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Po konvenciji Ameriske bratske zveze

Sedemnajsta redna konvencija Ameriske bratske zveze, ki se je pričela 17. avgusta v Rock Springsu, Wyoming, je bila zaključena 21. avgusta. Svoje delo je izvršila v štirih delovnih dneh; vmesno nedeljo je imela delegacijo prostoto.

Konvencija je štela 152 članov. Mnogo preliminarnega dela so izvršili konvenčni odseki ali odbori, ki so zborovali deloma med konvenčnim zasedanjem, deloma v večernih urah. To je došlo pomagalo, da je bila konvencija gotova s svojim postom v štirih dneh, kot je bilo nameravano in priporočano.

Prihodnja, to je osemnajsta redna konvencija se bo vrnila v Ely, Minnesota, rojstnem mestu organizacije, da bo mogoče primernejše proslaviti njeno 50-letnico, ki bo istega leta, to je 1948.

Najvažnejši zaključek konvencije je nedvomno določba, da se plačajo v polnem smrtnine za padlimi člani-vojaki. V to surho je bil ustanavljen poseben sklad, v katerega se iz prebitka v smrtninskem skladu prenese sto tisoč dolarjev, in v katerega bodo vsi člani odraslega oddelka plačevali po 10 centov mesečno do konca vojne in toliko časa potem, dokler ne bodo smrtnine za padlimi člani-vojaki izplačane. Ta izredni asesment po 10 centov mesečno stopi v veljavo s 1. septembrom 1944. Izplačanja smrtnin v polnem za padlimi člani-vojaki, veljajo tako za dosedaj padle kot za one, ki bodo padli v bodoče.

Z ozirom na plačevanje bolniških podpor, je konvencija odobrila neke izboljšave, posebno glede dolgoletnih članov. Isto tako so bile odobrene nekatere izboljšave z ozirom na plačevanje operacijskih odškodnin. Podrobnosti so navedene v uradnem konvenčnem zapisniku.

Delegacija je odobrila vse korake in zaključke, ki jih je glavni odbor napravil z ozirom na Jugoslovanski pomožni odbor, slovenska sekacija, na Slovenski ameriški narodni svet in na Oborodilno fronto v Jugoslaviji na splošno.

Nekateri delegati in glavni odborniki so imeli precej težko potovanjem, čimer je vzrok preobloženost železnice v vojnem času. S sprejemom in postrežbo v slovenski naselbini Rock Springsu pa je bila delegacija v splošnem jako zadovoljna; usaj tako se je videlo in slišalo. Ni dvoma, da je velika večina delegacije odnesla iz Rock Springsa lepe spomine.

Sklepi konvencije samoumevno ne bodo zadovoljili vseh članov v vseh ozirih, ker to je nemogoče, toda zdi se, da se je delegacija 17. redne konvencije razhajala z zavestjo in zadoščenjem, da je zadovoljila večino in da je na splošno svoje delo dobro opravila, tako dobro ali bolje kot katera koli prejšnjih konvencij in v polovici krajskem času.

V glavnem in gl. porotnem odboru je konvencija izvedla nekaj izprenemb, toda v splošnem ne veliko. V naslednjem so navedeni člani glavnega odbora in glavnega porotnega odbora, ki nastopajo svoje urade ali nadaljni termin s prvim januarjem 1945:

NOVI GLAVNI ODBOR ABZ:

- 1. Predsednik: Janko N. Rogelj, Cleveland, Ohio
- 2. podpredsednik: Frank J. Kress, Pittsburgh, Pa.
- 3. podpredsednik: Anton Krapenc, Chicago, Ill.
- 4. podpredsednica: Mary Kershishnik, Rock Springs, Wyo.
- 5. podpredsednik: Steve Mauser, Denver, Colo.
- 6. podpredsednik: Cyril Rovansek, Cleveland, Ohio
- 7. podpredsednica: Mary Predovich, Butte, Mont.
- Glavni tajnik: Anton Zbašnik, Ely, Minn.
- Pomožni glavni tajnik: Frank Tomsich, Jr., Ely, Minn.
- Blagajnik: Louis Champa, Ely, Minn.
- Vrhovni zdravnik: Dr. F. J. Arch, Pittsburgh, Pa.
- Urednik-upravnik glasila: Anton J. Terbovec, Cleveland, Ohio.
- Prezident nadzornega odbora: John Kumse, Lorain, Ohio
- 1. nadzornik: Frank E. Vranichar, Joliet, Ill.
- 2. nadzornik: Matt Anzelc, Aurora, Minn.
- 3. nadzornik: Frank Okoren, Denver, Colo.
- 4. nadzornik: John Tomazic, Lorain, Ohio

GLAVNI POROTNI ODBOR:

- 1. Predsednik: Anton Okolish, Barberton, Ohio
- 2. porotnica: Rose Svetich, Ely, Minn.
- 3. porotnik: Anton Erzen, Center, Pa.
- 4. porotnik: Frank L. Tomsic, Walsenburg, Colo.
- 5. porotnica: Mary G. Balint, Enumclaw, Wash.

ZAPISNIK

ZBOROVANJE 17. REDNE KONVENCIJE AMERISKE BRATSKE ZVEZE, KI SE JE VRSILA V ROCK SPRINGSU, WYOMING, OD 17. DO 21. AVGUSTA 1944.

Prva seja 17. avgusta dopoldne

Glavni predsednik Janko N. Rogelj otvoril prvo sejo v četrtek 17. avgusta ob pol deseti uri dopoldne s sledenjem nagovorom:

Glavni in porotni odbor, dragi mi delegatje in delegatinje 17. redne konvencije ABZ: Na podlagi ustave in pravil ter sklepov glavnega odbora Ameriske bratske zveze otvarjam 17. redno konvencijo ABZ v Rock Springs-u, Wyoming.

Bratje in sestre!

Sedemnajsta redna konvencija se bo zavrsila v resnih vojnih časih. To je izredna vojna doba, ki bo zahtevala od vas premišljenih in odločnih zaključkov. Vsak izmed vas mora biti odgovornost in dolžnost na tej konvenciji. S tem namenom in naročilom so vas poslala vaša društva na to kon-

Vi niste prišli sem samo zato, da zastopate članstvo vašega društva, ampak da ustvarjate zaključke za vse članstvo naše podporne organizacije. Zavedajte se, da ste na tej konvenciji gospodari ABZ, da boste vi odgovorni za vse sklepe in pravila, ki bodo sprejeta na tem zborovanju.

Zato je od vaše in moje strani nadvse potrebno, da dobro govorimo o naši organizaciji, da nam je najbljžja in najboljša, saj je naša lastna institucija, katere del je vsak izmed vas. Mi ji ustvarjamo dobro ime za sedanjost in bodočnost.

Zelja in naročilo pretežne večine naših društev je, da se ta konvencija zaključi v štirih dnevih. To naročilo moramo upoštevati vsi. Konvencija se prav lahko zaključi v štirih dnevih, ako imamo dovolj dobre in resne volje, da se izognemu vsaki malenkosti in osebnosti, ki ne spada v to dvorano. Glavni odbor je pripravil sugestivne načrte, katere vam bo predložil ob času, da na tem zborovanju. Ne mislite, da vam glavni odbor kaj usiljuje ali diktira, ampak vam po svoji najboljši volji in premišljavanju samo svetuje, da jih sprejmete, da skrajšamo čas našega zborovanja.

Glavni in porotni odbor vam daje svoja poročila v posebni knjižici, da jih prečitate v vašem prostem času. S tem bo prihranjenega precej časa. Glavni odbor je na včerajšnji seji upošteval nasvete v Novi Dobi, da sestavi imenik potrebnih konvenčnih odborov. Ko je glavni odbor sestavljal te imenike se je dobro zavedal važnosti teh odborov, a obenem se je tudi zavedal važnosti, kako potreben so dobri delegati in delegatini v konvenčni dvorani, kadar odbori zborujejo ob zasedanju konvencije. Zato bi vam topilo priporočal, da po svoji razsodnosti in nesobičnosti odobrite sugestije glavnega odbora. Tudi s tem bo prihranjenega dosti časa.

Z ozirom na to, da skrajšamo zborovalni čas te konvencije, imenoval sem registracijski odbor, ki je registriral vso delegacijo. Ta odbor bo imenovan na podlagi naših pravil kot stalni poverilni odbor na tej konvenciji, ki si bo uredil svojo poslovanje tako, da skrajša čas našega zborovanja.

Storilo se je še druge začasne korake, katere lahko odobri ta konvencija, popravi ali zavrne.

Iz poročil glavnih odbornikov in odbornicev, glavnih porotnih odbornikov in porotnicev boste zasledili, da je naša Ameriška bratska zveza od zadnje konvencije povoljno in sigurno napredovala v članstvu in financi. To je zasluga vseh, ki so s svojo zvestobo in delom za organizacijo doprinale tako plodonosne uspehe, kot jih je pokazala zadnja predkonvenčna kampanja. Hvala vsem in vsakemu, glavni odborniki so vam iz srca hvaljeni.

Če ste bili tako dobri in delavni, da ste podarili Zvezji ta prirastek, prosim vas, da jih tudi stalno obdržite kot člane naše organizacije. Če storite to, potem bo vaše delo stoprocentno.

Pozdravljam vas kot glavni predsednik Ameriske bratske zveze z resno in dobrohotno željo, da upoštevate predložene nasvete.

Pozdravljeni delegatje in delegatini 17. redne konvencije Ameriske bratske zveze!

Sledi čitanje imen članov in članic glavnega in porotnega odbora ter delegatov in delegatini. Navzoči so sledenji:

Glavni odborniki: Janko N. Rogelj, predsednik; Frank Okoren, prvi podpredsednik; Paul J. Oblack, drugi podpredsednik; Joseph Kovach, tretji podpredsednik; Anton Krapenc, četrti podpredsednik; Joseph Sneler, peti podpredsednik; Mary Predovich, šesta podpredsednica; Anton Zbašnik, tajnik; Frank Tomsich, Jr., pomožni tajnik; Louis Champa, blagajnik; dr. F. J. Arch, vrhovni zdravnik; Anton J. Terbovec, urednik-upravnik glasila; John Kumse, predsednik nadzornega odbora; Frank E. Vranichar, prvi nadzornik; Matt Anzelc, drugi nadzornik; Andrew Milavec, Jr., tretji nadzornik; Frank J. Kress, četrти nadzornik.

Glavni porotniki: Anton Okolish, predsednik; Frank Mikec, prvi porotnik; Rose Svetich, druga porotnica; Steve Mauser, tretji porotnik; Ignac Zajc, četrti porotnik.

Imena navzočih delegatov in delegatini ter njih namestnikov oziroma namestnic:

Joseph Mishmash (1), John Fugina (1), Anton Knapp (2), Joseph L. Champa (2), John Tomazic (6), Hermina Zortz (6), John D. Zunich (9), Matt Strauss (9), John Urek (11), Frank Alic (12), Anna Rock (13), Frank Mehle (15), Frank Kluchar (16), Valentin Marcina (18), Blaz Erzen (18), John Ocepek (20), Anton Zgajnar (20), Frank Omahan (21), Frances Kambe (21), Philip Fister (25), Anton Skerjance (25), John Jurge (26), Frank Oblak (26), Tony Orel (29), Anton Polsak (29), Mary Nosan (30), Frank Tekautz (30), Martin Hudale (31), Anton Erzen (33), Joseph Matic (35), Joseph Turk (36), Michael Rovansek (36), Charles Vrtovsnik (37), Cyril J. Rovansek (37), George Smajver (39), Agnes Segota (39), Anton Kosoglov (40), John Erjavec (42), Jennie Smith (43), John Opeka (44), John Yentz (44), Frank Dezelan (45), Anton Ule (45), Matt Pecjak (47), Math Petek (49), Val. Orehek (50), Frank Masle (53), Helen Masle (53), Joseph Prah (55), August Stipetic (57), Kayton Erznožnik (58), John Pezdire, Sr. (61), John L. Jevitz (66), Peter Musich (66), Edward Dusic (68), Joseph Oblak (70), John Hujan (70), Ivan Kapelj (71), Anton Baraga (71), Joseph Murn (75), Joseph Fayfar, Jr. (81), Joseph Yeray (82), Matt Karcich (84), John C. Virant (85), Katherine Penica (88), Anton Stanovnik (94), Anton Kobal (94), Frank Macek (99), Frank L. Tomsic (101), Anna Walter (103), Charles Lousen, Sr. (105), Frank J. Prevec (108), Joe Jockopic (111), Frank Tichar (112), Frank Meden (114), Simon Marolt, Sr. (114), Jurij Previc (116), Mary Mistek (120), Katherine Peshel (120), John Tanko (132), Anna Prosen (132), Mary Kern (133), Dorothy Strnisa (137), Katherine Krainz (144), Henry Mikec (149), Frank Zele (149), Mary G. Balint (162), John Yakopich (168), Agnes Jurecic (170), John Hrvatin (173), Mary Puz (176), Joseph Pishler (184), Catherine Krall (186), Katie Pezdark (190), Anton Poljanec (200), Joseph A. Mertel (200), Tony Klemencic (203), Mary E. Oblack (221), Pauline

Vogrich (225), Mary Zurga (230), Matt Vogrich (3-124), Joseph Demsher (4-148), Martin Stepan (5-129), Ivan Illich (22-231), Dominic Bettas (27-28), Mary Gorjup (32-72), Jennie Miklich (41-229), Joseph Ortar (51-86-199), Caroline Fink (54-156), Ignac Benkse (64-130-139-158-178), Frank Tekavec (69-106), Raymond Kladnik (76-167), Frank Novak (77-143), Frances Gorichan (79-122-125-135), Frank Kramar (89-174), Frank Lovshin (107-128-197), Geo. Matekovich (109-164), John Kure (110-153), Johana Dolinar (117-150) Joseph Skrabec (118-147), Ann M. Allen (131-142), Mary Kershishnik (134-202), John Kosir (136-185), Mary Kos (140-233), Louis Sustar (146-154-165-237), Luka Cesnik (166-194), John Becaj (169-179-187-226), John Nahtigal (172-204-232), Mary L. Bodack (182-196), Louis Paski (205-218).

Glavni predsednik nato poroča, da je na podlagi točke 13 naša ustava in pravil imenoval v konvenčni poverilni odbor sledče delegate in delegatino: John Jurge, od društva št. 26, Pennsylvania; Charles Vrtovsnik, od društva št. 37, Ohio; Anton Knapp, od društva št. 2, Minnesota; Anton Stanovnik, od društva št. 94, Illinois; Mary G. Balint, od društva št. 162, Washington. Nato pozove poverilni odbor, da poda svoje poročilo. Poverilni odbor poroča, da se je registriralo 128 delegatov in delegatini in da so bile vse poverilnice pronajdenne v redu.

Glavni predsednik nato zapriseže vse delegate in delegatino s sledenji:

Jaz, član Ameriske bratske zveze in delegat 17. redne konvencije se resno in odkrito zavedam dolžnosti in pravic mojega delegatskega urada na tem zborovanju. Zato slovesno izjavljam in prisegam, da bom na tej konvenciji pošteno, nesobično in bratsko priporočal, podpiral in glasoval za vse predloge in sklepe, ki so po mojem globokem prepričanju v korist vsega članstva in Ameriske bratske zveze. Prav tako obljubljam in izjavljam, da bom volil v konvenčne in zvezine urade samo one osebe, v katere imam zaupanje in vero, da bodo najbolj pošteno in pravilno služili ustavi in pravilom in sklepom glavnega odbora ABZ.

Nato bo moje pošteno ime in vse moje delo za ABZ v preteklosti garancija za to izrečeno izjava.

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Nato izjavi glavni predsednik:

Na podlagi izrečene zaprisege navzoče delegacije proglašam, da je 17. redna konvencija Ameriske bratske zveze, zborovna v Old Timers dvorani v Rock Springs-u, Wyoming, pravomočna in sklepčena, kot ji to predpisujejo in dovoljujejo obstoječa pravila in ustava naše organizacije.

Članica mladinskega oddelka izroči glavnemu predsedniku šopek cvetlic, poklonjen od članstva Ameriske bratske zveze v Rock Springsu, Wyo.

Sledi volitev konvenčnega predsednika in dveh podpredsednikov. Za konvenčnega predsednika sta nominirana Frank J. Kress in Frank E. Vranichar. Kep Frank E. Vranichar nominacija odklonjena, je proglašen za konvenčnega predsednika Frank J. Kress.

Za urad dveh konvenčnih podpredsednikov so nominirani: Michael Rovansek, Frank E. Vranichar, Anton Krapenc, Mary Kershishnik in Matt Anzelc. Nominacija sprejmeta samo Michael Rovansek in Frank Vranichar, ostali trije jo odklonijo. Za konvenčno podpredsednika sta torej proglašena: Michael Rovansek in Frank E. Vranichar za drugega konvenčnega podpredsednika.

Konvenčni predsednik in oba konvenčna podpredsednika nato zavzamejo svoja mesta in vodstvo konvencije.

Za konvenčnega tajnika so nominirani: Frank Tomsich

DOPISI

Lloydell, Pa. — Dne 3. julija 1944 smo prejeli od vojnega deparmenta žalostno vest, da je bil naš ljubljeni sin in brat Pvt. Frank Vicić dne 1. junija ubit na bojišču v Italiji. Pokojnik je bil rojen 24. januarja 1923 v Lloydellu, Pa. V ameriško armado je bil poklican 23. februarja 1943 in je bil poslan v Camp Swift, Texas. Od tam je bil poslan v Italijo, kjer se je udeležil bojev, bil lahko ranjen ter bil odlikovan s hrabrostno kolajno "Purple Heart." V neki bolnišnici v Italiji se je zdravil tri tedne, nakar je bil ozdravljen spet poslan na fronto, kjer je izgubil svoje mlado življenje 1. junija 1944. Pokojnik je bil član društva št. 35 ABZ v Lloydellu, Pa.

Dragi sin in brat, počivaj v miru in lahka naj Ti bo zemlja, v kateri počivaš. Mi Te bomo ohranili v ljubečem spominu do konca naših dni.

Žalujoči ostali: John in Mary Vicić, starši, Lloydell, Pa.; Pvt. John Vicić, Camp Swift, Texas, in Andy Vicić, Lloydell, Pa., brata; Josephine Vicić, New York, Jennie Wadsworth, Baltimore, Md., Molly LoPresty, Akron, O., in Agnes Vicić, Lloydell, Pa., sestre.

Meadow Lands, Pa. — Rojaki, bivajoči v tem okrožju so vabljeni na posebni piknik, ki ga skupno priredita društvo št. 75 ABZ in št. 259 SNPJ v nedeljo 10. septembra na znanih prostorih rojaka Simona Premro. V primeru slabega vremena bo piknik prestavljen za en teden, to je na nedeljo 17. septembra. Ves čisti dobiček piknika je namenjen fondu za zgradbo lastne Slovenske dvorane v tej naselbini. Torej, rojaki v tem okrožju, ne pozabite našega piknika v nedeljo 10. septembra!

Frank Ferlich.

Strabane, Pa. — Društvo Bratska sloga, št. 149 ABZ, Strabane, Pa., bi želelo izvedeti za sedanje bivališče svojega člena Antona Cimpermana. Ako kdo ve za njegov sedanji naslov, je prošen, da ga sporoči tajnici omenjenega društva na naslov: "Mary Tomšič, Box 202, Strabane, Pa." Omenjeni sobrat je svoječasno bival v naselbini Tiona, Pa., toda od meseca decembra lanskega leta ni več nobenega glasu od njega. — Za društvo št. 149 ABZ:

Mary Tomšič, tajnica.

Pueblo, Colo. — Vsi zastopniki JPO, SS in zastopniki podružnic SANS v našem mestu so tem potom pozvani, da se grotovno udeležijo seje, ki se bo vršila v nedeljo 3. septembra ob drugi uri popoldne v Narodnem domu na Bessemerju. Ta seja bo velike važnosti. Na tej seji bomo ukrepalni o prihodnji prireditvi v mesecu oktobru, potom katere bomo skušali zbrati kar največ finančne podpore za naše nesrečne rojake v starem kraju. Na sejo so vabljeni, poleg omenjenih zastopnikov, tudi vsi drugi rojaki, kateri se zanimajo za to dobro in humanitarno delo.

Anton Kochevar, predsednik.

Walsenburg, Colo. — Na zadnji seji podružnice št. 83 SANS je bilo sklenjeno, da ne pošljemo delegata na prvo konvencijo Slovenskega ameriškega naravnega sveta, ki se bo vršila v prvih dneh septembra 1944 v Clevelandu, Ohio. Vzrok temu sklepku je, da podružnica nima dovolj finančnih sredstev, ker nima drugih dohodkov kot prostovoljne prispevke. Prispevke bomo poslali tja, kamor so bili namenjeni. Dalje bomo ta meseč prispevali \$25.00 za JPO, SS; tako je bilo sklenjeno na seji.

Da bi v svrhu financ prispevali veselico, se v sedanjih razmerah ne izplača, ker ne bi bil

(Dalej na 4. strani)

Zapisnik zborovanja 17. redne konvencije Ameriške bratske zveze

(Nadaljevanje z 2. strani)

In sestre. S to zavestjo in dolžnostjo delajmo na tej konvenciji, pa bomo dosegli naš cilj.

Pozdravljeni delegaci 17. redne konvencije! Janko N. Rogelj, glavni predsednik ABZ.

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POROČILO PRVEGA GLAVNEGA PODPREDSEDDNIKA ABZ

Delegatom in delegatinjam 17. redne konvencije:

Po pravilih naše Zveze je moja dolžnost, da kot prvi glavni podpredsednik podam konvenciji moje poročilo. To moje poročilo podajam v kar mogoče skrajšani obliki, ker o mojem delovanju za organizacijo tekom zadnjih treh in pol leta, ste nedvomno kolikor toliko čitali našem glasilu Novi Dobi.

Ko sem bil na 16. redni konvenciji v Waukeganu izvoljen za prvega glavnega podpredsednika, sem obljudil, da bom storil vse, kar mi bo mogoče, za napredok naše organizacije. To sem skršal storiti posebno ob prilikih vsake kampanje in dokaz temu, da je bilo naše društvo vedno med prvimi, ki je doseglo predpisano ali zaželeno kvoto novega članstva. Istotako so se ob prilikah vseh kampanj priljubno dobro izkazala druga društva naše Zveze v državi Colorado. Ta društva, uradniki ter posamezni člani in članice zaslužijo pohvalo in priznanje.

Na prošnjo federacije naših društev v državi Colorado in na priporedilo glavnega odbora sem se udeleževal sej te federacije, kjer sem vzpodbujal zastopnike društev k društvenim aktivnostim v njihovih delokrogih. Veseli me izjaviti, da to naše skupno delo ni bilo zamarni in da posebno ob času kampanj za novo članstvo nismo zaostajali za drugimi državami.

Udeleževal sem se sej glavnega odbora, v razdobju med sejami pa sem točno odgovarjal na vso korespondenco iz glavnega urada, takoj, kot sem smatral, da je v korist organizacije.

Sedanji konvenciji priporočam, da skuša najti pota in sredstva, da se bo moglo plačati polne smrtnine za padlimi članovojaki, brez prevelikih bremen za organizacijo in v zadovoljnost članstva. Nekaj moramo ukreniti v tem oziru, če hočemo organizaciji ohraniti lep ugled, ki ga je imela do sedaj. Ob zaključku mojega poročila želim 17. redni konvenciji obilo uspeha in dobrih zaključkov.

Z bratskim pozdravom,

Frank Okoren, prvi glavni podpredsednik ABZ.

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REPORT OF THE SECOND SUPREME VICE-PRESIDENT TO THE 17th REGULAR CONVENTION OF THE AFU

Dear Members:

As one of the duties of a supreme officer it has been the custom in the past conventions to submit our reports.

It has been my pleasure to serve our American Fraternal Union. During my term of office I earnestly tried to fulfill my duties to the best of my ability keeping the welfare of our Union and its members in mind.

In the past our Union was noted as the South Slavic Catholic Union. During the year of 1941 our organization adopted its new name, the "American Fraternal Union." Following its establishment, a New Name Campaign took place. I did all in my power to secure new members. Through my enthusiasm and encouragement I also urged my fellow members to increase our membership.

The Duck-Pin Tournament was held in Pittsburgh and the Ten-Pin Tournament was in Indianapolis. These were sponsored by our Union. They turned out to be very successful. I attended the Duck-Pin Tournament and assisted the chairman in various phases of work required to make it a success. These tournaments have been discontinued since war was declared in 1941. When Victory is ours, we can then enjoy peace and fraternalism, and these tournaments will be held again. Many of our members are looking forward to these big events.

During the year of 1942 many of our members were called to serve their country. A Juvenile Membership Campaign was staged but it didn't turn out as successfully as planned. Many of our members who were formerly active in lodge circles had to give all their time for more essential things. I always attended the Slovene National Congress in Cleveland along with my fellow Supreme board members. In tribute to those valiant members who are fighting on all fronts we are reminded constantly to purchase War Bonds and Stamps; this will keep alive the spirit of Fraternalism in our country.

The 45th Anniversary of our Union was celebrated in the year of 1943. We should feel honored and proud to belong to an organization for our ancestors performed a good deed when they formed this Union. We have accomplished much and have shown great advancements. I wish to congratulate all our subordinate lodges who took active part in the 45th Anniversary Campaign, for the wonderful work they achieved.

Through their cooperative spirit our organization has prospered wonderfully. Let's all work hard so our Union may continue to grow larger and stronger as it did in the past 45 years. The Pre-Convention Campaign was a great success. The results were very satisfactory. Our delegates and supreme board performed a grand job in securing new members. We have at present the greatest number of members in our Union's history. My heartiest congratulations to all of you who participated. We should always continue our endeavors to secure a greater interest for our Union and local lodge activities on the part of our younger members for they are the future of our Union.

I attended the sessions of the Supreme Board, being absent at some, because of my being engaged in vital work and could obtain a leave. I always tried to answer my various references and correspondence with the best of my ability.

In conclusion, I wish to thank the supreme board members for their splendid cooperation in working for our Union.

I wish to extend my best wishes to the entire delegation gathered here for the 17th Regular Convention. May the work be accomplished here by this delegation be for the benefit of our Union and its members.

Let's not forget to do our part on the home front by purchasing more War Bonds, this will help to bring Victory and Fraternalism.

Fraternally yours,
Paul J. Oblock, Second Supreme Vice-President

REPORT OF THE THIRD SUPREME VICE-PRESIDENT To the 17th Regular Convention of the American Fraternal Union:

It has taken the participation of our United States of America in this world war, to bring home the realization what a privilege it is to be a citizen of such a great country. Also it is a privilege to be a member of a fraternal society such as the American Fraternal Union. To me it is even more because I think it a great honor to serve as one of its Vice-Presidents.

As Third Vice-President, I can honestly say that I have had very few duties. My duties were mostly through correspondence with the home office and at the Board Meetings. Because of the semi-annual report submitted to the Supreme Board at the last meeting, there is very little that I can add that would be something new.

If I may, I wish to impress each and every one here assembled, that we have in our American Fraternal Union the most inspiring name of all the fraternal societies. To us members it means more than just that. It means good fellowship and very important also, it means financial aid in time of need. Isn't it therefore a name and society worth working for? I think so.

Let's get together and work so that four years from now we will have a 100% BIGGER, STRONGER AND BETTER American Fraternal Union.

Fraternally yours,

Joseph Kovach, Third Supreme Vice-President AFU

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POROČILO ČETRTEGA GLAVNEGA PODPREDSEDDNIKA ABZ

Cenjena delegacija 17. redne konvencije:

Po določbah naših pravil vam kot glavnemu odborniku podajam nekaj poročila o mojem delovanju od 1. januarja 1941 do danes.

V mesecu februarja 1941 sem se udeležil zborovanja Illinoiskega bratskega kongresa, o katerem zborovanju sem svoječasno poročal v našem glasilu. V maju istega leta sem bil poslan v Indianapolis, Ind., kjer se je vršila kegljaška tekma naše Zveze. V letu 1941 in 1942 sem se udeležil sej okrožne federacije društev ABZ, ki so se vrstile v Chicagu, Jolietu, Indianopolisu in Waukeganu. Kot tajnik federacije sem imel s temi sejami veliko posla, posebno, ker smo po sejah prirejali igre in druge programe. Toda ni mi žal truda, ker vsaka seja oziroma sledi prireditev je bila lepa manifestacija za našo Zvezo ter v veliko reklamo organizaciji. Zato morda ne bo odveč moje priporočilo našim federacijam, da takoj po vojni spet pričnejo s takimi aktivnostmi, da se tako koristno organizacijsko delo združi z zabavo in duševnim užitkom in da se na ta lep način oglaša Ameriška bratska zveze v širši javnosti. Naj še omenim, da sem udeležil 15-letnico društva št. 173 v Clevelandu in 20-letnico društva št. 71 istotam.

Kot vam je znano, je Ameriška bratska zveza aktivna pri Jugoslovanskem pomožnem odboru, slovenska sekacija, in pri Slovenskem ameriškem narodnem svetu. Ti dve organizaciji smostram za važni in humanitarni, ker vršita bratsko delo za naše nesrečne brate in sestre onkraj morja, ki so kri naše krvi in ki ne bodo nikdar pozabili naše pomoči in naše dobre volje za pomoč njim takrat, ko so jo najbolj potrebovali. Kot zastopnik naše Zveze pri Jugoslovanskem pomožnem odboru sem se udeležil vseh sej, ki jih je imel dotični odbor, in po mojih najboljih močeh sem sodeloval tudi v narodnem gibanju, izraženem v Slovenskem ameriškem narodnem svetu.

Meseca marca letos sem imel čast zastopati Ameriško bratsko zvezo ob prilikah proslave 90-letnice češkoslovenske Jednote (C. S. A.) v Chicagu. To je ena najstarejših bratskih podpornih organizacij v deželi, in je škoda, da ne večje število naših članov videlo omemnjene sijajne proslave. Od bratov Čehov oziroma od njihovih bratskih organizacij smo se Slovenci v preteklosti že dosti naučili in marsikaj bi se lahko naučili še sedaj, posebno, kar se tiče vzajemnosti in bratstva. Zdi se mi, da le organizacije, ki slonijo na narodni zavesti in pravemu bratstvu, imajo prilike obhajati 90-letnico.

V dobi mojega urada sem skušal vedno pospeševati koristi in napredok naše Ameriške bratske zveze in pri vsaki prilici sem branil njen ugled. Za čast in ugled dobre in solidne organizacije se ni težko postaviti. V vseh kampanjah za novo članstvo sem skrbel, da je bilo društvo, kateremu mi je čast biti tajnik, vedno med zmagovalci. Seveda so mi pri tem pomagali drugi aktivni člani, katerim drage volje priznavam kredit, ki jim gre. Žal, da v nobeni kampanji ni mogoče za delo zainteresirati vsega članstva. Pri društvu odpade večina dela za napredok le na nekatere člane. Upajmo, da se v bodočnosti to izboljša in da bomo vse in pri vsaki priliki aktivni za napredok Ameriške bratske zveze.

Bratje in sestre, naša 17. redna konvencija se vrši v tako resnih in nevarnih časih, kot še nobena pred njo v vsej zgodovini naše organizacije. Zato upam, da se bomo zavedali, da smo v vojni in da bodo vse naši sklepi časni primeri. Prav gotovo ne bomo pozabili naših članov, ki na svetovnih bojnih poljih tvegajo svoja življenja za našo svobodo in za našo deželo; istotako tudi ne bomo pozabili njihovih dragih. Pozabili ne bomo na naše bolne in ostarele člane ter jim bomo skušali pomagati do skrajnih mej, ki jih črtajo državni zakoni in naša solventnost. Pozabiti ne smemo klub vojnim časom, da prevez radikalne izpremembe in mogle ogrožati obstoj naše Zveze, kar bi ne bilo v kacisti članom-vojakom niti ne ostalim članom doma.

V upanju, da se bo ta konvencija vršila v resničnem bratskem soglasju in da bo vse naše delo v korist članstva Ameriške bratske zveze in naše domovine Amerike, vas vse bratsko pozdravljam.

Anton Krapenc, četrti glavni podpredsednik ABZ.

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POROČILO PETEGA GLAVNEGA PODPREDSEDDNIKA ABZ

Glavnemu odboru in delegacijam 17. redne konvencije Ameriške bratske zveze podajam tem potom moje skromno poročilo. Dolžnost in pravila ABZ zahtevajo, da kot glavnemu odborniku dám poročilo o mojem delu in aktivnostih v zadnjih malo manj kot štirih letih.

Zadnje čase se je v našem javnem življenju, kakor tudi pri naši ABZ marsikaj izpremenilo. Dolžnost glavnega odbora je v prvi vrsti paziti na to, da organizacija raste moralno in materialno. Zavedajoč se te dolžnosti, sem, kolikor sta mi čas in moje delo dopuščala, posvetil dosti prostega časa naši organizaciji ABZ. Seveda, dolžnosti glavnega podpredsednika niso širši javnosti dosti znane, ker njegovega dela se v tiskani besedi dosti ne omenja.

Trdim pa lahko, da vsak glavni odbornik, vstevši glavne podpredsednike, lahko veliko stori za organizacijo, ako je pot

tak zvest in lojalen svoji organizaciji. To se je v polni meri pokazalo po zadnji konvenciji, ker ravno od zadnje konvencije do danes je ABZ v svoji zgodovini najbolj napredovala. Zavedam se in smelo trdim, da so s požrtvovalnostjo dobrih in lojalnih društvenih odbornikov in članstva tudi glavni odborniki doprineli svoj delež k napredku organizacije.

Rekel bi kateri, kaj potrebuje naša Ameriška bratska zveza toliko glavnih podpredsednikov, ker eden ali dva bi zadostovala. V odgovor lahko rečem, zakaj jim imajo vse velike družbe in korporacije? Imajo jih tudi vse bratske podporne organizacije, ker znajo, dà dokler vrši delo malo plačan glavni podpredsednik, ni treba imeti dobro plačanega organizatorja.

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NAZNANILO O USTANOVITVI POSEBNEGO VOJNEGA SKLADA IN RAZPIS ASEMENTA ZA ISTEGA

Sedemnajsta redna konvencija Ameriske bratske zveze, ki se je vršila v Rock Springsu, Wyo., od 17. do 21. avgusta 1944, je z veliko večino sprejela in odobrila sledečo resolucijo:

"RESOLUCIJA

KER je naša ljubljena domovina zdaj neizogibno zaposlena v opustoševalni svetovni vojni; in, KER na miljone naših državljanov vojaške starosti zdaj tvega svoja življenja na tujezemskih bojnih poljih, da ohranijo svobodo za tiste izmed nas, ki smo ostali doma; in, KER je med ameriškimi vojaki 2153 vojakov, ki so člani Ameriske bratske zveze ter lastujejo zavarovalniške certifikate v Zvezi; in, KER vsled zdrave in varne prakse zavarovanja taki certifikati izključujejo težke rizike, ki jih obsegajo vojaška služba, kot določeno v točki 273-A zvezinih pravil; in, KER pravila določajo, da se vsota, ki je plačljiva iz smrtniškega sklada za smrtni slučaje, ki so nastali vsled vojaške, pomorske ali zračne službe v času vojne omeji na vsoto, ki je enaka rezervi certifikata; in, KER je želja vsakega lojalnega člana Zveze, da se vsak smrtni slučaj, ki bi se pripeljal med našimi člani-vojaki priča za pravomocno in veljavno zahtevo polne vsote zavarovalnine, ki je označena v certifikatu; in, KER se računa, da bi se dodatno vsoto, ki je potrebna za izplačilo polne vsote zavarovalnine pod enakimi certifikati lahko preskrbelo potom naložitve zelo nizkega posebnega asementa za vse naše lojalne člane; in, KER je že 22 naših članov-vojakov padlo in dalо svoja življenja v obrambi naše domovine;

BODI SKLENJENO, da se začenši s 1. septembrom 1944 ustanovi in vzdržuje poseben sklad, imenovan "Posebni vojni sklad," s tem, da se naloži na vsakega člana poseben asement v znesku 10 centov na mesec, plačljiv ob istem času in zaeno z rednim mesečnim asementom, ki ga je treba plačati na vsak članski certifikat. IN NAJ BO NADALJE SKLENJENO, da se enak poseben asement naloži, da bo plačljiv mesečno za vse člane v toliko času, dokler ne bodo vse zahtevne za vojne izgube plačane v polnem, pod pogojem, da se kadar bodo vse znane vojne izgube plačane v polnem, vstevši neplačanih preostankov nominalne vrednosti certifikatov, ki so bili že poravnani v smislu omejitve točke 273-A, norebitni preostanek v omenjenem "Posebnem vojnem skladu" prenese v smrtniški sklad; IN NAJ BO NADALJE SKLENJENO, da se iz prebitka, ki se nahaja v smrtniškem skladu, prenese vsoto \$100,000.00 v po tej resoluciji ustanovljeni "Posebni vojni sklad."

V smislu navedene odobrene resolucije se tem potom načini in razpiše asement v znesku deset (10) centov na mesec za posebni vojni sklad, katerega je od 1. septembra 1944 naprej dolžan plačati vsaki član in vsaka članica oddelka odraslih za toliko časa kot določa resolucija. Ta asement so obvezni plačati tudi vsi novi odrasli člani, ki bodo sprejeti v Amerisko bratsko zvezo od 1. septembra 1944 naprej, vključno člani, ki bodo prisotni v odrasli oddelki iz mladinskega oddelka. Asement za posebni vojni sklad mora biti plačan ob istem času kot ostali redni asementi in kjer tega asementa ne plača, tudi ostalih asementov ne more plačati.

PO NAREDBI 17. REDNE KONVENCIJE A. B. Z.:
ANTON ZBASNIK, glavni tajnik.

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Prva redna konvencija SANs-a, sestavljeni iz pravilno izvoljenih delegatov in glavnih odbornikov, se prične v soboto, 2. septembra 1944 ob 9. zjutraj v Slovenskem narodnem domu, 64. cesta in St. Clair Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio. Danes pribločamo seznam izvoljenih, do 24. avgusta prijavljenih delegatov in namestnikov ter imena glavnih odbornikov, ki imajo pravico zastopstva na konvenciji. Izvoljeni, a ne prijavljeni delegati, naj prinesejo seboj dokaz izvolitve.

Na konvenciji nima delegatske pravice nobena druga oseba, kot delegati ali njihovi namestniki in glavni odborniki SANs-a, izvenči, če konvencija samu podeli pravomocno pravico kaki osebi.

Cim je bila sklicana konvencija in so se razpisale volitve delegatov, je bilo naglašano, da bodo konvencijo tvorili oni zastopniki in zastopnice SANs-ovih podružnic in prispevajočih organizacij, ki so pomagale zgraditi SANs. To bo izključno SANsova konvencija, vsekod tega na njej, ne bodo odločevali zunanjiki, ki ne zastopajo SANsovega članstva in podpornikov.

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13 Niles, Ohio	X (1)	X
14 Springfield, Ill.	X (1)	X
15 Aurora, Minn.	X (1)	X
16 Uniontown, Pa.	X (1)	X
17 Sheboygan, Wis.	X (1)	X
18 San Francisco, Calif.	X (1)	X
19 West Park, Ohio	X (1)	X
20 Midway, Pa.	X (1)	X
21 St. Louis, Mo.	X (1)	X
22 Virden, Ill.	X (1)	X
23 Chicago, Ill.	X (1)	X
24 Salem, Ohio	X (1)	X
25 Conemaugh, Pa.	X (1)	X
26 Fredericktown, Pa.	X (1)	X
27 Sharon, Pa.	X (1)	X
28 Pueblo, Colo.	X (1)	X
29 Cleveland, O.	X (1)	X
30 Bridgeport, Ohio	X (1)	X
31 Preston, Pa.	X (1)	X
32 Waukegan, Ill.	X (1)	X
33 Cleveland, Ohio	X (1)	X
34 Acmetonia, Pa.	X (1)	X
35 Center, Pa.	X (1)	X
36 Cleveland, Ohio	X (1)	X
37 Joliet, Ill.	X (1)	X
38 Akron, Pa.	X (1)	X
39 Cleveland, Ohio	X (1)	X
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58 Chicago, Ill.	X (1)	X
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60 Crivitz, Wis.	X (1)	X
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62 Eveleth, Minn.	X (1)	X
63 Worcester, N. Y.	X (1)	X
64 Library, Pa.	X (1)	X
65 Los Angeles, Calif.	X (1)	X
66 New York, N. Y.	X (1)	X
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68 Sheboygan, Wis.	X (1)	X
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71 Girard, Ohio	X (1)	X
72 White Valley, Pa.	X (1)	X
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74 Brooklyn, N. Y.	X (1)	X
75 Kirkland Lake, Ont.	X (1)	X
76 Chisholm, Minn.	X (1)	X
77 Michael, Pa.	X (1)	X
78 Hostetter, Pa.	X (1)	X
79 Auburn, Ill.	X (1)	X
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After the American Fraternal Union Convention

The 17th regular convention of the American Fraternal Union, which opened on August 17th in Rock Springs, Wyo., concluded August 21st. It completed its work in four weeks; the delegates having Sunday in between free.

The convention numbered 152 members. Much preliminary work was done by convention committees which met between convention sessions and during the evening hours. This sped greatly so the convention was able to conclude its duties four days, as was intended and recommended.

The next convention, that is, the 18th regular convention, will be held in Ely, Minn., the birthplace of our organization, so it will be able to appropriately celebrate its 50th anniversary which falls in that year, that is, 1948.

The most important decision of the convention was undoubtedly the decision to pay full death benefits for our deceased servicemen-members. For this purpose a special fund was organized to which a hundred thousand dollars from the sur-

plus from the death benefit fund will be transferred and into which all members of the adult department will pay 10 cents monthly until the end of the war and continue to pay until such time as the death benefits of all deceased servicemen-members will be paid. The special assessment of 10 cents goes into effect on Sept. 1, 1944. The payment of death benefits for deceased servicemen-members in full is effective for those who died up until now as well as those who may die in the future.

In regard to the payment of sick benefits, the convention proposed of certain changes for the better, especially for theentine members. Also certain changes for the better were proposed in regard to the payment of operation benefits. These will be published in the official convention minutes.

The delegation approved of all steps and decisions which the Supreme Board made in regard to the Slovene Section of Jugoslav Relief Committee, the Slovenian American National Council and the Liberation Front in Jugoslavia in general. Certain delegates and Supreme Officers had difficulties in and to their trips, due to the overburdened railroads during time.

The welcome and service tendered the delegates in the Slovene community of Rock Springs, pleased the delegation in at least that is what we gathered from what we heard saw. There is no doubt that the greater majority of the delegates carried away beautiful memories of Rock Springs. It is understood that the decisions of the convention will not all the members in all cases since this is impossible, however, it seems that the delegation of the 17th regular convention had with the conscientiousness and satisfaction of knowing pleased the majority and that in general it did its work just as well or better than any other previous convention in half the time.

There are some changes, but not many, in the Supreme and Supreme Judiciary Committee. Following are listed members of the new Supreme Board and Supreme Judiciary Committee, who will take office or continue in office on Jan. 1, 1945:

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AMPHIBIOUS JEEP serves as an all-purpose moving van for Red Cross workers preparing to leave Naples, Italy, to establish another Red Cross club in the field. GI's go along to help set up the installation.

Pvt. Frank Vicic Killed in Action

Lloydell, Pa. — On July 3, 1944 we received the sad news from the War Department that our beloved son and brother, Pvt. Frank Vicic, was killed on a battlefield in Italy on June 1st. The deceased was born Jan. 24, 1923 in Lloydell, Pa. He was called to serve in the U. S. Army on Feb. 23, 1944 and was sent to Camp Swift, Texas. From there he was sent to Italy where he participated in battle, was slightly injured and decorated for bravery with the Purple Heart award. He was recuperating in a hospital in Italy for three weeks after which he was again sent to the front, where he lost his young life on June 1, 1944. The deceased was a member of Lodge No. 35, AFU of Lloydell, Pa.

Dear son and brother; may you rest in peace in the land where you are buried. We shall keep you in our lasting memory for the rest of our days.

John and Mary Vicic, parents, Lloydell, Pa.; Pvt. John Vicic, Camp Swift, Texas, and Andy Vicic, Lloydell, Pa., brothers; Josephine Vicic, New York, Jennie Wadsworth, Baltimore, Md., Molly LoPresty, Akron, Ohio, and Agnes Vicic, Lloydell, Pa., sisters.

PROFESSOR TURNS FRUIT INTO CANDY

A former college professor has developed a new process for converting fruit into candy through a dehydration process. The process was worked out by Dr. Frank O. Kreager, former professor at Washington State College and the University of Louisiana. Unlike most dried fruits, those produced by the new method retain the flavor of fresh fruit. This is accomplished, Dr. Kreager explained, by reversing the usual process of drying.

The fruit is subjected to a high temperature early in the dehydration process, immediately after the fresh fruit has been immersed in a sugar-glucose solution. The temperature is gradually decreased as the fruit dries.

Private Stock

An old battered sergeant, retiring after 30 years in the Regular Army, decided that the best way to pass his fading years was to buy a saloon in San Diego.

He bought an old tavern, boarded it up and began to paint and redecorate it. After a week had passed, residents of the area gathered outside and knocked on the door.

"When are you going to open up?" their spokesman asked. "We'd like to patronize your place."

"Open up!" the old soldier bellowed, "I'll never open up. I bought this place for myself."

They were dancing at the USO service club. He then took her out on the porch and whispered in her ear, "Darling, I love you. I may not be rich like Sgt. Brown. I may not have a car like Sgt. Brown or spend money like he does. But I would do anything in the world for you."

She put her arms around his neck and gently whispered, "Darling, introduce me to Sgt. Brown."

American Fraternal Union Members Serving Our Country



Invitation To All Slav Convention

To all Slav organizations, societies, churches, trade unions and individuals comes an invitation to attend the Second National Convention of the American Slav Congress in Pittsburgh, Pa. on September 23rd and 24th.

This Congress of American Slavs representing all the Slav national groups had its first nation-wide gathering in Detroit, Michigan on April 25th and 26th, 1942. The 3600 delegates who attended that conference united for the purpose of finding a way to best support the United States in winning this war, and also to help one another to become better citizens of this great country of ours. Since then the National Committee and all its active members and sponsors have been successfully carrying out all their aims and have decided it was about time again to come together and make plans for the future. Surely an organization such as this demands the loyal support of all the Slovanes in the U. S. Elect delegates now to represent your organization at the coming convention. Accommodations for out of town delegates are being made so all you have to worry about is getting here.

Let's show our Slav friends that the Slovanes are right on top by having the greatest number of delegates at the conference and show the nation we are behind it to the end.

Rose Fabec,
Lodge No. 12, AFU
Pittsburgh, Pa.

A "mousery" is the unusual business that is putting money into the pockets of Albert Jurrack in the village of Packwaukee, Wis. Each week 1,000 to 1,500 white mice are shipped to pharmaceutical laboratories all over the United States.



News of Collinwood Boosters

Trying to set up a write-up with a hangover, due to the fact of attending well known member of Betsy Ross Lodge's wedding celebration, is some work. It was Pvt. Frank "Blackie" Krall, a well known AFU member who was married to Frances Zupancic. Some of the AFU members attending the ceremony were Tony Strazisar, Tony Laurich and wife, Alice, Dave Zipkin and wife, Mollie, John Laurich and wife of the Collinwood Boosters and from the Betsy Ross Lodge were Mr. and Mrs. Mike Krall, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Lunka, Mr. and Mrs. G. Kovitch, Mr. and Mrs. L. Pirie, Ikey Kocin and others whose names I can't recall off hand. Also present were a few members of Lodge No. 103, AFU.

Blackie Krall's furlough was up on August 17th. His bride will leave to stay with him at camp for a few months. He will be stationed at Coral Gables, Florida. We all hope Blackie and his wife can return home soon to settle down and enjoy their married life.

The AFU members wish Blackie and his wife a long, happy life of married bliss.

Home on furlough recently were John "Trosky" Urbancic and Rudy "Farmer" Agnich. Trosky now has the stripes of Staff Sergeant. Keep it up, John, the Boosters are proud of you. Also home on furlough was Morris Debenak who also attended Blackie's wedding. I must mention that the secretary of the Boosters, Miss Mary Laurich, also enjoyed a good time at the wedding.

In closing I wish to again remind Elsie Desmond that we're still waiting for that write-up she promised us. So Elsie, I promised to match a write-up with you, meaning that every article you send I'll match one with it. Until later this is so long.

John Laurich
Lodge No. 188, AFU
Cleveland, Ohio

REMOVING PARTICLE IN EYE NO JOB FOR AMATEURS

One out of every ten eye accidents can be blamed on attempts of amateurs to remove a particle lodged in the eye. More than half of the people forced to wear artificial eyes were victims of accidents, it was revealed in a survey on artificial eye wearers recently completed in nine major cities by Paul Gougeleman, artificial eye manufacturer, in cooperation with the Greater Chicago Safety Council.

Flying chips of wood caused 15% of all eye injuries. Falls around the home, and careless use of scissors, wire, nails and hammers accounted for a large number. On-the-job accidents, where pieces of steel entered the eyeball, accounted for one out of every seven eye injuries. The number of eye accidents in industry, however, is sharply declining with the use of modern safety devices such as goggles, safety masks and helmets.

A kindness loses its grace by being noised abroad. Who desires it to be remembered should forget it.

Office of the Supreme Secretary AFU

NOTICE OF THE CREATION OF A "SPECIAL WAR FUND" AND THE LEVY OF ASSESSMENT FOR THE SAME

The Seventeenth Regular Convention of the American Fraternal Union, held in the City of Rock Springs, State of Wyoming, August 17th to August 21st, 1944, approved the following:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS our beloved country finds itself unavoidably engaged in a devastating world-wide war; and WHEREAS millions of our citizens of military age are risking their lives in foreign fields of battle to preserve the liberties of those of us who remain at home; and WHEREAS 2153 of our American soldiers are members of the American Fraternal Union holding certificates of life insurance in the Union; and WHEREAS such certificates necessarily, for sound and safe practice, have excluded the heavy risk that is involved in military service as provided in Section 273-A of the By-laws; and WHEREAS the By-laws provide that the amount payable out of the Mortuary Fund of the Union in event of death resulting from military, naval, or air service in time of war shall be limited to the amount of the reserve on such certificate; and WHEREAS it is the desire of every loyal member of our Union that every death that may occur among our soldier-members shall be recognized by us as a valid claim for the full amount stated in the certificate; and WHEREAS it is estimated that the additional amount required to make payment of the full face amount under such certificates could be provided by a very small extra assessment on all our loyal members; and WHEREAS notices have already been received of the death of 22 of our soldier-members;

RESOLVED that a special fund to be called the "Special War Fund" be created and maintained by the levy of a special assessment of 10 cents per month per member, payable at the same time and together with the regular monthly rate due under each member's certificate, commencing with the month of September, 1944; AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that such special assessments be levied to be payable monthly so long as the war lasts and until all claims for war deaths have been paid in full; provided that when all known claims for war deaths have been paid in full, including any unpaid balances of the face amounts of the certificates already settled under the limitation of Section 273-A, the amount remaining in said "Special War Fund," if any, shall be transferred to the Mortuary Fund; AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that an initial sum in the amount of \$100,000.00 be transferred from the surplus now contained in the Mortuary Fund to the said "Special War Fund" so established under this Resolution.

Pursuant to the provisions of said Resolution there is hereby levied an assessment of Ten (10) cents per month for the "Special War Fund," commencing with the month of September 1944, upon all members of the Adult Department of the American Fraternal Union, including all new members to be admitted into said Adult Department on and after said date, and for such period as provided in said Resolution. The assessment for the "Special War Fund" must be paid at the same time and together with all other regular assessments.

BY AUTHORITY OF THE 17th REGULAR CONVENTION OF THE AMERICAN FRATERNAL UNION
ANTON ZBASNICK, Supreme Secretary.

Gowanda, N. Y. Lodges to Join in Making Picnic Plans

The Valley Rifle Club of Gowanda and the Pathfinders of the Hatfields and the McCoys, the AFU, a group made up of the daughters and sons of the members of the parent lodge, St. Joseph's, of the AFU, will collaborate in an outing to be held at Mentley's grove Sunday, September 3 from 1 p. m. to 10 p. m.

Peter Batchen will act as general chairman. Co-chairmen are as follows:

Refreshment tickets — Chas. Langless, Philip Palice.

Entrance tickets and publicity — Mrs. Charles J. Sternisha, Jr.

Bar — Louis Sladich. Game tickets — Leonard Miller.

Pop stand — Leo Carpus. Refreshment stand — Ted Stitzel.

Games — Harold Hopkins, Elizabeth Batchen, Louis Andolsek.

This affair will be the last of the season.

Plans were made to make this the best picnic of the season. Contests will be held for the children in the afternoon with Ed. Wickham, Louis Klaner and Charles Sternisha in charge. Early in the day a softball game will be held.

Officer to WAVE: No, no, Miss Quackenbush, when someone approaches your sentry post you are to say "Halt! Who goes there?" — not "Stop or I'll scream!"

They tell the one about the street-car conductor. "Fare," he said to a lovely lady. "You're not bad yourself," she replied. Needless to say the gal rode free.

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AFU Yank, Pfc. Bob Macek Tells Story of His Trip to Rock Springs, Wyo.

Pfc. Bob Macek, member of Lodge No. 99, AFU of Moon Run, Pa., has the following interesting story to tell of how he managed to see his dad, who was delegate to this convention, while on a three-day pass.

"When I got the news from home about my dad being an AFU delegate I thought I'd try and get a three-day pass and go to Rock Springs, Wyo. to meet him by surprise. I heard from home in a letter saying he was leaving home on Aug. 13th and was to be in Rock Springs some time on the 15th.

"I obtained the pass and was supposed to start out Monday night. I was scheduled to work on Sunday night but since there wasn't much work I was given permission to get off about 11 o'clock Sunday night. I went to town and boarded the 2:30 a.m. train out to Denver, Colo. I was in Denver the same morning at 9:50. To my surprise who do I meet but the AFU Supreme Officers. I went up to them and said hello. None of them knew me for it has been nine years since I last saw them. That was back in 1935 when I was juvenile delegate to the SSCU convention in Ely, Minn. However, when I told them my name they recognized me but were so surprised for since that time I must have grown twice the size for then I was only about 12 years old. I was very glad to see them and they looked just the same as they did nine years ago.

"Some of the delegates I met at the Union Station in Denver, Colo. were Mr. J. N. Rogel, Mr. Anton Zbasnik, Anton Terboeck, Frank Kress, Louis Champa, Andrew Milavec, Matt Anzelc, John Kumse, Frank Okoren and also Mrs. Champa. I also met many others but I can't remember all the names. And, oh yes, Barbara Metesha of Ely, Minn.

"From the station we got a ride to Globeville, to the Slovenian Club. The group was to have dinner at the Slovenian Garden run by Mike Popovich. I was invited to eat dinner with them and we had a good home-cooked Slovener dinner. I appreciated it very much and felt honored to be eating with them.

"After dinner we took a few pictures together, with Mr. Zbasnik's camera. The group took the 5:10 train out of Denver to Rock Springs. I was going to go with them, but they told me that the Pittsburgh delegates would be in on the 9:45 train the following morning, Tuesday, Aug. 15 and so I thought it would be best if I

stayed and welcomed my dad and the Pittsburgh delegates.

"I went back to Globeville to Mike's place where I met Steve Mauser. We had a few glasses of beer and he took me to his home where I met his family. We spent an enjoyable time with them. Then we went back to Mike's who invited me to stay overnight at his home. Next morning Mr. Mauser picked me up with his car and we went to the station to welcome the Pittsburgh delegates and to bring them back to the Slovenian Gardens.

"The train came in at 9:45 and the delegates got off and all were there except my dad and a few others around Pittsburgh. I met Dr. and Mrs. Arch and the rest of the delegates. Dr. Arch informed me that my dad took an earlier train out of Chicago and went from Chicago to Cheyenne, Wyo. and from there to Rock Springs. He told me that my dad would be in Cheyenne about 1 o'clock or so. It was then already 11 o'clock. I tried to get a bus out but it would take too long so when I found it was only 103 miles from Denver, I thought it would be best to hitch-hike to Cheyenne. I got a ride on the highway from a Slovenian fellow who was at the Slovenian Gardens and no sooner he let me out of his car I got another ride. I was picked up by four different drivers and was in Cheyenne about 25 minutes after 1 o'clock. I went to the station and got on the train about three minutes before it pulled out. The train was a half-hour late and I certainly was lucky that it was otherwise I would have had to wait until 5 o'clock.

"I was on the train three hours before I could get permission from the conductor and the Military Police to look through the train for my dad. After looking through about four or five cars I found him sitting looking out of the window and a little sleepy. I touched him on the shoulder and said, "Hello." He certainly was happy and surprised to see me for he never expected me to meet him, nor did the family at home. He couldn't believe it was me. It was about 4:30 Tuesday afternoon that I met him. We just sat and talked all the way. It was a lucky break the way I met him on the train; it surprised both dad and I.

"I'm back in army life again after my trip which I'll never forget. I wasn't able to get home to see my folks but I was lucky enough to get to see my dad and my friends. I hope we'll meet again sometime and see them well and happy."

"We arrived in Rock Springs about 9:10 in the evening. We were taken to the Slovenian Hall. Both dad and I obtained a place to stay at a nice Slo-

A FATHER TO HIS SON

Dear Son:
I wish I had the power to write
The thoughts wedged in my heart
tonight
As I sit watching that small star
And wondering how and where you are.
You know, Son, it's a funny thing
How close a war can always bring
A family, who for years with pride
Has kept emotion deep inside.
I'm sorry that when you were small
I let reserve build up that wall,
I told you real men never cried,
And it was Mom, who always dried
Your tears, and smoothed the hurt
away
So that you soon went back to play.
But, Son, deep down within my heart
I longed to have some little part
In drying that small tear-stained face
But we were men—men don't embrace.
Now suddenly, I find my son
A full grown man, with childhood done.
Tonight you're far across the sea
And waging war for men like me.
Well somehow pride and what is right
Just doesn't seem to go tonight.
I find my eyes won't stay quite dry;
I find that sometimes men do cry.
And if we stood here face to face
I'm afraid we'd find men do embrace.
Son, dads are quite a funny lot
And if I've failed you in some spot
It's not because I loved you less,
It's just this cussed manliness.
But if I had the power to write
The thoughts wedged in my heart
tonight
The words would ring out loud and true
I'm proud, my boy, so proud of you
—Author unknown.

She drank to the Army,
She drank to the Navy,
And once more for Victory—
Hang the expense.
They later found Mabel
Down under the table
All out
For National Defense!

I can't remember the name of the family but we had a very nice room. We then visited Tom's place, a Slovenian beer garden and there we met more delegates and had a grand time.

"Wednesday morning we arose early and then sent cards home and to everyone we could think of. After lunch we met more delegates and stopped at Martin's place (run by Martin Mehle and Val Marcina). While there I met Tony Orel who is from Imperial, Pa. I also met Joe Demsher from Presto, Pa. We sat around and talked some more.

"After supper we all met again at Martin's place and had a good time. I asked one of the Slovenian fellows to bring his accordion around and asked Martin Mehle if it was all right to do so. He said it was and we had a few polkas. It wasn't long before the delegates and I were on the floor dancing the good old polkas. We had a grand time.

"It certainly was good to hear, sing and dance Slovenian again. I danced with Mrs. Champa and enjoyed it. The Slovenian girls there are very sociable and I must repeat that I'll never forget the good time I had in Rock Springs. All of the delegates were there and I hated to leave when the time came to say goodbye to my dad and our friends. My dad and Mr. Kress of Pittsburgh went to the station to see me off. I took the 1:32 train out on Thursday morning, Aug. 17th. I had a wonderful time and I hope to see them again, perhaps at the next AFU convention.

"I rode all morning and was in Cheyenne at 8:30 a.m. from where I got a ride to Denver, Colo. I went back to Globeville to see Mike and then said goodbye. I took my train back to Kansas and was lucky to get a ride back to camp with an army car. I arrived there after midnight. I was a little late but got it all fixed up when I told them what happened.

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"One of the AFU members from Moon Run, Pa.,

Pfc. Robert L. Macek
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IS YOUR TRAVEL NECESSARY?



"YOU CAN'T TELL WHEN YOU'LL HAVE TO GET HOME
UNDER YOUR OWN POWER THESE DAYS!"

WASHINGTON NEWS FLASHES

By Florence D. Startz

I have just finished reading a story about our fair capital—a city which appears to be "first" among cities in the hearts of writers. Of course as I expected, the inevitable Lincoln Memorial was mentioned somewhere in the story—I still have to see one in which the building doesn't figure. And then, we can't forget the movies. As soon as the fair heroine in the picture arrives in the capital she promptly gets a job as secretary to an admiral or other official of important rank. Another thing, while we're on the subject—Washington Monument is sure to turn up in the movie. No matter what building the hero or heroine work in, just outside the window is Washington monument—so majestic. It just pops up everywhere. But, back to writers. I can readily see how they find plenty of material for stories in Washington. All in all, it's an interesting city where one can see just about everything. For instance, take these:

Capital Close-Ups: Two Mexican "glamour girls" working a victory garden back of the Mexican embassy—curious sight-seers eyeing the White House at closer range now that barriers have been taken away—two little colored boys driving past the Capitol in a weatherbeaten cart. With their precious cargo of watermelons they seem as carefree as the breeze—A group of people in an old-fashioned coach drawn by two horses going down a busy street, amidst the clatter and clangs of streetcars—a woman walking a downtown street dressed in something closely resembling a long South Sea Islands sarong—two Spanish fellows going past this reporter's house strumming guitars and singing in Spanish.

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Approximately 40,000 Army nurses have become officers of the Army of the United States, acquiring full military status for the first time since the Army Nurse Corps was founded in 1901 by an Act of Congress.



"He insists on 100 octane!"

Juvenile Voices

ELY REVIEW

By Margaret M. Startz

Ely, Minn.—We have had two storms here of late and we have altogether too much rain. However, it is nice and cool again which is really a relief after the hot spell we just had.

Again we have sad news to report about our servicemen. Two are dead and two missing. The dead are Pvt. Isaac R. Makl, 35, killed in France and 1st Lieut. Mathew Banks, 23, killed in Italy. Banks held the position of athletic coach in the Ely Junior College before he entered the service on April 9, 1941. Banks has been a member of the first U. S. contingent of troops to land in Ireland in January, 1942. Eight months later he was sent back to the states to enter Officer's Candidate School at Fort Benning, Ga. In April of 1944 he landed in North Africa and subsequently reached the Italian front.

Missing are Pvt. Edward J. Kotzin, 26, who has been reported missing since June 6th over France and Sgt. Joseph A. Meshe, 19, who has been missing since July 26th, also in France. I wish to extend my most heartfelt sympathy to the families of the dead servicemen and to the other two families, I hope they shall soon learn that the boys are safe.

Mrs. Mary Rom has attended the V.F.W. convention at Virginia as a delegate.

Mr. and Mrs. Anton Golenko of Chicago, Ill., entertained on August 11th at a dinner party given at Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Grahek's cabin at White Iron. The Golenkos had as guests many Ely people and also the AFU Supreme Auditing Committee who were there at that time. My mother was also a guest and she told me they all had a wonderful time. Mr. and Mrs. Golenko, I was told by many people, are very charming and friendly. On August 13th I met Mr. and Mrs. Golenko at a dinner and I readily saw why people liked them so. They are very sociable and friendly.

Look Before You Leap: The other day in a streetcar in Washington a man in civilian clothes offered a lady his seat. The woman gave him an indignant look. "I wouldn't accept a seat from a 4-F," she said. "My son is fighting in France." The fellow turned around to show an empty sleeve. "While he's there," he said, "ask him to look for my arm."

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Central European News

News of AFU Yanks

Agree on Terms of Cooperation in Fighting Common Foe**Washington.** — An agree-**ment has been signed between****the royal Jugoslav government****and Dr. Ivan Subasic****the National Liberation****Committee of Marshal Josip****Tito, the BBC said in a****broadcast on August 21 and****sent to OWI.****The signatories had agreed****to collaborate to the fullest pos-****to free Jugoslavia****from the common enemy, with****which agreeing to give all****aid to Tito's forces as****to "all others who from****on fight with equal deter-****rence against the common****broadcast said,****"The Subasic govern-****ment and the Tito Committee****together devise the machin-****for collaboration. It is****settled that the question of****treachery shall not be raised at****moment. Such questions****be decided by the people****the liberation of the coun-****try."****declaration by Dr. Suba-****head of the Jugoslav gov-****ernment concerning this agree-****ment was recently broadcast by****FREE JUGOSLAVIA radio****reads, as reported to OWI,****follows:****"The royal government re-****sists formation as the ex-****ecution of the peoples' will in****struggle against the****enemy and at the same time as****for the correction of****akes made in the past,****which had been hindering****ship between our great****and ourselves.****Throughout its work, the****overnment will bear these****in mind and will com-****adhere to the agreement****on the liberated territory****of Jugoslavia on July 16, 1944,****the president of the****government, Mr. Ivan Su-****basich, and the president of the****Committee of Libera-****Jugoslavia, Marshal Jo-****nko Tito.****The royal government con-****sits its first duty to honor****the hundreds of****lands of those who have****been hindering****ship between our great****and ourselves.****The royal government re-****sists formation as the ex-****ecution of the peoples' will in****struggle against the****enemy and at the same time as****for the correction of****akes made in the past,****which had been hindering****ship between our great****and ourselves.****Throughout its work, the****overnment will bear these****in mind and will com-****adhere to the agreement****on the liberated territory****of Jugoslavia, which****and preserved val-****ue democratic achieve-****ments in the years of its strug-****gle, the government recog-****nizes temporary govern-****ment set up by the anti-Fascist council****the National Committee****the Liberation of Jugosla-****nia, the necessity for the preser-****vation of internal peace and or-****and the people's help to****the National Libera-****tion.****—Office of War Information.**

CELOPHANE GOES TO WAR
Cellophane has gone to war. That's why you can't get it on your cigarettes, shirts and other things now. The principal war job of cellophane is to protect our fighting men should the enemy resort to gas. It goes into cape-like gas protective covers, several of which are issued to each man and woman overseas. Each cover requires enough cellophane to wrap 1,450 packs of cigarettes.

The garment is not a gas mask substitute but it is designed to prevent the fine spray of blistering gases, such as mustard, from the skin, clothing and equipment.

OVER-OPTIMISM

While your editor was vacationing in Pennsylvania, the mailman left a heap of letters, among them the following ones from AFU Yanks.

Jake "Woody" Oberza, SC 3/c writes from Italy: "It has been quite some time since I last wrote. I have been getting the Nova Doba regularly. We have been kept pretty busy lately. We have been moving from one place to another, never staying longer than one month at one place. We live in pup tents and as you all know only two fellows live in a pup tent and the ground is your bed. Every time we got settled down, orders would come for us to pack up and move on. It's been pretty hard trying to keep up with answering our mail. I hope to be home soon now that the invasion is under way."

"I hope you keep on sending the Nova Doba for there are a lot of interesting things to read in it and we also find out where our old friends are at. Thanks again for sending me the paper."

Pfc. Joseph Drenik writes: "I would like the Nova Doba to be sent to my new address. I am in good health and hope everyone back home is the same. Give my best regards to all the readers of the Nova Doba, I may write an article again soon for your paper. Thanks again."

Cpl. Louis C. Verch informs us that he recently spent a vacation in Scotland. He writes: "I guess it's high time I wrote again. May this letter find you all in the best of health. I am fine and the weather at present is fairly good out here in Iceland."

I just came back from a thirty-day furlough which I spent in Glasgow, Scotland. I had a very nice time. The people are very friendly there and show much respect for the Yanks. The rationing situation in Scotland is plenty tough but the people seem to manage all right.

"I am now driving a jeep for an officer but this won't last very long. This battalion has changed so much in the last month that everything is in an uproar. I hope I'll be shipped

out somewhere soon. We are getting recruit training out here after two years of service in the army. This seems funny to us out here. Well, this is the army! This is all for this time."

Pfc. Steve Babich wrote as follows: "Hello AFU members: It's good to get letters from old friends back home and know what they are doing. I just received a letter that told me that my friend, Miss Alice Pericin is recuperating in the hospital. We all wish you lots of luck, Alice and hope you'll be home soon. Well folks, this will be my last letter for a while for I don't know where I'll be sent from here. It was swell of you to publish my letters and I also wish to thank all the members who wrote to me. In conclusion I am sending you a few jokes. Hope you like them."

A civilian hitch-hiker displayed this sign on his suitcase: "If you don't pick me up, I'll vote for him again."

A placard in the window of a Seattle restaurant reads, "Waitress wanted! Will marry, if necessary."

A drunk, armed with a nickel, entered an automat. He stopped in front of the one marked "Ham Sandwich." He dropped in a nickel and got a sandwich. He dropped in more nickels until he collected 20 ham sandwiches. Someone suggested that he had enough. "What," said the drunk, "I should quit now just when I've got a winning streak?"

A jittery woman, whose husband was about to be reclassified for induction into the army, fainted when her young son came home from school and announced, "Mamma, I just was put into 1-A!!!"

Do you have all the protection that you need in case of illness or death? If not, enroll now in the American Fraternal Union and be assured of help in times of emergency.

Laughter is not at all a bad beginning for a friendship, and it is far the best ending for one.



"THANKS FOR HELPING OUT THIS SUMMER. YOU'LL BE ABLE TO DO AN EVEN BETTER JOB WHEN YOU'VE FINISHED YOUR SCHOOLING."

Combat Men Give Tip-Off On Most Acceptable Gifts

Atlantic City, N. J. — Candy and smokes are the gifts most appreciated by men overseas, inquiry of enlisted men and officers who have seen combat action in every corner of the globe and now here at AAFRS No. 1 awaiting new air force assignments, reveals.

In Africa it's chocolates, because they are so hard to get, and they keep well, especially during the fall and winter months.

Southwest Pacific—Chocolates, properly wrapped so they won't get stale or deteriorate. Magazine subscription and hometown papers.

Italy—All kinds of edibles, provided they're not perishable.

New Guinea—Cigars and all kinds of smokes.

England—Socks, handkerchiefs, shirts, civilian shoes, cigarette lighters and flints, and pictures of their girls and wives.

France—Anything.

Hawaii—Salami or some smoked cheese. Army supplies everything else.

Here's a good hint: Don't send razor blades or soap or chewing gum. Post Exchanges all over the world are well stocked with these items.

—Army Times



Did You Know That

Since the start of the war, thousands of wounded Americans have been evacuated from battle zones by air. In long-range transport planes such as the Liberator Express, no wounded American fighter is more than 60 hours' flying time from the finest hospital in the U. S. A.

British railroads ran more than 25,000 special military trains over their lines in the two months before D-Day.

The number of Americans killed in the first two weeks of the invasion was 3,082 according to the Army Times.

It is our obligation to back the Liberation forces by investing in War Bonds to the extent of our ability.

The Army's M-Dogs, post graduates of the K-9 Dogs, are saving lives on the battlefield by locating enemy mines and booby traps which have defied the best mechanical detectors. The dogs work on a six foot leash and signal their handler when within one to four yards of a death trap. Mines are then removed or deactivated and the cleared areas marked.

The dogs are especially trained in locating non-metallic mines, which mechanical detectors miss, how to operate over all kinds of terrain in any weather, and never to advance over any mine or trap.

It's nothing new for Americans to contribute for war defense. In the Museum of the City of New York there hangs an order of the Provincial Congress, dated June 29, 1776. It reads: "All leaden weights and lead from windows taken to turn into bullets for the use of the army in defending New York City and the Colony." Lead and other metal plaques from tombstones in Northern New Jersey were seized for similar purposes.

George Washington's coach was made in England and it was deep cream in color and furnished with Venetian blinds.

"I shall have to put you fellows in the same room," said the host.

"That's all right," the guests replied.

"Well, I think," said the host, "you'll have a comfortable night. It's a featherbed."

At two o'clock in the morning one of the guests awoke his companion.

"Change places with me, Dick," he groaned. "It's my turn to lie on the featherbed."

What is a cynic? A man who knows the price of everything and the value of nothing.

NO HURRY!

Camp Gordon Johnston, Fla. — After a typical evening in Carrabelle, Fla., the small town located in the Camp Gordon Johnston reservation, Pvt. Hoague of a Harbor Craft Company, opened the door of a parked taxi and sat down. He'd had his night so he waited for the driver to take him back to camp.

Pvt. Hoague fell asleep and still no driver appeared. Three hours later an inquisitive M. P. was shaking him and saying: "What are you doing here?" "I'm taking this taxi back to camp," said the Private, sleepily.

"Well that's a helluva way to get back there," the M. P. retorted. "This taxi hasn't any wheels!"

DOPISI

(Nadalejanje s 4. strani)

Ennismore, Wash. — Iz naše naselbine se redko objavlja, i izjemo naše tajnice, sestre Mary Balint. Ona pa je občasno, ko to pišem, odsotna. Odšla je namreč k tem delegacijama ABZ v Rock Springs

Zapisnik zborovanja 17. redne konvencije Ameriške bratske zveze

(Nadaljevanjé s 3. strani)

Po načrtih so odrasli člani zavarovani kot sledi: Pod sta-
rim načrtom "A" je zavarovanih 5,903, pod načrtom "AA" 4,109,
pod načrtom "B" 1,287, pod načrtom "JC" (mladinski) 1, pod
načrtom "C" 311, pod načrtom "D" 2,667, pod načrtom "E"
1,297 in pod načrtom "F" 632. Na podaljšani zavarovalnini je
337 odraslih članov, in plačane certifikate imajo širje. Mladin-
ski člani so po načrtih zavarovani kot sledi: Pod načrtom "JA"
je zavarovanih 8,940, pod načrtom "JB" 61, pod načrtom "JC"
259 in pod načrtom "JD" 154.

Zavarovalnina odraslih članov je dne 31. maja 1944 znašala
\$11,605,520.00, mladinskih pa \$4,351,500.00, skupaj \$15,957,-
020.00, ali \$541,857.00 več kot pred štirimi leti.

Ob tem času je za \$1.00 dnevne bolniške podpore zavarova-
nih 10,993 članov, za 50 centov pa 129.

V dobrodelnem skladu je zdaj zavarovanih 11,506 članov.

Odraslih članov v starosti nad 65 let smo 31. decembra 1943
imeli 1,280, v starosti nad 70 let pa 527.

Povprečna starost članov odraslega oddelka je 40 let,
povprečna starost članov obeh oddelkov pa 29 let.

Dne 31. maja 1944 smo imeli v oboroženih silah Združenih
držav 2114 članov in članic, katerih skupna zavarovalnina znaša
okrog \$1,323,750.00. Povprečni član-vojak je zavarovan za
\$626.00.

Vojnih izgub smo do 31. maja 1944 imeli 17 in skupna za-
varovalnina v vojnih padilih in od posledic vojnega službovanja
umrlih članov-vojakov znaša \$11,498.00.

Zveza je 31. maja 1944 štel 176 društev, ki se nahajajo v
sledenih državah:

Država	Stevilo dr.	Stev. ml. čl.	Stev. odr. čl.	Skupaj
California	1	13	81	94
Colorado	13*	807	1,219	2,026
Idaho	1	6	13	19
Illinois	11	836	1,202	2,038
Indiana	4	171	365	536
Kansas	3	68	171	239
Maryland	1	26	72	98
Michigan	5	109	450	559
Minnesota	28	1,823	3,485	5,308
Missouri	1	20	70	90
Montana	7	913	589	1,502
Nebraska	1	40	110	150
New Mexico	1	37	32	69
New York	4	108	433	541
Ohio	18	952	2,497	3,449
Oregon	1	9	56	65
Pennsylvania	54	2,363	4,236	6,599
Utah	3	135	174	309
Washington	6	227	475	702
West Virginia	5	55	126	181
Wisconsin	2	212	214	426
Wyoming	6	484	478	962
Skupaj	176	9,414	16,548	25,962

Od 1. julija 1940 do 31. maja 1944 je blagajna odraslega
oddelka napredovala za \$696,037.61, blagajna mladinskega od-
delka pa \$37,707.86, skupaj \$733,745.47.

Dne 30. junija 1940 smo imeli v blagajni odraslega oddelka
\$2,537,385.30, v blagajni mladinskega oddelka pa \$177,597.96,
skupaj \$2,714,983.26. Dne 31. maja 1944 je bilo v blagajni od-
raslega oddelka \$3,233,422.91, v mladinskem pa \$215,305.82, sku-
paj \$3,448,728.73.

V bolniškem in odškodninskem skladu smo tekem zadnjih
treh let in 11 mesecev napredovali za \$33,217.97. Dne 30. junija
1940 se je v tem skladu nahajalo \$35,086.83, dne 31. maja 1944
pa \$68,304.70. Izdatki bolniškega in odškodninskogega skladu so od
1. julija 1940 do 31. maja 1944 znašali \$431,983.59, dočim so v
polnih štirih letih pred zadnjo konvencijo znašali \$432,945.23.

V dobrodelnem skladu smo od 1. julija 1940 do 31. maja
1944 napredovali za \$8,891.43. Dne 30. junija 1940 je bilo v tem
skladu \$23,092.41, dne 31. maja 1944 se je nahajalo tam \$31,-
983.84. Izdatki tega skladu so v polnih štirih letih pred zadnjo
konvencijo znašali \$39,980.68, tekem zadnjih treh let in 11 me-
secev pa \$49,427.78. Od te vsote odpade celih \$32,513.60 na takovo
zvanou "starostno" podporo, oziroma podporo, ki se plačuje čla-
nom, ki so stari nad 70 let.

V sportnem skladu smo tekem zadnjih treh let in 11 mese-
cev napredovali za \$5,610.84. Bilanca v tem skladu je 31. maja
1944 znašala \$10,882.37.

V stroškovem skladu smo od 1. julija 1940 do 31. maja
1944 napredovali za \$7,749.59. Dne 30. junija 1940 smo imeli v
tem skladu \$37,721.57, dne 31. maja 1944 pa \$45,471.16.

Tekom zadnjih treh let in 11 mesecev se je javilo bolnim
7,930 članov in članic, v polnih štirih letih pred zadnjo kon-
vencijo pa 7,556.

Tekom zadnjih treh let in 11 mesecev smo izplačali 1,074
operacijskih odškodnin v skupni vsoti \$76,020.00. Od tega šte-
vila je bilo 855 zahtev po \$75.00, 171 zahtev po \$50.00 in 48
zahtev je glavnih odbor odobril v smislu točke 307, podtočka 12
zvezinih pravil. Vzroke operacij Vam bo na zahtevo bolj podrobno
pojasnil glavni tajnik, ki rešuje zahteve za bolniško
podporo in odškodnine.

Od 1. julija 1940 do 31. maja 1944 je umrlo 660 odraslih
članov in 46 mladinskih, skupaj 706. Zavarovalnina odraslih
članov je znašala \$489,616.00 in vzroki smrti so bili sledeči: Od
srčnih bolezni je umrlo 190 članov; vsled ulja in raka 78; vsled
boleznih na možganih 74; vsled raznih nezgod 61; vsled pljučnic
50; vsled bolezni na jetrih in obistih 40; vsled tuberkuloze 31;
vsled bolezni na pljučih 16; od samomorov 11 in z raznih drugih
vzrokov 109.

Certifikate je tekem zadnjih treh let in 11 mesecev vnov-
čilo 105 članov.

Število članov in članic, ki nam dolgujejo na posojilih na
certifikate znaša 1,657, kar je 364 manj kot pred štirimi leti,
certifikata posojila pa znašajo \$185,030.55, oziroma \$1,173.24
manj kot ob priliki zadnje konvencije.

Od 1. julija 1940 do 31. maja 1944 je finančni odsek investi-
ral \$1,311,000.00. Od te vsote odpade \$530,000.00 na vladne
vojno-varčevalne bonde.

Defaltiranih bondov nimamo zdaj nobenih.

Potom referendumu je glavni odbor od zadnje konvencije
rešil 39 zadev.

Od zadnje konvencije smo imeli več članskih kampanj, ki
se pa z izjemo ene niso obnesle tako dobro, kot smo pričakovali.
Najbolj se obeta obnesti sedanja predkonvenčna kampanja, ki
ima za svoj cilj najmanj 1000 novih članov obeh oddelkih. Po-
drobno poročilo o uspehu sedanje kampanje bom podal na
konvenciji.

Na podlagi dopisov priobčenih v Novi Dobi sklepam, da bo-
sta vojna klavzula in bolniška podpora glavna predmeta raz-
prave na tej konvenciji in jaz mislim, da ju ne bo težko rešiti.

Vojno klavzulo smo uvrstili v naša pravila na zadnji kon-
venciji, in sicer na priporočilo našega aktuarja, ki je to klavzulo
že prej vključil v kontrakte naših certifikatov. Vojna klavzula
bi bila zelo na mestu, ako bi bile vojne izgube tako visoke, kot
se je prvotno s strahom pričakovalo, zdaj pa izgleda, da teh iz-
gub ne bo toliko in vsled tega se vojno klavzulo lahko omili ali
pa popolnoma razveljavlji pod pogojem, da se ustanoči poseben
sklad, v katerega naj bi se preneslo eden sto tisoč dolarjev iz
smrtninskega prebitka, ostalo vsoto, ki bi bila potrebna, da se
izplača smrtnine za padlimi člani-vojaki v polnem, naj bi pa
pokrili člani in članice z enakimi posebnimi mesečnimi prispevkvi.
O tej stvari bom podal bolj obširno izjavo in priporočilo, ko
pride na razpravo.

Vprašanje bolniške podpore bomo vsaj deloma povoljno
rešili, če bomo debatirali in sklepal o njem kot zastopniki celo-
kupnega članstva in organizacije in ne kot zastopniki naših
osebnih interesov. Bolniška podpora je bila in bo vedno trn v
peti vsake bratske organizacije, ko posluje po našem vzoru, in
ostala bo nenešen problem tudi v nadalje, ne oziraje se na to,
kako bomo to vprašanje rešili na tej konvenciji. Nekateri člani
priporočajo vrnitev k staremu sistemu plačevanja bolniških
podpor, a jaz Vam tega ne svetujem. Po starem sistemu je gra-
ditve rezerve popolnoma izključena, po novem sistemu denemo
vsaj nekaj lahko na stran. In jaz opozarjam v svarim posebno
starejši delegati te konvencije, da premislijmo dvakrat, trikrat in
večkrat, predno glasujejo za stari sistem. Po tej vojni bodo
prišle socialne spremembe, o katerih se nam danes niti ne sanja,
a bojim se, da starejši člani ne bodo imeli od njih take koristi
kot mlajši. Tudi o tem važnem vprašanju bom podal bolj ob-
širno izjavo, ko pride zadeva na dnevnih redih, in potem naredite
zaključek po svojem preprčanju.

Moja priporočila za popravke in amendiranje nekaterih
točk v sedanjih pravilih sem priobčil v Novi Dobi in obenem raz-
delil med člane in članice te konvencije.

O mojem delu v glavnem uradu Vam ne bom na drobno
poročal, ker bi vzel preveč prostora in preveč Vašega dragocen-
ega časa, če bi to storil. Zadostuje naj, ako rečem, da sem sku-
šal povsod in ob vsaki priliki zadostiti svojim dolžnostim in
mandatu, katerega mi je poverila zadnja konvencija. Glavni
tajnik ima poleg prijetnih dolžnosti tudi mnogo neprijetnih na-
log, ki so za njega zelo mučne, a jih mora izvršiti, ako hoče biti
zvest svoji prisegi in pošten ter pravičen napram organizaciji,
ki ga je postavila na to odgovorno mesto.

Vzlic dodatnemu delu, ki sta ga povzročila vojni položaj in
rast organizacije, imamo danes v glavnem uradu ravno toliko
moći, kot smo imeli ob priliki zadnje konvencije. Poleg pomožne
ga glavnega tajnika in mene je v glavnem uradu zaposlenih pet
pomočnic, katerih povprečna mesečna plača znaša \$121.00. To
je zelo nizek honorar v primeri s honorarji, ki jih v sedanjem
času prejemajo delavci in delavke v drugih pisarnah in indu-
strijah. Pomožni glavni tajnik in pomočnice so vršili svoje delo
pridno in marljivo, in moja dolžnost je, da jim na tem mestu
izrečem svojo zahvalo in da jih tudi Vam priporočam v blago-
hotno upoštevanje.

Tudi delo glavnega blagajnika se je od zadnje konvencije
sem zelo pomnožilo. Premeženje organizacije je naraslo za tri
četrtine milijona dolarjev, vsled česar upravljanje njegovega
urada zahteva veliko več časa kot prej.

Veseli me, da sem v položaju konstatirati, da je bil glavni
urad deležen vsestranske kooperacije od strani glavnih uradnikov
in uradnic in jaz se na tem mestu vsem skupaj najlepše za-
hvalim za prijazno naklonjenost. Največ dopisovanja sem imel
z bratom glavnim predsednikom in vrhovnim zdravnikom, ki sta
bila vsikdar točna s svojimi odgovori in modra v svojih nasvetih.

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