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VERSKI BOJ V JUGOSLAVIJI

V JUGOSLAVIJI je izbruhnil verski boj med katoliško in pravoslavno cerkvijo. Izzval ga je predlagani konkordat z Vatikanom.

Dr. Korošec, ki ima kot notranji minister kontrolo nad policijo v državi — v Jugoslaviji je policija državna — je dvakrat poslal policijo proti pravoslavnim vernikom in duhovščini, ko je protestirala proti sprejemu konkordata v Narodni skupščini. Pri tem je bilo več oseb ranjenih, med njimi neki pravoslavni škof, ki je dobil hude poškodbe. Do kakega viška so prikipele strasti, je razvidno iz tega, da je pravoslavna cerkev poslancem, ki so glasovali za konkordat, zagrozila z občenjem in tako tudi članom njih družin.

To pomeni, da se je nesmiselnemu plemenskemu boju, ki že skoro od početka vzruja Jugoslavijo, pridruil že mnogo bolj nesmiselni verski boj. Vsakogar, ki mu je pri srcu Jugoslavija in njeno ljudstvo, more to navdajati le z žalostjo in obžalovanjem.

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Ta boj pokazuje, da rimska cerkev nikakor ne more pozabiti, da je bila nekoč posvetna sila, pred katero so se stresli vladarji, ki brez njene sankcije sploh vladati niso mogli. Vsak konkordat je verski le navidezno, v jedru pa je političen dokument. Cerkev želi pogodbene odnošaje s čim večjim številom držav, ker s tem utrjuje svoj politični, t. j. posvetni prestiž. Zato hoče tudi konkordat z Jugoslavijo. (Nedavno, ko je vatikanski državni tajnik Pacelli obiskal Ameriko, je ljubljanski "Slovenec priobčil uvodni članek, v katerem je fantaziral o možnosti sklepa konkordata z Zed. državami — pač radi vpliva, ki bi si ga cerkev s tem pridobila, kajti katoličani v Ameriki gotovo ne potrebujejo nobene protekcije od strani Vatikana. Razume se, da je to bila pobožna želja, ki se ne bo nikoli izpolnila.)

Pravoslavna cerkev v Jugoslaviji se bori proti konkordatu, ker čuti — in ne brez vzroka — da bi s tem postala sekundarna verska oblast, dočim bi prvo mesto pripadalo katoliški cerkvi.. Kdor pozna narodni ponos Srbov in ozko vez med pravoslavjem in zgodovino srbskega ljudstva, mu je lahko razumeti trpkost, ki jo je izzval predlagani konkordat.

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Nam sta katoliška in pravoslavna cerkev, kakor danes obstojita, vseeno, toda zgodovinsko dejstvo je, da je katolicizem rimski oz. italijanski, dočim je pravoslavje slovansko. Nadaljno zgodovinsko dejstvo je, da Rim ni bil še nikdar prijatelj Slovana in nikdar ne bo. Socialno je reakcijonaren in se ne more nikdar dvigniti nad interese, ki jo vežejo na status quo. Ker je po svojem delokrogu mednaroden, predstavlja tudi mednarodno reakcijo. Cerkev kot je pravoslavna na druki strani že po svojem organizmu in bistvu ne more nikdar daleč od naroda, ker njegov delokrog ne sega preko njegovih meja. Tudi to ima svojo slabo stran. Intimne vezi, ki so obstojale n. pr. med ruskim pravoslavjem in carizmom, so se maščevale nad vsem narodom. Ampak, ko je padel carizem, je z njim vred padla tudi pravoslavna cerkvena organizacija in polje je bilo čisto za novo delo. Ali bi bil tak socialni prevrat v Rusiji mogoč, ako bi bil namesto pravoslavne cerkve dominiral ruski narod rimski katolicizem?

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KAJ JE POŠTEN POROČEVALEC VIDEL IN SLIŠAL V JOHNSTOWNU

Spodaj priobčamo poročilo, katero je objavila napredna revija 'The Nation" od enega svojih poročevalcev, ki je opazoval potek jeklarske stavke v Johnstownu, Pa. Poročilo je vseskozi realistično in baš zato podaja strani boja, ki bi ga v meščanskem tisku zaman iskali. Razmere, ki so tu opisane, obstoje v splošnem tudi po drugih mestih, kjer ima industrija jekla in železa svoje trdnjave...

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Opazoval sem "pokret za vrnitev na delo" na jeklarski fronti in lahko rečem, da še nisem videl kaj tako izumetničenega. Ko sem se vrnil iz Johnstowna, Pa., sem bil presenečen nad netočnostjo slike, ki so jo imeli o stavki celo dobro informirani New-Yorčani navzlic obširnim poročilom, ki so jih prinašali listi dan za dnem. Večina ljudi, s katerimi sem govoril, si je položaj predstavljala tako-le: Ni dvoma, da je ključ do situacije iskati v zakrknjenosti Tom Girdlerja, ampak na drugi strani je tudi mnogo delavcev, ki so se naveličali stavke ter bi radi šli nazaj na delo. Res pa ni ne prvo ne drugo.

Prav za prav pa bi ne smel biti presenečen, kajti Edward Levinson od new-yorškega lista "Post" je bil eden izmed maloštevilnih časnikarjev, ki sem jih srečal v stavkovni zoni, ki je vedel, kaj se godi ter to tudi jasno poročal, kar je bil vzrok, da je bil vržen iz mestne hiše v Johnstownu. Utegnilo je biti še par časnikarjev, ki so vedeli, za kaj gre in tudi poročali, ampak oni, ki sem jih srečal, so gledali na situacijo kot da so bili poslani na policijsko sodnijo, da poročajo o obravnavi radi malenkostnega tepeža, ali kakor da poročajo o poteku baseball igre.

Zavajalno in sovražno pisanje časopisov

Vendar v New Yorku se je več vedelo v položaju kot pa v Johnstownu. Čim dalj je človek prišel od stavkovne zone, tem bolj resnično se je o nji pisalo. Listi v stavkovnem okrožju niso niti skušali delati vtisa, da so pošteni in nepristranski. Tipična vzgleda sta oba lista v Johnstownu, jutranji "Democrat" in večerni 'Tribune". Oba sta se dnevno penila v uredniških člankih kot v poročilih o stavki. Oba sta slikala stavko kot revolucijo, stavkarje pa kot foreignerje in komuniste.

Ker so bili stavkarji za zasledovanje in razumevanje položaja odvisni edino na to, kar se je širilo od ust do ust, je bila njih stran vdušena pod debelo odejo potvorjenih poročil, katera so objavljali lokalni listi. Posledica je bila, da so stavkovna okrožja sama imela skrajno megleno sliko resničnega položaja. To, kakor se je pokazalo pozneje, je bil važen element za ponarejeni pokret "za vrnitev na delo" in za dinamitiranje, ki je sprostilo skrbno preparirano razjarjenost. Ako bi se bilo 70 tisočim prebivalcem Johnstowna povedalo resnico, bi se ne bilo zgodilo ne prvo ne drugo.

Dve metodi za zdrobitev morale med delavstvom

Proti-stavkovna kampanja se je vršila na dva načina. Prvi cilj je bil, zdrobiti moralo jeklarskih delavcev, drugi pa, obrniti splošno publiko proti stavki. Poizkus za demoraliziranje stavkarjev je imel dve obliki in sicer: Propaganda, da je stavka izgubljena, da se delavci vračajo in da je za stavkarje najbolje, da gredo nazaj na delo, dokler je še čas, oziroma, dokler jih je kompanija še pripravljena sprejeti; tororiziranje piketov in ustrahovanje njihovih družin. Javno mnenje se je tudi "ko-ordiniralo" na dva načina; potom propagande v časopisih, raz prižnice in potom splošnega govorjenja; in pa gospodarski pritisk je bil grozovit.

Dne 15. junija, pet dni po izbruhu stavke, se je v luteranski cerkvi na Vine Street sestalo pet vigilantskih voditeljev z dvema stavkarskimi voditeljema, Davidom Watkinsonom in Johnom W. Stephensonom. S. H. Heckman, šef Penn-Traffic trgovine, edine department prodajalne v mestu, ki je bil eden izmed organizatorjev vigilantskega državljanskega odbora, je povedal Watkinsu in Stephensonu, da "businesmani johnstownskega okrožja ne bodo pod nobenim pogojem dopustili, da bi se delavci Bethlehem Steel korporacije organizirali in kolektivno pogajali s svojim delodajalcem, ker bi bilo to škodljivo našemu businessu." Pred seboj imam stenografski report omenjene konference.

Trgovine so stavkarjem ukinile ves kredit

V rokah imam tudi s svinčnikom pisano pismo, katerega je prejela Mrs. Pedro Sanchez, žena enega izmed stavkarjev, od Vinceja Ferande, lastnika splošne trgovine, ki prodaja vse od grocerijskih potrebščin do oblek. Pismo se glasi:

"Mrs. Sanchez: Najbrže ste že slišali o tem. Nam je zelo žal, ampak prisiljeni smo ustaviti ves kredit, kajti trgovine na debelo nam ne dajo ničesar več na kredit, temveč zahtevajo samo gotovino. Ker moramo vse plačati v gotovini, moramo tudi zahtevati, da se za vse takoj plača. Prosim torej, ne bodite užaljeni, ker mi ne moremo pomagati. Smo prisiljeni k temu, ako hočemo ostati v trgovini. Prosimo vas torej, da nam pomagate in da kupujete pri nas, dokler nam ne bo mogoče iznova dajati na kredit. Mi je zelo, zalo žal. —(Podpis) Vince Feranda."

Eksekutivni uradniki in slamnati bossi Bethlehem Steel korporacije, bankirji, trgovci, mestni uradniki, časopisi in duhovščina — vse je šlo v boj proti stavkarjem. Načrt kampanje je bil očitno sledeči: najprej izolirati stavkarje od ostalega prebivalstva, potem pa nahujskati občo javnost proti stavkarjem. Izolacija je bila dosežena s tem, da se je zabilo zagozdo med stavkarje na eni

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STANOVANJA ZA GOSTE NA OLIMPAJADI

Vse člane SSPZ in druge osebe v Clevelandu, ki imajo na na razpolago kako sobo, so prošene, da to sporočijo v uradu "Napredka", 6231 St. Clair Ave. ali pa na naslovu Miss Ann Opeka, 1172 E. 71 St. Rabilo se jih bo za goste ob priliki Olimpijade SSPZ, ki se bo vršila v Clevelandu v dneh 4., 5. in 6. septembra.

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Aktivnosti SSPZ

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Pokojni člani

—V soboto 24. julija je umrl v Clevelandu John Pengov, star 55 let, doma iz Kamnika na Gorenjskem, odkoder je prišel v Ameriko pred 30 leti. Tukaj zapušča soprogo, dva sina in hčer, v starem kraju pa dva brata. Bil je član društva Lunder-Adamič, št. 20 SSPZ.

— Dne 13. julija je bil v Yukonu, Pa., pri delu v premogovniku ubit od elektrike Luka Pivk, star 51 let. Rojen je bil v Srednjem brdu, občina Trata, pri Kranju na Gorenjskem. Bil je član društva št. 5 SSPZ v Darragh, Pa.

— V Chicagu, Ill., v pullmanskem okraju, je umrl 20. julija Louis Škrbec. Bil je dalj časa bolan za srčno napako, kateri bolezni so se pridružile še druge komplikacije. Tu zapušča soprogo, dve hčeri in dva sina, ki so vsi odraščeni. Pokojni je bil marljiv delavec za SSPZ in društvo št. 100, katerega tajnik je bil mnogo let. Odstopil je od tega urada šele na zadnji seji, komaj par tednov nazaj, sluteč svojo usodo. Bil je delegat 8. redne konvencije v Pittsburghu. Pokojnik je bil zelo mirnega značaja in vsled tega splošno priljubljen med vsemi, ki so ga poznali. Naj v miru počiva, družini pa naše globoko sožalje!

Razne vesti

— Iz Los Angelesa Cal., se poroča, da je bila tamkaj znana pustolovka Frances Tavčar radi sleparije s čekom za večjo svoto obsojena na zapor od enega do devetih let.

— Oženil se je v Chicagu, Ill., poznani "star pečlar" Charlie Pogorelec, upravnik "Proletarca" in tajnik JSZ, ki si je izbral za življensko družico Ano Ciganič, ki je bila svoječasno uposlena v uradu SNPJ. Podala sta

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PREGLED VAŽNIH DOGODKOV DOMA IN PO SVETU

Zvezna administracija je pretekli teden definitivno umaknila načrt za povečanje osobja najvižje zvezne sodnije, potem ko je senat z veliko večino odglasoval, da se ga vrne pravosodnemu odseku. To je prvi v resnici pomemben poraz, ki ga je doživel Roosevelt, odkar je v Beli hiši. Vendar, ako Roosevelt ni dobil, kar je zahteval, pa je vseeno lahko zadovoljen, kajti nobenega dvoma ni, da je baš ta boj povzročil, da je najvišja sodnija postala "liberalna" ter proglasila ustavnim Wagnerjevo delavsko postavo, zakon za socijalno zaščito in še več drugih new-dealerskih reform, ki bi bile v nasprotnem slučaju gotovo zletele v koš neustavnosti. Pot za pristriženje oblasti najvišjega sodišča potom ustavnega amendmenta je seveda še vedno odprta. Poglavitno bojno orožje opozicije je bilo, da si hoče Roosevelt prilastiti "diktatorsko oblast".

Krvava borba pred Madridom se nadaljuje. Fašistom se je na enem sektorju madridske fronte posrečilo potisniti lojaliste nazaj. Bitka za Madrid je največja in najbolj krvava v eno leto stari državljanski vojni ter se po številu vojaštva na obeh straneh lahko primerja velikim bitkam v zadnji svetovni vojni. Skoro dnevno se vršijo bitke med jatami bojnih letal. Diplomatje med tem nadaljujejo z igro slepih miši v imenu nevtralnosti, katere pri fašističnih silah ni nikjer, razen na papirju. Angleški zunanji minister Eden je zopet prišel na dan s svarilom na Italijo radi kontrole Sredozemskega morja in to pot pristavil tudi Rdeče morje. V Londonu je bil tudi zopet sestavljen nov "nevtralnostni načrt", ki sta ga Italija in Nemčija vzeli na znanje "kot predmet diskusij".

V Rimu je umrl prošli teden v starosti 63 let Guglielmo Marconi, iznajditelj brezžičnega brzojava, ki je pozneje dovedel do radija. Prva brezžična brzojavka je bila poslana preko Atlantskega oceana leta 1901. Ta epohalna iznajdba, s katero je Marconi realiziral znanstvene teorije raznih učenjakov, ki so delovali pred njim, je skrčila svet kot malo katera druga. Človeštvu je prinesla mnogo dobrega in koristnega, pa tudi mnogo zla in gorja, kot pač vse velike iznajdbe, katerih raba odvisi od družbe. Kot oseba je bil Marconi "praktičen človek", kajti znal je svoje iznajdbe komercijalizirati ter je živel in umrl kot velik bogatin. Poročila povedo, da je Mussolini četrt ure "klečal in molil ob njegovi krsti" in da je papež bral mašo za njegovo dušo.

Napetost na Daljnem vzhodu, ki je nastala po "incidentu" severno od Peipinga, se je za par dni malo zmanjšala, že koncem tedna pa zopet poostrila. Japonci so namreč odkrili nov "incident" — potem ko so sporočili v svet, da so Kitajci napadli in ugrabili nekega japonskega mornarja v Šanghaju, se je v omenjenem mestu izkrcala posadka japonskega vojaštva. Temu so sledili dan pozneje novi spopadi v bližini Tientsina.

Adolf Hitler je zadnji teden nastopil tudi kot diktator umetnosti ter potegnil črto med "zdravo in pravo nemško umetnostjo" in pa med "pokvarjeno boljševiško." Za pokvarjeno je razglasil vsako sliko, ki je ni mogoče razumeti brez posebne razlage. V Monakovem je Hitler z uro in pol trajajočim govorom otvoril razstavo, v kateri so visela dela nacijskih slikarjev, istočasno pa je bila otvorjena druga razstava, ki naj bi Nemcem služila kot svarilen vzgled, kaj ni umetnost. Ampak Hitler je imel smolo. Kot povedo poročila, je dela "propalih" umetnikov šlo gledat mnogo več ljudi kot pa ona, ki so jih napravili "pravi nemški umetniki." Kot znano, je bil Hitler nekoč sobni pleskar in želel je tudi postati umetnik, pa ni nikoli daleč prišel.

Vladni delavski odbor je zadnji teden v Detroitu nadaljeval z zaslišanji prič v obtožbi proti Fordovi družbi radi kršenja Wagnerjeve postave, medtem pa se je v Washingtonu začelo zaslišanje, izvirajoče iz enake obtožbe proti Republic Steel Co. Policijski načelnik iz Massillona, O., kjer sta bila tekom jeklarske stavke ubita dva delavca, je priznal, da ga je korporacija nagovarjala, da bi zaprisegel njene privatne puškarje kot policiste in da je od nje sprejemal orožje in municijo. Porota mrliškega ogledника v Chicagu, sestoječa iz samih članov Ameriške legije, je masaker, izvršen na stavkarjih na Spominski dan, v katerem je bilo ubitih deset mož, oprala, češ, da je policija "pravičeno" streljala na stavkarje in simpatičarje. La Follettov odbor za civilne svobodščine je v zvezi z istim dogodkom objavil popolnoma drugačno poročilo: čikaško policijo je ožigosal ter izjavil, da je bil njen nastop dokaz bodisi popolne nedisciplinirnosti ali pa premišljene namere, navdati stavkarje z grozo. CIO je zadnji petek objavil ostro kritiko na račun Rooseveltove administracije, katero dolži, da je postala povsem brezbrižna za kršenja delavskih pravic od strani jeklarskih korporacij.

Sloviti Scottsboro slučaj, ki se vleče že skozi šest let in pol, je zadnji teden stopil v nov stadij, ko je sodnija v Decaturju v državi Alabami štiri izmed devetih mladih zamorcev oprostila, eden je bil obsojen na kratek zapor radi nekega drugega prestopka, trije so bili obsojeni na dolgoletno ječo, eden pa je bil zopet obsojen na smrt. Mednarodna delavska obrana naznanja, da bo podvzela akcijo za masni apel na governerja Alabame, da bi obsojeno četvorico pomilostil. Zamorci so bili obtoženi posiljenja dveh belih vlačug, katerih ena je pozneje sama priznala, da je proti njim po krivem pričala.

Za voditelja demokratske stranke v zveznem senatu na mesto umrlega senatorja Robinsona je bil izvoljen senator Barkley iz Kentuckyja, ki je pristaš administracije. Senator Copeland, pripadnik stare garde, pa je naznanil, da bo kandidiral proti new-yorškemu županu La Guardiji na demokratskem (tamanitskem) tiketu. Kandidatura je bila prej ponujena senatorju Wagnerju, ki pa je ni maral sprejeti.

OZADJE KONKORDATSKE BORBE, KI VZRUJA JUGOSLAVIJO

Poročevalec new-yorškega "Timesa" na Dunaju je poslal svojemu listu z ozirom na boj, ki je nastal v Jugoslaviji radi konkordata z Vatikanom, naslednje informativno poročilo:

Dolgo se pripravljajoča nevihta, ki je izbruhnila v Jugoslaviji kot rezultat poizkusov premierja Milana Stojadinovića in notranjega ministra dr. Antona Korošca, pokazuje, da je že itak nepriljubljeni Stojadinovičev režim zbudil v Srbiji najtrpkejše verske in politične strasti. (Poslanska zbornica v Beogradu t. j. Narodna skupščina je konkordat koncem minulega tedna odobrila z večino 48 glasov, medtem ko je bilo glasovanje v senatu odloženo.)

Prvotni namen je bil razcepljenje Hrvatov

Načrt za konkordat je prvotno napravil pokojni kralj Aleksander tekom svoje diktature, ko je bila hrvaška opozicija pod vodstvom Vladimirja Mačka na svojem višku. Aleksandrov namen je bil, potom izredno velikodušnega konkordata razcepiti Hrvate in dobiti hrvaške klerikalce na svojo stran, obenem pa nekoliko potolažiti Sveto stolico, ki je tedaj podpirala proti-srbske tentence na Hrvaškem in v Sloveniji.

Ampak kakor pojasnjuje bivši premijer Bogoljub Jeftić, ki je sestavil konkordat, sedaj pa mu odločno nasprotuje, se je od takrat hrvaška situacija spremenila, vsled česar je taka podaja pred Vatikanom nepotrebna.

Že sama beseda "Srb" znači ne le privadnost srbskemu narodu, temveč tudi pravoslavni cerkvi. Pravoslavna cerkev je intenzivno narodna in Srbi so odločno proti konkordatu..

Prebivalstvo Jugoslavije je 49-odstotno pravoslavno in 37-odstotno katoliško. (Ostalih 14 odstotkov odpade na mohamedance, protestante in žide.) Vendar, kakor se trdi, bi konkordat dal katoliški cerkvi v Jugoslaviji privilegirano mesto.

Konkordat kliče nazaj srednjeveške razmere

Najbolj presenetljiv je 13. član konkordata, ki duhovščini vrača srednjeveški privilegij, z določbo, da slučaj duhovnika, ki je bil spoznan krivim zločina pred posvetno sodnijo, se lahko izroči prizivnemu sodišču, sestoječem iz cerkvenih predstavnikov, ako tako želi škofijski urad.

Člen 32. obvezuje oblasti vsiljevati katoliško pravilo, da

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ZAKAJ NE 'MEŠANA' DRUŠTVA?

ZADNJIČ, ko se je vršila seja Skupnih društev SSPZ v Clevelandu v predmestju Euclid, je bil urednik skupno z ostalimi zastopniki Skupnih društev navzoč tudi na isti večer se vršeči seji lokalnega in še primeroma mladega društva "Prijatelj", št. 215 SSPZ.

Euclid je eno najbolj hitro se razvijajočih clevelandskih predmestij ter je za vse praktične svrhe del Clevelanda, dasiravno ima svojo lastno občinsko upravo. Prvi naši ljudje so se začeli tam naseljevati, ko še ni bilo tlakovanih cest, plina, elektrike in drugih mestnih ugodnosti in ko je bil kraj na zunaj še skoro popolnoma farmerski. Pri tem je ostalo več let. Za časa "Coolidgeve prosperitete" se je naseljevanje iz notranjenih delov Clevelanda v Euclidu obnovilo, po nastopu kritičnih let, pričenši z letom 1929, pa je zopet zavladalo mrtvilo. Vsak je ostal tam, kjer je bil, se držal tega, kar je imel, in obdržal, če se je dalo. V zadnjem času pa se je "Drang nach Osten" med clevelandskimi Slovenci zopet obnovil in okolica Nottingham-Euclid, ki je pravzaprav le podaljšek starejše naselbine v Collinwoodu, zopet raste.

Naselbina ima čeden, primeren Društveni dom s prostori, v katerih obdržavajo društva — bratska in kulturna — veselice, koncerte in igre. (Ker se agilnost v naselbini veča, se govori, da bo treba tudi njen dom povečati.) V naselbini prevladuje mlajši in naprednejši element. So to povečini ljudje, ki so občutili potrebo in tudi imeli pogum iztrgati se tesnobi in šundru, prahu in dimu v notranjih predelih mesta ter iti ven, kjer so vsaj nekoliko bližje prirodi in solncu. Ta okolica skupno s Collinwoodom že danes predstavlja največjo kompaktno naselbino naših ljudi v Clevelandu, ki je obenem tudi najbolj agilna in napredna. Njena važnost v vsem našem javnem življenju bo rastla od leta do leta.

Zavedajoč se tega, so torej Skupna društva SSPZ pred kratkim prvič, odkar obstoje, imela svojo redno sejo v Društvenem domu v Euclidu.

Kot je že br. William Candon poročal v zadnji izdaji "Napredka", je seja Skupnih društev razmotrivala o tem, kako bi se ojačilo in poživelo naše društvo, ki se že nahaja tam, in to vprašanje je samo od sebe sprožilo drugo, tikajoče se odnošajev med "starimi" in "mladimi", med onimi, ki so bili rojeni in vzgojeni v starem kraju in med tukaj rojeno ter v ameriških razmerah in šolah vzgojeno mladino slovenskih staršev. Razprava je pokazala, da ima društvo v svoji sredi člane obeh vrst, toda pri vodstvu so starejši, posledica česar je, da mladina ne obiskuje sej in se za društvo ne zanima. Mladih članov, ki so svoj čas že imeli svoje društvo, ni dovolj, da bi se riskiralo ustanovitev angleško poslujočega društva, to zlasti po slabih skušnjah s prvim takim društvom. Kaj torej napraviti?

Ni dvoma, da se s sličnimi zagatnimi razmerami bore marsikatera naša društva, kajti ako ima s tako dilemo opraviti primeroma mlado Zvezino društvo v veliki in rastoči naselbini, potem je gotovo, da se v enakem položaju nahajajo tudi mnoga stara društva, ki se nahajajo v malih naselbinah, ki v splošnem ne morejo računati na dotok, temveč svoje moči celo izgubljajo. Je torej to problem, ki se ne tiče samo Euclida ali katerekoli druge posamezne naselbine, temveč vprašanje, ki se tiče mnogih društev in naselbin in je torej važno za vso organizacijo.

Po našem mnenju je treba, da smo vedno realistični in tako tudi v tem. Kaj so dejstva? V navedenem slučaju, ki pa je seveda le eden izmed mnogih, imamo takorekoč "mešano društvo". Na papirju, oziroma za uradne svrhe je društvo slovensko in tudi tako posluje, ampak v svojih vrstah ima tudi mlade člane in članice, ki niso dovolj vešči slovenskega jezika, da bi se v njem poljubno izražali. Ako se pusti, da to stanje traja, potem je resna nevarnost, da bo društvo obtičalo, kjer je in da bo zapadlo popolnemu mrtvilu. Zakaj ne raje sprejeti dejstva, kakršna so ter se po njih ravnati? Zakaj naj ne bi ta "mešana" društva tudi poslovala "mešano" t. j. dvojezično? Zakaj n. pr. bi se ne gledalo na to, da bi se izvolilo za predsednica, tajnika ali katerikoli urad mladega člana ali članico, ki bi svoj posel vršil v angleškem jeziku, ostali pa v slovenskem? In zakaj naj bi se mladi člani na društvenih sejah ne posluževali angleščine, starejši pa slovenščine? Prav nobenega vzroka ni, zakaj ne. In ne samo to, da ni nobenega vzroka proti temu, temveč fakt je, da se tako že posluje, kadar in kjer je potreba.

Na vseh naših konvencijah so zadnja leta navzoči delegati angleško poslujočih društev in tukaj rojeni mladi ljudje tudi sedijo v glavnih odborih. Konvencije in seje glavnih odborov se faktično vršijo dvojezično. Vsak se izraža v jeziku, ki mu najgladkeje teče, pa ni bilo vsled tega še nobenih neprilik, ker glavno je, da vsi razumejo, za kaj gre, glede tega pa ni težkoč, kajti prav kakor mladi po večini razumejo slovensko govorico, dasiravno je ne obvladajo, tako starejši razumejo angleščino, četudi po večini lažje in raje govore svoj jezik.

SSPZ ima s striktno uradnega stališča le slovensko in angleško poslujoča društva. Kar se prvih tiče, vemo, da ni več dosti prilike, da bi ustanavljali nova. Vemo tudi, da kjerkoli so razmere količkaj ugodne, je za napredek organizacije najbolje, da se organizira angleško poslujoče društvo. S tem pa ni rečeno, da je vsaka druga metoda nemogoča ali celo nedovoljena, Pomniti treba, da metoda je postranska stvar, poglavitno je, da je uspešna, da vodi napram zaželjenemu cilju — v našem slučaju: da je koristna napredku SSPZ.

Kar se "mešanih" društev tiče, bi celo to rekli, da ako bi bilo izpeljivo, bi bilo v resnici želeti, da bi bila vsa naša društva vodena v tem pravcu, ker to bi bila najboljša garancija za ohraniteh dobrih in trdnih vezi med starim in mladim rodom. Vsekakor pa je tak način poslovanja zaželjiv in potreben povsod, kjer razmere kažejo, da je vsaj za enkrat tako najboljše.

DOPISI IN POROČILA ČLANSTVA

RAZNO IZ WHITE VALLEY

White Valley, Pa. — Kakor se razvidi, se "kolesa napredka" bolj počasi obračajo. Kdo utegne reči: Zakaj se pa ne pobrigaš, da bi se kolo zavrtelo? Toda verjemite mi, da bi rad vidal, da bi se pri našem društvu št. 142 vsaj desetkrat zavrtelo vsaki mesec, t. j. za deset članov, ali kaj se hoče, ko pa imajo vse organizacije kampanje, v tukajšnji okolici je pa kakih 12 društev, spadajočim k raznim jednonotam. In imajo nekatere organizacije tudi boljše pogoje glede bolniške podpore. Pred kratkim sem nagovarjal nekega rojaka, da bi pristopil k društvu št. 142, pa me je naprej vprašal da kako se plačuje bolniška podpora. Ko sem mu povedal, da za prvih pet dni bolezni ne dobi podporre, je rekel, da rajši pristopi k drugi organizaciji, pri katerih se za prvih tri dni ne dobi, ako se ponesreči pa dobi prvi dan. Ako bi bila zadnja konvencija sklenila, da se prvi in zadnji dan ne plača, pa bi gotovo naša SSPZ imela nekoliko več prednosti kot druge organizacije pri pridobivanju novega članstva. Pa kaj se hoče. Pravila moramo upoštevati vsaj do prihodnje konvencije.

Bilo je sicer že poročano o zadnji Federacijski seji, ki se je vršila v Herminie, Pa., želim pa še jaz nekoliko poročati, ker bilo je jako lepo število zastopnikov in zastopnic navzočih. Razpravljalo se je o marsičem, med drugim tudi zaradi pennsylvanske poslovnice. Še dobro se spominjam, ko so nekateri rekli na konvenciji v Indianapolisu, da ko se bo prihodnja konvencija vršila v Pittsburghu, jo bomo že gotovo imeli. In tudi enkrat lani na neki federacijski seji so rekli, da jo dobimo, predno bo prišlo leto 1937. Ne bom več pisal o seji, ampak omeniti pa moram še, da je društvo št. 80 SSPZ po seji priredilo kosilo, ki pa ni bilo navadno kosilo, ampak pravi banket, ker bilo je toliko različnih jestvin, da si vseh niti zapomniti nisem mogel. Le krvave klobase sem si dobro zapomnil, ker je neki zastopnik zraven mene sedel, pa je moral pas odpeti, pa še s sabo je nekaj vzel. V imenu Federacije se prav lepo zahvaljujem kuharicam, ki so nam tako lepo postregle in tudi tistim, ki je krvavice napravil.

Ob 2. uri popoldne smo šli na piknik, ki se je vršil na Šuštarjevi farmi na Rilltonu. Je to jako lep prostor, le da je malo preveč oddaljen od glavne ceste.

Na pikniku mi je bilo povedano, da bom moral jaz program voditi. Seveda sem se kar ustrašil, ker do sedaj Jurij iz Bele doline še ni kaj takega doživel, da bi bil za kakega stoloravnatelja. Ker je društvo št. 80 SSPZ tudi obhajalo svojo 25-letnico, je Jurij rad ali nerad odprl program in čestital društvu in ustanoviteljem, kateri so bili navzoči. Potem je br. Mike Stern, predsednik društva št. 80 prečital čestitke iz glavnega urada SSPZ, katere je poslal br. William Rus. Za tem je bil predstavljen naš gl. predsednik br. John Kvartich, ki je imel obširen govor o naši SSPZ, potem pa je ustanoviteljem pripel častne znake SSPZ ter jim želel, da bi dočakali še 50-letni jubilej društa. Potem je bil poklican tudi podpredsednik Federacije br. Anton Barilar, ki je čestital društvu in ustanoviteljem in želel obilo uspeha. Sledil je br. Ernest Kvartich, ki je govoril v angleškem jeziku. Ernest je sin gl. predsednika. Lep je bil zaključni prizor. Br. Stern je poklical k mizi vse tri ustanovitelje in jim izročil v imenu društva velik kolač v znak priznanja kot zvestim članom društva št. 80 SSPZ. Eden izmed trojice se je zahvalil za izkazano priznanje, nato pa zasadi nož v sredo kolača in želi, da ga eden razreže, tako da ga bo vsakdo nekaj dobil. Neka sestra ga je razrezala na male kose. Mladina oziroma otroci so bili prvi, potem smo pa še ta stari prišli na vrsto. Tudi jaz sem bil deležen jubilejnega kolača. S tem je bil program zaključen. Mladina je začela plesati, mi ta stari smo se pa hladili pod košatim hrastom in suha grla zalivali. Bilo je vsega dovolj, pijače in jedače. Društvu št. 80 želim obilo uspeha in hvala za lepo postrežbo.

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Vsem članom in staršem, ki imajo svoje otroke pri Vrtcu št. 103 SSPZ naznanjam, da je bilo sklenjeno na zadnji seji Vrtca, da se vsi člani Vrtca dajo skupno slikati in sicer 1. avgusta ob 2. uri popoldne, pri br. Franku Kosmachu, ker on ima jako lep prostor okrog svoje hiše. Po slikanju pa bodo otroci imeli prosto zabavo ali lawn party. Dobili bodo brezplačno prigrizek, mehko pijačo in sladoled. Pa tudi za nas ta stare bo nekaj mokrega za naša suha grla. Zatorej pridite tudi vi starši, očetje in matere s svojimi otroci, ker gotovo vam ne bo žal, pa otrokom boste dali več korajže. Seveda, tudi kateri drugi lahko pride, akoravno ni član, ako želi par ur domače zabave, ker se ne bo gledalo za noben profit.

Še enkrat se opozarja starše, da pripeljete svoje otroke, ki so člani in članice Vrtca št. 103 SSPZ. Torej na svidenje 1. avgusta ob 2. uri popoldne pri br. Franku Kosmaču!

Jurij Previc, predsednik Federacije in upravitelj Vrtca.

— Kot stenografka v zakladniškem departmentu v Washingtonu je zaposlena mlada rojakinja Emilija Padar, katere starši živijo v Ringo, Kans.

Ozadje konkordatske borbe, ki vzruja Jugoslavijo

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morajo biti otroci mešanih zakonov katoliško vzgojeni, akoravno bi katoliški zakonec pozneje prestopil v pravoslavje.

Člen 16. dovoljuje katoliški cerkvi obdržati vso lastnino tudi v krajih, katerih prebivalstvo bi postalo pravoslavno.

Vse te določbe dajejo katoliški cerkvi enostranske izključne privilegije.

Člen 12. odpira na stežaj vrata katoliškim redom iz inozemstva v svrho dela za spreobračanje. Vatikan imenuje škofe in vlada ima samo štiri tedne časa za vložitev protesta, ako z imenovanjem ni zadovoljna.

V šolah, v katerih tvorijo katoliški otroci večino, bi imela katoliška cerkev absolutno kontrolo nad verskim poukom, v šolah, kjer so katoliški otroci v manjšini, pa ima biti verski pouk proporčen. Popolnoma neobvezno zagotovilo, podano šele ob enajsti uri od strani Stojadinovića, da se bo te privilegije nudilo tudi drugim veroizpovedim, ne more prepričati pravoslavne dcerkve, da se ga bo izpolnjevalo in da ne bodo katoličani imeli izključnih privilegijev.

Vladni nastop je združil vso opozicijo

Konkordat je združil v opoziciji proti Stojadinovićevi vladi, vsaj začasno, pripadnike pravoslavne cerkve, skrajne nacijonaliste, liberalce, Hrvate, ki so pristaši dr. Mačka, in takozvane beograjske opozicijonalce.

Kaj je torej dovedlo nepopularni Stojadinovićev režim, da se je zavzel vsiliti sprejem te sporne predloge?

Eno pojasnilo je up, kakor že pojasnjeno, da se bo potom razcepitve Hrvatov in pridobitve hrvaških klerikalcev oslabilo dr. Mačkovo gibanje. Drugo in često omenjano pojasnilo je, da je notranji minister dr. Korošec, ki ima znaten vpliv pri regentu princu Pavlu, zapretil, da se bo sedanja koalicijska vlada sesula, ako se konkordata takoj ne odobri.

Tretje pojasnilo pa omenja kupčijo med Sveto stolico in Stojadinovićem, da bo Vatikan v zameno za konkordat umaknil vso podporo gibanju za povratek Habsburžanov na avstrijski prestol, katerega se Jugoslavija boji.

Kaj je pošten poročevalec videl in slišal v Johnstownu

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strani ter pisarniške in slične delavce ter farmerje na drugi. To se je napravilo na trojen način:

Hujskanje splošne javnosti proti stavkarjem

1. Objavljena je bila vest, da se bodo Cambrijski plavži za vselej zaprli, ako stavkarji zmagajo. Ker eksistenčna baza Johnstwna v gospodarskem oziru sloni na Bethlehem Steel korporaciji, je ta vest napolnila s strahom slehernega malega trgovca in obrnika, pisarniškega delavca in klerka.

2. Še isti dan, ko so delavci šli na stavko, je Penn-Traffic department prodajalna poslala domov velik del svojih klerkov. Po razglasitvi delnega obsednega stanja so se ostali klerki tresli kot šiba na vodi vsled govorice, da če stavke ne bo konec, bo njih delovni čas reduciran na polovico tedna.

3. Oba johnstwnska lista sta javno pozivljala, da se vsi jeklarski delavci prijavijo za relif, s pristavkom, da se bodo okrajni relifni stroški s tem povišali za 600 odstotkov. Razume se, da bi se ne bilo moglo na noben način bolj podkuriti slehernega posestnika, trgovca obrtnika in farmerja v Cambria okraju.

V tej zvezi je vredno opozoriti na sledeča dejstva:

1. V johnstownski okolici sta samo dve važni industriji — jeklarska in premogovna. Od obeh je jeklarska važnejša in je vir večjih dohodkov za mesto..

2. Kot posledica bančnih polomov tekom 1932-33 ima mesto samo eno banko — United State National banka, potom katere posluje Bethlehem Steel korporacija.

3. Vodilna trgovska firma v mestu je Penn-Traffic Store.

4. Bethlehem Steel Co. finančno podpira vse johnstownske cerkve, katerih najbogatejši farani so višji in nižji eksekutivni uradniki te korporacije.

Govorica, kaj da se je zgodilo s klerki Penn-Traffic prodajalne in kaj da še lahko pride, se je bliskoma raznesla po mestu. Čez štiri in dvajset ur ni bilo mogoče najti trgovskega klerka v Johnstownu, ki ne bi goreče upal, da bo stavka takoj poravnana. Tako je Bethlehem Steel Co. dosegla prelom med jeklarskimi stavkarji in delavci v trgovinah in drugod.

Petorica mož, ki ima Johnstown na vrvici

Pet mož je, ki imajo ves Johnstown na vrvici in njih manipulacije segajo direktno ali indirektno na dom slehernega izmed 70,000 prebivalv tega "kompanijskega mesta". To petorico tvorijo: C. R. Ellicott, generalni poslovodja Cambria Cambria plavžev; Georg Suppes in Francis Martin, predsednik in blagajnik United States National banke; S. H. Heckman od Penn-Traffic Store, in Daniel E. Shields, župan mesta. Za to petorico pa stoje iste osebe, ki stoje za Tom Girdlerjem od Republic Steel in Frankom Purnellom od Youngstown Sheet and Tube Co. — Eugene Grace, predsednik direktorija Bethlehem Steel Co. in William C. Potter, predsednik Guarranty Trust Company v New Yorku, ki je Morganova banka.

Par besed o tej petorici. Ellicott je poznan širom jeklarskega okrožja kot zagrizen sovražnik unionizma; Suppes je docela odvisen od Bethlehem Steel Co.; Martin je predsednik lokalne trgovske zbornice in vigilantskega komiteja; Heckman je bil Martinov pobočnik pri organiziranju in vodenju vigilantov; župan Shields je bil svoj čas zaprt radi butlegerstva na debelo.

Shields je igral svojo vlogo, ko se je rabilo vigilante. Izmed 700 vigilantov jih je 600 prišlo iz seznama civilne liste za policijske in ognjegasne službe. Ko so bili zapriseženi, da pomagajo zlomiti stavko, jim je bilo povedano, da bo to preizkušnja, če so kvalificirani za mestne službe. Suppes, na čigar banki je na stotine okoliških farmerjev zadolženih, je istočasno naznanil, da razpolaga z 800 farmerji, "ki so pripravljeni storiti za Jahnstown isto, kar so storili farmerji za Hershey."

Zgodba pastorja, ki si ni upal govoriti resnice

Rev. —— je pastor neke protestantovske cerkve v Johnstown. V nedeljo, potem ko je gov. Earle razglasil obsedno stanje, sem na ulici govoril z njim o lokalni situaciji. Obkolilo naju je nekaj njegovih župljanov. Splošni ton pogovora mi je dal misliti, da je pastor nasproten stavki. Ker mi ni drugega prišlo na misel, sem ga vprašal:

"Ali ne pripadate struji škofa McConnella, ali pa ste morda na drugi strani plota?" (McConnell je vodja liberalne struje v protestantvski cerkvi.) Odgovoril je, da se z mnogimi izjavami in dejanji škofa McConella ne strinja.

Prihodnje jutro pa je zabrnel telefon v moji hotelski sobi. Bil je omenjeni pastor; po glasu se je poznalo, da je vznemirjen. Želel je takoj govoriti z menoj in me vprašal, če lahko pride. Ko je stopil v mojo sobo, je delal vtis človeka, katerega nekaj teži.

"Vest me vznemirja," reče on.

"Radi česa?" vprašam jaz.

"Well, včeraj ste me nekaj vprašali in well, . . . jaz nisem bil popolnoma odkrit z vami. Resnica je, da sem goreč pristaš škofa Mc Connella in se z njim popolnoma strinjam." Pustil sem, da se je izgovoril. Pokazalo se je, da Rev. —— v resnici z vsem srcem simpatizira s stavkarji. Proti koncu svoje izpovedi je segel v žep, potegnil iz njega kos papirja in ga potisnil predme.

"Nate, čitajte," je rekel, "in povejte, kaj mislite."

Bil je osnutek resolucije, v kateri se je obsojalo akcijo gov. Earle-a, ker je proglasil obsedno stanje, in izjavljalo, da je vse mesto nasprotno stavki in da so ji jeklarski delavci sami nasprotni.

"Kaj je to?" sem vprašal.

"Osnutek resolucije, katero sem bil pozvan, da oj sestavim za predložitev pastorski zvezi," mi je odgovoril.

"Ampak vi sami tega ne verujete!" sem vzkliknil.

"On je le globoko vzdihnil in potegnil z robcem preko čela. Njegov molk je povedal vse. Potem sem rekel: "Ste pač v hudi zagati, ali ne?" Obupno je odvrnil: "Niti misliti si ne morete!"

"Kaj nameravate storiti?" sem hotel vedeti.

"Preostaja mi le eno: šel bom naravnost na sejo in resolucijo predložil. Potem pa pojdem na počitnice in me ne bo nazaj, dokler ne bo vse to končano."

Nikoli ne bom pozabil njegovega skrušenega hrbta, ko je odhajal.

Od tedna do tedna

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Iz te daljave je sicer težko ustvarjati definitivne in jasne sodbe o elementih, ki stoje za tem novim bojem, oziroma, kakšni so motivi voditeljev, toda več znamenj je, ki dajejo misliti, da za tem trenjem stojita dve tekmujoči sili, ki sta Jugoslaviji in njenemu ljudstvu enako sovražni in enako nevarni. To sta italijanski fašizem na eni strani in nemški nocizem na drugi. Krilo reakcije, katero predstavlja dr. Korošec, želi zbižanja z Rimom in Mussolinijem, dočim srbski nacijonalisti težijo napram Berlinu. Ministrski predsednik Stojadinović je sicer Srb, a ker ne more vladati brez slovenskih klerikalcev, mora ali pristati na njih zahteve ali pa se umakniti. Vprašanje konkordata z Vatikanom je srbskim nacijonalistom dobrodošla poteza, da pokrinko verskega boja dikreditirajo sedanjim režim in si tako ugladijo pot nazaj k vladi in moči. Jasno je, da sta obe strani desperatni in da sta se pripravljeni poslužiti vseh mogočih sredstev, kajti gre se jima za oblast. Kar se ljudstva tiče, se mu ne obeta nič dobrega, pa naj zmaga ena ali druga stran.

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Nad vsem tem pa stoji eno dejstvo: Vatikan je s svojo politiko povzročil novo in skrajno resno krizo v Jugoslaviji ter zanetil boj, ki more roditi edinole zlo. Njegovo geslo je: Rule or ruin — ako ne pojde kot mi hočemo, potem Jugoslavijo lahko vrag vzame.

Nauk te krize je jasen: cerkev in država naj bosta ločeni; vse veroizpovedi naj bodo svobodne, toda nobena naj nima nobenih privilegijev. Tako je v Ameriki in njena 150-letna zgodovina je najboljši dokaz, da je vsestransko najbolje.

NAŠI PO AMERIKI

(Dalje s 1. str.)

se na poročno potovanje v Colorado.

—V New Yorku je nagle smrti umrl Ludvik Benedik, poslovodja "Glasa Naroda", pri katerem je bil uposlen skozi 35 let. Bil je 60 let star, doma pri Sv. Joštu na Gorenjskem ter zapušča ženo, tri sinove in hčer.

— V Clevelandu se mudita na obisku dr. Franc Trdan, profesor v Škofovih zavodih v Št. Vidu nad Ljubljano, in Julij Slapšak, šolski ravnatelj v pokoju. V Ameriko sta prišla na povabilo organizacije Jugoslovanskega kulturnega vrta, ki je preteklo nedeljo proslavila drugi "Baragov dan" z odkritvijo spomenika Ivana Cankarja.

— V Beunos Airesu v Argentini je začela izhajati mesečna revija "Njiva", ki je glasilo delavskega kulturnega društva Ivan Cankar. Revija bo zastopala napredne delavske smernice, toda ne bo politična.

Seen By Passerby at Spartan Outing

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what form in her bathing suit) for she decided a bathing suit was just about the right thing for that old hole.

Putting my nose to the wind, I located the beer, just to find Hank Zorman pumping away for all he's worth and the fellows from Pennsy doing the "Rhumba" on the table with Elsie and Julie (girls, with all those fellows, what's the matter you Spartan gals were you afraid of them?)

Well, the picnic is getting rough for no sooner I turn around I see Joyce chasing Chuck with a piece of ice determined to get it down his neck, and even Frances Moze helping them and poor Gerry Spehek crying her eyes out for Chuck, so that he wouldn't get hurt.

"What is the power you have over women, Chuck?" Oh, I forgot to mention Eddie Centa, didn't he look handsome in that swimming outfit and chasing the girls around with nice cold ice in his hands.

Getting out of that region, I rambled along only to find the "two Stans," Stokel and Zorc, having a pleasant conversation with Josephine and look, for goodness sakes, they've got her down in the mud, Joyce, I mean, and if she doesn't look tan enough without a mud plaster. Oh, gee, it's getting rougher, they are after Toni Zagar and for goodness sakes, they threw her in too, and she is angry. You better watch out, Eddie and Hank, there's fire in that girl's eyes. Oh, look, now they've got Stan Stokel in the mud and he comes up out of the mud with a big smile on his face, boy, he can take it. Oh, boy! the mud is bad enough, but when they put Julie Zdesar in a barrel of cold water that's going too far and Gigolo Joe was the guilty one. Oh, before I ramble on home a few sights that couldn't be missed:

Chuck Koman in cullottes.

Hank in the mud with Spehek.

Joyce Gorshe without the company of Marie Zakrajsek.

The Jeric gals with Ray and Roy, the twins.

Stan Zagar looking dreamingly into the eyes of the girl in blue overalls.

Julie and Gigolo Joe doing the disappearing act.

Toni Zagar in a house coat.

Ann Opeka temper rising.

Well, it will be so long for now.

Just a Passerby

Power Point "Vrtec's" Big Day

Power Point, Ohio. — Hi, folks, here comes the Power Point Vrtec gang again. We are inviting all lodges and friends from far and near.

We are going to have this big time August 28th in John Chuck's Hollow. The admission will be 10c for the adults and 5c for children. Now don't forget to come.

Clara Chuck, Rec. Sec.
Agnes Lesjak, Treasurer.

Spartan-Orel Game Postponed

The ball game that the Spartans were to play with Orels Monday night had to be postponed on account of rainy weather. On Friday, July 30, the Spartans will play the Utopians, resuming the friendly rivalry between the two SSPZ lodges.

What's the News?

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Dorothy Kuhel, the girl with luck, spent her vacation in Northern Wisconsin. She drove the distance in her Chevy. The term "girl with luck" refers to the auto, for this is the same car that she won at the National Athletic Meet in Cleveland in 1935. There were many of us who wanted to own that car for one or two of those tickets. The writer will settle for cash this year!

Trail Blazers will hold a Social after their August meeting. This will be a sort of a pep meeting preparatory to the invasion to Cleveland for the 5th National Athletic Meet. Eats will be furnished by the lodge and refreshments may be had at cost. It is also said that Mike Vrhovnik will bring along his movie projector and show the harvest of his photografic endeavors during his latest hop, skip and jump around the country and hereabouts. Make a circle on your calendar around the third Thursday of the month. Mandy Tome would have been exempt from paying the August assessment, had she been present at this meeting, but she didn't, and the lodge would not settle with her husband (L. Tome) on 50-50 proposition, so there she is. Which is another reminder that attending a meeting once in a while may prove to be profitable. An ad in the 1937 National Athletic Meeting Souvenir Book was purchased. Previous month two books of tickets for the Olympics were purchased. And Johnnie Frankovich, the treasurer par-excellence, — groaned! There must be money in thar' them coffers yet! Anyway, Trail Blazers' credit is good. If things go hand in hand, as the saying goes, and the lodge advances to members' assessments as much as $48 odd dollars, why can't the same be true vice versa. If you want to join the Trail Blazers' ball team excursion to Cleveland during the Labor Day holiday, make a check for $10.30 payable to E. Vrhovnik, and your seat on the train will be reserved. If you have no checking account, he will accommodate you by accepting the same amount in cash. The railroad company will accept no I. O. U.'s and neither will Eddie, so if you have real intentions of going to the Meet, fork over cold cash.

The clock goes tick-tock-tick-tock, and the fan buzzes continuously like a swarm of bees about the hive; my pen scratches and bubbles from the want of refill; the pale moon peeks behind the poplars, playing hide and seek behind the scattered clouds; there is a gentle breeze in the trees and a whir of the motor of a passing car. I just can't think of anything else, but I want to fill up this last paragraph. However, if I don't kill this darn mosquito that is trying to prick me wherever my body is exposed to the glare of the electric bulb, I'll start screaming. And if I'll dislocate my arm trying to reach for one way down my back and the other one right between my shoulder blades at the same time, you will know why there will be no "What's the News" next week. Good Night!

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Spartans

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East 71st, Thursday, July 29 at 7:30 p. m. It's very important that you attend.

A few knick-knacks:

Ann Dermotta postcarding from Salem, Ohio, where she is vacationing with her folks for two weeks—

Wasn't that Spartan-Utopian game the "berries"— And you should have seen all the SSPZ baseball fans — On the sidelines were: Mr. Stokel, Mr. Candon, Mr. Pucel, Mr. and Mrs. Zagar, Mrs. Opeka, Mr. and Mrs. Zaman, Mrs. Alice Spehek, wife of the pitcher, Pucel sisters, Krevec sisters, Kalisters, and many other Spartan and Utopian members— Julie Zdesar yelling at our rivals— A genuine rooter, how about it, Julie— Joe Batis, brother of Max and Lud, is spending a month in Cleveland with his family. He has been with the Navy for the last two years.

My greatest pleasure over this week-end was meeting sis. Ella Pushnar, secretary of Hoosier Pals from Indianapolis, a very sweet and demure young lady, with plenty of personality. She was spending the week-end here in Cleveland with her aunt and uncle. According to reports they will be represented at our Olympics, especially the Vrtec members. Hoping to see you all very soon.

"Progressors" baseball team from Bridgeville, Pa., namely Ernie Kvartich, Peaches, and his brother, Lefty Pletersek, Al and Joe Klemenc, Frank, Joe, the manager, Eddie Zupancic, arrived in Cleveland late Sat. night, and oh! what a nite! (oh, oh! what a head the next morning) challenged Spartans team Sun. at the outing— Spartans won (I don't remember the score)— Those of you that didn't attend our outing probably would like to know the outcome of the game Spartan Rookies vs. Veterans— game called off at the end of the eighth inning with a tie score, 3 all on account of rain— and believe me, both teams played their "darndest" for that keg of cheer— the veterans may retire any day now— sorry but you'll have to do so without a pension—

Well, folks, that's all for this time— I'm mighty tired after that outing (I'm writing this article Sunday nite, in a hurry) and will see you next week.

Spartanology

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has to be "wound up" to get into the spirit of things. That's the reason she avoids him I suppose!

—Helen Intihar is an "early Sunday morning church goer."

Outstanding Tickets

Will these members please return either the tickets or money from our Anniversary Dance to sister Opeka, 1127 E. 71 St. as soon as possible.

Stan Bencina, Vatro Grill, Louise Hocevar, Frank Hocevar, John Hostnik, John Jurca, Jennie Jereb, Blossom Konestabo, Mary Tushar, Charles Wick, Victoria Zitko, Sophie Turkman, Andrew Turkman.

A Member's Duty

Do your duty! Every member is bound by the fraternal and moral obligation to help build up and make prosperous their lodge. It is the foundation of it which is necessary to our very own life. It essentializes economy! It is the expense of doing business; a lodge has a factor in preventing fraud and increase persistency in membership. Therefore each and every member should do his or her utmost to increase the membership in their lodge and make it the most outstanding and successful one in the SSPZ organization. SSPZ lodges are active and they promote social life and many other advantages for its members. Membership is the backbone of every organization. New members can be obtained from among those who are self-reliant.

So come all you members, get busy and seek new members. We still have a few more months to take over the lead. We have as good a chance as any other lodge. This should not be so very hard if we actually make up our minds to work for one thing only. And that, my friends, is "More New Members." Make your lodge "Spartans" the biggest and best in the SSPZ organization.

So long everybody till next week.

"Moe"

Nuts To You

The Pennsy SSPZers had the pleasure of entertaining about 6 Spartan lads over the weekend of the Fourth. They sure are a wow, that gang.

(We) I wonder what gave that certain someone the urge to run down Finn Ave., at 4:30 A. M., with a yellow blanket encircled around him. Why did he pick on yellow, of all colors? Am I telling on you Bill?

Joe Moze has a couple of heart throbs here in the hills. Too bad he doesn't live nearer.

I wonder whether or not Stan Zagar and that "Joe" will ever change in their choice of lady friends. What say guys? Have you ever tried picking on twins?

If Stan Stokel could play ball as well as he performs the "Romeo roll," he sure can do it. At least Virginia thinks so.

Stan Zorc must rate around the Burgettstown district. A certain lass is said to have given him extra good treatment.

Rudy Vajentic's girl friend was seen wearing a sparkler on that fatal finger. Is the date set yet Rudolph

Bill—, a Spartan, must have fallen hard for Louise Ahac. They reminded me of a couple of victims of love at first sight.

Frances Horwat surely looked cunning strolling around the grounds at the Challenger's picnic with that young Cleveland chap. Get it Stan? And Joe?

Pirates reported having a grand time at their outing.

We hear that mischievous pair Rudy V. and John P. got a kick out of ducking the girls. It would have been pretty tough for the non-swimming fems if there weren't several inner-tubes handy.

Joe Durko was seen carrying a stiff neck around for 3 days. You shouldn't have let her, Joe.

Anne Marinch has that funny feeling toward that certain Pirate guy. They're seen together pretty regular these days.

Rumors have it that Ernie Kvartich has found his one and only. Bring her around sometime.

I wonder when Margie Vajentic will make up her mind about that certain someone. Or has she?

Benny Christy seems to think blondes are just the thing. You can't fool us, Ben.

I wonder who Martha Marinch has on the string now? It must be love on the nose for sure this time.

Jack Ohara recently had his tonsils removed. I wonder why he advised friends to have them removed.

Jennie Ferbezar must be an extraordinary soda-jerker by now. It seems she has time for nothing but her work at the restaurant these days.

By Half-Cracked

FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK

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tion for only in that way can we hope to attain harmony of purpose and accomplishment.

ATHLETIC MANAGERS

It is essential that the names and addresses of all athletic managers, Lodge and Vrtec, be had on file in the Home Office. Lodge secretaries and Vrtec administrators are, hereby, notified to send the names and address of their athletic managers to the Director of E. S. Lodges and Vrtec units at a near future date.

JUNIOR HOBBY EXHIBIT

If you are acquainted with Vrtec members who show an interest in hobbies, whether they be collections, drawings, paintings, wood and metal work, sewing, crocheting, sculpturing, etc., urge them to enter the S. S. P. Z. JUNIOR HOBBY EXHIBIT of 1937. Explain the rules to them and help them with the entry blanks. This event should be featured annually.

Račun - SSPZ - Statement

Članski oddelek
Adult Department
JUNE 1937

Društ. štev. Lodge No.	Društva vplačala: Lodges Paid-In:	Društva prejela: Lodges Received:
1	$241.27	$57.00
2	96.90	—.—
3	125.63	46.50
4	54.81	25.00
5	62.60	19.50
6	25.44	80.00
7	77.71	10.00
8	65.36	111.00
9	93.47	18.50
10	73.90	35.00
11	55.93	32.50
12	28.54	19.00
13	27.98	20.50
14	88.02	30.00
15	32.18	—.—
16	99.55	15.50
17	31.97	—.—
18	210.87	134.00
19	162.20	—.—
20	753.30	120.00
21	2.71	—.—
22	202.41	130.00
23	79.48	27.00
24	262.04	588.00
25	87.95	20.00
26	464.50	34.00
27	176.19	51.21
28	179.72	15.50
29	103.74	75.00
30	23.25	38.00
31	38.40	—.—
34	33.84	—.—
35	99.25	47.50
36	32.74	3.00
37	77.52	—.—
38	30.74	132.00
39	88.57	3.00
40	29.26	—.—
41	125.47	193.00
42	79.03	10.05
43	14.90	14.00
44	25.32	10.00
45	10.82	—.—
46	134.19	—.—
47	50.96	515.00
48	80.09	10.00
52	20.90	—.—
53	62.00	—.—
54	224.48	524.30
55	89.56	5.00
56	72.07	—.—
57	4.89	—.—
59	133.51	61.50
60	82.23	116.00
61	50.22	—.—
62	22.59	—.—
63	135.70	102.00
64	54.94	15.00
65	12.92	—.—
66	46.57	31.00
67	81.67	5.00
68	6.06	8.00
69	73.94	—.—
70	81.65	92.50
71	—.—	—.—
72	21.66	5.00
74	28.24	—.—
76	25.22	357.60
77	13.15	5.00
79	50.18	10.00
80	140.46	583.00
81	29.78	402.06
82	4.85	—.—
83	71.43	5.00
84	22.74	21.00
85	59.76	169.00
86	61.51	—.—
87	109.49	—.—
89	92.18	43.00
90	58.39	5.00
92	59.21	118.00
97	8.06	—.—
98	2.91	—.—
99	7.80	20.50
100	135.87	151.50
101	155.00	86.00
102	60.33	54.00
103	76.22	45.50
104	122.24	51.50
105	12.62	16.00
106	11.22	—.—
107	100.87	5.00
108	25.56	5.00
109	51.46	96.50
110	—.—	34.00
112	30.19	36.00
113	181.16	50.50
114	29.79	—.—
115	53.95	128.00
116	30.86	10.00
117	128.14	500.00
118	14.54	15.50
119	62.20	5.00
120	166.33	—.—
122	28.56	23.00
123	132.39	748.20
124	95.80	38.50
125	52.82	10.00
126	90.98	264.00
127	53.83	—.—
130	9.61	—.—
131	45.54	8.00
132	34.72	—.—
133	10.55	—.—
135	9.04	—.—
136	10.15	—.—
138	16.97	—.—
139	123.83	—.—
140	135.57	80.00
141	44.87	19.50
142	106.84	.50
143	48.99	31.00
144	75.92	—.—
145	11.11	—.—
146	102.26	29.00
147	54.62	—.—
148	2.57	—.—
149	421.06	2,157.40
151	22.41	11.00
152	62.93	—.—
153	9.14	—.—
154	10.12	—.—
155	93.94	65.00
156	23.15	—.—
158	74.46	—.—
159	5.04	—.—
160	44.24	—.—
161	33.94	20.50
162	107.42	62.00
164	12.88	—.—
165	17.14	5.00
166	12.29	—.—
167	51.38	—.—
170	49.65	63.50
171	9.60	—.—
172	137.15	45.00
173	77.14	5.00
174	53.63	31.00
175	98.63	4.00
176	165.92	81.00
177	39.04	—.—
178	57.43	15.50
179	39.31	—.—
180	5.01	—.—
181	40.42	—.—
183	28.83	—.—
184	33.30	15.00
185	7.93	—.—
187	45.88	34.00
188	29.80	10.00
189	130.71	—.—
190	25.21	—.—
191	30.52	—.—
192	109.21	549.00
193	12.68	32.00
194	7.82	—.—
195	15.05	4.50
196	54.02	—.—
197	115.38	.50
198	286.50	23.00
199	33.20	—.—
200	84.22	33.50
201	42.49	—.—
202	46.01	—.—
203	15.23	—.—
204	104.38	18.00
205	95.21	—.—
206	7.50	5.00
207	28.36	15.00
208	12.77	—.—
209	144.26	47.00
210	24.69	—.—
212	54.31	—.—
213	4.97	—.—
214	20.39	74.00
215	63.19	—.—
216	25.65	—.—
218	82.50	32.00
219	42.14	—.—
220	73.56	—.—
221	36.49	—.—
222	72.14	5.00
223	32.74	—.—
224	—.—	—.—
225	63.49	—.—
226	53.63	—.—
227	132.08	127.00
228	13.90	—.—
230	85.51	6.00
231	25.45	—.—
233	15.11	—.—
234	55.19	—.—
235	84.28	148.00
236	40.76	26.00
237	—.—	500.00
238	22.98	—.—
239	80.90	5.00
May's assessment paid in June		
45	5.41	—.—
89	101.30	—.—
April's assessment paid in June		
114	28.99	—.—
Skupaj Total	$14,472.20	$12,211.82

Mlad. oddelek
Juvenile Dept.
JUNE 1937

Vrtec štev. Vrtec No.	Vrtci vplačali: Vrtec' Paid-In:	Vrtci prejeli: Vrtec' Received:
1	$ 15.73	$—.—
2	6.45	—.—
3	8.15	9.11
4	1.59	—.—
5	32.23	11.38
6	5.06	5.73
7	1.23	—.—
8	2.80	—.—
9	8.45	11.38
10	9.05	—.—
11	16.46	—.—
12	4.85	—.—
13	4.40	—.—
14	4.42	—.—
15	3.24	—.—
16	4.32	—.—
17	1.13	—.—
18	1.31	—.—
19	1.26	—.—
20	.90	—.—
21	4.27	—.—
22	1.80	—.—
23	.72	—.—
24	1.31	—.—
25	.18	—.—
26	.98	—.—
27	.18	—.—
28	5.10	—.—
29	.72	—.—
30	6.89	—.—
31	3.70	—.—
32	2.52	—.—
33	4.40	—.—
34	7.02	—.—
35	2.75	—.—
36	.90	—.—
37	.95	—.—
38	.54	—.—
39	2.34	—.—
40	.18	—.—
41	5.99	11.38
42	.36	4.13
43	1.13	—.—
44	8.78	11.38
45	.54	—.—
46	11.3	—.—
47	1.49	—.—
49	.77	—.—
50	3.42	—.—
51	2.34	—.—
52	1.28	—.—
53	5.94	9.31
54	1.01	—.—
55	1.59	—.—
57	2.06	—.—
58	.18	—.—
59	.82	—.—
60	3.23	—.—
61	2.39	—.—
62	6.12	—.—
63	.20	—.—
64	1.08	—.—
65	.36	—.—
66	1.67	—.—
67	4.63	—.—
68	1.52	—.—
69	.36	—.—
70	.18	—.—
71	2.34	—.—
72	—.—	—.—
73	.90	—.—
74	.28	—.—
75	2.75	—.—
76	5.62	—.—
77	4.83	11.38
78	2.70	—.—
79	1.44	1.95
80	1.00	—.—
81	2.88	300.00
83	2.44	—.—
84	.36	—.—
85	4.68	—.—
87	1.08	—.—
88	.77	—.—
89	1.80	11.38
90	.18	—.—
91	1.08	—.—
92	.18	—.—
93	2.67	—.—
94	.54	—.—
95	2.34	—.—
96	3.80	—.—
97	1.85	.64
98	1.44	—.—
99	.40	—.—
100	.18	—.—
101	7.89	—.—
102	2.93	—.—
103	5.06	—.—
104	.90	—.—
105	.54	—.—
107	2.16	—.—
108	3.00	—.—
109	4.86	—.—
110	2.88	—.—
111	.54	—.—
112	2.34	—.—
113	.23	—.—
114	.23	—.—
117	.36	—.—
118	6.19	—.—
119	1.80	—.—
120	.20	—.—
121	4.70	—.—
122	4.88	7.46
123	3.16	—.—
124	1.52	—.—
125	.72	—.—
126	3.49	—.—
127	1.11	—.—
128	1.62	—.—
129	1.26	—.—
130	.90	—.—
131	4.36	—.—
132	.18	—.—
133	.54	—.—
134	3.83	—.—
135	.72	—.—
136	.36	—.—
137	.75	—.—
138	2.31	—.—
139	—.—	—.—
140	6.61	—.—
141	4.67	—.—
142	1.39	—.—
143	1.44	—.—
144	1.08	—.—
145	.18	—.—
146	.74	—.—
147	.54	—.—
148	.82	—.—
149	.37	—.—
150	.64	—.—
151	1.77	—.—
152	.36	—.—
154	1.49	—.—
155	.82	—.—
156	1.92	—.—
157	1.26	16.30
158	1.31	—.—
159	3.13	—.—
160	7.51	—.—
161	2.44	—.—
163	1.08	—.—
164	2.16	—.—
165	.23	—.—
166	.62	—.—
167	3.54	—.—
169	—.—	—.—
170	.77	—.—
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William Rus, Sup. Sec'y
M. G. Kuhel, Sup. Treas.

5th Annual SSPZ National Athletic Meet

Cleveland, Ohio, Sept. 4-5-6, 1937

OFFICIAL ENTRY BLANK

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Office of Lodge No._____at_____

NAME:	Age:	Certificate No.	Period of Membership
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SUBSTITUTE

_____ _____
Athletic Manager Lodge Secretary

NOTE: TEAM ENTRY FEE IS $1.00

OFFICIAL ENTRY BLANK

HORSESHOE PITCHING

Lodge No. _____ At _____

SINGLES

NAME:	Age	Certificate No.	Period of Membership
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(Substitute for singles or doubles)

DOUBLES

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ATHLETIC MANAGER LODGE SECRETARY

NOTE: ENTRY FEE IS $.50

OFFICIAL ENTRY BLANK

INDOOR TRACK - *Women only*

Lodge No. _____ At _____

(CHECK EVENT ENTERED)

☐ 50 YARD DASH ☐ 100 YARD DASH

Name of Entrant _____ Age at Entry_____Cert. No._____

ATHLETIC MANAGER LODGE SECRETARY

NOTE: ENTRY FEE IS $.50 PER ENTRANT

IMPORTANT!

Mail all Entry Blanks, with exception of those pertaining to the Junior Hobby Exhibit, to Michael Vrhovnik, Director of E. S. Lodges and Juvenile Department, 247 W. 103rd St., Chicago, Ill., on or before August 20, 1937!!!! Do not forget to enclose Entry fees!

On to Cleveland!

FIFTH NATIONAL ATHLETIC MEET
SEPTEMBER 4th, 5th and 6th

PROGRESS

"NAPREDEK"

Lest We Forget!

AMATEUR SNAPSHOT CONTEST. CLOSING DATE: SEPTEMBER 30th

From The Director's Desk

By Michael Vrhovnik

MORE NEWS AND VIEWS ON THE NATIONAL ATHLETIC MEET ELIGIBILITY

Several requests have been received from Lodge officials asking whether or not it will be permissable to use certain members in one or more events who will not be, on the opening day of the 5th National Athletic Meet, in good-standing four (4) full months as required by the rules governing the eligibility status of contestants.

It is our opinion that last minute changes, favoring one Lodge team or another, not only places other teams at an unfair disadvantage, but, also, tends to cause disrespect for rules and regulations in general. For that reason, it is important that we adopt every measure of pre-caution and effort to prevent mis-interpretation of what constitutes right and wrong if we hope to stage successful athletic Meets in the future. Therefore, all such requests, exempting only newly organized Lodges and Vrtec units, must be denied. So, let's all pitch in and do our honest best to abide by the rules.

COMBINATION OF PLAYERS

A number of times in the past, members of one Lodge or Vrtec team have been permitted to play for another. This was allowed only in cases where a shortage of players existed. To guard against any such emergencies in the future, the rules provide that any Lodge or Vrtec, desiring to be represented in the softball event of the National Athletic Meets, but not having sufficient players to form a team, may unite its players with those of another Lodge or Vrtec unit, similiarly handicapped. In all such cases, the Lodge or Vrtec unit, having a majority representation on the team, shall be credited with victory or defeat. This rule shall apply to no other event except softball. Vrtec Members are permitted to play for Lodge teams, but Lodge members of course are barred from competing on Vrtec teams. It is understood that contestants cannot represent more than one Lodge or Vrtec during the course of a National Athletic Meet.

ENTRY DATE

Too much emphasis cannot be laid on the importance of mailing in all entries EARLY! The FINAL DATE for sending in your list of entrants is August 20, 1937! Do not forget to enclose entry fees as specified on the entry blanks! Entry fees shall be retained by the Society only because of failure to participate in at least one official competitive athletic event, health and weather permitting.

GET ACQUAINTED

There's no time like the present to get acquainted with the names, addresses and respective duties of officials of the coming National Meet . . . Heading the list is —

RUDOLPH LISCH, Vice-president of the Society and President of the National Athletic Board, whose address is 1393 E. 47th St., Cleveland, Ohio, is also, the chairman of the local committee and the committee in charge of all indoor affairs, including the National Junior Hobby Exhibit. Remember to mail or deliver your hobby exhibits and entry blanks to brother Lisch on or before August 25, 1937.

CHARLES KOMAN, secretary of the local committee and president of the Spartans, Lodge No. 198, has been honored with still another duty and that is the chairmanship of the SOUVENIR BOOKLET committee. His address is 6304 St. Clair Ave., Cleveland, Ohio . . .Send your ads and money direct to brother Koman. Ads may be prepaid or when booklet is received, but knowing there is nearly as much work in collecting money for the ads after they are printed as there is in securing the ads themselves in advance, do that. I'm sure this courtesy will be highly appreciated by the committee in charge.

ANN OPEKA, recording-secretary of the local committee and secretary of the Spartan Lodge, whose address is 1127 East 71st St., Cleveland, Ohio, is burdened with the chairmanship of the highly important Committee on Housing, Reservations and Table service . . . This is a mighty big order for any MAN to fill, but with her experiences of 1935 still indelibly fresh on her mind, we're confident that sister Opeka will fill the bill, satisfactorily . . . For reservations, write to Ann and DO HURRY, won't you!

HENRY ZORMAN, Vice-president of the local National Meet Committee and aggressive booster of the Utopians, who makes his home at 1369 E. 188th St., Cleveland, Ohio, has under his direction on the Committee on Outdoor Events — Softball, balina and horseshoe pitching. With the addition of the Vrtec National Softball tournament, brother Zorman has a job on his hands that none need envy.

WILLIAM CANDON, President of the Supreme Auditing Board and secretary of Lunder-Adamič, Lodge No. 20, largest of S. S. P. Z. adult units, whose address is 1058 E. 72nd St., Cleveland, Ohio, is in command of a "special" committee charged with the responsibility of raising more funds for the profits column. Brother Candon has always been a loyal and ardent booster of youth activity; so, let's all give him a big hand in his latest "ROLL" . . . Take a chance with brother Candon and watch for the happy results on Sept. 5, 1937.

ERNEST KVARTICH, Vice-president of the National Athletic Board and President of the Progressors, Lodge No. 237, whose address is 411 Station St., Bridgeville, Penn'a., is the Society's Athletic Director in the Eastern District comprising of the State of Pennsylvania and all points north and south of her boundaries. Lodges and Vrtec athletic managers are requested to give brother Kvartich their whole-hearted support and coopera-

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Spartanology

By Moe

"When friendship, love and truth abound,
Among a crowd of sisters and brothers,
The cup filled with joy goes gaily round,
Each shares the bliss with others."

Hi-ho everybody! After spending a very marvelous time at our outing I must get down to business and report of the "goings on" among our crowd to those 'stay at homes,' who sure missed a goodtime. Yes sir, a Spartan outing is always the best. Full of fun and hilarity!!

"It looks like rain everytime the Spartans have an outing." That's what spoils our good times! Hope the weatherman will give us a "break" next time.

Joycie "Ooops" didn't like the cold ice down her back very much. "Ooops, Ooops," Joycie!

Josephine Kotnik, Julie Zdesar and Antonia Zagar were given mud baths. "Tončka" couldn't take it. Well the boys thought she needed beauty treatment. But it was a big mistake.

How does Johnny Hostnik feel after the fall in Eddie's car. Does it still hurt much?

Julie Zdesar afraid of a horse. We couldn't imagine who it was screaming at their top of their voice. Makes quite a lot of noise for such a little person.

"Braggin Zagar" so sure that the veterans were going to take over the game. But I still say the rookies can beat them. It was tie score, 3 and 3, when the game was called off on account of rain.

Frankie Spehek enjoying himself immensely in giving his fellow members mud baths. Some of the lucky ones were Stokel, Zorman and Koman. And did Chuck look cute walkin' around in gal's slacks. You better watch your waistline from now on big boy!!

Max Batis sure loves to "duck" people. Most of the swimmers were enjoying themselves except for the stones.

Myra and I didn't like the beer down our backs. But Johnny Hostnik enjoyed spilling it, and not only he but the other fellows too. Johnny didn't care for beer in his eye though!

Anne Opeka seemed to keep out of mischief. Wonder why she wasn't given a mud bath.

"Baby Face Zorc" can actually play ball. He sure got some good hits. They should let him play on the regular team "we thinks."

Sophie Ponikvar enjoys riding horses if someone else is with her.

Bob and Joe were quite moody for a while but they had an hour's head start on the gang. And did we have fun that one hour which was spent mostly in the water.

Hope the Bridgeville boys had a good time here and we certainly enjoyed their short stay here. I wish I had kept that baseball hat of a certain Bridgeville Joe for a souvenir. Next time I'll know better.

Local Anesthetics

—I think the U. S. Mail Department is quite busy with the letters flowing to and fro from Cleveland and Pennsy. Quite a number of of Spartans' weaker sex are corresponding with Pennsy gals. Julie Zdesar still waits for postman to bring her letters from the Christy fellow.

—Who is the Spartan fellow who is considered a "gallant Romeo" by a Pennsy gal? Maybe they were trying to act the parts of the famous Shakesperian drama "Romeo and Juliet" while he was there!

—What is the big attraction in Mocnik's Cavalier Cafe that draws our handsome Zorc there almost every nite? It seems to me this fellow walks around in a daze! Must be thinkin' of the gal he left behind in them th'yar Pennsy hills!

—Why is (C. E. so secretive about her boy friend? Let us in on it toots!

—Who is the gal that claims a certain Spartan fellow is just like a toy who

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Party for Vrtec 103

WHITE VALLEY, Pa. — Sunday, August 1, 1937 will be an exciting day for the members of Vrtec 103 SSPZ at White Valley, Penna. We are going to have a lawn party. To make everything more merrier we will have Mr. John Fatur a member of Lodge No. 142 SSPZ play a few tunes on his accordion. Refreshments will be served and a few games will be played. A group picture will be taken of the Vrtec and a few snapshots so come in your Sunday's best. We members and our parents will have this lawn party at my home beginning 2:00 P. M. to ?

Julia Kosmach, secretary Vrtec 103

Picnic of Library, Pa. Vrtec

LIBRARY, Pa. — The Vrtec officers and members of lodge number 118 of Library wish to announce their annual picnic which is to be held on August 1st at Whippoorwill Grove. Music will be furnished by Tom Sharkey and his orchestra. We would like to see many strange faces from Vrtec and English-speaking lodges of neighboring towns. Admission will be only 25c, and we will have plenty of refreshments.

There shall also be prizes for the most distant lodge represented.

Mamie Triller

RABIES

By Dr. F. J. Arch, Supreme Medical Examiner SSPZ

The disease rabies, also called hydrophobia, is an acute infectious disease chiefly encountered in dogs and cats, though many other animals are susceptible. The disease develops in the cells within the central nervous system and it is transmitted through the saliva of the affected. Not all bitten individuals, whether man or animal, devolop the disease, but once the symptoms appear a fatal termination after terrible suffering is certain.

Control of rabies is a public health problem that requires constant watchfulness. In some states it becomes a greater problem each year. In one state there were more than eight hundred cases reported within two years. This is a serious menace to human beings who are endangered through contact with animals.

The remedy lies principally in the control of dogs, as rabies rarely occurs in dogs that are properly cared for and housed. The first symptom of rabies in dogs is a change in disposition. There follows a paralysis of the muscles of the throat which causes the animal to attempt to use the paralyzed muscles. This produces the tendency to bite and it is in this stage that the disease is most readily transmitted.

A sick dog or one suspected of rabies should be penned up, not killed. If it really has rabies it will die in from ten to fifteen days. If a dog is killed at once it may be too early to find laboratory evidence of rabies. In that case a negative report would give a false sense of security. When a dog is killed great care should be taken not to mutilate the head and to pack it in ice to be sent to the laboratory.

Any person bitten by a rabid animal should take the Pasteur treatment at once. Rabie is one of the most agonizing diseases known and once developed is always fatal.

Special Notice

By Marion Pellegrini

To all neighboring SSPZ lodges and friends: Members of the Challengers' wish to take this opportunity of extending to you a most cordial invitation to attend their picnic which is to be held at the Sone Quarry Park, Meadowlands on Saturday, July 31st and Sunday, August 1, 1937.

Music for the occasion will be furnished by Bill Barzen and his Swingtet.

Friends! These two picnics I am made to understand are being held for the sole purpose of raising sufficient funds to equip the softball team with the necessary material it requires to participate in the coming National Athletic Meet this September in Cleveland.

July fourth and fifth picnics proved to be a heartache after wearisome hours of hard work on the part of a few loyal boosters. The total expenses on those two picnics cut very, very deeply into the profits of the evening leaving little or nothing to fall back upon. Discouragement was not allowed to enter their minds. So once again they tackle the job only this time the Challengers are asking the cooperation of the Pirates, Progressors, Blue Eagles and all other neighboring lodges. Your cooperation and loyal support will aid them toward their aim. In doing so, you also live up to your oath to the great organization to which you now belong. Everything that is within my power I will gladly give in helping to build our lodge, and do all within my power to aid my fellow members. Upon my word of honor I make this my pledge. That, my dear friends, is part of our oath.

Now until we meet again your correspondent bids you Au Revoir.

"BALKANITES" TAKE NOTICE!

MILWAUKEE, Wis. — All "Balkanites" ball players are urged to attend the regular meeting on Sunday, August 8 at So. Side Turner Hall at 9:30 a. m. sharp.

Besides the regular routine of business, a discussion will also arise as to whether or not the "Balkanites" will be able to muster-up a softball team to be represented in the National Athletic Meet to be held in Cleveland, Ohio, Sept. 4, 5 and 6, 1937.

Have also received two challengers for friendly encounters in softball in the month of August, depending upon your approval, or rejection.

So don't fail to attend!

Sports Director

NOTICE

Michael Vrhovnik's "Around the SSPZ" has again been postponed. Reason: lack of space.

What's the News?

I really should change the name of this column, at least for today, for what I have to say is really a part of the history, therefore not news. But headlines and titles (and pseudonyms at times) are misleading, in our daily newspapers, for instance, and they never apologize, —why should I! I might find a bit of news before the final period is applied, so let's stick to the original. After we chewed up the contents of last week's issue, it took a lot of courage (or nerve?) to stick to this type of reporting and commenting, or — skidoo, before those kids put the skids under our efforts and push away. I refer to some excellent writings in the Vrtec Section. If this continues, which we hope it will, then the skipper of this page will not have to worry from week to week as to the source of the material. And some of the old timers, including Okrim, will retire before having a chance to apply for the benefits under the Social Security Act.

Two weeks ago brother Vrhovnik (Michael T.) really made us blush from the flattery praises of our support and determined denial of our ability to bake a good potica. He also threatened to give us a good once over (and probably spill the small peck of beans behind which our identity thrived unmolested for the past several months). As far as potica is concerned I'll admit that I never tried to make one, so tasting our first effort would not be advisable, for the sake of safety and preservation of bodily health. Then, too, we know that the Society does not pay any sick benefits, if the illness is self-afflicted, or produced thru one's own fault. I succeeded in making a "šmorn" once, and failed once, so this was the closest step to potica making we ever attempted. As to our feminine attraction we can only disclose that we have no husband. But this is giving ourselves away. If the log has to be hewed, let the quips fall wherever they may...

Another of Chicago's old timers passed away. The grim reaper picked Brother Louis Skrbec, Sr., for years the Secretary of Lodge No. 100, and severed the threads of his life at the age of 63 years. He was a typical "Ribničan," a great SSPZ booster and worker and a good friend. Trail Blazers will miss his cooperation and helping hand that they enjoyed since 1927. Let him rest in peace! To the family we extend our sincerest sympathy.

Miss Jennie Andolsek is the new Secretary of Lodge No. 100, succeeding late L. Skrbec. Born in Ribnica, Jugoslavia, and schooled in this country, and still single, she is just the type of person to fill the secretarial position of a Slovene-speaking lodge. We wish her good luck and abundance of success to the lodge!

Joe Puzell, Jr., and Ed Hanson were two Trail Blazers in the party of five or six boys who traveled to a Saturday night jamboree somewhere in the country via the old Chevy two weeks ago. The boys had a great time, but the car didn't, so on the way home early towards Sunday morning the old crate tried to "swing it," but failed miserably. A strenuous sway too far over the bend in the roadway, a rumbling sound of a rolling body, a jerk and a hiss, — and deadly silence reigned over all! A moment later hands and feet were wiggling from underneath the motionless corpse, and our heroes scampered from the wreckage unhurt and none the worse from the forced "swing." It is said that this particular transportation vehicle now reposes in a junk yard with a ten dollar mortgage note tagged to its lifeless limbs. The whole adventure, however, is still a mystery. The question arises: Is Crete, Ill., within Chicago City limits, or is there another 117th Street and Halsted in Crete? Pery Mason, the case is yours!

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All Aboard!

CHICAGO, Ill. — Do you realize there are just 36 days left when the New York Central Train leaves La Salle Street and Englewood Stations with a happy group aboard bound for the FIFTH NATIONAL SSPZ ATHLETIC MEET IN CLEVELAND? As reservations must be made beforehand, all that intend to go better start saving their scheckles. As a reminder the fare is $10.30 round trip for 3 days. For you who wish to linger longer ,the ticket is honored 10 days. Picture yourself among a jolly group happily bound for Cleveland singing, "Hail, Hail the Gang's All Here," and who can resist.

How many pictures have you contributed toward the AMATEUR SHAPSHOT CONTEST? No doubt, many of you are saying, 'Oh! I have plenty of time until closing date." But whoa, before you know it, the time will be up, and it will be too late. Come on all of you pull that camera from its hiding place and see what you can do.

And last, but not least let's not forget the "WHEEL OF PROGRESS CAMPAIGN."

The Trail Blazers extend their sincere sympathy to Mrs. Mary Skrbec, Jennie, Agnes, Louis and John in losing their beloved husband and father who passed away Tuesday, July 20.

Let's Go

WITH THE SPARTANS

ANN OPEKA

In my last week's article "With the Spartans" I enumerated a few of the activities that will take place in Cleveland at the SSPZ Olympics on Sept. 4th, 5th, 6th. What did you think of them? Don't they promise you a good time? Haven't you always enjoyed yourselves at SSPZ affairs, whether it be a dance, a picnic, a banquet, or athletic activities? All these various events plus others compose the SSPZ Fifth National Meet this year for our fun-loving, happy-go-lucky members and their friends.

It's two years ago that Cleveland was given its first opportunity to sponsor an SSPZ Athletic Meet. This year will be our second attempt. Those of you that were here with us in 1935, I know, will be here again. What fun!! Remember Joe Jaksi, T. B.'s prankster, and his hat with a hundred autographs, how Stanley Tisol was treating the Vrtec teams, the two "Pirate" (?) boys that missed their bus for home which carried a big sign in the back "to Cleveland or Bust," everyone with a "frog in his throat" from yelling at the game and singing, doing the "follow the leader" on Labor Day in the dance hall? Oh! I could probably fill several columns with just those pleasant memories.

We're all looking forward in meeting our old acquaintances and also some new faces from Milwaukee, Indianapolis, Chicago, and many more from Pennsylvania. Hope we're right.

Just a few words to the girls!! Every year when the committee draws up the events for the coming Meet, they inclose the girls in question marks. Should we have events for women? What events? Will there be enough entries to run off these games? We're not going to let the boys get ahead of us, are we? Once I heard a fellow say that the only way to get ahead of a woman is to walk in front of her. So let's stick to that "adage."

The committee set aside indoor track for girls only (providing six or more entries are sent in) this year and I do hope there will be a dozen or more girls interested. The distance and rules will be published at a later date. Watch for them! Now what do you say girls!!! Will the girls participate in all future SSPZ Athletic Meets? Why not? Here's your chance so take advantage of it!

There will be a meeting of all the girls that will either serve on tables or sell refreshment tickets at the Olympics for Labor Day week-end at my home, 1127

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Victorians

CHICAGO, Ill. — It would be quite a calamity if a summer went by without the Victorians holding their jamboree at Kegel's Grove in Willow Springs. This year's Moonlight Dance will be especially well attended according to all indications. Remember the date, Saturday evening, August 7th. Frankie Gradisek will be the boy wielding the musical baton over a quartette that promise every type of excellent music from furious polkas to sentimental waltzes. Remember too, that you can learn on the spot whether or not you are the lucky winner of the radio. If you haven't a way of transportation present yourself at 27th and Lawndale Avenue at 8:30 that evening.

Do not fail to be at the Victorian meeting on August 5th, especially you ball players. Everything relative to the Meet in Cleveland will be planned at this meeting.

Joe Howl

SSPZ JIBBER JABBER

Jab: Say, Jib, did you see "Vampish Val Polshak" rootin' for the SNPJ Feds instead of the Spartans?

Jib: No, I didn't but "Chubby Sophie Opeka" seemed to be quite embarrassed Sunday by something somebody said.

Jab: Say, don't you think "Lady Killer Bob Matetich" has something up his sleeve. Who is the gal he is after.

Jib: He has some competition tho. Say, Jab, we better lay low because "Scandal Hunter Moe" is on the look-out for us now. "Diegoish Candon" trying to cheat on his gal friend.

Seen By Passerby At Spartan Outing

"Have we got enough cars, are the fellows from Pennsy being taken care of?" were a few of the remarks made to Chuck Koman by members of Spartans. But he took it like the swell sport that he is. Baseball players were all eager to get started, but good gracious what happened to Stan Zagar for not being there. He probably saw one too many pink elephants on his wall.

It looks like Chuck Koman and Elsie Koss seem to enjoy each other's company, for finally getting started in assigning cars, Chuck decided that the trip would be more enjoyable if that lovable Elsie Koss sat next to him.

"What did you talk about, Elsie, or didn't you have any privacy?" Although Chuck was all in smiles when Keener's Recreation Park was reached.

But look who's here, Stan Zagar in all his glory. "Did you finally wake up, Stan, or maybe I'm wrong, you weren't sleeping?"

The water must have been cold for Toni Zagar and Ann Opeka decided to sit on the shore, although Joyce Gorshe and Julie Zdesar had a grand time in the water (am I right, girls?). The boys seemed to be sissies for the only one really enjoying himself in the water was Joe Moze, and he did try to scare the girls by ducking them, but he can't scare those Spartan gals.

Rambling around trying to find the baseball diamond, I happened to overhear Ann Opeka talking about Joyce Gorshe's secret passion, Freddie. Oh, isn't love grand? Or maybe you should ask Julie Zdesar about Harold Christy, for they have been corresponding and I don't only mean friendly letters.

Oh, there it is. (I mean the baseball diamond) and for goodness sakes, it looks like no game. What, with no umpires, no umpires, no game! Sh! But Gigolo Joe comes to the rescue and the game is on. What's that I hear, the Spartan gals rooting for the Progressives, that's what I call sportsmanship. I hope it made them feel good, at least Lefty, the pitcher, was all in smiles when he saw Dorothy Mocnik in the grand stand, eyes only for him. Oh! by the way, did you see Dorothy in her new rubber swim suit?

My eyes lead me on past the game to see, well, well, it looks like Julie Zdesar on a horse (yes, I did say a horse) screaming for bloody murder when the horse decided that he didn't enjoy feminine company. (Oh, I beg your pardon, it was a she, the horse I mean).

Well, getting back to the old ball game (I mean new) for they had finished one game, Spartans winning and starting another with the Veterans of Spartans and the Youngsters of Spartans. Everything was getting along swell, when the rain came down in buckets with the score 3-3, thus putting an end to a thrilling game, for it was thrilling to see the Youngsters just about making chumps out of the Veterans.

Leading on, I find myself at Gustincic's farm and the "Beer." The rain finally stopping, I decided to venture with the rest of the gang and tackle the beer, but what have we here, an old swimming hols full of mud and dirt (and I do mean dirt), for to get to the beer we had to shed our shoes and socks. What, no gentlemen in the crowd to help the ladies across? Why, even Mrs. Stokel had to take her shoes off to get across. Ah! but it looks like the Spartans have one brilliant girl in the form of Frances Moze (and boy,

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NOTICE!

SSPZ National Olympic Meet Entry Blanks will be found on page three of this issue.

QUARTERS FOR OLYMPIC GUESTS

Anyone having any available rooms for sleeping quarters for out-of-town visitors who will attend SSPZ Olympics in Cleveland Sept. 4-5-6, can leave his name and address with Vatro Grill, Enakopravnost office, or Ann Opeka, 1127 E. 71st St.

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ATTENTION VRTEC ADMINISTRATORS

The SOFTBALL ENTRY BLANK, published in last week's issue of the Napredek, is also the OFFICIAL ENTRY BLANK for all Active Vrtec softball teams. Space indicated for signature of Lodge secretary is, also, meant for the Vrtec administrator or administratrix. The entry fee of $2.00 remains the same in either case. Before mailing entry blank as per directions, write in the name VRTEC over LODGE at the head of blank.

DIRECTOR OF JUVENILE DEPT.