

Prva ameriška armada prodira proti Berlinu!

Zavezniške armade prodirajo proti reki Elbi, zadnji vodni oviri pred Berlinom. Nemci izgubili pol milijona vojakov v desetih dneh. Hamburg, Hannover in Brunswick v plamenih. — Rusi okupirali osrčje Dunaja. Maršal Stalin naznanil padec Koenigsberga, glavnega mesta Vzhodne Prusije. Rusi ujeli 42,000 sovražnikov, med temi poveljnika nemške posadke in člane njegovega štaba. — Topniški dvoboj na Okinawi se nadaljuje

PARIZ, 10. apr. — Oklopne in pehotne kolone prve ameriške armade so zdrobile nemške linije pri Nordhausenu v prodiranju proti Berlinu. Nordhausen leži 115 milj južnozapadno od nemške prestolnice. Enote tretje armade zdaj nasakujejo nemške pozicije v vzhodni gorovja Harza. Poročilo s fronte pravi, da so zavezniške sile obkrožile Hannover, ki je v plamenih.

Pariz, 10. apr. — Zavezniške armade prodirajo proti reki Elbi, zadnji vodni oviri pred Berlinom. Utrle so si pot v predmestju Hannoverja in do vrat gorečega Bremena ter odrezale 80,000 nemških vojakov v Holandiji v prodiranju v smeri obrežja severne Nemčije.

Radio Pariz poroča, da so čete druge britske armade udrle v Bremen. Glavni stan generala Eisenhowerja je naznanil, da je sedem zavezniških armad v ofenzivi.

Oddelki prve in devete ameriške armade so prodrli 18 milj daleč v smeri reke Elbe. Požari divjajo v Hamburgu, Hannoverju in Brunswicku. Zanesli so jih Nemci, ko so uvideli, da ne bodo mogli rešiti teh mest. V zadnjih desetih dneh so zavezniki zadali strahovite udarce sovržniku. Nemci so v tem času izgubili pol milijona vojakov.

Ameriške čete so udrle v Essen v Porurju, središče največjih orožnih tovarn v Evropi, in zavzele razdejane Kruppove municijske tovarne. Te so porušile bombe ameriških in britskih letalcev v napadu, ki je bil izvršen 11. marca. Gelsenkirchen, drugo mesto v bližini Essena, je padel.

Druga britska armada, prva, tretja in deveta ameriška prodirajo proti Elbi, ki teče 50 milj od Berlina, na dvesto milj dolgi fronti. Enote devete ameriške armade se bližajo Hamburgu, drugemu največjemu nemškemu mestu in največji luki.

General Bradley, poveljnik dvanajste armadne grupe, poroča, da nemške izgube v zadnjih desetih dneh so znašale povprečno 50,000 dnevno. Število vključuje ubite, ranjene in ujetje vojske. Prva kanadska armada je navezala stike z zavezniško zračno armado po zdrobitvi linij dveh nemških armad v Holandiji. Kanadske čete so se približale Zuiderkemu jezeru in zaprle izhod nemških silam v južnozapadni Holandiji.

Prva ameriška armada je ujela 20,000 Nemcev v Porurju. Nemške sile na ozemlju v obsegu 2600 kvadratnih milj so obkrožene in v nevarnosti uničenja.

Enote sedme ameriške armade na južnem koncu zapadne fronte so prodrle 18 milj daleč, enote prve francoske armade pa so dopele do točke, ki je oddaljena štiri milje od Stuttgarta.

London, 10. apr. — Ruske napadne čete so okupirale osrčje Dunaja. Tri četrtine glavnega mestnega mesta so pod kontrolo ruskih sil. Izgleda, da bo Dunaj kmalu padel.

Rusi so okupirali svetovno zračno postojlo v osrčju Dunaja. Med temi so mestna hiša, parlament, operno gledališče, glavna pošta, poštne in telegrafne uradi in centralna evropska banka. Ljute bitke so v te-

Obnova odnošajev z Argentino

Skupna akcija ameriških republik

Washington, D. C., 10. apr. — Argentinina je spet postala članica družine ameriških republik. Državni tajnik Edward R. Stettinius je naznanil, da se je Amerika in devetnajst drugih ameriških republik odločilo za obnovo diplomatskih odnošajev z Argentino.

Skupna akcija ameriških republik je v bistvu priznanje argentinke vlade predsednika Edelмира Farralla. Argentina je v zadnjem momentu stopila na stran Združenih narodov z napovedjo vojne Nemčiji in Japoniki.

Vprašanje, ali bo Argentina reprezentirana na konferenci Združenih narodov v San Franciscu, Cal., ki se prične 25. aprila, še ni rešeno. Pričakuje se, da bodo ovire odstranjene.

Amerika in ostale države bodo preklicale ekonomske restrikcije, katere so uveljavile proti Argentini v juliju preteklega leta. Parniki teh držav bodo spet prihajali v argentinske luke.

Farrellov režim je bil obdolen, da je naklonjen osišču. Očitno so mu, da štiti nemške in japonske špijone v Argentini. Odkar je Argentina napovedala vojno osišču, je v teku lov na te špijone. Poročila trdijo, da je bilo čez 800 špijnov aretiranih v Argentini v zadnjih dneh.

Sporazum o svetovnem sodišču

Latinske države predlagajo revizijo ustroja

Washington, D. C., 10. apr. — Juristi 38 držav v okviru Združenih narodov so se sporazumeli glede oblike, ki naj jo zavzame novo svetovno sodišče. To naj bi bilo deloma formirano na osnovi starega mednarodnega razsodišča.

Juristi so se sestali v Washingtonu pred konferenco Združenih narodov v San Franciscu, Cal., na kateri bo razprava o ustanovitvi mednarodne organizacije za zaščito in vzdrževanje miru po zaključku sedanje vojne. V svojih diskuzijah se države, katere so začrtale Ameriko, Veliko Britanijo, Rusijo in Kitajsko.

Latinske republike so predlagale revizijo ustroja in osvojitve novih načel, nanašajočih se na jurisdikcijo svetovnega sodišča. Zbor juristov bo sestavil priporočila, katere bodo predložila delegatoma Združenih narodov na konferenci v San Franciscu. Senator Vandenberg, republikanec iz Michiganu in član ameriške delegacije, je naznanil, da bo podpiral načrte v soglasju s stališčem kongresa.

"Trudil se bom v naporih za doseg določenega cilja," je rekel senator. "Svet mora dobiti novo in močno organizacijo, ki bo ščitila mir po zaključku sedanje vojne. Amerika ne sme pozabiti svojih sinov, ki so dali svoja življenja v borbi s sovražniki na frontah."

Pravda za reprezentacijo Poljakov na konferenci

Moskva, 10. apr. — Pravda, glasilo komunistične stranke, je ponovila predlog, da mora biti začasna poljska vlada v Varšavi reprezentirana na konferenci Združenih narodov v San Franciscu, Cal. "Poljska začasna vlada ima pravico do reprezentacije," pravi Pravda. "Ta ima oporo pri poljskem ljudstvu in njegovi avtoriteta je večja kot katere koli prejšnje poljske vlade."

IZJAVA AMERIŠKIH URADNIKOV O USODI NEMČIJE

Bezpojojna kapitulacija ali popolno uničenje

KAZNOVANJE VOJNIH ZLOČINCEV

Washington, D. C., 10. apr. — Nemčija bo morala izbirati med brezpojojno kapitulacijo in popolnim uničenjem. Tako so izjavili visoki ameriški uradniki. Ako bodo Nemci še nadalje sledili voditeljem nacistične stranke, bodo morali tudi prevzeti odgovornost za posledice.

Ameriško, kakor tudi zavezniško politiko, napram Nemčiji so orisali pomožni državni tajnik James C. Dunn, Robert Murphy, politični svetovalec generala Eisenhowerja, in Archibald MacLeish, pomožni državni tajnik.

"Nemci ne bodo mogli trditi, da so jih zavezniške sile napadle, da so jih zavezniški prevzeli in da so odložili orožje, ko dežela ni bila premagana. Sedaj so priča stvari, katero najbolj razumejo — premoči sile orožja."

Murphy, ki se je nedavno vrnil v Ameriko iz Evrope, je razkril, da bo zavezniška vojska vlada v Nemčiji skušala oživiti strokovine unič, katere je Hitler zatrl. "Dva najvažnejša problema sta preobrazba Nemcev in vrnitev pravice delavcem," je dejal. "Hitler in člani njegove gänge bodo dobili zaslužen kaznen za storjene vojne zločine, kakor tudi za umore židov in prebivalcev v okupiranih deželah. Kolikor je znano, ni še noben vodja nacistične stranke pobegnil v nevtralnno državo. Ne katere nevtralne države so dale zagotovilo, da ne bodo dale zavetja vojnim zločincem."

Dunn je dejal, da bo Nemčija pod zavezniško vojaško kontrolo več let. Kako dolgo bo trajala vojaška okupacija, zdaj še ni znano. Avstrija ne bo združena z Nemčijo v vidni bodočnosti. Zavezniški bodo nadzirali preobrazbo nemškega ljudstva in kontrolirali njegovo gospodarstvo. Skrbeli bodo predvsem, da ne bo nikdar več ogražalo svetovnega miru.

Finančna paraliza zajela Nemčijo

Izguba zlata težak udarec

Chicago, 10. apr. — Dr. Melchior Palyi, bivši ekonomski svetovalec nemške državne banke, je dejal, da je Nemčijo zajela finančna paraliza, ker je izgubila zlato v vrednosti sto milijonov dolarjev.

Zlato, ki se je nahajalo v solnem rudniku pri Merkesu, so zasegle čete tretje ameriške armade. V rudniku so bile nagrabljene tudi umetnine in druge dragocenosti.

"Zasega zlata pomeni, da Nemčija ne bo imela zlata za kritje svojega donarstva," je rekel Palyi. "Njen denar ne bo imel nobene vrednosti zunaj dežele."

Dr. Palyi je zapustil Nemčijo 1. 1933, ko je Hitler prišel na krmilo. On je ameriški državljan.

Švedska zaprla mejo nemškim beguncem

Stockholm, Švedska, 10. apr. — Vlada je sinoči naznanila zaprtje meje beguncem iz Nemčije. To pomeni, da ne bo noben nemški vojni zločinec dobil zavetja na Švedskem.

Domače vesti

Nov grob v Coloradu

Grand Junction, Colo. — Tukaj je umrl Frank Košak, star 78 let in doma iz vasi Cerevo, fara St. Rupert pri Grosupljem. Tukaj zapuščila žena in odrasle otroke ter brata, v starem kraju pa brata in dve sestri.

Pogrešan v vojni

Frontenac, Kans. — Della B. Albertson je bila uradno obveščena, da je v Nemčiji pogrešan njen mož S/Sgt. Henry F. Albertson, član društva 27 SNPJ. Pri vojakih je skoro dve leti in preko morja 15 mesecev.

Ranjen v Nemčiji

Springfield, Ill. — Žena Pfe. Johna Lazarja ml. je bilo obveščena, da je bil v Nemčiji 25. marca drugič ranjen njen mož. Prvič je bil ranjen na zapadni fronti prošlega novembra in bil odlikovan z višnjem križem. Pri vojakih je od aprila 1944, preko morja pa od septembra. On je prvi Slovenec iz tega mesta, ki je bil ranjen v vojni, njegov bratranec Cpl. John Lazar pa prvi tukajšnji Slovenec, ki je padel v Nemčiji 6. marca t. l., oba člana društva 47 SNPJ.

Nov grob v Illinoisu

Granite City, Ill. — Dne 20. marca je tukaj umrla Helena Toncoff, članica društva 230 SNPJ od leta 1922, stara 62 let in rojena na Ogrskem. Zapuščila moža, ki je tudi član jednote od 1919.

Nov grob v St. Louisu

St. Louis, Mo. — Po dolgi boleznii je umrl John Majnarich st. K SNPJ je pristopil kmalu po ustanovitvi, pred leti, ko je bil hudo poškodovan in ni bil več sposoben za delo, pa je vzel odpravnino, toda bil je vedno dober zagovornik jednote. Bil je dobro poznan tudi v Arkansasu.

Novice iz Johnstowna

Johnstown, Pa. — Dne 30. marca se je po dolgem bolehanju pri zdravniku zgrudil mrtev Frank Stopar, star 58 let in doma iz vasi Rašice pri Novem Gradu na Primorskem. V Ameriki je bil okrog 30 let. Bil je samski in član društva 290 SNPJ v Homer Cityju, kjer je imel svoj dom. Zapuščal par oddaljenih sorodnikov.

Dne 3. aprila je po šestmesečni bolezni umrl John Glavač, star 62 let, doma od Kuma na Dolenjskem. Zapuščila žena in šest odraslih otrok. Bil je član treh društev — ABZ, WBF in samostojnega društva. V Ameriki je živel okrog 35, ves čas v Johnstownu.

Ubiti in ranjeni slovenski fantje

Nekje na Pacifiku je padel mornar William Baft (Beve), sin pok. Franka Beveca iz Fernalda. — V Nemčiji je bil hudo ranjen Charlie Miklaucic, ki je bil za hrabrost odlikovan in povišan v sarženta. On je član društva 82 SNPJ. — Dominik Glavač, sin Glavačeve družine, ki je dala štiri sinove v armado, je bil že prkratran ranjen v Italiji. On je orjak po postavi in hrabrosti. Bil je odlikovan po generalu, ker je rešil celo stotnijo. Pred vstopom v armado je bil predsednik društva 712 SNPJ in je še član. — Frank Naret iz Central Cityja in član društva 247 SNPJ je bil ranjen v Italiji. — Joseph Jerich iz St. Michaela in član društva 190 SNPJ je bil ranjen v Nemčiji. — John Kubalo iz Johnstowna in član društva 3 SNPJ je bil ranjen v Nemčiji, kakor tudi Anton M. Beve od tukaj in Joseph J. Kobal iz Conemaugha.

Vojak v bolnišnici

Sacramento, Cal. — Louise Petach je bila obveščena, da je njen sin Edward resno bolan v Dibble General Hospitalu v Menlo Parku, Cal. On je zbolel na Marijskih otokih, kjer je služil 22 mesecev pri zdravniškem oddelku. Zdravje se mu počasi vrača. On je član društva 549 SNPJ in v armadi čez tri leta.

Jugoslovanska vlada obratuje industrije

Nova faza v rudarskih pogajanjih

Čez 20,000 rudarjev še stavka

Washington, D. C., 10. apr. — Upanje, da bo prišlo do sporazuma med rudarsko unijo UMWA in operatorji, se je dvignilo, ko so pogajanja glede sklenitve nove pogodbe prišla v novo fazo. Ezra Van Horn, besednik operatorjev, je dejal, da so bile glavne ovire odstranjene na konferenci.

Pogajanja so bila sinoči prekinjena, a se bodo danes obnovila. John L. Lewis, predsednik UMWA, je umaknil zahtevo, da morajo operatorji prispevati deset centov od vsake tone proizvedenega premoga v blagajno unije, vztraja pa pri zahtevi glede zvišanja plače rudarjem za \$1.25 na dan. Operatorji trdijo, da je zahteva pretirana. Stroški kompanij se bi zvišali \$60,000,000 letno.

Vojni delavski odbor skuša izravnati konflikt. Če se unija in operatorji ne bodo mogli zediniti, bo morda vlada zaslela premogovnike, ki so prizadeti zaradi "divjih" stavk.

Poročila govore, da je v stavkah zavezovalnih čez 20,000 rudarjev. Okrog 60 premogovnikov v Pennsylvaniji je moralo ustaviti obrat. Stavke so nastale, čeprav je bila veljavnost stare pogodbe podaljšana za 30 dni.

Nemški nadškof naglašja lojalnost

Svarilo pred komunistično nevarnostjo

Senderhorst, Nemčija, 10. apr. — Katoliški nadškof Galen v Muensterju, nasprotnik Hitlerja, je naglasil svojo opozicijo proti nacijem, zaeno pa je dejal, "da moramo biti kot Nemci lojalni svoji domovini. Nemško ljudstvo mora smatrati zavezništvo za sovražnike, kakor ti smatrajo Nemce za sovražnike."

Nadškof je pobegnil v Senderhorst iz Muensterja, preden so zavezniški okupirali slednje mesto. "Se vedno upam, da bo prišel čas, ko bodo Nemci živeli v prijateljstvu s svojimi sosedi," je dejal. "Ta čas je še daleč pred nami. Prijateljstvo bo moralo močee čez 65 let. Zdaj, ko je vojna v razmahu, sem in ostane Nemec."

Galen je izrazil zaskrbljenost, ker zavezniški ne izvajajo večje kontrole nad bivšim zasuženimi delavci. "Bi je označil za Ru-se, ki zdaj plenijo nemške domove."

Nadškof je svaril pred komunistično nevarnostjo. "Komunizem bo zajel Nemčijo, če bodo Angleži in Američani dovolili Rusom proste roke v naši deželi," je dejal. "Mnogo zavis od vas. Če boste mirno gledali na stradanje Nemcev v povojni dobi, boste a tem pogladi ljudi v komunizem."

Predsednik francoske vlade v Nemčiji

Pariz, 10. apr. — General Charles de Gaulle, predsednik začasne francoske vlade, je stopil na nemško zemljo, ko je obiskal prvo francosko armado, katere poveljnik je general Jean de Tassigny. On se je ustavil v Karlsruheu in potem obiskal pozicije francoske armade pri Pforzheimu.

Organizacija Združenih narodov obljubila pomoč

RAZMAH ZADRUŽNEGA GIBANJA

Belgrad, Jugoslavija, 10. apr. — Vladno lastništvo in obratovanje industrij v Jugoslaviji, ki se je razvilo že pred vojno, se bo razširilo v povojni dobi pod vodstvom osvobodilnega gibanja, ki mu je omogočil razmah maršal Tito. Član vlade je omenil program, ki se bo izvajal.

"Stara jugoslovanska vlada je že pred vojno obratovala železnice, poštni in telegrafni sistem, plovo po rekah in industrijo soli ter tobaka," je dejal. "Raztegnila je kontrolo na premogovno in jeklarsko industrijo. Pod sedanjo vlado se bo program lastništva razširil."

Izgleda, da bodo vse velike industrije postale monopol vlade. Ljudstvo je po štirih letih vojne brez denarja in vlada je edina agencija, ki lahko dobi kredite za financiranje in obratovanje industrij. Zadevno pomoč ji je obljubila pomožna organizacija Združenih narodov (UNRRA), ki je že na delu v Jugoslaviji.

Podjetja, katerih lastniki so odprto sodelovali z Nemci, so bila konfiscirana in bodo ostala državna lastnina. Podjetja, kateri so posedovali posamezniki, ki se bodo morali zagovarjati pred sodišči zaradi kolaboracije, so pod začasno kontrolo. Pod to bodo ostala, dokler sodišča ne odločijo o usodi teh posameznikov. Privatna podjetja v rokah onih, ki imajo čiste roke, bodo obratovala, če bodo demonstrirala zmožnost.

Kako daleč bo vlada šla glede lastništva in obratovanja industrij, zdaj še ni jasno. Tito je dal zagotovilo, da jim bo dana vsa pomoč, dočim je Edward Kardelj, podpredsednik vlade, v svojem govoru po radiu dejal, da privatna podjetja ne anejo postati ekonomično močnejša kot država. Dvignila bi se reakcija in izgubljene bi bile dosežene pridobitve.

Vlada zdaj organizira in financira zadrnužno gibanje. To izkazuje velik napredek. Partizani so silno hvaležni ruski armadi za pomoč in obdružujejo sovjetsko gospodarstvo. Vse kaže, da bo Jugoslavija posnemala sovjetske metode.

Ameriški senatorji obiščejo Anglijo

London, 10. apr. — Brendan Bracken, minister za informacije, je naznanil, da bo šest ameriških senatorjev obiskalo Anglijo. Ti so A. B. Chandler, Burnett R. Maybank, H. S. Bridges, Richard B. Russell, Chapman Revercomb in Claude Pepper.

Nadaljnji japonski admirali ubiti

San Francisco, Cal., 10. apr. — Japonska časniška agentura Domei poroča, da je bilo nadaljnjih 14 admiralov ubitih v akciji. Število admiralov in podadmiralov, ki so bili ubiti od maja preteklega leta, je poskočilo na 108.

Francija prevzela letalske tovarne

Pariz, 10. apr. — Francoska vlada je prevzela velike letalske tovarne Gnome-Rhone v bližini Pariza. Podržavljenje industrij se izvaja postopno. Zadnja je sen je vlada podržavila premogovno industrijo.

Glaskovi iz naselbin

RELIFNI ODBOR IŠE PROSTOVOLJNIH DELAVCEV

Chicago. — V Chicago, kot šilom Amerike, je v teku splošna kampanja za zbiranje obleke, perila in obutve kot del reliefne akcije za v vojni prizadete narode. Cilj te kampanje je 150 milijonov funtov stare, toda še dobre obleke. Pretežna večina te obleke in obutve bo poslana v Evropo, ki je domalega vsa raztrgana in bosa. Večja količina te obleke bo poslana tudi v Jugoslavijo, ki je med najbolj prizadeti deželami.

V Chicago se lahko pusti ta obleka v poštini uradih, čistilnicah obleke in raznih drugih trgovinah in dvorah, kakor tudi v Mestni hiši. Kvota za to mesto je devet milijonov funtov obleke, obutve in posteljnine.

Ves ta zbrani material bo treba spraviti v red za odposiljatev preko morja. Vse to bo treba napraviti s prostovoljnimi delavci in delavkami. Načelnstvo te človekoljubne kampanje se obrača do vseh Čikažanov, moških in žensk, da bi se priglasili za prostovoljno delo ob prostem času za ureditev tega dela. Kdor se želi priglasiti, naj pokliče Joseph Gearona — Randolph 8000, Extension 2286, ali pa piše na Chicago-United National Clothing Collection, 3rd floor, 209 S. La Salle st., Chicago, Ill. Vsakdo bo poslan na skladiščno postajo, ki je najbližja njegova naslova.

Relifni odbor.

ZAHVALA DRUŠTVA SVOBODE 748 SNPJ

Cleveland, O. — Na velikonočno nedeljo je imelo društvo Svoboda št. 748 SNPJ letno veselico, katere je dobro uspela. Mladina je bila vesela, ampak mnogo članice se ni udeležilo; nekatere so bolne, druge trudne, tretje imajo preveč dela itd.

Zahvaliti se želimo sledečim: Josephu Durnu, ki je daroval \$2, ker se radi boleznih ni mogel udeležiti veselice, Johnu Kossu, ki je sicer prišel na veselico, toda ni mogel ostati ter daroval \$1 v blagajno. Sestra Anna Jurgek je darovala dva dolarja, ker se ni mogla udeležiti. Nadalje se zahvaljujemo Johnu Zaicu, ki je prišel zgodaj in hitro prodajal trošne listke, kasneje pa je prevzela to delo njegova žena Ana. Frank Barbič je pomagal Josephine Vesel pobirati vstopnice pri vratih. Andy Gorjanc pa je bil točaj ves večer in prav tako članice Anna Vadal, Antonia Tomle in Ann Chernie.

Kuharice pa so bile Mary Rustnik, Theresa Gorjanc in Kristina Skapin. Oskrbnik SDD Marash in njegova žena pa sta nam dala vsestransko pomoč.

Najlepša hvala vsem, kateri ste na ta ali oni način pripomogli, da je veselica tako lepo uspela.

Dolžnost vseh članice je, da se udeležijo seje, ki se bo vršila v petek, 13. aprila, ter pomagajo odločiti, kako bomo razdelile izkupice priredbe, namreč za SANS, takojšnjo pomoč stari domovini. Rdeči križ in vojne bonde.

Josephine P. Terbizan, tajnica.

O ZADRUŽNIŠTVU

North Chicago, Ill. — Urednik Prosvete je v št. 65 opisal razvoj zadrugištvu v Zedinjenih državah in konferenco, ki se je vršila tukaj 17. in 18. marca. Konferenca se je bavila z vsem, kar delavci potrebujejo, ki živijo v mestih. Sprejetih je bilo tudi veliko načrtov. Toda vrašanje je, kako delavstvo pripraviti, da bi postalo bolj aktivno na zadrugištvu polju.

V North Chicago in Waukeganu je organiziranih 13.000 delavcev v unijah ADF in CIO, v zadrugištvu pa 4.500, a na shodu, ki se je vršil 17. marca, je bilo navzočih pa samo 150 oseb.

Vprašanja, kako zainteresirati delavstvo za zadrugištvu, konferenca ni rešila, kajti rešiti ga bomo morali sami. Samo dve zadrugi organizaciji sta prihranili svojim odjemalcem blizu \$100.000 v l. 1944, dasiravno kupuje v zadrugah jako majhen odstotek delavcev. Kaj ko bi

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Kakor sem že omenil, med nami, med delavstvom, je vse prelo zanimanja za zadrugištvu. Ko je Waukegan-North Chicago zadrugištvna zveza sklicala sejo, se ta ni mogla vršiti, ker ni bilo zadostno število članstva navzočega. Potem je bilo sklenjeno, da se bo seja vršila 21. aprila v Slovenskem narodnem domu. Apeliram na članstvo, da se seje udeleži v polnem številu. Pričetek bo ob pol osmih. Članstvu so bila razposlana priporočila in računi. V priporočilih ni vključeno, da ima direktorij v načrtu modernizirati in povečati glavno trgovino in prav tako podružnico. O vsem tem ima članstvo odločiti na omenjeni seji, zato se seje gotovo udeležite.

Volitve za waukeganško šolsko okrožje pa se bodo vršile 14. aprila. V šolski odbor kandidiraju tudi Anton Pirc, ki je dobro poznan med tukajšnjimi Slovenci, zato mi ni treba opisovati, kdo je. Vsi vemo, da ima dovolj zmožnosti za omenjeni urad. Naša dolžnost je, da grmo voliti in damo svoj glas mlademu Pircu.

J. Mesec, član zadrugce.

GLAS IZ INDIANE

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Frank Bregar.

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Po govoru se bo vršila plesna veselica in igrala bo izvrstna slovenska godba Josepha Stampelna. Odbor se trudi in deluje, da bo priredba prinesla veliko uspeha, kajti če je kdaj potreboval slovenski narod v stari domovini pomoči, jo potrebuje danes. Toda odbor brez posetnikov ne more storiti čudežev. Potrebuje vsostransko kooperacijo. V imenu podružnice se obračamo na vse rojake in rojakinje v tukajšnjih krajih, da posetijo to priredbo in pomagajo, da bomo častno storili svojo dolžnost v teh krajih. Ako pa se radi dela ne morete udeležiti, potem pa vsaj vstopnico kupite ali pa pošljite kakšen dolar za trpeči narod.

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Hermine, Pa. — Društvom in njih zastopnikom dajem na znanje, da se bo vršila seja westmorelandske federacije društev SNPJ zopet v Claridgeju, in sicer 22. aprila ob dveh popoldne. Uradniki in nadzorniki naj pridejo na mesto že uro poprej. Želim, da se ta opomin upošteva. Na tej seji bo lahko bolj popolna reprezentacija, kajti imamo ugodne vreme. Kdor ne more priti z avtomobilom, se lahko pripelje z busom. Bus Jennetta-Claridge dobi na Clay (Clay?) ave. ob 12:35. Vožnja stane 25c. Prav tako lahko pridete z busom iz Ex-Porta. Torej imamo dobre prometne zveze. Zvezo lahko dobite tudi iz Yukona in W. Newtona. Upam, da bo federacijska seja dobro obiskana.

Anton Zornik, tajnik.

SEJA MINNESOTSKE FEDERACIJE

Chisholm, Minn. — Na zadnji federacijski seji tukajšnjih društev SNPJ je bilo sklenjeno, da pripravim vse potrebno za prihodnjo federacijsko sejo, ki se bo vršila 29. aprila ob eni popoldne v Chisholmu v klubovi sobi v poslopju Community. Ta seja bo zelo važna za vsa društva SNPJ v Minnesoti, pa če pripadajo federaciji ali ne. Pričakujemo, da bo udeležba velika, ne manj kot 50 zastopnikov, lahko pa bi jih bilo tudi več. Zato prosim vsa društva SNPJ, ki imajo svoje seje v železnem okrožju, prav tako ona na vzhodni strani Gilberta in zahodno od Chisholma, da gotovo pošljejo svoje zastopnike na federacijsko sejo. Vsi se lahko se spominjate, kako lepo je bilo pred leti, ko so bila na sejah zastopana vsa društva in federacijske seje so bile take kakor kakšne majhne konvencije. Razumljivo, da bo prihodnja federacijska seja zelo važna, kajti konvencija SNPJ se bo vršila 13. avgusta v Evelethu. V zvezi s konvencijo imamo rešiti mnogo važnih zadev, zato naj nikogar ne manjka na federacijski seji! Na svidenje 29. aprila.

Frank Klune, zapisnikar.

SEJA FEDERACIJE ZAPADNE PENNE

Coverdale, Pa. — Članstvu SNPJ v zapadni Pennsylvaniji je znano, da se bo vršila prihodnja federacijska seja v nedeljo, 22. aprila, ob desetih popoldne v Jugoslovanskem domu v Coverdalu. Dolžnost me veže, da povem nekaj besed o značaju naših društvenih problemov in za dobrobit članov in jednote. Bratje in sestre, nihče ne bo nam izdelal nekaj bolje kot mi sami. Naše številno članstvo mora biti prvo in dati nasvete sebi in drugim. Vsem je znano, da se konvencija blizu zeto hitro, zato je potrebno, da se članstvo malo bolj zanima samo zase in za svojo lastno organizacijo. To priložnost imamo na naši federacijski seji, zato ne bi smelo biti nobenega društva SNPJ v zapadni Penni, ki ne bi poslalo svojega zastopnika na prihodnjo federacijsko sejo. Bratje in sestre, mi vsi govorimo o demokraciji, toda vedite, da imamo baš pri naši SNPJ najboljšo demokracijo. Radi tega je naša dolžnost, da izrazimo naša mnenja in nasvete v korist jednote in članstva, to pa moremo storiti le tedaj, ako pridemo skupaj in razmotrimo koristna vprašanja in probleme. Skupno izmenjavanje mnenj ustvari najboljšo bratstvo slogo. Po mojem mnenju lahko ustvarimo več konstruktivnega na eni sami seji, kakor pa še toliko raznih dopisov.

Nadaj se je znano našemu članstvu, da smo sklenili na zadnji federacijski seji, da bomo organizirali poseben sprejemni odbor za naše mlade člane in članice, ko se povrnejo iz vojne. Predlagam sem, da je to imenitno pijačo za našo jednoto in njeno članstvo. Pravilno je, da do sedaj sprejemamo naše heroje,



Lt. Carl Widmar

Gornja slika predstavlja br. Karla Widmarja, sina našega tajnika št. 96 SNPJ iz Livingston, Ill., kateri se nahaja pri letalcih v Indiji. On je v službi Strica Sama že nad 3 in pol leta in v Indiji je že osem mesecev. Pustil si rasti brke in resnično ko smo prejeli njegovo sliko ga nismo poznali. Slika kaže ko mu Lt. Colonel pripenja službeno medaljo. On se nahaja pri zrakoplovni transportaciji, ki vodi iz Indije na Kitajsko in obratno. Poslal nam je domov že veliko raznih stvari za spomin. On je bil rojen v Sheldonu, Wis., 28. februarja 1920. Ljudsko šolo je dovršil v Livingstonu, Ill. in potem se v Chicagu, Ill. Sedaj je star 25 let. Leta 1942 je bil šolan za radio v Scottfield, Ill. in potem je vzel še drugi Radio-Television in za tem še zrakoplovstvo; v armadi je že nad tri in pol leta in je ves čas iz mladili nog član SNPJ. Da bi se le srečno povrnil zdrav domov.

ki nas danes junaško branijo pred fašizmom in nacizmom. Da, bratje in sestre, naši vojaki so heroji in so že in še vedno veliko trpe, zato jim moramo pokazati, da cenimo njihovo žrtvovanje za demokracijo in človeštvo. Ob tej priliki tudi sporočam, da bo priredil naš jugoslovanski pomožni odbor koncert v nedeljo, 22. aprila, ob treh popoldne. Na koncertu bodo igrali priznani tamburaši univerze Duquesne pod vodstvom profesorja Matije Goužeta. To bo prvič, da bo glasoviti tamburaški zbor gostoval v Coverdalu in nas razveseljeval s slovanskimi pesmimi. Po koncertu pa se bo vršil ples. Čisti dobiček bo šel za pomoč našemu izmučenemu narodu v Jugoslaviji. Mislim, da je to dovolj tehten vzrok za vsakega in da se bomo vsi udeležili koncerta.

Torej, bratje in sestre, najprvo se udeležimo federacijske seje, popoldne pa koncerta. Na svidenje 22. aprila v Jugoslovanskem domu v Coverdalu.

Anton Čipčič, blagajnik federacije.

VABILO NA SEJO IN KONCERT

Bridgeville, Pa. — Kakor je bilo že poročano, se bo vršila seja federacije društev SNPJ v zapadni Penni v nedeljo, 22. aprila, v Jugoslovanskem domu v Coverdalu, Pa. Vsa društva naj pošljejo zastopnike na to važno sejo. Na tej seji bo tudi predložen načrt glede počastitve naših bratov bojevnikov, ki bodo prišli po končani vojni domov. Po federacijski seji pa se bo vršil koncert, ki se bo pričel točno ob treh popoldne. Koncert bodo priredili tamburaši univerze Duquesne, pod vodstvom profesorja Matije Goužeta. Ves dobiček tega koncerta je namenjen za jugoslovanski relief. Po koncertu bo ples in domača zabava. Bratje in sestre, ker je ves dobiček namenjen za pomoč našemu izmučenemu narodu, ki zelo potrebuje naše pomoči, je dolžnost nas vseh, da se koncerta gotovo udeležimo v velikim številu.

John Kvaritch, predsednik.

Društvene vesti

St. Louis, Mo. — Dne 15. aprila se bo vršila redna mesečna seja društva št. 107 SNPJ. Članstvo je prošeno, da se seje udeleži v večjem številu kot v preteklosti. Žaeno prosim vse one člane, ki pošiljajo ašesment po pošti, da ga pošljejo nekaj dni poprej, kajti povečini prejmem čke neobčasno. Želim, da se naše mlade člane in članice, ko se povrnejo iz vojne, predlagam sem, da je to imenitno pijačo za našo jednoto in njeno članstvo. Pravilno je, da do sedaj sprejemamo naše heroje,

Zapisnik seje gospodarskega odseka

Seja gospodarskega odseka SNPJ se je vršila v glavnem stanu jednote dne 14. febr. in se je pričela ob 9.15 popoldne. Navzoči so bili vsi odborniki. Zapisnik seje z dne 16. nov. se sprejme.

Odsikov predsednik Petrović poroča o zadolžnicah obilnega mesta Parma v vsoti 415,000. Vrednost mesta se ceni na \$22,677,390, dolg v zadolžnicah znaša \$3,628,499, sedanja tržna cena zadolžnic pa je 100%. Sklenjeno, da se te zadolžnice prodajo po najboljši ceni.

Odsikovo polletno poročilo za sejo glavnega odbora se odobri; pozneje ga je odobril tudi gl. odbor na svoji letni seji, ki se je vršila 15-17. febr. in je bil priobčen v zapisniku seje tega odbora.

Odsikov tajnik Vider poroča, da vsled bolezni ni mogel vršiti odsikovih dolžnosti, čim te okrevaj, je obvestil odsikovega predsednika, da ni na razpolago dovolj denarja, da se bi vršila seja.

Od zadnje seje so se po odsikove sklepe izvršile sledeče transakcije in vloge: V šest vojni posojilo je jednota vložila \$400,000, tiakarna \$10,000, skupaj \$410,000.

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Odpoklicane so bile zvezne zakladniške obveznice po 4% v vsoti \$40,000, \$50,000, \$5,000 in \$10,000, dalje obveznice mesta Rock Island (4%) v vsoti \$25,000, Moorehouse Parish (5%) \$10,000, Birmingham, Ala. (3 1/4%) \$25,000 in Cook County Veteran (5%) \$2,000, ter dozorele obveznice Republic Steel Corp. v vsoti \$5,000. Skupaj \$172,000.

Na podlagi odsikovega sklepa iz leta 1943 so bile dvignjene vloge pri hranilih in posojilih društvih v Illinoisu v mestih Peru, Wilmette, Chicago in Sterling, dalje v Tuli, Okla., St. Clair Savings & Loan Co. v Clevelandu in Pueblu, dočim bostonsko posojilno društvo se ni poslalo zadevnega čeka. Poročilo sprejeto.

Sklenjeno, da na vprašanje nadzornega odseka o posojilu na Warnerjevo posestvo, naj Petrović zadevo pojasni omenjenemu odseku.

Soglasno sklenjeno, da se zadolžnice okraja Willacy s kuponi vred odstopijo za plačilo po vrednosti brez obresti. Possestvo na 255-57 W. 103rd st. v Chicagu se je prodalo za \$22,000, sedanja bilanca znaša \$17,000. Cankar in Kuhel pojasnita situacijo v tej zvezi. Soglasno sklenjeno, da se zadeva temeljito priče in da se storijo koraki na prihodnji seji; ako treba, se glasuje pismeno.

Soglasno sklenjeno, da se zadolžnice floridskega mesta Tarpon Springs prodajo po najboljši ceni, o zadolžnicah edinburške šole v Texasu pa se odloči na prihodnji seji.

Soglasno sklenjeno, da pričeni z aprilom se odsikove seje vršijo vsako drugo soboto v mesecu.

Na razpolago za nove vloge je \$115,000 za oddelek odraslih, \$15,000 za mladinski oddelek in \$5,000 za sklad nedoraslih; poleg tega bo na razpolago \$15,000 od zadolžnic obilnega mesta Parma, \$2,000 od obveznic čikaških parkov in \$35,000 od solskih obveznic illinoiskega mesta Park Ridge.

Soglasno sklenjeno, da vsota \$100,000 se vloži v zvezne zakladniške obveznice serije G s posredovanjem Jugoslovanskega hranilnega in posojilnega društva, ostala vsota pa v zvezne zakladniške obveznice po 2 1/2% z najugodnejšim donosom obresti.

Zaključek seje ob 12:15 popoldne.

Matt Petrović, preds.

F. A. Vider, tajnik.

Jacob Zupan, zapis.

POROČILO O NAKAZANI BOLNIŠKI NAKAZI

Nakazana dne 29. marca 1945

REPORT OF SICK BENEFIT PAYMENT

Payment of March 29, 1945

- 18 Mary Pousche \$16.50
- 19 Bart Perello \$20
- 21 Hilda Stupar \$5
- 22 Mary Butina \$20, Kata Mihelich \$14
- 23 Anna Laminov, Apolonia Milesevic \$21, Mike Grentz \$24
- 24 William Stucin \$14, Jessie Vozel \$14
- 25 Frances Cukajne \$24
- 27 Gregor Markota \$25
- 28 Ana Kestel \$19, Anton Ranjich \$40
- 29 Mary Peternel \$28, Joseph Cervene \$32, Jennie Potar \$24, John Litwin \$44, Karl Zabkar \$41, John Koren \$12
- 41 Anna Krizan \$41
- 53 Steve Bevar \$29, Mary Bukovnik \$17
- 62 Anton Gesel \$14, John Bregar \$20
- 63 John Cerne \$20
- 68 Frank Zupanec \$28, John Dobrinac \$9
- 79 George Butala \$15, Louis Areslovnik \$24, Mile Lopechek \$9
- 80 John Grm \$5
- 81 Vincent Costnik \$8.50, Frank Danichek Jr. \$26, John Majo \$26, Vincent Ravnikar \$48, Marko Pavzel \$26, Frances Segota \$26, Jerry Strudel \$60
- 83 Mike Gavrilovich \$26
- 86 Louis Gruden \$27, Brigita Skornibek \$21, Fred Matjanc \$25
- 96 Michael Ocepce \$15, Frank Serjun \$37, John Widmar \$19, John Widmar \$19
- 106 Mildred Plekovich \$20
- 110 Joseph Sustar \$40, Frank Vidmar \$62
- 120 Anton Slemek \$28, Angelo Krainik \$28, Louis Ambrozich \$12, Jernej Lavrich \$70, Michael Vidmar \$11, Olivia Ambrozich \$28, Lenac Klancnik \$40
- 112 Frank Gasser \$16
- 117 John Gerkman \$28, John Gerkman \$28, Frank Prpic \$28, Matthew Povri \$62, Anton Kosec \$46
- 119 Ivana Zelenski \$28, Frances Klavzer \$14
- 124 Joseph Konchar \$14, Frank Vozel \$20
- 126 Frank Skvarc \$15.50, Josephine Koprivce \$28
- 135 Frank Stibel \$25
- 139 Anton Rujan \$28, Rudolph Rozanc \$12
- 150 Frank Znidarsic \$14.50
- 158 Rudolph Bama \$14, Thomas Rus \$14, Jacob Bukovec \$18, Joseph Stupica \$60, Agnes Kautz \$40, Mary Koljat \$21
- 161 Frank Segc \$21.50
- 164 Angela Plesac \$40
- 167 Emma Prohart \$5, Frank Wiltuznik \$45
- 175 Louis Zitek \$24
- 188 Paul Brozovic \$10
- 190 Lela Harris \$5.50, Anton Dremelj \$26, George Kristel \$28, John Nado \$26
- 194 John Malnarich \$11
- 200 Joseph Stravac \$24, Anton Pastinak \$18, Cyril Lukic \$24, Katarina Bozic \$14, Krist Bolko \$19, Krist Bolko \$19, Joseph Jaklich \$20
- 207 Frank German \$15, John Bregar \$40, Joseph Ance \$66, George Elenich \$14, George Elenich \$26, Steve Vukelich \$42
- 208 Louise Goe \$29
- 210 Philip Bittner \$12
- 211 Luke Ribich \$25
- 220 Jaga Novak \$26, John Ocepce \$60, Angeline Ruchoff \$28, Mary Zerjav \$28, Mary Orsey \$12.50
- 223 John Petkovsek \$40
- 240 Helen Skerbetz \$20, Mary Loncar \$26.50
- 244 Mary Shesman \$19, Anton Janek \$48, Mary Kerevich \$22
- 247 Mike Sankovich \$14, Frances Naret \$26, Michael Penko \$43.50
- 253 Raymond Komlosky \$20, Frances Fritzel \$24
- 254 Emma Bork \$15
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- 266 Frank Camerich \$14, John Lokar \$30
- 273 Emma Durbach \$19, Anton Augustin \$12, Terezia Dvjak \$14
- 275 Frank Spendal \$28
- 284 Antonia Mahnich \$5
- 286 Joseph Petrich \$61, William Wise \$28
- 288 Edward Gerk \$24
- 290 Frank Camerich \$14, John Lokar \$30
- 296 Ida Benedict \$14, John Potocknik \$34, Frank Komatin \$54
- 300 Josephine Abrams \$20, Helen Colange \$26, Frances Polifko \$12.50, Max Germ \$24
- 304 Hazel Kufajic \$40
- 306 Frances Preskar \$22, Tom Pavlich \$16, John Dvazic \$28, Joseph Vlastelich \$24, Mary Bokun \$41
- 322 Corinne Baraga \$26
- 327 Histo Potar \$41
- 328 Jacob Leban \$10, Angela Divjak \$24

Za odbor federacije SNPJ: A. Shular.

AGITIRAJTE ZA PROSVETO!

Druga pošiljka na poti v Jugoslavijo

Dne 21. marca je odplula iz New Yorka druga pošiljka relifnih potrebščin za Jugoslavijo, katere je odposlal Vojni relifni fond Amerikancev južnoslovanskega porekla. Vrednost poslanega materiala je ocenjena na \$412,675.00 in tehta 657,846 funtov (330 ton). Prva pošiljka, ki je bila prejeta v Jugoslaviji že meseca januarja, je bila vredna \$282,339 in je tehtala 220 ton. Ker je še vedno nekaj povpraševanja, ali je naš material že došel v Jugoslavijo ali ne, naj bo ponovno omenjeno, da nas je obvestil o prejemu Rdeči križ ter da je o prejeti pošiljki že pisal.

Rabljena obleka	658 zab.	233,828 funt.
Vitamins	54 zab.	12,107 "
Konservirano mleko	22 zab.	7,317 "
Konservirana juha	4 zab.	1,008 "
Konservirana zelenjava	26 zab.	8,005 "
Milo	21 zab.	6,982 "
Rabljeni čevlji	77 zab.	35,557 "
Novi moški in deški čevlji	91 zab.	35,442 "
Riž	5 zab.	1,862 "
Fižol	6 zab.	2,187 "
Žitni produkti (cereals)	6 zab.	1,625 "
Kava	16 zab.	3,575 "
Moške suknje (nove)	1 zab.	330 "
Sladkor	10 zab.	3,928 "
Otroška hrana, kons.	334 kart.	5,010 "
Mlečni prašek	300 sod.	45,000 "
Konservirano meso	2 zab.	800 "
Sivalni stroji	9 zab.	1,910 "
Quinaerine hydrochloride	10 zab.	680 "
Sol	4 zab.	1,658 "
Sulfa zdravila	4 zab.	1,147 "
Moške nošavice	12 zab.	4,723 "
Čaj	3 zab.	406 "
Kakao	2 zab.	486 "
Rabljena obleka (od HBZ)	423 zab.	142,274 "
Rabljeni čevlji (od HBZ)	63 zab.	25,779 "

Istočasno pošiljajo v Jugoslavijo relifne potrebšchine tudi zavezniške vojaške oblasti in UNRRA, ki bo pričela operirati v Jugoslaviji 15. aprila. Pričuje se, da bo v aprilu dospelo v Jugoslavijo 80,000 ton raznega materiala, vključevši tovorne avtomobile za prevoz blaga v notranjčino.

Jugoslovanska vlada nam je povrnila prevozne stroške za prvo pošiljko, in sicer vsoto \$15,093.75. Potrebščine se torej ne pošiljajo v Jugoslavijo na račun denarnih prispevkov, ki se pošiljajo v urad WRFASD.

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V soboto 14. aprila se vrši shod in veselica in korist pomožne akcije in SANSa v Bridgeportu, Ohio. Razstavljene bodo tudi fotografije o Osvobodilnem gibanju v Sloveniji. Rojaki v okolici so vabljeni na številni poset.

Mirko G. Kuhel, tajnik.



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Militarizem in mir—II

Zadnje sredo smo obljubili, da si bomo v tem članku nekoliko ogledali argumente, s katerimi militaristi in njih pristaši zagovarjajo osedlanje dežele z zakonom stalne prisilne vojašine. Pod sistemom take vojašine je ječala skoraj vsa Evropa, ki je deloma vsled tega tudi skotila obe svetovni vojni. Sedaj so na delu močne sile tudi v Ameriki, da tudi to deželo "osrečijo" z militarizmom, ki je eno največjih kletstev človeštva.

V preteklosti je bila Amerika tudi vsled tega tako privlačna za vsakega svobodoljubnega človeka, ker ni poznala militarizma—nobene obvezne vojaške službe; tudi ni vzdrževala velike oborožene sile. V tem jo je pred vojno faktično posekalo vsaka tudi najmanjša evropska država izven Skandinavije in Švice. Imela je prilično močno bojno mornarico, in to posebno po zadnji svetovni vojni. Po tej vojni naj pa tudi na kopnem posnema evropski militarizem. Če to stori, bo ameriško ljudstvo ječalo pod težjo davčno butaro kot katerikoli drug narod. Sigurno je tudi to, da bo militarizem prej ali slej vrgel deželo in sploh ves svet v novo svetovno klanje.

Oglejmo si nekoliko v zadnjem članku navedene argumente.

Prvi in glavni argument je, da mora Amerika po vojni ostati čim močnejša vojaška sila, kajti pred novo vojno se bo zavarovala le s čim večjo armado—vsaj si pa zagotovila zmago v slučaju vojne. Slednje je mogoče resnica, kajti v obeh svetovnih vojnah je bila odločilna sila. In odločilna sila je bila predvsem radi svoje ogromne industrijske kapacitete, s katero je posebno v tej vojni pokazala prave čudeže. Predsednik vojnega produkcijskega odbora Krug je pred nekaj tedni dejal, da ameriška vojna produkcija presega produkcijo VSEH OSTALIH DRŽAV na svetu.

Toda tudi ta argument: da si zagotovi zmago v novi vojni, je dvomljive vrednosti in poln samovarjanja. Možnost namreč je, da v prihodnjih 50 letih Amerika ostane na drugem mestu na listi največjih gospodarskih sil. Lahko se zgodi, da jo v tem času prekosijo Sovjetska Rusija, ki je po obsegu, prebivalstvu in tudi po naravnih zakladih že danes na prvem mestu. Ampak tudi če ne pride do tega in si Amerika ohrani za nedogleden čas prvenstvo kot največja gospodarska sila na svetu, to samo na sebi ni nobena garancija, da bi zmaga tudi v prihodnji svetovni vojni, čeprav v militarizmu na vsej črti posnema Nemčijo in Japonsko.

Vojna sreča je končno namreč odvisna od kombinacij v vojni zapletenih držav. Amerika bo ostala odločujoča sila le toliko časa, dokler bo v svetovni politiki igrala vlogo ravnovesja, kakor jo na primer igra v sedanji ali kakor jo je igrala v prvi svetovni vojni. Toda v prihodnji svetovni vojni se lahko zgodi, da ne bo imela prilike do te vloge, in to sigurno ne, ako se sama spopade s kakšno velesilo kot agresorica, do česar jo lahko privede militarizem v obrambo njenega komercialnega imperializma.

Z drugo besedo: Čeprav Amerika—to velja tudi za vsako drugo državo—ostane tudi v mirnem času oborožena do zob, ni v tem nobene garancije za njeno zmago v prihodnji vojni. Sigurno je le to, da bi v tem primeru postala podoben suženj svojega militarizma kot so bili Nemci pod kajzerjem in Hitlerjem ali kot so Japonci pod svojimi imperialisti. V modernem svetu je zmaga v vojni odvisna predvsem od kombinacij v vojni zapletenih sil. Zgodovina pa kaže, da se kombinacije kaj rade menjajo. Države, ki so v tej vojni zaveznice, si bodo v prihodnji vojni lahko sovražnice. To je na primer v tej vojni slučaj z Italijo in Japonsko, ki sta bili v prvi svetovni vojni na "naši" strani. Zgodovina je polna takih primerov; enako bo tudi v bodoče, dokler se bodo dogajale večje vojne, dokler ne pride do trajnega miru.

Torej če ni gleda tega, z vojaškega stališča najbolj kardinalnega vprašanja nobene gotovosti, kdo bo v prihodnji svetovni vojni "zmagal" in kdo bo poražen—poražena bodo vsa ljudstva, tudi v "zmagovitih" državah—tedaj je dvomljive vrednosti, s stališča "narodne obrambe" namreč, tudi prvotna zahteva, da mora Amerika tudi po vojni ostati čim močnejša vojaška sila, kar v resnici pomeni čim močnejša militaristična sila.

Argument, da je dežela lahko vojaško močna brez militarizma, je v lastni kontradikciji. Nobena država, posebno kapitalistična ne, ne more biti močna vojaška sila brez "esprit de corps"—brez agresivnega militarističnega duha. Glede tega je lep dokaz Francija, ki je bila v medvojni dobi najmočnejša vojaška sila na kontinentu. Kaj se je leta 1940 zgodilo z njeno, "najboljšo" armado, je znano vsem.

Zahteva po stalnem vzdrževanju čim večje armade v resnici ni samo dvomljive vrednosti, marveč lahko usodna za deželo. Hitler je na primer zgradil najmočnejšo oboroženo silo, ki jo pozna zgodovina do danes. Bila je ne le sijajno oborožena, izborna trentana in mojstersko vodena, marveč tudi polna nacijskega "esprit de corps". Ampak tudi najmočnejša vojna mašina, kakršne še ni nikdar prej zgradila nobena država, ni Hitlerju prinesla zmage. Faktično mu je prinesla pogubo, kakor tudi vsej Nemčiji in vsemu svetu. S sigurnostjo lahko rečemo to, ako bi Nemčija ne imela niti regimenta vojakov, bi bila danes tisočkrat na boljšem, kakor tudi vsi ostali narodi.

Z drugo besedo: Vzdrževanje velike stalne armade, katero je seveda mogoče zgraditi edino le s solžno obvezno vojaško službo, ni sama na sebi nobena garancija za zmago v vojni, kajti to je odvisno predvsem od kombinacij v vojni zapletenih sil. Na drugi strani se na vsaka kapitalistična država z veliko oboroženo silo sigurno prej ali slej zaplete v vojno. Sigurno je tudi to, ako bo Amerika tudi po vojni gradila čim večjo armado, bodo isto delale vse druge države, velike in majhne in gradnja nove lige narodov za—ohrano miru je največja farsa. (Dalej v sredo.)

Glasovi iz
naselbinKONCERT ZBORA
PREŠERNA

Chicago, Ill. — Zopet se je poslovala zima in prebujenje narave in pitje petje naznanja spremembo letnega časa. Vsako leto priredi zbor Prešeren spomladanski koncert in tako tudi letos.

Kljub težkim oviram, ki jih nam prizadeva vojna na kulturnem polju, gre pevski zbor Prešeren svojo pot naprej in tako bo v nedeljo, 15. aprila, ob treh popoldne priredil svoj koncert v dvorani SNPJ.

Kakor za vsak koncert v preteklosti, tako bo tudi za tega prirejen lep program, kateri bo občinstvu gotovo ugaljal. Na programu bo tudi nastopila prvovrstna pevka Josephine Trampus (Kin Weston), katere je že pela v vojaških taboriščih in prejela povsod priznanje. To pot bo zapela dve novi slovenski pesmi. Nadalje nastopi Možina trojica, ki je dobro poznana med čikaškimi Slovenci in zelo priljubljena. Nastopil bo tudi Prešernov kvartet, kateri sestoji iz samih mladih fantov. Zapeli bodo več ubranih pesmi. Instrumentalna skupina bo tudi dala več pestrosti programu. Mladi Strnisha bo pa izvajal potrkjalni ples (tap dance). Vse te točke bodo podane v lepi harmoniji.

Kakor po navadi, tako bo sledila po koncertu tudi to pot igra, ki se imenuje "Fejst fant" in jo je spisal brat Udochich. On ima izkušnje in je sam dober igralec. Dramski odsek bo podal igro v angleščini. Igra je zanima in v njej nastopijo sami mladeniči.

Vsled vojne so prizadeta v splošnem naša kulturna društva in prav tako tudi naš pevski zbor. Zato pa je potrebno, da sodelujemo in stojimo ob strani kulturnih društev, ki jih imamo še v naši sredi.

Pri našem zboru vzgajamo mladino v poštenosti in polni meri, vsled tega so lahko starši ponosni. Večkrat slišimo, kako je skupina mladeničev napadla ženske in moške ter jih obrala. O Slovencih pa se kaj takega ne sliši, posebno ne o onih, ki pripadajo h kulturnim društvom.

Pri zboru Prešeren je polovico mladine in njeno obnašanje je vseh onih članov, ki so danes v armadi. Radi tega zaslužijo, da jih občinstvo obišče, kadar priredi koncert ta zbor. Rojaki, v nedeljo imate lepo priliko in si privoščite nekaj ur duševnega uživanja s tem, da posetite koncert. Sami veste, da se človek najbolje počuti tam, kjer je lepo petje.

Po končanem koncertu se bo vršil ples, za katerega bo igrala izvrstna godba. Vstopnina je samo 50c z davkom vred. Občinstvo je opozorjeno, da se bo program pričel točno ob treh popoldne, to pa vsled tega, ker moramo sedaj poprej nehati kot prej čase. Bodite navzoči že ob pol treh!

Zbor Prešeren apelira na občinstvo, da se odzove na to vabilo in poseti koncert v velikem številu. Na gotovo in veselo svidenje v nedeljo, 15. aprila, ob dveh popoldne v dvorani SNPJ, 2657 So. Lawndale ave.

Frank Teropich, član Prešerna in št. 86 SNPJ.

AKCIJA ZA NARODNI HRAM
IN DRUGE AKTIVNOSTI

West Allis, Wis. — Pomlad je tu — narava se je prebudila iz zimskega spanja. Tudi tukajšnja organizacija za slovenski dom kaže prebujenje in se je zopet ozivila.

Omenjena organizacija deluje v West Allisu že nekaj let. Spreveda je bilo precej aktivnosti med člani in rojaki in prodanih je bilo blizu \$3,000 delnic in približno toliko pa se je spravilo skupaj z raznimi prireditvami. Toda prejšnja leta se je slabo delalo in ni bilo denarja. Sedaj pa dobro delamo in tudi zaslužimo, nimamo pa dosti časa na razpolago. Od kraja so bile seje dobro obiskane, potem pa zmešraj slabše in proti koncu se jih je udeleževalo samo osem do deset oseb. Potem pa so od se imeli vršiti seji SANSa in

tistih štirje umrli, ostali smo pa "zmrzili".

Zadnje dve leti ni bilo nobene aktivnosti in tako danes nimamo drugega kakor precej lepo in obširno zemljišče. Da pa ni popolnoma prazno, so postavili nanj mestno volilno kočjo. V času depresije so Slovenci v tej kočji "kralja klicali" in igrali "66". Tudi majhne seje imamo lahko notri, zunaj pa regat raste in otroci bijejo žogo.

Članstvo št. 104 SNPJ in št. 3 JPZS se je spomnilo, da bi bilo dobro zopet kakšno sejo sklicati in tako se je res vršila dne 6. marca. Na seji nisem bil navzoč, toda povedali so mi, da je bila precej dobra udeležba, tudi od strani ženskega spola, in sklenili so, da moramo iti z delom naprej za zgradnjo narodnega hrama. Če ne moremo zaenkrat postaviti stavbe, pa postavimo štiri "kole" in malo strehe. To bi bil začetek, potem bi pa že šlo počasi naprej, samo treba je imeti malo več korajže.

Na isti seji je bilo tudi sklenjeno, da se v ta namen priredi domača zabava, katere se bo vršila v nedeljo, 14. aprila, v Kraljevi dvorani. Začetek bo ob treh popoldne, konec pa ob enajstih zvečer. Za ples bo igral isti godbenik, kakor je igral na starega leta večer. Ker nisem bil navzoč na seji, mi ni znano, koliko bo vstopnina. Sicer pa vam bodo to že pri vratih povedali. Večerjo bodo servirali ob sedmih (brez pointov). Žejo pa boste lahko gasili, kadar se vam bo poljubilo. Mislim, da se bo lahko vsakdo za nekaj dolarjev prenil od prve do zadnje postaje.

Nadaljnja reč je kolekta, zbiranje obleke in denarja za Jugoslavijo. Tedaj sta se podružnici SANSa, št. 56, in št. 5 JPOSS združili in skupaj kolektali denar in obleko. Obleke je bilo nabrane 6 ton in v Milwaukeeju in West Allisu in vse skupaj je bilo odposlano v New York organizaciji WRFASSD in od tam z ladjo v Jugoslavijo. Denarja pa smo zbrali nekaj nad \$1600. Iz te vsote se je plačalo za transportacijo obleke, ostalo vsoto pa se je nameravalo poslati za takojšnjo pomoč. Zastopniki podružnice SANSa so glasovali, da se denar takoj pošlje v New York, zastopniki podružnice JPO pa so glasovali, da se pošlje v glavni urad JPO-SS. Na seji, ki se je vršila 14. novembra, so bili navzoči tudi nekateri, ki niso nič delovali pri tej akciji, a glasovali so, da se denar pošlje v Chicago. Pozneje pa smo zvedeli, da so nekateri stalni odborniki in nekateri drugi odločili, naj se denarja ne pošlje v Chicago, temveč se ga kar obdrži v Milwaukeeju, nakar se ga bo poslalo po vojni rezevem v Slovenijo.

Rad priznam, da bodo slovenski rezevi potrebovali naše pomoči po vojni in še dolgo potem, kajti Slovenija in njeno prebivalstvo je skoro do smrti zbičano. Samo da bi denar prišel v prave roke, da bi ga dobili resnični rezevi in ne kakšni paraziti. Ne, papež ne bi smel nič dobiti, ker je Italijan, Slovenci pa Italijanov ne maramo. Dejal sem, da papež ne sme dobiti slovenskega denarja, toda prav lahko bi se zgodilo, da bi ga bil deležen ljubljanski general, njegov opoda cvetličar in drugi podrepani. Toda pazili bomo, da bo prišel v prave roke, v roke revnega ljudstva, ki silno potrebuje pomoči v obleki in živilih.

Tukajšnja podružnica št. 56 SANSa še vedno zbira denar in do zdaj je bilo poslanih že precej stotakov Mirku Kuhlju, tajniku SANSa. Ker pa zaeno zbira denar tudi za pomožno akcijo, je kolekta za SANSa malo zaostala. Seveda, med nami se še vedno najde ljudi, ki niso do sedaj še ničesar prispevali, do čim so nekateri že večkrat.

Da zopet spravimo kaj denarja za SANS, smo sklenili, da priredimo kartno zabavo v nedeljo, 22. aprila, pri Miksu Šušteršiču na 6. cesti. Isti dan sta deset oseb. Potem pa so od se imeli vršiti seji SANSa in

federacije, potem pa se je radi te prireditve sklenilo, da se bosta vršili dne 29. aprila v prav istem prostoru. Federacijska seja se bo pričela ob pol dveh, zanjo pa seja podružnice SANSa, kajti na obe seji pridejo eni in isti člani in članice.

Naj še omenim, da je federacija društev SNPJ na zadnji seji sklenila, da priredi piknik, ki se bo vršil 29. julija pri W. Kozmutu na So. 92 st. in W. Beloid rd. Društva so pršenja, da ne prirejajo piknikov na isti dan. Darovali smo \$25 iz federacijske blagajne za pomožno akcijo Jugoslavije. Ako bomo naredili kaj cvenka s piknikom, se bomo pa zopet spomnili naših bratov in sester v nesrečni domovini. Tudi SANS ne bomo pozabili. Prosvetni matiči pa smo odobrili \$12.

Želim, da si zapomnite sledeče datume:

15. aprila — domača zabava za slovenski dom v Kraljevi dvorani;

22. aprila — kartna zabava za SANS pri Šušteršiču;

29. aprila — federacijska in SANSova seja pri Šušteršiču;

29. julija — piknik federacije društev SNPJ pri Kozmutu.

Vi se udeležimo teh priredb in kar bo dobička, bo šel v dobre namene.

Anton Demšar.

PRIPOROČILA KONVENCIJI

Bellaire, O. — Bliza se 13. redna konvencija SNPJ in dolžnost članstva je, da poda v Prosveti primerne nasvete za spremembo nekaterih točk sedanjih pravil.

Točka št. 2 "Volitve delegatov", naj bi se spremenilo v toliko, da bi se glasilo: "Vsako društvo, ki ima v mesecu pred volitvami delegatov v konvencijem letu 200 ali več rednih članov, ima pravico poslati enega delegata, društvo, ki ima 400 ali več dobrostojećih članov, ima pravico poslati dva delegata. Društva, ki štejejo manj kot 200 članov, se smejo združiti za doseg 200 ali več dobrostojećih članov. Toda nobena skupina društev ne more poslati več kakor enega delegata. In nobeno društvo ne more poslati več kot dva delegata, neglede koliko članov šteje društvo."

Ako je društveni tajnik sposoben voditi društvo skozi vsoto leto, potem sta dva kvalificirana delegata dovolj, da zastopata društvo na konvenciji dva tedna ali manj. S zgoraj navedeno spremembo bi precej znižali delegacijo in prištedili marsikateri tisočak konvencijemu skladu. K sedanji kvalifikaciji delegatov in namestnikov, naj bi kandidate podali še svoje osebne kvalifikacije, ki naj bi bile spisane in podprte z dokazi, kaj vse so že naredili v korist društva in jednote. Na ta način bi imelo članstvo priliko izvoliti res najbolj kvalificirane delegate in namestnike. S tem bi tudi prihranili veliko dragocenega časa na konvenciji, ker ne bi imeli nepravilno izvoljenih delegatov.

Nadalje naj bi delegacija prihodnje konvencije pazila, da glasuje za bodoče konvencijem mesto, ki je v bližini središča članstva SNPJ, kajti s tem bi prihranili veliko denarja za vožnjo. V primeru, da bi pa delegacija zopet odglasovala za kakšno mesto, ki je daleč od središča, potem bi morala tudi takoj glasovati za večje prispevke v konvencijem sklad. Tako bi ne imeli razprave v Prosveti tik pred konvencijo, kako pokriti konvencijem stroške, kakor jo imamo sedaj.

S temi mojimi nasveti ne mislim nikogar žaliti in se ne tičejo mojih osebnih ambicij, ampak želim le dobro za članstvo in jednoto.

Louis Pavlinich.

O ZADEVI KANADSKIH
DRUŠTEV IN KONVENCIJI

Toronto, Kanada. — Kolikor je razvidno iz zapisnika zadnjega zborovanja gl. odbora SNPJ, ni slednji povzel nikakih korakov glede ponovnega sprejemanja novih članov v društva SNPJ v Kanadi. Kakor je znano, ni kanadskim društvom SNPJ dovoljeno sprejemati novih članov že od meseca julija l. 1942. O tej zadevi je bilo že enkrat omenjeno v Prosveti in pozneje tudi obljubljeno, da bo gl. odbor pretresal stvar na prihodnjem letnem zborovanju, toda še jo je očitno pozabilo ali pa prezrlo.

Ako se ne motim, je jednota

prenehala sprejemati nove članove v društva SNPJ v Kanadi iz razloga, ker kanadska vlada ne dovoljuje, da bi jednota se nadalje poslovala, ako ne vzpostavi svojega urada v Kanadi. Od tedaj so pretekla že skoro tri leta, a o stvari se ni še ničesar ukrenilo, zato priporočam gl. uradu in konvenciji, da se potrudijo in to zadevo uredi. Razumljivo, da naletimo na težave pri vsaki stvari, toda v mnogih primerih se najde izhod, ako se resnično potrudimo in skušamo stvar izravnati.

Kolikor je meni znano, se kanadsko članstvo SNPJ počuti prikrajšano in zapostavljeno, ker imajo enakih pravic kot drugo članstvo, dasiravno že samo ime "jednota" pomeni, da imajo vsi člani enake pravice. Seveda, povsod najdemo člane, ki tega ne upoštevajo in večkrat se zgodi, da se ta ali oni spozabi in ne ravna po enotnih pravilih, za kar pa se ga kaznuje, kakor je kaznovano tudi celo društvo, ako se ne ravna po enotnih pravilih. Jednota naj bo vsem enaka. Tukaj v Kanadi je okrog 450 članov, toda število se bi precej povečalo, ako bi lahko sprejemali v društva nove člane.

Ker se blizu konvencije, bom tudi jaz izrazil nekaj mnenj, ki pa se bodo precej razlikovala povečini od onih, ki so bila že izražena v Prosveti. Do sedaj so mnogi izrazili, da je potrebno znižati delegacijo, da s tem znižamo tudi konvencijem stroške. To je razumljivo in res je tudi, da je radi velikega prometa na železnici in drugih transportacijah voznja v sedanjih časih zelo neprikladna. Ako pa pomislimo, da se konvencija vrši vsaka štiri leta, potem se ne bi smeli bati stroškov, kajti jednota je velika. Ako bi bilo potrebno, bi lahko prispevali vsaka štiri leta en dolar izrednega asesmenta v konvencijem sklad. Ako pa zmanjšamo delegacijo na polovico, ne bi s tem posamezni člani ničesar prihranili. Ker pa se zavedamo, da je SNPJ samo naša narodna ustanova, ki je povečini našemu narodu največja opora v tujini, potem ne bi smeli gledati za par grošev, ako jih potrošimo v ta namen.

Mnogi člani so mišljenja, da lahko majhna delegacija stori isto delo kot velika, kar pa ne drži v vseh oziirih, kajti star pregovor pravi, da veliko ljudi veliko ve, vsi ljudje pa vse. Tega mišljenja sem tudi jaz, samo priporočam, da pošljemo na prihodnjo konvencijo, ako se bo vršila, polno delegacijo, kakor določajo pravila. Pri tem pa moramo paziti, da izberemo zavedne delegate, katerim je članstvo in jednota pri sre. Le na ta način bomo ustvarili največ sloge in zadovoljstva za vse. Dobro delo rodi dober sad. Temu ne more nihče oporekati.

Sedaj se nahajamo v vojnih časih in imamo težave v vseh oziirih, toda če zmanjšamo delegacijo, ne bomo imeli radi tega velikega dobička, zato apeliram, da pošljemo na konvencijo tolikšno delegacijo, kakor določajo pravila zadnje konvencije in s tem bomo dosegli napredek pri jednoti.

J. Sherjak.

NEKAJ PRIPOROČIL

West Middlesex, Pa. — Zopet se oglašam in sedaj glede prihodnje konvencije SNPJ, ki se ima vršiti to leto. Mnogi so se oglasili v Prosveti glede tega in priporočali so, da bi odložili konvencijo za bolj primeren čas. Tudi glavni odborniki so razmotrivali o tem na zadnjem zasedanju, navzlic temu pa še do danes nismo na jasnem, ali se bo vršila konvencija to leto ali ne. Glavni organi so počasni glede konvencije. Vse kaže, da bo potrebno izvoliti delegate, pa če se bo vršila konvencija ali ne. Tudi za minnesotska društva so težave, kajti vse morajo pripravljati v negotovosti.

Tudi tu smo za odgovitve konvencije, kajti vožnja in draginja nam dela preglavice. Nekateri so proti visokim dnevnicam, ne pomislijo pa, da danes navaden delavec zasluži od \$7 naprej in to doma ter nima nobenih posebnih stroškov, kakor jih ima delegat, ki je v tujem kraju in mora plačati za vsako stvar. Strinjani se z Barbičem, da je dober delegat vreden dobre plače, slab pa nobene. Sploh pa se o dnevnicah ni treba pregovarjati, kajti delegacija bo o njih sama odločala. Glede vo-

nje je že odločeno. Da je draga, o tem ni govorenja. Gotovo je, da bo delegacija tako reprezentirana na konvenciji, kakor je sklenila zadnja konvencija. Rad bi vi videl, da bi tista društva, ki so glasovala za znižanje delegacije, ne poslala več kot enega delegata. Prihranili bi nekaj v konvencijem skladu, kar bi bilo bolj kot nič. Priporočljivo je tudi, da bi dala društva nalogo svojim delegatom, da bi volijo, da bi društva plačala za vozne stroške, jednota pa dnevnice.

Nekateri so priporočali, da bi društva sama plačala tudi dnevnice. To ne bi bilo koristno, kajti imamo mnogo članov, ki se ne brigajo, kdo jih zastopa na konvenciji in ko bi prišlo do glasovanja o dnevnicah, bi glasovali za najnižje, a kdo bi prevzel za delegata, je pa vprašanje, najbrže tisti, ki bi imel največ časa. Tako bi imeli delegatje različnih društev različne plače. Nekateri \$3 na dan, drugi \$5, tretji \$10. Kakor sem že omenil, priporočljivo pa bi bilo, da bi društva plačala vožnjo. Nekateri bi plačala več, druga pa manj, kar bi bilo pač odvisno od daljave konvencijem mesta.

Tudi glede operacij v grlu bi bilo potrebno kaj ukreniti. Za operacijo mandeljev (tonsila) ne damo nobene odškodnine in radi tega mnogi godrnjajo. Ne smemo pozabiti, da so danes tudi te vrste operacij drage. Treba bi bilo tudi urediti pravila tako, da bodo bolj razumljiva.

Ako bo ostalo po starem, namreč da bo jednota plačala dnevnice in vozne stroške, potem pa bi bilo treba znižati delegacijo, in sicer ne bi smelo imeti nobeno društvo več kot enega delegata. Razumljivo, društva, ki nimajo sto članov, ne bi imela nebelega delegata.

Zadnje nedeljo v aprilu, to je 29., se bo vršila seja federacije za vzhodni Ohio in Penno in Slovenskem domu v Sharonu, Pa. Pričakovati je, da bodo vsa društva, ki spadajo k federaciji, poslala zastopnike.

Anton Valentincič.

ČLAN ŠT. 3 PADEL
NA BOJŠČU

Johnstown, Pa. — Zopet poročam žalostno vest, da je smrt posegla v naše društvo.

Družina Mikolic je bila uradna obveščena, da je Cpl. Edward Mikolic žrtvovale svoje mlado življenje na otoku Iwu dne 28. februarja. Tako dajajo na oltar domovine svoja življenja naši sinovi in bratje.

Pokojnik zapuša poleg staršev pet bratov in pet sester. Za njim žaluje tudi naše društvo, katerega član je bil do smrti. On je sin daleč okoli poznane Franka in Jennie Mikolic. Kje naj najdemo besede, da bi vsaj malo potolažila starše? Ker smo z družino dobri prijatelji, nas boli njih izguba. Kdaj bo napočil dan, ko bo konec vojne? Moja srčna želja, da bi se vsi člani našega društva srečno povrnil domov, se na žalost ne bo izpolnila, kajti do sedaj manjkata že dva in tako bo moje veselje, če dočakam konca vojne, izkajeno na praznih sedežih vrnitvene proslave.

V imenu društva št. 3 SNPJ na tem mestu izrazim družini globoko sožalje. Ti pa, dragi brat, ki si dal svoje mlado življenje za domovino in človeštvo, počivaj mirno v tuji zemlji. Ni nam mogoče stati ob tvoji gomili, zato se v duhu poslavljamo od tebe.

Poročilo je prišlo, da je bil ranjen že v drugič Caryl Slabe. On bo prišel v Zedinjene države, da se dobro pozdravi. Ranjen je bil tudi John Bubalo, toda menda ne zelo hudo, kajti slišala sem, da je zopet v akciji.

Nekaj časa nam je bila usoda mila in upala sem, da ne bo posegla v vrste našega društva, toda ni nam prišla tega strašnega gorja. Sinovi Slave se bore na krvavih poljanah po vsem svetu in umirajo. Ali nas bo to kaj naučilo? Ali bomo delali, da se strašno klanje več ne ponovi? Ali naj še nadalje intrigantje barantajo za Judežev grobe? Ali naj še nadalje umirajo na bojiščih delavski otroci, medtem ko sede intrigantje v varnem zavetju in pri obloženi mizi? Delavce, organiziraj se!

Pozdrav vsemu članstvu SNPJ!

Mary Vidmar.

AGITIRAJTE ZA PROSVETO

Minutes of Meeting of Supreme Board of Slovene National Benefit Society

Held Feb. 15-17, 1945, at Headquarters, 2657 S. Lawndale Ave., Chicago, Ill.

(Continued)
SESSION FEB. 15, 1 P. M.
Report of the SNPJ Finance Committee

We are herewith presenting to you the report of our Committee and a review of purchases, sales, and other changes which have taken place in the list of our investments during the six months period ending December 31, 1944.

Purchases

The par value of securities purchased during the last six months of 1944 is \$750,000.00 and the price paid is \$753,226.56, or at a premium of a little over \$3,000.00. This represents an average monthly investment of \$125,000.00. Total investments show a decrease of \$339,275.00 over the previous six-month period. Approximately \$400,000.00 of the money we have invested was obtained by the disposal of our securities, and does not represent an increase in assets of our Society.

All the money, with the exception of \$50,000.00 invested in Bonds of Commonwealth Edison Company, was used to purchase the U.S. Govt. Securities. The reasons for these purchases are the same as those given in our report six months ago. We do not expect that there is going to be any change in this situation until the end of the war.

BONDS ACQUIRED (Six months ending 12-31-44)						
Date	Description	Maturity	Rate	Yield	Par Value	Cost
Aug. 29, 1944	U.S. Treasury	3-15-70/65	2 1/2	2.4805	\$150,000.00	\$150,468.75
Sept. 29, 1944	U.S. Treasury	3-15-70/65	2 1/2	2.474	150,000.00	150,632.81
Oct. 31, 1944	Commonwealth Edison Co. (1st Mtg.—Series "L")	2-1-77	3	2.80	50,000.00	52,125.00
Nov. 29, 1944	U.S. Treasury (Sixth War Loan)	3-15-71/66	2 1/2	2.50	200,000.00	200,000.00
Nov. 29, 1944	U.S. Treasury (Sixth War Loan)	3-15-71/66	2 1/2	2.50	10,000.00	10,000.00
Dec. 16, 1944	U.S. Treasury (Sixth War Loan)	3-15-71/66	2 1/2	2.50	185,000.00	185,000.00
Dec. 16, 1944	U.S. Treasury (Sixth War Loan)	3-15-71/66	2 1/2	2.50	5,000.00	5,000.00
Totals					\$750,000.00	\$753,226.

INVESTMENTS DISPOSED OF						
Date	Description	Par Value	Consideration	Profit	Loss	Manner of disposition or Vendee
July 13	Washington Gas & Electric Co. 1st Lien & Gen. Mort. 6's due 2/1/60	\$22,200.00	\$7,800.00			26% Liquid. payment
July 27	Chicago, Ill., Sanitary Distr. 4 1/2's due 1-1-55/44	25,000.00	25,000.00			Called
July 27	Consumers Public Power District 3 1/2's due 4-1-66	10,000.00	10,300.00	\$300.00		Called
July 27	Consumers Public Power District 3's due 4-1-56	25,000.00	25,750.00	750.00		Called
Sept. 15	Retail Properties, Inc., Deb. "A" due 3-1-59	1,000.00	1,000.00	26.88		Called
Sept. 16	Lake Worth, Fla. 2-5's due 11-1-66	35,000.00	34,650.00		350.00	M. B. Vick & Co.
Sept. 22	Safety Harbor, Fla. Refunding 1-5's, due 1-1-78	4,800.00	2,424.00		2,376.00	Harvey Klein & Co.
Oct. 3	Buncombe Co., N. C. Road & Bridge Ref., due 7-1-76	20,000.00	16,500.00		3,500.00	The Crummer Co.
Oct. 3	Fort Myers, Fla., Ref. Series "A", due 7-1-68	25,000.00	24,625.00		375.00	The Crummer Co.
Oct. 3	Pennsylvania Co., N. C., School Ref., due 7-1-72	25,000.00	23,575.00		1,425.00	M. B. Vick & Co.
Oct. 5	Terminals & Transportation Corp.		5,750.00	5,750.00		IrvingTrustCo.—Rec.
Nov. 1	Lincoln Park, Mich. Cert. of Indeb.	812.50	812.50			Called
Nov. 1	Cowlitz Co., Wash. 4 1/2's, due 11-1-64	15,000.00	15,750.00			Called
Nov. 15	Republic Steel Corp. 4 1/2's, due 11-1-56	5,000.00	5,200.00	217.28		Called
Nov. 25	Public Serv. Co. of Northern Ill. 3 1/2's, due 10-1-68	25,000.00	26,375.00	187.50		Called
Dec. 5	Commonwealth Edison Co., 1st Mort. 3 1/2's Series I Bonds, due 6-1-68	25,000.00	26,250.00		750.00	Called
Dec. 15	U. S. Treasury 4's, due 12-15-54/44	40,000.00	40,000.00		150.00	Called
Dec. 15	U. S. Treasury 4's, due 12-15-54/44	50,000.00	50,000.00		4,342.75	Called
Dec. 15	U. S. Treasury 4's, due 12-15-54/44	5,000.00	5,000.00		131.25	Called
Dec. 15	U. S. Treasury 4's, due 12-15-54/44	10,000.00	10,000.00		868.75	Called
July 3	Liberty Federal Savings & Loan Ass'n of Chicago	5,000.00	5,000.00			Called
Totals					\$373,812.50	\$361,761.50

MORTGAGE LOANS AND REAL ESTATE PAID IN FULL OR OTHERWISE DISPOSED OF				
Loan No.	City & State	Amount	Date	
FHA-23	Licina, Chicago, Illinois	\$1,825.38	Oct. 24	
32	Clark, Chicago, Illinois	3,287.20	Aug. 2	
38	Evans, Chicago, Illinois	3,601.61	Sept. 7	
76	Connors-Shaw, Chicago, Illinois	3,024.05	Aug. 8	
117	LaForce, Chicago, Illinois	3,599.59	Aug. 2	
6	Clossen, Chicago, Illinois	4,156.95	Oct. 2	
5	Grable, Cleveland, Ohio	2,505.59	Dec. 23	
21	Featherston, Cleveland, Ohio	2,927.43	Dec. 18	
46	Petti, Cleveland, Ohio	2,805.88	Aug. 3	
54	Sherman, Cleveland, Ohio	376.27	Sept. 6	
67	Grze, Cleveland, Ohio	338.86	Dec. 14	
72	Belfiore, Cleveland, Ohio	3,703.14	Aug. 10	
2-A	Slovene National Home, Gary, Indiana	1,068.02	Sept. 2	
35-A	Klieck, Chicago, Illinois	295.00	Nov. 13	
124-A	Rabb, Chicago, Illinois	2,050.00	Sept. 12	
126-A	Stirn, Chicago, Illinois	300.00	Dec. 18	
165-A	Recreation Farm of Lodges & Members, Cleveland, Ohio	1,656.04	Aug. 15	
172-A	Tisol, Chicago, Illinois	150.00	Nov. 21	
182-A	Slobodnik, Chicago, Illinois	1,200.00	Aug. 21	
185-A	Zupancic, Chicago, Illinois	50	Aug. 7	
27-J	Krpan, Gary, Indiana	325.33	Dec. 21	
58-J	Malovasic, Cleveland, Ohio			
Total Mortgage Loans		\$40,696.84		

REAL ESTATE				
No.	Address	Book Value	Consideration	Loss
18	915 National Avenue, Milwaukee, Wis.	\$2,268.92	\$2,500.00	\$768.92
Total Real Estate		\$2,268.92	\$2,500.00	\$768.92

SUMMARY OF INVESTMENTS DISPOSED OF				
Type of Investment	Par Value	Consideration	Profit	Loss
Bonds	\$373,812.50	\$361,761.50	\$7,381.66	\$14,119.75
First Mortgage Loans	40,696.84	40,696.84		
Real Estate	2,268.92	2,500.00		768.92
GRAND TOTAL	\$417,778.26	\$404,958.34	\$7,381.66	\$14,888.67

Report of Medical Director

In performing my duties from July 1st, 1944 to Jan. 1st, 1945, I have the following report to make:

Number of operation and disability claims submitted for review were 547. Of this amount 405 claims for operations and 27 disability claims were approved for payment; 79 claims were referred to the Executive Committee for further action and 30 claims were rejected.

Applications examined for membership in the Society amounted to 470; 465 were approved and 5 rejected.

Applications examined for increase in insurance amounted to 54. Of this 41 were approved and 13 rejected.

The many letters received from lodge members requesting medical advice, were promptly answered whenever a reply could be given without a personal examination.

JOHN J. ZAVERTNIK, M. D.

Dr. Zavertnik answers questions pertaining to soldier-members discharged from service due to various ailments and injuries and explains the method of cure. According to his opinion, it isn't advisable to admit discharged soldiers for the sick and disability insurance, that is those who were on the battlefronts, without a satisfactory statement of a physician and without the prescribed waiver for various sicknesses and injuries received during military service. Discharged soldiers get free complete service in various military and government hospitals.

Report accepted.

Session is adjourned at 12 noon.

Report of Judicial Committee

During the past six months the judicial committee received only four complaints which were settled in agreement with the main office and the members concerned, no vote of the entire committee being necessary.

This marked decrease in the number of disputes in the past few years can be ascribed to the present favorable conditions. The employment situation has limited unjustifiable demands for various benefits that were common especially during the great depression. Apparently, the present favorable conditions have also decreased personal misunderstandings among members which in former times were readily brought before our organization's tribunals.

All this adds to the prestige of our Society. Frequent disputes cannot be regarded as a credit to any organization and can never benefit it. Disputes, especially of personal nature, cause bad feeling among members; naturally, in such circumstances, work in the interest of the organization is neglected.

This is the joint report of the judicial committee.

ANTON SHULAR, Chairman.
FRANK VRATARICH, FRANK BARBIC,
ANDREW VIDRICH, JOSEPHINE MOCHNIK.

Report of Auditing Committee

All members of the auditing committee were present at this audit, namely, Frank Zaitz, chairman; Andrew Grum, John Olip, Fred Malgal and Joseph Fifolt, committee members. We went into session on Feb. 12, 1945 and completed our work Feb. 14.

The chairman of this committee was also present on Jan. 4, 1945, at the audit of bonds deposited in Harris Trust & Savings Bank in Chicago. The work was done by certified accountants Philip B. Heller & Co., which, in agreement with our committee also audits the books of all SNPJ departments.

Present at the audit of bonds in addition to Mr. Philip B. Heller and his assistant, were President Cankar, Secretary F. A. Vider, Miss Wilma Gratchner, bookkeeper, and this committee's chairman. The accountants confirmed that our bond assets are in order.

Reports of the audit of bonds, deposits, administration, etc., for the past six months were prepared for us by the above mentioned company for all departments, that is, for the insurance department, minor beneficiaries fund, prinary and publications. We discussed these matters with Mr. Heller at the session of this committee on Feb. 12, 1945.

Assets of SNPJ: Detailed financial reports of the various departments have been given by the department heads. Sec'y Vider reported on financial conditions of the insurance department (adult and juvenile). Our report gives only the combined assets of all departments and how they are invested; also, their distribution by percentage, which may serve for comparison.

In the first half of last year we had 56.71% of our total assets in government bonds; in the second half of last year (Dec. 31, 1944), we had 60.36%.

On Dec. 31, 1943, our investments in federal bonds amounted to 48.60%, an increase of approximately 12% in one year.

On Dec. 31, 1944, we had only 3.11% of our total assets in state banks and 23.21% in municipal bonds. These two types of bonds were formerly our main source of investment; now, however, as these bonds are called, matured or sold, the funds are being invested in federal bonds.

Total assets of all departments on Dec. 31, 1944, were \$1,585,502.77, or \$314,434.21 more than on June 30, 1944.

Total amount of municipal bonds in the past six months decreased \$188,790 and total amount of federal bonds increased \$601,207.81. These are two main comparisons which present a picture of current trends of our investments. Detailed report on this has been presented by the finance committee.

The greatest gain in assets during the past six months is as usual in mortuary fund of the adult department in amount of \$192,043.30; juvenile fund increase is \$19,129.60. Sick benefit funds show a gain of \$44,420.05 and smaller amounts in various other funds.

Combined Resources, Investments And Percentage			
United States Government Bonds	\$6,992,573.04	60.36%	
Home Owners' Loan Corporation Bonds	18,000.00	.16	
Canadian Government Bonds	66,087.50	.57	
State Bonds	359,796.27	3.11	
Municipal Bonds	2,668,958.19	23.21	
Railroad Bonds	14,487.50	.12	
Public Utility Bonds	238,531.25	2.06	
Industrial and Miscellaneous Bonds	28,758.13	.25	
Matured Bonds Unpaid	7,620.00	.07	
Real Estate—Home Office—Net	51,473.23	.44	
Real Estate Acquired	8,934.44	.08	
F.H.A. Real Estate 1st Mortgage Loans	337,687.66	2.91	
Other Real Estate 1st Mortgage Loans	183,737.78	1.59	
Other Real Estate Sold on Contract	37,560.74	.32	
Real Estate 2nd Mortgage Loans	600.00	.00	
Common Stocks	9,750.00	.08	

Savings and Loan Ass'n.		
Shares	309,000.00	2.67
Cash in Banks	139,004.87	1.20
Certificate Loans	85,217.37	.74
Miscellaneous Receivables	601.66	
Other Assets—Net	7,123.14	.06
TOTAL ASSETS	\$11,585,502.77	100.00%

State of Investments: Bonds sold and called in this period amounted to \$340,074.50 in the adult department and \$5,131.25 in the juvenile department. Losses in these transactions amounted to \$13,438.50, but the real loss is only \$7,301.00. The rest concerns those bonds which were bought above the nominal price due to interest rate. The state of our investments is now generally excellent, but the interest earned is decreasing. We sold a property (in Milwaukee) which cost us \$3,268.92 at a loss of \$768.92.

Defaulted bonds and matured unpaid bonds were \$44,370 on Dec. 31, 1944. The Society still owns five properties, only two of which are listed as admitted assets in amount of \$8,934.44; expenses in the last six months for these were \$1,173.51 more than income mainly for repairs and other items on property at 2656 S. Pulaski Rd., Chicago.

Bonds listed as non-ledger assets include ten different investments, \$58,000 of which is in bonds; the rest is in stocks received in exchange for our investments from reorganized enterprises.

Purchase price of bonds is now generally higher than par value; for instance, in the entire period we had to pay \$110,065.93 more for federal bonds than we will get at maturity or when they are called. We paid \$71,000 more for municipal bonds. This is the present market, and this excess means a lower interest rate for us as well as for all investors. This pertains to bonds of the adult department; a similar situation exists in respect to bond purchases for other departments. Total amount paid for bonds of adult and juvenile department was \$196,776.42 above par value.

Expense Fund: Income of this fund in the second half of 1944 was \$62,261.18 and disbursements \$48,170.11. Balance as of Dec. 31, 1944, is \$14,091.07.

Three death claims in amount of \$1,500 to relatives of members who died during the first year of insurance were paid from this fund. According to the by-laws the assessment of new members in the first year goes into the expense fund, and in case of death during first year the mortuary benefit is also paid from this fund.

On the basis of our previous decision the amount of \$15,469.40 was transferred from the expense fund to the convention fund to cover amount of SSPZ expenses for merger convention, since that organization had no convention fund. Balance of expense fund as of Dec. 31, 1944 was \$81,218.06, or \$1,895 less than on June 30, 1944. If it were not for the mentioned transfer to the convention fund, the expense fund would register an increase of \$13,774.35. In reality, however, the two funds are one and the same, only income and disbursements are listed separately. There wasn't any great difference in expense fund disbursements during the first and second period of 1944. Details are included in the secretary's report.

Convention Fund: On Dec. 31, 1944, this fund had \$32,803.18 including transfer from expense fund mentioned above.

On Dec. 31, 1940, in the year prior to the Pittsburgh convention in 1941, the fund had \$51,561.23, or \$18,758.07 more than at present.

Special Benefit Fund: From this fund in this period a total of \$17,304.98 was paid in special benefits of which \$6,500 was donated to SANC for WRFASDD and \$500 to the Canadian Yugoslav Council.

On Dec. 31, 1944, this fund had \$159,314.94, or \$7,168.69 more than at the close of the first half of 1944.

Building Fund: Income from rentals of SNPJ building was \$3,939.75 and interest earned \$852.82, total \$4,792.57. Rentals were \$3600 from offices of secretary, prinary and publications, and \$339.75 from halls.

Disbursements for this period were \$3,868.29 for heat, cleaning, janitor's wages, etc. Balance of building fund on Dec. 31, 1944, was \$60,154.24 or \$904.28 more than in first half of last year.

Advertising: Disbursements for advertising were \$872.37 in this period, including a \$35 ad in the Fraternal Monitor and \$345 support to SNPJ federations in Cleveland (for juvenile singing society), in western Penna., to Chicago district federation and the Wisconsin federation. Pocket calendars cost \$140.37, and American Slav congress received \$60; \$275 was paid for advertising in Prosveta, and \$17 was paid for advertising in halls, total of \$872.37.

Minor Beneficiaries' Fund: Total in this fund is \$72,474.18 and liabilities are \$75,823.66. Defaulted bonds and reserve deficit is \$3,349.48; the latter decreased \$1,067.50 in this period.

Publications & Prinary: There were no noticeable changes in Prosveta income and expenditures between the first and the second half of last year. Resources in bonds, cash, equipment, etc., on Dec. 31, 1944, were \$53,167.08, or \$165.21 less than on June 30, 1944. The profit was \$864.29 but in the sale of government bonds, which were called, there was a loss of \$868.75 as accounted for elsewhere in this report. Actual loss after profit is \$4.46.

The prinary department shows a profit of \$2,831.91 in this period, and \$1,359.12 in first half of year. Total prinary assets (including current liabilities \$1,612.73) were \$73,909.41. These are in bonds, cash, equipment, machines, inventory, etc. Detailed report was submitted by the manager.

Various Funds: From June 1 to Dec. 31, 1944, inclusive, Pres. Cankar received \$2,065.27 for SANC and for Yugoslav relief; balance brought forward was \$1,086.44, total \$3,151.71. Paid to SANC \$445.10. Assets of JPO-SSS fund in care of Bro. Cankar on Dec. 31, 1944, were \$2,706.61.

JRZ Trust Fund: Andrew Grum and Joseph Fifolt of our auditing committee audited the books of JRZ; signed for JRZ by John Rak, sec'y Chas. Pogorelec and treas. Godina. Following is the report of accounts:

Income	
Checking account and deferred deposit	
Dec. 31, 1943	\$357.72
Jugoslav Savings & Loan Assn., interest	242.83
Dividends of student and strike fund (5%)	9.77
Exchange of federal bonds	300.00
Millard State Bank, dividends	12.95
Total	\$923.27
Disbursements	
Jugoslav Savings & Loan Assn., deposit	322.72
Surety bond, secretary and treasurer	10.00
Safety deposit vault at Lawndale Nat'l Bank	1.80
Delegate to SANC convention	33.00
Interest to Proletarec	231.03
Total	\$598.55
Balance in bank Dec. 31, 1944	\$324.72
Other Assets	
Peoples' Printery, Maribor, Yugoslavia, loan	\$9,242.96
JSLA, Chicago, deposit and interest	6,809.21

Priklad Building & Loan Assn., Chicago 1,638.00
Kaspar American State Bank, deferred deposit of student and strike fund 107.60

Total, Dec. 31, 1944 \$16,182.49

We recommend to the JRZ trustees that the loan to the People's Printery in Maribor, Yugoslavia, be canceled from its assets. If it will be possible to collect it later, it can be then entered as income. In these times it should not be considered as assets. The amount of \$5,000 was approved from this fund for SANC, of which \$1000 has been paid.

Miscellaneous: In the executive committee meeting minutes of Sept. 13, 1944, it is stated that treasurer Mirko Kuhel will take a leave of absence as granted at the supreme board meeting, conditionally, if the committee is able to arrange the work so that it will proceed in an orderly way. Such an agreement was announced at the said meeting and Bro. Kuhel got a three months leave to take care of SANC business as its secretary.

From the executive committee meeting minutes of Oct. 11, 1944, it can be seen that the question of treasurer's salary was discussed since there was no mention about this in the supreme board meeting minutes, although he stated that during his leave of absence while working at SANC he will not demand any pay from SNPJ. For this reason it was recommended that the secretary prepare a statement and that a resolution be adopted which would cover this matter. Since there was no mention of this in the minutes of succeeding meetings, the auditing committee investigated the matter and found that the treasurer did prepare a signed statement, that is, that during his stay at SANC he will not ask for any pay as SNPJ treasurer; we also read the resolution of the executive committee granting him a leave of absence; the latter, however, had not been signed by the president, secretary and treasurer. They promised that they will do so and both papers shall be kept as legal documents.

Decision pertaining to Molek affair: At the fourth session of the supreme board meeting on Aug. 11, 1944, it was unanimously decided that the dispute in Prosveta in the affair of former editor Molek shall be stopped.

It was understood that this decision pertained to all members. However, in the Dec. 6, 1944, issue of Prosveta head editor A. Gardien stated in his article in parenthesis concerning the former editor as follows: "It is regrettable that also the former editor of Prosveta fell for this propaganda (against the Liberation Front in Yugoslavia), he who fought against reaction all his adult life; as a result there followed the dispute between him and the supreme board."

This personal remark in that article caused a new polemic.

The auditing committee is of the opinion that in this instance Bro. Gardien did not follow the decision of the supreme board. We recommend that in the future such matters, whereby a closed dispute can be provoked anew, should be submitted to the executive committee for its decision before they are published.

Rejected Manuscripts: In accordance with the previous supreme board decision, we examined eight rejected articles. Frank Karish's article (Bibavik, Minn.) was rejected because it deals with the affair of former editor, John Teran and his wife (Ely, Minn.), sent a protest against publication of articles of the former editor, which was not published.

The protest from SNPJ federation of eastern Ohio, which was signed by Frank Kolenc, John Vitez and Joseph Snoy, against the supreme board decision pertaining to the same affair, was rejected on the basis of the mentioned decision, and Bro. Gardien notified them of the reason. Two Barbic articles were also rejected, because they were provocative and one bears the editor's comment that they are not based on truth and facts. Joseph Radely's article was rejected because in accordance with our decision no candidate for political office can be advertised in Prosveta. J. Previc of White Valley, Pa., sent a controversial article about a local affair and the editor advised him that they should settle the matter among themselves, which in reality has already been done; if he wants to write about it he should do so in a polite way. J. Demshar's article (Sheboygan, Wis.) was rejected because it isn't clear.

We came to the conclusion that in all these cases the editor acted in accordance with the supreme board decisions and editorial ethics.

Main Office: The auditing committee met with President Cankar, Secretary Vider and Treasurer Kuhel concerning the administrative work at the main office, at which time we discussed various recommendations of our accountants and how to arrange the work most efficiently under present circumstances.

The said officers gave us satisfactory explanation in all matters and the president and secretary expressed hope that the treasurer will return to his office as soon as he finds someone to take his place at the SANC office.

Secretary Vider stated that as far as the treasurer's work is concerned it is being performed promptly with the present help but overtime work is necessary.

Administration: The accountants in their report state that administration in all departments is efficient and that all officers and employees were at their disposal during the audit. The auditing committee confirms this.

FRANK ZAITZ, Chairman.
ANDREW GRUM JR., JOHN OLIP,
FRED MALGAI, JOSEPH FIFOLT.

Report accepted.

Lisch reports that he attended the Ohio Fraternal Congress meeting on invitation from the executive committee and explains that his impression was unfavorable; instead of discussion of problems, pertaining to fraternal societies, they discussed mostly other problems.

The SNPJ juvenile-singing chorus under the leadership of the Cleveland federation is making good progress and preparations are being made for a large affair. Report accepted.

Secretary Vider submits for discussion the problem of the convention scheduled for this year. He received letters from lodges 147, 564 and 584 and the Fayette and Greene county federation in Penna., recommending that because of existing conditions the convention should be postponed.

President Cankar explains the work in connection with the convention because of the ODT order. The decision of the last convention is well known to all; since the last board meeting he has been in close contact with the Minnesota lodges as well as with the federation; the Evelevh lodges are in charge of arrangements for the rental of convention hall, board and lodging for the delegates. Since the issuance of the order banning all conventions involving fifty or more members, further work in this connections has been stopped because we are not sure whether the responsible authorities will grant us permission to hold the convention. The Illinois law is clear on this point, stating that fraternal benefit societies shall hold their conventions quadrennially. After the issuance of the directive, he conferred with various authorities, fraternal societies' executives and attorneys, and also asked the state insurance de-

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The War and Our Soldier-Members

Last week, in appealing for contributions to Yugoslav War Relief, we said that Allied military successes show that the war in Europe is entering its final phases. The powerful American and British forces are relentlessly pressing the enemy into ever smaller quarters on the western front.

On the eastern front, the Russian armies are likewise pushing the enemy out of northern Yugoslavia in Slovenia and have penetrated deep into Austria to the north, and they are mopping up the remaining Nazi pockets along the Baltic.

All indications, therefore, are that the Nazi war machine has already been beaten, all that remains is the mopping up of what is left of enemy territory; it may take a long time before the last vestige of Nazi resistance is broken, but the backbone of the German military monster has been broken.

In spite of this outlook regarding the war's end in Europe, it is certain that a large American army of occupation will be retained on the continent after V-E Day and for a long time thereafter. Conditions in conquered Germany and elsewhere will be such as to require large contingents of our troops in Europe. Nevertheless, it is anticipated that the greater part of our forces there will be transported back—but most of the soldiers will be reassigned for duty in the Pacific where the other Axis partner, Japan, must be defeated.

Therefore, in the real sense of the word, with the coming end of the war in Europe, only one-half of the conflict will be over. And the enemy in the Pacific is just as tough as the enemy in Europe. This means that there should be no letup in our efforts to bring the war to a speedy victory.

We all know that the war has a great effect on our lives and our activities. Most of our English speaking lodges have felt the rigors of war due to the fact that many of their once active young men and women are now in Uncle Sam's service.

Official figures show that more than 5,000 of our young members are in the U.S. armed forces, and it is likely that, in spite of an early prospect of ending the war in Europe, many more will be called to serve their country, particularly those in the 18 year group and older.

Is there any possibility, then, that after the end of the war in Europe our boys will come home to stay—that our soldier-members now fighting in Germany will return to our lodges and help with our activities?

There is no doubt that some will be discharged, but it is difficult to see that a majority of them would return to civilian life, not unless Japan would suddenly fold up and cry "Uncle." That prospect is indeed dim, no matter how welcome such news would be to us all and particularly to our fighting men.

This year our Society is observing the 20th anniversary of the founding of its English Speaking Lodge Movement. We are hoping that by the time this milestone comes around in November, many of our soldier-members will be with us to help celebrate the occasion.

This is our hope and wish, but it would be futile to wait idly by and do nothing until the boys return from the war. On the contrary, we must do everything possible so that we will be fully prepared to mark the anniversary in the best manner and tradition of our organization. We owe this to our fighting brothers and sisters, and just think what a glorious celebration we can make of it if our boys will really be with us by then!

There is no better way to celebrate the occasion than to bring into our ESL's all insurable prospects, both juvenile and adult. By increasing our fold we can celebrate our accomplishments and show to our soldier-members, whether they'll be with us or still in the services, that we have not forgotten our duty in their absence.

We can do this by enrolling new members as well as by supporting the war effort all along the line.

Golden Eagles

Circle Activities
GIRARD, OHIO.—The Circle Managers expect another fair attendance at the next meeting, Sunday, April 15, at two o'clock. There will be further discussion on the County Fair, the entertainment phase and last minute plans on our participation in the telegraphic bowling tournament. In addition, a winner will be announced in last month's contest. Remember that attendance, sales tax, dues paid, articles in Voice of Youth or Prosveta, new members, etc., are of paramount importance. Also ten points is being awarded for each donation received toward the table lamp to be given away during the evening of the fair, Saturday, July 7. Irene Mihelich and Frieda Perechlin are leading in this field.

Federation Meeting
Delegates to the SNPJ federation will head for Sharon, Pa., Sunday, April 22, for the first meeting of 1945. Transportation to this prominent SNPJ town is well balanced and we have every reason to expect at least one representative from each of our affiliated lodges. Warren representatives have been strangers to the past several get-togethers and would be welcome at this time, so would Bessemer, East Palestine and Lodge 31 of Sharon.

OFF THE RECORD—Ed Krivak can now be found at USED, APO 980, Unit 2, c/o PM Seattle, Wash. He reported that he hasn't received the lodge's Christmas package yet. And he could use a visit to Girard. Cpl. Aloph Slapnik, Branch 2, Box 404D, Barksdale Field, La., is getting ready for marriage, according to his latest letter.

Our own Tony Yaklevich is somewhere in Germany. The other day, his Dad showed us several beer steins, decorated and beautiful, as well as other items he sent home. Tony will be remembered as a very popular member of Joe Ulick's orchestra. Incidentally, no word from Umek for some time. It is believed that he is in the new Pacific campaigns.

Here are some of the higher Circle scores in the eliminations for the telegraphic tourney. Beatrice Muster had 120, Henry Leskovec 119, Dorothy Griffin 106, Clara Mihelich 106. These members are first year bowlers.

Prospects are bright that Lodge 49 will enter the local bowling tourney, and rumors have it that John Tanek, Louis Muster, Louis Racica, Louis Blazich and Tony Dobrovolac will enter as a team.

Cards are going out requesting members of both the Eagles and Lodge 49 to donate various articles for the Circle's fair and we hope that everybody will answer the appeal.

FRANK REZEK, 643.

Sportslants

CLEVELAND, O.—The Cleveland section of the national SNPJ telegraphic tourney will be held at the SWH alleys on Waterloo Rd. April 28 and 29. The event will start Saturday night and continue on Sunday afternoon, no bowling Sunday eve. The downstairs hall will be opened all afternoon and evening Sunday for social seekers with Joe Francel and Frank Koussa supplying the music.

All members and friends who would care to keep score on either of the days are urged to contact Joe Matthews or the writer. Scorekeeping is an important job in any tourney and goes a long way towards making it a success.

Let us forget, this is your last week to get in your entries. Saturday, April 14, is the date as all entries will be mailed the next day in order to be in for the Chicago deadline which is April 18.

J. J. SPILAR.

Cavalier Member Is Two Jima Casualty

BURGETTSTOWN, PA.—Marine Cpl. Joseph Kauca, a member of SNPJ Cavaliers 741 of Burgettstown, Pa., was one of the many Marines who gave their lives in the battle of Iwo Jima on March 6, 1945. He enlisted in the Marine Corps in Sept. 1942 and has been overseas for 15 months. He participated in the invasion of Saipan and Tinian where he received shrapnel wounds in his right hip and neck on June 27, 1944. His brother, Pvt. Anthony Kauca, is reported missing in Germany. We wish to extend our profound sympathy to the Kauca family.

CAVALIERS, Lodge 741.

Louis Zorko donated blood to blood bank at St. Anthony's hospital to be used for Mary's brother who is ill at the hospital.—Mrs. Lotrich sees to it that her victory garden gets spaded and so Don and Larry were quite busy last Sunday. Of course, John Rak is busy with his garden which isn't very far away from the Lotrich plot.

Strugglers Mark Anniversary

CLEVELAND.—When you read this column it will be Saturday, April 14, the night of our regular meeting. Why not attend? Here is the record for attendance: for Jan. meeting 9 members, Feb., 8 members, March, 8 members. Let's at least double the attendance for April.

Remember it's the night before our dance, celebrating our 18th anniversary, and we do need help. We know most of you work in war plants and are tired when you come home from a hard day's work, but remember a little fraternalizing won't hurt anybody.

Again we remind you: The place, Slovene Workmen's Home, Waterloo, Sunday, April 15, at 8 p. m. Johnny Vadal's orchestra. Regular admission 50c. Lodge members free. Please register at the ticket booth.

THEODORE F. LAURIC, Sec'y.

Strabane Pioneers

STRABANE, PA.—The monthly meeting was held with only a few members present. The two dollar door prize which was withheld for a few months was put back in effect, and the lucky one this month was Bill Tomisic.

A dance was planned at this meeting and will be held by the Pioneers on April 22 with Red Ketter and his orchestra furnishing the music. All members and friends are urged to attend, as a good time is expected.

Louis Moze was reported to be on the sick list. The bowling tournament was discussed, and two duckpin teams will be sent to Sygan. The other teams to be entered in the telegraphic tournament are urged to give their entry blanks and fees to Frank Tomisic as soon as possible. It is too bad we Pioneers at home can't show more interest in our lodge; it would be nice to get together if only one Sunday evening a month and keep things going until the boys get home.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Rudolph Okleson on the arrival of their new daughter, and to Mrs. and Sgt. Joe Drenik who also have a new daughter. Sgt. Joe Drenik is now stationed in China.

Dance Dates: Saturday, April 14, by the SNPJ ladies with Jackie Guzzel and his orchestra; profit to be put in the fund for the servicemen. Saturday, April 21, by SWU with Jackie Guzzel and his orchestra. Sunday, April 22, by Lodge 589 with Red Ketter and his orchestra.

Service News:—Sgt. Paul Podboy has reported for duty to Lincoln, Neb., after spending a furlough at home. Pfc. Joe Sterle spent Easter weekend at home. Pioneer boys are still meeting in distant lands. Recently S/Sgt. Joe Vercech and Sgt. August Podboy have met and report enjoyable hours together. Pfc. Joseph F. Braddock, member of a medical detachment of the 11th Airborne Division, has been awarded a Bronze Star medal for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Luzon from Jan. 31 to Feb. 15, 1945.

All of the boys overseas are anxious to hear of news of their friends at home and friends they've lost contact with so one way we have of getting to them is through these columns. Won't all of you who have news of your boys leave it at the club to be published in future columns? HELEN TERSHEL, 589.

Lincolmites

SPRINGFIELD, ILL.—Everything is all set for the Lincolmites' 19th anniversary dance which will be held Saturday night, April 14, at the Dom. John Gorske's five-piece orchestra will play and from the ticket sales a good crowd is expected to attend.

We have heard that some out-of-town friends will be present, and we hope to see them all and others too whom we haven't heard from. So all out for the dance, Lincolmites, and friends, we'll be expecting to see you. Dancing begins at 8:30.

We are glad to hear that Bro. John Kerar is making a recovery from pneumonia.

Our next meeting will be Sunday, April 22, and we hope to see another good crowd out then.

MARY BRINOCAR, 567.

EDITOR'S NOTE

TO CONTRIBUTORS: Several articles have been crowded out of this issue by pressure of other material and most articles published have been deleted for the same reason. With the printing of the last installment of the Supreme Board meeting minutes in this issue, next week's issue will resume its usual form.

Badgerland News

MILWAUKEE, WIS.—Our members in the service: Cpl. Richard Smith spent a 10 day furlough with Mrs. Smith and his many friends after serving many months overseas. S/Sgt. A. J. Loncharich, home on a short furlough, sends his regrets for not being present at our March meeting as time was too short. Good luck to you both and hope that you are home soon for good.

Tony Obluck calls to say he received a card from Frank (Pewee) Klavara who is now in Paris. A V-mail comes from Al Jeray who sends his best to all his friends; he will be on his way to France any time now. As chairman of the letter writing campaign, Sis. Ermenc is doing a swell job. Let's all pitch in and see that all the members in the service are kept informed of all our activities on the home front.

The addresses for this week are: S/Sgt. A. J. Loncharich, 513 S. 12th st., Boise, Idaho.—M/Sgt. Alfred Jeray, Hq. Det. 20th Med. Bn., A.P.O. 17346, c/o P. M. New York, N. Y.—Harry Uhle, F/1/c 888-70-53—U.S.S. Phillips 498, c/o F.P.O. San Francisco, Calif.

Dates to Remember
Our regular monthly meeting which falls on Friday, April 27, at Sostarich hall, S. 6th and W. Bruce. The benefit card party of the local SANC at Sostarich hall on April 22.

Bowling Tips
The boys had a rather tough time of it in the Remic home mixed league. Rudy Pugel was tops with his 555 series. The 400 series are too numerous to mention. The gals fared a lot better as Albina Debelak smacked the setups for a neat total of 524. Mary Remic again snowed hubby Wally by cracking 516 to Wally's 483.

Plans are going along steadily and nearing completion for the first national SNPJ telegraphic bowling meet. All who desire to enter this affair are urged to get their entries in by the 14th of April to the local committee as entries must be in Chicago by April 18. Marcko Schappeck and Tony Verbieck are in charge locally, so act accordingly.

The Silver City Lanes, 3730 W. National Ave., have been selected as the site for our keggers. The genial proprietors, Frankie Verbieck and Louis Evanich will be on hand to give the official welcome. Send your entries at once to Marcko Schappeck, Tony Verbieck or the Secretary. Remember the dates of the telegraphic tournament are April 28-29. SALTY, Lodge 584.

Integrity Broadcast

CHICAGO.—The Integrity Lodge 631 has a large juvenile membership. It would be nice if our ladies would undertake to revive the activities in the Circle. This is primarily their job, and the future of the SNPJ is in the juvenile department.

If we are going to have a Christmas party as planned by our Lodge, it would be no more than right to prepare the juveniles to give a program. We have many talents among our juveniles, and a nice program with nice gifts would indeed score a big hit with all concerned.

Sisters Jewel Bergles, Agnes Mejasch, Jennie Abram and Marie Fleischacker will try to revive the Circle. Will you help? And do not forget the buncio party on May 20 for the benefit of the yule party.

Membership Campaign: At the March meeting the secretary presented a plan for a membership drive, which was approved. The campaign committee consists of the following:

Julius Abram, chairman; Joe Baumbach, 1st vice chairman; Agnes Mejasch, 2nd vice chairman; Michael Fleischacker, sec'y; Martin Abram, Louis Baffetti, Rose Roycht, Antona Bovdik, and Martin Bergles, members of the planning committee. All members are urged to cooperate with the campaign committee.

M. R. FLEISCHACKER, Sec'y

Western Leaders Will Hold Meeting Apr. 18

BUTTE, MONT.—The Western Leaders, SNPJ lodge 608, will hold their anniversary meeting on April 18 at 7:30 p. m. at the usual place. A good attendance is expected at this meeting. All members who are behind in their dues, will please take care of this matter as soon as possible.

Mrs. ANNE PROSPER, Sec'y.

Westm'land Federation Conference April 22

HERMINIE, PA.—The next meeting of the Westmoreland Federation of SNPJ lodges will be held in Claridge, April 22, at 2 p. m. Officers and auditors should be at the hall an hour before, and all lodges should be fully represented. Important matters will be discussed, that's why full representation is requested.

ANTON ZORNIK, Sec'y.

Universal Comets

Dates to Remember

UNIVERSAL, PA.—April 14—Dance by Ramblers Lodge 713 at the Union Hall, Harmarville. Jackie Martincic will provide the music.

April 15—Regular quarterly meeting of the E. S. Federation of SNPJ lodges of western Penna at the Veronians' Club, Verona.

April 29—Federation tenpin tournament of the E. S. federation in conjunction with the national telegraphic tournament at the SNPJ Hall, Strabane. Dancing will follow in the upper hall, and Jackie Martincic will entertain.

May 26—Dance by Lodge Comets 715 at the Slovene Hall, Universal. Les Faulk and his orchestra have been engaged for that evening.

Comets' News

The dance announced for April 21 has been canceled, because no orchestra was available for that date. We have instead scheduled a dance for Saturday, May 26, featuring Les Faulk's orchestra.

Members of the Comets' lodge are reminded that we now bowl tenpins instead of ducks. This will prepare us for the national telegraphic tournament scheduled in Strabane on the 29th.

Federation News
Of immediate importance is the E. S. federation meeting scheduled in Verona, Sunday, April 15, at the Veronians' Club. The Veronians are the hosts. With their usual hospitality and a good crowd of representatives from the various lodges in the federation, a good time and discussion can be expected. Sec'y Maglich has mailed credential forms to all the lodges, and we urge that each lodge be present with at least one delegate. Pres. Effler reports that there is lots to be done, but that the meeting will not be long. We can anticipate a report on the

duckpin tournament, the national telegraphic tourney, plans for the annual Penna SNPJ Day, action will be taken for properly celebrating the 20th anniversary of the ESLs and there will be discussion on the servicemen.

The telegraphic tournament on April 28 and 29 will be another successful manifestation for us. Western Pennsylvania seems determined to play its part in this occasion, and it is expected that a big crowd will turn out for the tenpin in Strabane on the 29th to demonstrate its skill at the game and also to participate in the national celebration. Lodges in this section that have not yet entered teams, doubles, or singles are asked to write to Frank Tomisic in Strabane immediately, enclosing the entry forms and entry fees.

News and Views
This Saturday I will attend the Ramblers' dance at Harmarville, and it is reported that many more from this town will go there. To mention to E. S. federation delegates: Harmarville is only two miles from Verona and the dance and meeting would provide a delightful week end. Universal is also very handy, and we can provide accommodations for the delegates that might be at the dance and who require a night's lodging.

It has already been reported that our old friend Adolph Slapnik has returned to the States after service in both China and India. The good news now is that he was married on Monday, April 2, to Rose Zevnick of Rredricktown, Pa. Rose will be an SNPJ member soon. Congratulations and best wishes to them. She will accompany Adolph to Louisiana when he returns to duty soon.

MICHAEL R. KUMER.

Pittsburgh Highlights

PITTSBURGH, PA.—A cordial invitation is extended to all to attend the first annual dance of the Slovene Hall servicemen's fund, Sunday, April 15, at the Slovene Hall, 57th and Butler, featuring the melodious tunes furnished by the genial Jackie Martincic and his fine band of Cantonsburg. Tickets are going like hot cakes. We hope to see Verona, Universal, Harmarville, Library, Strabane, Sygan, Ambridge, Moon Run, Imperial, Oakmont, Sharon and places yonder at this dance, which begins at 7:30 p. m.

News and Views: I had the pleasure of attending a recent Veronian dance and 'twas a grand feeling to run into Peewee Previc and that grand bunch from Verona. Recent visits to Sygan and Strabane amazed me at the fine clubs these lodges have, which really gives off that fine and comfortable "slovenska atmosfera."

Undoubtedly most of you will attend the ES federation pin tourney at Sygan this Sunday and at Strabane on Sunday, April 29. Dances will follow both tournaments, so here's hoping to see all of you at these affairs, as well as at the Harmarville Ramblers' dance Saturday, April 14, Union Hall; the local dance here Sunday, April 15, and Universal Comets' dance April 21 in Slovene hall.

Service Notes: A chery hello and best wishes to all you comrades on distant lands as well as to you at home, and hopes for a speedy return home to your loved ones. Frecky Stefancic, Johnny Fabec, Mirsi Pecman, Freddy Kress and other local boys are well across the Rhine helping in the final drive to Berlin. I had a grand reunion with Frecky in Africa. A late report has Danny Fabec on his way home from India; brother Johnny and Mirsi are in Germany.

Lt. Amelia Pecman of the Army Nurse Corps is in the Pacific area; Rudy Ujich in Traux Field, Wis.; Tunney Stefancic is with the A. A. F. in Rosewell, N. Mex. Best of luck to all. Home on furlough were Fritz Fabeck back from 2 years in India, Eddie Rantan and Eddie Valencic in from Arizona, and John Zuncic in from N. C. Best wishes to Louie, Rudy and Joe Uic of Lewistown. These three boys have really seen the world.

JOHN UJCICH, 665.

Young Americans

DETROIT, MICH.—There is no reason for any SNPJ bowler for not participating in the national telegraphic tourney, because there are no travel worries involved, no work lost, and no alibis for any hangover from the nite before. Prizes will be distributed fairly, as any team's score out of the money will be eligible for a consolation award. According to present plans every third team will receive an award and that takes in all the events.

The YA's are lining up fairly well; 3 girls' and boys' teams are entered. Any YA bowler not yet entered and wishing to bowl, get in touch with J. Golla, 18199 Russell—Tw. 1-2051, or better still, attend our regular monthly meeting April 13 at 7:30 p. m. at the SND. Wolverines, please contact Larry Bernick. Entries in Detroit should be turned in by April

15, as the deadline at the main office is April 18. All bowling will be at the Palmer Park Recreation, Six Mile, near Woodward, April 28-29.

Servicemen: Saddened by the loss of our ever-popular athlete and member, 1st Lt. John Krainz, in the invasion of Luzon, we now hear that Frank Janesich, who was reported killed in action nearly 18 months ago, wrote to his father from somewhere in Russia. He was liberated from a German prisoner of war camp by the Russians. Sgt. Ray Travnik is now in Panama and Pvt. John Smoltz, recently inducted, is stationed at Ft. Bragg, N. C.

J. GOLLA, 564.

Mrs. Rose Cvirn, Lodge No. 171, Passes Away

MARIANNA, PA.—On March 6, Mrs. Rose Cvirn, wife of Pungat Cvirn, died at her home here. Surviving are three daughters and two sons, Mrs. Rose Meyer and Steve Maloney of Detroit, Mrs. Theresa Sezak, Mrs. Lena Kozloff and Mike Maloney of Marianna. George Cvirn died in 1943. Members of her family would like to thank SNPJ lodge 171 and their many friends for their floral offerings and many kindnesses shown to them during their bereavement. She will be sadly missed by her many friends and members of Lodge 171.

JOHN SEVER, Sec'y.

NOTATIONS

By Frances L. Rak

CHICAGO.—Here we are back in good old Chicago again after a three weeks stay with my family in Johnstown, Pa., which wasn't long enough to see all of our friends. One thing we wanted to do was to visit with the Johnstown Juvenile Circle, but it seemed as though those Monday evenings were all out of town visits and we couldn't make it. We had been asked to bring Perfect Circle's greetings to them, and we may be able to do that the next time.

Perfect Circle Activities.—During our absence the Perfect Circles have been quite busy; their successful Easter party and beginning of the rehearsals for the coming program.—Last Saturday a group of juveniles and several parents made a trip to the Museum of Natural History. Although the scheduled program wasn't presented the substitute program, a puppet show, proved very satisfactory. We ate lunch in the cafeteria, and many pictures were taken, after which the children jumped rope and played ball on the lake front. Another trip is planned for sometime later this month.

Preseren's Concert.—Preseren's annual spring concert will be held Sunday, April 15, at SNPJ hall. We've been told that our Circle boys who belong to Preseren are working hard for a successful program, too, and we know it will be.

Jugoslav Relief Program.—The Bohemian Hall, 1440 W. 18th St., will be the scene of the Yugoslav War Relief program on Sunday, April 29. A play will be featured, plus singing, and Etbin Kristan will be the principal speaker. It's a worthy cause.

Servicemen.—The past two weeks Mary and Alice Reven have been rejoicing because their brother Pfc.

Pete Ratkovich came home on a 45-day furlough. Pete had been overseas for three years, serving in Iceland, Ireland, England and France where he was wounded but not seriously. Last Saturday morning their brother George J. of the Navy came home on a two weeks leave, and that too was quite a reunion. The third son passed his physical and was sent away to camp before he could see George.

T. Sgt. Ernie Reven has been hospitalized and we hope it's nothing too serious. Louis Fister, too, is in a hospital in Tennessee. Cpl. Hank Rak, recuperating in a hospital in France, received the Combat Infantry Badge. Hank enclosed some Belgian, Luxembourg and German money for our scrapbook. Frank Dobrovolac of Waukegan, Mary Andres' brother, is spending a furlough at home. He was sent overseas and then returned to Washington to take a special course after his furlough is over.

Out Penny way, we're told that 1st Lt. Elizabeth Bombach of Johnstown, army nurse serving in Belgium, has been awarded the second Bronze Star for bravery. Robert Jerneje of Parkhill came home on a leave last week. While visiting in West Newton last Monday evening we found out that Stanley Peve has been promoted to M/Sgt. He's a flight engineer on a B-29 serving in the Marianas. We did so want to see Anton Vitigoy Jr., but he wasn't home. Tony was overseas over three years and was sent to a hospital in Texas.

All-A-Round.—Lillian Zasadi is at home convalescing from her recent operation. Speedy recovery to you, Lt. Last Sunday, Mary and Frank Bizjak, Lefty Lotrich, John Rak and

Our Front More About Our SNPJ Youth

By Louis Beniger

Last week organized labor scored one of its greatest victories of the war period when the Senate defeated the labor draft legislation. According to labor organizations, the victory was won in the face of desperate last-minute pressure from the White House and the "brass hats." The President sent a personal message appealing for approval of the bill. "White House lieutenants literally besieged the Senators with pleas for favorable action."

Labor says that there were many reasons for the decisive rejection of the measure. "To begin with, labor fought it tooth and nail, as did most of the industry and agriculture, on the ground that to enslave workers would cripple, not increase war production."

It seems to me that the main reason was the fact that the champions of this bill were entirely unable to prove that labor had in any way fallen down on its home front production job.

Moreover, they were utterly unable to prove that a single soldier anywhere had been deprived of munition because of any lag in output at home. The sensational Allied successes against Germany and Japan prove this; they prove that the armed forces had been plentifully supplied by the voluntary efforts of labor.

Just why industry fought the legislation may not be altogether clear, but it is safe to say it did not do so to protect labor. On the contrary, it fought the measure because its own interests were involved—because it also threatened to "enslave" industry...

All production figures show that arguments for the "draft labor" bill had no basis whatsoever.

Only last week reports of an increasing number of cutbacks and layoffs in many parts of the country provided a preview of widespread unemployment facing workers after the war, unless drastic steps are taken by the government to head off such developments. For instance, news dispatches from Portland, Oregon, disclosed that 10,000 persons are walking the streets looking for jobs and that by the year's end the 112,000 now employed in shipyards there would shrink to 25,000. Layoffs are rising in many other war centers.

All of which means that the manpower "shortage" may before long turn into a manpower surplus. And they were trying to saddle the country with a labor draft!

Michael Vrhovnik, Juvenile Director

Last week several paragraphs were written on the subject of young people in our lodges, with particular reference to those who are making no effort to attend meetings, affairs and other functions. While it concerned the youth pretty generally in all of the Society's lodges, it was meant mainly for the young people in the Slovene-Speaking Lodges.

Granted that there are exceptions here and there to the contrary, it is a well-known fact that a large percentage of the young people are not attending lodge meetings, are making no real attempt to understand the Society's problems, and are taking far too little interest in its purpose and progress. In a great number of cases, it is safe to assume that were it not for the parents paying the monthly assessments, many of them would soon allow their membership to lapse (members in military service, of course, are excluded from this category). And as for putting "new life" into the organization or trying to become a part of it through word, deed and action, they just aren't doing anything about it. That's our youth problem, as I see it.

The youth problem must be tackled wherever it exists. The longer we choose to ignore it, the more complicated it will become and the more difficult to solve. We know that the primary source of new adult members is the Juvenile Department. Our records for years back show that over 60% of all members admitted into the Adult Department have been juvenile transfers. This is all well and good as far as it goes, but the important question is: How many of these juvenile transfers are really SNPJ conscious when they transfer? How many of them realize what the transfer and membership means? How many of them are SNPJ members at heart? No doubt, there are some who understand the fundamental aims and purpose, but the percentage is much too small.

Our problem is to win the young people over to the Society in such a way that they will fall in line voluntarily—of their own free will and be glad of the opportunity. That is always the best way. We can help to achieve this aim by trying to conduct our lodge meetings, social and cultural affairs, sports and other activities in a manner so attractive to them that they will prefer to be with us rather than anywhere else. By setting good examples, by renewing the high standards of the Society, and by putting into effect a worthwhile program of work, fun and entertainment, we can do much to get the young people to take a deeper pride and a more sincere interest in the lodge to which they belong. While this is no short-cut to success, it will in the long run prove to be one of the best ways of reaching the youth and getting them to assume a share of the responsibility of fraternal service.

We cannot successfully cope with or solve the youth problem without the cooperation and support of the young people. Only by working hand in hand with them can we hope to bridge a part of the gap which separates them from the older folks. To aid our lodges in the solution of this problem, it is suggested that they call the young people together in the respective communities, for the purpose of learning the basic reasons of their lack of spirit and interest in the affairs of the Society. It is generally agreed that while the war is in progress the conditions and opportunities are not favorable for the organization of strong English-Speaking Lodges, but what can be done in the meantime is to set up YOUTH COMMITTEES, composed of the more promising young people of the lodge, for the purpose of discussing their own problems in relationship to the Society, working them out, and formulating plans for the kind of activities they would like the lodge to sponsor. Through such committees much could be done to swing the young people into "line," and thus prepare and strengthen the possibilities for the organization of more successful E. S. Lodges, or for the conversion of Slovene Lodges into English-Speaking branches, when the time is ripe for them.

A YOUTH COMMITTEE could fill a vital place in helping the new and the transferred members to become better acquainted with one another and to more quickly adapt themselves to their proper place in the new fraternal environment. It could also act as a source of influence and encouragement to them to use voice and mind in promoting the welfare of the lodge, where now they are just a smoldering flame with neither spark nor blaze to start any real action.

The Juvenile members, like the young adult members, present pretty much the same kind of problem except that, in their case, any effort or capital expended in their behalf is naturally a longer term investment. Much too little is being done to remind the juveniles of their privileges as members of the Society by lodges who are in position to do something about it. All too frequently, the problem of the juveniles is allowed to move along on its own power, depending almost entirely on the juveniles to help themselves as best as they can comprehend and weigh its value. Youth can do much if properly led and encouraged, but they must have leadership and they must have support from the parent lodge. But once they are organized and firmly established as a Juvenile Circle, the re-

Juvenile Circles of the SNPJ

Waukegan Circle 24 Is Planning New Activities

WAUKEGAN, ILL.—On Easter day, we had an egg contest, and prizes were awarded. Each boy and girl brought two colored eggs which our advisers hid on the SNH grounds, Margie Kenik of the older group and Albert Koncilja of the younger group finding the most eggs.

At the March 15 meeting, we made a schedule for the entire year: first, the mentioned egg contest, a visit to the Morris B. Sacks amateur hour, a penny carnival, groups teams of ballina, baseball, bowling, basketball, summer hikes, picnics and various parties. Let's see a big crowd at the next meeting to discuss further plans.

Anyone in the older group interested in the telegraphic tourney should inform Sec'y Juliette Gabroske before April 14. We want all to come April 12 to practice the program to be held on May 13 in Chicago, and bowling on the 14th and 21st. All meet at SNH at 6:30 p. m.

We are happy to welcome our new members, and our new adviser, Josephine Bezek, and her assistants, Mrs. Koncilja, Mrs. Chris Stritar, Edith Dobnikar, Frances Jereb, and Marge Gerzel.

MILLIE GREGORIN, MARGIE KENIK.

Perfect Circle 26 Group Enjoys Trip to Museum

CHICAGO.—The Perfect Circle surely enjoyed the trip to the Museum of Natural History last Saturday forenoon. A group of children and a number of their parents made the trip to see the movies at the museum. However, the movies were called off and a puppet show was presented instead, and it proved to be a rather good substitute.

The show was divided into four parts: an opera, a playlet, a circus, and a graveyard scene. The members were impressed most by the latter in which the tombstones, skeletons, and ghosts were all dancing to weird music. The humorous incident came when the skeleton's arms, head, body, and legs flew apart from their joints and began dancing separately in midair. The other acts, too, were done so well we forgot these were mere puppets.

After the lunch we went outside and took a few pictures, played ball and jumped rope. We finally decided it was time to go home. The crowded streetcar didn't mar our most enjoyable day and we were, as usual, sorry to go home.

MARION CIVENKA, V. Pres.

Preseren Singers Give Spring Concert Sunday

CHICAGO.—This Sunday, April 15, will witness one of the most festive affairs to be held anywhere this spring, when the Slovene Male Chorus France Preseren presents its annual spring concert and dance at the SNPJ auditorium. A fine variety program has been prepared for your enjoyment. Admission 50c.

The program consists of songs of the Slovene people sung by the chorus; a tap dance specialty by that up and coming Fred Astaire of tomorrow, Frank Sternbach Jr.; the well known and ever-popular Mozzina Trio, presenting songs in their own inimitable style; another presentation of Slovene songs by the Women's Chorus (Slovenska Zvezda); a novelty musical group by the Jolly Trio; and a special tribute to the 16 Preseren boys now in the service by Angeline Rokavec and Alice Kosmerl with musical background furnished by Anton Omerza and Frank Sotosek.

As an added surprise, that radio and stage star, Kim Weston, who was received with such an enthusiastic ovation at our last concert, has promised to be on hand again to entertain us as she alone knows how; and, last but not least, a play entitled "Fest Fant" will be presented for your approval. Although bearing a Slovene name, this comedy will be done entirely in English, by the younger members of Preseren. The cast includes Jack Marinich Jr., William Kovacic, Edward Udovich, Richard Kasadil, and Ella Mae Selak, with Tim Prelesnik in the prompter's box.

After the program, food and beverages will be served, and dancing will go on until curfew time. We heartily invite you to attend. Bomo peli, pili in plesali. Na svidenje!

EDWARD UDOVICH.

Waukegan News

WAUKEGAN, ILL.—This is a reminder that the high school elections will be held Saturday, April 14, and that Bro. Tony Pierce is a candidate for the high school board of education. He is a liberal and progressive individual who will give us good representation on the board and we should be sure to vote for him.

CO-OP MAN.

Pet Wins

Three tramps had boiled a chicken and were arguing how to divide it. One suggested they should toss a coin.

"Head," called Sam. "Tail," called Tom. "I'll take what's left," said Pat.

N. Y. All Americans

BROOKLYN, N. Y.—The meeting held March 18 was well visited and such an attendance certainly does offer encouragement to the lodge as a whole. We hope this cooperation continues. At this meeting it was decided to donate \$10 to the Red Cross in addition to approving a few medical reports and applications for membership. The committee was elected to make all necessary arrangements for the annual outdoor picnic of Lodge 580 to take place on Sunday, June 25. On the committee we have Sisters Katherine Kirk and Katherine Stuart, and Brothers John Kirk, Frank Padar, and Jerry Corel.

Meeting of Branch 46 SANC followed the regular monthly meeting of lodge 580 SNPJ. The book "Guns for Tito" written by Major Louis Huot is at present at the disposal of members of SANC Branch 46. Spend a while of your spare time to read this book and it certainly shall be time well spent.

The next meeting of the New York All Americans is scheduled to take place on Sunday, April 15, at 4 p. m. All members are urged to attend.

Circle Circus April 29

The Junior All Americans Circle are a group of busy bees, now all making necessary arrangements for the "Juvenile Circus" which shall be presented on the floor of the Slovene American Auditorium, 253 Irving Ave., Sunday, April 29, at 4 p. m. This promises to be one of the most outstanding performances ever to be presented by this group of juveniles, members of the Circle and Lodge 580. We are sure all who will attend will enjoy themselves from beginning to end. What would be more entertaining than spending a Sunday afternoon in a circus atmosphere and enjoying plenty of good laughs from the show.

It certainly can be said proper tribute was paid to the fighting Jugoslavs on Sunday, March 25, which marked four years since Jugoslavia was invaded. During the afternoon a concert was held at the Slovene Hall, where the Tamburitz Club, Male Chorus Sloven and Mixed Chorus Domovina participated on the program. Two short skids were presented in Slovenian, both of which were momentous. The closing of the program brought a colorful tableau presented by the Junior All Americans, Juvenile Circle 50. The girls were dressed in national costumes which made the presentation more attractive and colorful.

In the evening of the same day, some of us made our way to the program and dance presented by the Jugoslav Seamen's Club. There, too, we were happy to see a very good attendance. The proceeds from both affairs were for Jugoslav Relief and we can agree the cause is a good one.

The Red Cross Drive by the Slovenes was successful and all those who helped in either contributing or soliciting funds are hereby thanked for their cooperation.

The campaign for the funds and clothing for Jugoslav Relief is still in full swing here in New York. The store at 665 Seneca Avenue, corner Gates avenue, where contributions can be brought is open on Wednesday and Saturday evenings. The Slovenes of New York City have pledged to obtain contributions to the amount of \$10,000 to cover the cost of building and furnishing a health station in Slovenia. Thus far response for this undertaking has been good, but certainly not sufficient. This quota must be filled before the year is over, but why wait so long? Let's do it now!

JENNIE PADAR, Sec'y.

Attention, Keglers In St. Louis District

ST. LOUIS, MO.—The Spirit of St. Louis Lodge will hold their tournament at the Du-Bowl Lanes, 3693 Gravois Blvd. on Sunday, April 29, starting at 11 a. m. All lodges that will participate are requested to get their entry blanks in as soon as possible, before the deadline. I wish Lodges 107, 679, 230, 250, 567, 47 and 659 return their entry blanks of the different events that they'll take part in, and also the entry fee of 75c for each event plus the cost of bowling which is 25c per game. All those desiring to practice before the tournament should do so. The Spirits bowl every Sunday night at 7 at these alleys. Anyone wanting to get in touch with the captain of men's team call Al Kacin; women's team, call Anne Spiller; of lodge 107 men's team, Cyril Medved; women's team, Jenny Frank.

JOHN F. YURGEC, Sec'y.

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(Conclusion.)

was a typographical error. Explanation is accepted.

Maglic states that the 60-day period required of members discharged from military service to be readmitted to the sick benefit and disability classes is too short and as a result of this there are various difficulties which will increase as more members are discharged from military service.

Kumer moves that the period be extended to 90 days. Motion is seconded. Vider explains that it isn't advisable to extend the period from 60 to 90 days because it will not benefit the organization and some will exploit it.

Motion is unanimously carried.

Godina moves that the minutes of this session shall be read in the presence of supreme officers of Chicago and vicinity. Motion is carried.

World Events

By Scott Nearing (Concluded)

I lived through World War I. I guess I was a liberal when the war began—satisfied to help scour the decks and improve the crew quarters on the ship of state. Most of my friends and associates in the academic and professional world followed Woodrow Wilson, first because of the liberal protestations in his New Freedom speeches of 1912; then, in 1916, because he had kept us out of the war and, in 1917, because he had led us into a war to end war. My friends emerged from that war in three groups:

Group I. Hard-boiled conservatives, plugging for the vested interests.

Group II. Disillusioned, embittered, tired liberals and radicals, New Republic devotees and Nation fans.

Group III. A very few, like Lincoln Steffens, who had "seen the future" in the Soviet Union and who realized that there was no future for profit economy.

World War II is the old, old story—liberals and radicals joining hands with conservatives and reactionaries to guarantee the Four Freedoms and usher in the Century of the Common Man, first under the New Deal, then in the crusade of the Great Democracies to unite the peace-loving peoples and perpetuate profit economy and protect the interests of the Friendly Empires.

Since August, 1944, the same story of disillusionment. Here is Edna St. Vincent Millay, for example, as good a poet and as gentle and sensitive a person as this generation has produced. Three years ago she joined the Crusade; she felt sure that she was on the side of the angels; her verse oozed blood-lust and vengeance on her demon enemies. The January 21, 1945 magazine section of The New York Times carried a long speech from her in verse "To the Leaders of the Allied Military Nations."

"Do you deceive us? Do you? Yes? No?" she demands in her first line. Then she cries out her anguish in paragraph after paragraph. "What do you plot?" "Centlemen, you go too far." "Your loyal citizens and subjects doing our disastrous chores."

"We only want to hear you say again Some things you said before And feel you mean them still, Just as we felt you meant them then."

Poor, wistful kid! She has had her emotional spree and now she is sobering up to the tough realities of organized exploitation and institutionalized violence, as expressed in the 1945 political system. Where has she been living these past years? Has the system changed? Run your eyes over Ruskin's Unto This Last or H. D. Gibbins' Industry in England or Robert Blatchford's Merrie England or Frederick Engels' Condition of the Working Class or my War and Must We Starve? or F. L. Schuman's International Politics or R. P. Dutte's World Politics or John Strachey's Coming Struggle for Power or Lenin's Imperialism. These books have been standard reading, some of them for a century.

It is the old, old story of ruling classes and cliques using slogans for bait and then, when they have the suckers firmly hooked, closing in for the kill. Have the laws of society changed since the masters of Rome built an empire, while they fed the intellectuals atrocity stories, victory and glory, and to the masses bread and circuses? Not a whit! Machiavelli described the game in his Prince. The Italian, German, British and American governments practiced it when they struck down the Spanish Republic and restored the generals, the landlords and the church to power.

Will the intellectuals never learn? If the crash of 1929 and the Spanish civil war did not teach them, could they overlook Munich, with Mussolini, Hitler, Daladier and Chamberlain, their feet under the same table, plotting the destruction of the only European people's movement that had escaped their counter-revolutionary drive?

What ails the intellectuals? Must they always expect to pick ripe plums from the thorn-apple tree of exploitation and plunder, and in the winter of capitalism's decay? The law has not been altered by the change of one letter. Representatives of the vested interests are ready to use the intellectuals today as they did yesterday and, when they are through with them, to toss

FLASHES

By Donald J. Lotrich

CHICAGO.—We shall be winding up the Pioneer bowling season in the next two weeks and the competition is really keen. About seven teams are already rigged up for the national tourney and we want to add another five. All who care to bowl should notify one of the following: John Alic, John Collins, Wilma Gratchner, Edward Hudale, Donald Lotrich, John Rak, Fred Svoboda, Frank Lotrich, Sophie Svoboda.

Arley Bozicnik sent a big wad of dough from Germany, all worthless paper money, running in denominations of 50 million marks, which will be placed with the Pioneer collection. — Frank Pirman writes from Italy that he received the Bulletin containing the list of our GIs' addresses; he will try to locate some of the boys in his vicinity. — Joseph Oblak is now on the Pacific coast and likes it equally as well as New York. — Edward Prazak, still at Camp Shelby, Miss., has been doing a lot of odds and ends including KP since he returned from his furlough. — Ed Smolik likes his new location; they have shows, beer, and cots to sleep on; before they slept on the ground.

Andy Sosko writes from the Philippines that they've cleaned up the Japs pretty well, the natives are friendly, and it rains quite frequently. — Leo Vider expects to be docking in the Mediterranean somewhere, hoping it will be in southern France. — Conrad Ladstatter's first letter tells us he is in St. Louis, Mo., attending a naval school; he enjoys the Bulletin very much. — Ernest Dreshar is now in France and likes his new location; he was sorry to learn of Mrs. Vidmar's death. — Oscar Godina tells us he has tried his best to reach some of the Pioneers but without luck; he is in charge of the public relations office in France. — Tony Pichman writes from Germany that they hope to have the war over so they can come back in time for the Pioneer picnic. — Robert Arko is now in the Caribbean and likes the location much better than India and China.

The American Committee for the Protection of Foreign Born has designated the month of May as "American Citizenship Month." They urge all who are not citizens as yet to institute proceedings to become citizens. We highly recommend this action. Yes, if the country is good enough for you to live in, you should be good enough to become a citizen; then you will be able to exercise your rights. — We were surprised to know that Sao Paulo, Brazil, is the fastest growing city in the world; it holds 40% of all the manufacturing of the country and is the leading industrial center on the continent.

Bro. Elish Introduces Bill to Help Co-Ops

STRABANE, PA.—Mr. Peter Elish, member of the Pennsylvania General Assembly, has introduced a bill calling for assistance in the organization of cooperatives for improving marketing conditions among farmers, producers and consumers; also, to publish relative information, and to assist in regard to practices, charges, rate of transportation, storage and sale of farm products. Mr. Elish is a member of SNPJ lodge 580. Members of the assembly should be urged to vote for his bill.

A MEMBER.

them aside as they would a squeezed-out orange rind.

Wake up, intellectuals! The laws of social life are as inexorable as those of the physical world. You cannot build human brotherhood upon monopoly, exploitation, race discrimination, oppression, coercion, murder, rapine, fear, hate, bloodfeuds and vengeance. If you would have brotherhood, you must begin by being brotherly. It will require co-operation in labor, sharing of the product, equality of opportunity, generosity, tolerance, sympathy, understanding and an infinite range of give-and-take, live-and-help-live before this sweat-stained, tear-drenched, blood-soaked planet settles down to order, peace and Walt Whitman's "institution of the dear love of comrades."

Godina moves that the meeting be adjourned. Motion is carried. Session is adjourned.

SPECIAL SESSION FEB. 20

President Cankar calls meeting to order at 7:30 p. m. Present are Cankar, Kuhel, Godina, Zupan, Trojar, Garden and Zaitz. Minutes of the closing session are approved as read.

Kuhel moves that the minutes be published in two issues of the official organ instead of in a supplement because of the shortage of labor and paper. Motion is seconded and carried.

Carried that the minutes be prepared for publication in the organ by Cankar who shall also arrange for English translation of same.

Carried that supreme officers' reports submitted in English be translated into Slovene and published in the Slovene minutes.

VINCENT CANKAR, President. F. A. VIDER, Secretary. PETER BERNIK, Recorder.

JZJ's Bright Spots

LIBRARY, PA.—Here are six important dates to remember:

April 14, dance at Harnerville sponsored by Ramblers lodge 713, featuring Jackie Martinec's orchestra.

April 15, the ES federation meeting in Verona at 2 p. m. Kindly arrange to have at least three delegates represent each lodge.

April 22, the JZJ's annual spring dance. Jackie Martinec and his boys have been selected to give you the best music for your dancing entertainment. Dancing begins at 8 p. m. and the home waltz will have to be played at 11:45. Come early cause you can't stay late.

April 23, tempin tourney of the ES federation in conjunction with the national telegraphic event at the Strabane SNPJ hall. Dancing will follow.

May 3, JZJ's monthly meeting. Please attend, at 7 p. m.

May 26, the Universal Comets extend an invitation to all their friends to attend their dance. Every attempt should be made to give them a hand in getting the lodge in circulation again.

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partment for information, but he has not received a positive answer; in any case, it is necessary that we apply for permission to the ODT. As can be gathered from consultations with various authorities permission will very likely be granted. The SNPJ cannot be compared to various other organizations which hold conventions annually, and besides the state law demands that fraternal organizations must hold conventions quadrennially. Secretary warns that we must be very careful regarding this matter because some states are not friendly towards foreign organizations; it is necessary to observe the laws of the various states in which our Society has a charter. Because of this it is necessary that we continue with preparations for the convention which should be held as provided by the state laws and our by-laws; application for permission should be filed with proper authorities. In case that permission is denied, all preparations can be canceled. He reads a letter he received from the state insurance department.

Treasurer states that four-year term of the present supreme board members will expire on Dec. 31, 1945 which fact must be taken into consideration and for this reason we cannot think of postponing the convention which might cause difficulties. Each state has its own unlimited rights or laws which the federal government has no right to void; among these laws are also the laws which regulate life insurance organizations, and only the states have the right to amend or suspend such laws; if the Illinois State legislature amends or suspends the law pertaining to the holding of conventions then we may postpone our convention.

Lotrich moves to approve the action of the executive committee, which should continue its work in connection with the holding of the convention and apply for a permit. Motion is seconded.

Barbic, Vratich, Zaitz, Vidrich, Fiolit, Petrovich, Garden, Vrhovnik and Ambrozich participate in discussion that follows.

Lotrich motion is unanimously carried.

Lotrich moves that in case the application for the holding of the convention is not approved the main office should immediately notify all supreme board members by mail; the executive committee should immediately prepare necessary decisions in accordance with the by-laws and submit same to the supreme board for approval. Motion is seconded and unanimously carried.

Ambrozich reports that it is the wish of the Eveleth lodges that the convention be held in August instead of September for the reason that the school building has been rented for the convention, and in September school opens; besides, in September weather is often unfavorable; perhaps there will be some difficulties about meals, but the lodges will take care of everything in the best way possible under existing conditions.

Lotrich moves that the convention be held in August; motion is seconded. Vider's amendment that the convention shall begin on August 13 is seconded.

Barbic motion that the convention should start on the second Monday in September is seconded. Vider's amendment to Lotrich motion is carried after a brief discussion.

Voting on motions: Barbic motion received 5 votes; Lotrich motion, 19 votes, one contrary. Lotrich motion is carried.

Vider recommends that this meeting decide on convention committees which shall prepare their reports for the convention. Recommended are credentials committee, by-laws committee and resolutions committee.

Lotrich moves that the executive committee shall name seven members of the convention to the by-laws committee.

Taking part in discussion are Petrovich, Zaitz, Kumer, Travnik, and Vrhovnik, who explains that at the conference of the district vice presidents several recommendations were accepted, including by-laws committee, and moves that discussion on the by-laws committee be suspended for a reading of the report. Motion is seconded and unanimously carried.

Maglich reads the report of

The Vice-Presidents' Meeting

The district vice-presidents met in the morning, afternoon and evening sessions on February 14, 1945, with brother Vrhovnik as chairman. Attending the afternoon session were also Gradisek, Kumer, Fiolit, Vider and Cankar. Recommendations proposed to the supreme board for consideration are as follows:

1. That the convention scheduled for September of this year be postponed if possible until a more favorable time.

2. Proposed that delegates to future conventions be elected on the same basis as at present.

3. Proposed that changes in by-laws and amendments as proposed by the supreme board be published in the Prosveta sixty (60) days prior to the convention.

4. The supreme executive committee appoint or elect the by-laws and resolutions committees from the delegates elected, and Supreme Board members, who shall meet prior to the convention. They shall meet with the supreme executive at the main office in sufficient time to prepare the necessary resolutions, changes and amendments to the by-laws.

5. Local lodges shall elect delegates to the convention from April 1st to May 31st in convention years.

6. Proposed that there shall be no alternates elected for supreme board officers at conventions; in the event of a vacancy the supreme board shall elect a qualified person for same.

7. Proposed that we dedicate a day for the celebration of the 20th anniversary of English speaking lodges. Also publish a supplement in English in Prosveta similar to what we had for the 40th anniversary of our Society. Conduct a membership campaign and plans for it to be worked out by brother Vrhovnik and the district vice presidents and same submitted to the supreme executive committee for approval. In case we have a convention we also conduct a conference of representatives of the English speaking lodges and managers of Juvenile Circles a day prior to the convention.

8. Proposed that in the event an English speaking lodge becomes so inactive that there is a threat it may merge with a Slovene speaking lodge, the supreme executive committee should immediately appoint a district vice-president or some other responsible person to take the necessary action in such cases.

URSULA AMBROZICH, JAMES M. MAGLICH, JOHN SPILLER, ED TOMSIC, RAY TRAVNIK. Petrovich moves that the report be accepted and that each item shall be discussed under the proper order of business. Motion seconded and unanimously carried.

On the question of by-laws committee are heard

Lisch, Barbic, Olip, Vider, Malgai and Godina. Petrovich motion to close debate is carried.

Lotrich motion carried unanimously.

Vider moves that credentials committee shall consist of five members to be named by the executive committee from among convention members; motion seconded and unanimously carried.

Garden moves that resolutions committee shall have five members to be named by the executive committee from among convention members; motion is seconded and unanimously carried.

Godina moves that members and lodges be urged in the official organ to send resolutions, amendments and changes to the by-laws to the main office at least two weeks before the convention.

Garden, Vrhovnik, Kumer, Spiller, Travnik, Vider and Petrovich speak on the question and some state that the convention could be shortened considerably if all recommendations, changes and amendments to the by-laws would be submitted to the by-laws committee before the convention; the convention would consider only what the committee accepted before the convention, and not what is submitted during the convention; the members desire a shorter convention. Others explain that this is almost impossible because some delegates would not only feel slighted but would also think that their rights have been curtailed.

Vider explains that it is necessary to submit all corrections, changes or amendments to the by-laws to the insurance department before they are submitted to the convention, and because of this it will not be possible to print them in the official organ as recommended by the district vice presidents.

Godina motion is unanimously carried.

Vrhovnik states that it is absolutely necessary to publish in the organ all proposed amendments and changes to the by-laws, thus giving the younger members an opportunity to discuss the by-laws and in this way arouse their interest for the organization; for this reason he moves that all amendments and changes to the by-laws which will be accepted at this meeting of the supreme board and which will be approved by the insurance department, shall be published in the official organ immediately after the main office is notified of the approval. Motion is seconded and unanimously carried.

Godina moves that the convention reports of the supreme board members must be in the main office not later than June 30 in order to prepare them for printing. Motion is seconded and unanimously carried.

Garden moves that reports of the supreme board members should be sent to convention delegates so they will receive them at least ten days before the convention. Motion is seconded and unanimously carried.

Zaitz suggests that supreme board members prepare their reports exclusively pertaining to their office, that is, the Society, and that they should not include activities outside of the Society's jurisdiction.

A brief but informative discussion follows in which participate Lisch, Petrovich, Garden, Vider, Vrhovnik and Barbic.

Session is adjourned at 5 p. m.

SESSION FEB 16, 9 A. M.

Present are all supreme board members as at the previous session, also Camillus Zarnick, 2nd vice president.

Minutes of opening session approved as read; minutes of second session approved with corrections.

Zarnick explains that because of his war work he could not leave earlier and hoped to arrive on time by plane; however, due to inclement weather his plane was grounded and he was delayed. His explanation is unanimously accepted and he is excused from the previous two sessions. Zarnick reads his report, as follows:

Report of Second Vice President

Again I am presenting my report for the last six months. I am happy to say that, in spite of the critical times, our organization has progressed and prospered beyond expectation in its 40th anniversary.

I am very glad to have the opportunity to be present at this session, which no doubt will bring many important problems before us.

During the last six months I attended all the SNPJ activities in Cleveland. I also attended the 40th anniversary celebrations of Lodge 53 and Lodge 257 as a guest speaker. At both occasions the celebrations were huge successes.

At this time I would like to say that our juvenile singing chorus of boys and girls is progressing satisfactorily, in spite of many obstacles with which we have to contend.

Our English speaking lodges have also been very successful in the 40th anniversary campaign, in promoting our youth movement and keeping in constant contact with our fellow members in Service. This is one of the most important duties of all the lodges. Let's keep up this good work.

My long working hours, like those of everyone else, have kept me busy but I have and will find time to take care of my duties. I am glad to do them.

I hope this meeting will accomplish its purposes successfully and with good will.

CAMILUS E. ZARNICK.

Report accepted.

Secretary submits question of special assessment for the sick benefit fund levied on members of lodges in Canada; he presents letter from lodge 109 asking to discontinue this assessment.

He explains that in spite of the current special assessment there is still a deficit in the sick benefit fund of members in Canada and for this reason it is not advisable to discontinue the special assessment because during the next six months the deficit would increase.

Godina moves that on the basis of statistics which show that there is still a deficit in the sick benefit fund of members in Canada it is impossible to comply with the letter's request. Motion is seconded and unanimously carried.

Secretary submits appeal from the American Red Cross for voluntary contribution and moves that \$5,000 be donated. It is explained that this institution is performing humanitarian work and is helping all who are in need regardless of nationality. Motion unanimously carried.

Olip moves that SNPJ representatives of JRZ trust fund be instructed to vote to give the remainder in the JRZ treasury to SANC. Motion unanimously carried.

Cankar reports on the banquet held in New York for the benefit of WRFASD, which he attended; attendance was large and some of those present pledged considerable sums for this fund; in the name of SNPJ he pledged \$10,000; the banquet itself failed to impress him; SNPJ wasn't mentioned even once at the banquet, while others were praised excessively.

Vratich, who also attended the banquet, adds that he doesn't like the methods of the committee conducting the campaign for financial contributions and that it is necessary to be very careful about what is being done and how. The said committee is ignoring the SNPJ entirely although it is a fact that the SNPJ started the movement, because SANC was organized on the initiative of the SNPJ and the relief committee on the initiative of SANC. It is his opinion that the committee is controlled by persons connected with Radnik because this paper was mentioned at the banquet repeatedly, the IWO was advertised three times, but the SNPJ and Prosveta weren't mentioned even once.

Zaitz states that the organization was formed under the sponsorship of ZOJSA because there was already in existence a Yugoslav relief committee which was controlled by Potich, ex-ambassador of Yugoslavia. The collection of contributions is done by a firm which is in this business. All collected relief funds will be distributed among the needy in Yugoslavia regardless of nationality. But we must be prepared when Slovenia is liberated to help our people as much as possible because appeals for help will certainly come.

Trojar suggests to contribute \$5000 now and \$5000 later.

Kuhel explains that this relief committee comprises three organizations and that so far no faction, group or organization is controlling this committee but all three organizations together.

Lotrich states that it would be best to appeal to SNPJ members for contributions and all collected money should be sent to the main office which in turn would send the total amount to the said relief committee as the contribution of SNPJ; this is the way other organizations and corporations are carrying out such work. In order to avoid possible complications, it is advisable to be familiar with the business administration of the said committee.

Vider suggests that Cankar's pledge be approved in principle, and if the convention is not held as scheduled, the amount of \$10,000 should be paid at once; if the convention is held, it should be recommended to contribute \$25,000 to WRFASD; however, the said committee's attention should be called to the fact that the work of the SNPJ deserves recognition because this movement was started by the SNPJ.

Godina moves that this meeting approves the decision of the executive committee to donate \$5,000 to WRFASD. Motion is seconded.

Kumer suggests the amount of \$10,000 because the need is great and it is likely that all Yugoslav refugees now in Egypt will be repatriated in April; to wait for the convention would be too long.

Mochnik, Barbic, Zarnick, Shular, Garden, Vrhovnik and Travnik speak on the motion and all emphasize that it is necessary to continue collections and at the same time to demand of the said committee that it recognizes the work of the SNPJ in this connection.

Godina's motion is unanimously carried.

Vider moves that \$5,000 be given to Russian War Relief; he explains that Russia helped most the fighters under the leadership of Tito in the struggle for liberation and will continue to do so in the future; Russia was first to send considerable help in supplies to Yugoslavia. Travnik seconds the motion which is unanimously carried.

Zupan comes to the meeting.

Vider reports that the executive committee adopted several amendments and additions to the by-laws which are to be submitted to the next convention. He explains that these are mostly technical in nature to clarify certain ambiguous and unclear provisions in the by-laws.

Section 10-G: The executive committee recommends that the supreme medical director shall not be a member of the supreme board; he explains that past experiences have shown that it is to a greater advantage to the organization if the supreme medical director is appointed or employed by the supreme board than if he is elected by the convention. A physician who is conscientiously performing his professional duties has no time to attend the supreme board meetings or conventions. Motion is seconded and unanimously carried that this recommendation be approved.

Section 22 should be worded so that it will be clearer and satisfactory to the insurance department concerning the distribution of cash into separate funds. Petrovich moves the recommendation be approved. Motion is seconded and carried.

To section 40 it should be added that a new member should be initiated into a lodge at the time set by the lodge itself. Shular moves that this recommendation be approved. Motion is seconded and carried. A further change in section 40 is to extend the period in which applications must be received in the supreme office from ten to fifteen days. Approved unanimously.

Vider moves that to section 44 the following shall be added: "For members who transfer from the juvenile department and whose death occurs before 45 days from the date of admission into adult department shall be paid the amount for which they were insured in the juvenile department. Lisch seconds the motion, which is carried.

Vider moves that the following wording be eliminated from section 63: "... shall revert and become a part of the funds of the Society", and substituted by the following: "... shall become a part of the estate of the deceased member." A brief discussion follows concerning beneficiaries; Lisch, Petrovich, Mochnik, Cankar and Vider speak on the subject. Petrovich seconds the motion, which is unanimously carried.

Session is adjourned at 12 noon.

SESSION FEB. 16, 1 P. M.

Lisch explains that his leave is up and asks to be excused from Saturday's session; unanimously approved that he be excused.

Vider reports that the executive committee has decided to recommend to the convention that the provision in section 83 which reads: "... for total loss of vision of one eye" be changed to read: "... for loss of vision of one eye 98% or more." Lisch's motion that the recommendation be approved is seconded and carried by 28 votes against 1.

Vider moves that the wording of section 83 which reads: "... for broken back (when spinal cord is broken)" be changed to read: "... for broken back (when spinal cord is broken) with paralysis." Lisch seconds the motion which is unanimously carried.

Vider moves that in the last paragraph of section 85, page 91, the following wording be stricken out: "... nor shall any compensation be paid for renewal operation for recurring hernia, or postoperative hernia." Travnik seconds the motion.

Lisch moves that in the same section and paragraph the following shall also be stricken out: "... entitled to receive compensation for more than one operation within twelve calendar months." Mochnik seconds the motion.

Travnik, Lotrich, Mochnik, Ambrozich, Trojar and Maglich speak on the subject. Mochnik and Ambrozich favor Lisch's motion stating that some operations are more serious than operations for hernia and for this reason it would be just not to make any exceptions.

Vider states that we should be careful in order that we may not overburden the disability fund as the insurance department is very strict and demands that each fund has a sufficient reserve.

Lotrich states that we must consider what the income of the disability fund is and how much benefit can be paid to the members.

Lisch's motion receives 4 votes, Vider's 5 votes; since none of the motions received the prescribed majority, the section remains unchanged.

Maglich moves that in case a member, insured for disability benefit, is operated upon more than once within a year, he is entitled to operation benefit within one year up to the amount of \$80. Motion is seconded and carried by 25 against 2 votes.

Vider recommends that at the end of section 47 the following should be added: "... All business shall be conducted on the basis of American Experience Table." Recommendation unanimously approved.

Vider reports that Bro. Gradisek, secretary of the sick benefit department, has prepared several amendments to the by-laws concerning sick benefits, as follows:

The last paragraph of section 67, page 73, should be changed to read: "... A member is entitled to sick benefit 90 days after admission to the sick benefit class." Unanimously approved.

The provision in section 72 concerning visits to sick members shall be changed to read that one such visit per week is sufficient.

Barbic, Lotrich and Zarnick state that it would be advisable in these times that regular visits to sick members would not be required, because of the difficulties in obtaining members to serve on sick committees. Petrovich explains these difficulties are only temporary in these abnormal times and full employment; the by-laws are adopted to be in effect also in normal times when it won't be difficult to obtain members to serve on sick committees; the interests of the Society require that the sick members are under supervision. Recommendation of Bro. Gradisek unanimously approved.

Gradisek recommends that the provision in section 75-1 be amended as follows: "... Members in military service outside of the United States and Canada are not entitled to any sick benefit, nor shall such members be entitled to any benefit for any ailment accruing or deriving as consequence of such service."

Maglich moves that this recommendation be approved; Petrovich seconds. Vratich moves that, since this matter is very important and calls for caution, it would be in the interest of the organization and the membership if a committee of three is elected to study this matter carefully and submit its recommendation to the next session. Motion seconded.

Lotrich, Petrovich, Maglich, Vider and Travnik speak on the subject. Vratich motion receives 4 votes, Maglich motion 18 votes; the latter is carried.

Gradisek's recommendation for section 77 is that the word "parents" be included after the following wording: "... children, if dependent upon him." Unanimously approved.

To section 78 should be added that applications for sick benefit must be submitted for approval within 60 days; unanimously approved.

To the first sentence of section 79 the wording "... and the provisions of the by-laws" shall be added. Unanimously approved.

Vider suggests that the matter of reinstatement to sick and disability insurance of soldier-members discharged from military service be solved; this is a very important problem and we must be careful so that the sick benefit fund will not be overburdened.

Garden, Shular, Kumer, Vrhovnik, Lotrich, Maglich, Ambrozich, Trojar, Cankar and Petrovich speak on the question. Garden states that the supreme medical director explained about readmission of soldier-members to the sick benefit classes as well as about their disabilities; it would not be just to take away the reserve of these members which they had in the sick benefit fund before entering the services.

Shular states that the board may decide on this question now, but this will be only temporary because the convention will very likely accept different decisions.

Kumer moves that those soldier-members discharged from military service who signed waivers concerning sick and disability benefits, be readmitted under present provisions; each member has the right to pay all assessment into the sick benefit fund for the period during which he was not insured, so as to continue his reserve in the sick benefit fund; member who does not pay this back assessment will forfeit the credit reserve for the period during which he was not paying assessment. Motion seconded. Travnik, Vider, Maglich and Lotrich speak on the subject. Motion is unanimously carried.

Zaitz moves that debate on by-laws be closed and the matter already mentioned by the auditing committee in its report taken up, that is, that this session of the supreme board shall decide whether the head editor violated the decision of the board concerning the dispute pertaining to the former head editor; the auditing committee is of the opinion that the said decision has not been followed by the present head editor.

Garden explains that he consulted President Cankar before he published the article in question which caused a polemic, but he is of the opinion that as a result of this article things have been completely clarified, and members now have a better understanding of the case. In order to prevent further disputes in the future, he will submit all such correspondence or articles to the executive committee for its consideration and approval.

Petrovich, Barbic, Olip, Vider, Vidrich, Lisch, Mochnik and Zupan discuss the matter. The statement of the head editor is accepted and the matter is considered closed.

Travnik explains that his military leave is about up and asks to be excused from further sessions. It is approved that he be excused.

Vrhovnik explains that the term of the present athletic board has expired and a new board must be elected; the ballots with the names of the candidates are already in the hands of the supreme board members. It is decided to hold the elections at this time.

Elected are the following: 1st district, John Loushe of lodge 82; 2nd district, Frank Tomsic of lodge 589; 3rd district, John J. Spilar, lodge 604, received 19 votes and Joseph Golia, lodge 564, 9 votes; 4th district, Frank J. Lotrich, lodge 559, received 17 votes, Michael Fleischacker, lodge 631, 9 votes, and John Yurgic, lodge 659, 3 votes; 5th district, Marco Shappeck of lodge 584.

Lotrich moves that a vote of confidence be given the outgoing athletic board members for their work; motion is seconded and unanimously carried.

Vider moves that the contributions approved for the American Red Cross, Yugoslav War Relief and Russian War Relief be paid from the special benefit fund. Motion is seconded and carried.

Session is adjourned at 5 p. m.

SESSION FEB. 17, 9 A. M.

President Cankar calls meeting to order at 9 a. m. Absent are Travnik and Lisch, who were excused at the previous session. Minutes of the

third session are approved as read; minutes of the fourth session are approved with correction. Discussion is resumed on the report of the district vice presidents:

Section 2. Convention delegates to future conventions shall be elected on the same basis as at present. Godina moves that this recommendation be approved; motion is seconded and unanimously carried.

Section 5. Delegates shall be elected from April 1 to May 31 in convention years. It is moved and carried to approve this recommendation.

Section 6. The convention shall not elect alternates for supreme board members; in case of vacancy the supreme board shall elect a qualified person to fill the vacancy. Vider, Vrhovnik, Trojar, Barbic, Olip, Zaitz and Garden speak on the subject. Recommendation is approved by 15 votes in favor.

Section 7. The 20th anniversary of the English speaking lodges shall be observed and on this occasion a supplement to Prosveta in English shall be devoted to this anniversary. Recommendation is unanimously approved.

Section 7-b: On the occasion of the 20th anniversary of English speaking lodges there shall be a membership campaign, the plan to be prepared by the juvenile director in cooperation with the district vice presidents and submitted to the executive committee for approval.

Olip states that it isn't advisable to conduct another membership campaign because frequent campaigns kill the real purpose of such drives; it is more important that a campaign be undertaken to reawaken the English speaking lodges, or to launch a campaign among English speaking lodges during which the real object and aim of the SNPJ should be explained, that is, the principles on which this organization was founded. Vider, Kumer, Spiller and Grum voice their opinions. Recommendation unanimously approved.

Section 7-c: If the convention is held this year, a conference of English speaking lodge representatives and Circle managers shall be held the day before the convention.

Kumer states that such a conference is very essential and desirable; it should be held annually because such conferences give encouragement to young members, and an opportunity to acquaint themselves with the entire system of the organization. Other organizations are holding such conferences annually.

Grum recommends that in the event a conference is held, convention delegates representing English speaking lodges and Circle managers be invited to attend; such a conference is necessary and beneficial as was shown by the first conference of English speaking lodges.

Vratich states that such a conference very likely would not be as successful as it is thought; difficulties would arise not only because of transportation but also in regard to representation due to working conditions and the difficulty to obtain leave.

Olip states that in his opinion such a conference immediately prior to the convention would not be as successful as planned, because there is the possibility that it would discuss other matters and not those scheduled in advance.

Vider, Barbic, Malgai and Petrovich express doubt as to the success of such a conference as outlined in the report, while Cankar is in favor of such a conference.

Motion receives 7 votes in favor, contrary 7; recommendation not approved.

Section 8. In the event an English speaking lodge becomes so inactive that there is a threat it may merge with a Slovene speaking lodge, the executive committee shall immediately appoint a district vice president or some other responsible person to take the necessary action. Recommendation is unanimously approved.

Olip moves that wording in section 16 of the by-laws be changed from "auditing committee" to "supervising committee"; both names are used at present but "supervising committee" is in complete accord with most of the contents of the section and answers the purpose and intent. Motion is seconded and unanimously carried.

Kumer moves that the secretary of the sick benefit department shall together with the supreme medical director prepare special applications for soldier-members discharged from military service who wish to be readmitted to the sick benefit classes. Motion is seconded and unanimously carried.

Barbic presents his complaint because his report to the last board meeting wasn't published; he claims that the motion on the basis of which his report wasn't published was not duly carried because it failed to receive the required number of votes.

Cankar states that the motion was carried with the required majority of votes of the board members then present; it is the duty of each board member if he notices any irregularity or mistake in regard to voting on motions and the meeting in general, to call it to the attention of the members at once at the same meeting and not wait several months or submit the matter to the board meeting a full half year later as being done by Bro. Barbic.

Petrovich states that it is the duty of a board member when he sees that the result of an election is incorrectly announced to call the president's attention and demand a recount.

Kumer and Zarnick appeal to Barbic to withdraw his complaint and forget about the whole matter since it isn't important and this would be better for all; in the future, however, everyone should pay close attention to the voting and the results.

Ambrozich agrees with Kumer and Zarnick and states that each board member deserves recognition.

Maglich states that it is necessary to pay particular attention during voting and see that the votes are correctly counted, so that each motion carried has really received the required number of votes.

Lotrich's motion that Barbic's complaint be accepted is carried.

Barbic complains because one of his articles wasn't published, which he considers unjust. Malgai states that all should be treated equally and anyone who feels that he has been unjustly treated when his article is rejected, should file his complaint as provided in the by-laws.

Vrhovnik moves that the regular awards shall be approved also for those new members who were admitted into the Society on Jan. 1, Feb. 1, March 1 and April 1. Ambrozich seconds the motion.

Vider states that if this is carried then our membership campaigns will lose all meaning because everyone will demand an award for a new member regardless when he is admitted into the organization.

Motion receives 5 votes in favor and is not carried.

Vrhovnik moves that each member of the athletic board whose term expired be given \$15 for his work. Motion unanimously carried.

Zupan reads his explanation to the minutes of the last board meeting to which the secretary published his statement or correction in the official organ. Zupan explains that the entire misunderstanding came about because of an incorrect word in the sentence in question and this

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