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## Naš mladinski oddelek

Mladinski oddelek Ameriške bratske zveze je najboljši rezervoar, iz katerega črpa nove člane odrasli oddelek. To je ugotovljeno dejstvo že več let in postaja z vsakim letom bolj važno z ozirom na eksistenco, rast in solventnost naše organizacije.

Glavni odbor Ameriške bratske zveze se zaveda važnosti mladinskega oddelka, zato je na zadnjem letnem zborovanju obširno razpravljal o metodah, po katerih bi bilo mogoče najbolj uspešno dvigniti število članov v tem oddelku. Končno se je odločil za desetmesečno kampanjo, ki naj traja od 1. marca do 31. decembra 1945.

V zapisniku letnega zborovanja glavnega odbora in še posebej v članku iz urada glavnega tajnika je bil članstvu že sporočen sistem letošnje kampanje, vendar ne bo odveč, če se to tik pred začetkom kampanje še ponovi, da more kampanja dobiti takoj od začetka dober zalet.

Ta kampanja vpisovanja novih članov v mladinski oddelek se bo od drugih sličnih kampanj razločevala v tem, da se bo zaključevala vsak mesec posebej in potem ob konci leta skupno. To se pravi, da se bodo tozadevne tekme za prvenstvo in nagrade zaključevale in objavljale ob konci vsakega meseca posebej, konci leta pa še za desetmesečni rezultat. Tekme se bo lahko udeležilo vsako društvo kadar koli pred zaključkom leta. Zato se imenuje ta kampanja "splošna".

Za pridobitev nagrad ni predpisane nikakega določenega števila novih mladinskih članov. V poštev bodo tozadevno prišla ob konci meseca tista štiri društva, ki bodo v dotičnem mesecu vpisala štiri najvišja števila novih članov. Dotičnim društvom bodo nakazane nagrade v zneskih 40, 30, 20 in 10 dolarjev. Vsako društvo lahko vsak mesec kvalificira za nagrado, ako vpisi dovolj mladinskih članov. V poštev bodo prišla vsak mesec le štiri društva z najvišjim številom novih mladinskih članov.

Ob zaključku splošne kampanje, to je konci leta 1945, pa se bodo nakazale še tri posebne nagrade tistim trem društvom, ki bodo tekom vse desetmesečne kampanje vpisala največ mladinskih članov. Te nagrade bodo 75, 50 in 25 dolarjev. Deležna jih bodo lahko društva, ki so že dobila eno ali več nagrad ob mesečnih zaključkih kampanj, ali pa društva, ki niso bila deležna mesečnih nagrad.

Novi mladinski člani se morejo sprejemati brez zdravniške preiskave v vseh državah, kjer naša Zveza posluje, in ni treba, da bi bili v času te kampanje predlagani na društvenih sejah. Sprejemo jih lahko društveni predsednik, tajnik in blagajnik. To pomeni, da je vpis novih mladinskih članov zelo enostavna zadeva.

Bratje in sestre, jutri je 1. marec, in jutri se prične naša kampanja. Kako uspešna bo, je odvisno od vseh društev in vseh članov Ameriške bratske zveze.

### VSAK PO SVOJE

(Nadaljevanje s 1. strani)

Ni čuda, če sovražniki Rusije že potrebovati kot krst za kristjana zdaj mraz spreletava in da vpijejo kot bi jih drli na meh.

Pri barj sta se srečala dva rojaka, ki sta pri vsaki priliki rada hvalila sebe in svoje, obenem pa zafrkavala drug drugega. Po tretji časi je prvi rojak začel pripovedovati, da je dolina na Slovenskem, odkoder on prihaja, naravnost nebesko lepa, toda zelo ozka, tako neznanško ozka, da skoro ni mogoče održenega vola ali bika skozi gnati.

"Seveda," ga zafrkne drugi rojak, "zato si ti šel v Ameriko, ko si bil še tele!"

Nadaljni prijateljski razgovor v tem smislu je pretrgal salunar, ki je diplomatično vprašal: "Kaj bosta pila, fanta?"

Ali ste se že kdaj podali na daljše potovanje, ne da bi bili pozabili česa, kar ste nameravali vseiti s seboj? Nikoli! Vaš poročevalce tudi ne. Kljub temu ni nikdar prišel v resno zadrgo, ker nikoli ni pozabil na denar in vozni listek. To je za potnika tako maci fronti!

A. J. T.

### SLOVENSKA VESTI

(Nadaljevanje s 1. strani)

**V seznamku** ujetnikov, katero so nedavno ameriški vojaki rešili iz ujetniškega taborišča Bilibid v Manili na Filipinih, je tudi ime Pvt. Anthony J. Petrich iz Chisholma, Minn. To kaže, da je bil v japonskem vojnem ujetništvu na Filipinih tudi en Slovenc, in da je srečno prestal dolgo ujetništvo.

**V mestu Tooele**, Utah, je umrl Mike Sajatovich, star 79 let, član in soustanovitelj društva št. 86 ABZ v Midvale, Utah. Zapušča pet hčer in tri sine, od katerih sta dva pri vojakih. Doma je bil od Metlike v Beli Krajini.

**V Little Fallsu, N. Y.**, je umrl Louis Lenaršič, star 63 let, član društva št. 53 ABZ. Zapušča soprogovo, dva sina, od katerih eden je pri vojakih, dve hčeri, dva vnuka in več drugih sorodnikov. Doma je bil od Unca pri Rakeku v Sloveniji in je prišel v Ameriko leta 1906.

### CLEVELANDSKI LETA- LEC PRI TITU

(Nadaljevanje s 1. strani)

"Tito je bil mož zagorele polti in močne rasti, star 45 do 50 let. Eden tistih mož, katerega moč značaja takoj napraviti vti na obiskovalca. Jaz mislim zdaj o njem kot da je nekoliko podoben Franku Lauschetu.

"Njegovo lasje so bili črni, nekoliko pomešani s sivimi. Je gladko obrit, toda je videti, da bi lahko hitro vzgojil močno brado. Na prvi pogled se ti zdi silen, toda govoril je prijazno, z globokim, mirnim glasom.

"Tito je bil posebno interesiran v naših težkih bombnikih. Vprašal je, če imamo instrukcije, da ne mečemo bomb na Jugoslavijo, kadar smo primorani jih odvrči, in je bil videti vzradosen, ko smo odgovorili, da imamo take instrukcije. Potem je z nasphemom ponovil vprašanje, katero so na našem potovanju stavili vsi Jugoslovani, kdaj pride invazija od zapada. Odgovorili smo, da to on morda bolje vejeti mi.

"Nato nas je odpustil z zagotovilom, da bodo njegovi Jugoslovani storili vse, kar je v njihovih močeh, da nam postrežijo kot častnim gostom."

### KONFERENCA NA KRIMU

(Nadaljevanje s 1. strani)

ekonomsko razočenje mora biti istotako popolno in strogo izvedeno. Nemška industrija, ki bi se mogla rabiti za vojno produkcijo, bo odpravljena ali strogo kontrolirana; nacijske organizacije, postavne in institucije bodo odpravljene. Naš namen ni uničiti nemškega ljudstva. Toda šele, ko bo nacizem in militarizem izkorenjen, more nemško ljudstvo upati na dostojno življence."

Sklenjeno je bilo dalje, da mora Nemčija plačati kar največ za napravljeni škodo. Posebna komisija, ki bo nastanjena v Moskvi, bo sestavila tozadevni "račun." Kolektiva bo v blagu in lokalnemu konjedercu.

Iz Washingtona je bil izdan ukaz, da se morajo v bodoče najkasneje o polnoči zapirati gledališča, plesnišča, nočni klub in saluni. S tem da se bo hranila razsvetjava in kurjava in se pospešila zmaga. Dobro, mi smo vse navdušeni za zmago, zato se bomo požurili ob večerih, da se bolj zgodaj prislonimo k bari in dobitimo našo kvoto tekočih vitaminoval po polnoči. Za eventualno poznežo jezo se pa lahko kake steklenika v žep vratke. Nihče ne bo mogel reči, da nismo pripravljeni za vsako žrtev na domni listek. To je za potnika tako maci fronti!

A. J. T.

Predsednik Roosevelt je na konferenci zmagal z zahtevo, da reorganizirane vlade v osvobojenih deželah a ostanejo samo "provizorične," dokler ljudstva v prizadetih deželah ne bodo imela prilike s svobodnimi volitvami vzpostaviti vlade po svojih izbirah. Dalje je bila odobrena Rooseveltova zahteva, da vse teritorialne preureditev ostanejo provizorične do konca vojne.

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Zaključki konference "velikih treh" na Krimu so bili v Zedinjenih državah sprejeti na splošno z zadostenjem in odobravljajem. Vsem seveda ni bilo stoprocentno ustrezeno, toda na splošno se priznava, da so za desego vsakega sporazuma potrebeni nekateri kompromisi.

### JIH ŽE PEREJO

(Nadaljevanje s 1. strani)

nov drugorodec, da so Nemci pobili, sežgali, s strupenimi plini zadušili ali drugače pomorili milijone civilistov, moških, žensk in otrok, Rusov, Poljakov, Francuzov, Jugoslovanov in drugih.

Avtor ne ve ali neče povedati, da so Nemci v tej vojni izropali skoraj vso Evropo, da so v zasedenih deželah razlastili najboljše posestnike in na njihova mestna namestili Nemce; neče povedati, da so porušili sto in sto evtečih mest in vasi, da so brez vojaške potrebe požgali stotisoč domaćinje in naselje, dostikrat s prebivalstvom vred, da so tisoči deklet odvedli v belo sužnost, da so na civilnih in vojaških ujetnikih preskušali razne strukture, okuženja in operacije, in sploh izvajali grozodejstva, o kakršnih svet ni še nikoli prej slišal.

Vse to naj bi bilo pozabljenje in odpuščeno in Nemcem naj bi bila dana prilika, da po dveh desetletjih spet poskusijo izvestiti, kar jim je zdaj izpodetele, namreč, da iztrebijo, kar jim je na poti, da zasužnijo ves svet. Upamo, da svet ne bo nikoli pozabil nemških grozovitosti ter da ne bo pozabil, da so naciji zrastli iz nemškega naroda in da so nemški vojaki, ki so počenjali tako bestijalnosti, prišli iz nemškega naroda, tistega naroda, ki se gestil z ropom, medtem, ko so ljudstva v zasedenih deželah umirala gladu.

### URA POVRACILA JE PRIŠLA

(Nadaljevanje s 1. strani)

lensteimu, Osterode in Marienburgu. Tukaj so se v nekdanjih dneh gostili Meistri in Hofmeistri in Deutschmeistri, predhodniki današnjih Gauleiterjev. Tukaj so Litvinci in Poljaki pred 800 leti izjavljali: "Ko umrjemo, pojedemo v nebesa in bomo trpinčili Nemce, kakor so oni nas trpinčili na zemlji!" (To je citirano iz starega zgodovinskega spisa). Šele oni dan so Prusi trpinčili ruska dekleta. Zdaj je prišla ura povračila: ne v nebesih, ampak na zemlji. Nemci v Koenigsbergu begajo kot zajete podgane.

"Naj se spomnijo na njihov najljubši izraz: blitzkrieg. Tako zelo so ga želeli; zdaj ga imajo. Svet ni nikdar videl take ofenzive: ne v nebesih, ampak na zemlji. Nemci v Koenigsbergu begajo kot zajete podgane.

"Kako skuša Hitler pomiriti zbgane Nemce? Povedal jim je, da je sprejel Quislinga in da sta

razpravljala o ureditvi Norveške po končni nemški zmagi. Pri tem bi bilo zanimivo vedeti, kaj si misijo o bodoči ureditvi Norveške tisti Nemci, ki zdaj pesežijo iz Berlina.

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## MINUTES

OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE AMERICAN FRATERNAL UNION SUPREME BOARD, HELD AT THE HOME OFFICE IN ELY, MINN., FROM FEB. 12 TO FEB. 14, 1945

### First Session

The Supreme President, Janko N. Rogelj, opened the first meeting of this session Monday, Feb. 12th at 9 a. m. with the following address of welcome:

Dear Supreme Officers:

In the name of the American Fraternal Union I open the annual meeting of the Supreme Board of our fraternal organization. I greet you and ask you to be aware of your obligations which were entrusted to you by the last convention. May your thoughts be centered on this important meeting and may you decide what is best for the benefit of the organization and its membership.

The following Supreme Board Officers are present: Janko N. Rogelj, Supreme President; Frank J. Kress, First Supreme Vice-President; Anton Krapenc, Second Supreme Vice-President; Mary Kershishnik, Third Supreme Vice-President; Steve Mauser, Fourth Supreme Vice-President; Cyril Rovansek, Fifth Supreme Vice-President; Mary Predovich, Sixth Supreme Vice-President; Anton Zbasnik, Supreme Secretary; Frank Tomsich, Jr., Assistant Supreme Secretary; Louis Champa, Supreme Treasurer; Dr. F. J. Arch, Supreme Medical Examiner; Anton J. Terbovec, Editor-Manager of Nova Doba; John Kumse, President of Auditing Committee; Frank E. Vranicar, First Auditor; Matt Anzelc, Second Auditor; Frank Okoren, Third Auditor, and John Tomazic, Fourth Auditor. Present is also Andrew Milavec, Jr. who was third Supreme Auditor until now and whose term expires at this meeting.

The Supreme President then makes the following statement:

Brothers and Sisters:

Today marks the end of the terms of office for the following Supreme Officers: Paul J. Oblak, Second Supreme Vice-President; Joseph Kovach, Third Supreme Vice-President; Joseph Sneler, Fifth Supreme Vice-President; Andrew Milavec, Third Supreme Auditor; Frank Mikec, First Supreme Judiciary and Ignac Zajc, Fourth Supreme Judiciary.

To all these, in the name of the American Fraternal Union, I sincerely and heartily thank them for all the work they have done for our fraternal organization during their terms of office.

I am convinced that all these retiring officers will not forget their fraternal obligations to the organization, but will in the future continue to have a good and sincere word for it.

To all and each individual I also express my gratitude as president of the organization.

The Supreme President then asks the attending Supreme Officers to stand in honor of the memory of the Third Supreme Judiciary, Frank L. Tomsich, who died suddenly this January.

The Editor, Anton J. Terbovec is selected as recorder for this annual meeting for which he will receive the usual remuneration for this special work.

It is then decided that sessions are to be held from 9 a. m. to 12 noon and from 1:30 p. m. to 5:30 p. m.

The minutes of the last year's meeting of the Supreme Board are read and accepted as read.

Presented for examination are the bonds of the Supreme Officers and Supreme Judiciaries and of the printing concern where our official organ is being printed. All bonds are found to be in order.

Follow reports of the Supreme Board members and all are approved as read.

The next matter to be decided is the election of a Supreme Judiciary, to fill the vacant position which is due to the death of the Supreme Judiciary, Frank L. Tomsich. It is first ascertained that the position of Third Supreme Judiciary is to be given to the present Fourth Supreme Judiciary, Mary Balint and in her place a new Judiciary is to be elected.

As candidates for Supreme Judiciary, recommended by the attending Supreme Officers or by letters, are the following members: Filip Fister of Lodge No. 25; Frank Krusich of Lodge No. 28; Louis Smith of Lodge No. 43; Frank Masle of Lodge No. 53; John L. Jevitz of Lodge No. 66; Peter Musich of Lodge No. 66; Joseph Oblak of Lodge No. 70; Matt Karcich of Lodge No. 84; Katherine Penica of Lodge No. 88; George Oswerk of Lodge No. 101; Matt Vogrich of Lodge No. 124; Joe Kos of Lodge No. 140; John Jakopich of Lodge No. 168; Agnes Jurecic of Lodge No. 170; Fannie Jenko of Lodge No. 202, and Pauline Vogrich of Lodge No. 225.

In regard to candidate Filip Fister of Lodge No. 25 of Eveleth, Minn., the Supreme Board is sorry but it cannot accept him as candidate because the By-Laws state that there can be only one Supreme Judiciary from one state and Minnesota already has one Supreme Judiciary.

After a lengthy discussion the Supreme Board decides that only candidates from the western states can be considered because the deceased Supreme Judiciary, for whom a successor is being selected, was from the state of Colorado, and from this fact it is concluded that the 17th regular convention intended this Judiciary position to be filled by someone from the western states.

Voting by ballot follows and the majority of votes is given to Fannie Jenko. The Supreme President proclaims Sister Fannie Jenko, secretary of Lodge No. 202, Rock Springs, Wyo., as Fourth Supreme Judiciary. As alternate for Supreme Judiciaries is elected Brother George Oswerk of Lodge No. 101, Walsenburg, Colo.

The first session adjourned at 12 noon.

### Explanation Dealing With Grievances, Complaints, Appeals

Barberton, Ohio.—In our By-laws there are provisions, explaining and giving directions, how, when and to whom a member may submit his grievance, complaint or appeal.

Our By-laws also provide, that in case a member believes that he did not or could not obtain satisfaction or justice from his Lodge or from the Supreme Executive Committee, he may then appeal to the Supreme Judiciary Committee, as the last resort between the conventions of our Union.

It is known to me, the undersigned, that some Lodges (they are few) forbid a member to appeal to the Supreme Judiciary Committee directly, after exhausting all other remedies. They, the Lodges, require of the member that he should first seek an approval or permission from the Lodge, at the meeting or from officers.

If the aggrieved fails to get an approval or permission, and if he makes an appeal in spite of said requirements, he is then subjected to threats and called an insurgent. This, of course, leads to hard feelings, to friction, and if the aggrieved is young and peace-loving, or just timid, he usually sooner or later drops away from the Lodge. On the other hand, if the aggrieved is not insurable elsewhere, because of his advanced age, he becomes sullen toward other members, avoiding the meetings, cursing all and everything connected with the Union.

That is why we find here and there, in this or that Lodge, aged parents still in our books, while their offsprings are elsewhere.

Now and then I meet such members, who were once active. That is why I write this. I also write this in order to emphasize the need for greater friendship among the membership and at the same time the need for less coercing and less unnecessary red-tape, where such exists.

Let us always keep in mind, that a Lodge officer is not and should be not like an army officer, to whom blind obedience is necessary in battle. The first named is there to lead, help and serve, and the last named to give commands only.

Anton Okolish, Chairman, Supreme Judiciary Committee.

### Important Notice to Members of No. 78

Salida, Colo.—Members of Lodge No. 78, AFU are hereby notified that at the February meeting it was decided that every member of our lodge must pay a five-cent special assessment every month to our lodge treasury which is now empty. This assessment levy will become effective on March 1st and will remain in effect until further notice. Members are asked to be prompt in the payment of their dues. The lodge assessments are sent to the Supreme Secretary from here on the 28th day of every month, therefore, the secretary has to have all the assessments in by that date.

Fraternal regards,

Frank Botz, Sec'y,  
Lodge No. 78, ABZ,  
Salida, Colo.

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### Important Notice to Lodge 40 Members

Claridge, Pa.—At the December meeting of Lodge No. 40, AFU the following members were elected officers for 1945: Frank Bratkovich, president; Louis Shula, vice-president; John Regina, secretary; Rudolph Yerina, recording secretary; Frank Supancic, treasurer, and Nick Yankovich, John Turk in John Vozel, auditors. The lodge medical adviser is Dr. C. P. Snyder.

Considering the past situation and the indifference on the part of some of our members, we had a very nice turn-out at our first two meetings. Don't you members think that it would please your lodge officers if more or all of you would attend your lodge meetings regularly? With your help the meetings would be more interesting and enjoyable.

As we are now on the upgrade, let's all put our shoulders to the wheel and keep it going until we reach the top—where we were at one time—and then let us strive to stay there!

We now have 176 adult members and 79 juvenile members, a total of 255 members in all. Let's make it an even 300 by the end of 1945.

Since our lodge treasury is at the breaking point, I would like to remind all our members to pay their dues on time. The secretary has quite a job to do and paying your dues on time will lighten his burden considerably; the best time to pay your dues is the second Sunday of each month at our regular lodge meeting place.

I would like to remind all local members that I will not accept dues at my home on any other day except the last Monday and Tuesday of the month. If Monday is the last day of the month I shall then collect dues on that day ONLY!

I wish to add that this was written with the best intentions and your cooperation in this matter will be greatly appreciated.

As this is my first term as secretary and as I don't have the addresses of our out-of-town members who send their dues by mail, I am asking these out-of-town members to send me their complete addresses when they mail me their dues so I can be able to notify them of their lodge standings in regard to dues paid.

I would also like those members who send their dues by mail to send them directly to me as I will not be responsible for any money sent to anyone else. I am hoping all of you will comply with this request. Fraternal regards to everyone.

John Regina, Sec'y,  
Lodge No. 40, AFU,  
Box 334, Claridge, Pa.



### \$450 for 15 Cents

Misfortune never rests and it may strike at every living person. This holds true for old and young alike. The father may be stricken at work, the mother at her household duties and the children on their way to school or in their own or their neighbor's garden or yard. Death may come at any time.

It is said that misfortune usually likes to strike among the poor working class, among families who are in straitened circumstances and where there is always the worry about their everyday existence. The average father insures himself and his wife for as much as he can afford, but he doesn't seem to have the same worry for his children, first, because he thinks they are in less danger, secondly, because he cannot afford it. Both excuses are without foundation. A child is just as exposed to unfortunate and fatal sicknesses as his mother and father and the income, at least during the present time, is not so small that the father could not afford fifteen cents a month.

Many a father or mother would insure their children if they knew that they could insure them up to \$450.00 for only 15 cents per month. Since parents do not know this, the children are without insurance and the father and mother without protection. Now I ask you members, who work in factories, in steel mills, in mines and elsewhere, have you at any time mentioned to your co-workers, fathers of one or more children, as to the low price or assessment for which they can insure their children in the American Fraternal Union? Do so, if you already haven't, at your first opportunity and you will find that your fellow-worker will not only be interested but will also take advantage of this. There are very few father-workers who will decline this proposition for \$450.00 insurance at such low prices or premiums. And, when you will decide to interest your co-worker in this, do not concentrate your efforts only on our own people but spread this idea also among other nationalities for we accept them also into our Union. There are many prospects for our organization, among other nationalities, who could be converted into good members if we only decide to exert ourselves in this respect.

With fraternal regards,

ANTON ZBASNIK, Supreme Secretary

### Bradley Brothers Meet in Philippines

Blaine, Ohio.—Brothers Anthony J. Bradley and Emil E. Bradley, members of Lodge No. 155, AFU of Blaine, Ohio, met after two and a half years on the Island of Luzon in the Philippines. Anthony writes that previously, when he was in New Guinea, he could not write much. He participated in five major battles and numerous small ones in New Guinea. He also wrote that he did not like it there because the weather was too hot and the natives do not understand English. However, on Luzon in the Philippines, he finds things much better and more to his liking. The climate is healthier and the Philippine natives are better educated and understand and speak pretty good English. They are also very happy and grateful to the American troops for coming there to liberate them from the Japanese yoke.

As this is my first term as secretary and as I don't have the addresses of our out-of-town members who send their dues by mail, I am asking these out-of-town members to send me their complete addresses when they mail me their dues so I can be able to notify them of their lodge standings in regard to dues paid.

On Jan. 27th he was on guard duty when he noticed that a battle fleet was approaching and he saw the number of a ship on which his brother Emil was serving. He went to his commanding officer and explained this to him and requested permission to visit his brother on the battle ship. The request was granted and he was taken to the ship. He reported to the commander and told him that he would like to see his brother, Emil Bradley. The commander asked him how long it had been since he last saw his brother and he told him that it was two and a half years.

The commander then said, "There is your brother!" They looked at one another for some time before they recognized each other. The meeting, needless to say, was a very happy one. Anthony remained with his brother on the ship until the next day and he was very well treated.

Next morning Emil was allowed to go with his brother on

### Lodge 176 Loses Faithful Member

Tacoma, Wash.—Services at All Saints Church of Puyallup, Wash., marked the funeral of Mrs. Mary Ujcic, who died at her home in Puyallup on Feb. 9, 1945. Her loss is mourned by her husband, Joseph; three sons, Theodore E., Robert J. and Richard of the U. S. M. C. who is now somewhere in the South Pacific; by her father, G. J. Porenta of Tacoma, and two brothers, George of Puyallup and Louis of the U. S. Navy.

Her pall bearers were her lodge brothers: Joseph Juranic, Joseph Klarich, John Susan, John Daus, Clarence Coughlin and Frank Puz.

Her lodge brothers and sisters deeply feel her loss as she was loved and respected by all who knew her. To her family, Lodge No. 176, AFU expresses its deepest sympathy.

Fraternally yours,

Mary Puz, Sec'y,  
Lodge No. 176, AFU,  
Tacoma, Wash.

Memory has painted this perfect day:

With colors that never fade,  
And we find at the end of a perfect day

The soul of a friend we've made.

—Carrie Jacobs Bond.

land to his camp and remain there for half a day, after which he had to return to the ship which soon moved on—where it is not known. They both wrote a letter home in which they send regards to all their friends and also the members of the American Fraternal Union.

Anyone wishing to write to the boys can get their addresses from their families.

Their sister, Josephine M. Bradley S 1/c, is serving with the WAVES and is now stationed in Oakland, California.

Anthony M. Bradley,  
Lodge No. 155, AFU,  
Blaine, Ohio.

## AMERICAN FRATERNAL UNION

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## MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL SESSION OF THE SUPREME BOARD OF AFU

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## Second Session

The Supreme President, Janko N. Rogelj, opens the second session on Monday, Feb. 12th at 1:30 p. m. Present are all the Supreme Officers that were present at the first session.

The Supreme Secretary reports that the Finance Committee at its meeting elected as its secretary, Brother Anton Zbasnik.

It is then decided that an alternate be named for the position of Assistant Supreme Secretary. After a lengthy discussion it is decided that in case of a vacancy in the position of Assistant Supreme Secretary, his position will be taken by the first assistant in the Home Office; the one who will be first assistant at the Home Office at the time of a possible vacancy.

Elected to the Committee on By-Laws, which was designated by a decision of the 17th regular convention, are: Supreme President Janko N. Rogelj, Supreme Secretary Anton Zbasnik and Supreme Medical Examiner Dr. F. J. Arch.

In regard to Union wall calendars it is adopted that because of war conditions and in view of increased expense for our official organ, that for the year of 1946 we will not order small wall calendars but will order 500 large ones. The Supreme Office will order and distribute these calendars according to their judgment.

In regard to the appeal of the Office of War Transportation to limit traveling which is not absolutely necessary, it is decided that the American Fraternal Union this year will not send any delegates neither to the meetings of the state fraternal congresses nor to the meeting of the National Fraternal Congress.

It is decided that the Supreme President name a committee of three members, who at the next meeting will present their suggestions regarding the hiring of assistants in the Supreme Office and their wages. Named to this committee are: John Kumse, Frank J. Kress and Anton Krapenc.

Follows the consideration of matters which the Supreme Secretary has to present.

John Rauch, member of Lodge No. 1, 80 years of age and one of the founders who is in need of help, asks for some special benefits. Adopted that his assessments be paid for three months from the Welfare Fund.

Regarding the matter of Barbara Miklavec, member of Lodge No. 15, who is confined in a mental institution, it is ascertained that a mentally ill person cannot change certificates and no one else can do this in her name. The Supreme Board approves of the notice which the Supreme Secretary sent to the lodge secretary regarding this matter and the Supreme Secretary is instructed to act according to said notice.

John Young, member of Lodge No. 21, asks for some operation benefits for an operation which was not performed in a hospital. According to the By-Laws it is not possible to pay such operation benefits.

Lieut. Frank Govednik, member of Lodge No. 30, was honorably discharged from the army, and was operated for appendicitis before he signed the form for renewal for insurance in the sick and indemnity fund. The Supreme Medical Examiner discovered from documents that the afore-mentioned had other operations performed which undoubtedly were due to the results of his service. Since he was not insured in the sick and indemnity fund at the time of his operation, in accordance to the By-Laws no operation benefits can be paid.

Regarding the matter of Ann Medle, member of Lodge No. 36, final settlement is approved with the condition that she is found permanently disabled and that final settlement is approved by the Supreme Medical Examiner.

Joseph Kotnik and Mary Kotnik, member of Lodge No. 37, cannot be given any special benefits because the informations presented are not adequate.

Frank Zupancic, member of Lodge No. 40, wishes permission to transfer to another lodge. The advice given him by the Supreme Secretary in this regard, is approved.

Lodge No. 44 asks partial payment of expenses which the lodge had with their bowling tournament in 1942. The Supreme Board has once already denied such payment and the 17th regular convention agreed with this decision since it did not alter it. The Supreme Board, because of this, stands by its previous decision.

Mary Ule, member of Lodge No. 45, who has been ill for a long time, cannot receive operation benefits which are not

covered by the By-Laws. It is, however, adopted to allow her \$15.00.

Helen Sustaric, member of Lodge No. 81, on the basis of additional information is paid operation benefits previously withheld.

Marija Trojak, member of Lodge No. 84, according to the By-Laws cannot be paid operation benefits because the operation was not performed by a doctor of medicine.

The matter regarding Frank Zavrsnik, member of Lodge No. 87, is presented. He died in 1940. He was insured for \$500.00 and from that amount it was designated in the certificate that \$100.00 be used for the funeral, the remainder to be given to his brother and sisters who were then living in the old country. The Union has already paid the amount of \$100.00 designated in the certificate for the funeral, however, the funeral director demands an additional \$150.00 stating the funeral was ordered for \$250.00 Communications with the old country are now impossible and at this time we cannot make contact with the beneficiaries, if they are still alive; therefore it is not possible to clear this matter up now, so the organization will be protected. Further action is left to the Supreme Secretary.

The second session is concluded at 6 p. m.

## Third Session

Supreme President Janko N. Rogelj opens the third session of the annual meeting on Tuesday, Feb. 13th at 9 a. m. Present are all those Supreme Officers who were present at the two former sessions.

The minutes of the first and second sessions of this meeting are read and accepted.

A letter from the family of the deceased Supreme Judiciary Frank L. Tomsich, is read in which they thank the Supreme Board for their expression of sympathy and for the floral wreath. The letter is recorded.

Follows the consideration of matters which the Supreme Secretary has to present.

Albert Kern, member of Lodge No. 116, was denied operation benefits. From the information presented it was found that the operation was of a nature for which the By-Laws definitely state that no operation benefits are paid. The petition for operation benefits is therefore denied.

Regarding withheld sick benefits of Sister Anne Grahek, member of Lodge 120, after various information it is decided that the withheld sick benefits be paid. At the same time Sister Grahek is reminded that in the future she should respect the By-Laws regarding reporting sick and the presenting of sick benefit forms.

Ursula Budich, member of Lodge 137, requests some special benefits which cannot be approved because informations presented are not adequate.

In the matter of deceased Mary Grdina, member of Lodge 137, whose certificate was made on her husband's name, who died years ago, it is decided that the death benefits be paid to the administrator when he will be named.

In regard to the matter of Louis Slavec and his daughters, who are members of Lodge 140 and who wish transfer cards to Lodge No. 84, it is decided that the Supreme Secretary make the investigation and report the result at the next meeting of the Supreme Board.

The request of Anton Vidmar, member of Lodge No. 141, for payment of operation benefits according to the By-Laws cannot be granted because the operation was not performed in a hospital.

Katherine Krainz, member of Lodge No. 144, requests operation benefits for an operation which is not covered by our By-Laws. The request cannot be granted.

The mother of five-year-old Agnes Joane Novosel, juvenile member of Lodge No. 159, requests some benefits to help pay the expenses of an operation for her daughter, Agnes Joane. The request cannot be granted because the juvenile department has no sick and indemnity fund and a juvenile member therefore cannot be insured in such funds.

In the matter of Anton Cimperman, member of Lodge No. 149, it is considered as positive that he died in a hospital in Pittsburgh, Dec. 17, 1943 due to the results of an automobile accident. On the basis of documents which were found on the person of the victim and on the basis of investigations made by our Supreme Medical Examiner, it is considered as positive that the victim was the above-mentioned member, Anton Cimperman. The insurance is \$250.00 of which the certificate stated that \$200.00 be used for the funeral, the remainder is designated for the wife of the deceased, who lives in the old country. Since the body of the deceased was cremated at the direction of the coroner and there were no funeral expenses, the death benefit, when it will be possible, will be paid to his wife after deductions will be made for the assessments which were paid by the lodge for the member, and expenses for the Supreme Medical Examiner for his time in obtaining information in this matter. Adopted that one per-diem be paid to him.

The secretary of Lodge No. 151, Mullan, Idaho, Mrs. H. L. Jackson, wishes the Supreme Board a successful meeting and at the same time commends the Sixth Supreme Vice-President, Sister Mary Predovich who visited there. The letter is recorded.

Frank Slavich, member of Lodge No. 176, complains that his sick benefits for burns were shortened 16 days. The sick benefits were paid from the time he reported sick until he reported himself well. The Supreme Office has no proof of illness before this time that the member was really ill, and without such evidence it cannot pay him benefits.

Lodge No. 180 sends its assessments to the Supreme Office too late and in other ways the administration of the lodge is unsatisfactory. The Supreme Board authorizes the Fifth Supreme Vice-President Cyril Rovansek to contact the officers and members of this lodge and attempt to come to an understanding with them in regard as to how to improve the conditions of the lodge.

The Supreme Secretary reports that the lodge administration of Lodge No. 92 is also irregular and unsatisfactory. After a lengthy discussion the Supreme Secretary is authorized to have the members of Lodge No. 92 transferred to Lodge No. 66 if there is no other satisfactory solution.

A member of Lodge No. 200 complained that sometimes the address label on the Nova Doba is pasted over a corner of the reading matter on the first page. The Editor-Manager explains that he will bring this to the attention of the union workers in the printery who paste these labels on the copies of

the Nova Doba, but he doubts that this will do much good for all cases, for this work is done very fast and it may happen that sometimes the label is pasted too low on the paper. However, these small inconveniences have to be overlooked also by the subscribers of many large American newspapers, who paste their labels on the first pages.

The third session is concluded at 12 noon.

## Fourth Session

The Supreme President opens the fourth session on Tuesday, Feb. 13th at 1:30 p. m. Present are all those Supreme Officers who were present at the former three sessions. Follows the consideration of matters which the Supreme Secretary has to present.

The AFU Bowling League of Chicago requests a trophy from the Sports Fund. Since all support of sports activities has been terminated for the duration, this request cannot be granted.

A letter is read from the company from which we ordered our Union calendars this year. The company promises to allow us some discount because of the delay and some confusion in the dispatching of the calendars. The letter is recorded.

Adopted that the list of officers of subordinate lodges in the future be published only in English.

Ten dollars is approved for the Slavonic Monthly magazine for publicizing our organization.

The Supreme Board interprets Section 97 of the By-Laws which states that the Supreme President shall see that all the Supreme and Subordinate Lodge officers conscientiously and orderly comply with their official duties and that this holds true also for the Supreme Judiciaries.

The Supreme Secretary is authorized to order ads of \$10.00 each in one paper in Eveleth, one in Chisholm and one in Virginia, Minn., and a \$20.00 ad in the Ely Miner.

A letter from the former Supreme Judiciary Ignac Zajc of Brooklyn, N. Y. is read in which he wishes the Supreme Board much success with their meeting and promises to continue to work enthusiastically for our organization. The letter is recorded.

Lodge No. 53 of Little Falls, N. Y. announces that on May 5th of this year it will celebrate its 40th anniversary and requests that for this occasion the Supreme President be sent there as speaker. Request is granted.

At the recommendation of the committee concerned the Supreme Board decides that the following assistants in the Home Office be reinstated for a four-year term: Barbara Matsha, with a monthly salary of \$225.00; Katherine Peshel, with a monthly salary of \$170.00; Elizabeth Sever, with a monthly salary of \$115.00; Ann Grahek, with a monthly salary of \$105.00. Anne Perovsek is employed temporarily with a monthly salary of \$75.00. Janitor, Anton Pirsh is to receive a salary of \$55.00 a month. All the stated salaries become effective as of Jan. 1, 1945.

In view of the increased expense of our official organ and in view of the fact that the Nova Doba publishes also a Juvenile Page for our juvenile members, it is adopted that \$200.00 monthly be transferred from the Juvenile Expense Fund to the Adult Expense Fund. This is effective from Jan. 1, 1945 on.

In regard to the fact that the interest rate of our investments decreases every year, the Supreme Secretary is authorized to discuss this with other Slovene fraternal benefit organizations in regard to possible future issuing of certificates for new members on the basis of the credit table which would be based on 2.5% or 3% anticipated interest.

The Northern National Bank of Duluth, Minn. remains the authorized bank for Union assets.

The Supreme Secretary is authorized to disband lodges where the number of members falls below eight, and transfer the members to the closest lodges, as the new By-Laws designate.

Regarding some misunderstanding at the time of the death of the Supreme Judiciary Frank L. Tomsich, it is found that the Supreme Secretary, when he received word of the sudden death of the mentioned Supreme Judiciary, telegraphed same to the Supreme President advising him to notify the Supreme Officers, Frank Okorn and Steve Mauser of Denver, Colo., so that one of them would attend the funeral of the deceased Tomsich, and in this way represent our Union. The telegram was received by the Supreme President by phone, and he understood it to mean that the Supreme Secretary himself sent word to Okorn and Mauser in Denver. The Supreme President because of this did not send any word to the above-mentioned. So it happened that no Supreme Officer of the AFU was present at the funeral of the deceased Supreme Judiciary, Frank Tomsich. Vice-President Mauser, who heard of his death from other sources, telephoned to Walsenburg asking when the funeral would be held. It was later found that the wife of the deceased did not receive the telegram. Therefore, the reason that no Supreme Officer attended the funeral of deceased Brother Tomsich is due to the telegraph confusion.

In the matter of the printing of the new By-Laws, first of all the decision, of the post-convention meeting of the Supreme Board, is abolished which stated that 12,000 copies be published. Then it is adopted that 10,000 copies be printed. Adopted that the job of the printing of the By-Laws be given to the lowest bidder, which is the Fisher Printery of Virginia, Minn.

Adopted, that the lodge secretaries, at the end of the year of 1945 be paid a 50-cent award for each juvenile member who will be in good standing in their lodges as of Dec. 31, 1945.

It was then decided to hold a campaign for enrolling new members in the Juvenile Department. The Campaign will begin on March 1st and be in effect until Dec. 31, 1945. Awards will be distributed every month to those lodges enrolling the highest number of new juvenile members; they are: \$40.00 first award; \$30.00 second award; \$20.00 third award, and \$10.00 fourth award. In addition to these awards, at the end of the year, three further awards of \$75.00, \$50.00 and \$25.00 will be given to the three lodges who, during the ten-month campaign, will enroll the highest number of new juvenile members. Lodges who will receive the awards will divide the award money among those members who have enrolled new juvenile members in their respective lodges. During the campaign it will not be necessary for the new juvenile members to be approved at the lodge meeting, but they can be accepted by the lodge president, secretary and treasurer.

The fourth session is concluded at 6 p. m.

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## Chicago Bowling League News

Chicago, Ill. — The Hujan Team is going to town! Yes, the Hujan Team last week was fortified with special "courage" and they took all three games from the Gottlieb Florists. However, listen to the reason why. Two bowlers were absent from the Gottlieb Florists, one was myself, who could not attend because of illness, and the other was John Goste who was absent but I do not know why. I hope John isn't ill and that next Friday he will again take his place on the team and bowl those pins over. I also hope that I will get better by next Friday and especially by the time when we again are scheduled to bowl with the Hujan Tavern Team. Next week the Hujan team will have a strong opponent, the Liberty Bell No. 70, AFU team which also began to climb right up to the top and last Friday took two games from the Spolar's Hotel team. We'll see what the result will be!

Top bowlers last week were: Individual games: Louis Dolmovich, 195; Andrew Stopar, 195; Steve Panusko, 167; Frank Poupa, 167. Three-game high were: Louis Dolmovich, 531; Andrew Stopar, 480, and Frank Kovacic, 472. Fraternal regards.

John Gottlieb, Sec'y.

## To Sponsor Benefit For Yugoslav Relief

The Waukegan-North Chicago Chapter of the Yugoslav Relief Committee has shipped an additional 1,022 pounds of clothing and miscellaneous supplies to the New York War Relief center where it is being prepared for shipment to war-torn Yugoslavia. A total of 7,136 pounds of supplies has been shipped to the New York depot according to a report submitted by Joseph Zorc, secretary of the local group. The ladies who have been assisting in the collection work and repairing of clothes were led by Mrs. Mary Celarec.

In order to secure further funds for other necessary relief supplies for Yugoslavia, the local committee has arranged with a group of Chicago Yugoslavs to present a benefit performance on Sunday, April 1st in the Slovene National Home at 10th and McAllister. All proceeds of this program are to be turned over to the Yugoslav Relief Fund and Dr. Andrew Furian, president of the committee, requests the cooperation of all local Yugoslavs to help make a success of this event.</p

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL SESSION OF THE SUPREME BOARD OF AFU**

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**Fifth Session**

The fifth session is opened by the Supreme President on Wednesday, Feb. 14th at 9 a. m. Present are all those Supreme Officers who were also present at the former four sessions.

The recorder reads the minutes of the third and fourth sessions which are accepted as read.

A lengthy discussion follows regarding the future campaign for the Juvenile Department, the administration of the Supreme Office and lodges and also various problems in war time, which in one way or another, affect also our organization. The discussion was, in general, of an informative nature.

Then in the name and with the signatures of all the Supreme Officers a farewell letter to the Supreme Auditor Andrew Milavec was read and presented to him as follows:

*In Farewell to Our Friend, Andrew Milavec Jr.*

You are leaving us and with you also goes your ready and genuine smile, which was refreshing and inspirational to us during our associations of the past eight years. The thoughts of your not being with us are somewhat depressing and we really will miss your actual presence. The consoling conviction is that in spirit you will always be with us and we with you, whenever recollections are made of any of the interesting incidents and experiences we enjoyed through your coming among us.

You always were a real pal, sincere in wishing only good to your friends. With your native and acquired knowledge you have enriched our understanding and demonstrated that there never was in your heart any evil purpose or revenge. Only magnanimous thoughts entered your mind and ascribed each human failure to weakness which nature has implanted in every being.

This is your genuine and natural wisdom, which has acquired for you our strong and definite respect.

We are therefore, all of a single mind and desire that you always remain a good and active member of the American Fraternal Union. Do not, therefore, ever permit the spirit of fraternity of our beloved organization to become clouded and dull. A time will come for you again when you may be able to pick up the same work you are now leaving.

The AFU is necessary for your life, because you have become enkindled for it and you also would miss it should you break this tie. And our organization needs you because you understand it and can interpret its lofty purposes both to the older and younger generations of Slovenes in America. Never forget this, as a failure in this respect would create an injustice to your wisdom and intelligence, which make you big and mighty in your displayed character.

May these sentiments remain and travel the path of life with you. Take and retain them among your fondest memories.

Brother Andrew Milavec was very deeply moved and sincerely thanked the officers for their expression of brotherhood and friendliness.

This concluded the program of the fifth session and the annual meeting of the Supreme Board and the Supreme President concluded the session and the annual meeting with the following message:

"Brothers and Sisters! I am grateful to you for all your cooperation and work, which we accomplished at this meeting. We did this with the sincere conviction that this was best for our organization and membership. The adopted decisions are now our program until the next meeting of the Supreme Board. At the conclusion of this meeting I wish you a pleasant and safe return to your homes. Until we meet again!"

"With this I conclude the regular annual meeting of the Supreme Board of the American Fraternal Union."

The fifth session of the annual meeting was concluded Feb. 14th at 12 o'clock noon.

JANKO N. ROGELJ,  
Supreme President;

ANTON J. TERBOVEC,  
Recording Secretary.

**NEWS FROM CHISHOLM, MINN.**

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that he was elected as governor with a majority of 100,000 votes, and that he was elected because the people trusted him as an honest man. In conclusion the writer stated that in the next four years, Governor Lau-sche, can go on to a higher position. It is significant and makes us happy to see such recognition given to our countryman Lau-sche by a republican paper such as the Duluth Herald. All American Slovenes can well be proud of him!

At this time I would also like to add that I would like to read some news from Chicago. Brother John Gottlieb writes often but he reports chiefly about bowling. This is very good; however, if he would report other news at the same time, it would be even better.

In conclusion I invite all members of Lodge No. 150, AFU to attend our next meeting which will be held on Sunday, March 4th. The meeting will be held at the home of the secretary and will begin at 2 p. m. I hope that by that time the weather will be warmer so all our members can come to the meeting, and I hope that we shall enroll some new



OPA Sets Ceilings on Dry Batteries:

OPA fixed specific ceiling prices for wholesale and retail sales of dry batteries. The prices are based on those prevailing in March 1942. Ceilings had been the individual seller's highest prices in March 1940 but OPA found it was difficult for buyers to remember what they had paid then.

Two sizes of flashlight batteries—regular and baby—will cost a maximum of 10 cents each at retail; radio batteries at \$2.19 to \$6.25.

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**Need for WAC Hospital Technicians:**

With wounded soldiers returning to hospitals here at the rate of 1,000 a day, the Army has asked for 6,500 more WAC hospital technicians. They are so urgently needed the period of basic military training will be shortened to 4½ weeks, the technical course to six weeks.

The Army asked for more WACs because "the civilian aide, though extremely valuable, cannot be transferred or given complete training."

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**Poultry Scarce:**

Canned chicken noodle soup will disappear from store shelves. Poultry that formerly went to manufacturers of canned and frozen poultry products for civilians is now being diverted into 70 million pounds of chicken and turkey rations for overseas' messes according to WFA. Canned chicken, boned, frozen poultry preparations will be off the market. Fresh poultry will continue scarce.

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**New Deferral Plan Announced:**

The government has worked out a plan for deferring key men under 30, limited in application to men who were in 2-A or 2-B on January 1st. Under it, war plants and other employers of men considered necessary to the public health and safety will ask one of a number of government agencies to certify a few key workers for possible deferment. The recommendations of these agencies will go to local draft boards, which will continue to have the final say.

F. J. E.

The Greater Cleveland Safety Council and the National Safety Council estimate that 48,000 of the nation's 850,576 hospital beds were occupied by accident cases, on the basis of a one-day survey. So, become a stickler for safety, then you won't be forced to take up a much-needed hospital bed!

**DOPISI**

**New York, N. Y.—VAŽNA OBJAVA O RELIEFU.**—Te dni je bilo Vojnemu pomožnemu fonda Američanov južnoslavenskega porekla od višjih oblasti dovoljeno, da v bližnjem bodočnosti ponovno pošlje večjo količino reliefnega blaga v Jugoslavijo. Zato apeliramo na vse naše organizacije širok Amerike, da ves nabranji material, ki ga imajo na razpolago, pošljejo na:

Warehouse—War Relief Fund for Americans of South Slavic Descent, 161 Perry St., New York 14, New York.

Presimo vas, bratje in sestre, da se temu klicu takoj odzovete, ter da vso količino nabranje oblike in drugega blaga brez odlašanja pošljete na gori označeni naslov. Na ta način, kar je velike važnosti, bo ta material dostavljen še to zimo našim izstradanim narodom v Jugoslaviji.

Za WRFASSD:

Rev. Strahinja Maletich, glavni tajnik.

**New York, N. Y.—Slovenec in Slovenkam velikega New Yorka!**—S p r v i m m a r c e m se prične kampanja Rdečega križa in tekom te kampanje se bo po vsej deželi zbralo vsoto \$180,000,000. Da se zbore omenjeno vsoto v enem mesecu, je treba energičnega dela in vsestransko podporo od strani ljudstva.

V času kampanje lani in predlanskim nam je bila v naši slovenski naselbini velikega New Yorka dana dobra podpora v tem oziru in odzvali smo se na klic Rdečega križa prav častno, ter tako doprinesli svoj delež k skupni določeni kvoti.

Rdeči križ se je obrnil na nas tudi letos in pričakuje, da se odzovemo z isto dobro voljo in uspehom kot vselej doslej . . . Naši vojaki na bojnih poljih se cdizajo vsak dan . . . vsako uro . . . vsako minuto . . . dajajoč svoja mlada življena za dosegom zmagne in srečnejše bodočnosti za sedaj tako raztrgan in podstrahoto vojne vihre vzdihajoč svet . . . Mi na domači fronti moramo stati našim borcem ob strani . . . saj so to naši bratje, očetje, sinovi, možje, sorodniki, znanci, prijatelji, in kadar dajuemo za Ameriški rdeči križ, tedaj prožimo človekoljubno roko pomoči onim, ki so nam najbližji, na katere vsi največ in najpogosteje mislimo v teh dneh.

Rdeči križ je vedno in povsod ob njih strani in potrebi, da jim nudi pomoči, tolažbe, ter toplo v spremstvu za stari kraj. Odgovor je seveda "Da." Istotako tudi delarne prispevke za pomočno akcijo kakor tudi za SANS. Rojava, kateri še niste včlanjeni pri naši ali kateri drugi podružnici, pristopite zraven, letna članarina je dva dolarja ali več. Najbolj priporočljivo od naše strani pa je, da plačujete mesečno in pride na naše redne seje, kjer dobimo vedno važne informacije, ob enem pa pride enkrat na mesec v prijateljsko družbo. Naše seje se vrše vsako četrto soboto zvečer v Fleinerjevi dvorani, 1638 N. Halsted St.

Kot prejšnje kampanje, bomo tudi letošnjo otvorili s prireditvijo shoda za Rdeči križ. Shod se bo vršil dne 4. marca v Slovenskem domu v Brooklynu. Začetek bo ob štirih popoldne. Načrt bo predstavnik Rdečega križa, da nam objasni pomen kampanje. Udeležite se gotovo vsi! — Slovenski odbor za Rdeči križ:

Anna P. Krasna.

**Chicago, Ill.—Zahvala podružnice št. 2 SANS.**—Citamo in slišimo, v kakšnem pomanjkanju in revščini se nahajajo ljudje v naši opustošeni stari domovini. Zato je dolžnost nas vseh, da jim pomagamo in še v naprej zbiramo prispevke zanje, kjer koli mogoče. Pred par meseci smo Slovenci v tem delu mesta napravili kolekt po hišah; rezultat 687 dolarjev in precej oblike. Dne 20. januarja smo pa imeli v ta namen prireditev in to brez vsake posebne kolekte; čisti prebitek bo okrog tri sto dolarjev (natančno še ne moremo reči, ker niso še vse vstopnice vrnjene). Da je bil uspeh tako lep, gre zahvala vsem, prirediteljem in posetnikom. Ni več kot

prav, da omenimo vsaj nekatere, kateri so pripomogli, da je bil uspeh in da njih delo ni bilo zmanjšano. Na primer: Hannah Slamanik se je potrudila, da je sama prodala ravno sto vstopnic, poleg tega je s pomočjo svojega sina Franka preskrbeli vse mesece po zelo nizki ceni; Fannie Medizer je prodala 55 vstopnic in drugi tako naprej. Preveč bi se zavleklo, da bi omenjali vse.

Mary Arnez in Josephine Sober sta preskrbeli vse druge potrebštine za kuhanje. Potice, vsaka po eno so darovali: Agnes Katz, Louise Kovačič, Theresa Garden, Jennie Sustarsič in Mary Turk, Agnes Benchan pa nadto še lepih krovov. Veliko jih je delalo od začetka pa do konca veselice. Dvorana polna gostov, kuharice, bartenderji in drugi vsak pri svojem delu pa zaposleni, da jih je bilo veselje gledati.

Tudi iz južozapadne strani so prišli pomagati—uničevati piske tikete, naši prijatelji: V. Cainkar, A. Garden, F. Zaitz in Angela, Bizjak, P. Berger, A. Zorko in več drugih. Posetila nam je tudi skupina naših prijateljev bosanskih muslimanov iz severne strani mesta.

Skušali smo postreči vsem, kar smo mogli, da je bila zabava domaća in neprisiljena; upamo da ni nobenemu žal za poset. V imenu podružničnega in prireditvenega odbora: vsem delavcem in posetnikom iskrena zahvala, in upamo, da se ob enakih prilikah zopet vidimo. Kar je prišlo na priredbo, je v ta namen dal 10 dolarjev John Verbič iz Berwyna (katero vsoto je tajnik izročil Philip Sober), enako Franči Štefe 3 dolarje in par drugih po en dolar. John Marsi je prinesel 11 dolarjev, katero so dali: John Gabrovšek in družina, iz Northbrook, Ill., in pa 12 dolarjev za 24 vstopnic, katero je prodal.

Več drugih je zaslužilo, da bili tukaj omenjeni, in, če niste, imejte zadoščenje, da ste delali in prispevali v dober, plemenit namen. Toraj najlepša zahvala vsem v vsakemu posebej!

Vedno še kdo vpraša, če še zbiramo oblike in druge potrebne stvari za stari kraj. Odgovor je seveda "Da." Istotako tudi delarne prispevke za pomočno akcijo.

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Peter Šolnar, 3019 N. Damen Ave. ima zbrane precej oblike za stari kraj, prinesite ali spočnite enemu ali drugemu članu družine, kar je veliko pripomoglo, da je odbor podružnice določil, da prispeva za mesec februar \$1,000, katera vsota je bila že od poslanata na glavni urad WRFASSD v prvem delu mesta.

Načrtni tukaj se prireditev, da se bodo paketi do preklica prejeli na sledenih naslovnih: Slovenski dom, 2101 Mariposa St.; John Franulovich, 264 Misouri St.; International Book Store, 1400 Market St.; Adriatic Cafe, 1318 Polk St.; Louis & Co., 1271 Mission St., in pri John Vojich, 1960–15th St. Citatelji "Nove Dobe" in njih prijatelji so prošenji, da upoštevajo ta navodila in da prinesijo čim več oblike, katero bodo v tem delu mesta.

John Turk, tajnik.

**Cheswick, Pa.—Naše društvo Vesela bodočnost, št. 203 ABZ.**—Je v vojni nekje na zapadni evropski fronti izgubilo dobrega člena, brata Johna Savora. Hadel je 28. novembra 1944 in tozadnevo brzjavno poročila iz Washingtona je težko prizadelo njegovo mater. Naše iskreno sožalje. Drugi naš sobrat, Albert Yelovčan, je pa naznani za pogrešanega nekje v Nemčiji. Gleda njega še obstaja upanje, da se vrne med nas.

Člani našega društva naj bodo obveščeni, da ne bom kolekt, asesmenta na 28. dan v mesecu, ako pride ta dan na soboto ali nedeljo, ampak bom porabil asesment in dan pozneje, to je v pondeljek. Bratski pozdrav! — Za društvo št. 203 ABZ.

Joseph Yohman, Jr., tajnik.

**Barberton, O.**

—Naše društvo Sv. Martina, št. 44 ABZ, je izgubilo dobrega v zvestega člena Franka Poje. Doma je bil iz Babnega polja pri Ložu na Notranjskem. Pokopan je bil na pokopališču Lakewood, Akron, Ohio. Družini in sorodnikom naj bo izraženo naše iskreno sožalje.

Umrli je komaj rojen sinček naše članice Mrs. Joseph Hite, prejšnje Miss Agnes Virant. Njegov oče, saržent Joseph Hite, je nekje na francoski fronti. Družini naše sožalje. Ranjen na bojišču je bil naš član Anthony Kaluza. Želimo mu skorajšnjega okrevanja.

Dne 4. marca bo tukaj kazal premične slike Mr. Vincent Lautar, naš član. Ves dobitek je namenjen fondu za novo bolnišnico, katero bodo postavili nekje v Barbertonu. Vsa slovenska društva delujejo za to; nameravamo zbrati tisoč dolarjev, kar naj bi bil prispevek barbertonskih Slovencev. Ena soba v bolnišnici bo označena, da so jo prispevali barbertonski Sloveni. To je pravilno, da za takne humanitarne svrhe prispevamo po možnosti tudi Slovenci; dosedaj so za take svrhe, ki so v korist in pomoč vsem, prispevala navadno le druga društva, kot Eagle, Moose itd. Mi Slovenci smo tukaj in bomo ostali tukaj, živimo primeroma dobro, torej je pošteno, da včasih tudi kaj prispevamo k razvoju našega mesta. Naj bi nobenega ne manjkalo na prireditvi 4. marca. Začetek ob polnem zvečer.

Poročila sta se tu Miss Mary Cerne in Pfc. Edward Jonas. Bilo srečno!

Jennie Okolish, tajnica društva št. 44 ABZ.

**San Francisco, Calif.**—Pred kratkim se je tukaj ustanovila krajeva podružnica WRFASSD, katere namen je, da nabira obliko, denar in druge potrebščine za pomoč južnim Slovanom v stari domovini, in da seznamo prijateljev, ki pa zadnje čase pogrešam. Upam, da Florence ponovno oglasi. Opazil sem tudi mladinsko stran, in solidim, če bodo mladinski člani sodelovali, bo stran res zanimiva.

Prepričan sem, da jo bom tudi v časih, ko se nam godi v vasi, enkrat ne moreva pritoževati. Tony pošilja pozdrave vsem. Najprej naj povem, da redno dobivam Novo Dobo, in upam, da je redno dobivajo tudi drugi člani v vojaški službi. To je povsem vredno. Jaz z velikim zanimanjem čitam angleški del lista. Posebno rad čitam dopise od Florence Startz, katere pa zadnje

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(Nadaljevanje s 5. strani)

Ray govori nekoliko francoski. Potem morda igramo igro "Euchar" ali plešemo. "Mama" dobro igra in nas uči, kako je treba dajati signale pri igri, pa tudi dobro pleše. Midva z "mamo" največkrat pleševa polko skupaj. Albert je tudi dober plesalec. Navrocki skuša naučiti "mamo," kako se pleše jitterbug, pri čemer imamo dosti sineha; toda "mama" hitro pobira. Po zabavi smo postreženi z gorko kavo in mlinci, katere zna Nellie zelo okusno napraviti. Po tej zakuski želimo družini "Bonswar," kar je francoski izraz za lahko noč. Tako zaključimo dan.

Bili smo že deležni nekaterih zelo okusnih domačih kosi, kar smo tukaj. "Mama" res zna kuhati; posebno präzen krompir po francoskem načinu zna imenito napraviti.

Po pravici rečeno, vsem nam fantom dobro de, da imamo nekoga, ki nadomestuje naše matere, dokler smo tu. Ko bomo odšli domov, ne bomo nikdar pozabili dobrih časov in gostoljubnosti, katero smo uživali med Belgijci. Upam, da ste z zanimanjem čitali to moje poročilo in da boste tako prijateljsko čutili na pram dobrem belgijskemu ljudstvu kot čutimo mi. Oni dan sem srečal še enega drugega slovenskega fanta tukaj. Morda ga kateri izmed vas pozna. Njegovo ime je Rudolph Lasich in prijava iz Sacramento, California.

Well, to bo vse za sedaj. Dobro delajte tam doma in ne odnehatje, dokler ne bo zmaga naša. Podpirajte nas z nakupovanjem vojnih bondov in znakov, da se čim prej povrnejo domov vse, ki so vam dragi. K zaključku vam želim vso srečo in zadovoljnost. Vaš  
Pvt. Joseph Banich.

**Waukegan, Ill.** — Podružnica Jugoslavanskega pomožnega odbora za Waukegan in North Chicago je spet odposlala 1,022 funtov oblike in raznih drugih potreščin relifnemu centru v New York, kjer se bodo poslane potreščine priredile za odpošiljanje v Jugoslavijo. Dosedaj je bilo od tu v to svrhu poslano v New York skupno 7,136 funtov raznih potreščin. Pri zbiranju potreščin in popravljanju oblike so požrtvovalno sodelovali naše ženske pod vodstvom Mrs. Mary Celarec.

Tukajšnji lokalni pomožni odbor je aranžiral s skupino chicagskih Jugoslovjanov zabavno prireditve, ki se bo v nedeljo 1. aprila vršila v Slovenskem narodnem domu v Waukeganu. Ves čisti dobiček se bo porabil za nabavo nadaljnih količin potreščin za naše trpeče rojake v starem kraju. Predsednik lokalnega pomožnega odbora, dr. Andrew Furlan, vabi k sodelovanju vse tukajšnjem v Slovenec in Jugoslavcem, da bo prireditve čim bolj uspešna. — Za odbor:  
Joseph Zorc.

**Midvale, Utah.** — Članstvu Ameriške bratske zveze in drugim rojakom po Ameriki naznam, da je dne 19. januarja 1945 umrl član in sostanovitelj društva št. 86 ABZ, Mike Sajatovich, star 79 let. Bival je v Toole, Utah. Več let po ustanovitvi društva je bil blagajnik istega ter je svoj posel opravljjal pošteno in točno. Bil je splošno priljubljen med člani in drugimi rojaki. Njegova sopraga, tudi članica našega društva, je umrla leta 1931. Brat Sajatovich zapušča pet hčer in tri sinove, od katerih dva služita v vojnih silah Zedinjenih držav.

Pokojni Mike Sajatovich je bil doma od Metlike v Beli Krajini. Zadnjih 29 let je bil popolnoma slep. Takšna ali slična je bila usoda mnogih naših priseljevcov, ki so bili izpostavljeni nevarnim poslom v tovarnah, ru-

dokopih in topilnicah. Vid mu je bodo vse članice lahko prišle na opešal leta 1915, nekaj let po nekaj novih članov v naš mlačinski oddelki. Saj štorklje so v po smrti njegove soproge. Njegova trda živiljenska pot je zdaj končana. Položen je bil k večemu počitku po cerkvenih obredih dne 25. januarja na pokopališču mesta Tooele, Utah. Naj bo pokojniku lahka svobodna ameriška gruda, žalujočim ostalim pa naj bo izraženo sožalje. — Za društvo št. 86 ABZ:

Peter Blatnick, tajnik.

**Chisholm, Minn.** — V Novi Dobi sem čitala, da imate v Clevelandu precej hudo zimo, vendar mislim, da se v tem oziru morete meriti z nami v Minnesotu. V dneh 15. in 16. februarja je topomer kazal kar 20 do 25 stopinj pod ničlo in divjal je hud snežni vihar. Več delavevni moglo na delo, ker so avtomobili občeli v snegu. (Vaš urednik je odnesel pete iz Minnesota 14. februarja, torej ravno pravčasno. Op. ured.)

Sobrat Frank Tekavec in Louis Ambrozich sta v Novi Dobi vzpodbudno pisala za zgradnjo Slovenskega narodnega doma v Chisholmu. Upam, da vzpodbuda kaj do se že, kajti Dom je tukajšnji naselbini res potreben, mladim in stari. Ako bi bilo med nami več zavednosti, bi lahko že imeli naš Dom. Znano je, da so si zgradile čedne Slovenske domove dosti manjše slovenske naselbine kot je naša. Sedaj se tukaj dobro dela in storitev bi lahko marsikdo prispeval v to svrhu. Sto mož in žena po sto dollarjev vsak ali vsaka, ki zneslo 10 tisoč dollarjev, in za takso vsoto bi lahko kupili že priljivo dobro stavbo, kjer bi imeli tako rekoč domače ognjišče in zbirališče. Pomislimo, kako lepo bo, ko se bodo naši sinovi vracali iz vojne domov ter jih bomo lahko lepo sprejeli in pogostili v Slovenskem domu. Jaz mislim, da s tem jim bomo npravili veliko veselje in pripomogli, da se bodo z večjim veseljem oklenili domačega ognjišča. Torej, rojaki in rojakinje, postanite delničarji Slovenskega doma. Vaše deleže lahko plačate pri tajniku Doma, Josephu Botetu.

V duluthskem listu Duluth Herald z dne 17. januarja sem čitala zelo zanimiv uredniški članek o našem rojaku in sobratu Franku Lauschetu, sedanjem governerju države Ohio. Člankar tam piše, da je bil Lausche osem let sodnik Common Pleas sodišča v Clevelandu, potem pa je bil dvakrat zaporedoma izvoljen za mestnega župana. Dalje omenja člankar, da se Lausche po politični pripadnosti šteje za demokrata, toda organizirani demokrati mu niso bili preveč naklonjeni, ker ni hotel sprejeti denarne kampanjske podpore od njihove strani, in tako tudi ni dolžan demokratskim voditeljem delati kakje posebne usluge. Piše, da je zmagal za governerja z večino nad 100,000 glasov, in zmagal zato, ker mu je kot poštenjaku ljudstvo zaučalo. Končno je člankar pripomnil, da v prihodnjih štirih letih govorja Lausche lahko doseže še kako višje mesto. Značilno in razveseljivo je, da našemu rojaku Lauschetu daje tako priznanje republikanski list kot je Duluth Herald. Vsi ameriški Slovenci smo lahko ponosni naši.

Pri tej priliki bi se tudi želela izraziti, da bi rada čitala kakše novice iz Chicaga. Sobrat John Gottlieb pogosto piše, toda on večinoma poroča le o kegljanju. To je dobro, toda, če bi istočasno poročal še kaj drugih novic, bi bilo še bolje.

K sklep vabim članice društva št. 150 ABZ, da se kar močno polnoštevilno udeležijo prihodnje seje, ki se bo vršila v nedeljo 4. marca. Seja se bo vršila na domu tajnice in se bo pričela ob 2. uri popoldne. Upam, da tkrat bo že bolj gorko vreme, da

javka, katere vsebina je bila: "Mr. Lenarsic passed away this morning." Nastala je tišina, naki pravim: "Zdaj veste, kam bom šel." Svakinja prikima v vzdihu, da je bilo vse delo zastonj. Ko jo žena vpraša, kako delo misli, odgovori: "Pripravljali smo vama proslavo k 35. letnici zakonskega živiljenja." Jaz sem izjavil, da naj mesto naj bo izraženo sožalje. — Frances Lukanic, članica društva št. 150 ABZ.

**Claridge, Pa.** — Na decembarski seji društva št. 40 ABZ so bili za leto 1945 izvoljeni slediči uradniki: Frank Bratkovich, predsednik; Louis Shula, podpredsednik; John Regina, tajnik; Rudolph Yerina, zapisnik; Frank Supancic, blagajnik; Nick Yankovich, John Turk in John Vozel, nadzorniki. Društveni zdravnik je dr. C. P. Snyder.

Ako upoštevamo prejšnjo situacijo in brezbriznost od strani nekaterih članov, moramo reči, da sta bili naši prvi dve seji tako odpeljali do hiš pokojnika. Odprli so nama člani društva št. 53 ABZ, katerega član je bil pokojnik Lenaršič. V drugi sobi sta bili sestri Ana in žena pokojnika in v drugi sestra Micka. Povedale so nama o nenadni smrti pokojnika in marsikaj drugega in takon ni nihče mislil na spanje. Zunaj je bilo že svetlo, ko smo miše vedno govorili, in sicer pri luči, ne vedoči, da je zunaj že dan.

Bila je nedelja in prihajati so pričeli v posej prijatelji in znani, da zadnjič pozdravijo starega prijatelja. Prihajali in odgovorili mu je, da dve leti in pol. Častnik mu ga je potem pokazal: tam je tvoj brat! Nekaj časa sta se gledala, prednostno sta drug drugega spoznala. Svidenje je bilo seveda veselo. Anthony je ostal z bratom na ladji do drugega dne in je bil zelo dobro postrežen. Drugo jutro je smeliti Emil z njim na suho v njegovem obredu. Položili smo pokojnika v tesno mrtvašnico, kjer bo počakal gorkejšega vremena. Tukaj v Little Fallsu namreč nričevje ne pokopavajo v zimskem času, ampak počakajo z njimi, da se zemlja ogreje in otaja. To seveda pomeni za sroodnike ponovne stroške in ponovno žalost.

Pokojni Louis Lenaršič je bil rojen leta 1881 na Uncu pri Logatcu v Jugoslaviji in prišel je v Ameriko, in sicer v Little Falls, leta 1906. Porocil se je istega leta z Mary Prevec. Delal je 18 let pri Gilbert Knitting Co., 20 let pa v New York Central Freight House. Bil je vrsto let član društva št. 53 ABZ in večletni predsednik istega. Zapuščal je svojega soproga, sina Raymonda, sina sarženta Freda, ki je nekje na bojnem polju, hčerk Mary in Frances in dva vnuka.

Podpisani in soprogia se iskreni pozdravljajo za vse izraze sožalja in naklonjenosti mnogoštevilnim prijateljem. Ginjena sva bila, ko sva mogla seči v roke mnogim prijateljem in znancem, s katerimi smo se mnogokrat skupaj zabavali v Little Fallsu od leta 1906 do 1917. Mnoge izmed njih nisem videl vse od leta 1917, ko sem zapustil Little Falls, dasi navadno grem na vsa tri ali štiri leta tja malo počakati. To navado bom skušal obdržati tudi v bodoče.

Zahvalim se za vso naklonjenost družinam Albreht, Mrzličar, Masle in Troha, sestri Ani, Mr. in Mrs. Korče, Mr. in Mrs. R. Lenaršič, družinam Grašč in J. Estenč in ostalim prijateljem. Obiskala bi bila rada tja mnoge prijatelje, pa zaradi slabe vremena in velikega snega ni bilo mogoče. Kadar naji pot spet nanesel v Little Falls, upam, da bo lepše vreme, in takrat bova skušala nadomestiti zamudne obiske. Pozdravljeni, prijatelji! Družini Lenaršič pa najmo odkritosčno sožalje.

Na slepem črevusu je bila te dni operirana 14-letna Mary Margaret Matekovich, članica mladinskega oddelka društva št. 108 ABZ. Operacija je bila nujna in dekliva, ki je moja vnučinja, je operacijo dobro prestala in se zadovoljivo zdravi.

Nato se zaslisi trkanje na vrata in izročena mi je bila brzo-

**Blaine, O.** — Brata Anthonya J. Bradley in Emil E. Bradley, člana društva Napredni Slovenči, št. 155 ABZ, v Elaine, Ohio, sta se po dveh letih in pol sešla daleč od doma, in sicer na filipinskem otoku Luzon. Anthony piše, da prej, dokler je bil na New Guineji, ni smel pisati o tem. Bil je v petih večjih bitkah in več malih spopadih na New Guineji. Dalje piše, da se mu tam ni dopadlo, ker je prehuda vročina in ker domače prebivalstvo ne razume angleščine. Na Filipinih, kjer je na otoku Luzon, kjer je zdaj, se mu bolj dopade. Podnebje je bolj zdравo v Filippinih, ter razumejo in govorijo še precej dobro angleško. Dalje so tudi zelo veseli in hvaležni, ker so prisile ameriške čete jih osvoboditi iz japonskega jarma.

Drugi dan 10. februarja ob 11. uri dopoldne sva se s soprogom odpeljala proti Little Fallsu, N. Y., upajoč, da bova ob pol enajstih zvečer na mestu. Toda postovanja dandanes niso tako kot bila pred leti, in tako sva dovoljno spela v Little Falls še drugi dan ob 4. uri zjutraj. K sreči je bil pri rokah taksi, ki naji je odpeljal do hiš pokojnika. Odprli so nama člani društva št. 53 ABZ, katerega član je bil pokojnik Lenaršič. V drugi sobi sta bili sestri Ana in žena pokojnika in v drugi sestra Micka. Povedale so nama o nenadni smrti pokojnika in marsikaj drugega in takon ni nihče mislil na spanje. Zunaj je bilo že svetlo, ko smo miše vedno govorili, in sicer pri luči, ne vedoči, da je zunaj že dan.

Ko je bil 27. januarja na strazi in opazoval bližajoče se bojno brodovje, je ugledal tudi številko ladje, na kateri je bil njegov brat Emil. Šel je k svojem povojniku, mu vso stvar pojasnili in ga prosili za dovoljenje, da bi smel obiskati svojega brata na bojni ladji. Dobil je dovoljenje in se je podal na ladjo. Prijavil se je povojniku častniku in mu povedal, da želi videti svojega brata Emila E. Bradleya.

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