proposal.

As to any other suggestions and recommendations, I will have made them at the meeting of the district vice-presidents.

RAY TRAVNIK.

* Report accepted.

Report of Fourth District Vice President

At this session we will be confronted with many serious problems which we should face with confidence, since our members are aggressive in activity, and always willing to do their share in building a bigger and better SNPJ. The great response to the Society's 40th anniversary celebrations and successful campaigns throughout the states has proved their loyalty to the SNPJ.

Locally, the 40th anniversary celebration and membership campaign held by Lodges 107, 679 and 659 were quite successful, due to the fine cooperation received from the members of the three lodges in spite of present day conditions. The tri-lodge net gain of 20% in membership being the greatest progress in many a year.

One of the more complex problems before us at this meeting are the plans for our coming 13th regular convention. The SNPJ has been constantly striving to be efficient in all of its functions, although our conventions convene much too long in comparison to other fraternal, but much can be done to improve and pave the way towards convention efficiency by having various committees appointed prior to the convention to make a study of the society's needs, etc., submitting the recommendations to the assembly, thus saving many days and dollars which our SNPJ could apply towards other benefits.

My recommendations for the welfare of the SNPJ will be submitted jointly with the district vice-presidents.

At the present time, plans for organizing a Juvenile Circle in St. Louis have not materialized to our expectations, due to our difficulty in procuring a meeting hall, since many of the halls do not permit Juvenile activities and others charge extreme prices such as \$6.00 to \$7.00 per meeting, which would be a financial burden on the Circle. This does not indicate that the idea of a Circle has been abolished as we have an abundance of material to work with, which we can not afford to waste, for our youth movement is as important to our SNPJ's future as are the ESL's.

Sport activities in 1944 have suffered a considerable setback in many of our fraternal organizations. Although the SNPJ activities have been fewer than in previous years, the idea and moral spirit has been kept intact by our alert SNPJ Athletic Board.

I attended the annual session of the Mo. Fraternal Congress which was held in St. Louis, Mo. The Congress was well attended, with the majority of fraternal being represented, although there was no business of any importance transacted other than routine matters.

My per diem for the two day session of the Mo. Fraternal Congress I donate to SANC for Yugoslav relief.

During the past year I assisted SANC in organizing mass meetings and relief, soliciting groups among our SNPJ lodges throughout central Illinois. The response up to the present time has been very satisfactory, and it is hoped that not only will our efforts give material assistance, but will also give our struggling people of Yugoslavia a new hope in their struggle for liberation.

JOHN SPILLER.

Report accepted.

Report of Fifth District Vice President

Since our last meeting I have worked for the best interests of our Society. During our last membership campaign I, as one of the contestants, entered a number of new members in the SNPJ. I urged lodges and members in my district to do likewise. They, as the result showed, responded with good cooperation. In this respect their aim was for even greater success but under the present war situation they found it impossible as 90% of our youth has left to serve in the United States armed forces or to work in the war industries. Taking all mentioned disadvantages into consideration, I feel that the lodges in the fifth district have progressed satisfactorily.

I attended all meetings held by the SNPJ Federation and gave full report on decisions of our last supreme board meeting as to the forthcoming convention which is scheduled to be held in Eveleth this summer. The three SNPJ lodges in this city, who were empowered by the Minnesota SNPJ Federation, are to have complete charge of the said convention. They met with the intentions of making necessary preparations, but after a discussion on the U.S. war mobilizer's, James F. Byrnes', convention ban they decided to wait until I returned from our present supreme board meeting after which I will be able to enlighten them with more specific information regarding the ban on conventions. The Minnesota SNPJ Federation and the three Eveleth lodges strongly urge that the decision of the twelfth regular convention to hold the thirteenth regular convention in Eveleth remain unchanged.

Juvenile Circle No. 48 in our city is progressing. They meet once a month and I attend every meeting. It is amazing to see what a grand bunch of SNPJers they are. Their meetings are very interesting and they sponsor dances, parties and in the near future they will hold a keno—all this to raise money for their treasury. After their last meeting—a valentine party was enjoyed. They had their picture taken which appeared on the front page of our local paper. I, in behalf of the circle, wish to express heartfelt thanks to the SNPJ for awarding their members with cash prizes, victory pins and certificates of merit. They wish to assure you that their SNPJ spirit will continue. They are very pleased with the new name of our juvenile magazine, "The Voice of Youth," and also with the articles written by our juvenile director, Michael Vrhovnik.

I have received no complaints from any of the lodges in my district, but there is a little dissatisfaction with the articles appearing in our Prosveta, by the editor and Mr. Molek.

I cooperated with our local SANC and JPO units in soliciting funds, which money was sent to Mirko Kuhel, treasurer of SANC. I also helped with the clothes drive for Yugoslav relief. From Eveleth we shipped 1,723 pounds of good clothing to the War Relief Fund of Americans of South Slavic Descent in New York.

URSULA AMBROZICH.

Report accepted.

Report of Sixth District Vice President

There haven't been any great changes within our Society since the last meeting of the supreme board. The war is still raging and has put off our lodge activities which have been of great importance to our Society before the war. Besides this, we have lost many young lives, many of whom were loyal workers for the SNPJ. Due to existing conditions it is very difficult for lodges to plan promotional work in advance.

Campaign: The 1944 jubilee membership campaign, conducted in celebration of the 40th anniversary of SNPJ, was well planned and brought the organization good results. Records show that, with the exception of a small number of lodges, most lodges were active in the campaign. Thus we see that the campaign brought a considerable number of new members for both departments, and especially for the juvenile department.

Juvenile Circles: Since the establishment of juvenile circles, considerable progress has been made not only with these units among the children, but also among the older members who are proud of their young generation. This has been so in every community where there has been sufficient cooperation and support.

In the period since the inception of juvenile circles we notice that wherever good will prevails among the older members who are willing to cooperate, their juvenile circles are showing good progress.

My recommendation regarding juvenile circles is that this meeting of the supreme board instruct the juvenile director to officially ask all lodges that as yet have not organized juvenile circles, as to the reason for not having done so; that is, what is the reason for not organizing their circles. At the same time he should ask what is the reason for abandoning activities where circles were already in existence.

In this connection, I am glad to report that a new juvenile circle was organized in Pueblo, Colorado in January under the sponsorship of Lodge 21. I am convinced that the establishment of this circle will give the Pueblo community new life.

Our Publications: Our membership in the west in general is in agreement with the present stand of Prosveta concerning the world situation, especially concerning Yugoslavia and Russia. It is also in agreement with the change of the name of our juvenile monthly to an American name, which will most likely give greater opportunity to our own youth as well as to the youth of other nationalities.

Our Convention: The opinion of our membership concerning the SNPJ convention which is scheduled to take place this year, is that it would be advisable to postpone it for one year, since there aren't any special changes to be made in the by-laws and because of the present transportation difficulties. It is understood that this depends on the state authorities which, however, will very likely follow the federal authorities which have the final say-so in matters of transportation. Federal directives must be carried out.

Administration: Due to war work and rationing, I was unable to attend meetings of lodges which are located more than 100 miles away. Because of this, my customary visits to distant lodges have stopped. I have helped with promotional work wherever possible, and I have carried out all instructions given to me by the members in my district as well as those from the main office. (Recommendations pertaining to various phases will be included in the report of district vice-presidents.)

This is my report and recommendations from my district. ED TOMSIC.

Report accepted.

Report of Supreme Secretary

I have prepared the usual annual report of the Society's business with which you, as supreme officers, should be familiar, as well as the general membership. This report includes a review of our business of the past year, which was our jubilee year dedicated to our anniversary membership campaign which brought good results, although the 40th anniversary itself was not observed by as many local lodges as was customary on similar occasions in former years.

In general, the review of our 1944 work—I have in mind all our diligent and active members—shows a completely satisfactory result both in the increase of membership as well as in resources. Considerable increase in membership has been made particularly in the juvenile department, which was brought about by the active members as well as by the rapid increase in the birth rate during the present war. It is, of course, understood that if the loyal members did not participate in the campaign, we would not be able to register such a success in spite of favorable conditions. For this marked success they deserve full recognition from the Society.

It must also be mentioned that on the basis of numerous lodge reports it can be concluded that in these times it is increasingly difficult to obtain lodge officers, and that in some cases the old officers had to stay on because that was the only solution. The main reason for this is that many members work long hours in war plants, some of them, as they themselves have reported, even seven days a week; naturally, they are in need of rest, and cannot give time to lodge business. On appeals from the main office, however, many lodge secretaries who were planning to relinquish their duties, have consented to remain in office, for which we are very grateful. It is even more difficult to obtain secretaries among the English speaking lodges. Most of our young men are in the services, and those that are still at home are employed in war plants, while others are too young to take responsible lodge offices.

It is mostly due to this fact that in some communities there is a strong movement to merge all SNPJ lodges in the locality into one lodge, thinking that such a consolidation would solve the problem of lodge officers who, as already mentioned, are difficult to obtain. This idea is pernicious, good in some localities and communities, but it is not good for the organization in general. Where Slovene lodges want to merge in communities where there is no apparent future, such mergers would be beneficial. But it isn't advisable at least not now—to merge Slovene and English speaking lodges. Whichever language there is no lodge would decide to use at meetings, there is no doubt that interest would diminish among those members who are not able to use the officially recognized language. This is one important factor which speaks against such mergers. Therefore, it is vitally important that English speaking lodges continue to carry on independently at least until our young soldier-members return, and if they will not show sufficient interest for their lodges, mergers could then be effected.

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