

Od tedna do tedna

NOV ZAKONIK GLEDE AMERIŠKEGA DRŽAVLJANSTVA

12. januarja prihodnjega leta bo stopil v veljavo nov zakon glede državljanstva v Zed. državah, ki vsebuje nekatere nove določbe, njegova poglavitna značilnost pa leži v tem, ker se je prvič sestavilo en zakon, oziroma zakonik, ki pokriva vse legalne strani ameriškega državljanstva. Novi zakonik predstavlja delo sedmih let, ki se je vršilo pod nadzorstvom državnega tajnika, generala in nega pravdnika in delavskega tajnika. Predsednik je novi zakon podpisal 14. oktobra.

Več o novem zakoniku bomo poročali v eni prihodnjih izdaj Napredka.

SLIKA FANATIZMA

Anton Grdina, ki je clevelandskim Slovencem na razpolago "od zibel do groba," poleg tega pa je tudi bančni predsednik, odlikovanec z redom sv. Save od Stojadinovičeve vlade, itd., itd., se je nedavno vtaknil v kontroverzo, ki je nastala med Enakopravnostjo in Ameriško Domovino radi dr. Antona Korošca, o katerem je new-yorskki "Times" že ponovno poročal, da spada k tisti kliki jugoslovenskih politikov, ki se liže okrog osišča Rim-Berlin. Grdina se je seveda potegnil za "gospoda" Korošca.

Enakopravnost je na to reagirala s tem, da je Grdini zabrušila v obraz očitek, da je fasist. Par tednov je bilo vse mirno, potem pa so se oglasila društva Sv. Imena od clevelandskih slovenskih fara in javno pozvala Enakopravnost, da svojo trditev o Grdinovem fašizmu dokaže ali pa prekliče.

Enakopravnost je sedaj objavila neki dve leti star dopis A. Grdine, v katerem se je izrazil, da "zelo simpatizira s fašisti" in da kot katoličan drugače nemože, ker katoličani "se boje komunizma." In zapisal je še tole: "Kdor bo v Španiji zmagal, tisti bo zavladal celemu svetu." (E. je dopis prvočno zadržala, ker se je Grdina potem, ko ga je poslal, premislil in prosil urednika, da naj ga ne objavi.)

Fašizem v Španiji je s Hitlerjevo v Mussolinijevu pomočjo res zmagal. Po Grdinovi teoriji to pomeni, da bosta v vojni, ki se danes bije v Evropi, prodrla treći rajh in fašistična Italija, in da bo prej ali sleg pred njima klonila tudi Amerika.

Incident je zanimiv in značilen, ker pokazuje, kako daleč lahko zaidejo od fanatičnega klerikalizma prežeti ljudje.

BENEŠ: HITLER JE ŽE IZGUBIL VOJNO

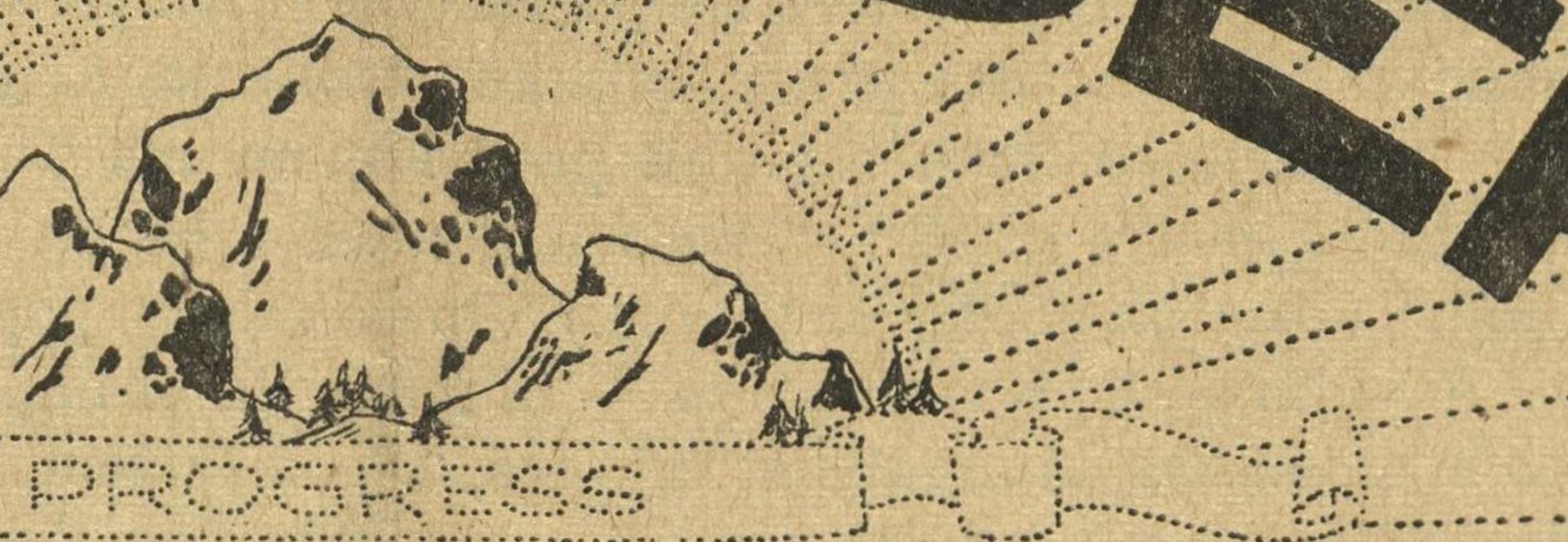
Dr. Edvard Beneš je ob prilikah prve seje češkoslovaške vlade v izgnanstvu, katere sedež se nahaja v Londonu, izjavil, da je po njegovih sodbi nacijska Nemčija že izgubila vojno. Za vzroke, radi katerih smatra siguren končni poraz tretjega rajha, je dr. Beneš navedel sledeča dejstva:

Ponovna izvolitev predsednika Roosevelta v Zed. državah, s čemur je ameriško ljudstvo jasno odobrilo pomoč Angliji. "Odeločilna zmaga," ki jo je izvojovala Anglija z Nemčijo, ko je odbila poizkus invazije. Rastope težave, ki jih ima Nemčija v vseh zasedenih ozemljih.

STROŠKI OBRAMBE

Na podlagi vstopa, ki jih je kongres že dovolil, za obrambo, bo vsaka oseba v Zed. državah prispevala \$384 v ta namen. Obrambni račun za povprečno gledajo, da bodo svoj asesment o pravem času plačali, da bo mo-

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DOPISI IN POROČILA ČLANSTVA

Društvo št. 152

South Fork, Pa. — Društvo št. 152 bo imelo svojo redno sejo, ki bo obenem letna seja, v nedeljo 15. decembra ob 2. popoldne v Slovenskem Domu. Na tej seji se bo volilo uradnike za leto 1941. Vsi člani so prošeni, da so navzoči. Edina izjema so bolniki in oni, ki so zadržani vsled dela. Kdor se ne udeleži, se bo prostopaloz njim v smislu pravil.

Marko Savor, tajnik.

Vabilo na božičnico

Export, Pa. — Prijazno se bavi starejše člane in članice SSPZ v tej naselbini in v okolici, da posetijo božično priredo, katero prirede angleško poslujočo društvo Evening Stars v nedeljo 22. decembra ob 6. zvečer v Slovenski dvoranu v White Valley. Na vzopredju je komična igra "Wanted a Male Cook" (Išče se moškega kuvarja), in slišali boste izvrstne slovenske pevce, ki bodo zapeli melodije, ki jih vse radi poslušamo. Ob tej priliki bodo tudi prvici nastopili otroci našega Vrteca, ki bodo izvajali vaje ali "drill": The Red, White and Blue.

Društvo se je potrudilo in upa da vam bo na omenjeni večer podalo najlepši božični program, ki ste ga še kdaj videli. Navzoč bo seveda tudi Miklavž, ki bo imel darila za vse. Torej upamo, da nas obiščete.

Član "Evening Star"

Letna seja in drugo

Claridge, Pa. — Kmalu bo končna leta in zopet bo treba voliti uradnike pri naših društvenih. Apeliram na vse člane in članice društva št. 2 SSPZ, da se udeležijo seje v nedeljo 15. decembra ob 10. popoldne v navadnih prostorih. Da ne bo kakega nesporazumljjenja pozneje, naj vsak dobro premisli, kako bo glasoval, oziroma tako, da bo v korist društva v Zvezni. Vem, da je težko vsem ustrezti in nihče ni brez napak, bodisi tajnik ali zdravnik, pa če je še tako veden, ampak če bomo vse vršili svoje dolnosti, se vsaka zadava pravilno reši. Na seji boste tudi slišali celoletno poročilo in račune, iz katerih bo razvidno, koliko smo napredovali.

Naša plesna priredba, ki se je vršila 28. novembra, je povoljno izpadla, akoravno nas je tiste dni objela zima. Prvo nagrado v znesku \$25 je dobil naš blagajnik William Kratofil, drugo Andrej Radež, tretjo pa W. J. Bradle. Na tem mestu se zahvalim društvi SNP v Claridge in federaciji iste organizacije, karor tudi SND, ki so precej listkov nabavili in tem pripomogli k uspehu. Hvala vsem po sameznikom, ki so na ta način sodelovali z nami.

Na božični dan 25. decembra bo Miklavž obiskal našo naseljino. Imeli bomo skupno priredo, za katero so prispevala vsa tukajšnja društva. Ne pozabite poslati vaših otrok na božični dan ob 10. popoldne v S. N. Dom! Starejšim se bo postreglo z najboljšimi okreplili.

Na članstvo št. 2 apeliram, da gledajo, da bodo svoj asesment o pravem času plačali, da bo mo-

Koledar prireditev SSPZ

NEDELJA, 15. decembra — Božičnica z dramsko predstavo in petjem prirede članji Vrteca "Challenger Juniors," STRAŠANE, Pa., v dvorani SNP. Začetek ob 7. zvečer.

NEDELJA, 15. decembra — Božična priredba Rožnik Juniors, CHICAGO, Ill., v Bergerjevi dvorani, popoldne in zvečer. Nastop mladine in predavanje novega filma Slovenije.

SOBOTA, 21. decembra — Društvo "Trail Blazers," št. 197 in Vrtec št. 139, CHICAGO, Ill., priredita božičnico z igro, varietetom programom in plesom v Stancikovi dvorani, 205 E. 115th St.

NEDELJA, 22. decembra — Božična predstava in program društva "Evening Stars," WHITE VALLEY, Pa., v Slovenski dvorani. Začetek ob 6. uri.

NEDELJA, 22. decembra — Božičnica Balkan Juniors, Vrtec št. 33, MILWAUKEE, Wis., z igro, petjem, godbo in najnovejšim filmom Slovenije, predavanjem po br. Vrhovniku, v Harmonie dvorani, So. 6th in West Mineral St.

TOREK, 31. decembra — Silvestrova zabava društva Priatelj, št. 46, SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., v Slovenskem naprednem domu, 2101 Mariposa Ave.

SOBOTA, 1. februarja — Plesna veselica društva "Utopians," v Slov. Del. Domu Waterloo Rd., COLLINWOOD, O., v prostovu 13-letnic.

SOBOTA, 22. februarja — Maškeradna veselica društva št. 172, LIBRARY, Pa.

NEDELJA, 9. marca — Programa 15-letnice Skupnih društev SSPZ v CLEVELANDU, O., z dramsko predstavo v S. N. Domu na St. Clair Ave.

potrebuje nekoliko razvedril, posebno ob božičnem času. Videjte boste tudi talente in sposobnosti te naše mladine, ki bo izvajala program. Poleg tega bodo kazane tudi premične slike, ki so nadvse zanimive in vas bodo gotovo zadovoljile. Vabim tudi članom društva drugih društev, da se udeležijo božičnice, pa tudi svoje otroke pripeljite na to Vrtečno priredo.

Po programu se bo serviral večerja za vso mladino, če so člani ali ne. Pa tudi Miklavž je sporočil, da bo obdaroval vse navzoče otroke. Ko bo on končal svoj posel, se bo pričela prostata zabava. Godba bo prve vrste, plesalo se bo prav po domače — če se ne motim, se bomo še mi starci počutili.

Še enkrat apeliram na vas, da se boste vsi, zlasti starši in člani SSPZ, udeležili v čim lepšem številu. S tem boste pokazali, da se zavedate, da je mladina naša bodočnost na društvenem in kulturnem polju. Ako bomo storili svojo dolžnost, si bo tudi mladina zapomnila in spominjal še, ko bo stopala v leta, v katerih smo mi sedaj.

Torej na svidjenje v nedeljo 15. decembra popoldne!

Victor Zupanic

Vsi na božičnico!

Chicago, Ill. — Poročano je že bilo, da bo Vrtec Roznik Juniors, št. 160 priredil božičnico tudi letos, kot je storil to običajno prejšnja leta. Letos se bo božična priredba vršila v nedeljo 15. decembra popoldne, in sicer v Bergerjevi dvorani, 2653 S. Lawndale Ave. Upam, da boste starci tako prijazni, da se boste udeležili te božičnice in pripeljali svoje otroke s seboj, da se ž njo vred zabavate nekaj ur. Priznajmo, da mladino tudi

Društvo št. 55
Broughton, Pa. — Društvo št. 55 SSPZ bo obdrževalo letno ali glavno sejo dne 15. decembra letos ob 10. popoldne. Na dnevnem (Dalje na 2. str.)

Izgleda, da v Italiji močno poka

Skeleči porazi, ki jih doživlja Italija, odkar je stopila v vojni, skuša Mussolini zvrniti na rame poveljnikov v armadi in mornarici. Te dni so sledile ena "resignacija" za drugo v italijanski obrambni sili. Prvi je prišel na vrsto maršal Pietro Bagdolio, "junak etiopske ekspedicije," njemu že sledil grof Cesare Maria De Vecchi, ki je odstopil kot governer Dodekanskih otokov, in tema dvema je sledil v pokoj admiral Domenico Cavagnari, šef mornariškega štaba in podstajnik mornariškega ministra.

Grki še vedno podijo italijansko vojsko preko albanskih gora proti mörju, in so v zadnjih dneh zasedli pristaniško mesto Porto Edda, ki je najbljžja točka za prevoz iz Italije. Padlo je tudi mesto Argirocastro, kjer je bila glavna baza italijanskih operacij v Albaniji za vojno proti Grkoma.

Vsa poročila soglašajo v tem, da v Italiji pomanjkanje dnevnih raste, in s tem vred jeza in nezadovoljstvo med masami naroda. Vsi radijski aparati v deželi, razen v fašističnih klubih, so zapečateni, ker se Il Duce boji, da bi ljudstvo iz inozemskih poročil izvedelo resnico o porazih, ki jih doživljajo njene oborožene sile. Zadnja poročila povedo, da so Grki pričeli z novo ofenzivo na vsej 150 milj dolgo fronti v Albaniji.

Predsednik Roosevelt je te dni brzjavno zagotovil Grčijo, da bo Amerika v soglasju z načelom, da se pomaga vsem narodom, ki se branijo pred napadalcem, stala na razpolago s svojo pomočjo.

POZNO OPRAVIČILO

Ko je bila predsedniška volilna bora na višku, je skupina finančnikov od privatnih "life insurance" kompanij prišla v javnost s propagando, da ako bo Roosevelt ponovno izvoljen, bo sledila neizogibna inflacija in ogrožene bodo investicije vseh ljudi, ki so zavarovani za življenje. Zdaj se je oglasil predsednik Metropolitan Insurance Co., Leroy A. Lincoln, ki pravi, da so bile dotične trditve brez vasek podlage in da omenjeni finančniki niso imeli pravice govoriti v imenu zavarovalnih družb.

Ta izjava je prišla natančno en mesec po volitvah. Izgleda, da so magnatje ustrashili, da bi njih lastne besede utegnile škodovati njihovemu businessu, odtod njih omivanje sedaj. Ako bili iskreni, bi bili spregovorili takrat, ko je bil čas za to — pred volitvami.

SLABA EKONOMIJA

V ohijskih premogovnikih sta letos prijetili dve veliki nesreči, ki sta tirjali življenje 103 mož. Državna vlada je sedaj obljubila preiskavo, ampak življenj, ki so uničena, preiskava ne bo vrnila. Vsa znamenja kažejo, da je izpolnjevanje varnostnih zakonov v državi zelo zanikan. Splošno znano je, da sedanji governer Bricker, republikanski staro-gardist, izvaja "štendijo" na račun zakonov, ki

To je borba med dvema svetovoma, pravi Adolf Hitler

Zmaga nazizma prinese dobo "miru, svobo-
de in kulturo," pravi firer, ampak barbar-
stva na Poljskem in drugod govore drugače

Nacijski firer Adolf Hitler je imel pred par dnevimi v prostorih neke tovarne v predmestju Berlinu govor, ki je bil namenjen nemškemu delavstvu, obenem pa je bil pa radju razposlan po vseh okupiranih ozemljih, kakor tudi v Južno in Severno Ameriko. Dejstvo, da je Hitler svoj apel naslovil na delavske mase, je značilno. Pokazuje namreč rastočo resnost notranjega položaja v Nemčiji.

Hitlerjev govor je bil pol "radikalno" se glasečih fraz, o svobodi, kulturi in miru, tako, da bi človek, ki ne bi vedel, s kom ima opravka, sodil, da besede prihajajo iz ust prepiranega revolucionarja.

Amerika vključena v svet, ki se mora uničiti

To je borba med dvema svetovoma, je rekel Hitler. Med svetom posebnih privilegijev, v katerega je vključil poleg Angriljev tudi Zedinjene države, in univerze so zaprte in dovoljena je le izobrazbe najnajšje vrste. Pouk zgodbivne in zemljepisja je prepovedan celo v osnovnih poljskih šolah.

Poljska industrija, ki tekmuje z nemško, se sistematično iztrebja. Iz Lodza so bile premičene cele takstilne industrije v Chemnitz. Poljska oružna industrija mora obratovati v pomoč Nemčiji.

Nemci so sistematično uničili v razdejali poljske knjižnice, muzeje in umetnine.

Poljska dekleta se nasiloma pošilja v nemška vojna taborišča kot prostitutke.

Na stotisoč Poljakov je bilo poslanih v Nemčijo, kjer morajo delati v industrijskih potravnih.



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AKO VAS ČEVELJ TIŠČI . . .

ZNAN ameriški pisatelj pripoveduje: Neka osebno mi poznana premožena ženska je nedavno vzela v službo mledočničko iz Belgije. Oba dekletina brata sta bila ubita v prvih dneh nemške invazije. Družina je zbežala z dvokolesnim vozičkom, na katerega je naložila nekatere reči, ki se jih je dalo rešiti, tavačoč po natrpanih cestah, največ ponoči, prenočujejoč na od deževja premoženih poljih in skrivajoč se v obcestnih jarkih in za drevesi, kadarkoli se je prikazal kak bomnik. Mladenka, edina v družini, ki je sposobna služiti kruh, je sedaj prišla v Ameriko, pustivši mater in ostale otroke v Amiensu. Odkar je padla Francija, ni prejela še nobenega glasusa od njih.

"Imela je malo skušenj kot sobarica," mi je pravila prijateljica, "in bila je često neokretna. Nekega večera, ko sem imela iti ven, mi je zlikala in prinesla večerno toaletno. Obleka pa je bila še zmerom zmečkana in šiv, ki je spustil, je bil nepopravljen. Bilo je že itak pozno, in tako sem izbruhinila. Dekle me je le pogledalo z nekakim nemim začudenjem. Ko sem jo nehala zmerjati, je rekla zelo mirno: 'In vi se morete razburiti radi ene obleke!' Še nikdar v življenju me ni bilo tako sram; od tistega trenotka naprej nisem pozabila, kako malo povoda imam bodisi jaz, ali kdorkoli v Ameriki, da se razburja."

To je eno, kar je vojna storila za nas. Sreča je smisel za razmerje, in največje skrbi in težave so danes tako semešno majhne v primeri s tem, kar trpi ostali svet. Bog ne daj, da bi se tega veselili, ali da bi zavoljo tega postali domišljavi ali brezbrinji, ampak to utegne biti začetek naše modrosti. Prav za prav bi ne smelo biti potrebno, da se svet podre pred našimi očmi, predno pridemo do razumevanja, da večji del naših težav so kot gnide v žungli, polni krvoljčnih tigrov. Ne mislim s tem reči, da bi se kdo moral veseliti, če je lačen ali premrazen, ker je nekdo drug še bolj lačen in premrazen — ampak koliko rinas pa je, ki trpimo glad in mraz? Večji del naših dnevnih neprilik je tako malenkosten, da bi nas moralo biti sram, ako bi le trenotek pomislili. Ena izmed najbolj nezadovoljnih žensk, kar sem jih kdaj poznal, je bila ena, ki je bila "nesrečna," ker je mož ni mogel kupiti suknje iz dragocenih kožuhovine . . .

Pred par dnevi sem prejel pismo od nekega pastorja iz dela Anglije, ki je bombardiran že več tednov. V pismu ni bilo niti besede o bombah in niti ene zavestne misli o hrabrosti. Pisal mi je, da z zanimanjem čita moje stvari in ako bi mu dovolil objaviti neko črtico v lističu, ki ga izdaja za svoje župljane. Nič drugega. Niti besede o smerti in uničenju, ki ga je obkrožalo, ko je pisal. Hiša, v kateri stanuje, je bila morda že kup razvalin, ko sem mu tipkal odgovor; bil je morda mrtev, predno so ga dosegle moje vrste, ampak gotovo se ni vznemirjal — kakor sem se vznemirjal jaz, ko so otroci delali truš pred hišo. Po pravici rečeno, zdi se mi, da bi danes lahko pisal v kotlarski tovarni in hvaležen bi bil, da ni huje.

Stalno srečujem ljudi, katerih položaj je tak, da bi me bilo sram, če bi tožil in stokal radi česar koli. Zadnje poletje sem srečal igralko, ki je bila slavna na Ogrskem. Ampak, če verjamete ali ne, ona se je smejala, ko je rekla: "Angleščina je tretji jezik, ki se ga učim v prizadevanju, da bi začela zopet od kraja. Iz Budimpešte sem zbežala na Dunaj in se učila nemščine. Ko je bila zasedena Avstrija, sem šla v Francijo. Imela sem mnogo obetač angažma v nekem pariškem gledališču, in potem je padla Francija. Sedaj se skušam naučiti angleščine, in morda začnem z novo karijero tukaj." Rekel sem, da jo pač zasleduje nesreča. "Kako mislite?" se je začudila. "Trikrat sem ušla smrti, in če to ni sreča, ne vem, kaj je!"

Vaši otroci so šli danes zjutraj v solo ali na delo. Neki angleški sodnik in član parlamenta mi piše, da je bil njegov sin, zrakovljevski pilot, zadnji teden ubit v bitki

z nemškimi letali. "Lahko smo ponosni nanj," mi piše, "in obžalujemo one, katerih sinovi živijo manj vredno." Vi imate streho nad seboj, na gorkem ste in deležni ste udobnosti vseh reči, katere ste zbrali tekom let. Nedavno je slika v nekem listu predstavlja kup kamenja, ki je bil par ur preje še dom. Na tlak pred kupom razvalin je nekdo zapisal s kredo: "There will always be an England." (Anglija nikdar ne izgine.) Vpritoč takega poguma — in vidimo ga po vsem svetu — bi rekel, da bi bilo celo onih izmed nas, ki argumentirajo češ, "Ne razumem, kako naj mi pomaga to, da se drugim celo slabše godi," lahko sramkuhati rilec, ker danes zjutraj ni bilo gorce vode, ali ker je prepriča v družinski sobi začela kazati rebra . . .

Med menoj in vami, in pa med krtinami, katere imenujemo gore, se nahajajo v teh dnevnih merilnih palice, katerih se ne da odstraniti — slike tovornih vagonov, polnih bednih beguncev z Balkana, zmrznenih trupel na Finskem, mož, žena in otrok, lačnih, brez doma, premrazenih, umirajočih in mrtvih ob cestah, na potapljaljajočih se ladjah in na mestnih ulicah — toliko človeškega gorja, da zaman iščemo primere v vseh vekih "človekove nečlovečnosti napram svojemu sočloveku." Vse to utegne — mora — pustiti v naših mislih prostora za usmiljenje, ogorčenje in stalno željo, storiti vse, kar moremo, da pomagamo in da skušamo graditi bodočnost, v kateri se take reči ne bodo mogle več dogajati. Ampak za ceno, ki je ogromna, so se naši lastni križi in težave skrčili na njih resnično velikost.

Na svetu, polnem grozot, smrti in uničenja, kateri izmed nas ima pravico moledovati, ako ga čevelj tišči?

IZ GLAVNEGA URADA SSPZ

DRUŠTVENIM TAJNIKOM (ICAM) NA ZNANJE

Razposlani so stenski koledarji za leto 1941. Poleg manjšega ali manjših, so tajniki društva s številnimi člani prejeli tudi večji stenski koledar, ki je namenjen za javen prostor, predvsem za dvorano, kjer društvo zboruje. Manjši je za tajnika, ali akó je priložen kak na daljnji, za druge uradnike.

Za nadaljne, najsibode za manjše ali ta velike kolejarje, naj se, prosim, ne vpraša. Naročili smo vsakih omenjeno število in smo vse razposlali. Tudi za "prodajo" jih nimamo.

Sedaj se razpošilja nova pravila, sprejeta na 10. rednini konvenciji. Tudi teh dobi vsako društvo omejeno število, ne več kot polovico število članstva. Ako jih kateri tajnik ne bo imel zadost, naj piše po nadaljnje s navedbo, koliko jih še rabi.

Pravila ima vsak pravico zahtevati in prejeti, a sem pod vtisem, da jih vsakdo ne rabi. Ena knjižica bi začasno zadostovala za člane ene družine.

Da se jih pošilja v omejenem številu je vzrok, ker je več tajnikov sporočilo, da jih jim preostaja. Člani se več ne zanimajo zanje tako kot nekdaj.

Razposlana so bila obvestila za sporočitev novo izvoljenih uradnikov pri društvu. To listino naj vsak tajnik (ica) spolnjeno vrne, tudi ako so vsi starci uradniki ponovno izvoljeni. Glavni urad jo rabi za popravek mogičih pomot v starem imeniku. Tudi listino za PORSOŠTVO naj se točno izpolnjeno in podpisano vrne.

WILLIAM RUS, gl. tajnik.

DOPISI ČLANSTVA

(Dalje s 1. str.)

nem redu bodo važne zadeve za prihodnje leto, kakor tudi volitve odbora. Udeležite se torej vse letne seje. Na 15. decembra naj nihče ne ostane doma!

John Dolinar, tajnik.

Društvo št. 54

Ely, Minn. — Člane in članice društva Ruðar, št. 54 SSPZ, se tem potom uljudno vabi, da se gotovo udeležite prihodnjih letnih seje, ki se bo vršila v nedeljo 15. decembra ob 1. popoldne v J. S. N. Domu. Poglavitno na dnevnem redu poleg navadnih društvenih zadev so volitve društvenih uradnikov za leto 1941.

Te seje naj se udeleži vsakdo,

ako mu je le mogoče. Po seji bomo imeli tudi malo zabave. Toliko na znanje.

Vesele božične praznike in veselo Novo leto vsemu članstvu SSPZ!

Math Praprotnik, tajnik

Društvo št. 181

Power Point, O. — Z ozirom na to, da je koncem leta potreben, da se društvo postavi na zdravno podlago, je bilo sklenjeno, da se za mesec decembra razpiše izreden asesment 50c za po-

kritje društvenih stroškov. To vsoto mora plačati vsak član in članica, v nasprotju s tem, da se bo postopalo po pravilih. Prosim člane in članice, da to upoštevajo.

Mary Bogatay, tajnica

Društvo št. 28

Madison, III. — Članstvo ovočnega društva se opominja, da je ovo zadnji mjesec ovogata leta, i letni računi trebaju biti čisti i predloženi društvu i članstvu na januarški seji v letu 1941. Zato je potrebno, da budu neki članovi pogledali svoje dužnosti za pomoč društvenom tajniku za isti čisti račun, a to je v imenu asesmenta i drugih društvenih rasporezov. Izabrali si jeste odbor za leto 1941, zato ste i voljeni i dužnost je vaša, da sorodujete sa istim društvenim odborom za napredak društva i SSPZ, jer vsaki pravomislični član ili članica znajuci svoje dužnosti bude u istom pravom smislu rada pokazal v letu 1941, koliko je uradil za predtek, jer znači, da se pravilen rad ne more odbiti ili protivno zatajiti. Dan je svetek, takov neka bude i rad u društву, i tako je usiguran ugled in napredak za društvo i Zvezu.

Toliko na razmišlanje član-

stvu. Vas bratski pozdravim i želim vesel božič i srečno Novego leta 1941.

Joseph Yambrovich, tajnik

Društvo "Rožnik"

Chicago, Ill. — V četrtek 19. decembra bo letna seja društva Rožnik, št. 227 SSPZ. Vabi se vse člane in članice, da se v polnem številu udeležite seje, ki bo važna, kajti treba bo izvoliti odbor za 1941 in ukrepi, kar je potrebno za poslovanje v prihodnjem letu. Podano vam bo poročilo od zadnje zabave in letni račun poslovanja med društvenim in zvezo.

Po seji prosta zabava s plesom. Torej vsi na sejo v četrtek 19. decembra.

Pozor! Da ne pozabite posesti božične zabave, katero prirede Vrtec št. 160 Rožnik Juniors v nedeljo 15. decembra v Bergerjevi dvorani, 2653 So. Lawndale Ave. Razvedrila bo dovolj za stare in mladine.

Z bratiskim pozdravom,
Andrej Cizej, tajnik

Pred koncem leta

Milwaukee, Wis. — Tukaj je december in kmalu bo utonilo leto 1940 v nevidnem in neizmernem prostoru časa. Brez inventarja in nekaterih komentarjev ne sme ostati, kakor je navaš ob tem času. Iz zime v poletje, nazaj v zimo, tako se suče vreme. To leto je bilo skorodno tistini časom, ko je slavni ameriški pesnik, mož, ki je spisal toliko lepih v nezaposnih pesmih kakor so "Old Black Joe," "My Old Kentucky Home" in nešteč drugih, Stephen Foster, zložil tudi tisto semešno "Oh Susannah," v kateri se pojne:

It rained all night
The day I left,
The weather it was dry,
The sun so hot
I froze to death,
Susannah, don't you cry.
Tako dela tudi naše vreme. V Wisconsinu že ni bilo tako slaba decembra celih 50 let, pravijo vremenski strokovnjaki. Kako reže zavida milijonarje, ki imajo na razpolago klimo Floride in Californije! Vendar, ložje je prenašati nekaj mraza in mehke snežinke tukaj kot pa bombe, ki padajo na evropske prebivalce. Po vseh izgledih se je italijansko vojaštvo naveličali prelivati kri za Dučejem, ker lahak posel, ki ga imajo Grki z njimi, je ne junaštvo Grkov, temveč očiten pasiven odpor italijanskega naroda proti fašistični vladi. Fire Hitler ima posla preko glave, v Romuniji divja civilna vojna. Tam bi rad napravil mir, v Angleško se pa zaganja in zajeda kakor rak v te-

lo. Britanija čedalje bolj ječi in prsi pomoči, stric Sam pa kot Stanta Claus vsplojje v vojno žrela živež, ladje, municijo. Za vse to bo seveda plačano o "svetem Nikoli." "Matuška" Rusija se pa za enkrat kar modro drži, ker razume svoj položaj med gladnimi sosedji in med oblaki sovražne svetovne propagande. Ni tako naivna, da ne bi vedela, da će ne pride kmalu do sporazuma med vojskočimi se silami, da ji bo svetovna revolucionja služila v prid. Ali bo prinesla ta vojna zedinjenje slovanstva, ki bi bilo za Kitajsko drugo največje pleme na svetu po jeziku in številu — blizu 300 milijonov ljudi. Kakšna potencialna sila, ki jo anglosaksi in latinski narodi držijo k tloru in skušajo obdržati v spanju, predno se zbuditi in zaveje moči!

Glavno vlogo na naši 10. redni konvenciji, ki se je vršila v tem letu, je predstavljalo vprašanje združitve med našimi podpornimi organizacijami. Drugih posebno važnih sprememb ni bilo. Članstvo prizadetih organizacij, ki vsebuje element najbolj progresivnih in inteligenčnih ljudi obeh spolov, je načrt ponovno podpiralo skorostoprocenčno, ker dobro razume

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Društvo št. 19.—Louis Klun, v prilogu nedotekte hčerke Mary, članice Vrtca št. 31, v pomoč nabaviti umetne nove, \$25.00.

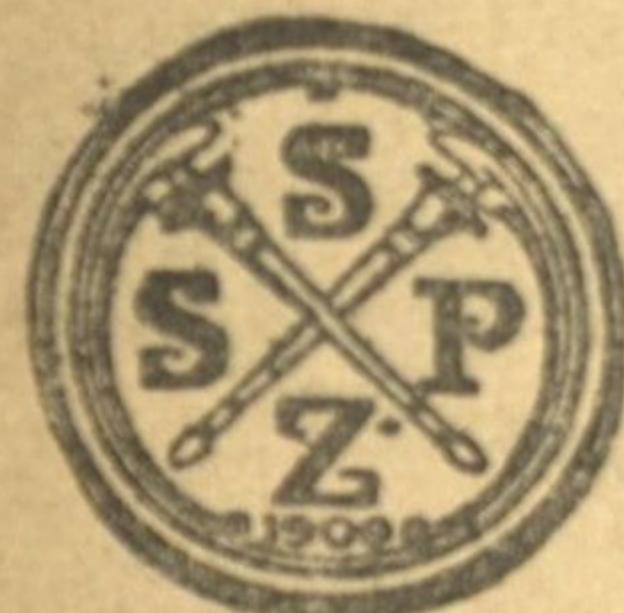
Društvo št. 39.—Carl Palowski, dolgoletnemu tajniku društva, ki mora biti zadržljeno v sosedno državo, sveto

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Adolf's Reply To Avgust

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ZAKRAJSEK MARY, umrla po daljši bolezni in bolehanju dne 23. novembra, t. l., v Leadville, Colorado. Bila je rojena leta 1887 v vasi Male Lesc, pošta Suhor, občina Črnomelj na Dolenjskem. Tu zavuča številno družino. Bila je članica društva štev. 9, Leadville, Colorado, od tega 1926.

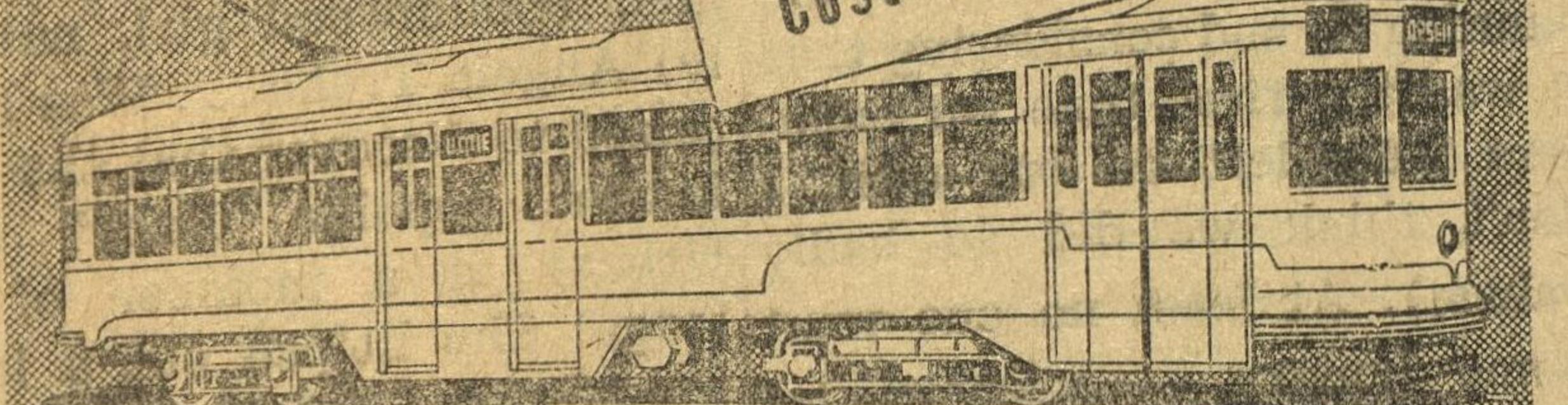
URBANCIC JOHN, umrl po daljšem bolehanju dne 29. novembra, t. l., v bolnišnici v Clevelandu, Ohio. Rojen je bil leta 1881 v vasi Križka reber, ne v Sloveniji. Tu zavuča sosednico Malo Sevnico, okraj Trebšča Ivana in več otroških sinov in hčera. K SSPZ je prispolil leta 1911 pri društvu štev. 15, Taft, (sedaj Granville), Ill., ob svoji smrti pa je bil član društva štev. 144, v Clevelandu, Ohio.

DULLER ANTON, umrl 12. novembra, t. l., vsled poškodbe na glavi, ko je zgodaj prejšnji večer po nesreči padel po stopnicah, vodečih v klet. Pokojni je bil rojen pred 62 leti v vasi Valtava, občina Stopiče v Novomeškem okraju, v Sloveniji. Tu zavuča soprogo Frances z družino, sestro, brate in več drugih sorednikov. Pokojni je bil pionir SSPZ, lastnik certifikata štev. 3, ali po članski dobi dolje najstarejši član Zvezze, njen ustanovnik in nekdaj član glavnega odbora. Bil je eden tistih članov ustanoviteljev, ki so podpisali prošnjo za inkorporacijo

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TE SPECIALNE TEDENSKE VOZOVNICE, ki so uporabne v tednu 22. decembra, se bodo prodajale v uradu našega blagajnika (Midland Bldg. Lobby) v pondeljek, 16. decembra in vse ostali teden.

meet Warren, our sales-manager, un Mary, the stainograffer vat we are going to hyer, und Willie, our smart office boy. Den our banker Mr. Scroggs un his friend Mr. Matthews will be com in over. Dey got a proposishun for us. Ay hop dey don propose to Miss Cloek, our keepbooker. Und her sister Nina will serve the lunch. Un you cood tolle dem dey vood see a reel polar bear, growls et cetera... Ohohoho! Dot's you, Avgust! Und dey cood smell me, like vat you tolle dem. — Anudder ting—all the children vat is coming over mit dere parents vill meet Santa Claus in person. Dey vill get some sweet presents. After dat we vill clear the shipping room und all papas can dance mit dere mamas like sixty until late. Und Tony vill roll out dose barrels of beer, but it wont be for you. The folks can hav dat. Und spikking of folks did you in white our friends from West-side? No, you bummer, you did not. Now Ay hev to do it. Well, ole you folks vat belong to Victorians und Rožnik und odder numbers, come over on 21st, inst. Und de saim goes to peepuls from So. Chicago. Of course Pullman is in elreddy. Und you no vat, Gustl, ven Ay vas selling sauerkraut around Indianapolis six weeks ago sum frends dere tolle me dey mite come un visit us on 21st, inst. I hopp dey doo come. Ay vill treet dem to some of ure cigars. Dese is vat you shood hev writ last week, und knot about my colt und memory vat is getting slitley confucious.

Ay em runing short of rappling paper und cant rite anymore. Ay menšun dis so dat you will no how much ecominal I em. Hoppin ure the saim. Mitt best regrets to missus, ADOLPH KRAUSEMILLER himself.

Trail Blazers Bowling League Pin-Hits

CHICAGO, Ill. — Once more the four Trail Blazer teams saw action last Sunday and once more there was fun and excitement galore; in fact, from the sound of the yells, cheers, and hand-clapping that rang thru the building, everyone must have thought they were battling it out for the national title or, at least, a barrel of beer and a couple of cases of soda pop (pop for the women bowlers)—But the stakes were not quite that high, although, to the bowlers, one set of teams (Blackhawks vs Red Wings) fighting it out for top place, and the other teams (Rangers vs Mapleleafs) engaging each other in a hectic struggle to pull themselves out of the cellar, it was, perhaps, every bit as important—no kiddin'...

Although all four teams were scheduled for important games, the headliner, of course, was the contest between the Blackhawks and the Red Wings... On the results of these games hinged the leadership of the league and for the first time since the opening of the season, the lead of the Red Wings was seriously threatened... Well, to make a short story long, the Blackhawks moved in swiftly with the very first frame, starting out like a whirlwind, and when the last ball of the game was rolled, the Red Wings had been clipped by a margin of 51 pins... The rout continued as the Blackhawks soared on through the second game to take it by a wider margin than the first—And there they were in FIRST PLACE at last, tied the Red Wings, having won 10 of their last 11 games. The final game was to decide which of the two teams would have to move out, the Blackhawks who had just arrived or the Red Wings who had been there since the beginning of the season... As far as the Blackhawks are con-

cerned, the story could end right here with a "Horatio Alger" climax... But, on the other hand, we have the Red Wings to contend with and they insist that the whole news or nothing be reported—so, here goes...

Well—it was a sad ending—for the Blackhawks... Their collapse was complete as it was sudden. Maybe, it was because they hadn't become accustomed to the DIZZY heights of high places that caused them to lose their balance and fall so hard and fast... Anyhow, the three-some of Berger-Bilsbarrow-Vrhovnik (M) put on as fine an exhibition of "HOW NOT TO BOWL" as has been witnessed in some time (it, alone, was worth the price of admission)... On the other hand, the Red Wing combination found the groove and hugged it all through the game, dumping the wood for a margin of—(this upon demand of the RW's)—114 pins... Yes, a very sad ending for the Blackhawks—Reports have it that they're still falling and, probably, won't come to a landing stop until next Sunday when they tackle the hungry Mapleleafs...

The games between the Rangers and the Mapleleafs were, from their viewpoint, equally as important as those of the upper teams. They were to decide which team would occupy the cellar position ALL ALONE... And believe me, it was a nip-and-tuck affair right up to the very last frame of the final game. At the start of the day's kegling program, these two teams were tied with 6 wins and 9 losses apiece... The first game went to the Rangers, who really mowed 'em down, by a margin of 82 pins... But the Mapleleafs were not discouraged for they came back strong to win the second with 41 pins to spare... And they were tied as the crucial game got under way. The Mapleleafs took the lead and held it until the final frame of the Ranger's anchor-man. IT WAS THAT MAN, JOHNNY SODETZ, again... Trailing by 34 pins, Sodetz took the firing line with a strike to his credit in the previous frame... Well, it was like this—he let go of the first ball and it found the pocket—He let go of the second ball and it found the pocket—He let go of the third ball and it went the way of the other two—strike—strike—strike, giving him the best series of the day and pushing the Mapleleafs into the cellar. Sodetz's strong finish also assured his team high series and high game in this sixth meeting of the league. Individual highs were shared by M. Vrhovnik and Ladi Tome for the men, and Josephine Mrak and Amelia Stonich for the women.

Team Standings

	W. L. Pct.
Red Wings	11 7 .611
Blackhawks	10 8 .556
Rangers	8 10 .444
Mapleleafs	7 11 .389

Schedule, Dec. 15th

Red Wings vs Rangers—Alleys 13-14
Blackhawks vs Mapleleafs—Alleys 15-16

M. T. V.

Evening Stars

EXPORT, Pa. — The Evening Stars are sponsoring a Xmas program, which will be staged at the White Valley Home on Sunday, Dec. 22, at 6 p. m. The program will include a one-act comedy, "Want ed a Male Cook," a side-splitting affair, presented by a dramatic group that makes a hit wherever they go. Oh yes, you'll also witness the first drill by the children of our Vrtec, which you certainly don't want to miss. Another treat will be those good old Slovene melodies we all love to hear and sing. We want you in on those songs we

have arranged for you all. So please, don't disappoint us and show up Sunday, Dec. 22.

If enough of you will come, old St. Nick will visit us, also, I am sure, busy as he will be during those days. There's going to be dancing after the program too; Martin Kukovich and his Slovene Commanders will play the music your feet just itch to dance to, and it's rumored that he'll introduce a new dance tune that evening. You know the dance that mom and pop used to do way back when... (Who says we're not going to have fun? The way I heard it... hay, wait a minute, I can't tell you everything, 'cause you want to be here to witness everything.) Here's a tip to young gents: you don't want to miss seeing the pretty miss with the golden voice; she's a former Pittsburgher and what a beauty! Well, I could go on telling you more, almost everything, but it wouldn't be fair.

A reminder to Evening Star members: be on hand for extra help; and to the others: come to see the Evening Stars' Xmas program and spend an exciting evening with us. You won't regret it.

I wonder if the Bridgeville gang will keep their promise this time just for old time sakes, or maybe they'll surprise us at that; if not, we'll still keep hoping. We want to make acquaintances with our Republic lodge members, so won't you come to our party? Santa told us that Ambridge, Sygan, Burgettstown, Renton, Center Homer City, Pleasant Valley, Hawick, Harmarville, Strabane, North Braddock, Slickville, Greensburg, Herminie, Claridge and Yukon will be present. Let's hope Santa isn't fooling us. So don't forget: at White Valley, Sunday, Dec. 22, at 6 p. m.

Xmas Spirit

Cleveland SSPZ Bowling League

The SSPZ Bowling League had a little blasting in last Sunday's bowling with fifteen two-handed games.

In a battle for first place the Utopian Falcons in spite of the fact that they dropped two games to the Zdruzeni Bratje hung on to first place. J. Spilar had a 547 series with a 200 game and M. Lenassi had a 523 series with a 201 game. For the Bratje Joe Leskovec had a 531 series with a 224 and T. Debeljak had a 527 series.

In the battle for the third place the Utopian Rams beat the Spartan Clippers in two games. H. Zorman had a 536 series. For the Hawks T. Bolka had a 517 series and L. Debevec had a 509 series.

The Utopian Eagles beat the Alleys in two games. H. Zorman had a 536 series. For the Hawks T. Gerchman had a 565 series with a 224 and 203 game and J. France had a 552 series with a 221 game.

The Spartan Buddies beat the Spartan Buckeyes in two games. S. Centa had a 569 series with a 223 game and E. Centa had a 551 series with a 208 game. For the Buckeyes B. Schuster had a 585 series with games of 209 and 201, J. Moze had a 520 series and S. Zagari had a 519 series with a 225 game.

STANDINGS

	Utopian Falcons	Zdruzeni Bratje	Utopian Rams	Spartan Clippers	Utopian Eagles	Spartan Buddies	Utopian Hawks	Spartan Buckeyes
W. L. Pct.	26 16 .619	25 17 .595	23 19 .548	22 20 .524	19 23 .452	19 23 .452	19 23 .452	15 27 .357

SCHEDULE DEC. 15

Knockdown

Alleys 1-2 — Utopian Falcons vs Zdruzeni Bratje.

Alleys 3-4 — Utopian Rams vs Spartan Clippers.

Alleys 5-6 — Spartan Buddies vs Utopian Eagles.

Alleys 7-8 — Spartan Buckeyes vs Utopian Hawks.

on January 8, 1941, at 7:30 p. m.

Before closing, as president of the Hoosier Pals during 1940, I wish to thank all who so nobly answered the call and assisted me in all our affairs and helped to make them a success. And I also hope that all of you will stand by our new president and help to put your shoulder against the wheel once more if necessary.

And then—maybe I am a little early—to all the members and officers of the S. S. P. Z. I wish a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Who's your pal?

Louis Lovisek

P. S.—Don't forget the Hoosier Pals' Leap Year Dance on December 14. Dancing will start at 9:00 and end at 1:00 o'clock.

COLLINWOOD CHATTER

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to be recording secretary. I'll get the rest of the officers for next time.

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On Sunday, December 29, the Outlookers and their friends are getting together for a skating party at Skateland. Skating begins at 2 p.m., so the members are meeting in front of the SDD, Waterloo Road at 1 p.m. Anyone interested can meet them there, and they'll certainly be welcome. Suppose some of us "older" people go back to our second childhood and join them. Skating is plenty of fun, even if you're not an expert.

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Any Thursday that you're not doing anything, you might trot down to the Woodworth Bowling Alleys and watch our Utopian Girls bowl. The girls are backed by the Five Points Fashion Shop, and here's one case where neither party got the bad end of the bargain. I'll tell you more about them after I go down and watch them, but why not come and join me and bolster the girls' spirits?

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Utopians, don't forget. There will not be another meeting this month at our usual date. The next meeting is January 20, 1941.

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Now to close with another college masterpiece:

"Hickory, dickory, dock,
The mouse found a flask in
the clock.
Two drinks of the stuff,
Made the mouse feel so tough
That he chased all the cats on
the block."

Bye now.

Val.

Things to Remember For Challengers

Annual Meeting

The officers of the Challenger Lodge are urging all members to attend the annual meeting to be held this coming Sunday, Dec. 15, at the SNPJ Hall at 2:00 p. m. We have 66 active members, let us have a good representation that will be a credit to our large membership. Election of officers will take place. So, please be there.

Vrtec Affair

The same day, in the evening, the Vrtec Lodge will present a stage performance consisting of a play, dancing, and singing acts. Also, as Michael Vrhcovnik has mentioned in last week's edition of Slovenia will be shown. This entertainment begins at 7:30 p. m. at the SNPJ Hall. Don't miss this, admissions are only twenty-five cents for adults, and ten cents for children.

Observer



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

PROGRESS

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NOTICE FROM THE MAIN OFFICE

INSTRUCTIONS FOR LODGE SECRETARIES

Calendars for the year 1941 have been mailed. Secretaries of Lodges have received by this time one or more small calendars and, those which have the required number of members, also, a large one; the latter is intended for a public place, especially, the hall where the monthly meetings of the Lodge are held. The small calendar is intended for the Secretary's own use and, if more than one is enclosed, for the other officers.

You are further instructed not to send any orders to the Main Office for calendars, as we have no extras to give away or sell. This year only a limited number were ordered, enough to supply the immediate needs of our Lodges and these, as has been stated above, have already been mailed to their respective destinations.

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The new By-laws, which were approached by the 10th Regular Convention, are now being mailed to you. Each Lodge will receive a limited number of copies, not more than one-half of the number of members. Should any Secretary run short of them, let him write to the Main Office stating in his request how many additional copies are needed.

Every member has the right to receive and demand a copy of the By-laws, but I am under the impression that everyone does not make use of them and, therefore, believe that one copy is sufficient for the members of a family. Our reasons for sending only a limited number of By-laws to Secretaries is due to the fact that, in the past, they have reported a great many copies left over and inquired what to do with them. It seems that our members do not hold the same interest in By-laws as they did in former years.

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Official election forms, to be used in reporting the names and addresses of Officers elected for 1941, have been mailed to each Lodge. Each Secretary must fill out this form, whether new or incumbent officers are elected. The Main Office requires this information for correction of the roster of Officers now in use, such as changes in the spelling of name, changes of address, etc. You are also reminded to return, promptly, the surety bonds properly filled and signed.

WILLIAM RUS, Supreme Secretary

As I See It

BY PETE EELISH

After Six Months



A most six months have just what the future holds in store for us as individuals and as a nation, and for the people and the nations of the world. But, unquestionably, the far-reaching events that have transpired in the last few months will have a profound effect on all the people of the world—to some it may mean wealth and riches, to others poverty and suffering, or freedom or slavery, and to others it may mean life and death.

Pete Eelish does not spell much, but during the past half year a great many things and important events have transpired that effect the lives and well-being of all of us, and of most of the people on this globe.

Six months ago, France was still a powerful world power, its Maginot Line was pictured as an example of impregnability, and her watchful legions were supposed to be a match for Hitler. The Battle of London and Britain was in its infancy stage, nor was the very life of Great Britain threatened. Italy was neutral, watching, waiting. Heroic Greece was seldom mentioned. King Carl was continuing his grafting career on the Roumanian throne. Russia was still nursing her wounds received from little Finland, and Hitler was being discussed as a maniac in need of psychopathic care.

In the United States, the third term was unbroken and a tradition. Roosevelt would not commit himself as to his possibility of being a candidate. A man named Wendell Willkie was unheard of by the great mass of people, but was being mentioned by a few big-wigs as a possible candidate for the presidency.

A selective service law to conscript the nation's youth for a year of compulsory military training was thought unnecessary, or its kindred measure applying to industry in case of war. The term "Fifth Columnist" was not in general use, and spies were thought of in terms of war and 1918.

KINGSTERS TO HAVE XMAS PARTY

WHITE VALLEY, Pa.—Kingsters, Vrtec 103, will hold its annual Christmas party on December 25, at seven o'clock. All Vrtec members and their parents are invited to attend. Gifts and Christmas specialties will be given to all members.

VRTEC 108

SOUTH FORK, Pa.—Vrtec 108 will hold its regular monthly meeting Sunday, December 15 at 1:00 o'clock, at the Slovenian Home, at which time the election of officers and other important business will be taken up for the year 1941.

Marko Savor, Adm.

Santa to Visit Roznik Juniors

CHICAGO, Ill.—Christmas trees, gifts, Santa Claus are all on their way. Roznik Jrs., will celebrate this great occasion on December 15, at Berger's Hall, 2653 S. Lawndale Ave., at 2 p.m.

A short program is being prepared and brother Vrhovnik will be present to entertain all with movies. Delicious refreshments, prepared by Rozniks, 227, will be served. Music will be furnished for dancing and games will be played to amuse the children.

Santa has promised to stop at our party for a while and who knows, he may have some gifts for you.

A good time is in store for you all, so why not plan to attend for a little while at least and help us celebrate Christmas?

I'm hoping to see many of you there so don't disappoint me by not showing up. This includes everyone. Members, their parents, friends and all S. S. P. Z. members.

So until Dec. 15, at 2 p.m. at Berger's Hall I'll be seeing you.

Wilma Gratchner, Sec'y
Vrtec 160

Danica News

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind.—It was decided at the yearly lodge meeting of Danica No. 22 that we will undertake the responsibility of being host to the 4th Annual S. S. P. Z. Bowling Tournament, April 25-26-27, at the newly-erected Dezelan Alleys. The various committee heads have been appointed and are already making plans for this great occasion. They are assuring each and everyone a grand and hilarious time.

The elective head officers went to Edward Bencik, Louis Znidarsich Sr., Anton Qualitzka, Mrs. Frank Golob, Thomas Naumsek, Mrs. Anton Qualitzka and Anthony Bayt. There will be a meeting of these officers at one o'clock on Sunday, Dec. 15, 1940 at the home of Thomas Naumsek.

Lodge secretaries, now is the time to act—get your teams together and organize them for a trip to the largest inland city in the world—namely the Hoosier capital—Indianapolis.

Come one, come all and roll the ball, Whether it be a strike or split, There is a good time in store for all.

The outcome of election of officers of Lodge Danica is as follows: president, Thomas

Balkan Juniors to Present Brilliant Xmas Program

MILWAUKEE, Wis.—Members of Vrtec 33, Balkan Juniors, are anxiously awaiting Sunday, Dec. 22, when they will be rewarded for their weeks of diligent rehearsals and preparation for their Xmas party, by presenting a superb variety of talent program and a Christmas play, "Tiny Tim." The afternoon program will conclude with the appearance of dear Old Santa who will present gifts to every juvenile present.

In the evening the entire program will consist of the latest SSPZ movies of "Slovenia" and its borderlands in 1939-40, taken by the noted Slovene artist Bozidar Jakac, also scenes of America, the beautiful, and a comedy, or so, for the juveniles, all to be shown by Bro. Vrhovnik, personally.

In the last week's issue of Napredok, Bro. Vrhovnik gave you an excellent description of these movies, by outlining the most interesting places, and the outstanding scenes to be shown, so there is no use of repetition.

After the movies there will be dancing.

John Maren

SPARTANS!

You are urged to attend Spartans' annual meeting, Sat., Dec. 14 at 7:30 p.m. sharp in Sokols' hall, No. 1 S. N. H.

A social will follow. Free refreshments and entertainment. Bring a 10c Christmas gift.

Be sure to come!
Fraternally,

Spartan Exec. Board

Naumsek; vice-president, Martin Dragan Jr.; secretary, Mrs. Mary Qualitzka; treasurer, Anton Qualitzka; board of trustees: Mr. Louis Znidarsich, Anton Brisnick and Anthony Bayt.

Louis Znidarsich was also re-elected to represent Danica at the Slovenian Nat'l Home Association, nosing out his opponent, Mr. Skrajave by a single vote. These are the officers who will take office in January.

The next regular meeting of Lodge Danica will be on January 5, 1941, at 9 o'clock. I am urging all members to attend.

Tony P. Bayt,
Publicity Chairman

National Bowling Tournament, April 25-26-27

The fourth Annual National Bowling Tournament of the S. S. P. Z., according to a report received from the Secretary of the Danica Lodge Bowling Committee of Indianapolis, will be held in April 25-26-27, 1941. It has been found necessary to add an extra day to this popular and growing affair in order to avoid any inconveniences to out-of-town bowlers, and to insure smooth running of all events, free of unnecessary delays for request.

The opening day or evening, I understand, will be for local bowlers and any out-of-towners who request to be among the early participants. If you recall, last year, the unexpected large increase of entries crowded the opening day of the tour-

Fraternalism in Action

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



HOOSIER PALS MARCH ON

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind.—The year is just about finished and another one is ready to start. As the end of the year rolls around one usually thinks of inventories. Now as members of the SSPZ, what have we to show for the year that is just about over.

We started off the year with all new officers: Louis Loviscek as president, Frank Ivancic as vice-president, Frank Mivec as secretary-treasurer, and Frank Berkopes as recording secretary. We then took in the bowling tournament as Chicago. Ah, a success! We came to Chicago, took over the town in the name of our lodge, and went home with more prizes than we had ever received before. After the tournament we held a victory party for the bowlers. Ah, another success! Then, came summertime, we held a picnic. Ah, chalk up another success! Now, here we are, at a point where we have yet to meet failure. But all of the credit for these successes does not all go to the officers. It was the help of all the members working together that made all these affairs successful ventures. And to them goes the credit. We, the officers of the lodge, could say, like it's said of the hen who had just laid an egg and then turned to the rest of the flock and said, "Look, look, look what I did." But it was hard work at times, and we all enjoyed doing it.

Then returning back to our inventory, what have the members been doing all this year?

First of all, I think that we have lost one or two of our members and gained more new members for the lodge.

Along about a month ago, we lost one of our loyal members through an auto-train crash, John Gerbeck. He was one of the charter members of the Hoosier Pals, had to drop out for a while during the depression and was again a member at the time of his untimely death at the age of 26. We all miss this loyal member and may he rest in peace. He was the first Hoosier Pal to die since the organization of the lodge.

There also were seven members who broke the bonds of bachelorhood and spinsterhood and marched down the aisle to the tune of "Here Comes the Bride."

First there was: Ella Pushner who was given away in holy matrimony to Frank Jonta. And followed by a close second was Anthony Sekula, who married Joan Kodramaz. Tony is a Hoosier Pal and Joan was of the Cleveland Spartans. And now both are Hoosier Pals. (That's one way of getting them into the lodge.) Then about Thanksgiving Day, Henry Fon said "I do" to Mary Vertachnik. Both are Hoosier Pals. And last of all, your old friend, I hope, the proxy of the Hoosier Pals, himself, said a stammering "I do" to Continued on page 3)

Collinwood Chatter

COLLINWOOD-Cleveland, O.—Gee, it was fun! I just wish I could tell about it in such a way that you could picture it. Well, what I'm talking about is the combined Utopian-Outlooker Christmas party last Friday. It was supposed to have been a party without the officers having to slave their heads off planning it, and considering that it was the first time we members were left on our own, I don't think we did so badly (ahem). At least no one went home hungry—wieners, ice cream, cookies, candy, pop corn balls, pop, beer—and plenty of it. We danced to records thanks to Anne Lusin's record player. And gosh, until you've waltzed with president Hank Zorman, you haven't lived. If Vienna isn't what it used to be, it's because Hank is in America. Gee, I'll never forget it!... Then there was the little boy who came back about twenty times for wieners—"One for Joe, and one for me." I hope his mother didn't have trouble with him the next day... Fred Bashel wasn't his usual cheery self, what with a bad cold and his being very tired... Mr. and Mrs. Zaman, and Mr. and Mrs.

Bashel were there—by the way, I hope the Vrtec members appreciate what a good administrator they've been having in Mr. Zaman... to show that our party was really a success, we had a Spartan (actually)—Andy Elersich—present—he came with an awfully pretty girl, (Collinwood girl, naturally) Angela Troha... Was I surprised to discover that the well-known, popular "Erby" (Ann Urbas) is a member of our lodge! She helped out a lot in the kitchen, and though, at the first meeting she attends, we welcome her by giving tickets and dance tickets to sell, I hope she'll get to like it... Well, thanks a million to all of you who helped out with the party—including our Vrtec president, Olga Zauber—and I hope you all enjoyed it as much as I did.

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We elected officers last meeting, but since I was in the kitchen cooking hot dogs, I'm afraid I can't give you all the low-down. I do know that Hank Zorman and Elsie Pucel are still captain and first mate, and that somehow in the confusion I got

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