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SODNIJA PODPRLA SVOBODO GOVORA

Najvišja sodnija Zedinjenih držav je pred nekaj dnevi podala odločitev v zadevi štirih mest, ki predstavlja pomembno zmago za svobodo govora oziroma tiska. Šlo je radi ordinanc treh mest, ki so prepovedovale delitev letakov na ulicah ter radi slučaja v enem mestu, ki je enak način skušalo zavirati delitev literature od hiše do hiše s tem, da je za tako delitev zahtevalo dobavo posebnega dovoljenja.

Mesta, ki so imela ordinance proti delitvi letakov, so bila Los Angeles, Cal., Milwaukee, Wis., in Worcester, Mass., medtem ko je mesto Irving, N. J., zahtevalo dobavo dovoljenja za delitev literature od vrat do vrat. V vseh štiri mestih so bile aretirane osebe radi kršenja omenjenih ordinanc in nižje sodnije so njih obsodbo potrdile.

Ko so slučaji prišli pred najvišje sodišče, so legalni zastopniki prizadetih občin dokazovali, da ordinance niso imele namena kratiti svobodo govora, temveč da so bile sprejeti le zato, da se prepreči valjanje papirja po ulicah. Nasprotniki ordinanc pa so argumentirali, da posledica istih, brez ozira na to, kakšen je bil namen, je bila, da je bila liberalnim in drugim skupinam odvzeta prilika seznaniti javnost s svojim stališčem v eni ali drugi zadevi. Sodnija je to stališče potrdila s sedmimi glasovi proti enemu. Proti je glasoval edino sodnik James C. McReynolds.

Večinska odločitev, katero je prečital sodnik Owen J. Roberts, med drugim pravi: "Dasiravno ni dvoma, da vsaka občina sme sprejeti naredbe v korist javne varnosti, zdravja, blagostanja ali udobnosti, pa se z njimi ne more kratiti osebnih svobodščin, katere jamči ustava, onim, ki želijo govoriti, pisati, tiskati ali krožiti informacije ali nazore. Ta sodnija je označila svobodo govora in tiska kot temeljno osebno pravico. To ni prazna fraza in rabljena ni bila lahkomiselno."

GENERAL SPUSTIL MAČKA IZ ŽAKLJA

Kongresnik Dies in drugi reakcijonarji imajo čisto svoje pojme o tem, kaj je "ameriško" in kaj je "neameriško." V njih očeh je "neameriško" in "prevratno" vse, karkoli se ne strinja z njegovo definicijo "amerikanizma," ki ga istovetijo s socialno reakcijo in ultraburbonskimi ekonomskimi nazori. Glavno prizadevanje kongresnika Diesa in njemu enakih gre za tem, da bi ustvarili ozračje umetne panike ter v tem ozračju zadušili vsa gibanja in akcije, ki so na delu za izboljšanje položaja delavca in navadnega ljudstva v obče. Ti ljudje se ne boje komunistov, o katerih vedo, da so baš sedaj brezmočni kot kdaj poprej, temveč pod pretvezo boja proti komunizmu bi radi zdrobili delavske organizacije in ohromili vsa liberalna gibanja v obče. Zunanja politika Sovjetske unije je za ameriške torije naravnost iz nebes poslan "rdeči slanik," s katerim skušajo zapeljati Ameriko na pot najbolj črne reakcije. Kako daleč so ti fanatiki pripravljeni iti, se je pokazalo te dni, ko je Diesov komitej kar na lepem naperil obtožbo 'komunizma" proti neki konzumni organizaciji, katera si je nadela za svojo nalogo to, da opozarja javnost, kakšne produkte naj kupuje da bo dobila najboljšo vrednost za potrošeni denar.

Da se borbonska reakcija ne bori proti "komunizmu," temveč da je Diesova gonja naperjena proti progresivcem, je te dni neprevidno priznal klepetavi general Hugh J. Johnson, ki je postal časnikarski "kolonar," odkar je izgubil službo pri zvezni administraciji. Mačka iz žaklja je spustil prošli teden, ko je v svoji koloni napisal dobesedno sledeče: "Nevarnost nam ne preti od komunistov, ki so člani stranke. Te lahko ukroti par irskih policajev. Naša nevarnost so prifrknjenci v visokih uradnih pozicijah, ki ogoročeno odklanjajo vsake sovjetske vezi in so enako ogoročeno odklanjani od sovjetov, ki pa svoje komunistične nazore skrivajo pod krinko 'liberalizma.' S tem ima manj opravka rusko poslaništvo v Washingtonu kot pa Bela hiša."

Indianapolis je izpregovoril!

Zadnjič smo rekli, da vsa znamenja kažejo, da bo Indianapolis kmalu "over the top" v mladinski festivalni kampanji. In beseda je meso postala! Danes že lahko poročamo, da znamenja niso varala, kajti Indianajolis je izpolnil kvoto 25 novih članov za mladinski oddelek ter zmagoslavno sporočil glavnemu uradu, da bo na mladinskem kulturnem festivalu, ki se vrši prihodnjega maja v Clevelandu, imela svojega zastopnika. In ne samo izpolnil kvoto—za dobro mero je navrgel celo dva člana več kot pa jih je potreboval, da je dosegel čast zastopstva na festivalu.

Mladi junak, ki je s tem stopil v prednje vrste agitatorjev za SSPZ, ni nihče drugi kot LOUIS ZNIDERSICH, Jr., član in blagajnik Vrtca št. 9, znan pod imenom "Jugoslavs," agilni sin enako agilnega očeta in navdušenega zvezarja Louis Znidersicha, starejšega.

Louis Znidarsich, Jr., je četrti zmagovalec v tekmi za zastopništvo na mladinskem festivalu, obenem pa PRVI DEČEK, ki je izmed doslej priglašenih tekmovalcev in tekmovalk dosegel to izredno čast. Že prej priglašene zmagovalke so: JULIA KMRAZER, Vrtec št. 72 v Syganu, Pa., EVAGENE CHAD, Vrtec št. 89 v Evelethu, Minn., in pa VIOLET WIDGAY, Vrtec št. 148 v Gowandi, N. Y.

Ob času, ko izide ta številka "Napredka," bo do zaključka mladinske festivalne kampanje še 18 dni, oziroma dva tedna in pol. To dobo moramo izrabiti do skrajnosti naših sil za intenzivno agitacijo. Noben priglašeni kandidat ali kandidatinja ne sme omagati, dokler ne bo dosežen cilj. Enako oni, ki se niso prijavili, pa so tiho na delu. V prihodnjih dneh se odloči uspeh ali neuspeh kampanje. Vsi na delo, dokler je čas!

Dopisi in poročila članstva

Domača zabava Skupnih društev SSPZ

Cleveland, O. — Tarega leta imamo samo še par tednov. Ako hočemo užiti par veselih uric, predno se poslovi od nas, se bomo poslužili prilike, katero nam nudijo Skupna društva SSPZ, ki priredijo v petek 15. decembra zabavni večer. Ta večer ni namenjen samo za zastopnike in zastopnice, temveč vabljeni ste vsi člani in vaši prijatelji. Vrši se v prizidku S. N. Doma, vhod z Addison rd.

Ker je to edina zabava v tem letu pod imenom clevelandskih skupnih društev SSPZ, je naša dolžnost, da si nabavimo vstopnice, ki se prodajajo po 25c, za kar boste postreženi z ribjo večerjo ali "hamburgerjem," in če vas bo volja, se boste lahko tudi naplesali. V vsakem slučaju boste s postrežbo zadovoljni, kajti Skupna društva so deležna te sreče, da imajo tudi nežni spol v svoji sredi, bodisi mlade ali malo starejše. Tiste, za katere ne bo dela v kuhinji in pri mizah, bodo skrbele, da se vam ne botreba dolgočasiti. Tudi naši fantje in možaki so še vedno pokazali, da so med prvimi. Lahko rečem, da take družine kot jo tvorijo zastopniki in zastopnice naših skupnih društev, ne najdete povsod. Na sejah se včasih prav pošteno sprimemo, ampak naj še tako treska, ko se razidemo, smo zopet vsi najboljši prijatelji. To se pravi, da se imamo radi in da drug brez drugega shajati ne moremo.

Torej na svidenje v petek 15. decembra zvečer v prizidku S. N. Doma!

K. Stokel, predsednik.

Razno iz Gowande

Gowanda, N. Y. — Bitka gowandskih krznarjev za priznanje unije od strani družbe, katera je bila že opisana v raznih listih, se nadaljuje. Kljub temu, da neprestano bombardiramo zvezni delavski odbor v Washingtonu in nas je veliko že po dve leti brez dela, se ta odbor nikamor ne zgane. Mi pa ne moremo shajati z družinami tako kot se v Ameriki spodobi, in sedaj smo apelirali na našega liberalnega senatorja James Mead-a, da posreduje pri odboru in dožene, kaj zadržuje podajo odloka v naši zadevi. Znano je, da je odbor prejel slične pritožbe kasneje in o teh podal svojo odločitev, dočim pri naši spi, kar ne pomaga nam niti notorični družbi. Nič prijetno ni biti brez zaslužka dve leti, ali vseeno se nam ne godi tako slabo, kakor brezposelnim v državi Ohio, kjer je za governerja njihovo veličanstvo republikanski John Bricker. Upam, da pojde pri prihodnjih volitvah za Martinom Daveyem v pokoj.

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Kakor vsako leto, tako so se tudi letos nekatera naša društva združila za prireditev božičnice naši mladini. Apeliram na rojake, da ne samo da pošljejo otroke na to prireditev, nego da se tudi sami vdeleže. Napis združenih društev je na tabeli v Slovenskem domu, in če imate otroke pri teh društvih, so upravičeni do daril, katere jim bo podaril Miklavž.

Prireditev se vrši dne 23. decembra ob 8:30 zvečer v Slovenskem domu. Vstopnina prosta. Sledi prosta zabava.

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Ker je že stara navada, da se vsakdo želi nekoliko zabavati ter ob slovesu starega leta voščiti svojim prijateljem srečno novo leto, se na nedeljo dne 31. decembra vrši domača zabava v korist Slovenskega doma. Pričetek takoj po poldnevu in trajala bo do 3. ure zjutraj na Novo leto. Vstopnine je prosta.

Upam, da se bomo dobro zabavali ob veliki vdeležbi ter skupno vzeli slovo od starega leta. — Ker ne pomaga jamrati, se bomo pa veselili . . .

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Zadnje čase se veliko piše o mladinski kampanji pri SSPZ, v kateri se je tudi naša mladina izkazala, akoravno majhna po številu prebivalstva, da lahko prekosi v pridobivanju novih članov velike slovenske naselbine, posebno če so ženske na delu. Tako so tukaj pri nas v zadnjih štirih mesecih pridobile 45 novih članov Vrtcu št. 148 SSPZ. Čestitam!

Kaj pa ženske v večjih naselbinah? Ali boste dopustile, da vas ženske po malih naselbinah prekose?

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Dne 20. januarja priredi Vrtec "Jutranja Straža" z društvom št. 211 skupno prireditev, na kateri bo nastopilo v igri "Growing Family" pet odraslih oseb, ki bodo predstavljali "Zvezo" in 42 otrok v različnih kostumih, katerih vsak bo zastopal en aktiven Vrtec pri Zvezi.

Ta prireditev bo nekaj krasnega in izvanrednega za našo naselbino. Kdor jo zamudi, mu bo žal celo življenje. Več o tem pozneje.

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Naš pomožni tajnik Zaitz je sam sebe prekosil s svojim člankom v zadnji izdaji Napredka.

John Matekovich,
tajnik št. 211

Miklavž poseti Girard

Girard, O. — Nekaj posebnega si je za letošnje božične praznike omislilo društvo Sava, št. 18 SSPZ in sicer v prvi vrsti z namenom, da razveseli našo mladino, ki je včlanjena v Vrtcu št. 30. Vendar pa to ne bo prireditev samo za deco, temveč tudi za odrasle, zato je vabljeno vse članstvo in prijatelji pristne božične zabave.

Za enkrat se še ne bo objavilo, kaj vse bomo imeli na sporedu, opozarjam le vas vse, da si soboto 23. decembra rezervirate za poset Miklavža, ki bo s svojo prtljago že ob 7:30 zvečer v Nagodetovih prostorih, Avon Park, Girard. Morda bo imel tudi za vas kak spominek.

Ako želite kakega otroka ali odraslega obdariti, prinesite darila prej k tajniku Johnu Rovanu, ali pa na večer zabave oddajte Miklavžu, ki bo skrbel, da bo oni, ki mu je darilo namenjeno, isto dobil.

Zabave in smeha bo na koše. Kaj takega že ni bilo v tej okolici par let. Torej, ali se vidimo?

Jay

Društvo št. 37

West Newton, Pa. — Društvo Zvesti bratje št. 37 vabi člane, da se vdeleže letne seje, ki se bo vršila dne 17. decembra ob 9. uri dopoldne v Slovenskem narodnem domu. Na zadnji seji je bilo sklenjeno, da član, ki se brez vzroka ne vdeleži letne seje, zapade kazni v obliki izgube enodnevne bolniške podpore. Torej vsi na sejo 17. decembra!

Delavske razmere so se v tej okolici zadnji čas znatno izboljšale. Premogovniki, katere lastuje Pittsburgh Coal Co., obratujejo po dva do tri dni na teden, kar je drugih premogovnikov, pa vsi delajo s polno paro.

Andy Černer, podpredsednik
Mike Kotar, tajnik

Rusko-finska vojna

Vojna med Sovjetsko unijo in Finsko v minulem tednu ni prinesla nikake važne spremembe v položaju. Finci se trdovratno borijo in sovjetsko orožje ne more beležiti doslej še nobene večje zmage, bodisi radi neprilik ali vsled podcenjevanja finskega odpora. Zadnje vesti javljajajajo, da bo Rusija, videč, da drugače ne gre, vrgla v boj proti Fincem armado, broječo milijon in pol mož.

Na diplomatski fronti je konflikt med Rusijo in Finsko povzročil zbujenje Lige narodov, katera je naslovila na Moskvo poziv, da v 24 urah ustavi sovražnosti na finski zemlji, ako tega ne stori, pa se jo bo obsodilo kot napadalko. Rusija je poziv in predlog za poravnavo konflikta potom arbitracije odklonila. Argentina je naznanila, da bo zapustila Ligo, ako bo Rusija še nadalje ostala članica, obenem pa da bo delala na to, da isto storijo ostale južnoameriške republike.

Veliki svet fašistične stranke v Italiji je podal izjavo, s kateri je indirektno posvaril Rusijo, da naj drži roke proč od Balkana ter izrazil svoje simpatije za Finsko. V izjavi je tudi rečeno, da kar se tiče osi Rim-Berlin, ista še vedno obstoji. S tem se je očividno hotelo popraviti vtis, ki je nastal vpričo molka, ki vlada zadnje mesece v fašističnem tisku glede tega nekdaj tako slavljenega osišča.

Švedska je nad konfliktom med Rusijo in Finsko jako vznemirjena. Odredila je delno mobilizacijo svoje armade in snuje se koalicijska vlada, v kateri bodo zastopane vse stranke v državi. Na Švedskem so socialni demokrati najmočnejša politična stranka.

Društvo št. 40

Salida, Col. — Člane društva št. 40 se pozivlja, da se vdeležijo letne seja, katera se bo vršila v nedeljo 17. decembra na mojem domu. Običajno se naše seje vršijo zvečer, letna seja pa se bo vršila ob 2:30 popoldne. Izvolili bomo uradnike za prihodnje leto in ukreniti se ima tudi glede drugih važnih zadev.

Anna Florjancic, tajnica

Društvo št. 42

Red Lodge, Mont. — Člane društva št. 42 v Red Lodge in okolici opominjam, da se goto-

(Dalje na 2. str.)

Politika varčevanja v ospredju v Washingtonu

Rooseveltova administracija skuša ovreči očitek, da je potratna, kot priprava na volilno kampanjo

Vlada v Washingtonu je zadnji čas začela brenkati na strune varčnosti in ekonomije. Predsednik Roosevelt se je izrazil v tem smislu pred par tedni, ko se je na Zahvalni praznik mudil v Warm Springs, Georgia, in refren od njega podane melodije se zdaj ponavlja od drugih funkcijonarjev pri zvezni vladi ter postaja z vsakim dnem bolj močan.

Predsednik je izjavil, da bo vlada gledala, da se zvezni proračun za prihodnje fiskalno leto zniža na devet milijard dolarjev in da primanjkljaj ne bo znašal več kot dve milijardi. Koliko bo znašal primanjkljaj za letošnje fiskalno leto, še ni znano, toda prošlega januarja je Roosevelt izrazil upanje, da ne bo presegal vsote $3,426,000,000.

Administracija se predvsem trudi, da bi potolažila bizniški element v deželi glede davkov ter je v ta namen podala izjavo, da v prihodnjem kongresnem zasedanju ne bo predlagala nobenih novih davkov, ali povišanja starih. Kar se tiče izdatkov za narodno obrambo, o katerih ni dvoma, da bodo stalno rastli, bo vlada vodila poseben račun izven rednega budžeta, obenem pa je Roosevelt sugestiral, da kongres, ki se v januarju zopet snide v zasedanje, sam odloča, ali naj se tozadevne stroške krije sproti, kar bi pomenilo višje davke, ali naj se to stori na ta način, da se poveča javni dolg.

Poudarek na varčevanje je treba tolmačiti v znamenju politične nujnosti. Administracija skuša zadovoljiti konservativce v svoji stranki v očigled bližajoče se volilne kampanje. Do snidenja konvencij, na katerih bosta demokratska in republikanska stranka nominirali kandidate za predsednika, je samo še kakega dobrega pol leta. Želja administracije je, da bi demokratska stranka, ki je bila zadnji dve leti razklana v vseh vprašanjih z izjemo zunanje politike, v prihodnjem kongresnem zasedanju pokazala kolikor mogoče harmonično lice.

Račun za program varčevanja bodo seveda plačali v prvi vrsti relifniki in brezposelni. Liberalni svetovalci predsednika Roosevelta to jasno vidijo in opozarjajo na opasnost, ki izhaja iz tega, toda vsaj za enkrat so njihova svarila glas vpijočega v puščavi. Da-li bo administracija vztrajala na svojem novem stališču, izgleda da odvisi največ od tega, ali bo mali industrijski "boom," ki je posledica vojnih naročil iz Evrope trajal, ali se bo razblinil.

Mnogi liberalci v administraciji, dasiravno priznavajo, da politične okolščine upravičujejo previdnost, so prepričani, da je sedaj čas, da predsednik Roosevelt obnovi borbo za razširjenje New Deala. Njih stališče je, da je bolje iti v boj in biti poražen kot pa kapitulirati. Njih argument je ,da bi poraz liberalnega programa od strani kongresa predstavljal najboljšo platformo za predsednika, ako bi iznova kandidiral, oziroma za njegovega naslednika.

Izključeno ni, da bo ta argument obevljal. že mnogokrat prej se je zgodilo, da je New Deal zopet oživel, ko se je zdelo da je že mrtev. To bo pokazala bodočnost. Za enkrat pa izgleda, da gre Rooseveltov New Deal po isti poti po kateri je šel Wilsonov liberalni program—da ga je zadel torpedo vojne v inozemstvu in domače reakcije.

Koledar prireditev

PETEK, 15. decembra—Domača zabava Skupnih društev SSPZ, CLEVELAND, O., v v prizidku S. N. Doma na St. Clair Ave.

SOBOTA, 16. decembra — Društvo Trail Blazers, št. 197 in Vrtec št. 139, CHICAGO, Ill., priredita božično veselico z burko v treh dejanjih, "The New Teacher," v Stancikovi dvorani na 115. cesti. Po programu ples in prosta zabava.

PETEK, 22. decembra — Božičnica Vrtca št. 11, COLLINWOOD, O., v Slovenskem delavskem domu na Waterloo rd.

SOBOTA, 23. decembra — Božična zabava društva št. 18, GIRARD, O., za člane Vrtca št. 30. Miklavž obdari stare in mlade.

SOBOTA, 23. decembra—Božičnica z dramsko predstavo za člane Vrtca št. 72, SYGAN, Pa., v dvorani društva Bratstvo št. 6 SNPJ.

SOBOTA, 23. decembra — Božičnica Vrtca št. 33 "Balkan Juniors," MILWAUKEE, Wis., v Tivoli Hall, 5th in National Ave. Začetek ob 7:30 zvečer. Po programu ples in prosta zabava.

PONEDELJEK, 25. dec. — Božičnica Vrtca št. 160 "Roznik Juniors," CHICAGO, Ill., v Bergerjevi dvorani. Začetek ob 3. uri popoldne.

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Nedavno se je vršila tajna konferenca vodilnih ameriških bankirjev, ki so prišli do zaključka, da bo Amerika gotovo ostala izven vojne vsaj še šest mesecev. Potem pa da je vse mogoče in da naj se napram dela vse finančne obligacije.

GAMELIN O ITALIJANIH

Neki inozemski časnikar pripoveduje, da je bil general Gamelin, načelnik zavezniških sil v Franciji, vprašan, kako sodi o italijanski vojaški vrednosti. Odgovoril je: "Ako Italija ostane nevtralna, bomo potrebovali pet divizij, da bomo pazili nanjo. Ako se pridruži Hitlerju, bomo rabili deset divizij, da jo porazimo. Ako pa stopi na našo stran, bom potreboval petnajst divizij, da se jo reši."

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Letos se ne bode natisnilo v glasilu popolnega seznama z imeni in svotami, ki jo ima kateri član za prejeti, v namenu, da se zmanjša stroške tiska. Popoln seznam svojih članov z označbo dividendne svote bode prejel le vsak društveni tajnik, po kateri bode prejeto svoto razdelil med članstvo. V glasilu se priobči le skupna svota, ki je bila posameznemu društvu izplačana.

Do dividende je upravičen vsaki na 31. oktobra, 1939, dobrostoječi član(ica) SSPZ, ki je dve leti član Zveze, to je, ki je pristopil na ali pred 1. oktobrom, 1937, ter zavarovan v smrtninskem razredu B ali C. Certifikati teh dveh razredov so vsi s številkami 20,000 ali višjimi. Certifikat, ki nosi številko pod 20,000, je razreda A in kot tak do dividende ni upravičen.

Vsak član(ica), ki pride v poštev pri dividendi, kot tolmačeno v prejšnem odstavku, je upravičen prejeti svoj delež od tajnika svojega društva. Koliko svoto ima kateri za prejeti, se lahko prepriča iz seznama prejetega iz gl. urada, ali iz svojega članskega certifikata, na katerem je na prvi strani označen mesečni prispevek v smrtninski sklad.

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Mladinskim članom, spadajočim v Vrtce, je povrnjena svota dva mesečnega asesmenta in sicer za vse, ki so bili dobrostoječi člani(ice) dne 30. novembra, 1939. Za ta oddelek se ni delalo razlike med onimi, ki so dlje ali manj časa zavarovani. Vsaki dobrostoječi član(ica) omenjega dne ima za prejeti svoje povračilo.

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S plačitvijo letošnje dividende je SSPZ dokazala svojo stabilnost, zdrav gospodarski položaj. To je nov dokaz, da so razna statistična poročila brezpomembna: da "papirnate" izgube in dobički ne pomenijo veliko. Komaj pred nedavnim objokovana "velika" izguba SSPZ in velik napredek v premoženju drugih se je v pričo tega dejstva razblinila v NIČ. Kar druge nočejo ali ne morejo storiti, lahko stori SSPZ, — PLAČA ČLANSTVU LETNO DIVIDENDO.

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Članstvo te solidne delavske bratske podporne organizacije je lahko ponosno na svojo SSPZ! S svojim modernim ustrojem, s katerim ne zaostaja niti za nobeno veliko Insurance Co., nudi članstvu vse mogoče privilegije velikih družb. Članstvo se tega zaveda, zato je z njo. To je vzrok, da hoče leto 1940 dobro zaključiti, pridobiti ji v zadnjem trenutku veliko nadaljnih novih članov za oba oddelka.

Chicago, Ill. 8. dec., 1939.

WILLIAM RUS, gl. tajnik.

Tedenski pomenki

A. ZAITZ

PROBLEMI IN NALOGE DESETE REDNE KONVENCIJE

Kadar vidiš pozive na sejo, da bodo nominirali delegata, kakor sem jih videl v našem glasilu, veš, da do konvencije ne more biti več daleč. In v resnici sedaj ni več daleč ter je potrebno, da se pričnemo pomenkovati o zboljšanju naših pravil. Razprava o pravilih je bila do sedaj še jako skromno. Ako izvzamemo Skupna društva v Clevelandu in društvo štev. 24 v Milwaukee, ki so poslala svoja priporočila, je na celi naši fronti do sedaj še vse mirno. Dvoje je mogoče, prvič, da imamo sedaj tako prefektna pravila, da je žnjimi večina zadovoljna, ali pa da se je mnogim do sedaj zdela razprava prezgodaj in da se bodo zglasili poslej. Po mojem mnenju bo slednje bolj držalo; skoraj pred vsako konvencijo je postala razprava o naših pravilih najbolj živa par mesecev pred konvencijo, za kar je še vedno čas.

Osebno se bom razprave pravil udeležil sedaj že v tretjič. Svoja priporočila sem dal v listu za 7. in 8. redno konvencijo in ker me je deseta zalotila zaposlenega v glavnem uradu, se mi zdi, da bi ne ravnal pravilno, ako bi molčal ter se letos ne udeležil razprave, kakor sem se je prejšna leta. Služba pomožnega tajnika, katero delo vršim, mi je dala vpogled v mnoge naše stvari in naše probleme, za katere prej nisem vedel in katere navadnemu zunanjemu članu ne morejo biti znane. Drugače pa bom pisal kakor bi pisal, če ne bi bil uslužben v glavnem uradu, ker le na ta način mi je mogoče nepristransko razpravljati, da ne bo za temi razpravami nastala kaka sumnja agitacije v svoje osebne koristi. Povedal bom vse stvari odkrito kot jih vidim jaz in kako bi se po mojem mišljenju dale zboljšati. Tisti, kateri se z mojimi priporočili ne bo strinjal, istotako lahko pove svoje. Nobene zamere ne bo, kajti strašansko žalostno bi bilo v teh kritičnih časih, kratiti svobodo izražanja v svoji bratski organizaciji, ali slabe strani skriti pred članstvom vsled osebne koristi posameznika.

O mnogih naših stvareh bo razprava lahko izostala. Tu mislim predvsem one, glede katerih nam državni zakoni izrecno zapovedujejo, kako morajo biti, da niso v konfliktu žnjimi in proti katerim smo brez moči. Državne oblasti se čim dalje bolj zanimajo za naše organizacije, kar je na en način čisto prav, ker protektirajo zavarovance, dasiravno bi bilo na drugem mestu tudi dobro, da bi nam državne oblasti dale kake prednosti pred navadnimi inšurenc kompanijami, ker vzamemo indirektno del bremena državam, ki bi imela skrbeti za svoje ljudi, s tem da jih podpiramo z podporami in v mnogih slučaji peskrbimo s posmrtnino, da pogreba ni treba plačati občinam ali okrajem. Stroge preiskave vseh organizacij po državnih nadzornikih so čisto na mestu. Dobro je, da vsaki dve ali tri leta pregledajo vse naše premoženje in se overijo o istinitosti naših številk v knjigah. Marsikatera poneverba je že prišla na dan, čeprav so imeli uradnike organizacije za poštene ter bi bila strašna zamera, če bi v poštenost istih kdo prej podvomil. So te preiskave neki strah, ki odganjajo skušnjavo, da ji ne podleže ta ali oni uradnik, kajti denar je še vedno bolj zapeljiv kot deset mladih devic. Nič kaj prav pa se meni ne zdi, da smejo ti nadzorniki lenariti na svojem delu, kolikor časa se jim poljubi in da predlože oderuške plače po $20.00 na dan, katere jim mora organizacija plačati. V našem uradu sem jih imel priliko opazovati in rečem vam, če bi bili mi ostali uslužbenci tako pridni kakor so oni, da bi vi šli lahko na izlet v stari kraj in se vrnili, predno bi dobili izplačila na vaše nakaznice ali katero drugo pojasnilo. Osebno seveda tem pisašem, ki ne dobijo tiste plače kot jo nam računajo, ne morem zameriti, kajti najbrž so morali mazati, da so te službe dobili. Krivi so tisti, na vrhu, ki imajo skoraj neomejno oblast, dokler ne poteče njih imenovanje.

Vidite — na eni strani mi skoparimo kakor stari prosjaki, na drugi strani pa moramo dati kakor kdo zahteva. Vsemu temu bi se seveda prišlo v okom. Ne mislim, da bi mala organizacija kot naša povzela kakšne korake, ker to bi bil samomorzanjo, ampak v splošno vem, da bi se dalo to in mnogo drugega izboljšati, če bi se za to zavzele vse organizacije (mislim bratske). Na primer, da ne bi napravljali bedastih pritiskov na naše članstvo, da mora član znižati svojo zavarovalnino, ako hoče dobiti državno podporo ali relif.

(Dalje prihodnjič)

DOPISI IN POROČILA ČLANSTVA

(Dalje s 1. str.)

vo vdeležijo prihodnje seje dne 16. decembra t. l. Znano je vsem, da se na tej seji voli uradnike za prihodnje leto in ukreniti je tudi glede več drugih stvari. Torej vsi na sejo 16. decembra!

Z ozirom na bližajočo se konvencijo je naše društvo na svoji zadnji seji sklenilo podati priporočilo glede bolniške podpore, z željo, da o tem razmotrivajo tudi druga društva. Mi smo mnenja, da bi bilo na mestu izboljšanje ene točke v pravilih, in sicer točka 243 v členu 32. V smislu te točke se za prvih pet dni ne izplača bolniške podpore, kar je bilo pozneje po glavnem odboru spremenjeno na tri dni, naše mnenje pa je, da se bolniška podpora plačuje s prvim dnem prijave bolnim, kajti podpore so na podlagi sedanjih pravil itak omejene. Dalje je naše društvo prepričano, da se računa previsoke obresti od posojil na certifikate.

Z bratskim pozdravom,

Blaž Sneider, tajnik

Društvo št. 54

Ely, Minn. — Prišel je zopet tisti čas, ko društveni uradniki oziroma tajniki na vse mogoče načine prosijo in vabijo članstvo, da naj se vdeležijo sej. Tako tudi jaz prosim cenjene člane in članice, posebno pa tiste, katerih ni bilo celo leto na spregled, da se vdeležijo te letne seje, ki se bo vršila v nedeljo 17. decembra ob 9. uri dopoldne v navadnih prostorih.

Na programu so poleg običajnih poslov tudi volitve društvenih uradnikov za prihodnje leto. Razmotrivalo se bo tudi glede društvenih pravil in konvencije, ki se bo vršila prihodnje leto. Torej še enkrat opominjam cenjeno članstvo, da se v kolikor mogoče obilnem številu vdeleži te važne seje. Obenem voščim vsem članom in članicam SSPZ širom Zed. držav vesele božične praznike in srečno in zadovoljno Novo leto!

Z bratskim pozdravom,

Matt Praprotnik, tajnik

Društvo št. 113

Meadow Lands, Pa. — Dne 25. oktobra je odšel z doma član našega društva Peter Gruden in se nikdar več vrnil. Izvršil je samomor s skokom v vodo. Pokojni je bil star 53 let in član naše Zveze 26 let. Doma je bil iz Št. Mihela pri Postojni na Notranjskem. Njegovo truplo je našel 28. novembra njegov sosed, Poljak po narodnosti. Bil je 34 dni v vodi. Pokopali smo ga dne 29. novembra po Zvezinih obredih na Narodnem pokopališču v Canonsburgu.

Vzrok samomora so bile menda družinske razmere. Tukaj zapušča ženo, sina in hčer ter dva brata v Bridgeville, Pa., kakor tudi več drugih sorodnikov. Članstvo našega društva št. 113 ga je spremilo na zadnji poti. Počivaj mirno v hladni zemlji!

Mike Gerčar, zapisnikar

Društvo št. 104

Chicago, Ill. — Tem potom opominjam cenjeno članstvo društva št. 104, da se polnoštevilno vdeleži seje dne 15. decembra, ker to je zadnja seja v letu, na kateri bomo med drugim volili odbor za leto 1940. Ne zadnji seji je bilo zaključeno, da član ali članica, ki se ne vdeleži letne seje, mora plačati 25c v društveno blagajno. Isto velja radi veselice, katera se ima vršiti 17. februarja 1940. Prosim torej, da se vdeležite v polnem številu, da bomo kaj dobrega ukrenili v korist društva in Zveze.

Vesele božične praznike in veselo Novo leto vsem članom SSPZ!

Frank Sustarsic, tajnik

Društvo št. 117

Eveleth, Minn. — Društvo št. 117 je na svoji redni mesečni seji dne 19. novembra sklenilo, da se potom glasila povabi vse člane in članice tega društva, da se polnoštevilno vdeleže prihodnje mesečne seje, ki se bo vršila 17. decembra t. l. v SNPJ dvorani ob 1:30 popoldne. Rešiti imamo važne reči. Prvič je volitev društvenih odbornikov za leto 1940. Drugič razmotrivanje o nameravani veselici. Po seji bo prosta zabava. Torej pridite vsi na sejo!

Bratski pozdrav!

Rudolph Bazil, tajnik

Društvo št. 122

Ringo, Kan. — Vsi člani omenjenega društva so vabljeni na letno sejo, ki se vrši 17. decembra v Finikovih prostorih ob 10. uri dopoldne. Na dnevnem redu so volitve društvenih uradnikov za leto 1940 in več drugih stvari bo treba rešiti. Torej pridite na sejo.

Matt Setina, tajnik

Društvo št. 142

White Valley, Pa. — Na zadnji seji našega društva je bilo sklenjeno, da se potom glasila Napredek povabi vše člane in članice društva št. 142 SSPZ na prihodnjo sejo, katera se bo vršila 17. decembra ob 10. uri dopoldne, ker to je letna seja, na kateri se bo volil odbor za prihodnje leto in tudi več drugih stvari bo prišlo na dnevni red. Bratje in sestre, dajte se vsaj enkrat na leto vdeležiti seje vsi brez izjeme.

Jaz bom v dvorani ob pol deseti uri, tako da bo vsak lahko plačal svoj asesment še pred sejo in da bomo sejo hitreje končali, kajti po seji bo imel naš Vrtec št. 103 svojo sejo. Upam, da se vsi vidimo na zgoraj omenjeni dan.

Jurij Previc, tajnik

Društvo št. 146

Slovan, Pa. — Članom in članicam našega društva v Slovanu, Pa., vsem onim, ki so se udeležili letne seje 3. decembra, najlepša hvala od uradnikov društva. Prav za prav je bil zimski dan, toda članstvo se je od daleč in blizu potrudilo na letno sejo in enoglasno izvolilo stari odbor, za kar se odbor zahvaljuje in želi vesele božične praznike in srečno novo leto 1940 vsem bratom in sestram SSPZ.

Anton Lavrick, predsednik
Anna Baich, taj.-blag.

Društvo št. 152

South Fork, Pa. — Člane in članice društva št. 152 opozar-

(Dalje na 3. Str.)

SMEHA ZA POČ'T...

Chicago, Ill. — Najtežja stvar v pisanju je pisati prepričevalno. To se pred vsem tiče raznih vabil na predstave, koncerte, veselice in podobne prireditve, kadar hoče pisec prepričati čitatelje kako "luštno" bo, koliko bo zabave in veselja kot še nikoli preje; torej jih hoče prepričati, da verjamejo kar čitajo. Ako se tudi včasih posreči, da je dopis prepričevalen, pa prireditev ne izpade tako kot je pisec čitatelje "prepričal" da bo, pa je zopet — razočaranje. In včasih se zgodi, da je pisec preprepričevalen; resnično verjame, da bo tako kot piše, ali ko je rezultat drugačen, se počuti kot mokra vrana... Taka zadrega je zelo mučna. In to me povede k naslovu tega članka.

Sicer sam ne verjamem, da je še kedaj kdo počil od smeha. Taka katastrofa bi bila nedopustljiva, posebno še, ako je eden plačal vstopnino. Rabimo pa ta izraz v abstraktnem pomenu besede, kadar hočemo povedati, da nas bo dotična prireditev privedla do več smeha, kot pa kaka druga. In kadar pišemo ali govorimo o farsi THE NEW TEACHER, ki bo podana v Stancikovi dvorani to soboto, smemo prosto reči: Smeha za poč't! V slovenščini nimamo veliko šaljivk in burk, katere bi smeli nazivati farsa. Farsa pomeni komedijo, v kateri je vse "narobe svet", gorostasna osmešitev in norčevanje, satira in humor, ki cika na neresnico. In vse to je THE NEW TEACHER, ki priroma na oder 16. decembra na skupni božični veselici društva TRAIL BLAZERS in Vrtca štev. 139, SSPZ. V tretjem dejanju bo podan celoten pevski in glasbeni program kot del igre. In v istem dejanju obišče nadebudne šolarje tudi Miklavž. Ta čislani obiskovalec pa ne bo takoj odšel, temveč bo počakal do konca igre, da obdari v dvorani navzoče otroke s bonbončki, orehi in oranžami. Zatem se se bo pričela prosta zabava in ples ob poskočni godbi Omerza-Gradišek orkestra.

Naše južne čikažane čaka na tri prireditvi nepričakovani užitek v osebi malega Edwarda Udoviča od Vrtca Rožnik Juniors. Edi se je odzval našemu povabilu, da nastopi s par pevskimi točkami na programu. Vsi, ki smo čuli nadarjenega dečka na festivalu Vrtcev meseca maja v vlogi "Mož s marelo," kakor tudi na jesenskem koncertu pevskega zbora Prešeren, smemo pričakovati prvovrsten nastop. Če Edward ukrade prvenstvo na tem programu, mu ne bomo prav nič zamerili.

V igri bo skupno nastopilo nad 20 oseb, izmed katerih bodo imeli glavne vloge sledeči:

Mr. Stubbs, president of School Board	Ladi Tome
Miss Lump, members of School Board	Katherine Zadnik
Mr. Hardapple, member of School Board	Stanley Tome
Miss Trotter, member of School Board	Frieda Simonj
Professor Iskra	Mirko G. Kuhel
Miss DuShane, the applicant	Zora Knudsen
Miss Hardwrite, the poetical applicant	Evelyn Schweiger
Reginald	Anthony Okleshen
Izzy	Stevie Lavrič
Tommy	Frank Bezlaj
Tony	Nino Veroni
Johnnie	Ernest Vrhovnik
Jackson	Bernard Schweiger
Ole	John Karolič
Olivia	Eleanor Schweiger
Topsy	Amelia Virant
Josie	L. Bezlaj
Fannie	Frances Trsar
Rosie	Eve. Schweiger
Santa Claus	Santa Claus

Namen tega dopisa je dvojen: prvič, privabiti na božično veselico čim več posetnikov, in drugič, seznaniti zunanjost, kaj se godi med nami v Chicagi. In ako ga nisem napisal dovolj prepričevalno, naj še dostavim, da Vam ne bo žal. Program se ima pričeti ob 8. uri zvečer, in točnost pričetka je odvisna od občinstva. Vsled tega apeliram na vse one, ki imajo navado biti pozni (nato pa "kikajo"), da ste v dvorani ob pravem času. V SOBOTO TOREJ, 16. DECEMBRA OB 8. URI ZVEČER V STANCIKOVI DVORANI, 205 E. 115 STREET.

Profesor Iskra.

SAMO ŠE DOBER TEDEN DO BOŽIČA!

● Dolžnost trgovca do odjemalca je, da ima v zalogi vedno modno, dobro in trpežno blago, in vsakega Slovenca dolžnost bi pa bila, da podpira domačo trgovino.

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Naše cene se ne spreminjajo; so enake. Postrežba točna in poštena, kot Vam jo more dati le Vaš domač trgovec.

Se Vam priporoča

JOHN POLLOCK

v S. N. DOMU, na 6407 ST. CLAIR AVE.

DOPISI ČLANSTVA

(Dalje iz 2. str.)

jam, da se vdeleže letne seje, ki se vrši 16. decembra ob sedmi uri zvečer v prostorih društvenega tajnika. Ker se ima voliti odbor za prihodnje leto, vam priporočam, da si izvolite uradnike, s katerimi boste zadovoljni in da bo tudi društvo bolj napredovalo. Mislim, da je že čas, da bi enkrat izvolili bolniški odbor, da bi obiskoval bolnike, ker tajnik je naveličan tega posla. Mnogo vas je, ki pridete na društvene seje samo po dva ali trikrat na leto, in mnogokrat ne moremo vsled slabe vdeležbe niti seje otvoriti ob določenem času. Prosim vas torej, da pridite vsi na letno sejo 16. decembra in sicer točno ob 7. uri. Bratski pozdrav!

John Prince, tajnik

Društvo št. 227

Chicago, Ill. — Pozivljam člane društva Rožnik št. 227, da se gotovo vdeležijo prihodnje redne seje v četrtek dne 21. decembra ob 8. uri zvečer v navadnih prostorih. Je letna ali glavna seja, volitev odbora ter še več drugih važnih zadev za rešiti. Tajnik Vam bo prečital celoletno poslovanje med društvom in gl. uradom, nadalje poročilo uspešne zadnje veselice.

Dolžnost vseh je, da se vsaj enkrat na leto vdeležite seje. Po seji, kot ponavadi nekoliko zabave. Bratski pozdrav!

Andrej Cizej, tajnik

Zaključki zadnje seje in vabilo na letno

East Pittsburgh, Pa. — Prvi zaključek zadnje seje društva št. 239 je bil, da povabimo vse člane potom glasila na letno sejo, katera se vrši v soboto 16. decembra v navadnih prostorih, 1719 Poplar Way, North Braddock. Pričetek točno ob sedmih zvečer.

Drugi zaključek je bil, da priredimo Miklavžev večer in to 16. decembra od 6. do 7. ure zvečer in sicer v istih prostorih kot se vrši naša seja.

Tretji zaključek se glasi, da priredimo veselico na 13. aprila v Litvinski dvorani v Braddocku, Pa.

Bratje in sestre, to bo naša letna seja in je torej vaša dolžnost, da se vdeležite vsaj te seje, na kateri se bo izvolil odbor za prihodnje leto in slišali boste poročilo tajnika za enajst mesecev. Moje mnenje je, da je slab član, kdor se ne more vdeležiti seje vsaj enkrat v letu. Vas torej kličem, da se vdeležite stoprocentno, in ako imate člane v mladinskem oddelku, pripeljite jih s seboj in to eno uro pred pričetkom seje.

Louis Karish, tajnik

The Last Call

(Continued from page 4)

Subject to change the following cast will present THE NEW TEACHER. Due to unseasonable weather several members of the cast have been ill, and if they recuperate on time, will be able to assume their parts.

Mr. Stubbs, President of the School Board ..... Ladi Tome
Miss Lump, the wise member of the Board ..... Katherine Zadnik
Mr. Hardapple, the poor-hearing member of Board ..... Stanley Tome
Miss Trotter, who traveled a lot ..... Frieda Simoni
Herr Iskra, the German Professor ..... Mirko G. Kuhel
Diss DuShane, the "umph" applicant ..... Zora Knudsen
Miss Hardwrite, the poetic applicant ..... Evelyn Schweiger
Reginald, the smartest boy in school ..... Anthony Okleshen
Izzy, the naughty Jewish boy ..... Stevie Lavric
Tommy, the mischievous son of Erin ..... Frankie Bezlaj
Tony, the Italian bad news ..... Nino Veroni
Johnnie, the Slovenian kiddo ..... Ernie Vrhovnik
Jackson, the colored mistake ..... Bernie Schweir
Ole, the son of Sweden .. John Karolich
Olivia, the school-girl ..... Eleanor Schweiger
Topsy, the colored baby .. Amelia Virant
Josie, short but to the point ..... Lillian Bezlaj
Fannie, the no-farm girl ..... Frances Trsar
Rosie, another school girl ..... Eve. Schweiger
Ginger ..... N. K.
Santa Claus ..... In person

Do not forget: THE NEW TEACHER — Saturday, December 16, at 8 p.m. At Stancik's Hall, 205 E. 115th Street.

The Professor

Here and There

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three-act comedy, entitled "The New Teacher," will be presented by a mixed cast of Junior and Senior members, commencing at 8 o'clock. And on hand, as the evening's "Guest Entertainer," will be none other than the pride of Chicago's Westside, twelve year old EDDIE UDOVICH of the Roznik Juniors with his guitar and repertoire of American and Slovene songs. For the dancers, who will take over the floor after the stage program is completed, the GRADISEK-OMERZA orchestra has been engaged to furnish a satisfying mixture of melody, harmony and rhythm . . . ROZNIK JUNIOR'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM and PARTY will be held on the afternoon of December 25th and not the 24th as reported in this column last week. It's scheduled to start at 3 p. m. and will end by and by.

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JOSEPH KOSCHAK . . . Joe is a senior in the Sheboygan High School (Wisconsin) and is said to be so bright in such subjects as chemistry, botany, physics and mathematics that a great future is being predicted for him by his teachers and fellow students. Especially, does he shine in his preferred field, chemistry . . . During my recent visit in Sheboygan, I spent some time in his basement laboratory where I found shelf upon shelf lined with bottles and jars of chemicals of many kinds, various test tubes and instruments, and plant and animal life in the process of experimentation. All this running into a value of hundreds of dollars and every bit of it paid for out of his earnings as a chemist. Yes, this young man is already earning his own way and makes as much as 40 cents an hour for forty hours a week working for the government in a chemical project . . . And his dad, who, incidentally, is the president of Lodge No. 63, informed me that nearly every cent is put right back into more chemicals, instruments and test tubes. Joe is vice-president of his class and hopes to be the president after the coming election. He plays, works, studies and rests by a regular schedule, and plans his daily program in advance and keeps a written and itemized account not only of the results of his research work, but also of every minute and penny spent. I don't believe he needs luck, but we're wishing it for him anyway, and lots of it at the right time.

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CONVENTION . . . With the Convention drawing nearer and nearer each day, it's time our members began to asert themselves on issues of importance to the Society's welfare. According to a requirement of the Insurance Department of the State of Illinois, the By-laws with proposed amendments (additions and changes) must be submitted for approval to the Deparemtn before the Convention open. For that reason, it is essential to the progress of the Society to carry on discussions in the Official Organ and in letters to the Supreme Office on matters involving possible improvement. No time should be lost in doing so . . . And in all fairness to the members, we offer this explanation, that ***their constitutional right of freedom of expression by speech and ballot shall in no wise be jeopardized at the time of the Convention in spite of this new requirement of the Insurance Department and in spite of any maneuver that might be attempted to bring about a change by using this requirement as an excuse.*** IT IS NOT ENOUGH TO SAY ***"The law compels us to do so and so";*** THE LAW SHOULD BE QUOTED IN ALL SUCH CASES, SO THAT EVERY MEMBER, AND PARTICULARLY THE DELEGATES, WILL HAVE A CHANCE TO STUDY AND PROVE TO THEMSELVES THAT CERTAIN PROPOSED CHANGES ARE NECESSARY AS WELL AS COMPULSORY BY THE LAWS OF THE STATE IN WHICH THE SOCIETY IS INCORPORATED... Delegates to the next Convention will have the right to voice their opinions and vote as their conscience dictates regardless of what decision or interpretation the state insurance authorities may arrive at. The true principles of democracy have not yet been taken away from us, although they are being endangered by the dictatorial attitude of individuals whose desire for control and self-security often overrules their better judgement of what is or is not democracy or fraternalism. However, we shall have to keep our By-laws within the limits set by the laws of the state in which the Society is incorporated, so long as those laws are legal under its constitution.

M. Vrhovnik

SSPZ Ladies' Bowling League

The S. S. Flashes pulled a surprise when they dumped the strong Utopian Flyers in all three games. By losing all three the Flyers let the idle Spartans slip into first place. The big noise for the Flashes was Sophie Japel. She started with a poor 96 game and then came through with nice games of 139 and 149 for a 384 series. Jo. Zakrajsek had 377 and Molly Dusa wasn't far behind with 366. The Flashes also had a single game of 631 and a 1797 series which are good for third place in the standings. For the losing Flyers Anne Madey had 367 and Mary Krevic 366.

The Rollers took two from the unlucky Aces. Al Gruden had games of 123-147-134 for a nice 404 series. For the Aces Marge Jeric had 117-146-151 for a 414 high series. Incidentally her game of 151 was high for the day. Sophie Opeka had a 379 series.

This Sunday finished another round of bowling. The standings of the teams to date are:

	W	L	Pct.
Spartans	18	9	.667
S. S. Flashes	17	10	.629
Utopian Flyers	15	12	.555
Utopian Rollers	15	12	.555
S. S. Aces	8	19	.296

Team High Three Games

Spartans	2004
Uotpian Flyers	1999
S. S. Flashes	1797

Team High Single Game

Spartans	724
Utopian Flyers	711
S. S. Flashes	631

Individual High Three Games

Antonia Zagar	556
Mary Krevic	483
Anne Madey	470

Individual High Single Game

Antonia Zagar	213
Josephine Zakrajsek	177
Mary Krevic	176

Individual Averages

A. Zagar	153-12
M. Krevic	137-22
A. Madey	133-10
R. Hocevar	127-10
J. Zakrajsek	125-23
F. Svetina	121-24
A. Gruden	121- 1
M. Jeric	120-18
A. Opeka	120- 5
S. Zorman	117- 9
A. Jeric (Miss)	114-17
M. Lunder	114-11
M. Dusa	110- 1
D. Schlarb	109-12
S. Opeka	107-21
S. Japel	105-16
F. Bohinc	105-10
F. Clemenc	103- 8
J. Kodromaz	101-11
F. Krevic	99- 4
J. Debeljak	96-12
E. Maple	93- 3
M. Zorman	92- 8
A. Jeric (Mrs.)	91-21

CHALLENGER BITS

Christmas Program

To climax the social activties for the year 1939, Challenger Juniors have selected December 16th for their 5th annual Christmas Program. For the past several weeks rehearsals have been held, and a good program will be staged. The program will undergo promptly at 7 o'clock at the SNPJ hall.

The vice-chairman of the senior group Peter Elish, will open the program, and the mistress of ceremonies during the program will be Vivian Beton, who will also render several solo tapdance numbers. The remainder of the program will consist of recitations, Christmas carols and a play "Dinner For One."

The following Vrtec children will participate: Helen Kress, Jennie Tomsic, Mary Ann Yarkosky, Delores Gump, Harvey Davis, Herman Healy, Dolly and Adolph Tomsic, Jerry Daley, Patracia and Terry Koval, Rosella Sirca, Shirley Brower, Betty Jayne Beton, Irma and Thelma Burchak, Mary Jane Sciabic, Margaret Slabe, Lillian Alis, Dorothy Healy, Rosella Beton and Cynthia Christy.

The piano accompanist will be Miss Angella Vella, and the dance music will be furnished by Jacob Martincic and his band.

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Annual Meeting

On the 17th of this month, the Challengers will hold their annual meeting at the regular meeting place. Officers for the year 1940 will be elected, and it is important that all members attend and voice their opinions. Not only will it be necessary to select the right leaders for the year 1940, but other important questions will confront us. And one of these will be the problems of raising money to defray lodge expenses. Challengers, together with several other fraternal organizations in this vicinity, are handicapped by the amendment that was recently passed to the State Liquor Law. Therefore, it is important that each and everyone attend and help by giving your support.

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Stop! Look! Listen!

What?—Juniors program and dance!

Where?—SNPJ hall!

When?—December 16th!

Why?—The biggest event of the year!

Warning?—Don't miss it!

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Representatives

At the business period, of November's meeting, the following members were elected to represent Challengers at various yearly meetings. Peter Elish, for Slovene Saving and Loan Association; Frances Sirca, for Alexander Co-operative Store; Gregory Bergach, Anthony and Frances Sirca, for Federation meeting of Western Pennsylvania held in Pittsburgh.

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Down the Alley

Although little has been heard of the Challenger's bowling teams, the bowlers meet every Tuesday at 8 o'clock at the Elk's Alleys. In the ladies division Frances Vrhovnik, Julia Ahac and Frances Sirca lead, and for the men, John Pelan and Frank Sirca. The previous week, John Pelan scored the highest scoring mark for the week. All members interested in the sport are invited to come out and participate.

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Elish Elected to Council

At the general election Peter Elish, democrat, defeated Chas. Schade, republican, a local industrialist and former councilman in the first Ward of Canonsburg. The vote was 1200 for Elish, to 678 for Schade.

Elish is the youngest councilman elected in the history of Canonsburg, and polled the highest number of votes ever received for a councilman in Canonsburg.

Challengers congratulate you.

Congratulations

This department has the pleasure of congratulating Mr. and Mrs. John Vrhovnik on their 16th wedding anniversary. Close friends tendered the honorees a small function on November 25.

Our greetings are also extended to the recent newlyweds, Mr. and Mrs. Marion Pelligrinni. They have taken up housekeeping on Maine St., Houston.

Personals

A real loyal booster is John Sirca Sr., who sold up to date 119 tickets for the Juvenile Program. He certainly deserves the plaudits of the members—Members in arrears in their dues should square up before January 1st— Happy birthday to Julia Ahac and to Michael Vrhovnik who celebrated his in the Thanksgiving month—Three transfers were welcomed into the Challenger senior fold, Joseph and William Progar and Joseph Zupancic— A social will follow the annual meeting this Sunday— Some person will be the recepient of a beautiful chenille rug— The donor is Mrs. M. Healy. So get your tickets while they last. The rug will be given away Dec. 16th— Our condolence to the editor of this page, Vatro Grill on the loss of his mother— Final reminder, annual meeting and Juvenile Program.

"Jo and Ev"

Utopians

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Another of our great problems is our coming Anniversary Dance which will be held on Sat. Jan. 27.

Members don't forget the date Mon. Dec. 18 at 7:00 p.m. is the important meeting and also a great reunion.

In conclusion I wish to extend a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all.

Elsie Pucel, Sec'y

"Danica" Bowling

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind. —Just a few lines from a new member of SSPZ to and of our bowlers. We have organized a few bowling teams and so far the brothers and sisters of Danica have taken to it like a duck does to water. And don't forget, we can use more men and women to bowl or learn bowling; the more the merrier. Those interested should get in touch with Bro. Naumshek or Bro. Bencik of the men's teams, or Sis. Mary Stroy of the women's teams.

A Few Whys and Hows

Antonia and Ludmella are acting a little smart since they rolled those 164 games. Nice going, girls; keep it up.

We see that one of our bowlers is off the sick list, which is fine. Get in there and pitch, Leva!

Mrs. Urbancic, you can't break those pins so you better slow that ball down.

We missed Frances Monday nite. What is the matter Mrs. Klarich? Too much Sunday?

Ada is sporting a new pair of shoes. That's a girl! Go out and get those pins!

Well folks, this is all this time. Hoping to hear from more of our members.

A Newcomer.

SSPZ Men's Bowling League

UTOPIAN EAGLES TAKE UNDISPUTED LEAD

In last week's battle for first place between the Utopian Eagles and Spartan Cavaliers the Eagles beat the Cavaliers in all three games. For the Eagles B. Streeter was high with a 518 series. H. Zorman had a 516 series and P. Manilla had a 506 series. For the losing Cavaliers S. Zagar was high with a 578 series. B. Schuster had a 506 series which included a 208 game and F. Lekan had a 500 series.

In the battle between the third and tied for fourth place team the Utopian Falcons dropped all three games to the Utopian Hawks. For the winners J. Karda was high with a 593 series which included the high single game of the day of 223. T. Turk had a 519 series. For the losers J. Jerse had a 533 series and M. Lenassi a 528 series.

The battle between the tied for fourth Presidents and the sixth place Zdruzeni Brati was in favor of the Presidents who took two games. For the Presidents T. Bolka was high with a 534 series. For the Zdruzeni Brati T. Debelak was high with a 527 series.

In the battle between the two brother Spartan teams the Yankees upset the Blue Jays in all three games. For the Yankees E. Centa was high with a 590 series which included a 207 and 209 game. S. Centa had a 577 series with a 208 game. They also had the high series of the day of 2544.

In the battle for the cellar spot the Concordians took two games from Lunder Adamic to push them down. For the Concordians T. Dusa was high with a 599 series which was high for the day and included a 216 and 209 game. J. Zorman had a 549 series with a 203 game. For Lunder Adamic A. Primc had a 569 series with a 215 game and J. Birk a 507 series.

STANDINGS

	W	L	Pct.
Utop. Eagles	22	8	.733
Spar. Cavaliers	19	11	.633
Utop. Falcons	18	12	.600
Utop. Hawks	17	13	.567
Spar. Presidents	16	14	.533
Zdruzeni Brati	13	17	.433
Spar. Yankees	13	17	.433
Concordians	12	18	.400
Spar. Blue Jays	11	19	.367
Lunder Adamic	9	21	.300

SCHEDULE DECEMBER 17

Alleys 1-2 — Spar. Blue Jays vs Concordians.

Alleys 3-4 — Utop. Eagles vs Spar. Cavaliers.

Alleys 5-6 — Utop. Falcons vs Spar. Presidents.

Alleys 7-8 — Spar. Yankees vs Lunder Adamic.

Alleys 7-8 (3 p.m.) —Utop. Hawks vs Zdruzeni Brati.

STATISTICS

Individual Averages

E. Centa	186-11
T. Bolka	179-26
J. Karda	177-12
S. Zagar	177- 4
S. Centa	175- 2
T. Vrh	174-26
J. Glavic	173-15
J. Moze	171-27
F. Lekan	170-27
B. Schuster	168- 1
J. Spilar	167-19
F. Koncan	167- 9
P. Manilla	167- 4
C. Schabel	166-16
R. Lisch	165-16
M. Lenassi	165- 8
A. Primc	165- 1
J. Jerse	164-11
B. Streeter	163-21
J. Kikol	163- 3
L. Debevec	162-27
T. Dusa	161- 6
John Leskovec	161-
J. Blatnik	160-23
F. Skabar	160-15
H. Zorman	159-23
T. Laznik	158-16
T. Brodnik	158- 1
K. Stokel	157-23
T. Gabrenya	156-22
J. Janezic	156-16
B. Schlarb	154- 9
T. Debelak	153-17
T. Turk	152-13
F. Slejko	153- 9
J. Zorman	152- 8
J. Birk	150-22
A. Lunder	149-13
J. Japel	148-27
E. Stefanik	148- 5
I. Gruden	147-20
J. Pecnik	147-14
L. Batis	147- 5
N. Spelar	145-20
M. Debevec	141-18
Joe Leskovec	137-17
E. Benedict	137- 8
E. Dietz	133- 6
F. Popotnik	129- 4
F. Bohinc	128- 6
S. Benedict	126-
W. Candon	123- 5
A. Candon	119-20
M. Sintic	118-14

Ind. High Three Games

T. Vrh	640
E. Centa	626
T. Bolka	609

Ind. High Single Game

B. Schuster	269
J. Moze	244
E. Centa	244

Team High Three Games

Spartan Cavaliers	2600
Utopian Eagles	2563
Utopian Falcans	2558

Team High Single Game

Spartan Cavaliers	954
Spartan Presidents	939
Utopian Hawks	926

Trail Blazers' Meet

CHICAGO, Ill. — Thursday, December 21, will witness the last meeting of the Trail Blazers for the year of 1939. Needless to say this oft repeated phrase will be heeded by some and ignored by the rest.

Secretaries could rant and rave, plead and threaten but the response would still be the same.

I shall do neither, for I too have met with mediocre success in prompting the membership.

The time is 7:30 p.m., Stancik's Hall, 205 E. 115 St. Refreshments will follow and in conjunction our usual grab bag party, for which, each person partaking will submit a wrapped gift ranging from ten to twenty-five cents.

Ladi Tome, Sec'y

Louis Znidersich of Indianapolis is Fourth Festival Campaign Winner.

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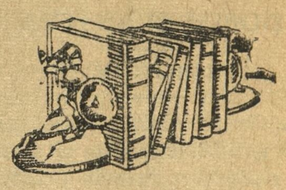
this writing, Chicago's Trail Blazer Juniors and Roznik Juniors have not made their entries known, while the Balkan Juniors of Milwaukee is on its way . . . AMBRIDGE COMETS have not failed us, for brother JOSEPH TEKSTAR, Administrator, reports that 16 new members were enrolled in two days and at the same time placed an order for 24 juvenile applications for immediate mailing . . . Sounds mighty good, but who is their contestant? — Have a pretty fair idea of who SHE will be, but no guess is a good guess unless it is right, so we'll go no farther in this prediction than to state the Ambridge COMETS will be represented by ***an active young lady . . .*** Watch for the special Xmas issue of the Vrtec Section, containing pictures of winning Festival contestants and a short write-up about each one. — Invitations also have been extended to former Vrtec contributors to write articles for this section to give an otherwise brilliant paper an added reunion touch of brightness and cheer.

DO YOU KNOW THAT -
SSPZ Has Nine Modern Plans of Life Insurance for Adults and Juveniles?

PROGRESS
"NAPREDEK"

Fraternalism in Action
The SSPZ paid to its members $4,000,000 in benefits since organization.



$6,810.27 In Dividends Paid By SSPZ To Its Members

This year Santa Claus is being very good to members of the SSPZ. — And the one big reason that accounts for it is that DIVIDEND CHECKS have already been mailed to Secretaries of the Society's Lodges for distribution among the members.

By decision of the Supreme Board at its meeting in August-September of this year, the SSPZ has paid the SECOND ANNUAL DIVIDEND to members of the Adult Department, this amount being equivalent to payment of one month's assessment into the Mortuary Fund, while two full assessments have been refunded to members of the Juvenile Department, this being one of a series of many such payments since its organization. Total dividends paid are as follows:

To adult members insured under Plan B or C $5,785.75

To Juvenile members insured under all Plans 1,024.52

Total $6,810.27

The names of members and amounts of dividends received by them will not be published in the Official Organ as was done last year. This was decided in order to lower printing costs. Instead, a complete statement, containing the names of all members of your Lodge and carrying the amount of dividend to which each is entitled, has been forward to your local Lodge Secretary. In the Official Organ shall appear only the total amounts received by each Lodge for distribution among the eligible members.

Members, entitled to the receipt of dividends, are all those insured under Plan B or C who were in goodstanding as of October 31, 1939, and who have been members of the Society for a period of two years or longer; that is, who were admitted into the SSPZ on or before October 1, 1937. Certificates issued under these two Plans of insurance are designated by numbers ranging upwards from 20,000. A certificate, numbered under 20,000, is classified as belonging to Plan A and as such is non-participating and, therefor, not entitled to a share of dividends.

As explained in the above paragraphs, each member eligible to a dividend shall receive payment from the Secretary of his own Lodge. The amount to which one is entitled may be verified from the type-written statement accompanying the dividend check from the Supreme Office, or from one's own certificate where the monthly mortuary assessment is plainly printed right on the front page.

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Members of the Juvenile Department, who were in goodstanding as of November 30, 1939, have been returned an amount equivalent to two full monthly assessments. Here no distinction was made based on period of membership, since each is entitled to his share whether a member of the Society one month, a year or longer.

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With the payment of this year's dividend, the SSPZ once more proves financial stability and good, sound management. This also, is new proof that figures disclosed in certain statistical reports, comparing the strength and progress of one fraternal organization with another, are without meaning, and that "Paper" losses and gains are too often misleading and should not be taken seriously until all facts are known. IN SPITE OF UNFAIR PUBLICITY AND REPORTS OF BIG GAINS MADE BY OTHER ORGANIZATIONS, THE SSPZ SHOWS SHE CAN DO WHAT OTHERS DO NOT WANT TO DO OR CANNOT DO—PAY HER MEMBERS AN ANNUAL DIVIDEND!

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The members of this sound, workingman's, fraternal benefit organization can well be proud of the SSPZ! Our modern plans of insurance offer our members every privilege given by larger organizations; we need not take a back-seat for any insurance company. The members know this to be true and that is why they prefer to stand by the SSPZ. — For that reason, and in order to bring the year 1939 to a most successful conclusion, I urge you to enroll in the closing moments a large number of new members for both departments of the Society.

Chicago, Ill., Dec. 8, 1939.

WILLIAM RUS, Supreme Secretary

Louis Znidersich of Indianapolis is Fourth Festival Campaign Winner

By Michael Vrhovnik

M. Vrhovnik

"The SSPZ has begun a new campaign to increase the membership of the Juvenile Department and we have decided not only to participate in this campaign by entering a contestant, but what is more, we are going to assure his qualification as a winner," were the words of the chairman and master of ceremonies of the 30th Anniversary Program of Lodge No. 22 (Danica) at Indianapolis, as he addressed a large audience on the night of November 11th. I knew, when those words were spoken, that fortunate would be the boy or girl chosen as the contestant of Vrtec Yugoslavs, for knowing the speaker's reputation for action, I knew only too well that there could be no other answer but a WINNING ONE.

Exactly a month later, December 11th, arrived a letter from Louis Znidersich, Jr., notifying me that nine (9) juvenile membership applications, properly filled and signed, were on their way to the Supreme Medical Examiner, bringing his total to two (2) over the required quota and qualifying him as a winning contestant . . . In his own words, Louis writes: "Without the constant help of my dad, everything would not have turned out the way it did, but thanks to him and the people who consented to insure their children with the SSPZ through our Vrtec, I can happily state I HAVE AT LAST QUALIFIED AS A FESTIVAL CAMPAIGN WINNER. — I HAVE WON THE HONOR TO REPRESENT THE YUGOSLAVS AT THE NATIONAL CULTURAL FESTIVAL IN 1940!"

What a sigh of relief must have escaped when the grade was finally made . . . But, personally, I never once doubted this goal would be achieved. — From the moment I accepted his entry from the hands of sister Elma Qualiza, the Yugoslav Administratrix, I felt that sooner or later Louis would come through on top; and win he did, thus becoming the first of the boy contestants to reach the select circle of Festival Campaign winners . . . But why was I so sure of Louis' success? — Well, to make the story short, his dad was chairman of Danica's 30th Anniversary celebration and if you knew him as well as I do, a go-getter for new members and a booster of the SSPZ if there ever was one, you would feel just as I did then that it was merely a matter of days before words would turn into action and action into real results . . . And so it came to pass.

LOUIS ZNIDERSICH, Jr., the fourth of our Festival contestants to qualify as a "Guest Representative," became a member of the SSPZ in 1927 at the age of 5 years. He has held the office of Treasurer of his Vrtec since its organization, and has been an active player on the Yugoslav softball team for the past three years, appearing with them in three National Meets, first at Cleveland in 1937, then at Bridgeville the following year, and last September in his home city, where the Yugoslavs finally succeeded in winning the Junior Softball Championship of the SSPZ with their great team. Louis is one of their star pitchers and, when not on the mound, plays the position of left field very capably. He will most likely be the player around whom the 1940 team will be built. You'll be able to recognize him at the Festival by his size, for Louis is quite a man for his age, weighing pretty close to 175 pounds and stands nearly 5 feet 10 inches in height—and handsome, too, girls . . . Many thanks and congratulations to ***Brothers Louis Znidersich*** for their work as BUILDERS of a greater SSPZ in Indianapolis and the same to the officers, members and friends of DANICA for their high examples of progress in fraternal activities of all kinds.

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When this issue of the "Napredek" leaves the press, only 18 days will remain before the close of the Juvenile Festival Campaign . . . When those 18 days are gone, we will close the doors to the most attractive reward the SSPZ has ever offered to her youthful members . . . Neither of our two important Slovene centers have qualified a campaign winner as yet, although we are expecting, momentarily, to receive news that all three of Cleveland's candidates, Robert Zaman, Florence Zitko and William Wapotich, have reached their quota of 15 new members . . . At

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Young People Take Over Leadership

WINDSOR HEIGHTS, W. Va. — Well, the meeting is over now and the new officers have been elected for the coming year of 1940. The following officers were elected: Mary Hribar, president; Frank Kolenc, Jr., vice-president; Victor Hribar, secretary-treasurer; Nada Hribar, recording secretary. The auditors are: Frances Kolenc, Molly Tomanic and Mary Matyskela. Lodge 226 has been changed over to an English-speaking lodge, also, the time of meetings has been changed to every third Sunday of the month at 1 o'clock.

We have another new member, Andy Boros, known around here as "barber." I have heard some remarks "ali ga bomo pili" reminding me of first hearing the words at Power Point, Ohio. Another remark that is getting popular around here is "Pa bo luštno ko bo šlo dol po grlu." To make these remarks come true and to start the New Year off with a bang, we are going to have a New Year's party for the young and old, including the juveniles. So, members, be sure and attend the party.

A few news items. Bro. Frank Kolenc Sr. is again on the sick list. Bro. Victor Hribar is off the sick list. Also, sister Josephine Smodic and her husband Frank were spending the last week-end at Windsor Heights. All communications pertaining to Lodge 226 should from now on be written in English.

I wish to remind our members to bring some new members to the first meeting of the New Year.

A proud member.

Joy

SSPZ LADIES BOWLING LEAGUE

All Captains and bowlers are requested to attend a meeting of the SSPZ Ladies Bowling League at the old SND, Mr. Tavčar's office, at 8:30 Friday, December 15th.

Al Gruden, Pres.

WESTERN LEADERS

BUTTE, Mont. — Members of Lodge 209, take notice! The Western Leaders' regular and annual meeting will be held on Dec. 20th at 7:30 p.m. sharp. There is a fine of 50c for members not putting in their appearance at this meeting. The only excuses accepted will be from those who are working or who are sick.

The transaction of regular business and election of officers for the coming year will be in order at this meeting. Those members who are behind in their dues should try and pay up at this meeting, this being the last meeting of '39.

Ruth Metully

LODGE NO. 40

SALIDA, Col. — All members of Lodge No. 40 are urged to attend the annual meeting which will take place December 17th at my home. Customarily our meetings take place in the evening but for the annual meeting on December 17th we will begin the meeting at 2:30 p.m.

We shall elect lodge officers for the coming year, 1940. And other important matters will be included in the order of business.

Anna Florjancic, Sec'y

Challenger Jrs. To Present Play-Dance

STRABANE, Pa. — After a long period of inactivity and lethargy the Challengers thru the Vrtec group are coming to life. The youngsters are busy rehearsing for the coming play that will be presented this coming Saturday, Dec. 16. The play is "Dinner for One." Grace Vivian Betone, a talented young girl will have the leading part, assisted by many other capable Vrtec members. There will also be many recitations and group singing.

Dancing will follow the play, the music will be furnished by Jackie Martincic and his band.

So that there will be sufficient time for dancing the play will start promptly at 7:00 p.m.

Members and friends are cordially invited to attend this joint affair, and spend an enjoyable evening with the Challengers and Challenger Juniors.

Utopians Meeting

CLEVELAND-Collinwood, O. — All members of lodge "Utopians" are cordially invited to attend the annual meeting on Monday Dec. 18 in the lower hall of the Slovene Workmen's Home, Waterloo Rd. The meeting is schedueld to begin promptly at 7:00 p.m. because a free social will follow the business transactions.

A very important problem for this meeting is the election of officers for the year of 1940. Members elect officers who can keep our progressing, so please take some time for consideration before coming to the meeting.

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As I See It

BY PETE ELISH

'LESS WE FORGET

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Now, that we in America are experiencing a business and industrial revival, and a period of general prosperity seems evident, is no mandate for the leaders of our national and state governments to pause or abondon their policies of reform and correction of our present social and economic ills.

At the recent election a trend toward conservatism was apparent in the nation. Republicans and conservative Democrats made gains at the polls. Reactionaries are pointing to the industrial boom as an indication that further reform by government is not necessary to aid recovery.

Our present industrial boom is not due to the correction of our economic ill, or through the aid of government, but solely to the war in Europe. Those forces that plunged us into the depression in 1929 are not yet eradicated. The wide range between the productive and consumptive ability of the people has not to any large extent been corrected.

There are other important problems confonting us that have not been solved. Ten million of our people in spite of the industrial revival are still lacking gainful employment. Millions of our citizenry are improperly housed, and the plight of the South is still the nation's number one economic illness. The problem of labor and capital relationship has not been properly solved as we are witnessing the great automobile workers strike dragging on as an illustration of the lack of capital and labor harmony. Our social security laws need an overhauling so as to be more adequate for the low-income wage earners. The wasteful exploitation of our natural resources is a serious menace to the wealth of our nation. These and myriads of others ills and evils are remaining with us unless fearless and determined efforts are made to solve them.

And after the quarreling nations of Europe wind up their fracas will the little boom in this country survive, and are we going to be foolish again and send our boys over there to save the world for something or other? There are other problems vitally important to every citizen in the land.

At least, these are the things that we as a nation should not forget.

The Last Call

CHICAGO, Ill. — Amelia Virant, playing the part of Topsy in the TRAIL BLAZERS' version of THE NEW TEACHER, would say that there is enough laughs in the whole doggone crazy play to "busticate." And she would be right. The cast itself will have one hellova time keeping from busting out laughing aloud with the audience, when the finished and polished product will be reeled off next Saturday evening at Stancik's Hall.

The arrangements have also been made with Santa Claus to alight atop the hall and visit Herr Iskra's scholars during the Christmas party in the third act. The distinguished visitor will linger around long enough to distribute Christmas stockings also to the children in the hall. And after that there will be dancing and good time galore until wee hours of the morning. Incidentally the well liked Omerza-Gradishek's orchestra has been engaged to supply music during the play between the acts and for the dancing.

And in addition to the above treats is another surprise for you. Do you remember the "umbrella-man" from the Vrtec Cultural Festival last May? Or the troubadour lover and his guitar from the last Prešeren's concert? You bet you do. That is Eddie Udovich. And Eddie has promised to visit our program and render a selection or two. So when the program begins during the middle of the third act, watch for Eddie Udovich, the pride of Roznik Juniors. There will also be other numbers given during that part of the program, comical and serious, vocal and instrumental.

TRAIL BLAZERS SENIORS and JUNIORS hereby extend a cordial invitation to all SSPZ members in Chicago and vicinity to come to our Christmas Program and Dance, and bring along your friends. The cast has been working faithfully and very hard for the past eight weeks, and its only compensation for the endeavor will be — a full hall.

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HERE AND THERE

INDIANAPOLIS . . . Among the week's highlight achievements is the enrollment of six (6) new adult members into Lodge No. 22 (Danica) of Indianapolis, with each member insured for $1000.00 under the Twenty Payment Life Plan. — The proposing member was Brother THOMAS NAUMSEK, member of the SSPZ for more than 13 years and at present a sergeant on the detective force of that city . . . In the same neighborhood, Brother AUGUST SEMENICK, President of the HOOSIER PALS, has proven his worth to the Society as a leader of merit not only in writing new members, but also in "sparking" the PALS in social and athletic activities, holding them to a prominent position in both the community and national life of the Society . . . Together, this duo of active lodges have increased their ranks by 26 new members in the past two months, not counting the 18 juveniles DANICA has added to the YUGOSLAV JUNIORS in the same period. This is a record that has not been duplicated anywhere in the SSPZ in many months.

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XMAS CELEBRATIONS . . . Are your Lodge and Vrtec groups making arrangements to hold such an affair? By staging a party or dance with program of entertainment at the Christmas Season, a splendid opportunity is presented to local units to arouse the interest of Junior members and friends. At comparative small costs to the Lodge and Vrtec, a Christmas tree may be erected in the meeting hall, and inexpensive gifts of fruit, candy and nuts and various forms of amusement may all be provided. A Christmas program and party for both member and non-member children has so many potential advantages for the upbuilding of the Lodge that no local unit can well afford to overlook it . . . The Chicago TRAIL BLAZER JUNIORS are collaborating with the Senior members in staging their annual Christmas affair in ***Stancik's Hall on this coming Saturday evening.*** A

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