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**SEDEŽ ZDRUŽENIH
NARODOV**

Po daljših debatah in agitaciji je pripravljali odsek Organizacije združenih narodov, ki zboruje v Londonu, odglasoval, da naj bo stalni sedež te mednarodne organizacije v Zedinjenih državah. Izmed velesil sta bili Anglija in Francija za Evropo, Rusija pa za Ameriko. Delegacija Zedinjenih držav je bila nevtralna. Jugoslavija je glasovala za Ameriko, istotako tudi latinske ameriške republike in Avstralijo. V katerem mestu Zedinjenih držav bo sedež Organizacije združenih narodov, še ni določeno; za to odlčnost se poteguje kakih 20 mest.

POVOJNE TEŽKOČE

Izmed vseh držav, ki so bile zapletene v veliko svetovno vojno, je bila primeroma najmanj prizadeta naša republika. Toda neizgibne vojne posledice tudi naši deželi niso prizanesle. Dasi ni pomanjkanja, imamo znatno inflacijo, štrajke in pretneje štrajkovi in akutno pomanjkanje stanovanj. To prav posebno občutijo stotisočer veterani, ki se iz vojne službe vračajo v civilno življenje.

PRIVATNA PODJETNOST

Privatna podjetnost nekako zadošča potrebam dežele v normalnih časih, toda v izrednih časih se ne obnese. Zato smo tukaj teh regulacij hitro ukinjena, kar se je v raznih primerih že izkazalo za prenaglieno. Povojne razmere niso normalne razmere, in privatna podjetnost, ki v prvi vrsti stremi po dobičkih, zahtevam ne more zadostiti. To se je posebno pokazalo v gradbeni industriji, ki gradi objekte, od katerih pričakuje večjega dobička, medtem, ko se z gradnjami cenejših domov odlasa. Zato je vlada ponovno vzpostavila regulacijo gradbenega materiala in določila 50% istega za izgradnje stanovanjskih hiš do cene deset tisoč dolarjev.

PREDRAGE HISE

Ukrepi administracije, ki daje neke prednosti gradnjam hiš do deset tisoč dolarjev vrednosti, najbrž ne bo dosti odpomagal pomanjkanju stanovanj. Večina vojnih veteranov si ne bo mogla nabaviti bivališč po takih cenah, niti ne bo mogla plačevati stanarin v takih hišah. Podjetniki pa ne bodo gradili hiš po cenah pet ali šest tisoč dolarjev, dokler lahko gradijo hiše po cenah deset tisoč dolarjev. To enostavno iz vzroka, ker se pri dražjih gradnjah več zaslubi.

LEPO PREROKOVANJE

Philip Murray, predsednik C.I.O., je izjavil, da naša dežela dvi proti gospodarskemu položaju, ki bo hujš kot je bil oni leta 1929. Po njegovem mnenju so glavni vzroki za to manjši zaslubi delavcev na eni strani, in kopiranje vedno večjih dobičkov na strani korporacij.

VOJNA SPIJONAŽA

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Agrarna reforma v Jugoslaviji

Balkanska ljudstva je dolga stoletja vladala Turčija. V začetku 19. stoletja se je začela turška moč rušiti in balkanska ljudstva so dobila nekaj samovlade pod lastnimi vladarji. Toda le dve balkanski deželi sta imeli vladarja svojega rodu, namreč Srbija in Crna gora.

Veliki evropski mogotci, med njimi posebno Avstrija in Nemčija, so vsili "osvobojenim" balkanskim ljudstvom tujce za vladarje. Bolgarija je dobila Nemca, Ferdinand Koburškega; istotako so doble nemške princje za vladarje Rumunija, Grčija in Albanija. Grčija je po nekaj desetletjih svojega nemškega kralja nadomestila s sinom danskega kralja.

Vse balkanske dežele so bile majhne in vsled dolge turške nadvlaste zanemarjene, kraljev oziroma knezov pa je kar mrgolelo. Med temi vladarji je bilo polno intrig, katere so pridno pospeševali in dostikrat naravnost povzročale evropske vesele, posebno Avstro-Ogrska, Nemčija in Anglija ter do znane mere tudi carska Rusija.

Nekateri teh balkanski in ljudstvom usiljenih vladarjev so bili kar na plačilnih listah raznih velesil. Posebno močan je bil vpliv Avstro-Ogrske in Nemčije, torej nemški vpliv. To je razumljivo, ker so Nemci imeli v svojih nemških princih izborne valrete.

Najbolj jasno se je to pokazalo v Bolgariji. V obeh svetovnih vojnah se je Bolgarija pridružila Nemčiji. Tega ni bilo krivo bolgarsko ljudstvo, ki je bilo vedno naklonjeno Rusiji, katera jih je bila osvobodila turške nadvlaste; v prvi svetovni vojni je postavil Bolgarijo na stran Nemčije, oziroma centralnih sil, bivši kralj Ferdinand, v drugi svetovni vojni pa je zavozil v Hitlerjev tabor Ferdinand sin, kralj Boris. Nekaj vpliva pri tem je nedvomno imel tudi Mussolini, kajti soprogata kralja Borisa je bila italijanska princeza. Tako je bila Bolgarija v obeh vojnah teperna. Na splošno pa tudi drugi balkanski vladarji niso delali posebne časti svojemu pocklicu, niti koristi "svojim" narodom.

Spori med balkanskimi narodi so bili večinoma povzročeni po zunanjih intrigah, v katerih so služili za posredovalce balkanski kralji in njihovi oprode. Naravne zaklade balkanskih dežel so izkorščali inozemski kapitalisti, ki domačim delavcem niso privoščili niti eksistenčnega zasluba. Zato je toliko krika v Londonu in deloma tudi v Washingtonu o "diktaturi" v novi Jugoslaviji, ker se je sedaj vlada odločila za podprtje naravnih bogastev. Mar je kapitalistom demokracija! Če bi hoteli iskati pomanjkanje demokracije, najdejo isto bližje doma.

Zdi se, da je kraljevskim intrigantom na Balkanu odzvono. Največja balkanska država, Jugoslavija, je bila po ustavodajni skupščini proglašena za republiko. V Bolgariji mesto mladoletnega kraljča Simeona "vlada" regentstvo, toda zdi se, da ima vso oblast v rokah Domovinske fronte, ki bo najbrž proglašila republiko, kakor hitro bodo razmere zrele za to. V Albaniji so nedavne volitve pokazale, da ljudstvo ni navdušeno za povratak kralja Zoga. Gr

IZ ČEŠKOSLOVAKIE

V Češkoslovaški je stopila v veljavo nova postava, ki določa podprtje narodnih bogastev in institucij v velikem obsegu. Podprtje narodnih bogastev je bilo določeno v skromno preživljali na najetih zemljiščih. General MacArthur, ki je poveljnik zaveznih okupacijskih armad na Japonskem, je zapovedal situacijo in je ukazal, da se vsa takva posestva razdelijo med kmečke družine, ki jih obdelujejo. Tako bo zemljišča reforma izvedena tudi na Japonskem na povelje ameriškega generala, ki je vse prej kot komunist. Kljub temu pa je skorito velik del ekonomskega življenja dežele. Podprtje narodnih bogastev je bilo tudi velika posestva ali podvzetja odsotnih lastnikov.

Povzetja, ki so jih lastovali sovražni državljanji ali njihovi sodelovalci, bodo odvzeta in podprtje narodnih bogastev brez odškodnine. Vsa druga podvzetja pa, tudi podvzetja inozemcev, ki bodo podprtja, bodo plačana v državnih bondih po vrednosti na podlagi davčnih prijav. Pred vojno je bilo na Češkoslovaškem mnogo nemškega kapitala, od katerega se bo sedaj dežela osamosvojila s podprtjem.

Predsednik Beneš se je tudi izrazil, da želi Češkoslovaška ostati v najboljših gospodarskih in kulturnih odnosih z zgodnjimi državami, toda za svojo protekcijo se bo zanašala na Sovjetsko unijo.

**ZNAČILNA POTA
REFORM**

Vse reforme, posebno tiste, katerih cilj je izboljšano blagostanje širokih ljudskih slojev, imajo od začetka težko pot. Posamezniki ali male skupine, ki se v starih razmerah dobro počutijo, nasprotujejo reformam, jim prispevajo radikalne tendence in jih označajo z imeni, ki so istočasno na slabem glasu.

Ko je pokojni predsednik Roosevelt leta 1937 izšel od konгрresa, so postave, katere pomagajo farmerjem-najemnikom se osamosvojiti z dolgoročnimi posoji, po zelo nizki obrestni meri, so nasprotniki označevali to reformo za komunistično. Ven-

Sezonsko razpoloženje po svetu

Na starih tradicijah bi morala ta sezona biti čas miru in dobre volje, toda nam, kot nekdanji bog Janus, kaže dva obrazca. Na primer, velika vojna je bila končana in na večjem delu našega planeta je zavladal mir; tu in tam nekoliko nesiguren mir, vendar mir. To je veliko vredno. Na drugi strani pa se nekakvi neoficijni boji še vršijo v Indoneziji in na Kitajskem. Za zavrnitev okupacijske čete v Evropi, na Japonskem in na Pacifiku je sedanjmir tudi nekako polovičarski. Biti morajo v večji ali manjši vojni pripravljenosti, četudi ni več pravih bojev in napadov.

Tudi tradicionalna dobra volja sezone nam kaže dva obrazca. Glavni vzrok za dobro voljo v skorih vseh delih sveta je dejstvo, da je svetovna vojna končana; takega vzroka pri nas ni bilo že štiri leta, drugod pa še delj. Vojaki, ki so se zdravi vrnili v civilno življenje, imajo dovolj vzroka za dobro voljo; isti vzrok za dobro voljo imajo njihove družine in prijatelji. Splošne gospodarske razmere na naših deželah so se dovolj ugodne, kljub delni brezposelnosti, štrajkom in višjim cenam živiljenjskih potrebščin. Na drugi strani pa je manj vzroka za dobro voljo v družinah, katerih člani se niso vrnili iz vojne vihre, ali so se vrnili kot pobabljeni. To velja za našo deželo.

V evropskih deželah, ki so bile po vojni prizadete, je pogovor za dobro voljo nekoliko manj. Posebno v deželah, ki so bile po vojni tako opustošene in izpopokane kot je bila naša rodna Jugoslavija. Tam je zima, in tisočnim družinam manjka strehe nad glavo, manjka obleke, obuvala, kurjave, zdravniške oskrbe in mnogih tudi hrane.

Tragedija, ki je zadevala deželo, je bila prevelika, da bi se moglo v kratkem času vsaj najbolj nujnim potrebam zadostiti. Za stotisoč naših ljudi v starem kraju bo glavni povod za tisto dobro voljo, ki bo, v dej-

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**NOVE IZKUŠNJE
IN IDEJE**

Vsek človek s povprečno inteligenco lahko ugotovi, da gre razvoj človeške družbe neprestano naprej. Včasih pologama in skorih neopazno, včasih skokoma. Kdor se zamisli v razmerni ali problemi treh ali štirih desetletij nazaj, mora priznati veliko razliko v primeri s sedanji razmerami in sedanji idejami. Potok moremo začasno ovirati v teku, toda ga ne moremo trajno ustaviti. Tako se morajo stare ideje umikati novim, ki so zrastle iz novih izkušenj in novih razmer.

Pri tem je značilno dvoje: nekateri ljudje hitro zapadejo silo naravnega razvoja in skušajo korakati vzporedno z njo; drugi pa vsled duševne ostarelosti ali osebne sebičnosti skušajo razvoj zaustaviti. To se jim sicer ne posreči, toda dostikrat tak razvoj ovira in povzroča spore, ki nikomur ne koristijo.

Vojni časi so izredni časi, ki prisilijo misiliti mnoge ljudi, ki so v tako zvanih normalnih razmerah prekomodni za mislitve. Razmišljanje zahteva duševne napora in vsak napor zahteva svetovne vojne, niso zadovoljni z dosedanjimi veteranskimi organizacijami, ampak si smujejo nove. Ena teh novih veteranskih organizacij je Ameriški odbor veterans—American Veterans Committee. Načeljuje ji 25-letni Charles G. Bolte, ki se je bil že leta 1941 po dovršenih študijih prostovoljno vpisal v armado in je leta 1942 izgubil eno nogo v Afriki. Organizacija je še mlada in primeroma majhna; šteje namreč samo okrog 10 tisoč članov. Člani te organizacije sodijo, da jih ne morejo reprezentirati veterani prve svetovne vojne, ker stare veteranske organizacije so zrastle v povsem drugih razmerah kot so uradnik, ki je zavrnitev v neznanem grobu. Že pred njim je slično plačilo dobil Pierre Laval, ki je kot lutarski ministrski predsednik Francije stoprocentno služil Hitlerju.

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SLABO ZA KVIZLINGE

Letošnje leto je usodno za našne izdajalce, katere z modernim imenom nazivamo kvizlinge. To idilično ime so dobili od Vidkuna Quislinga, ki je bil s svojo rodrovno Norveško izdal Hitlerju. Pred nekaj tedni mu je sodišče prisodilo, zasluzeno kazen in zdaj počiva v neznanem grobu. Že pred njim je slično plačilo dobil Pierre Laval, ki je kot lutarski ministrski predsednik Francije stoprocentno služil Hitlerju.

Iz Nizozemske prihaja vest, da je bil tam na smrt obsojen Anton Mussert, ki je v svoji domači deželi igral slično izdajalsko vlogo kot njegov kolega Quisling na Norveškem. Iz Budapešte poročajo, da se bo v januarju vršila sodna obravnavna proti Ferencu Szalasiju, bivšemu ministru predsedniku Madžarske, ki je prav do poloma sodeloval s Hitlerjem. In iz Bratislave poročajo, da je bil 28. oktobra tja priveden bivši predsednik lutarske republike Slovaške, monsignor Joseph Tiso, ki je bil Slovaško pripelj k Hitlerjevemu vozu. Zagovarjati se bo moral kot vojni zločinec zaradi velezida. Kdo ve, kako se vprito takih poročil počutijo drugi večji in manjši kvizlingi raznih narodov?

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SLOVENSKE VESTI

Skupno veselico priredita društvo št. 155 ABZ in društvo št. 333 SNPJ v Blaine, Ohio, v soboto 22. decembra zvečer. Polovica čistega dobička pridritev je namenjena v podporo našim ljudstvom na Slovenskem. Iz Budapešte poročajo, da se bo v januarju vršila sodna obravnavna proti Ferencu Szalasiju, bivšemu ministru predsedniku Madžarske, ki je prav do poloma sodeloval s Hitlerjem. In iz Bratislave poročajo, da je bil 28. oktobra tja priveden bivši predsednik lutarske republike Slovaške, monsignor Joseph Tiso, ki je bil Slovaško pripelj k Hitlerjevemu vozu. Zagovarjati se bo moral kot vojni zločinec zaradi velezida. Kdo ve, kako se vprito takih poročil počutijo drugi večji in manjši kvizlingi raznih narodov?

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V sak po svoje

Po dolgih letih druge svetovne vojne moremo končno s pričelno mirno vestjo zapisati sezonsko krilatico: mir ljudem na zemlji! Ta mir sicer ni popolen, kakor ni nič popolnega na svetu, vendar, organizirana vojna na življenje in smrt, v katero je bilo zapletenih sto in sto milijonov ljudi, je končana. Največje tovarne morilnega oružja so bile razdeljene ali pa so enostavno ustavile obrat. To je veliko in to je važno. Manjše praski, ki se vršijo v tako zvani sveti deželi, na Kitajskem, v Indiji in Indoneziji, so tako vsaj upamo, le bolj lokalnega pomena. Pa je značilno, da so pri vseh teh zaoštih lokalnih vojnah, z izjemo kitajske, soudeleženi An-gleži.

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Nazaj k soncu

Zemlja, namreč njena severna poloubla, se v tej božični sezoni spet začne obrati proti soncu, da jo njegovi žarki obsevajo bolj in bolj direktno. Ta obrat proti soncu povzroči, da se pričnejo dnevi daljši, da moč teme polagoma pa gotovo pojema. Zato so ta čas narodi, bivajoči na tej poloubli, obhajali nekake božične praznike stoletja in tisočletja pred pojmom krščanstva. Zimski sončni obrat jim je pomenil rojstvo novega sončnega leta, zmago svetlobe nad silam teme.

Za večino Američanov bo letošnje božično razpoloženje lepše kot je bilo kadar koli v zadnjih štirih letih. Leta 1941 nam je bilo prineslo prvi božič vojnega časa in potem ni bilo pravega sonca za nas vse do letos. Toliko časa je vzel, da so bile temne sovražne sile, ki so nam pretile s strahotno zimo sušenstva, dokončno poražene. Veliko je bilo trpljenja, velike so bile žrtve, toda končno je posijalo sence zmage. Zmagale so sile sončne svobode in oblast teme se je zrušila. In naša pot nas vodi soncu naproti.

Posledice zime in teme seveda ne izginejo hipoma. Prehodna doba proti pomladini in poletju ima mnogo neprijetnosti. Mnogi sploh ne bodo nikoli popolnoma preboleli trpkih posledic dolge vojne zime. Za mnoge sončar žar ne bo nikdar tako svetel kot je bil nekoč. To je neizogibno. Na splošno pa koraka ameriško ljudstvo sončni bodočnosti naproti.

Kot Slovane po krvi in jeziku nas mora tudi veseliti, da je, po vseh znakih soditi, zasijala sončna doba tudi slovenskim narodom, ki so toliko pretrpeli pred silami teme in toliko žrtvovali za porast istih. Dve tisočletni sovražnici Slovanov, zahrbtna Italija in brutalna Nemčija, sta poraženi, kot še nista bili nikdar prej. Strup iz Berlinja, Rima in Dunaja ne bo več zastrupljal Slovanov. Največja slovenska država, Rusija, je bila prva, ki je ustavila do takrat nepremagljive nemške horde in jih vrgla nazaj. Takrat se je pričel za pobesnele Nemce začetek konca, takrat so posijali prvi žarki zavezniške zmage. Največja slovenska država je med tremi velesilami, ki so odločile zavezniško zmago, prispevala svoj pošten, morda največji del. Vsekakor pa so bile njene žrtve največje. In danes ima v zboru narodov besedo, ki ji gre po njeni moči in njenih žrtvah. Danes ima svoj prostor na soncu, ki ga nobena jata črnih krokarjev ne bo več zasenčila.

Posebno pa se kot rojeni Slovenci in Jugoslovani veselim, da je bila naša rodna Slovenija v svetovni vojni vihri vedno in odločno na strani sončnih sil. Vse, kar je bilo zdravega in poštenega, se je borilo proti Italijanom in Nemcem, borilo se je na tisti strani, kjer so se borile Amerika, Rusija in Anglia. V vsaki deželi se seveda dobijo izrodki, zasepljeni in izdajalci, in tako ni bila brez njih niti Jugoslavija. Toda ogromna večina ljudstva je bila na strani sonca, na strani svobode, na strani demokratične Amerike, na strani slovanstva. Ta večina se ni vezala s svojimi tisočletnimi sovražniki, Italijani in Nemci, v svrhu osebnih udobnosti in koristi. Ostala je zvesta slovanstvu, demokraciji in poštečno mislečemu človeštvu.

Danes stopa jugoslovansko ljudstvo odločnih korakov soncu naproti. Zaveda se besed našega velikega pesnika Simona Gregoriča, ki ga je opozoril že pred desetletji: "Luč naša, bratje, od izhoda; od tam nam sonce nosi zlati dan!" Silne so bile žrtve naše rodne dežele, življenjske in materialne, in težka bo pot do sončnega blagostanja. Toda, ljudstvo, ki je bilo pripravljeni rasti umeti kot pa živeti v temi fašistične ali nacijske sužnosti, bo premagalo vse zaprake povojnih težkoč in prispedo na sončne livate človeka vrednega življenja. To ljudstvo je z dejanji povedalo vsemu svetu: "Ne bo nas več tujčin teptal, ne tlačil nas krvavo; naš rod bo tu gospodoval, naš jezik, naše pravo!"

Mi smo upravičeno ponosni na narod, iz katerega izhajamo, ponosni pred vsem svetom. Noben narod si ni bolj odločno in v večjimi žrtvami začrtal svojo pot soncu naproti. Ta pot pa je strma in grudasta in potnik vsaj za prvi čas potrebujejo materialne pomoči od nas, ki smo njihovi bratje po krvi in jeziku. Slovenci in Jugoslovani so s svojo herojsko borbo proti nacizmu in fašizmu pomagali tudi Ameriki. Vsač sovražnik, ki je padel na jugoslovenskih tleh, je pomenil enega sovražnika manj proti ameriškim armadam, v katerih je služilo tudi tisoče slovenskih Američanov. Odločimo se jim zdaj za to z materialno pomočjo, ki jo najmo potrebujejo. To naj bo naš božični pozdrav in naš prispevek za srečo in mir ljudem na zemlji.

Sezonska voščila

V tem času, ko se ob žaru nove luči vsa srca raznežijo v bratu do vseh pošteno mislečih ljudi, posebno pa še do tistih, ki so nam po krvi in idejal najbljži, pošljam sezonska voščila za izpolnitve njihovih najplemenitejših želj vsem članom in članicam Ameriske bratske zveze. Ta voščila naj veljajo v mojem imenu in v imenu vsega glavnega odbora.

JANKO N. ROGELJ, glavni predsednik ABZ.

Spoštljivo se bližamo tej božični sezoni z iskreno in srčno hvalnico za božanski mir, ki je spet med nami. Iskreno želim vam in vašim najveselejšim božič in novo leto z izpolnitvijo vaših najljubših upov in pričakovanj.

F. J. KRESS, 1. glavni podpredsednik ABZ.

Vsemu članstvu Ameriske bratske zveze želim vesele božične praznike in srečno novo leto.

ANTON KRAPENC, 2. glavni podpredsednik ABZ.

Vsem članom in članicam Ameriske bratske zveze, posebno pa še tistim, s katerimi sem imela srečo in čast se seznaniti na 17. redni konvenciji v Rock Springsu, želim najveselejše božične praznike in blagostanja polno novo leto 1946.

MARY KERSHISNIK, 3. glavna podpredsednica ABZ.

Podpisani voščim in želim vsem glavnim, porotnim in društvenim odbornikom in vsemu članstvu Ameriske bratske zveze najbolj vesele božične praznike ter srečno in nad vse uspešno novo leto 1946.

STEVE MAUSER, 4. glavni podpredsednik ABZ.

Zvrhano mero božičnega veselja in zaželenih uspehov polno leto 1946 želim vsem članom in članicam Ameriske bratske zveze.

CYRIL J. ROVANSEK, 5. glavni podpredsednik ABZ.

Najlepše božično razpoloženje in vso srečo v letu 1946 želim vsem članom in članicam Ameriske bratske zveze.

MARY PREDOVICH, 6. glavna podpredsednica ABZ.

Za večino prebivalstva te dežele bodo bližajoči se božični in novoletni prazniki najveselejši po dolgih letih vojne. Naj bi bili taki tudi za vse člane in članice Ameriske bratske zveze!

LOUIS CHAMPA, glavni blagajnik ABZ.

Nekajeno zdravje, primerno blagostanje in notranja zadovoljnost so največji blagri človeškega življenja. Naj bi bili deležni vsi člani in članice Ameriske bratske zveze v božični in novoletni sezoni in naprej brez konca.

DR. F. J. ARCH, vrhovni zdravnik ABZ.

Ob tej priliki želim, da bi ta božična sezona bila najveselejša za vse glavne in porotne odbornike in odbornice, društvene uradnike in uradnice ter vse odrasle in mladinske člane in članice Ameriske bratske zveze. Naj vam bo novo leto zdravo in srečno v vseh ozirih, posebno pa naj pospeši vaše delo za rast in napredok naše Zveze!

FRANK E. VRANICAR, 1. glavni nadzornik ABZ.

Vesele božične praznike in srečno novo leto želim vsemu članstvu Ameriske bratske zveze.

ANTON OKOLISH, pred. gl. porotnega odbora ABZ.

VSAK PO SVOJE

(Nadaljevanje s 1. strani)

tak Christmas spirit tudi na torata univerze v Baylorju, ki pram svojim vojakom ki so se tepli zanj v Evropi in na Pacifiku.

V Washingtonu so se finančni eksperti dogovorili, da dobi Anglia okrog štiri tisoč milijonov dolarjev posojila na dva procenta obresti za dobo 50 let. Pravijo, da za Anglijo je to potrebno, da se gospodarsko spet postavi na noge in da razvije svojo trgovino. To je verjetno. Točno, ko nam veliki časopisi in radijski komentatorji z vso ihto zatrjujejo, da je to posojilo Angliji v gospodarskem in trgovinskem interesu Amerike, nam ne gre v glavo. Na primer, kakšen biznes je to, če komu posojujejo denar v svrhu, da bo z istim kupoval blago pri nas? In kakšna korist bo za ameriško industrijo, če z našim posojenjem denarjem razvijemo angleško trgovsko konkurenco? Nam to enostavno ne gre v glavo. Morda zato ne, ker smo pač zabiti plebejci, ki se ne razumemo na visoke finance.

Če bi nam zagovorniki velikega ameriškega posojila Angliji rekli, da Anglia potrebuje denar za dobro plačano propagando v Ameriki, za vojno in Indoneziji ter za vzdrževanje velikih armad v Indiji, Iranu in Grčiji, bi vsaj razumeli, četudi morda ne bi odobravali. Tako si moramo pa samo dopovedovati, da visokih finančnih rezumem.

Na generalni konvenciji baptistov v Texasu so nedavno kritizirali predsednika Trumana, da ne zasluži častnega dok-

Connally besedo damn nazaj vzel. Ako bi bil senator Wherry nekaj časa z našimi fanti na evropski ali pacifični fronti, bi se bil takih izrazov privadol. Izgovarjali so jih pri različnih prilikah fantje, ki so neprimerno več storili in žrtvovali za Ameriko kot bo kdaj storil senator iz Nebraske.

Fašistična stranka se je bila izlegla pred 26 leti v Milanu, Italija. Ustanovili so jo bili Benito Mussolini, Michele Bianchi, Italo Balbo, general Emilio de Bono in grof Cesare Maria de Vecchi. Prvo imenovan štirje so že šli po gobe, grof de Vecchi pa je oni dan stopil v samostan in postal menih. Koliko krvi in solz bi bilo človeštvu prihranje, če bi bila vsa petorica fašističnih zarotnikov šla v samostan pred 26 leti!

Polagoma se spet vračamo v normalnost po dolgih letih vojne. To nam potrejuje razni znaki na vseh straneh. Eden teh znakov je tudi to, da so se spet začele razvjetati surprise parties, ki so bile tekom vojne skorčisto zaspale. Jaz osebno nisem navdušen za surprise parties, toda nisem tako sebičen, da ne bi jih privočil drugim, katero veselijo. Zanimajo me pa, in v glavnem zato, ker so tako prilagodljive in porabne za vse mogične prilike. Samo še krompir je morda poraben na toliko različnih načinov. Surprise party si lahko človek brez posebnega truda prisluži samo če doživi takoj določeno število let, od enega do sto; če pride odkod ali misli kam oditi; če ga zakonjari jarem želi toliko in toliko let; če je dozorel za social security; če je prestal izpit za odvetnika ali brivca; če je bil izvoljen za senatorko ali konjedera; če je hruska na njegovem vrtu dobro obrodila, itd. Spominjam se, "ko je naša mačka mlade imela, enkrat štiri, enkrat pet," in je na vahanja sosedova hčerka predlagala, da bi bili tudi tisto prilagodljivo s surprise party.

Neki ameriški reporter v Moskvi poroča, kako so ga njegovi ruski prijatelji obiskali z voščili za njegov rojstni dan. Najlepši sta mu zdeli slediči ruski voščili: "Naj bi vaša senca nikdar ne postala manjša! Želimo vam, da dočakate sto let enako mladostni in dobro razpoloženi kot ste danes!"

To želi vaš poročevalec za božič in novo leto tudi vsem dobro mislečim čitateljem te kolone!

A. J. T.

SLOVENESKE VESTI

(Nadaljevanje s 1. strani)

Miklavževno obdarovanje otrok priredijo skupno vsa slovenska društva, med njimi dve društvi ABZ, v Gowandi, N. Y., v nedeljo 23. decembra. Prireditev bo v Slovenskem domu in se prične ob treh popoldne.

Federacija društev Ameriske bratske zveze v zapadni Pensilvaniji bo zborovala v nedeljo 30. decembra v Pittsburghu. Zborovanje se bo vrnilo v Slovenskem domu na 57. cesti in se bo pričelo ob eni uri popoldne.

Vseslovenski odbor v San Franciscu, Calif., priredi Silverstro zabavo z bogatim programom na večer 31. decembra. Čisti dobitki prireditve je namenjen v podporo potrebnim ljudem v Jugoslaviji, Češkoslovaški in Rusiji. Prostor: San Francisco Civic Auditorium.

Ameriški odbor za jugoslovenski relief v New Yorku naznaja, da je parnik Albert P. Ryder, naložen s potrebcinami, dospel v Jugoslavijo, da je iz Ljubljane razdeljenih 491.421 funtov teh potrebcin. Pošiljka je vsebovala obleko, šivalne stroje, sulfa-zdravila, otroško hrano, milo, semena

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A CHRISTMAS OF PEACE

Christmas time is family time for all Americans. Yes, we usually all gather together with our families to celebrate the Christmas season. This year many homes will be happier than ever before in the past four years because many of the boys and girls are home from the service to stay.

This year we have our first peaceful Christmas in America after four years of war. Families will again be reunited with their loved ones.

However, we will pause in our holiday happiness to give a thought to those brave men and women who did not return from the battlefields. We will remember that this season of peace was made possible by their sacrifice. Their families' happiness will not be complete for their loved ones will be missing them when the family gathers together this holiday season.

The families in America have a much brighter, merrier Christmas season than anywhere else in the world. To our children, Santa still brings his gifts. In other countries gifts are limited or there is no money for gifts at all. In fact there is no money for even the most necessary things of life. We should also remember these brave people who suffered under the tyrant's rule and do what we can to help them. We can contribute our used clothing to various collection agencies so they at least won't suffer from cold this winter.

We must not forget the thousands of wounded veterans who will spend this Christmas in hospitals. They too have done more than their share to bring us again a Christmas of peace on earth.

Slowly conditions are reverting to a peaceful life. It will take much patience, much more sacrifice, to bring about a true understanding of peace on earth throughout the whole world. With faith in ourselves, faith in, and a better understanding of, our fellowmen, it can be a lasting peace. But we must learn to consider the other men in all parts of the world. Their struggle is our struggle. Their struggle to again become adjusted to a world of peace is also ours. So this Christmas let us be patient with them, help them in any way we can. Only by doing this will we too, be assured of many more lasting Christmases of peace.

This Christmas of peace we wish all our AFU members at home and in the service, a very merry Christmas with their families and buddies and we look hopefully to the future of a world with lasting peace!

Important Notice To Lodge No. 182, AFU, Members

Pittsburgh, Pa.—Hello Folks: Long time no see—no hear from. And I mean just that. It's been a long time since I saw quite a few of you, and from a few of you I haven't even heard. This being December I'm hoping the majority of you will be lodge and meeting conscious. I wish to notify all members that instead of the usual meeting night which is the fourth Tuesday of the month, this month our meeting will be held on Thursday evening, Dec. 27th at 8 p. m. at the usual meeting place—the home of the secretary, 4917 Hatfield St.

You know something, folks? It would be very nice of you if you brought along a new juvenile member or a list of prospects for your officers to contact, then you would help us attain our goal. Your lodge president and yours truly are determined that Lodge No. 182, AFU must be near the top of the list when the campaign for new juvenile members closes on Dec. 31st. We have tried our darndest and our president tried even harder, but we must admit we need some help from the rest of you members, because somehow or other no matter how hard we tried, Rock Springs, Wyo., tried harder and got ahead of Pittsburgh. However, if we all try hard this month, we'll certainly give them some stiff competition.

That's all folks, only the surprise is left yet, and you'll get that on the meeting on Dec. 27th. I'll be seeing you then! Mary L. Bodack, Sec'y, Lodge No. 182, AFU, Pittsburgh, Pa.

Lodge 172 Annual Meeting Notice

Johnstown, Pa.—All members of Lodge No. 172, AFU are invited to positively attend the annual lodge meeting which will be held on Sunday, Dec. 23rd. It will be held in the usual place and will begin promptly at 1 p. m. At the last meeting it was decided that everyone who does not attend this meeting will pay 50 cents to the lodge treasury. No one is so young that they do not know the meaning of an annual meeting, therefore, come to this important meeting all you members!

The lodge auditors are asked to come before the meeting to check the books. I'll be seeing you all at the meeting on Sunday, Dec. 23rd!

John Nahtigal, Sec'y,
Lodge No. 172, AFU,
Johnstown, Pa.

straightened out by a few of you.

After this new member business is over, you can elect officers for the coming year, and take care of other unfinished business we may have.

All in all, we should have a very busy evening folks, and then we'll all relax and debate on what we'll do with the award IF, notice that little word IF, we do land near the top of the list in this campaign. If we all pitch in now and get a new member for every two or three we already have, that little word IF won't bother us because then we'll be near the top.

That's all folks, only the surprise is left yet, and you'll get that on the meeting on Dec. 27th. I'll be seeing you then! Mary L. Bodack, Sec'y, Lodge No. 182, AFU, Pittsburgh, Pa.

Annual Meeting Federation of AFU Lodges Western Pa.

Pittsburgh, Pa.—Notice is hereby given that the annual meeting of the Federation of AFU Lodges of Western Pennsylvania will be held at the Slovenian Auditorium, 57th and Butler Streets, Pittsburgh, Pa., on Sunday, December 30, 1945, at 1:30 p. m. for the following purposes:

1. To elect officers who shall hold office for the year 1946.

2. To submit to the Lodge Representatives the reports of the officers and committees which concern fraternal and social activities for the New Year.

3. To transact such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

All AFU Lodges in Western Pennsylvania, and especially the English-speaking lodges are requested to send lodge representatives to this meeting. The success and progress of a Federation can only be attained if the affiliated lodges show an interest. Every AFU lodge in Western Pennsylvania should be represented at this meeting!

F. J. Kress, Pres.,
AFU Federation of Lodges
of Western Penn.

Lodge 180 Elects New Officers

Cleveland, Ohio—Lodge No. 180, AFU, the George Washington Lodge held their annual meeting on Dec. 9th. The following members were elected officers for the year 1946: Gus Kikel, president; Frances Erzen, vice-president; Mrs. Pauline Sternisha, 867 E. 73rd St., secretary; Walter Guzik, treasurer; Frances Erzen, recording secretary; Frank Drobnik, chairman of the board of auditors, and Agnes Kardell and Ann Zupanic, auditors.

The lodge meetings will be held every third Sunday of the month at 2 p. m. in room 4 of the old building of the Slovenian National Home on St. Clair Ave. The next meeting will be held there on Sunday, Jan. 20th! We hope to see many of the old time members present then for we are really planning to go places and do things now that the war is over.

The former board of officers was given a vote of thanks for doing their best to keep the lodge going during the trying times during the war years. It was hard work, for everyone was too busy to attend meetings but they stuck to their jobs and now the George Washington Lodge is going to begin where they left off before the war.

The lodge secretary will collect dues at her home, 867 E. 73rd St., at the meetings on the third Sunday of each month at the Slovenian National Home and on the 25th of every month at the Slovenian Home on St. Clair Ave.

So don't forget to attend members, plan to attend that January meeting and help us make plans for the future. We need the cooperation of every member. Attend the meeting and make new friends and renew old acquaintances! Fraternal regards to all.

Frances Erzen
Lodge No. 180, AFU
Cleveland, Ohio

Important Notice to Collinwood Boosters

Cleveland, Ohio—Members of the Collinwood Boosters Lodge No. 188, AFU are hereby notified to please attend their annual lodge meeting of the year which will be held on Friday, Dec. 21st at 7:30 p. m. at the home of the secretary, 15717 Saranac Rd. This meeting is very important so let's be present and elect new officers for the coming year. The attendance at our regular meetings has been very bad during the past year. Let's see if we can improve it this year.

How about some of our returned servicemen taking an interest in their lodge now that they are home again?

The following members of our lodge have recently been discharged from the service: Rudolph Agnich, Stanley Barbera, Joseph and William Champa, Joseph and William Struna and August Fortuna. Don't forget we'll be seeing you all on Dec. 21st.

I take this opportunity to wish all the members a Merry Christmas and a happy holiday season.

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

Napredek Notes

Your editor spent a very pleasant evening with members of Lodge Napredek No. 132, AFU of Euclid, Ohio on the evening of Dec. 9, 1945 at the lodge social. We like to visit in Euclid with these lodge members for we always have a good time. A true spirit of fraternalism is shown by all members whenever they get together.

The lodge secretary, Brother John Cecelic, and his helpers behind the bar certainly gave everyone good service in the way of refreshing drinks. Sister Adolyne Cecelic was kept busy selling refreshment tickets. And sure enough I ate some more of that delicious cheese strudel which was made by Sister Slopko. (How about the recipe, Mrs. Slopko?)

I was also introduced to S/Sgt. Frank Smrtnik of the U. S. Marine Corps who just returned home that afternoon. He has been discharged and his many friends were glad to see him back again. He had a hard time getting home from the coast due to lack of transportation but he made it in time for the lodge social. His brother, Johnny, was also released from the service recently. The boys are the sons of Mr. and Mrs. John Smrtnik Sr. of 19712 Muskoka Ave.

A very enjoyable time was had by all and that "broom dance" certainly kept everyone busy. Mrs. Prosen, how come you always had to dance with the broom?

Brother Cyril Rovansek and his charming wife, Ann, were also present. Brother Rovansek is the 5th Supreme Vice-President of the AFU.

That fellow they call "Smiley" certainly entertained us by playing two spoons in accompaniment with the accordion.

By the way, I missed the smiling face of Frank Chukayne. Where were you Frank? The bar tenders could have used some help.

All in all, everyone had a good time and when the Napredek Lodge again holds a dance, we'll be there!

Frances Erzen,
English Editor

Annual Meeting Notice of Lodge 144

Detroit, Mich.—All members of Lodge No. 144, AFU are cordially invited to positively attend the annual lodge meeting which will be held on Sunday, Dec. 23rd. This will be the last meeting in the year of 1945 and at this meeting we will elect new officers who will lead and manage the lodge business in the coming year.

Regards to all members of the American Fraternal Union and the best of everything to them for the Christmas and New Year season!

Mike Bahor, Sec'y,
Lodge No. 144, AFU,
Detroit, Mich.

New Officers of Lodge No. 1, AFU

Ely, Minn.—The annual meeting of Lodge No. 1, AFU was held Sunday, Dec. 9th at the basement lodge rooms of the Jugoslav National Home.

The following were elected for the ensuing year: Charles Merhar Sr., president; Joseph Shikonja Sr., vice-president; Frank Tomsich Jr., secretary; John Sayovitz, treasurer; Joseph J. Peshel, recorder; Joseph Shikonja Jr., chairman of the auditing committee; Gilbert Zbasnik, and Anton Stefanich Jr., auditors; Charles Merhar Sr., and Frank Tomsich Jr., representatives to the Minn. Federation; Joseph J. Peshel and Joseph Shikonja Sr., representatives to the Jugoslav National Home. The meetings will be held next year at the usual time, that is, the second Sunday of each month in the basement lodge room at 7:00 p. m.

After the meeting refreshments were served, however, more should have attended the meeting, considering that we have a membership of over 400 adults, a very small percentage attended the meeting. As you will notice we have several new members on the committee among whom are two who have returned from the armed forces. It was brought out at the meeting that the Rangers should again be active, for they have been dormant for some time now. Of course if the younger members do not come to the meetings, I can't see what only the officers can do in this respect, for in order to have activity, the younger members should be present at the various meetings so we can promote various activities.

Fraternally yours,
Frank Tomsich Jr., Sec'y
Lodge No. 1, AFU
Ely, Minn.

Notice to Members of Lodge No. 203

Cheswick, Pa.—All members of Lodge No. 203, AFU holding old certificates Plan "A" and who wish to change them to Plans "AA," "B" or "C" are requested to do so before the end of the year. This offer will expire on Dec. 31, 1945. You may call at my house on Dec. 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 27, 28, 29, 30 and 31 from 6 p. m. to 9 p. m.

All members living away from the local seat of the lodge will be sent their forms by mail. Fraternal regards.

Joseph Yohman Jr., Sec'y
Lodge No. 203, AFU
Cheswick, Pa.



During these times with the dawn of a new light, all hearts are full of fraternalism toward all righteous thinking peoples, especially those who are closest to us in blood and ideals, I send season's greetings for the fulfillment of their noble wishes to all members of the American Fraternal Union. This greeting is sent in my name and the name of the entire Supreme Board.

JANKO N. ROGELJ, Supreme President of AFU.

Reverently we approach this Yuletide season with fervent and heartfelt thanks for the glorious peace that is with us once again. Sincerely I wish you and yours the happiest of Christmases and a New Year filled with the realization of your fondest hopes and expectations.

FRANK J. KRESS, 1st Supreme Vice-President.

A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all the members of the American Fraternal Union.

ANTON KRAPENC, 2nd Vice-President of AFU.

To all members of the American Fraternal Union, especially to those whom I had the pleasure of becoming acquainted with at the 17th regular AFU Convention in Rock Springs, Wyo., I wish the merriest of Christmas holidays and a New Year of prosperity.

MARY KERSHISNIK, 3rd Supreme Vice-President of AFU.

The undersigned wishes all the Supreme Officers, Judiciaries and lodge officers and the entire membership of the American Fraternal Union a very Merry Christmas and a fortunate and very successful New Year.

STEVE MAUSER, 4th Supreme Vice-President of AFU.

An overflowing measure of Christmas happiness and much success in the year of 1946 is my wish for all the members of the American Fraternal Union.

CYRIL J. ROVANSEK, 5th Supreme Vice-President of AFU.

The best of Christmas happiness and all good luck in the year of 1946 is wished to all members of the American Fraternal Union.

MARY PREDOVICH, 6th Supreme Vice-President of AFU.

For the majority of the population of this country, the coming Christmas and New Year holidays will be the happiest after the long years of war. May they be just as happy for all members of the American Fraternal Union.

LOUIS CHAMPA, Supreme Treasurer of AFU.

The best of health, the best of luck and the satisfaction of well-being are the greatest things for humanity. May all these things come to all members of the American Fraternal Union during the Christmas and New Year seasons and continue without end.

DR. F. J. ARCH, Supreme Medical Examiner of AFU.

During this Holiday Season I hope that this peacetime Christmas will be the finest ever for all the Supreme Officers, Lodge Officers and adult and juvenile members of the American Fraternal Union and your families, and that the New Year will bring you happiness, wealth, and the realization of your fondest dreams. We especially join our sentiments in sincerely thanking all who helped to win for us Victory and Peace!

FRANK E. VRANICAR, 1st Supreme Auditor.

I wish a very Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year to the entire membership of our American Fraternal Union.

ANTON OKOLISH, Chairman of Supreme Judiciary Committee.

Chicago AFU Bowling League

Chicago, Ill.—At the bowling session on Dec. 13th two teams were very lucky for both made a "clean sweep." They were Dr. Grill's team which performed three "operations" on the Zefran Morticians and the Hujan Tavern team which took all three "roses" from the Gottlieb Florists. The Liberty Bell team rang up two games from the Spolar's Hotel team.

High individual games were Max Bruckman, 194; John Hujan and Frank Poupa, 179 each, and Henry Kulick 176. Three-game high were: Max Bruckman, 521; John Hujan, 466, and Henry Kulick, 456.

On Thursday, Dec. 20th we will bowl as follows: Dr. Grill's team against the Hujan Taverns, Liberty Bell against the Gottlieb Florists, and Spolar's Hotels against the Zefran Morticians. Some teams are already predicting that their team will

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JUVENILE DEPARTMENT



AUNT MARY'S GARDEN



Ely Review

By Margaret M. Startz

December holds a charm for thoughts were of you and his one every little boy and girl. December desire was that you have a truly happy Christmas. He asked that I call on you personally to deliver these packages and also the check for the balance of his insurance. As the president of the lodge, I felt duty-bound to respect the last wish of our departed brother. I felt inwardly complimented to be chosen for this mission.

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He wished them a Merry Christmas and with their words of gratitude still ringing in his ears he made his departure.

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Soon after he left Nancy and Michael dashed into the kitchen and the sight they saw brought joy and laughter into their hearts. There was a big doll with real hair for Nancy and a big train for Michael. There were books and blocks and candy and cookies and, oh, ever so many nice things. How happy they all were. It was truly happy Christmas in the Stevens' household.

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Now you see, boys and girls, in how many different ways our AFU can be beneficial. When you make your New Year's resolutions be sure to include this one: "I do hereby resolve to tell all my friends about our AFU and I further resolve to do all within my power to make them members in 1946."

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Now just a Hello to our latest contributor, Gerry Jevitz, of Joliet. Please write again real soon.

To all the boys and girls of our AFU, Aunty Mary sends this Christmas wish:

May this Yuletide season stand apart
As one that brought most cheer
And all that's dearest to your heart
And may it last the whole New Year!

The Unhappy Xmas Tree

High on a hill
Where cold winds blow,
Lived a tiny Xmas-tree
Whose spirits were very low.Christmas would soon be here
But what chance had she?
Other trees were tall and wide
But she was such a little tree.Maybe a star and some tinsel
Was all that she could hold.
Nobody would want a tree like that

So she wept all day in the cold.

Nearly all her friends were taken
Soon she would stand alone on the knoll,
But wait! A carriage was stopping

A shy little glance at it she stole.

Maybe this was her chance
So she held her head up high.
She spread out her branches
And prayed they'd not pass her by.The man was old and tired,
The girl wan and pale.
They both seemed very unhappy
Was their mission due to fail?But suddenly the girl smiled,
Her eyes shone like stars in the sky.
"Oh, father, there's the tree I want."
The little girl did cry.So they took their little ax
And chopped down the tree.
They loaded it in the carriage
What a happy sight to see!The tree was placed on a mantle,
She worn a crown of silver in her hair.
A lovely radiance shone from her,
No other with her could compare.So the little Christmas tree
Was no longer sad and blue.
Her heart sang a Christmas song
The whole day through.And to all you boys and girls
These words she does convey:
"I hope you too are happy,
May you have a joyous Xmas day!"

Gene Balint,
(Age: 12 years)
Lodge 162, AFU
Enumclaw, Wash

Dr. Bernard Banovetz of Hibbing spent the weekend visiting with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Anton Slogar announced the marriage of their daughter, Josephine to James Arthur Van Hasen of Hermosa Beach, Calif. The wedding took place Nov. 17th.

Well, good-bye Juveniles, I hope you all have a very nice Christmas vacation and that Santa Claus will bring you many presents!

JUST 'FORE CHRISTMAS



Father calls me William, sister calls me Will, Mother calls me Willie, but the fellers call me Bill! Mighty glad I ain't a girl—ruther by a boy, Without them sashes, curls, an' things that's worn by Fauntleroy. Love to chawkin green apples an' go swimmin' in the lake— Hate to take the castor-ile they give for belly-ache! Most all the time, the whole year round, there ain't no flies on me, But jest 'fore Christmas I'm as good as I kin be.

Got a yellor dog named Sport, sick him on the cat; First thing she knows she doesn't know where she is at! Got a clipper sled, an' when us kids goes out to slide, Long comes the grocery cart, an' we all hook a ride! But sometime when the grocery man is worried an' cross, He reaches at us with his whip, an' larrups up his hoss, An' then I laff an' holler, "Oh, ye never teched me!" But jest 'fore Christmas I'm as good as I kin be!

Gran'ma says she hopes that when I git to be a man, I'll be a missioner like her oldest brother, Dan, Was at ey up by the cannibals that lives in Ceylon's Isle, Where every prospeck pleases, an' only man is vile! But gran'ma she has never been to see a Wild West show, Nor read the Life of Daniel Boone, or else I guess she'd know That Buffalo Bill an' cow-boys is good enough for me! Excep' jest 'fore Christmas, when I'm as good as I kin be.

And then old Sport he hangs around, so solemn-like an' still, His eyes they seem a-sayin', "What's the matter, little Bill?" The old cat sneaks down off her perch an' wonders what's become Of them two enemies of hern that used to make things hum! But I am so perlit an' tend so earnestly to biz, That mother says to father, "How improved our Willie is!" But father, havin' been a boy hisself, suspicions me When, jest 'fore Christmas, I'm as good as I kin be!

For Christmas, with its lots an' lots of candies, cakes, an' toys, Was made, they say, for proper kids an' not for naughty boys; So wash, yer face, an' bresh yer hair, an' mind yer p's and q's, An' don't bust out yer pantaloons, and don't wear out yer shoes; Say "Yessum" to the ladies, an' "Yessur" to the men, An' when they's company, don't pass yer plate for pie again; But, thinkin' of the things yer'd like to see upon that tree, Jest 'fore Christmas, be as good as yer kin be!

—Eugene Field



Juvenile Letter Box

Eveleth, Minn.—Dear Juveniles: I am fourteen years old and in the ninth grade. I go to Junior High School. This is my first letter to the Nova Doba Juvenile Department Page. I have been thinking about writing to you for some time, but that was as far as I got.

I am a member of Lodge No. 25, AFU of Eveleth, Minn. My uncle (Anthony Knapp) is the secretary of Lodge No. 2, AFU of Ely, Minn. (Now, Uncle Tony, don't look so surprised; it's really me!) I also would like to correspond with anyone who would like to write to me. Sincere regards to all juveniles.

Mary Elizabeth Salmi
(Age: 14 years)
519½ Adams Ave.
Eveleth, Minn.
Lodge No. 25, AFU

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Salida, Colo.—Dear Juveniles: Well here I am again trying to write you a letter. I really was sorry for not writing to you last month but just a few days before I intended to send my letter to you, we received a V-Mail from my brother that he would be home. This really upset the whole family—and I forgot to mail my letter in the excitement.

As Thanksgiving morning came we got a telegram from my brother, S/Sgt. Jack which said that he would be home in a few days. He had been in the service since April 7, 1941 and had never been home since his induction. He arrived home the following Wednesday from Fort Logan after receiving an honorable discharge. He was with 185th Infantry service company in the Pacific theater of operations. He participated in battles and campaigns such as Bismarck, Archipelago, Luzon and the Southern Philippines. He wears the Asiatic-Pacific service ribbon, the Philippine Liberation ribbon with a bronze star, World War II Victory medal and the good conduct medal. I sure was glad to see him again. He also brought home some very nice souvenirs. I hope all the boys will come home in the very near future.

Now back to a sentence or two about the weather here. It is really swell except for a little snow we had Dec. 9th, but otherwise it is swell. I have been going skiing at Cooper Hill near Camp Hale, Colo.

It really is a very nice place for skiing. I was also very glad to hear that the ice-skating pond is open. It is a pretty good-sized pond near the High School.

I would like to hear from a few juvenile members between the ages of 15 and 16. Letter writing is one of my hobbies.

Christmas is just a few days off. Sure came around soon this year. I just want a few things this year.

I want a motorcycle, a fur coat and a few sweaters but I want the motorcycle most of all. And being that I collect Indian jewelry, I'll probably get a few bracelets. I have

Christmas Eve



'Twas the night before Christmas
All was quiet in the house,
Nobody was stirring
Not even a mouse.
The ground was covered with snow
And the stars were shining bright,
The cold winds whistled a merry tune,
The dark shadows danced on the ground of white.

Suddenly the sky opened wide
And sleigh bells rent the air,
I poked my head out of the window
In amazement I did stare.

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Flying through the air came some reindeer

And a jolly fat man in red,

A large sack of toys was on his back

And many more in his sled.

For awhile I thought I was dreaming

But no, I was wide awake—

Then I remembered it was Christmas Eve,

A trip downstairs I had to make.

I put on my woolen robe,

And felt my way along the wall.

The house was dark so I had to be careful

So I wouldn't take a fall.

I opened the door very slightly

And peeked in at the tree.

Santa Claus was there alright

Leaving toys for Gene and me.

But suddenly there was an awful crash,

I felt as if I'd busted my head.

I rubbed my eyes and looked around,

Well what do you know, I'd fallen out of bed.

I could hear the clock striking twelve

So I turned on the light.

I called out to my brother

To come and see what was in sight.

We found packages under the tree,

And as we opened them we paused to pass

A very merry Xmas wish,

To every AFU lad and lass.

"MERRY CHRISTMAS!"

John Balint,
(Age: 13 years)
Lodge 162, AFU
Enumclaw, Wash

about 21 Indian turquoise bracelets and six rings already.

I really enjoyed reading the last letters in the juvenile page. I was sorry that I didn't have a letter published last month. I really haven't much to say so I'll close.

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The Christmas Surprise in the Attic

By Frances Erzen

Frankie and Mitzi, who were twins, were so excited for it was only two weeks until Christmas time. They had a special secret between them.

"Do you think it will be ready by Christmas?" asked Mitzi.

"Of course, it should be," replied Frankie, "that man said it would if we did as he told us and took good care of it."

So together they tiptoed down the attic steps. Their Mother called to them saying, "Where have you two been for so long?"

"Oh just playing upstairs," they replied.

"My you certainly have been good lately. I suppose it's because Christmas is just two weeks away," said Mother.

"Well, that's right," said Mitzi.

Their Mother went back to her ironing and the twins put on their wraps, took their sleds and ran out to play. They met the rest of their playmates and had a good time all afternoon until their Mother called them in to eat dinner.

Suddenly Mitzi turned to Frankie at the foot of the porch stairs saying, "Are you sure you gave it enough water?"

"Of course I did," replied Frankie, "but the man said not too much water or we'll drown it."

The whole next week they took turns going into the attic to care for their secret. Sometimes one twin went up while the other made sure that Mother wouldn't go up before Christmas for this secret was to be her Christmas gift.

Several days before Christmas, it was Mitzi's turn to go up and she came down right away, all excited, saying, "It's turning red, oh Frankie, at last it's turning red!"

"Really, honest?" said Frankie, "you watch here and I'll go up for I must see it too!" So he ran up the stairs as fast as he could. Sure enough it was turning red. He jumped for joy for now he knew Mother's gift would be ready for Christmas.

"Yes," said Mitzi, "at that time I thought he was fooling us but we planted it anyway and kept it in the attic until today."

"Well, it's a good thing I didn't go up there and find it too early," said Mother.

"Oh you wouldn't have found it, for everytime we thought you were going up there we would hide it behind the chimney and then when you went down again, we put it back by the window," said Frankie.

The twins' Mother was so happy and surprised that she could hardly say anything. She gave them each a big hug and said that she loved this gift best of any she ever received.

Then the twins opened their gifts and they too, were happy for they found everything that they had wanted for Christmas. Mother, Daddy and the twins had a very merry Christmas and the pretty Christmas plant helped decorate the house just as much as the tall Christmas tree in the parlor.

RECOMMENDED READING FOR JUVENILES

Belinda's New Shoes by Winifred Bromhall.

This is a cheerful picture story-book of Belinda who loved her new shoes so much that she wore them every day instead of saving them for the school festival.

Turtles by W. S. Bronson.

This is a generously illustrated science book for younger children on many kinds of turtles and on how to care for them as pets.

Strawberry Girl by Louis Lenski.

Birdie is kept busy guarding her berry patch from a feuding neighbor's cattle in this colorful story of Florida Cracker life.

Henry's Lincoln by Louise Neyhart.

Young Henry had to represent his busy family at the Lincoln-Douglas debate, and he returned a wiser and more thoughtful young American.

Janko N. Rogelj:

Jakčev božič v Ameriki

Akademični slikar Božidar Jakac je moj dobrin in zvesti prijatelj že polnih 15 let. V Clevelandu je prišel na dan 6. maja 1929. V Ameriki se je mudil preko dve leti.

O svojem romanju in delovanju v Ameriki je s pomočjo svoga dobrega prijatelja Mirana Jarcia, pesnika in pisatelja, napisal knjigo "Odmivi rdeče zemlje."

Ko je okupator zasedel slovensko zemljo, sta se oba pri-družila Osvobodilni fronti v Sloveniji. Jakac je preživel drugo svetovno vojno. V juliju ali v avgustu leta 1942, za časa glavne italijansko-nemške ofenzive je izgubil življenje Miran Jarc, eden najboljših slovenskih pesnikov.

S pesnikom Jarcem sva postala prijatelja na njegovem domu na Krtini, blizu Kamnika, ko sva ga z Jakcam obiskala leta 1938, ko sem bil na obisku v domovini.

Z obema sem bil v dopisovanju, dokler se ni pričela vojna v Jugoslaviji. Oba sta mi proročko opisovala prihajajoče zlo, kako se pripravlja mladina in kaj bodo cilji onih, ki razumevajo to borbo, ko bo domovina postavljena na preiskušnjo.

Njima sem hvaležen še danes, da sem prav z luhkoto razumeval bojevanje Osvobodilne fronte in partizanski oddelkov.

Kdo je umetnik Božidar Jakac?

Iz knjižice, ki je bila natiska na meseca novembra 1938, ob Jakčevi razstavi v Jakopičevem paviljonu v Ljubljani, posnemam sledče:

Božidar Jakac se je rodil 16. julija 1899 v Novem mestu, kjer je obiskaval gimnazijo, dovršil pa je realko v Idriji. Kot vojak je služil v svetovni vojni od leta 1917 do 1918, ter se udeležil bitke na Piavi. Od takrat so tudi prve risbe, ki jih je razstavil ravno pred 20 leti na XV. umetnostni razstavi, ki jo je priredil mojster Jakopič v svojem paviljonu oktobra in novembra leta 1918. Leta 1919 je odšel na akademijo v Prago, kjer je študiral pri J. Obrowskem in Fr. Thieleju, grafiku pa pri A. Brömsseju. Med tem časom je večkrat prepotoval Nemčijo. Leta 1923 je dovršil akademijo z odličnim uspehom.

Leta 1925 je odšel za eno leto v Pariz in medtem obiskal prvi Tunizijo. Nato je poučeval risanje na drugi državni realni gimnaziji v Ljubljani, do drugega odhoda v Afriko leta 1928.

Leta 1929 se je napotil v Ameriko ter prepotoval Zedinjene države od Atlantika do Pacifika. Vrnil se je leta 1931 v domovino, kjer je izdal s sodelovanjem Mirana Jarcia obsežni knjigi potnih spominov "Odmivi rdeče zemlje."

Naslednje leto je izdala Umetniška matica v Ljubljano njegovo monografijo v redakciji dr. K. Dobide. Potoval je mnogo po Jugoslaviji in večkrat po Italiji. Leta 1926 je preživel več mesecev na Norveškem in prisel preko Severnega rtiča do Kirkinesa.

Od leta 1932 živi stalno v Ljubljani. Slika zlasti pokrajine, zadnja leta se je pa posvetil tudi portretu. Portretiral je razen mnogih oficijskih osebnosti tudi kralja Petra II., kraljico Marijo in rajno rumunsko kraljico Marijo. Mnogo se je udejstvoval kot grafik. Ilustriral je več pesniških zbirk, raznih mla-dinskih in drugih knjig. Sodeluje kot ilustrator pri večih revijah. Izdal je tudi leta 1932 prvo slovensko izvirno grafično mapo, Gradnikova "Pisma" v lesorezu.

Njegova dela vise v raznih galerijah, tako v ljubljanski Narodni galeriji, v Moderni galeriji v Zagrebu, v Banovinski galeriji v Splitu, v Art muzeju v Cleve-

landu, itd. Koliko Jakčevih del je ostalo nedotaknjih v Jugoslaviji skozi drugo svetovno vojno, je veliko vprašanje. V svojem zadnjem pismu je omenil, da so v Ljubljani uničili sovražniki vsa njegova dela.

To je Jakčeva življenjska pot do leta 1939.

Kakšno je Jakčeve duhovno življenje, pa lahko zasledite njegovo mišljenje in izpoved v spisu, katerega je napisal na dan 24. in 25. decembra 1929, v Hollywoodu, California, ki se glasi:

"Dan svetega večera. Toplo je prispevalo sonce preko Western Ave. in ves Hollywoodland z velikanskim svetlobnem napisom je žarel v zlatu.

"Mračen in silno potr sem brezsilno tavol po Hollywood Blvd., da bi v gneči in vrvežu pozabil samega sebe.

"Ze je šlo na tretjo uro po-poldne, pa nič ni bilo podobno, da bo noč sveti večer.

"Sveti večer. Beseda, ki sega do sreca. To ni zame samo verski prazniki in ne samo morda sentimentalno čuvstvo, ne, vse več je, vse več. Ta dan se razgiblje prav globoko v duši vse, kar je ustvarila tradicija, vse, kar še je zgradnjič časov pritajeno tli v človeku kot usedilna silne zmage luči nad temo. V takih trenotnih zakipi razpoloženje, ki ga človek ne more razložiti, ker je preveč lepo, da bi šlo v punti razum, ker je preveč bolestno-radostno, pa tako elementarno, kakor da je klic krv ...

"Prav zdaj se bliža v domovini polnoč. Kot da sem se vrnjal zapoznel, blodni romar domov, vidim v duhu vse drage mi obuze v svetlobi gorečih svečic na božičnem drevesku in pred jaslicami. Vidim bolestno mehko-ben, v trpljenju razoran obraz svoje matere ... bled ji je obraz, sivi lasje so tako pogosto vtka-ni ... zasanjano in ljubo se oziroma, da se kar zdrzenim in stresem ... in zbudim se v svetlost californijskega dneva. O še bi sanjal, še in še. Vidim svojega očeta, ves je vase zaprt, mračen in bres besede. Vidim sestro, ki gleda mojo sliko na steni, ne-pokojna je in težke skrbi ji tem-nijo poglede. O, kje je čista sve-točna radost? Začutil sem vonj kadila in sveč. Zasišal sem veliki zvon kapiteljske cerkve, ki doni tako mogočno in blago-glasno med škripanjem snega pod nogami vernikov, ki se spe-sijo v jarki mesečini k polnoči. Vse zveni v meni v opojno otočno pesem.

"Iz sanj me je zdramil proseč glas srednje dobro oblečenega človeka.

"Prosim vas, ali mi daste za večerjo. Nimam ... Prosim vas ..."

"Vidim bližajočo se dlan, vi-dim obup na obrazu in zazdi se mi, da sem srečal svojega zrcal-nega dvojnika. Nemiren drget mi je šel po telesu ... V žepu sem imel poslednjih—50 centov.

"Kot iz dalje sem spet zaslišal bučanje orgel, ki izvablja Hladnik iz njih čudovit baročni opoj. V blešečem soju luči žari Tintorettova slika v velikem olтарju, valovi kadila se dvigajo ob zlatih ornatih, vsa cerkev je zvezneča veličast, je vtelešena hvalnica polnočni skrivnosti ro-dečega se Boga ...

"In vidim še sto in sto obrazov, ki sem jih vzljubil v življenju in ki jim želim v tej ura sa-mo sveto veselje.

"Nekdo je zahupal na cesti. Avto se je ustavil tik mene.

"Hej, Jakac, kam pa greš?" je zaklical List.

"Povod in nikamor," sem mu odvrnil.

"Tedaj pa kar z meno!" In že sva zadržala po dolgi ravni cesti.

"Zvezcer sva se oglašila pri Jernovih. Zbrali so se v sobi in kramljali. Otroci so se igrali z božičnimi darovi. Nad vsemi je visela teža. Nič ni bilo čutiti sve-tonočne radosti. Ni bilo jaslic, ni bilo kadila, le čaše californijskega so imeli za priboljšek.

"Ustavila sva se še pri nekih Slovencih. Povsod so obujali spomine na lepe božiče v domovini, na baklje in sprevide v hlevu in na skednjem, na jaslice v kotu, na pisane prtiče in Svete-duha, ki je visel na stropu. Pa slastni kolači in tečni štrukli. O, vsa Amerika ne odtehta teh dobrot.

"In vse to smo zamenjali za tuj kruh. In kaj vse nas še čaka. Mračili so se jim obrazy, nič Božiča ni bilo pri njih. Žalosten je naš Božič—tako sem slišal povsod.

"Na cestah, po vrtovih bogatašev pa je žarelo tisoče in tisoče razkošnih dreves.

"Minil je sveti večer. O, kako lepo je bilo pričakanje, vse lepše kot doživetje, ali vendar nekaj prišlo v srce. Po vseh težavah in razočaranjih zadnjih dni je dahnil v dušo čudežen mir.

"Na dan 25. decembra 1929.

"Pozna noč. Truden sem, da komaj pišem.

"Čez dan sem bil pri Jerinovih. Peljal sem se mimo cerkve in rad bi se ustavil ali stroj je brnel dalje in dalje ter nas vlekel v sončni dan. Peljali smo se k Brosovim na farme, kjer smo se srečali tudi še z drugimi rojaki. Otroci so lovili z magnetnim trnkrom umetne ribice ...

"Preko nas vseh je zavel duh zemlje in ozivel podobe domovin in le njej so bili posvečeni po-govori.

"Po vožnji skoz čudovit, ža-reč večer smo se rojaki spet sezeli v Los Angelesu. Otroci so kričali, dve dekleti skoro špan-skega tipa sta igrali 'šlagere' na električni klavir. Tako čudno občutje se mi je zbudilo: dva svetova se lomita drug ob drugem.

"O, domovina, trda si, ali tu-jina je še trša. Zobe moram stisniti, vsako občutje moram za-dusiti v sebi, če hočem iti dalje, Bog ve kam dalje, pa—ali ni vse ena pot in ena bolest.

"Zdi se mi, da visi preklet-stvo nad menoj kot nad vsemi, ki so moje krvi. Ali je tudi moja pot usmerjena tja, ko ji ne vem pravega konca? Ali res mora biti tako?

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