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RUSKA OFENZIVA

Ruska ofenziva je še vedno v polnem zaletu skoro na vsej dolgi fronti od Leningrada na sever do Kavkaza na jugu. Kljub desperatnemu odporu Nemcev, beleži ruska ofenziva mnogo uspehov. V dolini reke Doneca so Rusi osvobodili večje število mest in vasi in očistili Nemce z 900 kvadratnih milj ozemlja. Pa tudi na drugih točkah fronte so Rusi izvajevale važne uspehe. Na gornjem Donecu so Rusi po hudih bojih iztrgali Nemcem važno železniško križišče Milerovo. Pred Stalinogradom Rusi sistematično likvidirajo tam obkrožene nemške čete, katerih število je bilo padlo do 270 tisoč na 50 tisoč. Nemci so na vsej ruski fronti v defenzivi.

PACIFIK IN AFRIKA

Na pacifični fronti so najbolj aktivni američki in avstralski letalci in črupojo japonsko moč na različnih krajih. V severni Afriki je bojevanje omejeno večinoma na letalstvo. Poroča se o stalnem naraščanju zavezniške etalske sile. Osma britiška armada v Libiji je obnovila ofensivo in je napredovala 90 milij v merni proti Tripoliju. Nekoč slavni afriški kor nemšega maršala Rommela je nudil le malo podporo.

BIRLIN BOMBARDIRAN
Preteklo soboto je okrog 300 britiskih bombnikov napadlo Berlin in povzročilo mnogo razstreljanja in požarov. Protiletalci streljanja je bilo malo, kar si Angleži razlagajo na dva dana: morda je napad bombnikov našel obrambno moštvo v Berlinu neprizapravljen, ker 14 nesrečev ni bilo nobenega letalnega napada na Berlin, ali pa je bilo mnogo protiletalskih topov iz Berlina premeščenih druhim. Angleži so pri tem napadu zgubili samo en bombnik. Sledo noč so nemški bombniki napasti London, toda podeljanje protiletalskih topov bilo tako silno in učinkovito, da so nemški letalci pobegnili, potem ko so bili vrgli nekaj bom na londonska predmestja.

VISOK PRORAČUN
Proračun, ki ga je pretekli leten predsednik Roosevelt pred kongresu, je najvišji letni proračun v zgodovini Združenih držav in sploh v zgodovini, kar se nanaša na fiskalno leto, ki se prične s 1. julijem 1943, znaša skoraj 109 tisoč milijonov dolarjev. Od te ogromne sote je namenjeno okrog 100 tisoč milijonov dolarjev za vojne potrebe. Vojna je draga reč.

PODRAŽITEV ŽIVIL
V Združenih državah so se živil od decembra 1941 do danes dvignile za povprečno 17 odstotkov. Računano na podlagi leta 1939 pa so se živila potražila za 42 odstotkov.

LJUDJE HRANIJO
Vojni bondi Združenih držav so zamorejo zamenjati za gotovo vsak čas po dveh mesecih o nakupu, vendar jih ogromna lastnikov hrani. Raziskava je pokazala, da izmed vseh izdanj po 1. maju 1941, je bilo do sedaj vnovičenih le nekaj nad dva odstotka, načelo 2.22%. V Canadi je vnovično na 2. strani) (Dalje na 2. strani)

JUGOSLAVIJA V TISKU AMERIKE

ZA AVTOMOBILISTE

Better Vision Institut pripomoreva vsakemu avtomobilistu, da upošteva sledeča varnostna navodila:

Skrbi, da bo prednje okno avtomobila vedno čisto. Umanjeno okno zmanjša možnost voda za 50 odstotkov ali več.

Pri vožnji se ne oziraj okoli, ampak glej na pot pred seboj. Pri hitrosti 40 milij na uro prevozi avtomobil 60 čevaljev daljave v sekundi.

Nosi očala, če je potrebno. Ako so bile tvoje oči dobre pred 20 leti, to ne pomeni, da so prav tako dobre sedaj.

Ako te dolga vožnja utrudni, ne pij opojnih pičač, da te pojive za nadaljevanje vožnje. Opojna pičača tudi v mali kolici oslabi pogled utrujenega človeka.

Ne vozi hitro ponoči, takoj ko zapusti svetlo sobo. Oči potrebujejo 10 do 15 minut, predno se privadijo na nočno vožnjo.

Premeni svetlo luč avtomobila na medlejšo, kadar sreča drugega avtomobilista ponoči. Po tem srečanju vozi nekaj časa počasneje, da si oči opomorejo z žarenja luce.

Ako twoje oči vidijo dobro le pri vožnji do 30 milij na uro, ne vozi nikoli hitreje. Zavedaj se zmožnosti svojih oči.

Največ avtomobilskih nesreč se pripeti v jutranjem ali večernem somraku. Večina oči slabu vidi v somraku, zato je ob takem času potrebna posebna previdnost.

Zavedaj se lastnih omejitev vida. Ako je tvoje desno oko boljše od levega, lahko z levo stranjo avtomobila obdrsnšč soseda ali kak drug predmet na levi strani. Ako slabu vidiš na stran, bodi posebno previden na križiščih.

Ako te slepi luč nasproti vozečih avtomobilov, ne skušaj se tega ubraniti s temnimi očali, ker taka očala močno ovirajo vid, kar lahko privede do kolizije.

SLOVENSKE VESTI

Iz Washingtona, D. C., je bila uredništvu Nove Dobe poslana kartica s pozdravi, katero so podpisali sledeči člani Slovenskega ameriškega narodnega sveta: Louis Adamčič, Vincent Cainkar, Marie Prisland, Janko N. Rogelj, Joseph Zalar in K. Zakrajsk. Omenjeni so tvorili delegacijo, ki je imela dne 15. januarja sestanek z državnim podstajnikom Sumner Wellesom.

Dramsko društvo "Ivan Cankar" v Clevelandu, Ohio, vprizori šaljivo igro v treh dejanjih "Professor Proposes" v nedeljo 24. januarja. Prireditev se bo vrnila v Slovenskem narodnem domu na St. Clair Ave. in se bo pričela ob 7. uri zvečer.

V proslavo rojstnega dne predsednika Roosevelta in v korist fondu za pobiranje otroške paralize se bo v petek 29. januarja vršila velika veselica v Slovenskem narodnem domu na St. Clair Ave. v Clevelandu, Ohio. Od 8. do 9. ure zvečer bodo na programu petje, godba in govor, nato pa bo ples in prostava. Vstopnina za osebo bo 50 centov. Letošnja prireditev bo že četrta v S. N. Domu v toplemenito svrhu.

"V zmeščavi poraza, ko so nacija zasedli deželo, so se jugoslovanski vojaki podali v svoja nekdanja pribeljališča, v gore. Tam je Mihajlović, po čini najvišji častnik, prevzel poveljstvo gerškega bojevanja. Njegovo junashtvo in sposobnost njegovih vojakov sta zbudili pozornost sveta. Za mnogo zunanjega sveta je Mihajlović postal simbol svobode. Toda za mnoge jugoslovanske patriote, izobražence in kmety, je postal simbol disreditane belgrajske vladne klike in dinastije Karagjorgje-

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PROBLEMI PRISELJENCA

Vprašanje: Pričakujem, da čez par mesecev vstopim v armado. Nisem še 19 let star. Pravijo, da inozemci so po navadi naturalizirani po treh mesecih v vojski; ali pa bo veljalo tudi zame oziroma ali moram čekati, da bom 20 let star, predno postanem ameriški državljan.

Odgovor: Imate pravico zahtevati za ameriško državljanstvo, ko ste častno služili v vojni vsaj tri mesece. Ni nikake starostne omejitve za one, ki služijo v vojski oziroma mornarici. Smatra se, da, ako niso premladi za borbo, niso niti premisljeni, da postanejo ameriški državljanji.

Vprašanje: Prišel sem l. 1930 v Ameriko kakor mornar in potem sem vedno ostal tukaj. Delam sem v ameriškem ribarskem čolnu od 1. 1935 naprej. Mislite, da morem postati ameriški državljan?

Odgovor: Vi ste nezakonito v Združenih državah, pa vendar morete postati ameriški državljan, ako oni ribarski čoln nosi več kot 20 ton. Zakon namreč določa, da človek, ki je pet ali več let služil na ameriški ladiji čez 20 ton nosilnosti, in ki zaposli za državljanstvo, dokler še služi oziroma v teku šestih mesecev po končani službi, sme postati državljan, tudi če je nezakonito v Združenih državah. Niti ne potrebuje prvega papirja, ampak sicer takoj zaposli za državljanstvo. Pa je vse eno, kako je ta ladija oziroma s kako vrsto dela se dotednik tam bavi.

Vprašanje: Moji starši so me prinesli v Združene države, ko sem bil dete. Nikdar niso postali ameriški državljanji, jaz pa bi rad bil. Kako naj zaposlim? Ameriški letalski saržent J. P. Papp je s svojim letalom brez nadzora nad Pacifikom in spotoma izgubil svojo strojno puško. Ko je letalec z obzalovanjem zrl za puško, je videl, da je ista zadeva propeler spodaj letelčega japonskega letala in ga zdrobil. Japonsko letalo brez propelerja je seveda padlo v vodo. Vse pa je šlo gladko in bilo pri duši v zadnjem delu vožnje. Vse pa je šlo gladko in bilo je le malo neugodnosti.

Ako govorite o primitivnih pokrajinh, tu jo imate. Ženske nosijo neka krila, zavita okoli života in moški le neke kratke hlače. Nekateri izmed njih si nabavljajo bel kolobar okoli očesa, da izgleda kot kak monokelj. Lase si deloma pobavljajo v kinematografu.

Čudno se nam zdi, ko tu slišimo o pomanjkanju petroleja in obročev. Tukaj pa ne moremo kupiti niti papirja za pisma, masla ali krompirja. Kar pa se tičete kopalin v gorskem vodo, ki so doma samo obsebi umevne komoditete, je treba tu kratko malo pozabiti na iste. Čudno pa je, kako se človek na vse to privede. Enostavno jih nimamo, pa pozabljamo na njihov obstoj.

Vi bi nas komaj še spoznali, da nas vidite z našimi kositrastimi čeladami in maskami proti plinu, katu to stojimo zaporeno v vrsti, da dobimo kaj za jesti, kako čepimo na tleh, ko jemo, in kako zopet stojimo v vrsti, da eden za drugim umimo kositraste krožnike, češe in žlice, in kako po noči spimo pod mrežami proti komarjem. Da mi je kdo kdaj rekel, da bom nekoč tako živel, mu ne bi bila verjela.

Dandanes so razmere take, da si mora človek več tednov v naprej zasigurati prostor na vlaiku, če hoče potovati na večje daljave. Za operacije, ki niso nujne, si pacienti tudi več tednov v naprej zasigurajo prostor v bolnišnicah. Prospektivne matere pa si zasigurajo prostor v porodnišnici kar več mesecov v naprej. Baje si nekateri naročijo prostor v porodnišnici kar za 9 ali 10 mesecov v naprej. To kaže, da smo Američani nepopoljšljivi optimisti.

V svojem nedavnem govoru pred kongresom je predsednik Roosevelt posebno poudaril potrebo, da se gospodarski sistem deleže uredi tako, da našim vojakom, ki se bodo vrnili iz vojne, ne bo treba beračiti za delo, ampak da jim bo zasigurana zaposlitev s primernim zaslužkom. Temu predsednikovemu priporočilu tudi njegovi največji politični nasprotniki v kongresu niso mogli in ne morejo ugovarjati. Ej, naš predsednik je diplomat!

Smrčanje je nerodna telesna zmožnost za tistega, ki jo ima, še bolj pa za njegove sostanovale. Toda včasih tudi ta ne-

rodnost prav pride. V listih smo čitali, da je bil nedavno v Califoriji odpuščen iz armade

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ZABAVNE PRIGODE

Vojna ni šala, vendar se tudi v vojnem času prigodijo dogodivščine, ki so na svoj način zabavne. Tako se je na primer neka ženska v Brooklynu, ki se je bala racioniranja konzerv, založila s toliko količino istih, da bi jih bilo dovolj za deset let. Spravila jih je v kleti. Nekega večera, ko se je ženska odpovedala, da bo imela za kosilo, dokler škatle

lata.

Tukaj sem v New Caledoniji. Na poti sem nas je podmornica le enkrat prestrašila, dasi smo kasneje izvedeli, da je mnogo podmornic prežalo na naš konvoy tam v spodnjem Atlantiku. Naši mornarici se imamo zahvaliti, da smo srečno prepluli nevarne vode. Ladje so po noči nudile tak pogled, da ga nikdar ne pozabim—rušilke, križarke in druge—vse v popolni formaciji, pa zrakoplov in aeroplani. Kaj takega vidite le kakšen krat?

Nekje v Angliji sta bila dva letalca v sled neke napake v letalu prisiljena pristati na ozemlju kolonije nudistov ali nagrev. Do vrata boste ženske v koloniji so bile sicer presenečene, toda ne hude. Ko sta letalca stroj popravila, so ju gostitelji, ki so v letalu, da nista lačna odletela naprej.

Nad Sredozemskim morjem je bilo izstreljeno veliko angleško letalo in je seveda padlo v vodo. Vseh 19 mož, ki so bili na letalu, pa je srečno priplavalo do obrežja, nakar so paš hodili preko libijske puščave do njihove baze. Na poti se jim je pridružilo 100 italijanskih vojakov, ki so zahtevali, da jih odvedejo kot jetnike v angleško taborišče, kar se je zgodilo.

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KAJ MI PRISPEVAMO

Pravilno je, da se enkrat vprašamo in si obenem odgovorimo, kaj naše slovenske in druge tujjezične bratske podporne organizacije prispevajo k vojnim naporom Žedinjenih držav. Odgovorimo si lahko, da te organizacije prispevajo proporcionalno več kot povprečno prebivalstvo. Da so slovenske podporne organizacije v Ameriki stoprocentno lojalne naši vladni in po najboljših močeh in prilikah aktivne za poraz sovražnikov Amerike in demokracije, to bi bilo odveč poudarjati. Vse to dokazujejo dejstva, ki jih lahko najde in vidi vsak, kdor hoče. Tesna povezanost članstva teh organizacij omogoča njihovim uradnikom in njihovim glasilom večjo agitacijo za vojne napore in boljšo pojasnitve vzrokov in potrebe vojnih naporov, kot je mogoče to pri povprečnem prebivalstvu, ki ni organizirano.

Agitacija glavnih uradnikov in glasil naših bratskih organizacij je v veliki meri pripomogla, da je članstvo teh organizacij investiralo milijone dolarjev v vojne bonde. Ti bondi so bili kupljenci iz glavnih ali centralnih blagajn, iz blagajn krajevnih društev in iz prihankov posameznih članov. Naša Ameriška bratska zveza je primeroma majhna organizacija, vendar je investirala samo iz centralne blagajne že sto tisoč dolarjev v vojne bonde in je odločena investirati še nadaljnje tisoče, kadar koli bo stanje blagajne dovoljevalo. Najmanj dvakrat toliko pa so investirali v vojne bonde posamezni člani in krajevna društva. Ameriška bratska zveza je v preteklem letu tudi razdelila dividende v obliki vojnih varčevalnih znakov med vse člane svojega mladinskega oddelka, da jih na ta način navadi in vzpodbudi k varčevanju, ki je obenem partitično. Druge bratske organizacije, posebno slovenske in slovenske, so se izkazale na podobne načine.

Glasila naših slovenskih in slovenskih podpornih organizacij so izdajana v slovenskem oziroma slovenskem in angleškem jeziku. Ne vemo natančno, toda sodimo, da je približno dve tretjini članov teh organizacij priseljencev, ena tretjina pa tukaj rojenih. Tukaj rojenim služi angleški del naših glasil, priseljenim pa slovenski oziroma slovenski. Uradna jezik sija oba, tako za poslovanje organizacij kot za njihova glasila. Neangleški jezik je potreben, da more vse članstvo poznati probleme svoje organizacije in njeno poslovanje. Pomniti je treba, da je mnogo naših priseljencev uposlenih pri delih in v krajih, kjer niso imeli prilika, da bi se bili popolnoma pričuli angleškega jezika, posebno v čitanju. Zato je posebno v teh vojnih časih potrebno, da se te marljive, varčne in lojalne državljanje, ki angleškega jezika ne obvladajo popolnoma, v njim umljivi besedi seznaniti s problemi, ki jih je prinesla vojna naši deželi. Treba je, da ti državljanji popolnoma razumejo, za kaj se gre v tej vojni, kaj so vojni bondi, kako varni in potrebeni so, kakšno delo vršijo Ameriški rdeči križ in druge slične organizacije, kaj določajo razna racioniranja in regulacije in zakaj so potrebne itd. Z ozirom na vojno varčevanje s papirjem, smo na primer pri Ameriški bratski zvezzi prostovoljno znižali porabo papirja za glasilo za okrog 20% s tem, da se prostovoljno odpovedali prejemjanju glasila nekateri člani, kjer jih je po več v družinah oziroma, ki stanujejo na istem naslovu.

Članstvo Ameriške bratske zveze drage volje in navdušeno sodeluje v vojnih naporih, kadar situacijo razume, kadar ve, za kaj se gre. Za to imamo dovolj dokazov. Treba je le, da se članstvu situacijo pravilno in razumljivo predstavi. V vsaki izdaji našega glasila Nove Dobe, odkar smo v vojni, so bili priobčeni pojedinci članki tozadevnih informacij. Pisali so jih poleg urednikov tudi glavni predsednik, glavni tajnik ter drugi glavni in krajevni uradniki. Članstvo svojim uradnikom zaupa in jim verjame, ker jih pozna, ker jih je po demokratičnem načinu samo izvolilo in jim poverilo vodstvo organizacije. Članstvo ve, da mu bodo njegovi uradniki pravilno svetovali.

Velika večina slovenskih Američanov je včlanjena v slovenskih podpornih organizacijah. S ponosom lahko trdimo, da je proporčno mnogo večje število slovenskih Američanov zavarovanih v bratskih podpornih organizacijah, kot je drugih priseljencev ali tukaj rojenih Američanov zavarovanih v sličnih organizacijah. Glasila naših slovenskih organizacij segajo v vsako najmanjšo naselbino v tej deželi, kjer bivajo naši ljudje, od Atlantika do Pacifika, od Kanade do Mehike. Nobeno drugo sredstvo ne doseže toliko naših ljudi. Ta glasila dosežejo vse člane, tudi tiste, ki žive oddaljeno od njihovih lokalnih društev in se ne morejo udeleževati društvenih sei. Med Slovenci, bodisi v starem kraju, bodisi tukaj, tudi ni nepismenih

ljudi, kar znači, da naši člani glasila svojih organizacij čitajo in jih razumejo.

Glasila naših podpornih organizacij niso suhoperne publikacije, ki bi priobčevala samo društvena poročila in poročila iz glavnega urada. To je v svrhu poslovanja in z zahtevami državnih zavarovalniških departementov potrebno, in se seveda vrši. Toda naša glasila vrše tudi vzgojno in izobraževalno delo in polagajo veliko važnost na iskreno amerikanizacijo priseljencev. Naše organizacije imajo že vrsto let v pravilih določbo, da noben član, ki ni ameriški državljan, ne more biti izvoljen za delegata na konvencijo ali za glavnega odbornika.

O važnosti in potrebi zavarovanja v dobrini podporni organizaciji noben pameten človek ne dyomi. Naši ljudje so o tem še posebno prepričani, ker v primeru bolezni ali bonesrečbe nečejo biti v breme splošni javnosti. Glasila naših podpornih organizacij navajajo naše ljudi k zavarovanju in jih obenem skušajo vzgajati za dobre in lojalne Američane in za dobre člane človeške družbe. Naše podporne organizacije vršijo plemenito, potrebo in splošnosti koristno delo, ki ga nihče ne more zanikati.

VSAK PO SVOJE

(Nadaljevanje s 1. strani)

Leonard D. Williams, ki je v spanju tako glasno smrčal, da se je tresla vsa vojaška baraka in da njegovi tovariši vse noči niso mogli spati. Smrčanje pa ni kos niti najstrožje vojaške disciplina in vojaške oblasti so bile prisiljene smrča poslati v civil.

Po radiju je bilo oni dan počitano, da je neki ameriški iznajditelj dal patentirati napravo, ki ujame in prezervira duh kave za poznejsjo porabo. Morda ni daleč čas, ko bomo za zatrjk pili fizičovo vodo z dodatkom kavinega parfuma in bomo mentalno prepričani, da pijemo pravo kavo. Seveda, zadnjo besedo bo imel želodec.

Pravijo, da so vojna racioniranja dosegla celo dojenčke, kjer so povzročila mnogo lokalnih poplav in vpitja. Zaradi racioniranja kavin tovarne ne izdelujejo več znanih varnostnih igel, znanih pod imenom safety pins, ki so dosedaj rešile mārsikako kočljivo situacijo. Položaj postaja kritičen, ker za tiste igle nimamo pravih nadomestil. Ko je začelo primanjkovati najprej prave in potem umetne svile za ženske nogavice, so si brihtne Evine hčere enostavno naslikale nogavice tja, kamor spadajo. Toda vsaka mati ve, da bi nič ne zaledlo, če bi naslikala plenico na zadnjo državno polovico svojega deteta. Tam se ne da nič gojufati; tam govorijo dejstva.

Kitajci imajo težkoče z izgovaranjem angleških imen, zato si na Kitajskem naštenjani ameriški častniki privzemajo kitajске priimek ali zdevke, ki v izgovarjavi vsaj nekoliko sličijo originalnim imenom in ki imajo kak pomen v kitajščini. General Stilwell, poveljnik angleških čet na Kitajskem, na primer, se imenuje Šitiv. Kitajski pomen tega imena je "Razširjajoča se avto-riteta," kar je dosti primerno. Ameriški polkovnik Dorn se po kitajskemu imenuje Toueren, kar pomeni "Literarno obilico." Zdevek generala Hearnja pomeni v kitajščini "Hvaležne čestite," zdevek polkovnika Edwardsa pa pomeni "Cvetoča čednost." Neki ameriški častniki, ki si je bil izbral kitajski zdevke, kateri je precej sličil izgovorjavi njegovega pravega imena, pa je kar poskočil, ko mu je bilo povedano, da njegov izbrani zdevek pomeni v kitajščini "Plemenito zeljno glavo," in si je brž poiskal bolj stanu primerno kitajsko ime.

Slovenci in Slovani imamo tudi dostikrat težkoče s pravilno izgovorjavo angleških imen, dasi ne tako velikih kot Kitajci. Pa nas te čase zelo zabava, ko slišimo, kako si ameriški radijski pocevaleci lomijo jezike pri naših lažko izgovorljivih ruskih lastnih imenih, kot na primer: Rokosovski, Jeremenko, Popov, Vasilevski, Zukov, Vorotilovgrad, Pjatogorsk, Belaja Glinja, Novočerkask, Krivoržev, Kuščevka, Zimovniki, Morozovskaja, Kleckaja, Viazovi, Ču-

makov, Bolšaja Orlovka, Prokladnaja, Černovskaja, Suhaja Padina, Novaja Kalitva, Kotelnikovski, Stepnoje, Kantemirovka, Prijutnoje, Mineralnije Vodi, Kislovodsk, Septuhovka, Medveška in tako dalje. V tem primeru smo pa mi Slovani tisti, ki lahko Anglosaksom korenček stržemo.

Ampak pravi prizor za bogove, če enkrat Rusi prilomatijo v sam Berlin in bo na sloveči cesti "Unter den Linden" Stalinov Jože vihtel pasji bič nad Adolfovom Schinkelgruberjem, ki bo na golih kolenih klečeč s povzdignjenima rokama prosil: batjuška, nikar!

A. J. T.

SLOVENESKE VESTI

(Nadaljevanje s 1. strani)

ABZ in hčerka Mr. in Mrs. John Kumse v Lorainu. Ženin je korporal George Semon, doma iz East Pittsburgha, Pa. Po dveh dneh dopusta se je ženin vrnil k svoji edinicni v Fort Jackson, South Carolina. Nevesta je hčerka brata Johna Kumseta, predsednika nadzornega odbora Ameriške bratske zveze. Bilo srečno!

V Braddocku, Pa., je umrl John Bajuk, član tamkajšnjega društva št. 31 ABZ.

V Evelethu, Minn., je umrl Anton Fritz, star 67 let, član društva št. 25 ABZ in društva SNPJ, KSKJ in Moose. Zapušča štiri hčerke, vse učiteljice po poklicu. Rojen je bil v vasi Hrvači pri Ribnici.

V Pipetownu, Pa., je umrl Anton Rak, star 79 let, član društva št. 13 ABZ v Baggaleyu, Pa. Zapušča soproga, dva sina, sedem hčera in več drugih srodnikov. Bil je član ABZ od leta 1904 in član SNPJ od leta 1909. Rojen je bil v vasi Revšče, občina Škocjan v Sloveniji in je bival v Ameriki nad 40 let.

SPLOŠNI TEDENSKI PREGLED

(Nadaljevanje s 1. strani)

čevanje sličnih bondov štirikrat višje. To kaže, da prebivalstvo Zedinjenih držav ve, da so vojni bondi dobra in zanesljiva investicija, da veruje v varčevanje in da ima na rokah dovolj gotovine za normalne izdatke.

V PLEMENITO SVRHU Letna kampanja zbiranja fondov za pobijanje nevarne bolezni otroške paralize se je pričela 15. januarja in bo zaključena na predsednikov rojstni dan, 30. januarja. Uspehi kampanje, ki obsega vso deželo, obetajo biti dobrí, ker se ljudstvo zaveda, da je tudi v vojnem času treba pobijati bolezni med civilnim prebivalstvom, in pa, ker je v deželi na splošno mnogo dela in zaslužka.

OGROMNO DELO

V nedavni konferenci s časniki karji je Donald M. Nelson, na-

čelnik urada za vojno produkcijo, izjavil, da je ogromno in silno komplikirano delo razdeljevati surovine tako, da nobena vojna produkcija ne zaostaja preveč in da se pri tem nujnim zahtevam najprej zadosti. Dodal je, da prve štiri mesece tega leta bo v tem oziru še precej težkoč, toda na splošno so izgledi dobri, da bo vojna produkcija v letu 1943 dosegla vse postavljene cilje.

NATURALIZACIJA

Generalni državni pravnik Francis Biddle je pretekli teden naznani, da je bilo naturaliziranih 289 inozemcev, pripadajočih 35 narodnostim, ki služijo v vojnih silah Zedinjenih držav, katerih edinice so točasno nastanjene v sledečih krajih: Antigua, Trinidad, Caracao, Aruba, Canal Zone, British Guiana in Dutch Guiana. Med vojaki, ki so na ta izreden način dobili ameriško državljanstvo, so tudi trije Jugoslovani. Novi zakon, ki dovoljuje tovrstno naturalizacijo, smatra, da vojak, ki se je pripravljen boriti za Ameriko, je gotovo vreden njenega državljanstva.

INTERNIRANI LETALCI

Na portugalskem letališču Portel Ascam pri Lisabonu je pretekli teden pristalo 11 ameriških napadnih letal. Letalci so bili prisiljeni tam pristati, ker jim je bilo v silno viharjem vremenu zmanjkalno gorivo. Ker je Portugalska neutralna, so bili ameriški letalci v smislu mednarodnih določb internirani.

PRIPOROČA LOTERIJO

Kongresnik Adolph J. Sabath iz Illinois predlaže, da vlada vpelje državno loterijo, ki bi, po njegovem mnenju, prinesla državi velike vsote denarja v svrhu pokrivanja vojnih stroškov. Loterijski listki naj bi bili po doljini in za dobitke naj bi se določilo 125 milijonov dobarjev v vojnih bondih. Dosedaj so vsah vrst loterije v Zedinjenih državah prepovedane.

PREVEČ POSTE

Zaradi pomanjkanja prostora na prevozih parník in vojni letališčih, da se zmanjša količina pošiljk, namenjena našim vojakom v inozemstvu, ki prejema pošto potom armadnih poštnih uradov v New Yorku, San Franciscu, Seattlu, Miami, Presque Isle in New Orleansu. Za dotične vojake se bo do spremjam paketi le, če vsebujejo predmete, za katere je naši vojnik izrecno prosil in če je bila dotična pismena prošnja odobrena od poveljnika edinice, kjer vojak služi. Za navadna pisma naomejite, pač pa so nekatere omejitve glede pisem, pošiljanih po zračni pošti.

FINSKE SKRBI

Finski, ki se veden ob strani Nemčije v vojni z Rusijo, bolj in bolj skrbi ohlajevanje odnosov med strani Zedinjenih držav. Baje obstaja možnost, da bo nekaj visokih uradnikov finske vlade resigniral, da napravi prostor bolj spremnim diplomatom.

MORNARISKA TEKMA

Velika Britanija je v sedanji vojni izgubila zelo veliko število ladij, vendar je danes njena mornarica močnejša kot je bila v začetku vojne. Tako je pred nekaj dnevi izjavil prvi lord admiraltej. Vsekakor, je pripomnil, sedaj še ni čas za brezkrnost, ker sovražne podmornice še niso ugnane in še vedno zahtevajo mnogo žrtv.

SPORNE ZADEVE

Že nekaj tednov se pojavitajo v časopisu vesti o bližnjem sestaniku angleškega ministra predsednika Churchilla s predsednikom Rooseveltom. V zvezi s tem poudarja časopis, da bo

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AMPLIFYING THE VOICE OF THE ENGLISH SPEAKING MEMBERS

Nova Doba



What We Are Contributing

It is proper that we once ask ourselves and answer as to what our Slovene and other foreign-language fraternal organizations are contributing to the war effort of the United States. We can easily answer that these organizations contribute proportionately more than the ordinary population. That the Slav fraternal organizations in America are 100 per cent loyal to our government and to the best of their ability and given opportunities are active in defeating the enemies of America and democracy; this need not be emphasized. All these are facts which can be found and seen by anyone who wants to see them. The close unity of these organizations makes it possible for their officials and official organs to lead a greater agitation for the war effort and a better clarification of the reasons and necessary war efforts than is possible among the ordinary population which is not organized.

The agitation of supreme officers and official organs of our fraternal organizations helped in a great measure so that the members of these organizations invested millions of dollars in War Bonds. These Bonds were bought by supreme or central treasuries, by subordinate lodge treasuries, and from the savings of individual members. Our American Fraternal Union is a comparatively small organization, yet it already invested more than \$100,000 in War Bonds from its central treasury and will invest thousands more when financial circumstances will permit. At least twice this amount was invested in War Bonds by individual members and subordinate lodges. In the past year the American Fraternal Union also distributed dividends in the form of War Stamps to all its juvenile members to teach and initiate them to save which is at the same time patriotic. Other fraternal organizations, especially Slovene and Slav, have also showed their loyalty in similar ways.

The official organs of our Slovene and Slav fraternal organizations are published in Slovene, Slav and the English language. We do not know definitely, but we judge that close to two-thirds of the membership of these organizations are immigrants, and one-third are American-born. The English section of our official organ serves for the American-born and the Slovene or Slav section for the immigrants. Both languages are official, for the management of the organizations as well as their official organ. Other than the English language is necessary so the entire membership can acquaint themselves with the problems of the organization and its duties. We must remember that many of our immigrants are employed and live in places where they did not have the opportunity to learn the English language extensively, especially to read it. That is why, during these war times, it is especially necessary that these diligent, thrifty, and loyal citizens, who cannot completely master the English language are made aware of the problems of our country brought about by war conditions, in a language which they understand. It is necessary that these citizens fully understand what this war is about, what War Bonds are, how safe and necessary they are, what the American Red Cross is doing as well as similar organizations, what various ration and regulation rules are and why they are necessary, and so forth. In regard to war conservation of paper, for example, we of the American Fraternal Union voluntarily decreased our supply of paper for our official organ about 20% by having our families who have many members in our organization receiving our official organ at the same address, voluntarily cancel the surplus issues.

The membership of the American Fraternal Union willingly and enthusiastically cooperates with the war effort when they understand the situation; when they know what it is all about. We have many proofs of this. It is only necessary for the membership to understand the situation correctly and clearly. Since we have been at war, in each issue of our official organ, the Nova Doba (New Era), we have published articles easy to understand regarding various information in this respect. They were written by the editors, the supreme president, the supreme secretary, and other supreme and subordinate lodge officials. The membership trusts and believes these officials for they know them well, having elected them in a democratic manner and entrusted them with the leadership of the organization. The membership knows that its officials will give them sound advice.

The great majority of Slovene Americans are members of Slovene fraternal organizations. We can maintain with pride that proportionately a greater number of Slovene Americans are insured in fraternal benefit organizations than other immigrants or American-born insured in similar organizations. The official organs of our Slovene organizations reach into every community in our country, regardless of how small it is, where our people live, from the Atlantic to the Pacific, from Canada to Mexico. No other medium reaches so many of our people as these official organs. These official organs reach all our members even those who live far from the seat of their local lodges and cannot attend lodge meetings. Among the Slovenes, whether in the old country or here, there are no illiterate people which signifies that our members read and understand the official organs of their organizations.

The official organs of our fraternal societies are not dry-reading publications which only publish lodge reports and reports from the supreme office. This is necessary of

News of Soldiers

This week we received a letter from S/Sgt. Ted Laushin. He writes as follows:

Just a few lines to let you know that I have been receiving the Nova Doba regularly and take this means to express my sincere thanks for the swell paper. Keep up the great work you are doing, especially for the boys in the service. It certainly is appreciated by us all. I was promoted to Staff Sergeant last Christmas and will soon be leaving for another camp. I will notify you of my new address as soon as possible. Thanks again.

Sincerely,
S/Sgt. Ted Laushin

Friends of Bernard F. Kestner, member of Lodge No. 9, AFU of Calumet, Mich., may write to him at the following address :

Cpl. Bernard F. Kestner
Co. "A" Supply B. N.
A. P. O. 255
Camp Cooke, Calif.

Pvt. Al Slabe has been transferred to:

Pvt. Albert Slabe
Hdg. Co. 33rd Div.
Fort Lewis, Wash.

His sister, Miss Rose Slabe, writes that Pvt. Al likes to receive the Nova Doba. Good luck to you Al!

Bill Zbasnik, son of Mr. Anton Zbasnik, supreme secretary of the AFU, was promoted to Corporal Technician, 5th grade. He is now stationed at Camp Davis, N. Carolina where he was transferred from Baltimore, Md. Cpl. Zbasnik will attend a six-week course in motor transport work. He says hello to all his AFU friends. Letters will reach him at:

Cpl. A. W. Zbasnik.
B Battery A.A.S.D.
c/o Bldg. 1929
Camp Davis, N. C.

It takes both airplanes and tanks to equip the Yanks. It takes both War Bonds and Victory Taxes to lick the Axis. Buy More War Bonds.

"It Takes Both"



It takes both... a Punch and Judy to stage a pantomime show and two hands to pull the strings behind the scenes. It takes both... War Bonds and taxes to finance the staggering cost of this global war. Buy War Bonds and More War Bonds every payday as you pay your Victory Tax. U. S. Treasury Department

course, for the management and in accordance with the demands of state insurance departments and must be done. However, our official organs also perform enlightening and educational work and place a great importance on the sincere Americanization of immigrants. Our organizations, for many years, have in their by-laws the rule that no member who is not an American citizen can be elected as a delegate to our conventions nor can he be elected a supreme official.

No sensible person doubts the importance and necessity of insurance in a good benefit society. Our people are especially convinced of this because in case of illness or misfortune they do not want to be a burden to the general public. The official organs of our fraternal organizations teach our people about insurance and at the same time try to educate them to be good and loyal Americans and good members of human society. Our fraternal organizations are doing a noble, necessary, and publicly beneficial work which no one can deny.

A. J. T.

BRIEFS

The Cleveland Slovenes will hold their fourth annual "President's Birthday Ball" on Jan. 29th at the Slovenian National Home on St. Clair ave. An entertainment program will be presented from 8 p. m. to 9 p. m. Dancing will begin at 9 p. m. to the music of the popular Johnny Pecon's orchestra. Admission will be 50 cents. All Slovenes of Cleveland are invited to attend and help contribute to this worthy cause. The net proceeds will go to the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis.

Sincerely,
S/Sgt. Ted Laushin

We initiate a new column in the Nova Doba this week. Lorraine Lodge No. 6, AFU news will be covered by Jack La Vrinda, member of the Cleveland Plain Dealer staff. We welcome this news column to the pages of the Nova Doba.

The Ivan Cankar Dramatic Group will present a three-act comedy, "The Professor Proposes", an English play on Sunday, Jan. 24th at 7 p. m., at the Slovenian National Home Auditorium on St. Clair Ave. The admission is fifty cents (50c). Following the play there will be music and refreshments will be served in the Annex. The public is cordially invited to attend.

The "Home News," the little news sheet which is being sent to the service men by the AFU Bowling League is going over big. Donations are pouring in. Anyone caring to donate to this fund is asked to bring their contribution to the E. 152nd St. Recreation Center (Perusek's Bowling Alleys) on January 27. Individual lodges are asked to send in their donations if they have not done so as yet. The Betsy Ross Lodge, AFU, the Collinwood Boosters Lodge, AFU, and eight individual AFU members have already contributed toward this news sheet. For further information contact Dorothy Ross, AFU Bowling League Secretary.

CAREFUL OF THAT GUN

Although the use of firearms has been restricted by the fact that our ammunition is being used outside of the United States, there has been a sharp increase in shooting accidents in the nation this year, according to the Greater Cleveland Safety Council.

The cardinal safety rule to prevent these accidents is just what it has always been—don't load a gun until you're going to use it. Leaving a loaded gun around loose is like setting a delayed action bomb under your home. Don't do it!

CARDINAL HIGHLIGHTS

After a long absence this writer decided to settle down and try to do some writing.

Home on furlough for the holidays recently were Nick Boyarko, Pfc. John Pogacnik, and Pvt. Frank Vlosich. All are looking swell and seem to enjoy army life. Also home on a ten-day leave after the holidays was Cpl. Edward Glavic, who visited his family and friends.

The first Cardinal member to join the W. A. A. C.'s is Jean Mikolich. She has passed her examination and will be leaving us soon. All the Cardinals wish her lots of luck in serving our country. Up to date we have 18 members in the service.

Bro. Matt Slabe and Sis. Mary De Lost are still on the sick list. We all wish them a speedy recovery. How about some of you Cardinals paying them a visit and helping to cheer up their lonely days?

All members are requested to attend our next meeting which will be held on Feb. 14, 1943 at the home of Bro. John Pogacnik. A very important matter will be voted on at this time.

This is all for now and don't forget a letter from home is what the boys in service like best!

Jennie Millosin, Sec'y
Lodge 229, AFU
Struthers, Ohio.

24 Members of Lodge 85 Aurora, Minnesota, in U. S. Armed Forces

The members of Lodge No. 85, AFU of Aurora, Minn. are reminded to attend the next meeting, to be held Jan. 24th, in as great a number as possible. At this time members will vote on the proposed change in the by-laws formulated by the Supreme Board and presented to the membership for a general vote. The proposed change was published in both languages in the Nova Doba where everyone could read it. I appeal to the members to attend this important meeting and also to be more prompt in paying their monthly dues.

Recently three of our members were called to service in the U. S. Armed Forces. They are William Belyo, Louis Turk, and Louis Perusek. Up to the present time our lodge has 24 members in the service. We wish them good luck and after an American and Allied victory we hope they will all return healthy and safe to their loved ones.

Minnesota has been having the same kind of winter as usual. We have much snow and cold weather, from 20 to 30 degrees below zero. This is one time of the year we cannot complain of the hot weather. Regards to all.

Matt Anzelc, Sec'y
Lodge 85, AFU
Aurora, Minn.

DRIVE CAREFULLY!

There's a lot of extra room on the highways these days—but some drivers don't seem to know it, the Greater Cleveland Safety Council reports. These drivers can't get out of the habit of crowding the car ahead, although this habit is almost bound to result in an accident, particularly on slippery roads.

The Council suggests that you take advantage of the extra room when you drive—and avoid an accident.

MINUTES

OF THE SPECIAL SESSION OF THE SUPREME BOARD OF THE AMERICAN FRATERNAL UNION HELD ON DEC. 4th & 7th, 1942, IN THE SLOVENIAN NATIONAL HOME AT CLEVELAND, OHIO

FIRST SESSION

The Supreme President, Janko N. Rogelj, opened the first meeting of the special session of the Supreme Board, Dec. 4th at 10 a. m. Present are all supreme officers with the exception of the 3rd Supreme Vice-President, Joseph Kovach, who was unable to attend due to his inability to leave his business. Anton J. Terbovec is named recorder.

The supreme president then cites the purpose and subjects involved in calling this special session, requesting that thoughtful consideration be given to the subject matter presented, and makes the following address of welcome:

Dear Supreme Board Members:

In accordance with the approval given by Referendum No. 26-1942, and considering Sections 59 and 99 of our By-laws, I called this special session of the supreme board of the American Fraternal Union, which is being held here today in the Slovene National Home on St. Clair Ave. I directed the Supreme Secretary to prepare the subject matter with reference to the above-mentioned referendum. Presented at this session are vital questions which must be solved in connection with the transaction of matters in the Home Office. Therefore, I request that due consideration be given to the business at hand so we may be enabled to adopt a course which will benefit our Union and the membership of our organization.

I welcome you in the spirit of fraternalism in the Slovene National Home in Cleveland, as Supreme President and also as President of this Home in which we are today holding this session.

You came to this special session of the American Fraternal Union and at the same time as delegates to the Slovene National Congress. By being present you will show that our organization is very much interested in freeing our brothers and sisters from bondage in the homeland, as are other fraternal societies who have likewise sent their supreme officers to this important session of American Slovenes. At this Congress, show your loyalty and interest by supporting motions that will help liberate the downtrodden and enslaved people of Slovenia.

The Supreme President then submits his official report which has reference to Sections 65, 72 and 273-A of our By-laws.

Bro. Anton Zbasnik, Supreme Secretary, is then called upon to give his report to the Supreme Board in which he has reference to Section 237, 238, 239 and 273-A, his comments being in detail and are very informative.

The reports of the Supreme President and the Supreme Secretary are approved as read and recorded, and it is decided that the war clause is to be discussed first. The Supreme President presents Mr. Leo Kushlan, an attorney and member of our Union, who is efficient and capable, having extensive experience in legal matters pertaining to fraternal societies, and from whom we have received much valuable information in the past for our organization. Correspondence relative to the war clause, between the Home Office and our actuary is read and many queries are directed at Mr. Kushlan. All answers are to the effect that our War Clause as set forth in Section 273-A of our By-laws, relative to the payment of death benefits for members killed in action while in the armed forces, is beneficial for our organization, for our solvency is protected, payments in full are assured to our old members, and it will not be necessary to levy large special mortuary assessments or to make only partial payments of death benefits to members who have been in the organization for many years. In considering these conditions and others which may follow, Section 273-A of our By-laws, which was adopted by the 16th Regular Convention prior to the war, is the best guarantee that our organization will not get into financial difficulties or be forced into liquidation.

The Supreme Secretary states that our War Clause is in accord with the one which was adopted by the executive committee of the National Association of Insurance Commissioners, which reads as follows:

Report on War Clauses as Adopted by Executive Committee of The National Association of Insurance Commissioners

The sub-committee of the Committee on Life Insurance of the National Association of Insurance Commissioners, following its appointment by Chairman Lloyd under date of July 1, 1942, met in New York on July 7th at the office of Superintendent Pink, chairman of the sub-committee. Commissioner Blackall of Connecticut, although not a member, was present and made constructive contributions to the sub-committee's efforts.

The purpose for which the committee was appointed is to report back to the Life Committee its recommendations concerning uniform war restrictions in life insurance policies. The consideration of the extent to which the war hazard should enter into the consideration of applications for reinstatements of lapsed policies was also referred to us.

Company representatives, including representatives of the Association of Life Insurance Presidents and the American Life Convention, were invited to present their views concerning the aspects of the problem and did so at some length. Naturally there were differences of opinion on some of the points involved between the company men and the sub-committee. This was likewise the case among committee members and the company representatives themselves. After considerable thought, study and discussion we came to a conclusion which was to some extent a compromise of the views of all, but is in our opinion a fair, reasonable and workable one.

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News of Lodge 132 Bonds and Taxes AFU of Euclid, Ohio

I am notifying the members of Lodge No. 132, AFU of Euclid, Ohio that at a special meeting held Jan. 14th the following board of officers for 1943 were elected: Jacob Gruden Sr., president; Peter Andolsek, vice-president; John Cecelic, 435 E. 152 St., (Tel. IV-0957) secretary; Josephine Bajt Jr., treasurer; Frances Medved, recording secretary; and Frank Pucel, Anna Slopko, and John Smrtnik, trustees. The lodge physicians are Dr. Anthony Skur and Dr. Carl W. Rotter. Meetings will be held every second Friday of the month at 7:30 p. m. at the Slovenian Society Home on Recher Ave.

The undersigned former secretary wishes to take this opportunity to sincerely thank the membership for their cooperation during his 8-year term as secretary. This cooperation was one of the chief factors that helped us progress, especially in the increase of our membership. Our lodge now numbers 224 adult members and 171 juvenile members, a total of 395 members. We can be proud of such a record during the last eight years. Therefore, thanks and recognition to all who helped. At this time I would also like to thank our Supreme Secretary, Mr. Anton Zbasnik, for his prompt service and advice. Sincere thanks also to Bro. A. Terbovec, editor of the Nova Doba, who always willingly cooperated, whether in regard to articles or other matters regarding the lodge and the Union.

I would like to inform the members that I could no longer accept the duties of secretary due to my long hours of work at the factory which take up all my time. A person can only do one person's work. Our new secretary, John Cecelic, is a co-founder of our lodge and has always been a good and active member and I am convinced that the lodge will progress in the future as it has in the past, or better, during his term as secretary. Bro. Cecelic is an American-born Slovener, a good manager and member and will therefore also be a good secretary. He is capable and I know he also has the courage to be 100 per cent successful.

Therefore, members of Lodge 132, AFU, in the future turn to Bro. Cecelic for advice pertaining to lodge matters. The secretary will collect dues at every regular meeting and on the 25th day of the month at the Hall. If the 25th of the month falls on a Sunday he will collect dues one

day sooner, on the 24th. The members are asked to pay their dues promptly so the secretary won't have so much extra work. If there will be promptness on everyone's part, the lodge business will run smoothly and to the satisfaction of all. Fraternal regards.

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Ilska Vila I and St. Johns in Close Race for First Place

By Dorothy Rossa,
League Secretary

The Ilska Vila I team strengthened their first place lead by winning two games from their brother team, the Ilska Vila 2. The whole team his games of over 500; Steve Meyak with 559, Mike Poklar 555, Frank Benigar, Jr. 535, Gus Kollander 529, and Anton Prine 510. Ray Yakos hit high series for the losers with his score of 522.

The St. John Saints lost to the Collinwood Boosters in two games. Nick Wills hit 580 high series for the winners while Jim Ruzic with 547 and Stan Zagore with 508 were high for the losers.

The Betsy Ross girls succeeded in taking the final game from the Betsy Ross boys. Frank Krall's 605 was high series for the winners. Louise Zupon with 470 was high for the losers.

The Napredok Cavaliers downed the Napredok Girls for all three games. R. Sterlekar's 508 was high series for the winners and Marge Zgonce with 337 was high series for the losers.

"200 Circle"

Frank Krall	228
Nick Wells	224
Steve Meyak	223
Jim Ruzic	202
Ray Yakos	202

Men's Ind. High Series

1. Mike Poklar	669
2. Stan Zagore	633
3. Frank Krall	609

Men's High Team

1. St. John Saints	960
2. Ilska Vila I	918
3. Collinwood Boosters	873

Men's Team High Three Games

1. Ilska Vila I	2639
2. St. John Saints	2583
3. Collinwood Boosters	2569

Girls' Ind. High Series

1. Louise Zupon	480
2. Rosemary Rossa	414
3. Dorothy Rossa	106
4. Frances Gruden	105
5. Marge Zgonce	104
6. Lena Femec	103

Girls' Ind. High Games

1. Rosemary Rossa	201
2. Dorothy Rossa	197
3. Frances Gruden	179
4. Louise Zupon	174

Men's Individual High Averages

1. Stan Zagore	181
2. Mike Poklar	175
3. Frank Benigar, Jr.	172
4. Steve Meyak	171
5. Anton Prine	171
6. Gus Fortuna	171
7. Frank Krall	170
8. Dave Zipkin	163
9. Jim Ruzic	162
10. Anton Laurich	161
11. George Kovich	161
12. Al Raines	160
13. Frank Znidar	160
14. Frank Benigar, Sr.	160
15. Gus Kollander	156

Men's Ind. High Games

1. Frank Krall	267
2. George Kovich	256
3. Mike Poklar	255
4. Stan Zagore	245
5. Ray Yakos	245

Team League Standings

W	L
1. Ilska Vila I	41
2. St. John Saints	39
3. Collinwood Boosters	33
4. Ilska Vila II	31
5. Betsy Ross Boys	28
6. Napredok Cavaliers	22
7. Betsy Ross Girls	14
8. Napredok Girls	8

Schedule for January 27th

Alleys 1-2

Ilska Vila II vs Napredok

Cavaliers

Alleys 3-4

Collinwood Boosters vs Betsy

Ross Girls

Alleys 5-6

Betsy Ross Boys vs St. John

Saints

Alleys 7-8

Ilska Vila I vs Napredok Girls

ALLEY CANDIDS: Three cheers for Beanie Zupon who made the 4-10 split. Incidentally that sure was some cheering section who watched her make it. Nice going, Beanie!

Saw Tony Baraga, Jr. hitting those maples for the Saints but we understand his dad will soon be replacing him because Tony is now army-bound. Good luck, Tony.

The Betsy Ross girls bowed the Barberville Buckeyes last Saturday. Although they lost the games, everyone had a swell time. The cheering section did their best to have them win. If Ham Laurich can't talk for the rest of the month, we know it's because he made such a swell booster for the girls. Alice Laurich, Frances Pevosek, Catherine and Mike Krall also were there to cheer the red-sweaters on to victory. When it comes to cooperation we've got to hand it to the above named. Incidentally also in the cheering section was Joe Zgonce of Lorain, fiancee of Barberville's Nellie Vallencheck, who wondered who the Napredoks' Zgonce sisters were. The B. R. girls will play a return match with the Barberville girls in the near future.

The St. John Saints will be bidding another one of their star bowlers goodbye within a month. Frank Znidar, although sent an invitation to join Uncle Sam, will stay with the Saints until he recovers from his back injury.

Although nothing definite has yet been done, it is rumored that the Cleveland AFU Bowling League will sponsor this year's National AFU Bowling Tournament. Because of existing circumstances, if such a tournament is held at all, it will be one probably on a much smaller scale than the previous ones held in the pre-war days. However it is our firm conviction that tradition of an annual national bowling league tournament should be continued even if because of the lack of transportation facilities, etc., it will of necessity include many less participants.

Donations are still coming very generously for the publication "Home News." Because so many of the bowlers will be the recipients of this paper, the remaining bowlers, especially those with business establishments, are asked to please donate something towards this cause if you have not already done so. Elsewhere in this paper please note that all bowlers will be asked to give next week so that one dollar can be collected from each team. This is a purely voluntary collection and only those who feel sincerely that the cause is worthwhile, are asked to donate.

We wonder if there are any bets circulating concerning who will win first place—the Saints or the Ives? Or will the Boosters come forward in a final spurt?

Dorothy Rossa

One who yaps helps the Axis and Japs.

"It Takes Both"



It takes both... Management and Labor, working in harmony and cooperation to keep the assembly lines going in our factories—to produce the necessary implements of war.

It takes both... War Bonds and Taxes to pay the cost of these vital tools of war to keep our fighting men supplied.

U. S. Treasury Department

Minutes of the Special Session of the American Fraternal Union

(Continued from page 3)

The sub-committee recommends as a basis for uniform war and aviation restrictions in life insurance policies, the following:

- I. (a) No war restrictions or exclusions where the cause of death arises in the Home Area.
- (b) Exclusions or restrictions (i) in the event of death occurring outside the Home Area while in the military, naval or air forces of any country at war, or (ii) in the event of death occurring within the Home Area within six (6) months after returning thereto, as a result of causes arising while in such forces outside the Home Area.
- (c) In the case of civilians traveling or working abroad, exclusions or restrictions in the event of death occurring within two (2) years from the date of issue of the policy as a result of war where the cause of death occurs while the insured is outside the Home Area and dies either outside such area or within six (6) months after returning thereto.
- (d) No restrictions or exclusions in the event of death occurring as a result of travel or flight in any species of aircraft while a fare-paying passenger on a commercial line flying on a regular route between definitely established airports.

- II. The term "Home Area" shall mean the forty-eight states of the United States, the District of Columbia, the Dominion of Canada and Newfoundland.

There was considerable division of opinion as to whether or not Alaska should be included in the Home Area. The members of the sub-committee were inclined to think that it should as it is a part of the North American Continent. The company representatives were unanimous in urging strongly that it should not be included because of the peculiar situation which exists there. They felt that inclusion might seriously affect the great mass of policyholders. In view of the fact that Alaska is one of the important military bases and that the military population undoubtedly far exceeds the civilian population and is likely to do so during the war and that it will probably be an important base for military operations, the sub-committee decided not to include Alaska in the Home Area at the present time. It urges, however, that any war restrictions or exclusions directed to Alaska be confined to death resulting from combat service while in the armed forces.

It is recommended that when reinstatement of a policy not previously subject to a war clause is applied for within a period not exceeding ninety days from the expiration of the grace period, that such application be considered without reference to possible war hazards and the policy be reinstated without war restrictions or exclusions, provided other standards of insurability are satisfied. Where application is made beyond the ninety day period it should be considered on its merits.

In our opinion these recommendations are fair and equitable and form a basis for uniform clauses to be used generally throughout the country. It is our hope that the companies will follow them and that state supervisors will do everything that they can, subject to the laws of the various states, to encourage their use.

The Supreme Secretary states that copies of Circular No. 107 were sent to all local lodge secretaries some time ago, containing information regarding the advisability of retaining a war clause which reads as follows:

Circular No. 107 - 1942.

Following is an explanation of and comment on Section 273-A of our Union's Constitution and By-laws and the War Clause contained in our membership certificates:

1. The full death benefit or face value of the certificate will be paid of death should occur while the soldier-member is serving in the armed forces in the Continental United States or flying within the United States in a duly licensed carrier as a fare-paying passenger.

2. The full death benefit or face value of the certificate will also be paid if a soldier-member should die from natural causes outside the Continental United States.

3. If death shall result at any time in consequence of the soldier-member participating in submarine operations or in an aerial flight, except as a fare-paying passenger in a duly licensed carrier, or as the result of military, aviation or naval service, in time of war, the liability of the Union shall be limited to the amount of the reserve of the certificate. In all cases, where the certificate had not been in force for a sufficient period to accumulate a reserve, the Union's liability will be limited to the return of the mortuary assessments only.

(To be continued.)

TO MEMBERS ENROLLING NEW MEMBERS FOR THE JUVENILE DEPARTMENT THE AFU PAYS THE FOLLOWING AWARDS:

- Plan JA — \$50
- Plan JB — \$200
- Plan JC for \$500 — \$200
- Plan JC for \$1,000 — \$300
- Plan JD for \$250 — \$100
- Plan JD for \$500 — \$200
- Plan JD for \$1,000 — \$300

Safety On the Highways Depends On Proper Use of Eyes

Because more than 90% of the judgments and actions of automobile drivers are guided by their eyes, the Better Vision Institute sets down the following 10 rules for highway safety:

1. Keep the windshield clean. A dirty windshield will cut down vision 50% or more.
2. Keep your eyes on the road. A car traveling 40 miles an hour goes nearly 60 feet in a second.
3. Wear glasses if necessary. If your eyes were good 20 years ago when you first started to drive, don't take it for granted that they are as sharp as ever. You wouldn't run a car for years without a tune-up or checking up on the brakes.

4. If you have driven a long distance and are tired, don't take a drink of alcoholic liquor to "brace you up" to finish the trip. When you are tired, liquor may quickly make you wobbly-eyed

Minnesotski bratski kongres

Po naročilu glavnega odbora ABZ sem se bil podpisani udeležil zborovanja Bratskega konгресa države Minnesota, ki se je vršilo 21. novembra 1942 v Minneapolisu, Minn. Zborovanje konгрesa je otvorila predsednica Fannie Miller, ki je pozdravila navzoče zborovalec in jih pozvala, da zborujejo stvarno in premisljeno. Za tem je pozvala poverilni odbor, ki je poročal, da navzoči zastopniki zastopajo 31 različnih bratskih organizacij. Nato pride v dvorano United States Marine Corps Color Guard in mi smo dali pozdrav naši zvezdnati zastavi. Po odpetju narodne himne je pozdravljen kongres prvi podpredsednik W. K. Blegett.

V daljšem govoru je omenjeni orisal delovanje konгрesa in poddaril, da bi se morale vse bratske organizacije za to delo zanimati, posebno v tem kritičnem času. Potem je bil predstavljen predsednik Narodnega bratskega konгрesa, Norton J. Williams, ki je v obširnem govoru poudarjal, da moramo zastaviti vse naše moči in zmožnosti za poraz nacizma in fašizma in japonskega militarizma, ki so svojelojno zapletli našo deželo v vojno. Dejal je, da ne more biti nikakega miru ali premirja, dokler omenjene pošasti ne bodo strte v prah. To bo stalo seveda, poleg drugih žrtv, ogromne vsote denarja. Ta denar vlada potrebuje, da opremi naše bojsile in naše zavezničke z vsem potrebnim. Zato je naša sveta dolžnost, da investiramo kar največ naših prihrankov ali za investiranje pripravljene rezerve v vojne honde Zedinjenih držav. Priporočal je, da v vseh ozirih nastopamo in delujemo skupno. To velja tudi za naše bratske organizacije, ki so združene v Narodnem bratskem konгресu in v državnih Bratskih konгрesih. Narodni bratski konгрes more v narodni postavodajti preprečiti sprejem marsikatere postave, ki bi škodovala bratskim organizacijam, in državni Bratski kongresi morajo paziti, da se take, bratskim organizacijam škodljive postave, ne sprejemajo v posameznih državah.

Zanimiv govor je imel Mr. N. R. Jonson, zavarovalniški komisar države Minnesota. Nato je govoril Hada M. Carlson od Royal Neighbors, ki je posebno poudarjal važnost naših mlaodinških oddelkov. Dejala je, da bi morale imeti vse bratske organizacije posebne agente, ki bi šli od hiše do hiše in vpisovali otroke v mlaodinski oddelki, kajti mlaodinski oddelki so neobhodno potrebni za rast vsake bratske organizacije. Mrs. Frances Buell Olson je govorila o 25-letnem poslovanju minnesotskega Bratskega konгрesa in v velikih zaslugah, ki si jih je stekla ustanova za bratske organizacije v preteklem četrstoletju. Pozivala je bratske organizacije, da z združenimi močmi podpirajo delo tega državnega Bratskega konгрesa tudi v bodoči, ker bo v korist njim samim.

Nato je tajnica konгрesa Lucille Ives predložila svoje poročilo, ki je bilo z odobravanjem sprejet. Nato je bilo predloženo in sprejetih več resolucij, ki so bile postane na predsednika Zedinjenih držav, na governerja države Minnesota in na več drugih vplivnih osebnosti.

Nominacijski odbor je nato predložil listo kandidatov za urad Bratskega konгрesa, in, kakor je že navada na takih zborovanjih, je zbornica odobrila predložene kandidate. Za predsednika minnesotskega bratskega konгрesa je bil izvoljen W. K. Blegett. V drugih uradih je ostalo nekaj starih odbornikov in nekaj je bilo izvoljenih novih. Nato je bilo sklenjeno, da se prihodnje zborovanje kongre-

sa vrši v St. Paulu, Minn. Čas zborovanja določi odbor konгрesa. Omenjeni odbor ima tudi pravico odložiti zborovanje za eno leto, ako bi potovalne in druge razmere tako zahtevala.

Zborovanje državnih bratskih konгрesov so poučna za vsakega člena bratskih podpornih organizacij in posebno poučna se za glavne odbornike takih organizacij. Iz izkušenj mnogih se posamezniki mnoga naučijo, kar morejo potem koristno porabiti pri poslovanjih svojih bratskih organizacij.

Matt Anzelc,
2. gl. nadzornik ABZ.

Naša mladina

Pred leti smo doli pisali v našem glasilu o naši mladinici, in upriličili ter svetovali, kako naj bi jo pridržali pri naših organizacijah. Tedanja naša mladina je bila še povečana v detinski dobi ali vsaj še v otroški dobi. Kot da bi bilo šele včeraj, se nam zdi, ko so nas prosili: "Mama, daddy, daj nikel. Daj dajm, da grem v 'šov.'" Kot bi bilo šele včeraj, se nas drže spomini, ko smo delali tej naši mladini veselje s tem, da smo jim prinesli sladkorja (candy), ali smo poskrbeli, da jim je Miklavž prinesel razne igrače.

Veliko te naše mladine in tudi več tiste, ki smo jo videli na prvi mlaodinske konvenciji in na poznejših, je sedaj odraslo v močne mlaodenice, v vojak, kateri se nahajajo na bojiščih. Strica Sama, raztreseni po vseh delih naše zemeljske obale.

Naše matere jokajo. Očete skrbi, kako je s sinom ali sini. Bodo li prišli domov zdravi, ali poškodjeni, ali bo namesto njih prišlo le obvestilo vojnega ali mornariškega departmента, da je ta ali oni padel v boju za svojo domovino? Za nas vse, kateri smo doma na varnem in da ostanemo na varnem. Za ohrambe svobode in za preprečenje sužnosti. Ako ne osebne vsaj ekonomične, v katero nas skušajo spraviti gangsterji v Berlinu.

Kako torej ta naša mladina, še pred nedolgom časom v otroški dobi? Kako se obnašajo?

Ali so nas pozabili? Ali se kaj spomnijo na svoja društva, organizacije in na svoj narod? Za ravnopravje precejšno število poročil. Eni so poslali samo običajno voščilno kartico, drugi pismo. Eni so navedli direktni naslov, ker se nahajajo še v Ameriki. Drugi le indirektnega, ker kraj, kjer se nahajajo, mora ostati tajen. Cenzor pa je dovolj pustil poročati, da tam, kjer je, je toplje, med tem, ko imamo mi mraz in sneg. Eden opisuje ribolov v morju na nekem otoku. Vojaška disciplina ga ni prav ni spridila, da ne bi ostal pristrič. Meri tako kot merimo drugi doma. Z merilom, katero se more raztegniti, da je riba daljša. To se seveda ne sme zameriti, ker tako merjenje je patent in izključna pravica vseh nas učencev Izaka Waltona. Drugi poroča, da tam, kjer je, so domaćini črne kože, in da lahko sam obira banane. Vojak mi piše, da tam, kjer je, so še širje drugi Slovenci, in, da kadar pride skupaj v prostem času, da se razgovarjajo samo v slovenskem jeziku. Da ne pozabimo naš jezik, mi poroča. Drugi pove, da je skupaj z več Sloveni in da jim je tako omogočeno imeti svoj lastni koncert. Slovensko petje seveda. Bil je cerkevne pevec, ki je bil doma. Vojaki poročajo, da Nova Doba več ali manj redno prihaja in da se jo veseli, ker jim je tako omogočeno videti kako se imajo pri njih društvenih doma.

Mr. Louis Adamič mi je pred časom poslal v pregled pismo našega vojaka v službi Strica Sama, v katerem izraža skrb za naš narod v starem kraju. Ka-

ko je to, da se tam ne morejo sporazumeti, piše. Ali nimajo pravih voditeljev, piše nadalje ta vojak, kateremu je postal slovenski narod v starem kraju bolj poznan potom knjig tega pisatelja. Več naših slovenskih vojakov ima sedaj službe cenzorjev, ker pisma od mnogih mater in očetov sinom so pisana tudi v slovenščini, kot seveda tudi v drugih jezikih. Tem pride znanje našega jezika sedaj prav in jim omogočuje lažje delo in boljšo plačo. To omenjam posebno zato, ker večkrat slišimo nekatere naše ne-posebno narodno zavedne rojake, ki omalejajo svoj lastni jezik, češ, kaj bo/koristil slovenski jezik našim otrokom tukav v Ameriki? Tukaj se zopet kaže resnica pregovora: "Več jezikov znaš, več mož veljaš."

Sedanja vojna je in bo prisnela poleg velikega gorja tudi velike spremembe v mišljenu ameriškega naroda, med povprečnimi Američani. Kdo med temi je pred leti vedel, kdo so Slovenci, kje žive? Še ne dolgo let od tega, posebno v času depresije, je bilo več ali manj predosodkov proti nam, in inozemstvu rojenim. Preveč nas je sem prišlo. Prehitro se množimo. Preveč je otrok, zato poskrbeli, da jim prinesi sladkorja (candy), ali smo poskrbeli, da jim je Miklavž prinesel razne igrače.

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Anton Okolish,

Z RДЕCIM KRIŽEM V NEW CALEDONIJI

(Nadaljevanje s 1. strani)

in govor. Ni bilo pa nikakih natisnosti, vse so prijazni napram Amerikancem, pa nismo bili v nikaki nevarnosti.

Naša zgradba ni zelo velika, morda ima prostora za kakih 100 mož. Ves dan v soboto in nedeljo imamo tukaj velik navalj ljudi. Vojaki prihajajo, da bi tu posledili, pisali ali igrali na viktroli. Včasih je toliko ljudi, da komaj stojijo, ne da bi bil prostor za sedeti, kajti ta prostor je tukaj edini, kamor lahko gredo pod krov—razun šotorov in spalnic.

Danes, pa tudi včeraj sem imela dela čez glavo. Včeraj je pošta prišla, kar pomenja delo s fanti od 9. do 9. ure—smrtni vesti, poročila o denarju, ki so ga družine prejele, novice o otrocih, porokah in razporokah—sploh nimate pojma, s kolikimi problemi se moram pečati.

Jaz poslušam, povem svoje mnenje, in, kakor mi je neki fant danes priznal, srečni so, da jim kdo kaj reče. Rekel mi je, da najprej ni maral, da bi mu kdo kaj rekel, kasneje pa je po razgovoru priznal, da se je cutil bolje duševno in je bil nazaj svojo korajož.

To delo je lepo, kadar se šalite s fanti, težavno pa, kadar pride z doma kaka brzovajka o smrti v družini. Naša naloga je, da jim to povemo. Imela sem včeraj fant, ki mu je mati umrla. Prišel je noter v treh presledkih, posedaval in jokal, pa vi znate, kakšna sem. Jaz te-

ga ne morem dolgo prestati, pa sem začela sama jokati. Zares kruto je za nje dobivati take novice. Skušajo, da se moško držijo z drugimi fanti, ali—lahko razumem, zakaj Rdeči križ pošilja dekleta za tako službo, pa, dasi je zame skoraj enako hudo kakor za nje, mi to vsaj daje občutek, da lahko pomagam "razbremeniti" njihove duše. Potrebujejo več žensk v vojski, samo da poslušajo fant, ko izlivajo svojo tugo, aka za nič drugega.

"Zdaj umiram. Mi se borimo. Mi se hočemo boriti; mi se moramo; toda pomagalo bi, če bi vedeli, za kaj se borimo. Bilo bi lažje za nas kot posameznike umirati, če bi vedeli, da bo to pomagalo rešiti naš narod in človeštvo v splošnem...

"Mnogo nas Jugoslovanov ne

bo preživel tega pekla na zemlji. Ko se bo končalo, bomo mi v podzemeljskih votlinah. Morda bo tam večina okupirane Evrope, če bo vojna trajala preko leta 1943. Kaj potem? Ali ne moreš kaj storiti, Amerika, s to milijoni bivših Evropejcev, ki smo imeli 160 let izkušnje v demokraciji? Tvoja osamljenost je stvar preteklosti. Sprejmi odgovornost. Razvij načrt, ki nam bo dal pričak, da bomo v tem času zasedli mlaodinske oddelki; skupaj torej 359 članov. Na tak napredek v teku osmih let smo lahko vsi ponosni. Torej, vsem, ki so pomagali k takemu lepemu načrnu predku, priznanje in hvala. Pri tej priliki se želim zahvaliti tudi našemu glavnemu tajniku Antonu Zbašniku za točno posvetovanje nedeljo dne 31. jan. ob pop. Svrha tega sestanka se ustavljajo primerno pomembne trpečega naroda v Sloveniji.

Kakov znano je Slovenski rodni kongres odobril in priznalo, da vsaka naselbina s svojo okolico podvzame korake organizira vse sile za tak menito in humanitarno dobro. Naši junaki boritelji in narod v streških jarkih dobitkujo s svojo vztrajnostjo Nemcem, Italijanom in Maškarom, da so vredni in zaslužni naše spoštovanje in pomoč, ter tukaj lahko zberemo za naše ruske brate, ki tiskajo načine nazaj na vsegi

gi fronti.

Naša glavna letna seja je

poročala, da vsako društvo

slje izvoljene zastopnike

ustanovno sejo. Udeleži pa

je lahko tudi vsak posamezen

ki hoče na kakovškoli načel

sodelovati za plemenito stvar.

Vsak posameznik je dolžan

lovati, če je njegovo društvo

aktivno ali ne. Na dotični sej

bo izvolil centralni odbor,

ko, da v najkrajšem času pr

nemo zbirati prispevke in da

na našo reševje. V slučaju,

je vaše društvo že pričelo in

pričakovanjem tako do

bre napredovalo kot je dose

daj, ali pa še bolj. Brat Cecelic je tukaj rojen Slovenec, dober gospodar in dober sobrat,

torej bo gotovo tudi dober tajnik društva. Zmožnosti ima, in

ker vem, da ima tudi korajžo, sem prepričan, da bo šlo sto

precentno uspešno.

Torej, člani in članice dru

štva Napredek, št. 132 ABZ,

v bodoče se obračajte na nove

ga tajnika brata Cecelica za

vsa pojasnila in v vseh drugih

zadevah, ki se tičejo tajništva.

Tajnik bo pobiral asesmente na

vsi redni društveni seji, po

leg tega pa še vsakega 25