

KONCEM TEDNA

DIPLOMATI zaveznih držav v Washingtonu v zasebnih pogovorih naglašajo, da bi moral imeti Roosevelt okrog sebe mlajše, bolj dinamične kabinetske uradnike. Hulla, Ickesa, Stimsona, Jonesa sicer smatrajo za dobre državnike, vendar pa že prestare, ki ne morejo dati toliko moči državnim bremenom, kot jo lahko dajo mlajše moči.

AMERIŠKI komunisti so zelo aktivni med zamorskim plemenom, da je zapostavljen tako v industriji, kot drugod. Vlada je v skrbeh, ker se propaganda proti črnem vedno bolj širi. Tajna policija je prišla zdaj na sled tudi japonski propagandi, ki je na delu med črnci v Ameriki in jim neprestano pripoveduje, da so povsod zapostavljeni. Japonski radio naprej in naprej pripoveduje, kako belci v Ameriki grdo postopajo z zamorskimi plemenom.

KRIZA v angleškem vladnem kabinetu še ni rešena, čeprav je Churchill izvedel nekaj drastičnih sprememb. Toda oni, ki napovedujejo padec Churchilla, naj na to kaj lepo pozabijo.

LONDON in Washington sta poslala Vatikanu uradno spomenico, v kateri se čudita, da se Sveta Stolica pogaja z Japonci za izmenjavo diplomatskih zastopnikov. V Londonu celo trdijo, da je Stalin poslal v Vatikan pismo, v katerem se ponuja kot posredovalca med Vatikanom in Tokijem.

NEMCI trdijo, da je Anglija izgubila nadmoč v Sredozemlju. Osišče zdaj vsiplje vojne poblašitve v severno Afriko po ozkem pasu med Sicilijo in Tripoljem, ne da bi angleški bombniki skusili prevoz ovirati. Anglija ima polne roke dela, da brani otok Malto, ki ga osišče neprestano bombardira. Mnogo ladje in bombnikov je poslala Anglija tudi v Indski ocean.

SUDETSKI in avstrijski kmetje dobivajo zdaj plačilo za svoje sodelovanje kot petokolonci za nacije. V zadnjih par mesecih je bilo poslanih več avstrijskih in sudetskih kmetov na dolga pot v Luksemburg in v severno Francijo, odkoder so na cesti s silo pregnali domaćine.

EDEN izmed grških radijskih oznanjevalcev v New Yorku, ki pošilja radijska poročila po kratkih valovih v Grčijo, je obšel. Zasačili so ga, da je črnil iz poročil ves material, ki bi bil obsežen za nacije in ves material, ki bi bil v korist zaveznikom.

TISTI, ki se boje, da bo zmanjka kave, naj brez skrbi spi. Kljub temu, da zelo primanjkuje kave, pa bo naša vlada stala vse v svoji moči, da dobimo iz Brazilije dovolj kofetke.

POROČILA iz Francije zatrjujejo, da je v okolici tako pomembne petroleje za domače svetilke, da so začeli ljudje krasti sveče v cerkvah.

VELIK del težkih tankov, ki jih dobiva Rusija, prihaja iz Kana, ki pošilja lažje tanke v Anglijo.

Važna seja
Društvo Bled, št. 20 SDZ ima jutri popoldne ob eni uri sejo v SND na 80. cesti. Najprijetnejše članstvo v velikem številu.

KADAR UDARI TORPEDO!



Torpedo iz nemške podmornice je zadet oljni tanker "R. P. Resor" ob obali države New Jersey. Črni oblaki dima kažejo, da se je olje užgalo. Slika je bila vzeta par trenutkov prej, predno se je parnik pogreznil.

Nemci so masakrirali 15.000 Judov; otroke so kar žive metali v skupne jame

Moskva. (ONA). — Očividci pripovedujejo, da so Nemci masakrirali v Borisovu, 75 milj zahodno od Smolenska, 7.000 Judov. Otroke so metali kar žive v jame in ljudje pripovedujejo, da se je zemlja nad grobovi še dve uri potem dvigala, ko so že jame zasuli. V istem mestu so pozneje pobili še 8.000 Judov, katere so Nemci nabrali po raznih krajih.

O tem pripovedujejo poveljniki četnikov, ki delujejo za nemško linijo in ki trdijo, da lahko

navedejo 500 prič, ki so te strahne prizore videli.

Judje so si morali sami kopati grobove. Otroke so metali v plitke jame še žive, včasih so jih prej omamili s tem, da so jih tolkli s puškinim kopitom po glavi. Mnogo mož in žena so vrgli v jame ranjene in žive, potem pa jame naglo zasuli. Ljudje z grozo pripovedujejo, kako se je nasuta zemlja še dve uri potem dvigala, znamenje, da so se žrtve še toliko časa mučile, predno so se zadušile.

Protizračne baterije so zadele poslopje v New Yorku

New York, 13. marca. — Protizračna baterija, ki je nastanjena pri New Yorku je danes ob 3:30 popoldne po naključju izstrelila osem krogel v smeri Wall Streeta. Ob istem času se je odkrnil zid s poslopja Equitable Life in sicer med 37. in 38. nadstropjem. Policija poroča, da je našla na tleh poleg obzidja tudi štiri ali pet je. klenih kosov, kakih dva palca dolgi, o katerih sodijo, da so od topovskih krogel. Ranjen ni bil nihče.

Ko je začela padati na tla opeka in zid s poslopja, je nastalo spodaj na cesti med ljudmi veliko razburjenje. Policija in požarna bramba sta hitela na lice mesta. O celi zadevi se vrši zdaj preiskava.

Bojeval bi se za Nemce, a za Strica Sama pa ne

Edwin C. Harter, star 34 let, rojen v Clevelandu, je včeraj izjavil federalni oblasti, da bi se šel takoj vojskovati za Nemčijo, za Zed. države pa ne. Prijeli so ga, ker je zbežal iz Warrensville; kamor je bil obsojen radi pijanosti. Potem so ga oblasti dognale, da se ni registriral za vojaško službo. Zdaj čaka na obravnavo.

John Anžiček na operaciji

Dobro poznani in spoštovani rojak John Anžiček iz Girarda, O. se je zadnjo soboto podvrget težki operaciji v St. Elizabeth bolnišnici v Youngstownu. Operacija je srečno prestal. Vsi mu želimo, da bi se kmalu zopet zdrav in čil vrnil domov.

Avstralija prizna izgubo 2 ladij

833 oseb pogrešajo z ladjami, Ladji sta odpluli proti domu iz Jave, potem niso pa več slišali o njih. Japonci se bližajo Solomonskem otočju.

AMERIKANCI SO SKLATILI JAPONCEM PET BOJNIH LETAL

Melbourne, Avstralija, 14. marca. — Dve avstralski ladji, križarka Perth in šalupa (jadrnica) Yarra, s posadko 833 moških, sta najbrže izgubljeni. Tako je izjavil danes premier Curtin. Obe ladji sta se z velikim uspehom udeleževali bojev okrog Jave brez vsake poškodbe, toda odkar sta odpluli iz Jave proti domu, je izginila vsaka sled za njima. Sodi se, da so ju Japonci potopili.

Japonci so poročali še 3. marca, sta so potopili blizu Jave 23 zaveznih ladij, med temi tudi gori omenjeni avstralski ladji. Križarka Perth je pomagala lansko leto odpeljavati angleške vojake iz otoka Krete in so jo takrat nemške bombe nekaj poškodovale. Jadrnica je pa lanskega oktobra z neko drugo ladjo zasegla v Perzijskem zalivu sedem osiških ladij.

Poročila tudi naznanjajo, da se bliža japonsko ladjeve Solomonskim otokom, ki ščitijo Avstralijo in Novo Zelandijo na vzhodu in severu. S tem namestijo Japonci najbrže zavarnosti svoje desno krilo, če bodo napadli Avstralijo in pa da preprečijo Zed. državam dovoz potrebščin v Avstralijo in Novo Zelandijo.

Washington, 13. marca. — Vojni oddelek danes poroča, da je pet ameriških bombnikov napadlo japonsko bazo na Novi Gvineji, severno od Avstralije. V bitki z japonskimi letali so Amerikanci zbili pet japonskih letal, sami so pa prišli iz bitke brez vsake škode. Ameriški bombniki so napravili, predno so odleteli, na zrakovnem priistanu veliko škodo.

Dalje poroča vojni oddelek, da ni na Filipinih še par dni nobenih bojev. MacArthurjeva armada čaka pripravljena na Japonski izpad, ki pa kar noče proti.

Seja Zadrage
V ponedeljek zvečer ob 7:30 bo seja direktorija Slovenske zadrage zveze, v torek zvečer ob osmih bo pa seja ženskega odseka. Obe seji bosta v gl. uradu.

Nemški vohun je bil aktiven tudi v Clevelandu

Kurt Frederick Ludwig, vodja nemške vohunske družbe v Zed. državah, je vohunil tudi v okolici Clevelanda, kot je bilo doganjeno pri obravnavi. Ludwig, ki je bil rojen v Fremontu, O., je bil včeraj v New Yorku obsojen v dolgotrajno ječo ob enem z drugimi vohuni.

Med slikami, ki so jih našli v njegovi posesti, je bila tudi filmska slika izliva reke Cuyahoga v Clevelandu. Dognano je bilo tudi, da je vzel pred treni leti pouk v letalstvu v Clevelandu.

Ludwig je bil vzgojen v Nemčiji in je prebil tudi večino svojega življenja tam, dokler ga ni poslala nemška tajna policija nazaj v Ameriko, kjer naj vohuni zanj in odkoder naj poroča o premikanju ameriških čet ter o naši vojni industriji.

Lanskega avgusta je izvohala ameriška tajna policija, da se nahaja Ludwig v nekem hotelu v Fremontu in da je poizvedoval glede vojnega arzenala pri Sandusky. Odtod mu je sledila

policija v Cincinnati in od tam v Spokane, Wash., kamor je zbežal, ko je videl, da ga opazujejo. Tam so ga prijeli.

Pri obravnavi so ameriški tajni agenti izpovedali, kako so opazovali aktivnost tega prebrisane nemškega vohuna. Opazovali so ga, kako je pregledoval zrakoplovni priistan v Daytonu, O. in v Detroitu, Mich. V Daytonu je več kot eno uro opazoval, kako so pristajali naši težki bombniki in kako so odletavali. Vse to si je natančno zapisoval. Toda ameriški tajni agenti so si tudi vohunovo akcijo natančno zapisovali.

28 obsojenih na smrt v Ljubljani

RIM, 12. marca. — Uradni italijanski radio naznanja, da je italijanska vojska sodnija obsojila v Ljubljani 28 oseb v smrt radi revolucionarnih aktivnosti, radi sovražne propagande in drugih "zločinov." Dvanajst oseb je bilo istočasno obsojenih v dosmrtno ječo.

Misijon pri sv. Kristini

Jutri se prične pri sv. Kristini na 222. cesti v Euclidu misijon v slovenskem jeziku. Uvodni govori bodo pri mašah ob sedmih in enajstih. Pobožnosti bodo vsak večer ob 7:30. Zaključek misijona bo v nedeljo 22. marca. Misijon bo vodil poznani slovenski misijonar, p. Kazimir Zakrajšek, katerega beseda užge in zadene, pa tudi pritegne in oživi srce in dušo. Farani in tudi drugi so prav prijazno vabljeni. Za veliko noč bo potreba nove obleke zunaj in znotraj!

Udeležite se koncerta!

Collinwoodčani in drugi, jutri večer ob 7:30 pohitite na koncert, ki ga bo priredil pevski zbor "Ilirija" v cerkvi Marije Vnebovzete na Holmes Ave. Koncert bo res nekaj lepega za dušo in srce. Vstopnine ne bo nobene.

Seja pevskega zbora
V ponedeljek večer ob 7:30 bo seja mlad. zbora SDD na Waterloo Rd. Ker bo seja važna radi prireditve 19. aprila, se prosijo vse starše, naj bodo navzoči v velikem številu.

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Prva Slovenka v armadi



Gdč. Julia S. Mramor, poklicna bolničarka, se je 10. januarja letos prostovoljno javila za službo v ameriško armado. Danes se nahaja nekje v Avstraliji in ima čin 2. poročnika. Naša vrla Slovenka je hčerka Mr. in Mrs. Frank Mramor iz 1523 E. 173. St., Cleveland, O. Njen oče je doma iz vasi Kremenice, fara št. Vid nad Cerknico, mati je pa rojena Ana Stritof iz Cajnarjev, iste fare. Zelimo ji vso srečo pri njenem plemenitem poklicu.

Rusi so pobili v 15 dneh 14.000 nemških vojakov

Moskva, 14. marca. — Posebno rusko poročilo javlja, da je bilo v 15 dneh ubitih 14.000 Nemcev na severnozahodni fronti, ali skupno 63.700 v enem mesecu na fronti med Leningradom in Moskvjo.

Največ teh izgub so prizadeli Rusi Nemcem od 22. februarja do 10. marca na fronti pod Leningradom, kjer je ruska armada osvojila 84 mest in vasi. Pred par dnevi so Rusi poročali, da so pobili na fronti pri Kalininu 49.700 Nemcev od 8. februarja do 5. marca.

Pri tem so Rusi dobili v pest 226 konj, dve lokomotivi s 14 vozovi polnih materiala, 2.500 topov, 14 tankov, več kot 800 motornih vozil.

Z južne fronte se poroča, da armada maršala Timošenka še vedno prodira naprej, počasi, pa stalno. Rusi trdijo, da so s to ofenzivo onemogli Nemcem, da bi prišli v napad, ampak da se bodo morali stalno umikati.

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NOVI GROBOVI

John Hočevar
V petek je umrl na svojem domu na Stevens Blvd. v Wiloughby, O. splošno poznani John Hočevar, star 56 let. Tukaj zapušačaljučoo soprogo Ano, rojeno Marisek, hčer Emo, tri brate: Franka, Josepha in Rudolfa ter sestro Frances, omoženo Kasunič ter veliko drugih sorodnikov. Rojen je bil v vasi Kopolje na Dolenjskem, kjer zapušačaljučoo soprogo Lojzeta, dve sestri, Angelo in Ivanka ter več drugih sorodnikov. Tukaj je bival 8 let. Od leta 1916 do 1927 je vodil grocerijo na St. Clair Ave. in 38. cesti, pozneje v Collinwoodu, odkoder se je preselil na farmo, kjer je živel do zdaj. Bil je ustanovni član društva Carniola Tent, št. 1288 T. M. Pogreb bo iz Zeletovega pogrebnega zavoda, 458 E. 152. St. v torek jutraj. Čas pogreba še ni določen. Naj počiva v miru, preostalim naše sožalje.

Jurij Radmanovič

Umrli je Jurij Radmanovič, rodom iz Srbije, star 62 let. Stanoval je pri družini Lakić na 2235 Franklin Ave. Pogreb bo v ponedeljek popoldne v cerkev sv. Save na 36. cesti pod vodstvom Grdinovega pogrebnega zavoda.

Pogreb Joseph Papicha

V ponedeljek jutraj ob devetih bo pogreb Joseph Papicha iz Grdinovega pogrebnega zavoda v cerkev sv. Vida in potem na Kalvarijo.

Grki se pridružujejo vojski generala Mihajloviča

Aleksandrija. — Grški list "Atlantis," ki izhaja v New Yorku, poroča v svojem dopisu o vojaških dogodkih na Balkanu, ki se bori pod vodstvom generala Mihajloviča. V Jugoslaviji dobro pripravljena vojska generala Mihajloviča pričakuje nemški pomladanski napad. Po poročilih pripravlja general Mihajlovič napad v dveh smereh: proti Grčiji in proti Bolgariji. Grki zapušačaljučoo soprogo v velikem številu vojski Draža Mihajloviča, zavedajoč se novih možnosti za borbo proti Italijanom in Nemcem. Zdi se, da nemškim oblastim madžarske in bolgarske čete niso pomagale in sedaj se pripravljajo poslati v Srbijo še Rumune. Italijani so v zadnjih dnevih poslali v Dalmacijo več bataljonov, da bi zatrli velike upore v Dalmaciji.

Kdor bo imel 11 funtov sladkorja bo moral čakati

Harry T. Beckmann, državni administrator za razdeljevanje sladkorja v Clevelandu, je včeraj izjavil, da kdor bo imel v posesti na dan registracije 11 ali več funtov sladkorja, ne bo dobil knjige za nov sladkor. Kdor ga bo imel v posesti manj kot 11 funtov, bo sicer dobil knjigo za nove porcije, toda iz knjige mu bodo odtrgali toliko znamk, kolikor funtov sladkorja bo imel doma.

Seeandbee bo zdaj služila bojni mornarici

Ogromni parnik, ki je od leta 1913 vozil potnike iz Clevelanda na izlete na razne kraje Erie jezera, je bil izročen ameriški bojni mornarici. Služil bo kot učna ladja v Great Lakes, Ill. Krov bodo spremenili toliko, da se bodo avijatičarji učili pristajati in odletavati z letali s krova.

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Weekly Review

IMPORTANT MEETING

A meeting is called for next Tuesday evening, at 8:30 in Room 4 of the new school. The purpose of the meeting is to fully discuss and plan the annual church benefit affair to be held Sunday, April 19. Members and friends of the Holy Name Society are invited to attend this important meeting.

SOLDIER NEWS

Pvt. Andy Sirc is stationed at Camp Polk, La. Pvt. Paul De-Lost is now in Texas. Joseph Brodnick of Carl Ave. has been promoted to Corporal at Camp San Luis Obispo, California. Congratulations, Joe. Milan Merhar is leaving Wednesday for induction into the Army. Best of luck to all of our boys in the armed forces.

Sodality News

The Sodality is sponsoring the sound movie "King of Kings," in the School Hall, at 7:45 on Wednesday night.

This picture depicts the Life and Passion of Christ. It was produced by Cecil B. DeMille and is considered one of the finest portrayals of Our Lord.

A cordial invitation is extended to all. Admission is 25 cents.

GOOD WISHES

We extend our sincere good wishes to Mary Luznar for a speedy recovery. She recently underwent an operation and is now convalescing at home. We hope you will soon be back with us, Mary, feeling better than ever.

St. Mary's Spectator and Commentator

ILIRIJA NOTES

Tomorrow evening at 7:30 p. m. at St. Mary's, Ilirija will present "The Seven Last Words of Christ on the Cross," an oratorio. The Rt. Rev. Canon Oman will speak and comment on each Word. This work was performed last year for the first time. The Rev. Milan Slaje translated it into Slovenian.

What could be more appropriate for the present season than meditations and music on this sacred theme?

Mary Gornik, Betty Raddell,

Mr. Rakar and Louis Opalek will appear as soloists. There will be no admission charge and a program containing the words will be passed to each to aid in following the Words as they are sung.

POSTLUDE: See where the editor is doing his part in keeping up the morale by returning with his popular "believe it or not" column. . . . Pvt. Novak, also among those soldiers stationed temporarily in the neighboring state, stopping and rushing right back last week-end.

THE YOUNGER SET AT ST. CHRISTINE'S

MISSION

Just reminding you that the mission which will be in Slovenian will start Sunday, March 15th, at 7:30 p.m. All young and old are invited to attend this mission, which will be held every night for one week. This

DEATH NOTICES

Hadley, Anna—(nee Zeleznik), wife of Lawrence. Residence at 1380 E. 43 St.

Jerak, Anton—Husband of Mary, father of Anthony, Josephine Glavac, Mary Gregorin. Residence at 15422 Celanuta Ave.

Krizman, Leo—Husband of Anna, (nee Cern), father of Leona. Residence at 19322 Shawnee Ave.

Sopnick, Joseph—Husband of Viola, father of Joseph, Donna, Fred, Almeda, Harvey, Richard, Elizabeth, brother of John and Casper. Residence at 6400 Superior Ave.

Sturm, Edward—Husband of Dorothy (nee Stuart), father of Charles, son of Andrew and Mary Sturm, brother of Joseph, Mary Winters and Jennie Winters. Residence at 16001 Groveside Ave.

Turk, Joseph—Husband of Amalia, father of Joseph, Julia, brother of Frank, Rose Skebe, Josephine Erbenik, Alice Hrbar and John of Delray, Fla. Residence at 930 E. 150 St.

Urek, Anton—Late residence at the home of Joseph Zalokar, 895 Addison Road.

WINNIE WINKLE by BRANNER



Organize Junior First Aid For Boys and Girls

The Junior First Aid Course for boys and girls, ages 12 to 16 will be organized, Monday, Mar. 16, beginning at 5 o'clock. Mothers and fathers are urged to have their children take this highly important course at this time. The class will meet at the St. Clair Recreation Center. There is no charge for the course.

A Beautiful Tribute

Miss Anna Novak, who is attending St. Lawrence Catholic School in Newburgh, made a beautiful American flag, which was exhibited at the Needlework Exhibition held under the auspices of the united Cleveland SW Branches last fall and was then mailed to President Franklin D. Roosevelt. Anne received the following acknowledgement from the secretary to the President of U. S. A.:

THE WHITE HOUSE
Washington

Anna Novak,
3623 E. 82nd St.
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Anna:

The President thanks you very much indeed for your friendly little letter and greetings, and for your photograph. He is especially pleased to have that beautifully woven flag, made by your own hands, and has asked me to convey his every good wish to you for your welfare and happiness. Grace D. Tully,

Benefit Card Party

Your favorite boy now in the U. S. Service would like to be remembered by receiving one of the gifts now on display in the window of the office of the Slovenian Mutual Benefit Association, 6403 St. Clair Avenue.

Don't disappoint him, attend the Benefit Card Party on Sunday, March 15th, 8:00 p. m. at St. Vitus Church Hall (located on East 61st Street, just south of St. Clair Ave.).

The winner at each table will have the privilege of submitting a name of some young man in the Armed Forces of U. S. A. who in turn will receive a gift from the Martha Washingtons.

Admission is only 35 cents, including refreshments. Tickets may be obtained from the members of Martha Washington and at the SMBA (SDZ) Headquarters.

NEWBURGH NEWS

COMING EVENTS:

March 22—Slovenian drama by Club "Krika."

April 5—English comedy by St. Lawrence Dramatic Guild.

Annual Sodality Dance.

Annual Band Concert.

FEATURE PRESENTATION

OF THE WEEK

The stage of St. Lawrence Auditorium is quite a busy center these days. 'Tis here that our young stars are rehearsing for a great comedy "Home-Town" (Continued on page 3)

New Class Life Saving Junior And Senior

A new class in Life Saving Junior and Senior Course will be organized, Monday, March 16 at the St. Clair Recreation Center. Sessions will be from 7 to 9 p. m. every Monday. Boys and girls, young men and ladies are invited to take this course which is free.

Form New First Aid Class For Adults

The Management of the St. Clair Recreation Center announces that another new First Aid Class will be started on Wednesday, March 18. This class will be conducted by Mr. C. W. Parsons. The class will meet from 1:30 to 3:30 p. m. at the St. Clair Center, 6250 St. Clair Ave. Instruction is free. Several ladies from the community have already enrolled. Others who wish to join this class can do so just before class begins, Wednesday, March 18, at 1:15 p. m.

A True Fish Story

John (Finnegan) Skuly of 1036 East 61. Street, and Ed Kobe of E. 62nd St. were in Florida recently. Eddie is the fisherman and "Finnegan" is a hunter, but it was Finnegan who caught a swordfish 6 feet and 7 inches long. As a reward, he received a medal and a diploma from the proper authorities.

CROATIAN FRATERNAL UNION BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

The Third Annual National Croatian Fraternal Union basketball Tournament is being held in Cleveland on March 14th and 15th. This year's tournament is being sponsored by the Zumbro Lodge, No. 859, which is well-known in Cleveland sport circles.

Represented in the tournament are teams from Indiana, Illinois, Pennsylvania, and, of course, Ohio. Nine teams are entered in the Senior Division and nine in the Junior circuit. Zora Lodge of Gary, Ind., will attempt to repeat its victory in the Junior Division, however a new champion will be crowned in the upper group as the Napredok Lodge National Champs from Weirton, W. Va., are not represented.

The Hollenden Hotel has been chosen as Tournament Headquarters. John Hay High School's spacious gym will be the scene of basketball action during the day on Saturday and Sunday. On Saturday evening, March 14, there is a Get-Together at Twilight Ballroom, 6025 St. Clair Ave. After the championship games on Sunday, March 15, there will be a Victory Banquet at Slovenian National Home. This event will begin at approximately 6:00 p. m.

We will appreciate a great attendance at these affairs as all proceeds will be used to purchase United States Defense Bonds.

Committee

ARMY NEWS



Miss Anna Rakar left for Junction City, Kansas, to visit her fiancé John Krivisic, who expects to be transferred soon to another camp.

Emil Tomich, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Kraich, 1033 E. 69 St., serving Uncle Sam at Indiantown Gap, Pa., has been promoted to a corporal. Emil was a volunteer in January, 1941. He sends greetings to all his pals.

Leaving for the army on March 18th are: Edward Rakar of 1067 E. 69 St., and Frank Hovevar of 1020 E. 64 St. The parents of Joseph Snyder of 1050 E. 67 St., are enjoying the company of their son, before he returns to Indiantown Gap, Pa.

A flying visit was made by Henry Klegar, son of the Kolegar family of 8908 Kempton Ave. He flew in for one day only from Chanute Field, Rantoul, Ill., where he is stationed with the 28th Squadron, as a mechanic.

Joseph Brodnick, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Brodnick, 6207 Carl Ave., was recently promoted to corporal. He is stationed at Camp San Luis Obispo, California. Congratulations, Joe.

Milan Merhar, 990 E. 63 St., is also leaving for the army Wednesday, March 18. Best of luck, Milan.

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How Much Do We Know About Slovenia

BY DR. JAMES W. MALLY

(Continuation)
RELIGIOUS BELIEFS OF
ANCIENT SLOVENES

The religion of the ancient Slovenes was a nature worship, with one supreme power to whom all the others were subordinate.

The forces of nature were worshipped as gods. The phenomena of nature were the workings of the various gods, who were divided into two classes, the good and the evil. The good gods were known as gods, and the evil ones as "Besy." All the good came from the gods, and the bad from the "Besy."

The supreme god and father of all was Svarog or Perun, meaning sky, or the heavens which cover the earth, surrounds the sun, star, and moon. He was the maker of earth and sky, and the producer of light and good fortune. His outstanding manifestations were lightning and thunder. Whenever there was a storm they would say, "Perun is plowing with his fiery plow."

His sons were the sun, moon, "Zora" (morning star) and fire; his daughters were "Dahica" (evening star). The sun was called Dazdbog, producer of sunshine and giver of life and fertility.

"Kres" was the giver of light, and the god of summer as well as of war. He defeated the cold and darkness and helped his worshippers in battle. They pictured him with four faces, emblematic of the four seasons.

"Triglav," a three-headed deity, was the master of the sea, earth and air; "Veles" was the god of the shepherds and the protector of the flocks; "Vesna" was the goddess of Spring; "Lada" or "Ziva," was the goddess of fertility, life and nature; "Morana," was the goddess of death and winter. "Stribog," was the hostile god. He controlled the storms and the winds.

The goddesses of an inferior order were known as "Vilas" (fairies). The "Vilas" lived in the waters, hills and forests. They were deeply sympathetic creatures, young and beautiful girls in white veils. They had wondrous long hair, a milk-white complexion, and white wings.

"Rojenice," three sisters, goddesses of birth, comparable to our famous "stork." Even in these days the Slovene newspapers will at times in playful mood announce an addition to a family thus— "Vile rojenice so se oglasile pri družini . . . in pustile zalega dečka . . ." (Vile Rojenice (stork) stopped at the home of . . . and left a healthy baby boy—etc.)

"Sojenice," were the goddesses of Destiny; "Rusalka," were water nymphs who invited the people into the water; "Morske Deve" were mermaids.

Among the evil gods were also "Sktrat" and "Catež," who was half man and half goat, living in the dark recesses of the forests. "Povodnji Moz" (Sea Man), "Mora" and "Volkovdlak" (were-wolf).

The Slovenes believed that they possessed a soul. They believed that the soul left the body at death, but they also contended that it could also leave the body temporarily during sleep. The soul of the wicked took on various ugly shapes and attacked sleeping people, sitting upon them and choking them.

Some souls long for human blood; this they suck from sleeping people. The soul can also change into a wolf (Volkovdlak) returning to the sleeping body before it awakens.

After death the soul lives, either in form of a bird or as an animal. It may stay in the same environment, or may roam about the "paradise" on the sun,

moon, stars, clouds, sea, woods, hills, waters, from whence it intermittently comes back to the home and to the grave. The moving lights that are seen at times in the night are souls of the departed seeking rest. The souls of the dear ones retain ties with their own communities or families where they are fed either at home or the grave. The "elder" forever remains the guardian and the defender of the family and the home. These elders are honored as the gods of the home in form of little images; before which are usually placed foods such as bread, salt and milk. Without such little gods (Božkov, Dedov, Setkov) there was no good fortune in the home.

The dead bodies were burnt on funeral pyres by some tribes and the ashes kept in beautiful containers. Others burnt their dead on boats. These boats burned with the body and all would sink into the water. Some tribes buried their dead. They dressed them in the finest raiment and placed with the body food, rings, weapons, and things the deceased liked best. The body was laid on its back, head facing the east. They did not have special burial grounds or cemeteries. They made the graves near the homes or on some nearby hillside. The earth was piled over the body in a small mound. After the burial they would put on a war play beside the grave. (Trizma) accompanied with a banquet (Strava—Sedmina). With some tribes, the wife had to die with the husband.

A number of old religious customs have been perpetuated in some form or other to the present day. Christianity itself could not blot these out entirely, but it changed them to suit—and accepted them as such.

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