

Ostri koleb proti desni, katerega je napravila Rusija pretekla septembra in ki se od takrat še vedno nadaljuje, je liberalni svet napolnil s trpkim razočaranjem. Načelo mednarodne moralnosti, katerega so predstavniki sovjetske vlade pridigali pred Ligo narodov ter pozivali zapadne sile v boj, da se ustavi fasistična in nacistična agresija, sedaj ni samo pozabljeno, temveč oborožen napad na malo Finsko izključuje vsak dvom, da je Rusija, pa bili njeni motivi taki ali drugačni, to načelo vrgla med staro šaro in se odločila za voljo politiko.

Kako se je moglo to zgoditi? Ali je bil preokret nenaden, ali pa je bil morda po značaju ruske revolucije neizogiven?

Zanimivo dejstvo je, da je npr. Tomaž Masaryk, ki je bil brez dvoma eden najbolj bistrom umnega proučevalcev evropske politike in ki mu je bila tudi ruska psiha dobro poznana, že eno leto po boljševiški revoluciji indirektno napovedoval to, kar je postalo jasno danes celotist, ki so bili najbolj optimistični glede Rusije. V knjigi "Nova Evropa," ki je bila spisana leta 1918, je Masaryk zapisal te-le značilne besede:

"Rusija je dobila v Evropi vpliv po Puškinu, Turgenjevu Tolstemu, Dostoevskemu, Gorkemu—Rusija bo imela tudi velik političen vpliv, ako izvede revolucijo dosledno—revolucijo glav in sre. Romanovski carizem je bil neomikan in grob—toda slabši je ruski carizem mase in revolucionarjev. Odstranili so carja, NISO PA PREMAGALI CARIZMA."

Zadnje besede povedo, kako je bilo mogoče, da je Rusija pod Stalinom za vse praktične svrhe postal zaveznica Hitlerjevega tretjega rajha. Ruska revolucija je odstranila tiranijo ene vrste, ampak nadomestila je ni s svobodo in demokracijo, temveč s tiranijo druge vrste. V tem je zapopadena njena tragedija.

Masaryk je povedal tudi marsikaj, kar nam pojasni, zakaj se svet zopet nahaja v vojni. Chamberlain in Daladier, ki sta eno leto po Masarykovem smrti strahopetno izdala češkoslovaško republiko ter jo prepustila Hitlerju, da zajamčita Evropi mir "v našem času," bi ne bila napravila te usodne napake, ako bi se bila zavedala globoke resničnosti naslednjih besed velikega češkega misleka:

"Vsaka pametna in poštrena politika stremi za jačanjem človeka na znotraj in na zunaj. Politika, kot vse drugo, mora sloveneti na etiki. So lokavi "praktični" politiki, ki jim to geslo ne prija. Toda moje skušnje me učijo, da je pametna in poštrena politika najbolj učinkovita in najbolj praktična. Na vse zadnje so takozvani idealisti, ki imajo prav... Nobene druge etike in morale ni za narode in države ter NJIHOVE VLADARKE kot ona, ki velja za posameznike."

Lokavi "praktični" politiki v Londonu in Parizu so žrtvovali male narode in jih vrgli v žrelo fašizma, misleč, da s tem zavarujejo sebe, oziroma interes svojih držav. Izkazalo pa se je, da je bila ta "praktična" politika vse prej kot praktična; da je bila politika kratkovidnih bedakov. Zato zopet teče kri.

Dejstvo je, kakor je zapisal Masaryk, da se noben narod ne more sam rešiti na kožo drugih, kajti—"ako nam ugaja ali ne, v političnem oziru živimo v vsem svetu in v vsem svetu. Iz vseh razlogov je svetovna politika edino pametna in trajna politika." Kot razvidno iz zapisnika

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Naši problemi

Milwaukee, Wis. — Pisma, ki jih pišemo prijateljem, so privatnega, osebnega pomena in značaja, namenjena le osebi ali malemu rodbinskemu krogom. Pomen dopisovanja v glasilu podporne organizacije je v principu precej temu podoben: namenjen je bratom in sestrám v organizaciji, ki nas druži v blagem namenu in zaupanju, da v slučaju bolezni ali smrti bomo imeli in našli pomoč in zavetje pri njej. Samo po sebi je torej umetno, da v svojem glasilu izražamo želje in nasvete, bodisi individualno ali in imenu krajevnih društev, v potencialni dobratstva in Zveze, pišemo o raznih dogodkih in aktivnostih pri društvinah in pa razmotrovamo o raznih problemih. Ampak s tem ne obveščamo le članstvo organizacije, temveč vse, kar pišemo čita tudi široka javnost in jemlje na znanje z zanimanjem, odobravanjem ali pa kritiko.

Ni več daleč čas, ko se bo sešla 10. redna konvencija, na katero bodo poslala vsa društva, katerim je mogoče, svoje zastopnike, ki naj spet preprečajo vse važne zakone organizacije in predelajo in izboljšajo na najbolj praktični način celotno stavbo SSPZ tako, da bo času in razmeram prikladna. V privatem razgovoru, pri razpravah na društvih sejah in izpisem, ki jih dobivamo iz različnih krajev Unije, lahko vsak član razvidi, da obči sentiment večine članstva ne samo naše Zveze, temveč pri vseh slovenskih organizacijah naprednega mišljenja v splošnem je, da bi se združile v eno napredno podporno celoto, kar je logično in zelo njuno, ako hočemo Slovenci, da bo naša mladina imela v nas dober vzgled in da bo naše udejstvovanje napravilo nanje tak vtip in ustvarilo tako pravljeno silo, da bodo s ponosom poudarjali, da so potomci Slovencev—da se v njenih vrstah odpravi občutek inferiornosti, ki ga mladina bolj občuti kot mi starejši, ki se tega ne zavedamo, oziroma smo mu že privjeni, ker smo bili od nekdaj potlačeni v nižino.

Naše društvo ima pa še ta podnovljeno greh nad sabo, da mu je kot kakemu nezakonskemu otroku že od rojstva določeno, da bo zapostavljan. Sicer se ta problem tiče oben Zvezinih društev v Wisconsinu. Ker nimamo poslovnic, je ves napredok zadržan, in naša aktivnost hira kot drevo v dobrì zemlji, na katero pa nikdar ne kane kapljata dobrodejnega dežja. To se godi že celih 30 let, kar je žalostno za celo organizacijo, ki je svobodomiselnina in ima za podlagu ustanovo, ki jo postavlja v vrsto najbolj liberalnih bratskih ustanov med našim narodom in Amerikami, in ki tudi v finančnem oziru nadkriljuje vse ostale slovenske podporne organizacije. Velike slovenske naselbine v velikih industrijskih mestih imajo še vedno priliko do razvoja in dolgotrajne eksistence, medtem ko okoli majn in malih mest ni več tistih prilik za obstoj, ne življene propada. Torej tam, kjer se še kaj obeta, je treba posvetiti več pažnje in energije. Kot razvidno iz zapisnika

seje gl. odbora, se je gl. urad končno le zganil, kajti poročano je, da je bila vložena prošnja za poslovnično v državi Wisconsin. "Zora puca, bit će dan!" To je naš veliki problem tukaj v Wisconsinu, o katerem vas obveščamo in apeliramo na naše članstvo, da nas podpirate v celoti in vporabite svoj vpliv kot društva naše organizacije, da pride do pravice, ki nam bodo olajšale agitacijo in nadaljnji razvoj posebno pri mladini.

V dvomu smo tudi radi nastavljanja okrožnih organizatorjev, ker po vseh računih bili s tem zvezani veliki stroški za organizacijo, razen v Clevelandu. Treba je pomisliti, da bi tak organizator moral potovati od naselbine do naselbine, in tega ne zmore nihče brez plačila. Kot že rečeno, sistem bi bil mora uspešen v Clevelandu, kjer so naša društva centralizirana, težko pa kje druge. Ali bi ne bilo bolje, ako bi se lokalnim tajnikom nekaj naklonilo, da bi se bolj potrudili z agitacijo za novo članstvo?

Naš nasvet tukaj je: dajte nam poslovno pravico, da lahko do časa, do pride do združenja vse naših naprednih podpornih organizacij, odprt in javno agitiramo za Zvezo in njen napredek. Za tak apel se nam zdi sedaj, ko stojimo pred konvencijo, čas najbolj ugoden. Treba je, da se sedaj pogovorimo o tem in vseh drugih važnih problemih, potem pa naj delegetiramo razpravljajo o njih in jih rešijo tako, da bo vsem v prid. Bratski pozdrav!

A. C. Ermence,
zapisnikar št. 24

Spomladni ples

Indianapolis, Ind. — Atletična zveza v Indianapolisu priredi v soboto 6. aprila v S. N. Domu pomladansko veselico v pomočkegljavskemu športu pri društvi Danica. Začetek točno ob 7:30 zvečer. Članstvo in ostalo občinstvo je uljudno vabljeni k obilni vdeležbi. Za ples bo igrala dobra godba in za lačne želodce in žejna grla se bo tudi kaj dobil. Vsi vedeženci bodo imeli priliko, da dobijo nagrado pri vrathih. Torej ne pozabite omenjenega dneva; 7. aprila vsi na ples!

Gus Zupancic

Smrtna kosa

Ambridge, Pa. — Dne 3. marca je tukaj umrla Josephine Rosenberger, rojena leta 1890 v Jurni vasi, fara Podgrad, občina Šmihel pri Novem mestu. Njeno deklativno ime je bilo Štaršič. Tu zapušča soprogata, dva sina in eno hčer, v Kenoshi, Wisconsin, eno sestro, drugo sestro pa v stari domovini. Pokojna je bila članica društva št. 41 SSPZ. Poročevalce

Vabilo na sejo

Pittsburgh, Pa. — Članstvo društva št. 126 SSPZ se prosi, da se vdeleži seje, katera se vrši 10. marca v Slovenskem domu na 57. Str. točno ob 2. uri pooldne. Na tej seji imamo rešiti zelo važne stvari, saj kakor vam je znano, ni več daleč do konvencije. Torej pridite na sejo in se izrazite, kar mislite, da je bila posvetiti več pažnje in energije. Kot razvidno iz zapisnika

Ne pozabite: 10. marca vsi na sejo!

Z bratskim pozdravom,
M. Gosenc, tajnik

Smrt člana

Power Point, Ohio — Dolžnost me veže sporočati žalostno vest o smrti Jos. Lesjaka, ki je preminil 22. februarja, in je bil član društva Sloga, št. 181 SSPZ. Nit življenja mu je pretrgala zavratna bolezen pljučnica. Bolan je bil samo 18 dni. Pokojnega bo težko pogrešalo naše društvo in enako njegov prijatelji. Bil je v obče priljubljen in pripravljen vsakemu pomagati, ako mu je bilo le mogoče. Pogreb se je vršil 24. februarja in velika vdeležba je pokazala, koliko prijateljev je imel. Nobeno oko ni bilo suho, ko smo stali ob njegovem raku in poslušali poslovne besede. Spavaj mirno, dragi sobrat in blag Ti bodi spomin, njegov družini pa naše toplo sožalje!

Mary Bogatay, tajnica

Cankarjeva ustanova gostuje v Strabanu, Pa.

Cleveland, O. — V nedeljo 17. marca, bo v dvorani društva Postojnska jama štev. 138 SNPZ v Strabanu, Pa., velika kulturna prireditev Cankarjeve ustanove iz Cleveland. Program bo izredno bogat, in uprizorjena bo igra-komedija "Eden se mora oženiti," katera bo nujno veliko smeha navzočim. V igri nastopita dva profesorja, ki živita nad 30 let v miru pri svojih knjigah in gospodinji njima teta. Oče je v svojem testamentu ukazal, da se mora vsaj eden sinov oženiti. Teta se je naveličala gospodinjstva in zahteva, da se takoj eden oženi—gre in vzame na stanovanje profesorjevo nečakinjo z namenom, da se sezname v svojo ženitve z enim ali drugim.

Zdaj pa nastane krijeva pot za to dva profesorja, ki nista navajena ženskam, se jih bojita, ker nista imela v svojem življenju nikoli opravka z ženskami—pač pa le s knjigami—in komedija se prične, da kdo bo tako nesrečen, da se bo moral oženiti, kako se privadi ženskam in kako se ločiti od ljubih knjig in pisateljevanju.

Zgodi se vse, ali kako? Je vredno da si ogledate. V igri nastopajo slediči: Jennie Dagarin, Milan Medvešek, Louis Kafeler in Anne Grill.

V dveh kupletih nastopi poznani Anton Eppich, kateri bo uprizoril komični prizor s petjem "Postopač in policij" ter "Dimnikarja"; na klavir ga spremlja Mollie Plut. Kot solista nastopita priznana pevca Louis Belle in Frank Plut, v duetu pa priljubljena Jennie Perušek in njen brat Tony, ki sta člana socialistične Zarje. Kako lepo se da tudi na saksofon zaigrati "Venček narodnih pesmi," bo pa nam pokazal Louis Hodnik, ki nas je prijetno presenetil na proslavi društva Cleveland št. 126 SNPZ. Vse peske točke in saksofon solo spremlja na klavirju Mollie Plut.

Za to prireditev je dalo na razpolago dvorano društvo Postojnska jama in priprave in prireditev se vrši s sodelovanjem društva štev. 138 SNPZ. Za vabilo na sejo je bilo v prid članstvu in ener-

Koledar prireditev SSPZ

SOBOTA, 30. marca — Plesna veselica društva št. 23, REPUBLIC, Pa., v naselbinski dvorani.

SOBOTA, 30. marca — Plesna veselica društva št. 226, WINDSOR HEIGHTS, West Virginia.

SOBOTA, 6. aprila — Atletska zveza SSPZ, INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., priredi plesno veselico v Slovenskem narodnem domu.

SOBOTA, 13. aprila — Veselica društva št. 80, HERMINE, Pa., v Slovenskem domu. Igra Frank's Trio; začetek ob 8. zvečer.

SOBOTA, 13. aprila — Veselica društva št. 239, BRADDOCK, Pa., v Litvinski dvorani, 818 Washington Ave. Igrala bo Joe Koracina godba.

SOBOTA in NEDELJA, 13. in 14. aprila — Narodni kegljavski turnir, CHICAGO, Ill., pod pokroviteljstvom društva "Victorians."

NEDELJA, 26. maja — Piknik društva št. 172, LIBRARY, Pa., na običajnem izletniškem prostoru.

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Anglija je že pred par meseци objavila, da bo objavila tako zvano Belo knjigo, v kateri se bo podalo vse dokumente, nanašajoče se na izjavljena pogajanja z Rusijo, ampak knjiga še vedno ni prišla v javnost. Počevalec new-yorskega Timesa v Londonu poroča, da to zavlečanje ni posledica strahu, da bi objava dokumentov poostrelila krizo med Anglijo in Rusijo, temveč, da vse to odlašanje izvira iz zakasnega spoznanja, da dokumenti ne prestavljajo tako močne obtožnice proti Rusiji kot se je prvotno mislilo, in da bi spravili zaveznicu Anglije v večjo zadrgo kot pa koga drugega, zlasti potem, ko bi jih preko Zed. držav izvaja v Nemčijo, strogo omejila pri njihovem viru.

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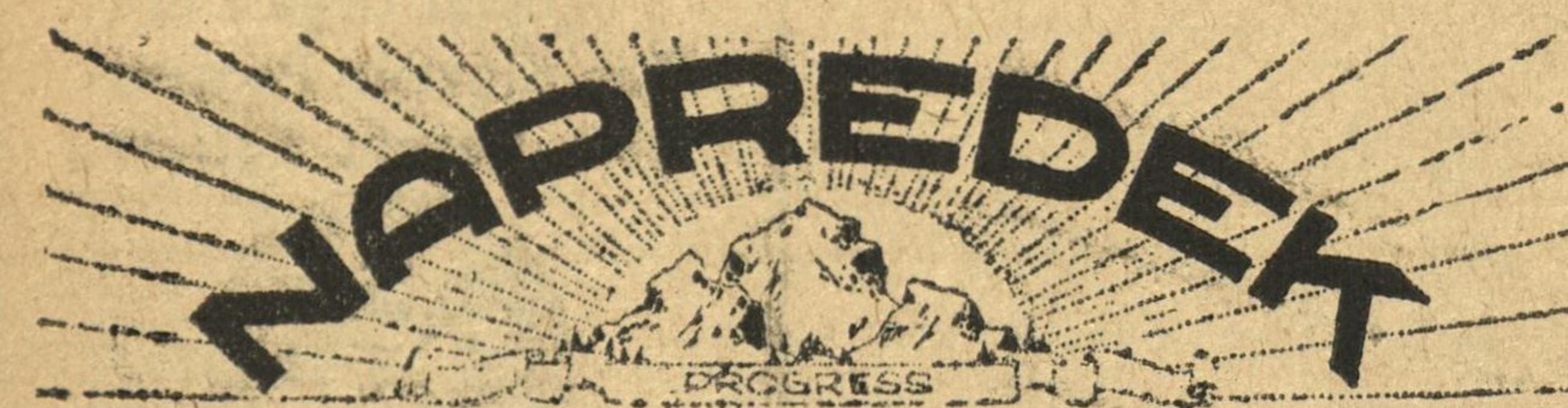
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Louis Kafeler

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Umrlo je to leto	81 43,945.00
Skupaj (sestej)	138 \$ 63,787.85
Skupaj izplačanih slučajev (všeči odtegneno radi naprave starosti in drugega \$1,054.56)	77 43,713.91

NEIZPLAČANE SMRTNINE 31. DEC. 1939	
	61 \$ 20,073.94

IZKAZ ODŠKODNIN	
Stevilo	Svota
Nastali in izplačani slučaji	4 \$ 375.00

IZKAZ BOLEZNI IN POSKODBE	
Stevilo	Svota
Neizplačani slučaji od lansketo leta	190 \$ 4,909.00
Zvišanje preračunjanje obveznosti	59.80
Novih slučajev naznanjenih tekom leta	913 43,474.10
Skupaj (sestej)	1,103 \$ 48,442.90
Izplačani slučaji tekom leta	915 43,596.01

NEIZPLAČANI SLUČAJI 31. DEC. '39	
	188 \$ 4,846.89

IZKAZ STAROSTNE PODPORE	
Stevilo	Svota
Slučajev izplačanih tekom leta	99 \$ 5,319.00

IZVLEČKI Iz AKTUARJEVEGA POROČILA PREGLED OCENITVE	
ČISTA IMOVINA	\$ 804,290.76
ČISTA OBVEZNOST S REZERVO	662,690.89
PREOSTANEK	\$ 141,599.87

Gorejšna ocena znači: da na podlagi American Experience in Standard Industrial smrtninske lestvice s obrestmi po 3 1/3 in 4 odstotke, z bodočimi prispevkvi po sedanjem plačilni lestvici, skupno s sedajo investirano imovino, so zadostni za kritje obveznosti certifikatov ob njih dozoritvi, s varnostnim preostankom od \$141,599.87.

SOLVENTNOST 31. DECEMBERA, 1939 121.37%

Solventnost drugače pomeni razliko med imovino in obveznostjo Zveze, kot gori označeno. V primerju s solventnostjo lansketo leta, je to leto za 26/100 enega procenta nižja, kar pač je pripisovati izplačitvi dividend članstvu, ali opustiti plačanja enega smrtninskega asesmenta v članskem oddelku in dveh asesmentov v mladinskem oddelku. V splošnem pa je solventnost v zadnjih petih letih zelo napredovala. Leta 1935 smo še bili ne-solventni s 94.40%, nakar se je rapidno višala. Leta 1936 je bila izkazana za 100.85%, leta 1937 za 118.69% in leta 1938 za 121.63%, letos pa kar gori označeno.

PRIČAKOVANJA IN DEJANSKA UMRLJIVOST

Pričakovano je bilo, da bode tekom leta 1939, na podlagi splošne zavarovalne umrlo število članov zavarovanih za sveto \$63,794.00

Umrlo jih je v resnici število, zavarovanih za \$42,890.44

Sorazmerje med pričakovanimi in resnimičnimi slučaji smrtnosti znaša leta 1939 67.23%

Med tem ko je bilo v prejšnjih letih sorazmerje sledenje: leta 1938, 65.91%; leta 1937, 83.33%; leta 1936, 100.17% in leta 1935, 86.50%.

OBRESTOVANJE IMOVINE PODPORNIH SKLADOV

PODPORNI SKLADI SO SE V LETU 1939 obrestovali po 4.08% Obrestna mera je letos bila višja od prejšnjih let, ki je znašala leta 1938, 3.62%; leta 1937, 3.60%; leta 1936, 3.18% in leta 1935, 3.05%. Obrestovanje je velikega pomena s ozira na zahtevno



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Z avtomobilom po stari domovini

ZA "NAPREDEK" NAPISAL PAUL BERGER

(Nadaljevanje)

Prihodnja postaja je bila v Čatežu, kjer sem izročil pozdrave očetu Martina Ivanšeku, gostilničarju na Cermakovem cesti v Chicagu, in od Čateža pa na ravnost v Zagreb. Vso pot je pa lilo kot iz škafa.

V Zagrebu se ustavimo pri sorodnikih moje soproge, kjer sem zopet dobil nekaj rumenjakov za mojo zbirko. Obiskal sem tudi Tomo Jeralo, prijatelja Petre Bernika, ki je že nekaj let nazaj precej poročal v ameriške slovenske liste. G. Jerala me je tudi podučil, kako vporabljal trobilo, za kar sem mu hvaležen, ker mi je pozneje v Ljubljani zelo prav prišlo, da sem to vedel. Ako enkrat zatuliš, je znamenje, da misliš prevoziti ulico naravnost; dvakrat, je znamenje, da nameravaš kreneti desno, in trikrat, da hočeš na levo. Vse to bi v Chicagu, npr. ne držalo, in karamboli bi se gotovo podeseterili. V Zagrebu in v Ljubljani moraš trobentati, toda v raznih italijanskih mestih, kar sem pozneje na mojem potovanju skusil, je pa strogo prepovedano, in sicer pod kaznijo. G. Jerala je zelo prijazen in vedno pripravljen na uslugo, in ko sva se nekolič vozila po Zagrebu, sem takoj spoznal, da bi se najbrže ne hotel z menoj voziti po Chicagu.

Cesta je postajala slabega in slabega, in poleg tega pa tudi zelo pršašna. Nekako 40 km pred Žemunom je pa zopet tlakovanja in sicer z asfaltom, in je tudi precej širja. Ko pridev na to cesto, sem mislil sam pri sebi: "Ha, Pavle, sedaj boš pa lahko malo po ameriškemu vozil," toda v tem hipu pa se zabilka, trešči, in vlije se ploha, da je bilo "veselje." Pa je šla moja "po ameriškemu vožnja" povodi. Ko pridev v Žemun, in zavzem pred hotel, kjer smo se odločili prenočiti, smo moralci čakati v avtomobilu, da je dež nekoliko pojental.

Avtu sem le z veliko težavo spravil po ozki stranski ulici na dvorišče za hotelom, kjer sem "parkal." Po večerji, ki je bila zelo dobro pripravljena in okusna, smo si nekoliko ogledali mesto, ki je zelo prijazno in še precej snažno, klub temu, da štokrle še vedno gnezdijo na dimnikih. Zgradili so v zadnjem času precej novih hiš in tako tudi vladnih poslopij, saj peska ne primankuje; dobivajo ga iz Sava s posebnimi stroji.

Druži dan pa preko novega mostu v Beograd. Most je krasno delo in zgrajen v vojno odškodnino, katero je morala Nemčija plačati Jugoslaviji. Beograd je sedaj krasno moderno mesto, in v marsičem nadkriljalo druga evropska velemešta. Ko sem bil leta 1922 v Beogradu, bi še marsikje lahko potegnil slamo iz strehe, toda sedaj je na dotičnem prostoru krasna nova palača. Samo eno napakoma ima, in to morala bi mestna uprava odstraniti: vsi ulični napisi so še vedno v cirilici, dočim je po vseh drugih evropskih mestih latinica v splošni rabi, še celo v Nemčiji rabi jo latinico za glavne informacijske napise in ne gotske črke. Pojasnil sem to tudi kapitanu Bajcerju, bratrancu moje nečakinje. Vsakdo si lahko predstavlja, kako je tuju, ki ne poznal cirilice. pride v Beograd, ima naslov, pa ne more dobiti prave ulice, oziroma ne

more razbrati uličnih napisov, in še posebno, ako ne zna nobenega slovanskega jezika. Enako pritožbo sem vložil tudi pri polkovniku g. Mirku Burji, ko sem ga obiskal v Beogradu. G. Mirko Burja je zet Mr. Josipa Plevnika iz Collinwooda, in ko je bil pred nekaj leti na obisku in počitnicah v Ameriki, se je ustavil nekaj časa tudi pri meni, in sedaj sem vrnil obisk. Kot sem bil obveščen, je sedaj vojaški atašé pri jugoslovanskem poslanstvu v Washingtonu; to mesto je menda dobil zadnjo jesen. Pri g. Mirku Burji smo se imeli prav po amerikansko in v družbi s kapitanom g. Bajcerjem in njegovim gospo smo se imenito zabavili; pred nami je bil cel kup sandvičev vsake vrste, in vino! . . . well, ne rečem drugega kot da se mi še sedaj sline cedijo. V tej družbi je bila tudi druga soproga g. Kolumbatoviča, ki je bil pred leti jugoslovanski generalni konzul v Chicagu; ona je bila rojena v Chicagu, in sedaj že precej dobro obvlada srbo-hrvatsčino.

Dolžnost mi veleva, da se najiskreneje zahvalim gospoj Burji na njeno prijaznost in pravo slovansko gostoljubje, še bolj pa za postrežbo, kakoršne sploh nisem pričakoval.

Večinoma vsak potnik (turist), ki pride v Belograd, uradno Beograd, in hoče videti vse zanimivosti in tako tudi razne "nezanimivosti" se gotovo potrudni na Oplenac, kjer so pokonpani vsi srbski in dva jugoslovanska kralja. Oplenac ni nobeno mesto, in tudi ne vas, ampak neke svoje vrste božja pot za vse Srbe; je nekako narodno svetišče. Oddaljeno je od Beograda nekako 83 kilometrov, ali 52 milj. Zgrajena je dobra s centrom tlakovana cesta, ki je pa zelo vijuasta, vsed česar ni mogoče "po amerišku dreveti"; jaz nisem bil prav nič nejevoljen, in tudi moji sopotnik ne, ker okolica je v resnici zelo romantična, in sem še "nalašč" malo bolj počasi vozil.

Grobniča dinastije Karadjordjevičev je v cerkvi sv. Jurija ki stoji na malem holmu sredi krasnega parka. Na pobojišču holma so vinogradi, last kraljeve rodbine, kar se tudi takoj na prvi pogled pozna, ker so v resnici skrbno obdelani.

Na vnožju holma je nekaj trgovin ki prodajajo razno "robo," ali kakor mi Amerikanci pravimo "souvenir," par gostiln in modern hotel; da je tudi orožniška postaja in drugi policijski (detektivski) uradi, menda mi ni potreba omeniti. Avto sem zapeljal pred hotel, in komaj se skocabamo iz "kare" je že brkat orožnik pri meni, ki je pa bil zelo ljuden in tudi postrežljiv; zelo uljudo je pojasnil, da fotografske kamere ni dovoljeno vzetih s seboj na grči, oziroma v cerkev, in jo lepo meni nič, tebi nič, obesi na drevo.

Počasi se odpravimo proti svetišču, mirno in "pobožno," kot se spodobi na božji poti. že zunanjost cerkve priča, da je ta cerkev svojevrstna, in sem si jo dobro ogledal od vseh koncev. Notranjost me je pa kar prenenila, in po pravici lahko trdijo, da slične cerkve ni nikjer na svetu.

(Dalje prihodnjic)

IZDATKI — SSPZ — DISBURSEMENTS

(Nadaljevanje)

SMRTNINE Mortuary Claims

20 Jack Zorc, beneficiary to John Zorc \$160.00
Stanley Zorc, beneficiary to John Zorc 165.00
Frances Zorc, beneficiary to John Zorc 175.00
22 Anna Stanich, wife and beneficiary to Steve Stanich 921.85
M. G. Kuhel, Sup. Treas.; to repay loan on cert. No. 41259 of Steve Stanich 78.15

ATHLETIC ACCOUNT

Almer Coe & Co. \$4.63

ODPRAVNINA IZ BOLNIŠKEGA SKLADA		116 John Bozic 18.00	175 Theresa Gruden 16.00	16.00 Ignatz Jerich 15.50
Indemnity from Sick Benefit Fund		21.00	Frank Matko 18.00	15.50 Loris Link 15.50
124 Albert Zalokar \$250.00		139 John Pišo 15.50	188 Joseph Penko 15.50	59 Steve Belencic 15.50
OPERACIJA Operation Claim		John Leskovic 31.00	189 Peter Bait 6.00	Martin Birk 15.50
183 Frank Razorshek, for Joe Blatnik) \$60.10		Harry Powh 15.50	205 Frank Partekel 6.00	67 Urh Burja 15.50
POVRNEN ASSESSMENT		176 Joseph Bozic 8.00	216 John Hojat 11.00	81 John Radosevich 46.00
221 Mike Machak \$74.84		Martin Pavsek 22.00	221 Pauline Machak 31.00	87 Anton Kotar 15.50
MLADINSKI ODDELEK JUVENILE DEPARTMENT		178 Frances Lobe 4.00	222 Martin Pavelich 7.00	101 Cecilia Sarson 25.00
Povrnen asesment (Dividenda) Assessment Refund (Dividend)		209 Peter J. Kranitz 36.00	236 Joseph Novak 31.00	125 Martin Jordan 43.00
Vrtec		219 Joe Tominek 13.00		126 John Gasperic 22.00
112 Sylvia Skedel (in lieu of lost check) \$11.86		220 Leo Junko 15.50		142 John Sprohar 18.00
Premiestitev Transfers		230 Anthony Krapes 6.00		143 Joe Lukich 31.00
M. G. Kuhel, Supreme Treasurer: Transfer of Adults members net assessments collected by Juvenile Dept from 10-1 to 12-31-39		Mary Stroy 10.00		149 Albin Putzel 8.00
M. G. Kuhel, Supreme Treasurer: Transfer Juvenile Expense fund to General Expense		Mary Stroy 15.00		George Muc 39.00
Plačana — Jan. 24 — Paid				Anton Roncevic 20.00
		\$ 856.50		Frank Rosec 15.50
		Plačana — Jan. 18 — Paid		Anton Fajon 15.50
3 Peter Banich \$15.50		12 Mike Zakotnik 34.00		John Kalsher 25.00
112 Sylvia Skedel (in lieu of lost check) \$11.86		18 Andrew Kuhar 31.00		152 Frank Seibert 39.00
Premiestitev Transfers		19 John Zelezničar 15.50		173 Izidor Crnkovich 28.00
M. G. Kuhel, Supreme Treasurer: Transfer of Adults members net assessments collected by Juvenile Dept from 10-1 to 12-31-39		20 John Klintz 31.00		198 Victor Filipic 12.00
M. G. Kuhel, Supreme Treasurer: Transfer Juvenile Expense fund to General Expense		21 Frances Bonfile 15.00		Robert L. Matetic 11.00
79.13		22 Sam Stanich 33.50		204 Bertha Gabriel 15.00
702.70		23 Mary Novsek 41.00		226 Frank Kolenc 29.00
BOLNIŠKA PODPORA Sick Benefit Claims		24 Victoria Kajfoss 19.00		Joseph Bratony 31.00
Plačana — Jan. 12 — Paid		25 Mary Hudaj 7.50		239 Martin Persin 15.50
1 Louis Zelezničar \$11.00		26 Frank Plazzotta 17.00		
2 Anton Chernich 8.00		27 John Rupnik 19.50		\$ 943.00
15 Agnes Zupancic 29.50		Louis Ostanek 31.00		M. G. KUHEL, gl. blag.—Sup. Treas.
Joseph Kurtz 15.50		44 Joe Jurak 15.50		
26 Christine Glazar 25.00		53 Frank Struna 4.00		
Sophie Person 33.00		60 Katherine Pelc 14.00		
Leander Makuc 8.00		61 Martin Skufca 15.50		
Anton Mužec 30.50		62 Frank Slanac 19.00		
28 Joseph Yambrovich 25.00		63 Ivan Krcel 16.00		
Joseph Yambrovich 19.00		64 Frank Rahne 9.50		
Joseph Yambrovich 17.50		65 Frank Tezak 34.00		
Frances Pogorelac 5.00		66 Frances Borin 17.00		
Draga Katich 16.00		67 103 Joseph Modic 24.00		
Frances Bukovac 9.00		68 106 Mary Runtich 28.00		
Jacob Ropac 24.00		69 120 Florence Yeray-Slaby 29.50		
36 Katherine Ekmaier 30.00		70 123 Joseph Hren 31.00		
37 Mike Moran 14.50		71 124 Justine Selko 11.00		
38 Joe Stermetz 13.00		72 113 Florian Vrhovnik 35.00</		

ANNUAL STATEMENT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1939

of the
Slovene Progressive Benefit Society

247 West 103rd Street, Chicago, Illinois

Balance from previous year \$885,400.74

INCOME

Payments received from members during first 12 months of benefit protection of which all or a part is used for expense 4,144.30

All other payments or premiums received from members 174,758.05

Total received from members \$178,902.85

Deduct payments returned to applicants and members, including \$—0—first year \$169.59.

Deduct reinsurance premiums paid, including \$—0—first year 168.59

Net amount received from members \$178,734.26

Gross interest on mortgage loans less \$—0—accrued interest on mortgages acquired during the year 5,205.22

Gross interest on bonds \$24,137.03 and dividends on stocks \$1,930.81, less \$1,186.98 accrued interest on bonds acquired during the year 24,880.85

Gross interest on liens and loans on certificates of members 2,683.20

Gross interest on deposits in trust companies and banks 252.97

Gross interest from all other sources 500.00

Gross income from society's property, including \$660.00 for society's occupancy of its own buildings (less \$—0—interest on inclusions) 8,757.83

Mortgage fees and Bonus on Bonds 95.00

Total income from investments \$42,375.07

Sales of lodge supplies 90.60

Returned benefits 37.17

Transfer of Juvenile Reserve 2,030.20

Transfer of Juvenile Expense 1,528.37

Refunded Taxes on Real Estate 203.30

Income from Official Oragn 137.87

Gross profit on sale or maturity of ledger assets 1,146.25

TOTAL INCOME \$226,288.09

Amount carried forward \$1,111,888.83

DISBURSEMENTS

Death Claims \$42,659.35

Permanent disability claims: (a) Income payments 375.00

Sickness and accident claims 43,596.01

Old Age Benefits 5,319.00

Surgical Operations 6,382.50

Benefvolent Subventions 1,775.20

Interest to Minor beneficiaries 151.89

Total net benefits paid \$100,258.95

Surrender values 6,383.84

Refunds to members: Paid in cash 6,810.25

Total Benefits and payments made to members \$113,453.04

Compensation of managers and others not paid by commission for services in obtaining new benefit protection 845.04

Medical examiners' fees \$500.00, Inspection of risks \$233.50 783.50

Salaries of home office employees, No. 1 720.00

Salaries and all other compensation of officers, trustees and committees 11,191.75

Traveling and other expenses of officers, trustees and committees 612.21

For collection and remittance of payments and dues 46.40

Insurance Department fees and expenses 127.00

Rent, including \$660.00 for society's occupancy of its own buildings 660.00

General office maintenance and expense 208.12

Advertising, printing and stationery 1,423.61

Postage, express, telegraph and telephone 463.78

Lodge Supplies 82.36

Official publication 4,948.74

Expense of Supreme Lodge meeting 80.00

Other legal expenses 200.00

Furniture and fixtures 46.60

Taxes, repairs and other expenses on real estate 4,599.31

Actuary 400.30

Miscellaneous 415.57

Transfer of Juvenile Reserve 2,030.20

Transfer of Juvenile Expense 1,528.37

Gross decrease, by adjustment in book value of ledger assets 208.30

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS 145,796.20

Balance \$965,892.63

LEDGER ASSETS

Book value of real estate \$85,665.43

Mortgage loans on real estate 86,691.49

Liens, loans or other credits on certificates of members 55,277.82

Book value of bonds and stocks 696,596.48

Cash in office and banks 41,661.41

Total ledger assets \$965,892.63

NON-LEDGER ASSETS

Interest and rents due and accrued \$ 8,817.45

Market value of real estate over book value 7,083.57

Market Value of Unlisted Assets \$ 11,380.57

Funds on Deposit with Cleveland, Ohio, Post Office 9.06

11,389.33

Gross assets \$993,183.28

DEDUCT ASSETS NOT ADMITTED

Deposits in suspended banks, less \$—0—estimated amount recoverable 2,842.73

Book value of bonds over (Amortized or Investment) value 34,967.35

Book value of stocks over market value 62,938.60

Interest Due and accrued on other than 1st Lien (Mortgage) 186.61

Junior Mortgage, not a First Lien 910.00

Cities Service Co., Debenture 7,500.00

109,345.29

Total admitted assets \$883,837.99

LIABILITIES, RESERVES AND UNASSIGNED FUNDS

Total death claims due, adjusted not yet due 20,073.94

Sick and accident claims due, adjusted not yet due \$ 1,233.89

Sick and accident claims incurred in the current year, not reported until the following year 3,613.00

Total sick and accident claims \$ 4,346.89

Total unpaid claims \$ 24,920.83

Salaries, rents, expenses, commissions, etc., due or accrued \$ 162.50

Estimated amount due or accrued for taxes 1,744.97

Unearned interest and rent paid in advance 220.62

Reserve for Interest on Trust Accounts 2,489.84

4,817.93

Total unpaid claims and other current liabilities \$ 29,538.76

Reserve liabilities required to cover contractual obligations 621,016.63

Special and Contingent reserves \$ 17,144.69

Total Liabilities \$667,700.28

Unassigned Funds \$216,137.71

Total to balance with Admitted Assets \$883,837.99

EXHIBIT OF CERTIFICATES

TOTAL BUSINESS OF THE YEAR

Benefit certificates in force December 31 of previous year.

Number *Amount

as per last statement 9,414 \$4,943,173.00

Benefit certificates written and renewed during the year 993 328,721.50

Benefit certificates increased during the year 54,766.00

Totals	10,407	\$5,326,660.50
Deduct terminated, decreased or transferred during the year	637	302,889.06
Total benefit certificates in force December 31 of current year	9,770	\$5,023,771.50

BUSINESS IN ILLINOIS DURING YEAR	Number	Amount
Benefit certificates in force December 31 of previous year, as per last statement	1,340	\$ 678,512.00
Benefit certificates written and renewed during the year	86	24,391.50
Benefit certificates received by transfer during the year	4	2,500.00
Benefit certificates increased during the year		7,160.50
Totals	1,430	\$ 712,564.00
Deduct terminated, decreased or transferred during the year	76	32,304.00
Total benefit certificates in force December 31 of current year	1,355	\$ 680,260.00

RECEIVED DURING THE YEAR FROM MEMBERS IN ILLINOIS	Number	Amount
Mortuary, \$13,641.61; Reserve, \$—0—; Disability, \$1,666.56;		
All other, \$7,164.38; Expense, \$2,655.61; Total \$25,128.16		
TOTAL CLAIMS		
Claims unpaid December 31 of previous year, as per last statement	57	\$ 19,842.85
Claims reported during the year	81	43,945.00
Totals	138	\$ 63,787.85
Claims paid during the year	77	42,659.35
Balance	61	\$ 21,128.50
Saved by compromising or scaling down claims during the year		1,054.56
Claims unpaid December 31 of current year	61	\$ 20,073.94

ILLINOIS CLAIMS	Number	Amount
Claims unpaid December 31 of previous year, as per last statement	7	\$ 1,663.15
Claims reported during the year	11	525.00
Totals	18	\$ 6,913.15
Claims paid during the year	11	5,290.00
Balance	7	\$ 1,623.15
Saved by compromising or scaling down claims during the year		347.96
Claims unpaid December 31 of current year	7	\$ 1,275.19

EXHIBIT OF PERMANENT DISABILITY CLAIMS	Number	Amount
Claims unpaid December 31 of previous year, as per last statement	4	\$ 375.00
Claims reported during the year	4	375.00
Totals	4	\$ 375.00
Claims paid during the year	4	375.00
Balance		\$

EXHIBIT OF SICK AND ACCIDENT CLAIMS	Number	Amount

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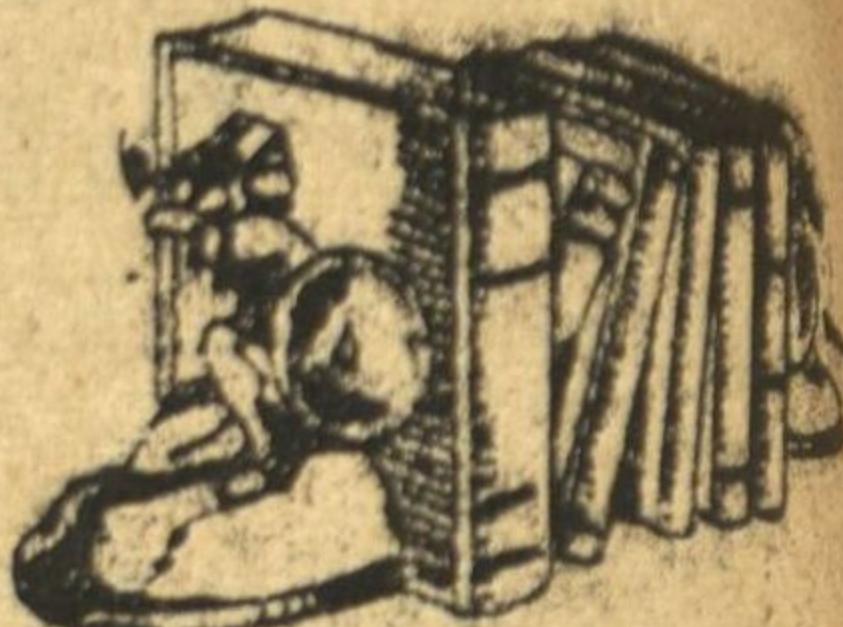


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benefits since organization.



National Bowling Tournament News

Last Thursday evening, I had the pleasure of attending the fourth meeting of the VICTORIAN National Bowling Tournament Committee at the home of JOSEPH POTSCH and I must say, considering the variety of the program, it was an evening well worth the while... Upon entering the house, one was immediately ushered to the play-room in the basement, spotlessly clean and newly whitewashed, where a game of "darts" was in progress... I never saw it played before and so found it both interesting and exciting, especially, in competition... One stands at the foul line, 10 or 15 feet back from the target, a series of different colored rings painted on a background of cork or pine board a yard or more square... Each ring represents a certain number of points... The darts are always aimed and intended for the center ring, which has the highest point count, but of course, unless your mental and physical coordination are in perfect harmony, the center and neighboring ring, invariably remain untouched and, if you're a betting man, the story can be right sad and the pastime quite costly (Ask Andy O'Bosla or Max Kalan)...

Nearby was a stand with a mirror top containing a set of sparkling glasses and a tall, amber-colored bottle... After each series of games a stream of footsteps marked the path to the stand, where the fountains of youth retrenched themselves for another flurry of darts...

Sometime later, everyone was called upstairs to the parlor and dining rooms, where comfortable chairs were quickly filled and where started the serious purpose of this gathering... Chairman EMIL HRAST, minus the gavel, presided as usual, and JOAN KOPRIVEC read the minutes of the previous meeting and continued thereafter to take notes of the results as they took place... Questions pertaining to bowling entries, prizes, trophies, banquet, dance, music, housing, etc., were taken in their proper order — Everything seems to be shaping up fine and a large entry is assured... The discussion of the souvenir booklet was lengthy, and a number of early reports were heard on the solicitation of "ads" — It should be a right, good-sized book, and will feature, in addition to the customary greetings, program of events, and autograph page, a page containing a diagram of the section of the city where the National Bowling Tournament and social affairs will be held, showing among points of interest, the place of bowling, dance and banquet auditorium, registration headquarters, hotels and streets... This, I'm sure, will be of great help to out-of-towners who don't know Chicago...

Following the adjournment of the meeting came refreshments, delicious, three-layered cake with cream-like frosting about a half inch thick, and coffee of just the right aroma, flavor and strength... JULIA and MARY, sister and wife, respectively, of Joseph Potsch, were the ladies responsible for the preparation and serving of this enjoyable repast (Thanks, ladies, thanks)...

Conversation, jelled with jokes and buttered with friendly kidding, brought forth a mixture of happy laughter, occasionally drowning out soft music of waltz and fox trot coming over the air. Music appropriate for dinner, but unheard and appreciated by nearly everyone while the "Battle of wits and fun" held attention...

Some had to leave... The attendance of 14 was cut by 4 as EMIL HRAST, EDWARD HUDALE, FRANK VIDMAR and MARIE CHERNICH departed for home... Then, while the ladies remained seated around the table, talking about hats, dresses, and other fashions of the day (How do I know? — I don't.), the men folks hid themselves to the white-walled sanctuary below, and once more the game of "darts", which had been interrupted a couple of hours before, was commenced where it left off and the trips to the mirror-stand became as regular as ever...

An hour went by like lightning, it seemed, when a voice penetrated the floor above... JOAN KOPRIVEC and NANCY NOVAK were anxious to spend the rest of the night at home and so, the crowd of 10 became 7, and a short time later dwindled to the original 3 as MAX KALAN, GEORGE ROSOL, ANDY O'BOSLA and his WIFIE bid their goodnights...

And so came to an end a happy occasion with the next meeting of the same Committee booked for (I hope I'm not wrong) at Andy O'Bosla's place of residence, the three, previous to the POTSCH STOP, having been held at the homes of EDWARD and BERTHA HUDALE (Emil Hrast's brother-in-law and sister), NANCY NOVAK and JOAN KOPRIVEC... These "Fireside" meetings are good for what ails our Lodge activities, and I would recommend a sample of the same to every Lodge... It's really great stuff!... Try it and see for yourselves. Oh, yes, almost forgot about the ENTRY FORM... It's here on today's PROGRESS PAGE... Fill it out! Send it in, EARLY!... More next week, MAYBE...

Michael Vrhovnik

TO ALL CONCORDIAN MEMBERS:

CLEVELAND, O. — Our regular monthly meeting on Wednesday, March 13th, will present many problems of importance to be discussed and settled. As an after meeting attraction, we shall have games with prizes. All members are asked to be there promptly at 7:30 and to bring their friends.

Nothing is more simple than greatness; indeed, to be simple is to be great.

—Emerson

Whatsoever thou takest in hand, remember the end, and thou shalt never do amiss.

—Ecclesiasticus

According to the United States Public Health Service, pneumonia treatments cost the nation about 75 million dollars annually...

A. J.

Indianapolis Bowling News

INDIANAPOLIS, Indiana — Flash! From bowler to bowler, from us to you. Un-flash! Flash! Highest single game was made by J. Qualitz, 227. Runner-up was Louis Znidarsich, 192. Un-flash!

Flash! Highest three game total was made by Louis Znidarsich, 563. Runner-up was J. Qualitz, 527. Third was E. Bencik, 503. Un-flash!

Ed Bencik has reorganized our men bowlers into four teams Reds, Blues, Greens and Purples. The teams bowled against each other last Sunday, Feb. 25.

Standings

	W	L	Pct.
Greens	4	2	.667
Reds	3	3	.500
Purples	3	3	.500
Blues	2	4	.333

Flash! Your reporters are holding up the Blues. (But the Blues think different) Un-flash!

Flash! Martin (Scholastic Difficulty) Dragan, was addressing the head pin as his teacher. He sure gave the head pin a beating. Un-flash!

Flash! If John (Oh Johnny) Praprotnik had as much control over the ball as he has over the women, he would hit the grove every time. Un-flash!

Flash! Louis Urbancic believes in drinking "vino" before bowling. It is a good thing that Annie Urbancic is bigger than he is or he would soon run out of "Vino." Un-flash!

Flash! Will be back in a flash with some more hash! Un-flash!

Vince and Gus

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Spring Frolic Dance

The Athletic Association of Indianapolis Danica Bowling Team is sponsoring a Spring Frolic Dance. This dance is for the benefit of the bowling teams. The dance will be held on April 6, at the Slovenian National Home — 729 N. Holmes Ave. at 7:30 p.m. Cash door prizes.

Come one, come all; there's fun for all.

Ladies' Bowling News

The ladies are making fine progress. They bowl on a Monday night and are cooperating with the league in the best way possible.

Annie, with that wicked swing behind the ball always returns to the bench with a flushed grin.

We wonder now if Margaret is blaming her new wrist band for the improvement of her score?

Leva's Sunday headache was not so bad Monday evening. She was at the bowling alleys right on the dot. "Quality on the dot."

Antonia (Little Ann) was going for a strike which ended with her kneeling on the floor looking for the ball in the gutter — No? She got seven pins.

Is Frances joining the P. P. Club with her curved ball? It might be a laugh but oh how the score came up.

Is sickness overtaking our other bowlers? Namely Ada, Mary, Rose, Lillie, Sophie and Red. We are hoping we can cross these names off our "missing list."

Highest score for three games was made by Antonia (Little Ann) Cesnik 437. Runner-up was made by Leva (Smiles) Qualitz 371.

Highest single game was



Chicago Bowling Tournament

CHICAGO, ILL. — The Tournament Committee had another meeting last week and they are progressing very nicely with arrangements for the Tournament Meet — April 13-14.

Letters inviting the various lodges to attend and send their teams have been mailed. A large turnout is expected, so get your teams lined up early and send in your entry blanks.

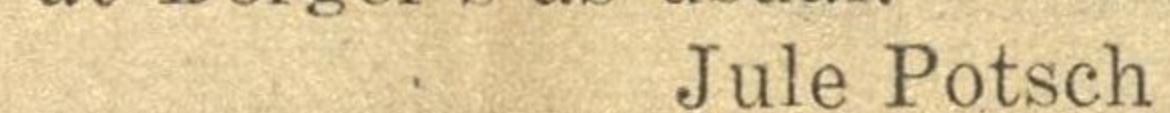
The first team entry of the meet has been posted. Roznik Lodge 227 of Chicago has entered with a five-man team. Congratulations and good luck.

Letters have also been mailed to the various lodges regarding our program book. We ask that you help us out by soliciting ads and individual names. Every ad helps defray printing expenses know you all want a nice souvenir book. The more ads we get, the better the book.

Dance and banquet tickets are also ready and have been mailed to the members and lodges interested. We hope you will all get busy and sell these tickets in advance. A very fine orchestra will play for the dance on Saturday and an excellent dinner is planned for the banquet on Sunday — with, of course, music afterwards for dancing.

The next Committee meeting will be held on March 14 at the home of Marie Chernich. More news about the Committee's doings will be given after that date.

VICTORIANS — Our regular March meeting will be held Thursday March 7, so please be there. Meeting at Berger's as usual. Jule Potsch



Lodge 172

LIBRARY, Pa. — SSPZ members of Lodge 172 take notice. There will be a special assessment of 25¢ for the months of March and April. It was necessary to do so in order to be able to send a delegate to the convention. In the future, to avoid such circumstances patronize the lodge affairs and help build up the treasury.

The next monthly meeting will be held March 10, 1940 at 2 o'clock.

May 26, 1940 is the date of the SSPZ Annual Picnic. It will be held at Joe's Place in Library. The music will be played by Paul Dolinar and His Merry Makers. For the present, keep the date in mind and read the paper for further details.

VRTEC 118

The Vrtce members are requested to turn out in full number on March 10th at 3:00 p.m. Sis. Frances Dermotta wishes to organize a juvenile glee club. At this meeting there will be games and the regular procedure of business. Let us turn out 100 per cent.

Helen Dermotta,
Financial Secretary

made by Antonia Cesnik 178.
Runner-up was Leva Qualitz 154.

Leva Qualitz.

Successful Fifth Anniversary

BRIDGEVILLE, Pa. — Being successful in one undertaking brings inspiration for bigger and better things. Thus, the success of our Fifth Anniversary Dance leaves us more pleasant memories, plus a great urge to work harder for future activities. The success of this affair depended largely upon the committee in charge, who deserve thanks for their great efforts, although could not have made the grade had it not been for the splendid cooperation we received from our neighboring lodges. Our sincere thanks to the Challengers from Strabane. It certainly pleased us to have you with us, as you made it feel just like old times once more.

Many thanks to the folks from Sygan and Midway. Also to the girls from Burgettstown who planned on attending, had every intention of coming, but were disappointed by a "fiend," the driver, at the appointed time. Sorry girls, but we do appreciate your efforts, and wish you more success the next time.

Eddie Tomsic and his boy-friend deserve a medal for traveling such lengthy distance and honoring us by their presence. Thanks a million boys, as we certainly did feel great having a couple of jolly Spartans with us to help celebrate this great occasion.

Mary (Jereb) Host is also to be complimented on her grand style of baking delicious cakes. She baked and donated to the lodge, a large guess cake, which was very much appreciated. Thanks, Mary.

A \$25 award was received by fortunate John Wajad from Republic, Pa. May you spend it wisely, John!

If gay laughter and smiling faces prove enjoyment, then it's a true fact that all those who attended this dance enjoyed themselves.

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At our last regular meeting, we decided to have a "Social Gathering" at the Slovene Hall on Sunday evening, March 10th. For the evening's entertainment we have planned to have refreshments, music, card games, etc. So come on all you jitterbugs and card sharks, and have some real old-fashioned fun at the "Progressor's Social Gathering" on Sunday, March 10th at the Slovene Hall on Liberty St., in Bridgeville. This is one affair that was planned for the pleasure of young, old, and also the children.

The doors will be open at 6 o'clock in the evening, so come early, all of you, as we'll be expecting you. So-long, "Pam"

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The entry fee for this event is \$7.50 for each team.

Spartans Notes

By Ann Opeka

To begin with, here's a brief touch for a perfect day, you and your friends attending Spartans "Easter Parade Dance." We do hope your program for the day will run accordingly. We're sure you won't regret it.

Synopsis: Spartans 13th anniversary and Easter Parade Dance Sunday, March 24 in the auditorium of S. N. H. on St. Clair Ave. Music by popular Louis Trebar and his orchestra. Admission 35c, 8:00 p.m. till ??

The United Lodges Vrtce Cultural Festival committee has met several times to date scheming and planning an elaborate and sensational program for Sunday, May 19, the day of the occasion.

The participants of unusual talent, are all SSPZ Vrtce members from various states and the show promises to be the best you've ever seen.

Keep the date open, and also remind your friends for we want a record crowd and show the youngsters their efforts are appreciated. You will have an opportunity to meet the winners of the Juvenile Festival Contest who will be special guests for the day. More details will appear on the page later.

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OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM

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CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

Name of Lodge No. At

Five-Man Team Event Five-Woman Team Event

1.	1.
2.	2.
3.	3.
4.	4.
5.	5.

(Substitute) (Substitute)

Designate captain of each team.

The entry fee for this event is \$7.50 for each team.

Two-Man Team Event Two-Woman Team Event

1.	1.
2.	2.

The entry fee for each team is \$3.50.

Individual Event Individual Event

Men's Women's

1.	1.
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4.	4.
5.	5.

The entry fee for each individual is \$1.75

Athletic Mgr.	Lodge Sec'y.
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All entries and fees must be mailed or delivered to JOSEPH POTSCH, 2117 SO. LOMBARD AVE., CICERO,