

DOPISI

Girard, O. — Ko to pišem, mi skezi okno sonce sije na papir, in v luhem vetrču se zibajoče drevnesne veje mečejo na papir gibajoče se sence, kot bi se igrale in me vabile, da grem ven v naravo, kjer je tak lep dan za sprehod. V tem času je malo takih vabljivih dni in skušnjava je velika. Toda prvo je delo in zdaj je na vrsti delo, ki mi ga je naložilo članstvo društva Lincoln, št. 108 ABZ. To je treba najprej opraviti.

Torej, člani in članice, tem potom ste vabljeni, da se gotovo udeležite letne seje, ki se bo vršila tretjo nedeljo v mesecu, to je 19. decembra. Seja se bo vršila v navadnih prostorih in se bo pričela ob 2. uri popoldne. To bo zadnja seja v letu, zač izmed vseh sej najbolj važna. Kakor znano, se na letni seji voli društveni odbor za prihodnje leto in sprejemajo se razni zaključki, ki navadno ostanejo v veljavni za vse bodoče leto. Več ko nas bo na seji, boli se bomo pripravili za prihodnje leto, ki bo konvenčno leto. Torej, pride na letno sejo vsi, ki le morete, in prispevajte z dobrimi nasveti kar boljšemu napredku društva. Lepo bi bilo, če bi na zaključni seji leta vpišali tudi nekaj novih članov v odrasli in mladinski oddelki Ameriške bratske zveze. S tem bi lepo in častno zaključili stvari.

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Bratje in sestre, takih slučajev bi se dalo dosti opisati. Žalostno je, da se še dobijo med nami ljudje, ki so tako brezbržni, da se ne zavarujejo za primer nesreče, o kateri bi moral vedeti, da nikoli ne počivid. Potem je pa tako. Ako ni denarja in podpornega društva, se nihče ne briga za onesrečenca. Zdravniki se kvečljemu učijo na njem. Ako pa imaš društvo in si dobro stojec član istega, se ti ni treba dati, da bi bil zapuščen in pozabljen. Dobil boš podporo in postrežbo, karščna je potrebna. To je bilo dokazano že sto in stokrat.

Zato, bratje in sestre, ako še nimate vaših sinov in hčera in vaših priateljev vpisanih v dobre podporni organizaciji, vpišite jih v Ameriško bratsko zvezzo brez odlaganja. Nesreča nikoli ne počiva in nevarnosti nas obdajajo povsod. Bratski pozdrav!

F. J. Prevec,
zagov. društva št. 108 ABZ.

Ely, Minn. — Te vrstice piše na Elyu, rojstnem mestu

Aurora, Minn. — Neizprosna smrt je dne 23. novembra kruto posegla v našo družino in nam iztrgala najmlajšega sina Edwarda Jericha, starega komaj 17 let. Nepozabni pokojnik je bil rojen 1. novembra 1926 v Aurora, Minn. Bolehati je začel že meseca junija letos, toda od začetka smo misili vsi, da je le lahak prehlad. Bolezen pa ni odjenjala in tako je bil poslan v mestno bolnišnico v Virginijo, Minn., ki se smatra za eno najboljših v tem okrožju. Nekej časa je bilo videti, da se mu zdravje obrača na bolje, toda 23. novembra je v prisotnosti svojih staršev, bratov in sester za vedno zatusnil svoje mlače oči. Podlegel je bolzini, znani pod imenom rheumatic fever. Hudo je, ko mora ugasniti tako mlado življenje.

Pokojnik je bil član društva Sv. Jožefa, št. 85 ABZ, in društva Aurora, št. 43 SNPJ, in sicer v mladinskem oddelku. Prav lepa hvala obema društvo ma za poklonjene vence in posebej hvala tajniku društva št. 85 ABZ, bratu Mattu Anzelcu za njegov ganljiv poslovilni govor in za vse druga dela, ki jih je v zvezi s tem napravil. Hvala tudi članom in članicam obeh društiev in drugim prijateljem za dobrimi nasveti kar boljšemu napredku društva. Lepo bi bilo, če bi na zaključni seji leta vpišali tudi nekaj novih članov v odrasli in mladinski oddelki Ameriške bratske zveze. S tem bi lepo in častno zaključili stvari.

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Theresa Jereb, tajnica.

Rock Springs, Wyo. — Članice društva Sv. Ane, št. 134 ABZ, so vladljivo vabljene, da se gotovo udeležijo glavne ali letne seje, ki se bo vršila v Slovenskem domu v nedeljo 19. decembra in se bo pričela ob pol osmih (7.30) zvezcer.

Joseph Novak, tajnik.

Sheboygan, Wis. — Na zadnji mesečni seji društva Sv. Janeza Krstnika, št. 82 ABZ, je bilo sklenjeno pozvati vse člane in članice, da se gotovo udeležijo glavne ali letne seje, katera se bo vršila v navadnih prostorih v torek 21. decembra in se bo pričela ob pol osmih (7.30) zvezcer.

Matt Anzelc, tajnik društva št. 85 ABZ.

Krayn, Pa. — Letna seja društva Jutranja zvezda, št. 136 ABZ, se bo vršila v dvorani društva Vihar v nedeljo 19. decembra in se bo pričela ob 2. uri popoldne. Na tej seji se bo volil društveni odbor za leto 1944 in razdeljeni bodo članom zvezni stenski koledarji za prihodnje leto. Vsi člani so vabljeni, da se udeležijo te seje. Vsem članom in članicam všečne božične praznike in srečno novo leto. — Za društvo št. 82 ABZ:

Joseph Yeray, tajnik.

La Salle, Ill. — V nedeljo 19. decembra ob pol dveh (1.30) popoldne se bo vršila letna seja društva Daniča, št. 124 ABZ. Ta seja je tako važna, da bi se iste moral udeležiti vsak član, ne da bi ga bilo treba na to posebej opozarjati. Seveda, kar velja za člane, velja tudi za članice. Izgovor, da ni časa izkreno sožalje nad težko izgubo.

Matt Anzelc, tajnik društva št. 85 ABZ.

White Valley, Pa. — Letna seja društva št. 116 ABZ se bo vršila v nedeljo 19. decembra in vabljene so člani in članice, da se iste kar mogoče polnoštevilno udeležijo. Letna seja je važna, ker takrat se voli društveni odbor za prihodnje leto in se sprejemajo razni zaključki z ozirom na društveno poslovanje v bodočnosti. Priporočljivo bi bilo, da bi prišli na to sejo tudi mlajši člani. Seveda mnogo naših mlajših članov je zdaj v vojaški službi Zedinjenih držav. Dne 4. decembra je odšel k vojakom Stanley Homc, sin Terezije Homc; to je že drugi sin omenjene, ki je bil poklican k vojakom. Dne 18. decembra pa odide v vojaško službo Edward Prevec, že drugi sin podpisanega. S tem bo imelo naše društvo 18 članov v vojaški službi Zedinjenih držav.

Joseph Turk, tajnik.

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Matt Anzelc, tajnik društva št. 85 ABZ.

Johnstown, Pa. — Članstvo društva Cirila in Metoda, št. 16 ABZ, je vladljivo vabljeno, da se polnoštevilno udeleži glavne ali letne seje, ki se bo vršila v nedeljo 19. decembra in se bo pričela ob 2. uri popoldne. Na tej seji bodo podana poročila o poslovanju društva v letu 1943 in sprejeti bodo zaključki, tikači so državne poslovanja v prihodnjem letu. Izvoljen bo tudi društveni odbor za leto 1944. Na tej seji bodo tudi razdeljeni zvezni stenski koledarji za prihodnje leto. Člani naj bodo tudi opozorjeni, da si je društvo nabavilo 5 izvodov najnovije Adamičeve knjige "My Native Land," ki je zelo zanimiva in poučna. Člani, ki želijo te knjige čitati, jih dobijo pri tajniku. Knjiga ima vrednost \$1.00, pa je čitana. Pozdrav in na svidenje v nedeljo 19. decembra! — Za društvo št. 16 ABZ:

Vincent Maljevac, tajnik.

Indianapolis, Ind. — Tem potom vabim vse člane društva Sloga, št. 166 ABZ, da se gotovo udeležijo naše letne seje, ki se bo vršila v nedeljo 19. decembra. Seja se bo pričela eno uro po柳zgodob, kot običajno, in sicer že ob 9. uri popoldne, to vsled tega, ker na letni seji je treba rešiti mnogo zadev. Izvoliti je treba društveni odbor za prihodnje leto in sprejeti smernice za poslovanje društva v bodočnosti. Poznaje kritizirati, da to ali ono ni pravilno urejeno, je brez pomena. Vsak naj pride na sejo in tam pove svoje mnenje in svoja priporočila; večina bo pa odločila.

Jerry Gorenzt, tajnik.

Cleveland, O. — Pismo na društva. — Podpisani sem bil naprošen, da bi sestavljal pismo na razpologl na vsa društva v naseljih in drugod. To je naravnost v smislu za take, ki izvajajo ali drugega vzroka ne delajo morda pohabljene ali oslabljene ali že prestari itd., pa bi vseeno še opravljali kakšno praverno delo, če bi ga dobili.

V Clevelandu je družba, ki se s tem poča že mnogo let, se daj pa, ko se delavec se bolj nujno potrebuje, je družba, ki delu, da bi vse zaposlila, če je le mogoče komu kakšno opravljati.

Družba je v ta namen napisala več poznavnih oseb v obiskovalnik, kar je bilo že v listih javljajo.

Dalje družba želi, da bi se sponzorji, ki spodbujajo vse društva, da bi se dopisali na društva, za kar se glasila dopis ali pismo na društva.

Ker je vse to, eno in drugo teh casih nemogoče storiti, se naproša cenjenja društva, naj bi upoštevala to pismo tako, kot kar bi bilo pismo poslano njim pošti. V teh casih moramo vse storiti, kar je mogoče, da se prihrani čas in stroški, posebno v naši strani, na drugi pa posmaga naši vlasti, da bi se vse delala storilo v tovarnah. "Naj bi

cenjenja društva upoštevala to

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Braddock, Pa. — Članstvo društva Sv. Alojzija, št. 31 ABZ, je vabljeno, da se v polnem številu udeleži prihodnje mesečne seje, ki se bo vršila v nedeljo 19. decembra v navadnih prostorih. Na tej seji bo treba izvoliti društveni odbor za leto 1944; so še precej lepi, poleg tega pa tudi podčudljivi, posebno za mlaude, novo poročene žene, ki ne znajo kuhati in peči tega in onega. Torej, ne pozabite na sejo v nedeljo 19. decembra! Vsele božične praznike in srečno novo leto. — Za društvo št. 31 ABZ:

Mary Bavdek, tajnica.

Omaha, Neb. — Člani in članice društva Sv. Štefana, št. 11 ABZ, so vabljeni, da se gotovo udeležijo prihodnje mesečne seje, ki se bo vršila v nedeljo 19. decembra v navadnih prostorih. Ta seja bo glavna ali letna, zato se bo pričela že ob 9. uri popoldne, to je eno uro prej kot se pričenjajo običajne seje. Na tej seji bo treba izvoliti društveni odbor za prihodnje leto in uredit druge potrebitne zadeve, ki se običajno odločajo na letnih sejah. Pridite na sejo in izvolite si tak odbor, da boste zadovoljni z njim, in istotko uredite druge zadeve v vaše zadovoljstvo. Tajnica vam bo na seji tudi razdelila zvezne stenske koledarje za leto 1944. Ako ve kačer članov za kakega prospektivnega novega člana, naj ga nagovori za pristop in ga vpiše na prihodnji seji, da na ta način z napredkom zaključimo

drusveno poslovanje za leto 1943. Bratski pozdrav in nasvičenje na letni seji v nedeljo 19. decembra! — Za društvo št. 11 ABZ:

Martin Hudale, tajnik društva št. 31 ABZ.

Ely, Minn. — Te vrstice piše na Elyu, rojstnem mestu

JSKJ, sedanje Ameriške bratske zveze, kjer se točasno mudim na obisku. Semkaj rad primem na obisk, ker mi je mesto kot nekak domači kraj. Tu sem bil namreč pred več kot 50 leti začel delati v rudniku. Društveno življenje gre v lepem tihu naprej. Čul sem tudi, da gredo naše rojakinje od hiše do hiše in zbirajo denarne prispevke v pomoci našim rojakom v zasujenem Sloveniji. Morda ni več daleč čas, ko jim bo tako pomogoč mogoče poslati; zavezniki so že tako rekoč na pragu Balkana.

John Urek, tajnik.

Aurora, Minn. — Letna seja društva Sv. Jožefa, št. 85 ABZ, se bo vršila v nedeljo 26. decembra v mestni dvorani. Pričela se bo ob 9. uri dopoldne. Vsi člani, kateri so že morejo, naj se udeležijo te najvažnejše seje v letu. Na tej seji bomo izvolili društveni odbor za prihodnje leto in sprejeli razne zaključke z ozirom na bodočno društveno poslovanje. Vse take zadeve pa se v največje zadovoljstvo članstva uredijo, če je članstvo na seji kar mogoče polnoštevilno zastopano. Torej, pride na letno sejo ob 9. uri, in raditega ste naprošeni, da malo prej vstane in asesmente plačate pred sejo ter tako omejite motenje med zborovanjem. Tudi starše se opozarja, naj ne pošiljajo otrok med deseto in dvanaštoto uro z namenom, da plačajo asesmente. Letna seja je najvažnejša izmed vseh sej v letu in, ako hočemo, da se ta seja uspešno izvede, ki naj bi presenetila dobre sadove ga društvo in zvezni stenski koledarji na Holmese Avenue in se bo pričela ob pol dveh (1.30) popoldne. Na tej seji bo treba izvoliti društveni odbor za letno sejo ob 9. uri, in raditega ste naprošeni, da malo prej vstane in asesmente plačate pred sejo ter tako omejite motenje med zborovanjem. Vse take zadeve pa se v največje zadovoljstvo članstva uredijo, če je članstvo na seji kar mogoče polnoštevilno zastopano. Torej, pride na letno sejo ob 9. uri, in raditega ste naprošeni, da malo prej vstane in asesmente plačate pred sejo ter tako omejite motenje med zborovanjem. Vse take zadeve pa se v največje zadovoljstvo članstva uredijo, če je članstvo na seji kar mogoče polnoštevilno zastopano. Torej, pride na letno sejo ob 9. uri, in raditega ste naprošeni, da malo prej vstane in asesmente plačate pred sejo ter tako omejite motenje med zborovanjem. Vse take zadeve pa se v največje zadovoljstvo članstva uredijo, če je članstvo na seji kar mogoče polnoštevilno zastopano. Torej, pride na letno sejo ob 9. uri, in raditega ste naprošeni, da malo pre

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PREHODNO STANJE

Mesec december je nekak simbol prehodnega stanja. Dejo tekočega leta še ni opravljeno, problemi tekočega leta še niso rešeni, vendar že delamo načrte za aktivnosti prihodnjega leta. Večina bratskih, gospodarskih in kulturnih organizacij ima svoje zaključne seje v decembri. Na teh sejah je podan pregled poslovanja za leto, ki se bliža koncu, in volijo se odbori ter se delajo načrti za delo v letu, ki bo sledilo. Od zaključkov in načrtov, ki so napravljeni zdaj, je v veliki meri odvisen poslovalni uspeh prizadetih ustanov v bodočem letu.

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V nekakem prehodnem stanju smo zdaj tudi z ozirom na vojno situacijo. Uspehi zaveznikov so bili v tekočem letu veliki, toda mnogo trdga dela je še pred nama. Za zmagovalno izvršitev tega dela je seveda treba načrtov. Nekaj jih je že napravljenih in so v teku izvrševanja, drugi se sestavljajo zdaj in se bodo sestavljati v bodoči. Ni dvoma seveda, da je bilo treba in bo še treba marsikateri starci načrti popraviti, da bo bolj odgovarjal zahtevam izpreminjajočih se razmer.

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Dandanes je svet v dobi silnega in hitrega presnavljanja. Takih velikih izprememb, kot so se ali se bodo izvršile v teku nekaj let, včasih niso prinesla niti dolga stoljetja. Ko bo vojna končana in se bomo ozirli za dobo petih ali desetih let nazaj, bomo strmeli nad izpremembami, ki jih je prinesla svetovna vihra. Izpremembe bodo segle v vsako panogo našega življenja, seveda v nekatero bolj, v drugo manj; prizadete pa bodo vse. Prav za prav so prizadete že zdaj in bodo z vsakim dnevom bolj.

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Logično je, da je to silno svetovno presnavljanje prizadelo tudi naše podporne organizacije. Več in več naših prospektivnih novih članov odhaja v vojaško službo. Mladi fantje, ki bi mogli postati naši člani in polagoma prevzeti vodstvo naših društev, odhajajo k vojakom. S tem vsaj začasno odpade najboljši material za pomlajevanje naših društev. To nam vsaj začasno odvzame prospективne mlade uradnike v vodstvo, ker ne gre drugače, marsikje v rokah utrujenih in fizično oslabelih članov. Iz tega logično izhaja, da pri društvenih ni tiste aktivnosti kot bi jo sicer mogli pričakovati. Resnica je trpká, toda najbolje je, da ji moško pogledamo v obraz.

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Kaj naj storimo vpričo tega? Razmer ne moremo izpremeniti, zato je edino pametno, da se jim po najboljši možnosti prilagodimo. Iščimo nove člane tam, kjer so, to je med nedoraso mladino in med ženskami. Otroci se rodijo vsak dan in, kot nam kažejo statistike, število rojstev narašča. Tu je torej rezerva, iz katere moremo črpati nove člane. Dalje ne pozabimo, da je danes mnogo deklet in mladih žensk uposlenih v vojnih in drugih industriah, v transportacijskih poslih, v trgovinah itd. Mnogo teh mladih žensk ni zavarovanih za primere poškodb, bolezni in smrti. Prepričajmo jih o potrebi zavarovanja in vpišimo jih v našo organizacijo. Finančnih zahtev tu ne bo, ker te prospективne kandidatkinje večinoma dobro služijo.

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Nedavno zaključena kampanja Ameriške bratske zveze v proslavo njene 45-letnice, se je, če upoštevamo izredne razmere, dobro obnesla. Večina društva se je odzvala z vpisom večjega ali manjšega števila novih članov, kar kaže, da so jih znala kje poiskati. Čast jim in priznanje! V trdih in nepovoljnih časih so izvršila veliko in dobro delo. Od teh naših aktivnih društev, od naših aktivnih članov lahko pričakujemo, da bodo še zanaprej skrbeli za rast Ameriške bratske zveze. Mnogi izmed tistih, ki dosedaj iz enega ali drugega vzroka niso bili aktivni, se jim bodo po pridružili v bratskem delu. Le nič strahu, naši člani so živi in aktivni in bodo še dolgo.

VSAK PO SVOJE

(Nadaljevanje s 1. strani)

je in cesarja Etiopije. Obe omenjeni deželi sta mu bili že prej ne ladje, je nedavno sporočil svoji soproti razne zanimivosti iz krajev, kjer se je njegova ladja ustavlja. Tako piše o domaćini nekega neimenovanega otoka v južnem Pacifiku, ki ne poznajo denarja v našem pomenu. Nakupi se plačujejo z

blagom. Kupujejo se tudi žene, ki pa jih je treba takoj plačati, ne v obrokih, kot pri nas. Za količaj pripravno ženo je treba odšteti pet krav. Grehov pa se domaćin očisti, če žrtvuje bogovom kozo. Toda na otoku bolj in bolj primanjkuje koz, ker je veliko povpraševanje zanje. Pa nam kdo pravi, da smo mi pregrešni in pokvarjeni?

Amerikanizem nekaterih ljudi je čudne vrste. Ko je bil nedavno neki ubežni kraljči mimo grede tituliran s smrkavcem, so ti čudni patrioti urnebesno protestirali; ko pa je svoječasno Rev. Coughlin imenoval predsednika Roosevelta lažnikom, so diskretno molčali in v stran gledali.

Ali si morete predstavljati trpljenje zakonske žene, katero mož na vse mile više zmerja in izziva in ki mu ne more vrniti milo za dragu niti z besedo? Tako se je godilo Mrs. Robert Worthington v Los Angelesu, ki si je v neki avtomobilski koliziji poškodovala spodnjo čeljust in jo je morala nekaj tednov nositi v obvezni. Tega prilike se je poslužil njen ljubeznični možiček, da ji je "naprej prinesel" vse njene grehe in slabe lastnosti. Ženica je morala na vse to molčati, kar je možička božansko zabavalo. Sodniku pa se je smilila revica, ki je morala brez protiofenzive poslušati moževe litanije, in ji je dovolil ločitev. Zdaj ima, grdavž.

Kadar nam gre na jok in pridušanje, če ne dobimo postavno zajamčene nam porcije rakije, je priporočljivo, da sedemo in se ohladimo s čašo poštenega piva ali vina. Potem pa pomislimo, da naši fantje na raznih frontah dostikrat ne dobijo niti požirka vode, pa nam bo odleglo.

Američani smo v mnogih oziroma kot otroci. Česar nam je dovolj na razpolago, tisto preizramo, in hočemo imeti nekaj, kar je težko dobiti. Ko je vladalo pomanjkanje kave, smo se kremljili zanjo kot sitni paglavci. Zdaj imamo rajšči čaj in pivo. Ko je primanjkovalo krompirja, smo bili vsi pravoverni krompirjevcji; zdaj, ko ga je dovolj in nam ga celo z Washingtona toplo priporočajo, se kujam, in zahtevamo več mesa. Ko so nas spomladini in poleti oblasti vladno opazljivo, da se preskrbni s premogom za zimo, se je malokdo zmenil za prijazen nasvet. Zdaj, ko je nastopilo hladno vreme, pa tisočer hišni gospodarji javkajo, da jim prodajalci premoga ne morejo dostaviti. In, če bi začelo primanjkovati špinache, bi civilni zanjo kot lačni mucki, dasi se zdaj niti ne pokihamo nanjo.

Včasih se zgodi, da se lovška sreča nasmehne tudi lovemu, ki niha niti puške niti streliva. Na primer, doli v sončni Georgiji je nedavno nedeljski lovec L. D. Slappey šel na lov, oborzen sam pa s palico, in je spodil jato jerebic. Pomeril je s palico ter zakričal "bang, bang!" in ena jerebica je padla mrtva na tla. Zaletela se je bila namreč v žično ograjo in se ubila.

Ko je predsednik Roosevelt pretekli mesec odpotoval na zgodovinsko konferenco v Egipt, je bilo vse zavito v strogo tajnost. Zdelo se nam je sicer, da nekaj visi v zraku, toda časopisi in radijski poročevalci so se problema skrbno izogibali. Približno enaka tajnost je obdajala odhod Churchilla iz Londona. Neki angleški kartunisti pa se na 69. Churchillov rojstni dan ni mogel vzdržati povsem neutralno. Za list London Evening News je narusal kartun, predstavljajoč dve mački, ki sta se pogovarjali na pragu Churchillovega urada na Downing St. Pa je ena zami-

javkala: "Čudno, za svoj rojstni dan je Churchill navadno dobil dve steklenici mleka! Ali ga ni doma?" S tem je hotel kartunist povedati, da so celo londonške mačke nekaj slutile.

V angleški poslanski zbornici je na vprašanje glede podpore, pošljane jugoslovanskim partizanom, državni minister Richard K. Law odgovoril, da angleška vlada pošilja več pomoči Titovim partizanom kot Mihajlovičevim četnikom "iz enostavnega razloga, ker je odpor partizanskih čet napram Nemcem neprimerno večji." Tako je državni minister Velike Britanije v parlamentu uradno priznal, da so v Jugoslaviji partizani skorodne upoštevanja vredne skupine, ki se borijo na zavezniški strani proti Nemcem.

Dalje smo čitali v listih, da je ameriški državni tajnik Cordell Hull naprav časniškim po-ročevalcem izjavil, da Amerika pošilja pomoč v Jugoslavijo vsem tistim skupinam, ki se borijo proti Nemcem. Imenoval ni niti partizanov niti četnikov, toda na podlagi gori omenjene izjave britiškega državnega ministra Lawa, dobivajo tudi največ ameriške pomoči partizani.

V zvezi s tem je dne 10. decembra priobčil zanimiv uvodnik clevelandski dnevnik "The Cleveland Press." V omenjenem članku, ki nosi naslov "We Aid Tito," je poudarjeno, da ameriške oblasti tudi v tem oziru upoštevajo "vojaško potrebo," pač se s Titom, ki je komunist, strinjajo ali ne. V naslednjem so navedeni nekateri značilni izcrpki iz omenjenega članka:

"Ce imamo radi Tita, ali magari Stalina, ne more priti v poštev pri številu nacijskih divizij, kateri more poraziti.

"Washington in London sta "imela rada" jugoslovansko zamejno vladu in njenega generala Mihajloviča, toda ko so se britiški in ameriški čestniki vtipatili v Jugoslavijo, da se prepričajo o dejstvih, so pronašli, da ima Tito mnogo večjo armado kot Mihajlovič in se mnogo bolj bojuje. Za nas bi bilo nesmiselno imeti zavezništvo s komunistično Rusijo in rdečo armado, pri tem pa odklanjati pomoč jugoslovanskih komunističnih čet. Prav za prav je Tito-Ribarjeva skupina ali Mihajlovičeva in kralja Petra zamejna vladu bolj reprezentativna za jugoslovansko ljudstvo, se vedno ne more ugotoviti, dokler ne bo ljudstvo imelo priliko svobodnih volitev."

"V Slovenskem domu v Brooklynu, N. J., se bo v nedeljo 19. decembra vršila božičnica tamkajšnje Slovenske šole. Vključevala bo otroško igrico, petje, deklamacije in Miklavžovo obdarovanje. Po programu bo igrala godba za ples. Začetek ob 5. uri popoldne.

"Slovenski delavski dom v Shanonu, Pa., priredi v petek 24. decembra zvečer božično večerinko s pestrim programom. Na prireditvi se bodo zbirali prostovoljni prispevki za Jugoslovanski pomožni odbor, slovenska sekcija.

"Federacija društev Ameriške bratske zveze v zapadni Pennsylvaniji bo zborovala v nedeljo 26. decembra v Pittsburghu, Pa., in sicer v Slovenskem domu na 57. cesti. Pričetek zborovanja je določen za 2. uro popoldne.

"Koncert in shod, ki se je pod avšicijo Zdrženega odbora južno - slovenskih Američanov vršil v nedeljo 12. decembra v Slovenskem narodnem domu v Clevelandu, Ohio, je bil lepa jugoslovanska manifesiacija.

Prireditve se je udeležilo do 150,000 nacijskih čet ali več. Ce se nam dopade ali ne, vsaka zavezniška kampanja na Balkanu se mora v glavnem opirati na partizanske armade. Zato mi podpiramo Tita."

HRANA V OKUPIRANI EVROPI

(Nadaljevanje s 1. strani)

čajih izdajajo Nemci mnogo več znak za živež, kot preskrbe dovoza. V takih slučajih potem stoje gospodinje ure in ure v vrsti, a ko pridejo v trgovino, je vse razprodano, vrniti se morajo s praznimi rokami. V same Parizu se je pripetilo, da ni bilo mesa 3 tedne, a znamke so bile vseeno razdeljene.

Druga nemška zvijača je, da podaljšajo rok dočcene znake, ne da bi spremnili količino. Naslednje znakke se enostavno ne more porabiti; kar si dobijo, mora kratko in malo trajati dvakrat tako dolgo.

Toda prebivalstvo Evrope ne trpi le radi pomanjkanja same-

AMERIŠKA BRATSKA ZVEZA

Ustanovljena 18. julija 1898

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PETINŠTIRIDESETLETNICO AMERIŠKE BRATSKE ZVEZE

bomo najlepše proslavili, če vsako krajevno društvo vsak mesec v letu 1943 vpise nekaj novih članov

ZA NOVOPRIDOBLEJENE ČLANE ODRASLEGA IN MLADINSKEGA ODDELKA DAJE AMERIŠKA BRATSKA ZVEZA NAGRADE V GOTOVINI.

Za novo pridobljene člane odraslega oddelka so predlagatele deležni sledenih nagrad:

- za člana, ki se zavaruje za \$ 250.00 smrtnine, \$1.25 nagrade;
za člana, ki se zavaruje za \$ 500.00 smrtnine, \$2.00 nagrade;
za člana, ki se zavaruje za \$1,000.00 smrtnine, \$4.00 nagrade;
za člana, ki se zavaruje za \$1,500.00 smrtnine, \$5.00 nagrade;
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HOME FRONT HEROINE — THE AMERICAN HOUSEWIFE

The role of the housewife of today is a very responsible one, often a very difficult one. It is the housewife who today must see to it that she can give her family the nourishing foods within the limit of weekly rationing. She knows well that keeping her family in good health is the first requisite to a better and stronger America.

The major part of various salvage campaign drives is largely her responsibility. It is she who washes and uses tin cans, who sees that left-over used fats find their way to the butcher shop, who gathers and saves old newspapers and rags for scrap drives.

The housewife of today manages to keep the family in good order, sees to it that the war workers in her family get enough rest and plenty of the right kind of food to help workers on the war production front. Many housewives today are also found on our war plant assembly lines doing their share to hasten the day of American victory.

The ranks of Red Cross Volunteer Workers, Nurses' Air-Raid Warden duties and other such activities part of the daily routine of our housewives besides multiple other duties. Yet it seems she is often pushed to the background when recognition is given for her services. She is doing her share with very little glory and although she receives no medals for her she is just as much a part of the great army of the American public as any other home front organization.

In addition to all these other duties she still finds time for her fraternal work. Knowing well that most of members are in the service or are working various war plants, she cheerfully accepts the duties of an active lodge worker and officer. Women of today know that the work of fraternalism must not be allowed to slow down and that being a conscientious lodge is just another one of her important duties of to-

day. The housewife knows that accidents, ill health and emergencies of life which must be guarded against are the reason why she makes it her duty to see that she is enrolled in a sound fraternal benefit organization such as our American Fraternal Union.

The benefits our Union offers to its members help the family in times of their greatest need. The record of 45 years of loyal service to all its members guarantees that when you are an AFU member, you will be taken care of in all emergencies that may arise.

The government also advises you to put your money in insurance dollars to help prevent inflation. A future is one of the things that makes a better tomorrow. The wise housewife of today makes it her duty to enroll her family in the American Fraternal and has the satisfaction of knowing that she is making her family's future brighter and more secure.

Let us honor all the housewives who are a vast part of the home front workers' army and an integral part of our American family!

Thought For The Day

FRIENDSHIP

Friendship needs no symbol,
Or vow to make it whole;
It's just a sacred covenant,
That's locked with the soul;
It knows no creed or station,
Or thought of gain or fame,
For what it does is sacred
For \$1 done in Friendship's name.

Celebrate the 45th Anniversary of the American Fraternal Union Would Be for Each Lodge to Members Every Month of the Year of 1943

The American Fraternal Union pays cash awards to all members in the Adult and Juvenile Departments.

newly-enrolled members, the members recommending entitled to the following cash awards:

members insured for \$250 death benefit, \$1.25 award;
members insured for \$500 death benefit, \$2.00 award;
members insured for \$1,000 death benefit, \$4.00 award;
members insured for \$1,500 death benefit, \$5.00 award;
members insured for \$2,000 death benefit, \$6.00 award;
members insured for \$3,000 death benefit, \$8.00 award;

awards are paid after the new member has paid three

ENROLLING NEW MEMBERS FOR THE DEPARTMENT THE AFU PAYS THE FOLLOWING AWARDS:

\$50
\$200
\$1,000 — \$3.00
\$250 — \$1.00
\$500 — \$2.00
\$1,000 — \$3.00

Meeting Notice and News of Lodge 94, AFU

Waukegan, Ill. — At the November meeting of Lodge No. 94, AFU it was decided to remind all members to positively attend the annual lodge meeting which will be held Sunday, Dec. 19 at 2 p.m. Any member who does not attend this meeting without having a very good reason will be obliged to pay a fine which will be decided at the meeting.

The meeting, as previously announced, will begin at 2 p.m., but assessments will be collected at 1 p.m. so members can pay their dues before the meeting. At this meeting much important lodge business will be decided and the election of lodge officers for 1944 will take place. AFU calendars will also be distributed at this time.

Members who are in arrears with their dues should pay them this month so our books will be clear by the end of the year. Nowadays there is no reason why members can't pay; everyone can pay up if he wants to. If someone doesn't want to pay up, just to make trouble, we can always publish their names in the paper.

Now for some news about the social which was held Nov. 27 and for which our lodge cooperated with others, as much as possible. This social made it possible for all soldier-members to receive Christmas gifts, which were already sent to them. Thirty-six of our members are in the service (three of them are home already). I thank all our members who helped make the social a success, among them also our juvenile member, Margie Kenik. Thanks to all who donated gifts and to all who attended.

In conclusion I again wish to remind our members of the annual meeting on Dec. 19th and wish them a merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

Anton Stanovnik, Sec'y
Lodge No. 94, AFU
Waukegan, Ill.

Meeting Notice to Members of Lodge 75, AFU

Meadowlands, Pa. — The members of Lodge No. 75, AFU are invited to attend the annual meeting which will be held on Dec. 19th. Everyone knows that at this meeting we will elect new officers for the coming year and have other lodge business to transact and it is very urgent that we have an attendance of 100%.

I wish to thank all those who attended our last dance, and wish to announce that it was a huge success. Again I ask all friends, members and neighboring lodges to attend our next dance which will be held on the 18th of Dec. at Bear's Hall where we will dance to the tunes of Les Faulk's Orchestra. We want especially to make this a huge success as the proceeds will go toward a fund to build a Slovene hall in Meadowlands.

Joseph Murn, Sec'y
Lodge No. 175, AFU
Meadowlands, Pa.

Bonds of Victory . . . buy 'em!

Invitation To Members of Lodge 85 to Attend Meeting

Aurora, Minn. — The annual meeting of Lodge No. 85, AFU will be held on Sunday, Dec. 26th at the City Hall. It will begin promptly at 9 a.m. All members who possibly can do so should attend this most important meeting of the year. At this meeting we will elect a board of officers for the coming year and discuss other lodge business concerning the future of our lodge. All such decisions are best settled when the members attend the lodge meeting in a large number. Therefore, come to the annual meeting on Dec. 26th all who can unless they have a very good reason for not being able to do so. In conclusion I wish all members a very merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

Matt Anzelc, Sec'y
Lodge No. 85, AFU
Aurora, Minn.

Annual Meeting Reminder of Lodge No. 170, AFU

Chicago, Ill. — All the members of the Lodge Liberty Bell No. 70 AFU are cordially invited to attend the yearly meeting, which will be held Saturday, December 19, 1943 at the regular meeting place. The meeting will start at 7:30 p.m. sharp. At this meeting, the election of officers for the year of 1944 will take place. Your presence at this meeting is important, because there will be some vital matters discussed, which concern every member. Therefore, make it your business to attend this meeting. After the meeting, refreshments will be served.

As you all know, our lines need reinforcements. So get busy, and get at least one new member for the lodge.

During the month of October, death took one of our good and loyal members, Lawrence Weber, who is survived by wife Helen, and three sons, John, Eddy and Lawrence. I take this opportunity to express in the name of all the members, our deepest sympathy to the family.

We have 17 members who are in service in the U. S. Armed Forces. To these, our members, we salute because they are the ones who will uphold our liberty and democracy. In the name of the lodge, I wish these soldier-members a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. I also wish a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all the members. See you all at the meeting.

Fraternally,

Anton Krapenc, Sec'y
Lodge No. 170, AFU
Chicago, Ill.



Annual Meeting Notice of Lodge No. 124, AFU

La Salle, Ill. — On Sunday, Dec. 19, 1943 the annual meeting of Lodge No. 124, AFU will be held at 1:30 p.m. This meeting is so important that every member should attend it without being especially reminded to do so. The excuse that members haven't time to attend the meeting for an hour and a half on Sunday afternoon is not a good one. Many people find the time to visit the movies, church or visit their neighbors but to attend a lodge meeting once a year is too much for them. All members in the lodge have the same privileges and also the same obligations. When we need some benefits we know our privileges but we easily forget our obligations. By this we show that we aren't such good members. This year we had a membership campaign for new members in celebration of the AFU 45th anniversary and not so long ago we read the results of the campaign. It could have been much better than it was. If some members could sign up five or more members, certainly every fifth member could enroll at least one new member. Every one has some friend they could enroll. Why shouldn't we enroll our friends and members of their family?

Once again I wish to remind you to attend the annual meeting on Sunday, Dec. 19th at 1:30 p.m. in the Slovenian Home. A new board of officers will have to be elected for 1944 and other lodge business discussed which usually comes up at annual meetings. Attend the meeting and elect a committee with which you will be satisfied, also make lodge decisions which will be carried out to your satisfaction. The secretary will also distribute Union calendars for 1944. Regards to all members.

Matt Vogrich, Pres.
Lodge No. 124, AFU
La Salle, Ill.

Annual Meeting Reminder for Members of Lodge 120, AFU

Ely, Minn. — All members of Lodge No. 120, AFU are requested to attend our annual meeting to be held on Dec. 19th at 7 o'clock in the evening. The election of officers will be held and the program arranged for our 1944 meetings. Some lucky member will be presented with a War Bond at this meeting.

Each member is requested to buy and bring a towel with her so we can have some fun and play some games after the meeting. The lodge treasurer will have plenty of change on hand so that those who have large bills to change may remedy that at the meeting when they pay their dues.

All members who are in arrears with their dues must pay up this month. Attention is also called to the fact that all members must pay their dues BEFORE the FIRST of each month and the secretary will not be responsible for any suspensions in December. It is up to each and every one to pay heed to this notice.

I wish all of you a very merry Xmas and a happy New Year.

Rose Svetich, Sec'y
Lodge No. 120, AFU
Ely, Minn.

Notice of Annual Meeting of Lodge 200, AFU

200, AFU

Ely, Minn. — The annual meeting of Lodge No. 200, AFU will be held Sunday, Dec. 26th at the Jugoslav National Home at 9 a.m. The members are invited to attend this important meeting in as large a number as possible. At the annual meeting, as you all know, we will elect a new board of officers for the coming year and decide upon various lodge matters for the future of our lodge. The coming year will be the AFU convention year and it is not any too soon to discuss as to how we can better certain sections of our By-Laws. Therefore, brothers and sisters, come to this important meeting and offer your suggestions. I'll be seeing you at the meeting on Dec. 26th and I wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Joseph A. Mertel, Sec'y
Lodge No. 200, AFU
Ely, Minn.

Aurora Lodge No. 85 Loses a Young Member

Aurora, Minn. — Leaf after leaf falls. Our lodge No. 85, AFU lost a member of our lodge on Nov. 23 when young Edward Jerich passed away. He was a member of the Juvenile Department and was 17 years old. The deceased was ill for six months and died in the hospital at Virginia, Minn. We buried him on Nov. 26 at the cemetery at Aurora. He leaves his parents, two sisters and five brothers. He belonged to our lodge for 12 years, and as previously mentioned, at the time of his death he was a member of the Juvenile Department. The bier of the deceased was covered with wreaths, among them also the wreath from Lodge No. 85, AFU. May the memory of Brother Edward always live in our hearts and to his parents, brothers and sisters we offer our sincere sympathy, in the name of our lodge.

Matt Anzelc, Sec'y
Lodge No. 85, AFU
Aurora, Minn.

Annual Lodge Meeting of Lodge No. 112, AFU

11, AFU

Omaha, Neb. — Members of

Lodge No. 11, AFU are invited

to positively attend the next monthly meeting which will be held Sunday, Dec. 19, 1943 at the usual place. This will be the annual meeting and that is why it will begin at 9 a.m., an hour sooner than the time of regular monthly meetings.

At this meeting it will be necessary to elect lodge officers for the coming year and discuss other lodge business which comes up at annual meetings. At this meeting the AFU calendar will also be distributed.

If a member knows of a prospective member he should try to enroll him at the coming meeting, so in this way we shall close our lodge business successfully for the year of 1943. Fraternal regards and we'll be seeing you at the annual meeting, Sunday, Dec. 19th.

John Urek, Sec'y
Lodge No. 11, AFU
Omaha, Neb.

News of Collinwood Boosters

The members of Lodge No. 188, AFU of Cleveland, Ohio are hereby reminded to attend their annual meeting which will be held this coming Friday, Dec. 17th at 15717 Saranac Rd. Please try to be present so that you can elect new officers for the coming year and discuss other business regarding the welfare of our lodge. I would also like to remind all members who are in arrears with their dues to bring them up to date. Don't forget the date: Friday, Dec. 17th at 7:30 p.m. Fraternally yours,

Mary Laurich, Sec'y
Lodge No. 188, AFU
Cleveland, Ohio

Meeting Notice of Lodge 112, AFU

Kitzville, Minn. — All members of Lodge No. 112, AFU are hereby reminded that the meeting to be held Dec. 19, 1943 at 10 a.m. at the home of Sister Ann Musich will be a very important one. The election of officers for 1944 and other important lodge business will be the order of the day. I am asking all members to be present at that time.

Frank Tichar, Sec'y
Lodge No. 112, AFU
Kitzville, Minn.

Members of Lodge 192, Annual Meeting Reminder

Gilbert, Minn. — The annual lodge meeting of Lodge No. 192, AFU of Gilbert, Minn. will be held Monday, Dec. 20, 1943 at the home of Mrs. Mary Kern at 7 p.m. All members are kindly requested to attend this important meeting of the year. Fraternally yours,

W. L. Vessel, Sec'y
Lodge No. 192, AFU
Gilbert, Minn.

Annual Meeting Notice of Lodge 136, AFU

Krayn, Pa. — Lodge No. 136, AFU will hold its annual meeting on Dec. 19, 1943 at 2 p.m. at the Vihar Hall. All members are cordially invited to attend. The election of officers will be held and AFU calendars will be distributed to members at that time.

Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Fraternally yours,
Mary Bavdek, Sec'y
Lodge No. 136, AFU
Krayn, Pa.

INSIDE THE AXIS

Pavelich Fires His Railway Protector

Amid reports of intensive Yugoslav guerrilla activity against railway communications in Croatia, the controlled Zagreb press recently reported that Dr. Ante Pavelich, Croatian puppet leader, had dismissed his "State Commissioner for Railway Security," Vragovic. The Zagreb papers said Vladimir Vrankovic, Deputy Director-General for Public Order, has been appointed to succeed Vragovic.

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OUT ENUMCLAW WAY

By Mary G. Balint

In most of the AFU homes here in Enumclaw, Wash., the casual observer will notice on the household calendar, a significant red circle drawn around the date of December 19th. If the importance of that has passed you by, allow us to "put you in the know." Dec. 19th indicates an important gathering of Lodge No. 162 members at the Krain Ballroom. Election of officers for 1944 will be one of the chief orders of business. Many other important items must also be discussed. We urge all members to turn out in full force. The success of the meeting depends on you, so please exert every effort to be there. The hour of 7:30 p. m. will be the "go" signal for the start of lodge activities. For the continued growth of your lodge, for your own satisfaction, be present to vote for your favorite candidate and also to voice your opinion in all the other matters concerning the welfare of our lodge. The date is Dec. 19th; the place is the Krain Ballroom.

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I was going through an old issue of Farm News Digest the other afternoon and ran across several items which I thought would make interesting reading. "What Price Beauty?" was the caption on the first story. It read: "It is estimated that American women spend approximately \$180,000,000 annually for beauty. But vanity does not belong to this day alone. The Egyptian lady of 4,000 years ago, whitened her face, painted her lips, shaped her eyebrows and tipped her eyelashes. In that day it was literally correct to say that a lady used paints. On palettes, similar to those used by artists today, women mixed slate and paints to the correct hues to match their complexions. And if the color of her hair was not to her liking, the Egyptian lady dyed it blue, green, red, purple, orange or what have you."

Each of us has various blessings to recount—as we become steeped in the prevailing holiday spirit. At the head of this list we are contemplating, we can place a seven-letter word: AMERICA! Let us not forget for that one word harbors a wealth of meaning.

For our American Fraternal Union this holiday season is an

other milestone in the 45 years of service to our members. May progress and service continue to be the rallying cry.

You know, true Christmas spirit comes from the heart. What can be sweeter than to extend to all whom we meet, a happy smile, a warm handclasp and a resounding "Merry Christmas to you all!"

Mary Balint, Sec'y
Lodge No. 162, AFU
Enumclaw, Wash.

Annual Meeting Notice of Lodge No. 103, AFU

Cleveland, O.—Annual lodge meetings, held in December by all lodges, are the most important meetings of the year. This year, more than ever, they are especially important. One reason is that next year is the AFU convention year and now is the time for members to discuss any changes that will help promote the growth of our lodge and our Union.

Members of Lodge No. 103, AFU are cordially invited to attend the annual meeting which will be held Sunday, Dec. 19th at 1:30 p. m. at the Slovenian Home on Holmes Ave. Our lodge meetings haven't been very well attended during the past year. There is a noticeable lack of younger members at our meetings. Surely our young ladies can find an hour or two on the third Sunday of the month when they can attend the meeting and meet the old and new members and help plan lodge activities. I hope to see many new faces at the next meeting. Plan to attend and become better acquainted with our members. At this time the election of lodge officers will be held and plans for the coming year will be discussed. I hope to see all of you at the next meeting on Dec. 19th.

INSIDE THE AXIS

New Croatian Measure to Enforce Military Service

According to the Zagreb newspaper "Nova Hrvatska," Dr. Ante Pavelich's puppet government in Croatia has issued a new decree designed to compel Croatian youths to contribute their military services to the Nazis. The newspaper said the decree provided that graduates of secondary schools could not enter universities or accept private or public employment until they had fulfilled the compulsory period of service in the armed forces.

It would seem that in some families cleanliness is not next to godliness. We notice in a country paper this testimonial, given by a woman, to the singular virtues of a patent medicine: "After taking one bottle of your 'Resurrector' I was able to do a large washing, and I had not washed before in years."

The above lines are about an FBI girl and I must say they're true. Yours truly is getting to be quite adept at giving people nicknames or "aliases." Talking about names, before I come into the FBI I never realized that so many thousands of men throughout the country had such unusual names. And I do mean unusual! Why, they range from Violet to Darling. Yes, they are the true monikers of many males.

WASHINGTON NEWS FLASHES

By Florence D. Startz

In 1922 a custom was begun here in the nation's capital whereby the President lighted a national community Christmas tree. In 1933, President Roosevelt began the custom of putting the tree on the south lawn of the White House. This year the custom will not be observed because of transportation difficulties and the gasoline shortage. In Washington people will pay big prices for some wisps of Christmas trees. That sounds so unusual to your reporter because back in Northern Minnesota enormous trees could be had "almost at your back door."

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Some people in our capital observed December 7th by donating to the blood bank. That's the spirit, I say. However, during the Xmas shopping period many people cancelled their appointments to donate blood. That's rather disappointing because buying Xmas presents isn't anywhere as important as offering blood which may save another person's life!

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The Young Fry: A 19-year-old farm boy grew tired of country life so he joined the Army. Being a very finicky lad he also found this life unsatisfactory and left the service. Next he began to steal and sell automobiles in four states. He made \$1,000 on the deals and spent it in Chicago on "wine, women and song," as he said. When FBI agents arrested him he explained his system like this: "I would steal an old model automobile; then I'd go to a tavern and start talking with someone. I would offer to trade cars and suggest that each drive the other's car for a trial. The fellow would go one way and I would speed off in the opposite direction. It was easier than pitching hay on the farm."

Well—I should think so!

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"As a worker in the FBI She hears aliases left and right,
So, if your name is Michael, sir,
She'll tag you 'Two-gun Ike.'"

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So we come to the close of another column and,
"Now I'll lay me down to sleep To count fingerprints, instead of sheep."

Until next week, so-long from your "Capital Columnist."

News From Butte, Montana

First of all I want to remind all the AFU members about the annual lodge meetings. Elections of officers will be held and lodge business for the coming year will be discussed at these meetings. Plan now to attend the annual meeting and offer your suggestions as to how the lodge and Union can make better progress.

Now a few words about our AFU 45th Anniversary Membership Campaign which was quite a success. Credit is due our Supreme President, Janko Rogelj, to our Supreme Secretary, Anton Zbasnik, to our editor, Mr. A. Terbovec, his assistant, Mrs. Erzen, the secretaries who acted as campaign managers and to all the members who helped to attain the 45-point goal. Some of our lodges went way over the goal. Out here in the "wild, wooly West" we did quite well in the campaign but could have done better.

In the state of Montana, the people bought more War Bonds per capita during the recent Third War Loan drive than residents of any other state, the U. S. Treasury announced recently. Aggregate of \$18,000,000 worth of series "E," "F" and "G" bonds gave the copper state an average of \$38.13 for every man, woman and child—\$14.53 higher than the average for the nation! Back the attack! Buy more War Bonds and Stamps and bring the boys in our Armed Forces home sooner!

In Farragut, Idaho, about 300 miles West of Butte, we have an inland Naval Station, the largest in the West. Several of our members are in basic training there.

We are enjoying California weather so far, something very unusual for this part of the country, this time of the year.

Wishing all the members of the Supreme Board and all the members of the AFU, a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Fraternally yours,

Mary Predovich, Sec'y
Lodge No. 190, AFU
Butte, Mont.

Annual Lodge Meeting Reminder of Lodge 171, AFU

Republic, Pa.—Members of Lodge No. 171, AFU are hereby notified that the annual lodge meeting will be held at the Grantz home on Dec. 19, 1943 at 2 p. m. This meeting will be a very important one for the election of lodge officers for 1944 will take place at that time. All members should make it their duty to attend and present their suggestions as to how to promote the progress of our lodge and our Union. Fraternal regards to all.

John E. Trout, Pres.
Lodge No. 171, AFU
Republic, Pa.



Things Winter Motorists Should Remember:

1. That there is sufficient anti-freeze to (2) prevent motorized equipment not in operation, but (3) you will have to buy a different kind of anti-freeze than you used to buy. You may have to buy from a different dealer even though there's enough of the old kind left in the store.

Manufacturers have been instructed to ship first to the colder areas of the country, then to the sections where cold hits later, and finally to the southern areas where there is the least need for anti-freeze.

Seeds Shipped to Our Men

Tons of vegetable seeds are being shipped to our American men overseas. Both men and civilians are sending their own vitamin-rich seeds from American seeds. They will have raised quantities of spinach and are completing Popeye's favorite builder.

Christmas Cigars to Our Men

Christmas cigars are going to cost any more than do right now, and there will be enough to fill the demand. So says OPA, recently established over the farm sale of several varieties of tobacco.

"Wobbie" the New Vegetable

A new vegetable has developed in England, sown between the beet and the potato. Its vitamin content is to be four times that of the beet. They call it the "wobbie" because they don't brag about it.

Rumors: Scuttlebutt:

In the Navy they "scuttlebutt" instead of "scuttlebutt" but they both mean the same thing. And in case you don't know what it is, it's nothing but a rumor. The truth is that between Christmas and the New Year, OPA will revise the price regulations for women's rayon stockings. They don't say whether the price will be higher or lower, but they do emphasize which ones won't be 'til after Christmas.

3,600 persons were walking on the highway last year. Here is the most important thing to remember: the Greater Cleveland Council and the National Highway Council, when you are driving on the highway: Stay on the right side so you won't be hit from behind. Traffic approaching from the opposite side, and you won't risk of being hit from the rear.

"Waiter," asked a city restaurant, "is it necessary to have that waitress prowling about the tables?"

"Well, it's like this," replied the waiter, "she's rabbit stew on the menu, and the manager thinks it's good for the enjoyment of the customer. The cat is well in evidence to speak, sir."

"We Are Buying War Bonds—Are You?"



Part of Sgt. Edward Straube's left foot was shot away at Ferryville, near Bizerte, North Africa. At Halloran General Hospital, Staten Island, N. Y., they are building up his foot again. Sgt. Straube, from Perth Amboy, N. J., buys War Bonds regularly. Do you do as much?



Sgt. Bernard Kello, 22, of New York, was wounded by snipers during the Sicilian campaign. His grandparents live in Naples, and he has a brother in the army. Both buy War Bonds regularly.



Technician 5th Grade John A. Wisniewski, 25, of Dearborn, Mich., lost his right eye, three fingers and suffered chest wounds from shrapnel in the fight to capture Tunis. He is now recovering at Halloran and is a regular War Bond purchaser.



Pvt. Bernard Heldemann's left leg will be two inches shorter when he is discharged from Halloran. He was wounded by a German bullet during the operations in Sicily last August. His home is Chicago. He has been in traction since Sept. He's buying bonds.

Chicago AFU Liberty Bell Bowling League

CARDINAL HIGHLIGHTS Annual Meeting of Lodge No. 50, AFU

Our annual lodge meeting was held last Sunday, Dec. 12, 1943. The following members were elected lodge officers for the year of 1944: John Pogacnik, president; Joe Zlogar, secretary; Jennie Millosin, treasurer; Lillian Glavic, recording secretary, and Jennie Mikolich, Mary Zlogar and Jennie Cikulin, auditors. The lodge physician is Dr. Youman. Mrs. Jennie Mikolich was elected representative to the AFU Federation. So much for the meeting.

Yours truly received her first Christmas card from Pvt. Frank Vlosich from somewhere in Alaska. His photo is on the card and he is dressed like an Eskimo. I also received a V-Mail Xmas Card from Pvt. Albert Slabe who is stationed somewhere in Hawaii. Thanks a lot boys.

Corp. Edward Glavic recently received a good conduct medal for excellent behavior for his first year of service. Congratulations from the Cardinals!

Sgt. Steve Millosin was recently transferred from California to Jackson, Miss. He is doing fine and likes his new camp.

Coming home soon on a short leave from the Navy to visit his family and friends is Stanley Pogacnik. He is stationed at Great Lakes at the present time.

In closing I want to wish all AFU members a merry Christmas and a happy New Year and especially to all in the service.

Jennie Millosin, Sec'y
Lodge No. 229, AFU
Struthers, Ohio

Annual Meeting of Lodge No. 6, AFU, Lorain, Ohio

Lorain, Ohio. — Members of St. Aloysius Lodge No. 6, Lorain, Ohio are urgently requested to attend the annual meeting to be held Dec. 19th, at the usual place. Collection of dues will begin at 12 o'clock. All members in arrears kindly attend and pay the balance. At this meeting officers for the coming year will be elected and various important topics will be brought up for discussion. This coming year is the AFU convention year and if there are any suggestions, additions or revisions regarding the By-Laws, kindly present them at this meeting. The AFU calendars will be distributed at this time.

Fraternally yours,

Ludwig Vidrick, Sec'y
Lodge No. 6, AFU
Lorain, Ohio

There can be no lasting fraternity among wicked men; they cannot be friends to each other, and the good cannot be friends to them.

—Socrates.

Brooklyn, N. Y. — The members of Lodge No. 50, AFU are cordially invited to attend the yearly meeting which will be held Saturday, Dec. 18 at the American Slovenian Auditorium, 253 Irving Ave., Brooklyn, N. Y. at 8 p. m. sharp. As this meeting is a very important one, each and every member should make it his business to be present. The election of officers for 1944 will take place at this session. Your duty is to be present so that you can elect officers in whom you have confidence. A report will be made on the progress of the lodge during the current year of 1943.

I announce that after a long and lingering illness, Mrs. Jera Lisac, a member of our lodge, passed away on Nov. 26th. In the name of our lodge I extend our deepest sympathy to her family.

Valentine Orehek, Sec'y
Lodge No. 50, AFU
Brooklyn, N. Y.

Many Long Years Ago —

On Feb. 7, 1893 the first long distance telephone call was made from Boston to Chicago. The papers in those days read: "Telephoning is successfully carried on over 1250 miles of wire, owing to a somewhat circuitous route followed by the line. We may yet see Omaha and San Francisco connected by a line which will form the final link in a chain bringing San Francisco and New York within speaking range of each other."

Today, we find that the dreams of these pioneers in telephone are realized far beyond their estimation.

Today we call it salvaging; 50 years ago they called it reclamtion! The Scientific American magazine carried the following paragraph in its issue 50 years ago: "RECLAMATION—The sweepings from manufacturing jewelry establishments, consisting of paper, dust, old crucibles, etc., are packed in barrels and carted to a refinery, where the material is first put into furnaces and burned . . . The value of these sweepings varies greatly, averaging about \$5 per barrel, although it has been known to run up as high as \$500 per barrel."

Torpedo boats were being made 50 years ago. We read that at that time considerable interest was taken in the new torpedo boats which were then being constructed at the New York navy yard for the Maine and at the Norfolk navy yard for the Texas. "Each boat will carry a 1-pounder rapid-fire gun," read the notice.

There you have the birth of the present torpedo boats!

Did You Know That

Did you know that: Duluth, Minn., is located on Lake Tracy? Cleveland, Ohio is on Lake de Conty? Bay City, Mich. is on the Sweet Sea? Chicago is on Lake Illinois? Oswego, New York is on Lake Frontenac?

Of course today these lakes are called Superior, Erie, Huron, Michigan and Ontario, but a couple of hundred years ago they bore other names.

Older names of the Great Lakes are shown in "Indian Villages of the Illinois Country," an atlas of old maps of the Midwest compiled by Sara J. Tucker, of the University of Chicago, and published by the Illinois State Museum.

CHRISTMAS SHOPPING



The Problem of Trieste

By Ivan M. Tchok

(Continuation)

A relative majority of the lies on American soil. Trieste inhabitants of Trieste are classified as Italian. But neither are overwhelmingly Yugoslav. the size nor the nature of that Trieste is the capital of the majority has ever been precisely Yugoslav Julian March. With or impartially determined. The Yugoslav authorities employed all forms of coercion to make the existence of national minorities, that is, Slavs, in the Julian March extremely difficult. The Slavs were compelled even to change their names in order to bury forever their national origin. No one knows how many thousands of these "compulsory" Italians will joyfully resume their real names and nationality when Trieste becomes a part of a new Yugoslavia.

Throughout History, Trieste's deadliest opponent and competitor has been Venice. The struggle between the two ports continued under the Crown of Italy. Cut off from its hinterland Trieste went bankrupt. Its great commercial enterprises, Cosulich, Tripovich, Pollich — all good Yugoslav names — were liquidated and absorbed by the financial interests of Venice, Genoa, Milan and Rome. Diversion of commerce from Trieste to the ports on the Italian mainland brought poverty to thousands of families who had no place to emigrate, while the Italian Government continued to colonize the city with "real" Italians from as far south as Sicily.

The argument that inclusion of Trieste into Yugoslavia would create a problem of Italian "irredentism" is without foundation. The Julian March is an economic and political unit. Yugoslavia has never persecuted its national minorities. It will not do so in the future. But it is strange that distinguished Italians in the United States condemn Yugoslav claims to Trieste on the ground that its inclusion in Yugoslavia would violate the principle of national self-determination while at the same time they look with horror upon Yugoslav claims to Goritsa and Istria on the ground that they are based on the spirit of nationalism which must play no role in the reconstruction of the world after this war. In other words, nationalism is good for the Italians but bad for the Yugoslavs.

Yugoslavia's claims to Trieste are based on solid facts of history, ethnography and economics. There is a clear line of demarcation between the Yugoslav and Italian peoples. That line lies west of the river Soča and leaves Trieste in Yugoslavia. Trieste lies on

Yugoslav soil just as New York and its immediate hinterland lies on American soil. Trieste is the capital of the size nor the nature of that Trieste is the capital of the majority has ever been precisely Yugoslav Julian March. Within its hinterland, Trieste is doomed to economic death.

Of course, Yugoslavia could put forward other claims to Trieste. Italy is an enemy country. Italy has done irreparable damage to Yugoslavia. The dead can never be resurrected. It will take years to rebuild the destroyed towns and villages. It is not difficult to imagine how the people of Slovenia, Dalmatia, Montenegro and Croatia feel about Italy. But although Yugoslavia is unquestionably entitled to reparation from Italy it does not need to use that argument to establish its claim to the Julian March and its natural and inevitable capital Trieste.

The End

A foreign correspondent recently wrote that daredevil foolhardiness has little place in modern scientific warfare. The Greater Cleveland Safety Council and the National Safety Council remind us that recklessness has less place in wartime industry, where no chance is necessary. Do your war work the safe way. Do your walking and driving and relaxing the safe way. Save manpower for warpower!

Since 1929, anti-malarial tablet production has increased from 5 million to over 2½ billion annually.

S proslave Jugoslovenskega zedinjenja v Chicagu

Dne 5. decembra so čikaški Jugoslani obhajali praznik jugoslovenskega zedinjenja v paviljonu Pilsen Parku ob sijajni udeležbi ljudi iz čikaškega mesta in okolice. Prostrana dvorana je bila napolnjena do zadnjega točka.

Med govorniki sta bila naj-

znamenitejša Louis Adamič in

Zarko Buncič.

Navzoče občinstvo, ki ga je bilo prejkone nad tri tisoč, je obema pripredilo pri-

srečne ovacije in naši ameriški

vojaki so nosili Adamiča po-

tem, ko je končal svoj sila za-

nizkorejše simpatije do jugo-

slavskih bojnih sil v Jugosla-

viji in svoje globoko občudo-

vane silne bojevitosti v njihem

hrabrem boju za svobodo in

lepšo bodočnost nove, neodvis-

ne, združene in demokratične

Jugoslavije.

7. Da iz vsega srca odobrava-

"Ljubljane" so v slovenskih na- mo izjave zgodovinske moskov- rodnih nošah obstopili Adamiča ske konference, ki je po našem na odru, preden je začel govoriti, kar nam je nudilo zelo lep in pester prizor. Zvonko Novak je kot podpredsednik odbora za to proslavo posloval v vlogi nadomestnega predsednika te prireditve, ker je moral predsednik Frank Barich potem, ko je odprl z ognjevitim nagovorom program, oditi radi bolezni domov.

Na tej v duhu novih idej vr- šeči se proslavi je bila prečita na soglasno sprejeta sleden- ca resolucija:

Mi ameriški državljanji jugo- slovenskega pokolenja, zbrani v paviljonu Pilsen Parku na 3049 W. 26th St. v Chicagu dne 5. decembra na proslavi petindvajsetletnice jugoslovenskega narodnega zedinjenja, smo ne- oporečno lojalni do Združenih držav ameriških. Mi neomajno podpiramo njihove vojne napore v tem orjaškem boju za svobo- do, pravico in demokracijo in v ameriških vojnih industrijskih prispevajo delavci naše krično in dan z delom in denarjem k tistim vojnim prizadevanjem po vseh svojih močeh.

Mi jugoslovanski Amerikanci smo kupili vojnih vladnih obveznic za milijone in milijone dolarjev. Na tisoč in tisoče naših sinov služi tej veliki deželi v oboroženih silah in veliko, zelo veliko naših hčera delujejo v pomožnih vojnih enotah kakor tudi na obrambni fronti doma. Na stotisoč in stotisoč naših mož in žena dela v bistvenih vojnih industrijskih. Mi se v polni meri zavedamo svoje dolžnosti, da moramo storiti za znago vojne in miru vse, kar je naših močeh.

Kot Amerikanci imamo vedno le Ameriko najprej pred očmi. Ali pri tem pa si seveda ne moremo kaj, da ne bi čutili tudi za dejelo svojega izvora — za Jugoslavijo. Bolečega srca smo si svestni njene strasne nesreče, ki predstavlja pretrpljivo tragedijo pod kruto peto nemških fašistov in njihnih pomagačev. Mi globoko občudujemo pogumni odpor jugoslovenskih ljudstev in njihine junaške bojne sile, ki so poleg ruske Rdeče armade najizdatnejše zaveznice Združenih narodov na evropski celini. Z vsem srcem se jim pridružujemo v njihinem željнем stremljenju za novo, združeno in demokratično Jugoslavijo, pa sklenemo:

1. Da bomo nadaljevali s podpiranjem svoje ameriške vlade v njenih vojnih prizadevanjih in žrtvovanjih do konca tega strahovitega boja zoper vse osiščene sile.

2. Da bomo delovali za edinstvo med sabo in drugimi slovenskimi Amerikanci ter pospeševali bratstvo in vzajemnost med ljudstvom v Jugoslaviji in drugimi slovenskimi narodi v Evropi potem.

3. Da bomo pozvali Združene države in druge Združene narode, naj začno nemudoma zalačati jugoslovenske ljudske bojne sile z orožjem, živili, obleko in zdravniškimi potrebščinami, da bodo te mogle pripraviti za večnem vpad v balkanske dežele.

4. Da se bomo obrnili do pristojne ameriške vzpostavljene oblasti s prošnjo, naj priskoči zatiranim ljudem v Jugoslaviji ekonomično na pomoč, čim bo osišče pregnano z njihnega ozemlja.

5. Da bomo zahtevali, naj se jugoslovenski svet, ki je naseben s Slovenci, Hrvati in Srbi in ki je bil tem vezet med to vojno in še pred njo, vzpostavi in vravnost vseh narodov!

Zvonko Novak, nadomestni predsednik.

Poslanica drju. Ivanu Ribarju

Cenjeni dr. Ribar:

Mi, ameriški državljanji jugoslovenskega pokolenja, zbrani v paviljonu Pilsen Parku na 3049 W. 26th St. v Chicagu dne 5. decembra 1943 na proslavi petindvajsetletnice jugoslovenskega zedinjenja Vas dr. Ivan Ribar, in po Vas maršala Tita pa jugoslovensko osvobodilno vojsko iskreno pozdravljamo.

Vaš junaški boj proti osiščnim osvojevalcem in vsega zanikanje vrednim kvizilingom vzbujajo v vsakem Amerikancu jugoslovenskega izvora ponos ter podziga vse druge ameriške Slovane k še večjim naporom v pripravljanju te dežele za bližajoče se ofenzivne operacije v Evropi.

Mi smo z vami, kakor so tudi vsi drugi demokratični narodi celega sveta! Zori se in ura vašega osvobojenja ni večdaleč. Mi z vsem srcem pozdravljamo vaš junaški boj proti Hitlerju in njegovim pomagačem. Mi pozdravljamo zmago bojne zvezze med Anglijo, Sovjetsko Rusijo, Jugoslavijo in Ameriko. Kugo in smrt nemškim fašističnim nasilnikom, pogin njihni državi in njihemu "novemu redu" v Evropi!

Zivela svoboda in neodvisnost vseh narodov!

Zvonko Novak, nadomestni predsednik.

Bolgari se pridružujo jeo partizanom

Eden najvažnejših dogodkov v borbi južno-slovenskih ljudstev proti nacijskemu jarmu je bil obelodanjen v nedavnem poročilu radijske oddaje "Svobodne Jugoslavije," kot je isto zabeležil poročevalce N. Y. Timesa, C. L. Sulzberger, katere piše, da bolgarski vojaki v vedno večjem številu pristopajo v Osvobodilno ljudsko armado Jugoslavije, kateri načeljuje gen. Josip Broz (Tito).

Omenjeni komunike jugoslovenskih patrijotov navaja, "da bolgarski vojaki, katere so zanjeli naši oddelki v nedavnih bojih pri vasi Krema, so zdaj pristopljeno pristopili k Osvobodilni armadi." Dalje poročilo pravi, "da se zdaj ena bolgarska stotinja bori ramo ob ramu

(Dalje na 8. str.)



Južno - slovanski odbor sestavljen v Londonu

Tako je bila vzpostavljena provizorična vlada v Jugoslaviji, so napredni Srbi, Hrvati in Slovenci, ki živijo v Londonu, ustanovili Združeni odbor južnih Slovanov, kateremu je na čelu bivši jugoslovanski minister ter poznani slovenski javni delavec, profesor Boris Furlan. Med izvrševalnimi članiki odbora sta Mihajlo Petrovič in dr. Rudolf Bičanić, bivši podpredsednik Jugoslovanske narodne banke.

Londonski odbor je takoj poslal brzjavne pozdrave hrvatskemu banu, dr. J. Šubašiću, bivšemu jugoslovanskemu ministru Kosanoviću in Louis Adamiču, predsedniku Združenega odbora južno-slovaških Amerikancev, katerim je čestital na njih neumornem delovanju za demokracijo in enakopravnost južnih Slovanov.

Pozdrav Mr. Louis Adamiču se glasi:

"Združeni odbor južnih Slovanov v Londonu pozdravlja povas vse demokratske južno-slovaške organizacije v Severni Ameriki in čestita Vašemu odboru na njegovem sijajnem delu v borbi proti fašizmu in prilog vzpostavljenju resnično demokratskega reda v vseh južnoslovaških deželah."

"Cilji našega Odbora so:

1. Da prinaša resnico o osvobodilni borbi v Jugoslaviji, ki je pod vodstvom Narodne osvobodilne vojske in partizanskih odredov.

2. Da ojača borbo v vseh južno-slovaških deželah potom strnjena vseh borbenih demokratiskih in antifašističnih sil.

3. Da zahteva takojšnjo pomoč za naše borce in istotako za narod v Jugoslaviji.

4. Da se bori proti vsem apizarem in lažnim prijateljem zapadnih zaveznikov.

5. Da deluje za udejstvje obetanega s amemo določevanja ljudstva in za svobodno izbiro vlade v vseh južno-slovaških deželah.

6. Da zahteva vključenje v novo Jugoslavijo vseh slovenskih, hrvatskih in srbskih kraljev, kateri so bili po zadnji sestovni vojni priključeni k drugim državam.

"Odbor bo podvzemal sledeče korake:

a.) da obvešča javno mišljene in sodeluje z organizacijami in ustanovami Združenih narodov.

b.) da koordinira delovanje vseh južno-slovaških antifašistov na Angleškem; in zunaj,

c.) da sodeluje z vsemi sličnimi južno-slovaškimi organizacijami po vsem svetu, a še posebno z onim v Zedinjenih državah, Kanadi, Južni Ameriki, Avstraliji in Novi Zelandiji.

Dr. Boris Furlan, predsednik;

Mihajlo Petrović,

Dr. Rudolf Bičanić.

V svoji izjavi angleškim novinarjem, je dejal dr. Bičanić: "Vsa vprašanja Jugoslavije se bodo odslej reševala v jugoslovanski zemlji sami, namesto, kot je bil slučaj dozdaj, po političnih ubežnikih v tujini . . ."

KRATKE VESTI

Nobelov komitej, kateri predi vsako leto svečani banket za nosilce Noblovin nakrad, je nedavno imenoval Louisa Adamiča in Savo Kosanovića v svoj častni odbor.

Ugledni ameriški časopis "The United States News" javlja, da bo Moskva postala novo središče nekaterih vlad v Zedinjenju, ter da bo čehoslovaška vlada dr. Beneša prva, ki se bo premestila iz Londona v Moskvo. S tem se dodatno naglaša rastoča vloga Rusije v Evropi.

Naravno je, da se ne more

pričakovati, da bi ubežna jugoslovanska vlada sledila isti poti. Odškar je bila vzpostavljena notranja vlada v Jugoslaviji, je ubežna vlada zgubila zadnjo troho svojega ugleda med zaveznicami in to še posebno v Moskvi.

Znani angleški strokovnjak na ekonomskem in političnem polju, Harold Laski, je v nekem svojem članku o ubežnih vladah pred nedavnim pripisal kralju Petru sledče karakteristike: "Kot človek, nima Peter onih vrlin, s katerimi bi si mogel pridobiti vladost ljudstva, katere še nima. On je razuzdan in argantan, ter izgleda, da poseduje vrline, katere so privede spanskoga kralja Alfonza, vkljub njegovim sposobnostim v propast. Po vsem zgledu Peter ne pojmuje celotne važnosti seljaškega niti hrvaškega vprašanja." Komentarja ni treba.

Naglo rastoči ugled maršala Tita in jugoslovanskega partizanskega pokreta v Ameriki se razvidi najbolj iz dejstva, da sta prinesli publikaciji "Life" in "Liberty," dva najbolj razširjena ameriška magazina, v svojih zadnjih izdajah slike in članke o naših borceh. Ravnotoko so tudi drugi veliki ameriški časopisi prinesli poslednje čase bodisi na svojih straneh ali pa v svojih prilogah daljše članke in slike Tita.

Južnoslovanski Amerikanci pozdravljajo jugoslovansko novo vlado

New York, New York

6. dec. 1943.

Dr. Ivan Ribar, predsednik provizorične vlade Jugoslavije, Osvojeno ozemlje Jugoslavije.

Združeni odbor južno-slovaških Amerikancev pozdravlja z navdušenjem sestavo provizorične vlade v Jugoslaviji in vam obljublja vso mogočo podporo v vaši junaški borbi za osvobodenje vaše dežele in za vzpostavitev resnične ljudske demokracije.

Louis Adamič, predsednik; Zlatko Baloković, podpredsednik;

Žarko Bunčić, podpredsednik;

Etibin Kristan, podpredsednik;

Peter Peff, podpredsednik; Smile Voydanoff, podprednik.

Združeni odbor južno-slovaških Amerikancev podaja naslednjo izjavo glede zadnjih dogodkov v Jugoslaviji z namenom, da se prepreči kakršnokoli napaka tolmачenje od strani krogov, kateri so dosedaj skršali sistematično, podajati ameriški javnosti neprava poročila o resničnem stanju v Jugoslaviji.

"Sestava provizorične vlade v Jugoslaviji je konkreten izraz ojačanja in združenja tvornih notranjih sil, kateri so bile na delu v Jugoslaviji tekom zadnjih dveh let in pol. To je logičen izid uspehov sijajnih zmag, doseženih od časa Bihaške konvencije, ter prehoda iz gerilskega bojevanja v polnomočno vojaško bojevanje in naraščajoče podpore in sodelovanja jugoslovanskega ljudstva brez razlike narodnosti, vere ali političnega pripadanja.

"Vzpostavitev notranje oblasti v Jugoslaviji uvaja v pfakso demokratične cilje, postavljene na moskovski konferenci, in dviga borbo proti Hitlerju na višjo stopnjo. Temeljno to predstavlja veliko politično zmago za Jugoslavijo in korak naprej proti končnemu triumfu Združenih narodov.

"Kraljeva jugoslovanska vlada v Kairu pa, namesto, da bi pozdravila sestavo provizorične vlade, kot izraz dozorevanja jugoslovanskih notranjih sil, je

raje smatrala za primerno, da je isto obsodila z najbolj žaljivimi izrazi. Tak nastop je nekaj naravnega za vlado, ki nima nobenih korenin v ljudskih plasteh Jugoslavije in ne more na noben način trditi, da to ljudstvo predstavlja; to je višek naziranja, ki izraža popolno moralno in politično propadlost.

"Jugoslovansko ljudstvo je spregovorilo svojo besedo! Dr. Ribarjeva demokratična vlada sestoji iz najpozitivnejših sil v deželi—Srbov, Hrvatov in Slovencev; to je vlada narodne slove, podprtja po Ljudski narodni osvobodilni armadi. To je odgovor jugoslovanskega ljudstva na vse zločinske poizkuse razvajanja po Hitlerju in njegovih kvizlingih, podpiranih po zlobni propagandi ubežne jugoslovanske vlade in njenega diplomatskega aparata.

"Združeni odbor na proša ameriško vlado, da tako da na razpolago provizorični vladi Jugoslavije lend-lease pomoč, ter da koordinira svoje vojaške akcije na Balkanu z armado maršala Tita in s tem pospeši poraz Hitlerja in njegovih satelitov na južni fronti, kakor je to predvidiano v zaključnih nedavne konference v Teheranu. Odbor dalje urgira našo vlado, da pošlje uradno delegacijo v osvobojene predele Jugoslavije."

Gornja izjava Združenega odbora južno-slovaških Amerikancev predstavlja mnenje pretežne večine Amerikancev južno-slovaškega izvora, katerih je več kot milijon.

BOLGARI SE PRIDRUŽUJEJO PARTIZANOM

(Nadaljevanje s 7. str.)

z našimi oddelki proti fašističnim okupatorjem."

Nagel potek razpadanja ozir razkroja v bolgarski armadi same je nadalje podprtarn po poročilu Britskega radija, ki navaja, da je bilo ustreljenih 35 bolgarskih častnikov potem, ko se je na albanski meji uprla garnizija vojaštva, da se tako ogne po nacistih voden akciji proti albanskim patrijotom.

Te novice, vzete skupno s prejšnjimi poročili o pet tisoč bolgarskih partizanih, ki se bojujejo na Balkanu blizu stare Zagore, ter o razstrelitvi strategičnega obmejnega mosta pri Svilengradu, kar je povzročilo prekinjenje železniških zvez med Bolgarijo in Turčijo, kažejo, da je pričela borba bolgarskega ljudstva proti Hitlerju in njegovim oprodam doma zavzemati znacaj masnega odpora.

Bolgarsko ljudstvo je vodilo neprestano borbo proti terorističnemu režimu pokojnega kralja Borisa in njegove klike, katera je izdala dobrobit svoje dežele ter ga zaigrala nečastno, ko je potisnila Bulgarijo v vlogo Hitlerjevega policeja na Balkanu. Tudi v preteklosti je bilo ljudstvo proti megalomaničnim in usodnim smernicam Borisovega očeta, bivšega carja Ferdinanda, kateri je zavlekel Bolgare v dve nezaželeni vojni proti srbskim bratom. Teden redkih prilik, ko je imel bolgarski človek besed, kot npr. za časa vlade kmečkega vodja Stambolijskega, je bolgarski kmet in delavec demonstriral svojo vzajemnost z ostalimi južno-slovaškimi brati.

Danes, ko so oduševljeni po sijajnih zmagh rdeče armade in uspehih Jugoslovanske osvobodilne ljudske armade, kažejo Bolgari bolj in bolj svoj pravsti in ment. Neupognjeni po prošlem teroru in zatiranju, se poslužujejo vsake prilike, da revoltirajo proti svojim lastnim fašističnim usurperjem ali vsiljivec in se pridružujejo vrstam Jugoslovanske osvobodilne armade, katera je simbol južnoslovanske vzajemnosti in demokracije. — (Iz urada United Committee of South Slavic Americans, 1010 Park Ave., New York, N. Y.)

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SPLOŠNI TEDENSKI PREGLED

(Nadaljevanje s 1. strani)

ali da bo za invazijo Balkana dala zaveznikom na razpolago vsaj svoje letalske baze.

JAPONSKO BAHANJE

Na drugo obletnico svojega zahrtnjega napada na Pearl Harbor so japonski oblastniki pripovedovali svojemu ljudstvu, ki ne more poslušati inozemskih radijskih poročil, da so tako rekoče že kar učinili svoje sovražnike. Pravili so jim, da japonske izgube znašajo le 213 tisoč mož, zavezniške pa skoraj polmilijon. Dalje, da so potopili ali poškodovali 31 velikih zavezniških vojnih ladij, 39 matičnih ladij za letala, 148 križark, 126 rušilk, 141 podmornic in mnogo drugih ladij, ter da so ušnili 5,158 zavezniških letal. Japonci pa so da v tem času izgubili le dve veliki vojni ladji, štiri matične ladje, tri križarke, 26 rušilk, 20 podmornic in 1200 letal.

Poročilo izdano istega dne v Washingtonu pa navaja, da je bilo v dveh letih potopljeno ali poškodovano 13 velikih japonskih vojnih ladij, 17 matičnih ladij, 152 križark in 152 rušilk. Ameriška in britiška vojna mornarica pa sta danes močnej kot sta bili kdaj v zgodovini.

ROOSEVELT NA POTI

Predsednik Roosevelt je po konferencah v Kairu, Teheranu in spet v Kairu z letalom odpotoval preko El Alameina, Tobruka, Bengazija in Tripolija v Tunisijo, kjer je konfiriiral z generalom Eisenhowerjem, vrohovnim poveljnikom zavezniških čet v severni Afriki. Na potu od El Alameina do Tunisije je imel priliko videti silno razsežnost bojnega polja, preko katerih so lani britiške in avstralske čete podile nemške in italijanske armade v Tunisiji. Iz Kartage v Tunisiji je predsednik posetil britiški otok Malta, najbolj bombardiran otok na svetu, katerega Nemci in Italijani kljub besnim napadom niso mogli zavzeti. Da-lj je predsednik iz Afrike odpotoval naravnost proti domu ali se je na poti ustavil še v Angliji, konci preteklega tedna ni bilo znano.

BENES V MOSKVI

Preteklo soboto je došel v Moskvo dr. Edvard Beneš, predsednik češkoslovaške vlade v zamejstvu, da podpiše s Sovjetsko Rusijo 20-letno pogodbo medsebojnega sodelovanja med Rusijo in Češkoslovaško. V Moskvi je bil Beneš nad vse srečan in prijateljsko sprejet. Tozadnja pogodba je bila podpisana 12. decembra.

VOJNI UJETNIKI

V Zedinjenih državah je sedaj v vojnem ujetništvu okrog 170,000 nemških in italijanskih vojakov. Nemci je okrog 120 tisoč, Italijanov pa 50 tisoč. Japonskih ujetnikov je zelo malo. V poročilu, izdanem meseca julija, jih je bilo v Zedinjenih državah le 62.

SILEN VIHAR

V severni Californiji je proti koncu preteklega tedna divjal silen vihar, ki je povzročil za milijone doljarjev materialne škode in mnogo transportacijskih ovir. Viharjem so se pridržili požari, ki so opustošili mnogo gozdov in pašnikov, posebno v okrožju zaliva San Francisco.

GLAVOBOL BERLINA

Po izjavah potnikov, ki so prišli v Švico, je bilo ob priliku nedavnih velikih letalskih napadov na Berlin ubitih do 200 tisoč ljudi in je bila porušena skoraj tretjina mesta. Policija je mobilizirala vse dela zmožne civiliste obes spolov, vključno otroke, za reševalna in gašenje požarov. Žrtve

zveplenih bomb, četudi so bile še žive, so stražniki in vojaki enostavno postrelili. Po poročilu nekega diplomata, ki je prišel v Švico, se je že devet deset inozemskih diplomatov izselilo iz Berlina. Nemci draga plačujejo za njihove svoječasne bombe napade na London, Rotterdam, Varšavo, Leningrad, Stalingrad, Beograd in druga mesta v zavezniških državah.

podatki so partizani tekmo meseča novembra razstrelili 22 kilometrov železniških prog, 7 železniških postaj, 13 mostov, 17 vojaških in tovornih vlakov in dva oklopna vlaka.