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Razgovori ZDA in Kube v teku obetajo uspeh

Po posredovanju Švice se vrše razgovori med ZDA in Kubo o obravnavanju ugrabiteljev letal, ki prisnejejo na Kubi.

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Državno tajništvo je objavilo, da so razgovori med ZDA in Kubo o postopanju z ugrabitelji letal v teku od pretekle sobote. Razgovori se vrše po posredovanju Švice, ki zastopa koristi ZDA pri vladni Kubi. Razgovore je predložila Kuba pred dvemi tedni in govorila pri tem o "širšem sporazumu", ki naj bi segal preko ugrabljanja letal.

Zastopniki državnega tajništva John F. King je dejal, da je švicarski poslanik na Kubi poslal svoje poročilo o začetku razgovorov, ki ga sedaj v državnem tajništvu proučujejo. V državnem tajništvu pravijo, da so kubanski predlogi stvarni, da pa bo vzel nekaj dni, predno bodo proučeni in bodo ZDA pripravljena na nje odgovoriti.

Kubanski predlog naj bi obsegal poleg sporazuma o postopku pri ugrabljanju letal tudi dejanja, ki jih Kuba označuje kot "sovražna dejanja ZDA" nasproti njej. Med te stejejo ugrabljanje kubanskih ribičkih in drugih manjših ladij od strani nasprotnikov Castrovega režima, vpade teh nasprotnikov na samo Kubo in ameriško podpiranje "nezakonitega" izseljevanja iz Kube v ZDA.

Nekateri opozovalci so prepričani, da bodo pogajanja uspela, četudi bo vzel nekaj več časa, in da bodo pripravila pot za "normalizacijo" odnosov med Havano in Washingtonom. Vladni krogi ZDA zanikajo, da bi imele ZDA za enkrat tudi kaj takega v mislih.

Zvišanje plač vrhovnim uradnikom razburja Lah

RIM, It. — Vladna odredba o povišanju plač glavnim uradnikom v Italiji je razburila tako splošno javnost kot parlament in povzročila delno napetost v sami vladi. Delavci se sprašujejo, kako je mogoče, da vlada povije plače sama sebi in vsočemu uradništvu, ko poziva unije, naj delavstvo omeji svoje zahteve po višjih plačah.

Tako naj bi predsednik vlade dobival v bodoče namesto sedanjih \$15,000 kar \$40,000 letne plače. Serazmerna povišanja naj bi dobili ministri in vrvnini upravniki uradniki, člani ministrstev in diplomatsko osobje. Plača italijanskega poslanika naj bi se dvignila od sedanjih \$10,000 na \$23,000. Vsa ta povišanja naj bi veljala za nazaj od 1. januarja 1971.

Unije, ki predstavljajo milijoni najih državnih uradnikov, so izjavile, da bodo proglašile štrajk, če bo vlada visokim uradnikom res povela plače v objavljenem obsegu.

Vremenski prerok pravi;



Oblačno z naletavanjem snega. Najvišja temperatura okoli 36.

Novi grobovi

Peter Levstik

V Woman's bolnišnici je umrl 75 let stari Peter Levstik, samski, s 645 E. 195 St., rojen v Zivrcih pri Hinjah na Dolenjskem, od koder je prišel v ZDA pred 43 leti, brat Angele Pirnat, pok. Mary Dejak in Antonije Zupec, stric Josephine Kure in Mary Dejak, zaposlen pri N.Y.C. železnici do pred 10 leti, ko je stopil v pokojo. Pokojnik je bil član SNPJ št. 53 in Kluba slov. upokojencev za Holmes Avenue okrožje. Pogreb bo iz Zeletovega pogrebnega zavoda na E. 152 St. v soboto ob 8.15, v cerkev Marije Vnebovzete ob 9., nato na Kalvarijo.

Rose Millward

V Genevi Medicare negovališču v Genovi, Ohio, je umrla 83 let stara Rose Millward z 805 Dover Center Rd., Bay Village, roj. Orgel v Clevelandu, registrirana bolniška strežnica, vdoma po pok. Josephu, mati Dorothy Pak in Lester (oba mrtvi), starci mati Susan, sestra Arthura Orgel, pok. Johna, Augusta Williama in Alberta, svakinja Frances, roj. Azman. Pogreb bo iz Zeletovega pogrebnega zavoda na E. 152 St. danes popoldne ob 9. nato na Lakeview pokopališče.

Marko Pezo

Po dolgi bolezni je v sredo zvečer umrl 83 let stari Marko Pezo s 13105 Oakview Blvd., Garfield Heights, rojen v Dalmaciji, od koder je prišel v ZDA pred 55 leti in bil zaposlen pri Republic Steel Co. do leta 1954, ko je šel v pokojo. Bil je član HBZ št. 99. Poleg žene Ane, roj. Goren je zapustil še sina Stephena, vnuka Michaela in vnučnico Mary Ann. Pogreb bo jučri, v soboto, ob 8.30 iz Ferfolja pogrebnega zavoda na Lee Rd., v cerkev sv. Monike ob 9., nato na Kalvarijo.

Bobby Fischer se bo pomeril z Brazilijancem

NEW YORK, N.Y. — Svetovni šahovski prvak Bobby Fischer ni maral na šahovski turnir v Teksas, ker so mu bile "nagrade" premajhne. Pravijo, da se bo prihodnje leto pomeril v prijateljski tekmi z 20 let starim brazilijskim šahistom Henriqueom Meckingom za nadgrad \$200,000.

Brazilec je star 20 let, pa je igral s Fischerjem dvakrat, ko je bil star 13 let. Eno partijo je tedaj izgubil, drugo pa zaključil neodločeno.

Henrique Mecking naj bi bil odličen šahist in si je priboril brazilske državno prvenstvo klub mladim letom, slično kot Fischer prvenstvo v ZDA. Napovedujejo, da bo zanimiva tekma v São Paulo.

Sargent Shriver gleda v politično bodočnost

NEW YORK, N.Y. — Sargent Shriver se je v volivnem boju odločno in vztrajno boril, četudi je vedel, da zmage ni na obzoru. Njegovim političnim načrtom je bilo pomagano, ko je v volivnem boju prišel pred mnoge volivcev in je njegov obraz postal poznan po vsej deželi.

Nekateri bi ga sedaj radi imeli za načelnika glavnega demokratskega odbora namesto Jean Westwood, sam pa menda bolj misli na možnost kandidature za guvernerja Marylanda ali pa za zveznega senatorja v New Yorku proti republikancu Jacobu Javitsu.

Predsednik zmanjšal za 6 bilijonov vsoto za varovanje okolja

Predsednik Nixon je naročil agenciji za varovanje okolja, naj razdeli letos za te namene le 2 od 5 v Kongresu odobrenih bilijonov, prihodnje leto pa 3 do 6 bilijonov.

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Upravniki agencije za čuvanje okolja William D. Ruckelshaus je na tiskovni konferenci razkril, da je predsednik Nixon naročil, naj od za letos odobrenih 5 bilijonov dolarjev razdeli državam le dva bilijona za podporo njihovim programom za čuvanje okolja, prihodnje leto pa od 6 bilijonov le 3 bilijone.

Predsednik Nixon je v svojem pismu W. Ruckelshausu zapisal: Izjavil sem, da tudi v slučaju, da bi Kongres ne izpolnil svoje dolžnosti pri svoji zakonodaji, jo bom jaz izpolnil. Pratih okoliščin, odrejam, da ne razdelite med države celoten zmek, določen v zakonu, ampak v tekočem finančnem letu ne več kot 2 bilijona in ne več kot 3 bilijone v letu 1974...

W. Ruckelshaus je priznal, da obstoji pravno vprašanje, ali ima predsednik pravico omejiti uporabo odobrene denarja ali ne. Obstaja možnost in verjetnost, da bo katera od držav skušala dobiti polno vsoto s pritožbo na Vrhovno zvezno sodišče, ki je čuvar zvezne ustave in zakonitosti v deželi.

Sen. E. Muskie in kong. J. A. Blatnik sta predsednikovo ometitev sredstev za boj proti onečiščevanju okolja obsodila kot "izrazito neupoštevanje" volje Kongresa.

Rev. Philip Berrigan pomilosčen

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Zvezni odbor za pomilosčitve je pomilosčil rev. Philipa Berrigana, ki je preblji v ječi 38 mesecov cd skupno 6 let ječe, na katere je bil obsojen zaradi svojega protivojnega delovanja, ki se je začelo leta 1968 z uničenjem naravnih zapiskov v Catonsville, Md., pa se končalo s tihotapljenjem pisem iz zvezne ječe v Venezueli.

Izpuščen bo 20. decembra. Vzroka pomilosčitve niso objavili.

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Zadnje vesti

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Predsednik Nixon je včeraj ponovno sprejel posebenega zastopnika Van Thieuja, ko je izgleda odločil končno stališče ZDA pri pogajanjih v Parizu, ki bodo obnovljena v ponedeljek. Nguyen Phu Duc je imel daljši razgovor s predsednikom Nixonom v sredu v navzočnosti Kissingerja. Kasneje je imel daljši razgovor s samim Kissingerjem in nato še z državnim tajnikom W. Rogersom. Končno ga je včeraj predsednik Nixon ponovno sprejel potem ko se je posvetoval z vojaškimi vodniki dežele. Predsednik Nixon je nato odletel v Florido za končne tedne na odidki.

COLUMBUS, O. — Znani astronom John H. Glenn Jr. je objavil, da bo nemara leta 1974 kandidiral za zveznega senatorja v Ohiu kot demokrat proti republikancu W. Saxbeju, če bo ta ponovno kandidira.

CINCINNATI, O. — Sinoči je umrl tu na raku 68 let stari Heil H. McElroy, načelnik in predsednik Procter in Gamble Co., dokler ni sprejel imenovanja za obrambnega tajnika v času predsednika Eisenhowera leta 1957. Kasneje se je vrnil k podjetju in ostal načelnik upravnega odbora do leta 1967, ko je omejil svoje delo na načelninstvo izvršnega odbora družbe.

BUDAPEST, Madž. — Leonid Brežnev, ki končuje tu danes svoj 5-dnevni uradni obisk, je dejal včeraj, da bo zmanjšanje oboroženih sil v Srednji Evropi načelnično predvideni za 31. januar 1973.

SAIGON, J. Viet. — Ameriške letalske sile so včeraj osredotočile svoje napade na Demilitarizirano cono in področja v njeni neposredni bližini na sever in na jug. — Pretekli teden ameriške oborožene sile, katerih število je z današnjim dnem padlo na 27,000 mož, niso imeli nobenih mrtvih, pač pa 11 ranjenih in 3 pogrešane. Južnoveselske sile so imeli v istem času 480 mrtvih in 1,821 ranjenih, rdeči pa naj bi imeli 1,896 mrtvih.

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Slovenci in 1. december 1918

V prvi Jugoslaviji je bil 1. december narodni praznik 'zedinjenja', uradni začetek ustanovitve Kraljevine Srbov, Hrvatov in Slovencev, ki jo je kralj Aleksander nato preimenoval v Jugoslavijo. Nova Jugoslavija se za ta dan ne briga, uvedla je svoja praznovanja v skladu z dogodki, ki jih smatra za najvažnejše.

Pri nekaterih slovenskih rojakih, posebno v izseljeništvu, je dobil 1. december že pred časom nekak slab prizvok, skušajo ga proglašiti za napako, ki da je prinesla Slovencem obilo gorja, ki naj bi bila celo kriva, da je slovenski narod padel ob koncu druge svetovne vojne pod komunistični jarem.

Če hočemo 1. december 1918 prav razumeti in oceniti, se moramo vživeti v tedanje razmere v Sloveniji, v tedanji položaj slovenskega naroda. Kdor skuša ono dobo gledati skozi današnja očala, jo ne more razumeti in še manj stvarno presoditi.

Slovenski narod se je prebujal od konca 18. stoletja in leta 1848 tudi popolitično zaživel in si postavil svoj narodno-politični program. Bil je prav za prav skromen, pa v skladu s časom in celo z zahtevami "revolucionarnega leta 1848". Zahteval je združitev vseh slovenskih pokrajin v eno kraljestvo s slovenskim uradnim jezikom. Nihče ni tedaj misil, na kaj več kot upravno povezavo slovenskih pokrajin v okviru habsburške monarhije, tudi oni ne, ki so se zavzemali za povezavo Združene Slovenije z drugimi jugoslovanskimi narodi. Tudi ti niso segli preko habsburške monarhije.

Slovenski narodni politični program je oživel v času taborov, ko je bilo konec Bachovega absolutizma in germanizma. Narod se je tedaj z njim seznanil na široko, narodne zahteve so postale splošne, zahteva po njih uresničenju močnejša, proti njej pa tudi močnejši odpor rastočega nemškega, madžarskega ter italijanskega nacionalizma. Slovenski vodniki so se zavedali, da slovenskega narodnega političnega programa ne bo lahko uresničiti.

Upanje na pomoč Čehov in Poljakov v dunajskem parlamentu ni imelo dosti osnove in utemeljenosti. Podpora Istre in Dalmacije je imela omejen pomen. Nemški pritisk je med tem rastel in Velenemci v Avstriji so javno govorili o zahtevi po nemškem mostu do Trsta. Da so to resno mislili in hoteli to tudi čim preje izvesti, so pokazala leta prve svetovne vojne, ko so slovenske dežele smatrali nemški oblastniki skoraj naravnost za sovražno ozemlje.

Slovenska napredna mladina je že v času balkanskih vojn prišla do zaključka, da za slovenski narod v Avstriji ni obstanka, ne enakopravnosti in ne pravice do življenga. Ista misel je prevladala tudi pri Janezu Ev. Kreku, pri dr. Korošcu in pri njunih sodelavcih. Edino dr. Šušteršič z nekaj ožjimi sodelavci je v onih dneh pred koncem prve svetovne vojne ohranil svojo zvestobo Habsburžanom in branil povezavo Slovenije z Avstrijo.

Odpor proti nemškemu nasilju je bil med tem tako močan, iskanje rešitve in varnosti za slovenski narod tako bistveno, da je bilo nemogoče majsko deklaracijo zadržati v habsburškem okviru, pa naj bi se za to zavzel poleg dr. Šušteršiča še kdorkoli.

Ko so v Ljubljani 29. oktobra 1918 oklicali odcepitev od Avstrije in ustavljatev države Srbov, Hrvatov in Slovencev na ozemlju višje monarhije z vlogo narodnega veča v Zagrebu, je res, da ni nihče misil na samostojno slovensko državo v njenem pravem smislu. Slovenija je bila od prvega trenutka del skupne države z vlogo v Zagrebu, slovenska vlada je imela značaj pokrajinske vlade, nič več in nič manj, pa četudi so bile njene pravice in dolžnosti veliko večje od nekdanjih avstrijskih deželnih vlad.

Vlada narodnega veča v Zagrebu ni kazala posebnih sposobnosti, zato si je moralna Ljubljana sama pomagati, kakor je vedela in znala. Treba je bilo skrbeti za red in mir, ko so se z italijanske fronte valile domov avstrijske in madžarske vojaške trume, treba je bilo skrbeti za prehrano, pa se brigati tudi za slovenske meje. Gen. Maistro se moramo zahvaliti, da je Slovenija ohranila Maribor. Žal ni bilo nobenega gen. Maistra, da bi rešil slovensko Koroško. Za Slovensko krajino smo imeli hud boj kasneje v Parizu, pa tudi na samem ozemlju, ko ga Madžari niso hoteli dati iz rok.

Lahko so prestopili za umikajočo se avstrijsko vojsko Sočo, zasedli Gorico, zasedli Trst in od Logatca že rinili proti Vrhniku. Tam je ustavljal srbski polkovnik Šabić s "srbsko vojsko", ki pa so jo sestavljali dejansko le srbski vojni ujetniki, ki so bili tedaj še na slovenskih tleh.

V strahu za slovenske narodne meje so hiteli v Ljubljani s pripravami za združitev države Srbov, Hrvatov in Slovencev, ki je bila oklicana 29. oktobra 1918, s kraljevi-

no Srbijo. Bili so prepričani, da bo združitev pomenila priznanje nove države in pomagala varovati njene meje, saj bo njen važen del kraljevine Srbija, glavna žrtev vojne in ena izmed zmagovalk v njej.

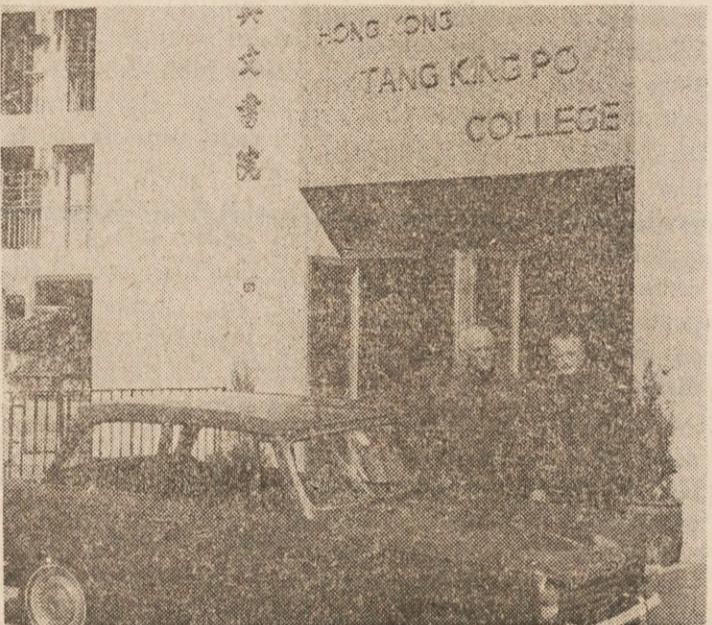
Če kasneje v novem kraljestvu Srbov, Hrvatov in Slovencev ni bilo vse tako, kot so si njegovi ustanovitelji, zlasti oni v Sloveniji, zamislili, ni to krivda 1. decembra, ni to posledica združitve treh jugoslovanskih narodov v eno državno skupnost. Vzrok težavam je brez dvoma v načinu združitve, v nerazumevanju teženj v obeh delih nove državne skupnosti, njihovo premalo medsebojno poznanje. Prvemu grehu so sledili novi, pomanjkanje politične modrosti in dalekovidnosti je omogočalo njihovo odpravo in dobra zamisel, temelječa na preobilici romantike, pa premalo poznanja razmer, je začela propadati, dokler je Hitlerjev napad aprila 1941 ni uničil.

Stvarna preiskava in proučitev podrobnosti, ki so do združitve 1. decembra 1918 privede, ter vse, kar je temu sledilo do 6. aprila 1941, bi bila za vsakega, ki hoče to dobro razumeti, ne le zanimiva, ampak tudi močno poučna.

BESEDA IZ NARODA

MISIJONSKA SREČANJA IN POMENKI

132. "Gospod Geder je ljubil Boga, Marijo, Kitajsko in Kitajce..."



Pok. misijonar Joško Geder (levo) in br. Stanko Pavlin (desno) pred njihovo šolo v Hong Kongu 1971.

Bil je velik slovenski misijonar. Umrl je 11. novembra sredy božjega ljudstva, ki mu je daroval celo svoje življenje. Pogrebne obrede jo vodil pomožni škof Lee, somaševali so s salezijanskim provincialom vsi rektorji salezijanskih šol in zavodov v velikem Hong Kongu. Njegov dolgoletni sobrat in priatelj g. Stanko Pavlin sporoča 15. nov. o rajnem gospodu Joškotu tele podrobnosti: "To moje pismo Vam bo prineslo žalostno novico. Naš g. Geder nas je zapustil za večnost dne 11. novembra. Ni prišel v obredico kot ponavadi. Sli so ga klicati in so ga sploh ni mogel več premakniti sam pripisal: "Danes sem dobil Vašo pošiljko denarja. Bog Vam bo že vse poplačal, jaz itak ne bi mogel poplačati tako lepo danilo. Rad se Vas bom spominjal v svojih revnih molitvah. Za se dni na "krvavo zaslužene počitnice v bush, 400 km ven iz prestolnice" in dodaja: "Prejela sem že dve številki petkov izdaje AD, sem vse strani prebrala, tudi oglase! Zelo zanimalivo. Res mi bo doalo več vpogleda v mišijerje in delovanje naših ljudi v Ameriki." Učiteljica Gabrova tako misijonari z njim v Etiopiji in bo te vesti zelo vesela. Tačko krčimo razdalje med nami in postajamo eno. Tudi na znamke naša dobra sestra Janja ne pozabljiva in z MZA pioniri zelo zvesto. Obenem vedno prosi za molitve za njeno sestro dr. Tezijo v Južnem Vietnamu in za tripeče vietnamsko božje ljudstvo, ki je tako zelo podobno Sloveniji v "osvobodilni" revoluciji med leti 1941-1945. Ko svobodni gledamo na Zahvaljan dan v ZD preko morja, čujemo od tolikih preudarnih vedenj znowa, da "v domovini zlasti med mladimi v komunizem skoraj nihče več ne veruje, če da je veliko gnilega v deželi Danski."

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Na grobu je govoril njegov nekdanji sodelavec v kitajskem misijonu, italijanski sobrat, ki je kratko poudaril tri značilnosti rajnega g. Joškota. Ljubil je Boga in zato je ljubil svojega bližnjega in rad je pomagal vsem, kar mu je bilo dano. Ljubil je Marijo, našo nebesko Mati, in vsi so ga lahko videli zmeraj z rožnim vencem v rokah, ko je molil in molil. V misijoni je pozidal cerkev na čast Mariji, Pomočnici kristjanov. Sam je pri zidanju zaviral rokave in delal, zidaril in mizaril. Ljubil je tudi Kitajsko in Kitajce, zato se je potrudil, da se je temeljito naučil kitajskoga jezika in da je poznal mnoge kitajske običaje."

V MSIP 74 in 79 je g. Pavlin kratko o bolezni rajnega poročal. 27. nov. 1971 se je ob zahvali za ček \$134 za oba in za nekaj sv. maš glasil ob obiska pri g. Gederju. Takrat je prezel delov nazar na g. Joškota sobrat, ki mu je po potrebi poskrbel, kar je takrat že želel. Na koncu Pavlina Vega pisma je takrat g. Geder

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Iz Addis Abebe v Abesiniji piše 15. nov. zdravnica dr. Agnes Žužkova, da odhaja za 14 dni na "krvavo zaslužene počitnice v bush, 400 km ven iz prestolnice" in dodaja: "Prejela sem že dve številki petkov izdaje AD, sem vse strani prebrala, tudi oglase! Zelo zanimalivo. Res mi bo doalo več vpogleda v mišijerje in delovanje naših ljudi v Ameriki." Učiteljica Gabrova tako misijonari z njim v Etiopiji in bo te vesti zelo vesela. Tačko krčimo razdalje med nami in postajamo eno. Tudi na znamke naša dobra sestra Janja ne pozabljiva in z MZA pioniri zelo zvesto. Obenem vedno prosi za molitve za njeno sestro dr. Tezijo v Južnem Vietnamu in za tripeče vietnamsko božje ljudstvo, ki je tako zelo podobno Sloveniji v "osvobodilni" revoluciji med leti 1941-1945. Ko svobodni gledamo na Zahvaljan dan v ZD preko morja, čujemo od tolikih preudarnih vedenj znowa, da "v domovini zlasti med mladimi v komunizem skoraj nihče več ne veruje, če da je veliko gnilega v deželi Danski."

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Na letnem zborovanju katoliške hierarhije ZD v Washingtonu, D.C., je okrog 240 škofov sredi novembra, med drugim, sklenili prosliti papeža Pavla VI., da pospeši beatifikacijo in kanonizacijo škofa Friderika Baraga, "apostola Indijancev". Monsignor Charles A. Salatka, sedanji škof v Marquette, Mich., je predložil zadove zborujočim resolucijim, s temi besedami: "Škofa Baraga pogumno naporil v pravično ravnanje z ameriškimi Indijanci, njegova popul-

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"Oj, ata, ne tepite me," je vrnil fant, ki se mu je že nekaj ur sem zdelo, da mu udarci ne odidejo.

"Nič ne pomaga!" je reklo Polž. "Predrzen si, včeraj si se smejal gospodči, danes si go bezdal pred samim gospodom graščakom... Vlezi se na klop! ..."

"Oj ata, nikar me!" je prosil Andrejček. Stanko je objel očeta za noge in mu plakaje poluboval kolena, Lenka je pa stekla k gospodinji na dvorišče.

"Recem ti: vlezi se na klop! dokler sem dober..." je klical Polž. "Ko dobiš danes svoje, ne boš se več, ti potepuh, menil s tem lopovom Jankom... Vlezi se takoj!..."

V tem je Polževka močno potrakala na okno.

"Hitro vun Jože," je rekla, "naši novi kravi nekaj ni prav. Tako se valja..."

Kmet je pustil Andrejčka in takoj hitel v hlev. Tu je pa videl, da vse krave stoje pri jaslih in mirno jedo.

"Menda jo je že minilo," je rekla žena, "toda tako se je valjala, povem ti, kakor ti včeraj."

Polž je natanko ogledal kravo, jo potipal po hrbtnu in zmajal z glavo. Domislil se je, da ga je morda hotela žena s to zvijajo spraviti od Andrejčka. Ker se je pa fant že izmuznil iz bajte, in je tudi očeta jeza minila, se je končalo vse dobro, kakor navadno o podobnih prilikah.

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Bilo je v mesecu juliju. Graščak je bil z gospo že davno od-

"Eden med njimi je v slaminiku," je dodala Polževka, "kmetje pa ne hodijo taki."

"Pa do kolen imajo čevlje," je pripomnil Polž.

"Poglejte," je zaklical Andrejček, "saj nosijo drogove v rokah in vlečejo neko vrvico za seboj!"

"Najbrže so zemljemerji... Kaj bi to bilo?..." se je zamisil Polž.

"Gotovo nove razdelitve!... je odgovorila Polževka. "Vidiš kako je prav, da nisi takrat kupil travnika od graščaka."

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Njih pojavljenje je v Polžu vzbudilo tako radovednost, da se je vlekel na koncu poleg Lenke, namesto da bi bil prvi pri delu. Končno je zaklical!

"Andrejček! puti srp in skoči k onim, ki se tam po polju potikajo. Zvedi, kdo so in poglej: ali merijo za razdelitev zemelje ali za kaj drugačega?"

Fant je skokoma odtekel.

"Pa hodi pazno okoli njih!" je klicala mati, "da te kdo ne preponde..."

Andrejček je v par minutah prišel k mercem, šel med nje in se nekaj časa razgovarjal toda — na vrnitez ni niti mislil. Nasprotno vzel je celo, drog in vrv.

"Slišite!" se je čudila Polževka, "saj je že kar pri njih ostal. Poglej no fanta, kako vleče vrvico... Oni so se gotovo moralici več ko eno zimo, pa ga nobeden ne doseže. Glej ga tička, ki revež ni videl družega, ko to kar je v oknu pri židu, pa skača takoj med njimi, kakor zajec... To ti je fant!... Skoda, da mu nisem rekla, da naj se obuje, bodo še mislili, da je sirota, ne pa posestnikov sin."

Prijela se je za bok in zadovoljno gledala na Andrejčka, ki je res z veliko smehostjo prenasehal drogove v vlekel vrv od točke.

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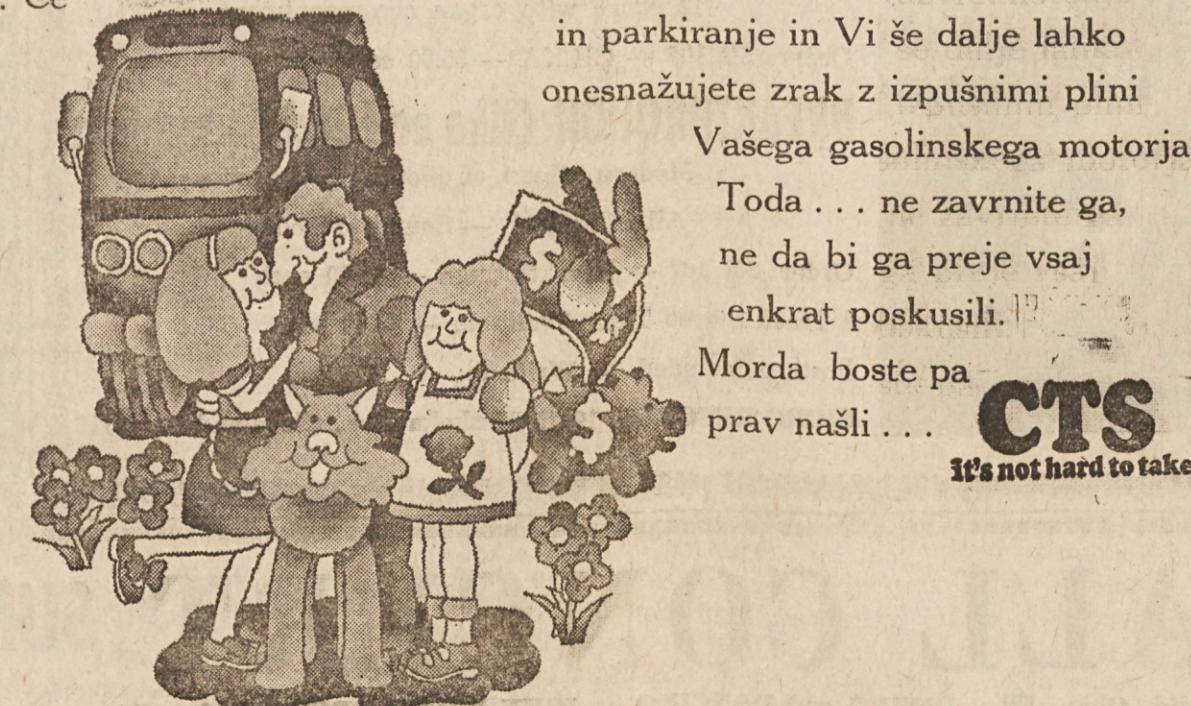
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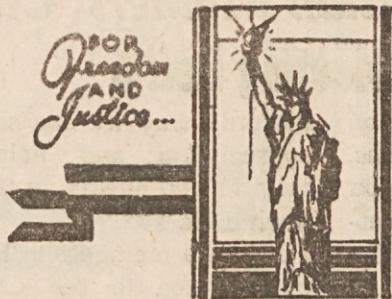
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JAMES V. DEBEVEC, Editor

SLOVENIAN MORNING NEWSPAPER

JACOB STREKAL

PRAISE TO ANTON GRDINA



Fifteen years ago, December 1, 1957, the Slovenian Americans lost their best leader they ever had—Mr. Anton Grdina.

Anton was the son of Luka and Marija (Jerebic) Grdina, from Zirov, near Vrhnika.

His first employment in America was with Pipe Machinery Co.

Later his brother asked him to join him in a hat factory. In 1903 he opened his own hardware store.

Unlike other immigrants, Mr. Grdina attended night school as

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JIM DEBEVEC

BE ALERT!

The business association of St. Clair Ave. in Cleveland want to make the area a pleasant and safe place to live, work, and shop.

These points were brought to light by Business Assn. President Dick Mott at an unusual meeting held last Tuesday evening at his St. Clair office of Central National Bank, 64th and St. Clair.

Among those present were former Senator Frank J. Lausche, Judge Ed Katalinas, St. Vitus pastor Fr. Praznik, Ward 23 Councilman and Cleveland Council President Edmund (Wally) Turk, Past S.C.B.A. President Dr. Anthony Garbas, Civic Air Patrol leader, Jerry Krakowski, State Senator Anthony Novak, Cleveland Safety Director James Carney, Julia Pirc of Equality Publishing, and Zeno Zak and his mother from Zak Funeral Home, Jean Drobnick of Grdina Bridal Shoppe, Stan Majer owner of Stan's Shoes, Felix Danton, Scoutmaster, B.S. of A., representatives of Perry Homeowners Association, and Jim Debevec, American Home. Sixth District police Captain Gallagher was present with one of his lieutenants. Other store owners and representatives were also present including Customs Chief Johnny Kovacic.

Mott said, "We've got a vital stake in the neighborhood and we want to make it safe for everyone, otherwise it will be-

come an uninhabited area with no industry, no residents, and no shoppers."

He said he wants more police in the area and one of his ideas is to put civilians in desk jobs and move the police into the streets where they can actively protect the area.

"Also we must be alert and support the police."

Jerry Krakowski of the Civic Aid patrol, echoed Mott's theme of making people active in preventing crime. "If individuals take proper precautions, we will not need a large contingent of police here," he said.

He gave some suggestions: 1. Ladies—don't go walking down the street swinging your handbag. Hold it tight in your arm. But better yet, don't carry one!

2. If you notice anything even suspicious, call the police at once. Or call the Civic Aid Patrol, 431-2170.

He said in the last three years his men have put in 20,900 man hours of voluntary work. Eight women man the phones. The time averages out to 465 hours per man.

"But," says Krakowski, "we need many more volunteers." He asks interested individuals to give the patrol a call and help keep the area safe.

Zeno Zak said, "We could have moved out to the suburbs, but we chose to stay here. Now we should be determined to help our city."

Sixth District Police Captain

Gallagher said the answer is more police protection, and help is on the way.

Edmund Turk demanded a full time beat patrolman around the liquor store.

Safety Director Carney started to talk about the new chartreuse colored police cars soon to come in the area.

Turk wanted to know why they were not already on the streets. "I've been hearing the same !*!#!*!: excuses for 11 years now and I'm tired of it!"

Sen. Lausche indicated it was not the Slovenians who are at fault here. "You don't have to teach Slovenians about law and order," he said.

Turk agreed saying, "You have freedom of speech, freedom of press, freedom of religion, but don't have the freedom to walk the streets."

Lausche thought some sort of federal gun laws would help.

Judge Katalinas got up and said the only way you're going to keep this neighborhood safe is by encouraging everyone to get involved. Join clubs, groups, or just be constantly watchful for each other. Keep a light on in the back yard and porch all night long. "Keep your eyes open!"

Father Praznik said it would be a good idea to publicize these safety tips in the paper.

Turk praised the auxiliary police and said in order to keep the families and factories here and encourage shopping in the neighborhood is — "Be Alert!"

JOSEPH GORNICK

A VISIT TO CLEVELAND STATE

I accompanied Jacob Strekal at the Slovenian Language class last Tuesday evening at Cleveland State University.

It brought back to me memories of years gone by as I was attending classes at St. Vitus Parochial School. Until World War I included in our studies were German and Slovenian.

It was a different generation then. There were no long hairs, and the pants we wore were knee high.

Most of the students at Cleveland State University are employed. The classes are held on Tuesday and Thursday evenings from six to 7:30 p.m. The course is for an 11 week period.

The class consisted of a teen age group of both sexes. On each desk was a book with the title, "Zakaj ne po Slovensko". When translated it means, "Why not in Slovenian". The book is compiled by Jozef Toporosic and distributed by Immigration Registrar from Ljubljana, Yugoslavia.

slavia. The contents of this book contains expressions of meaning of words both in Slovenian and English.

Vlado Rus was the patient instructor of this class. I was enlightened and impressed by his explanation word for word to the students of the verbs, adverbs, adjectives, nouns, masculine, feminine, and past and present tense, and most of all, proper pronunciation.

Prior to dismissal of class for the evening, homework is passed out to the students and graded at the next class.

Eagerness to learn was portrayed on the faces of the students as they left for home.

We can be proud of our Slovenian heritage. Let us support our teachers. They need it. There is an old saying, never too old to learn. Do not be backward about being forward when it comes to education. Why don't you and your friends join one of these classes.

A book being published by Edi Gobetz professor at Kent State University on accomplishments of Slovenians in the Greater Cleveland area is being printed. If you wish a copy, you may write to Professor Gobetz, 29227 Eddy Rd., Wickliffe, Ohio or to Jacob Strekal, 405 E. 200 St., Euclid Ohio 44119.

There is no age limit or nationality required to enroll in one of the Slovenian classes. If you are interested you may contact Professor Bonatti, Modern Language Dept., Cleveland State University, phone 687-2222. This is a full college credit course.

Slovenian language classes are also taught at Euclid Senior High School evenings. Please contact Mary Dolchin, or Eda Vovk 531-2324. Euclid Senior is located at 711 E. 222.

You may also enroll at Mayfield High, 6116 Wilson Mills Rd. For particulars please call Breda Lonchar 944-8675.

Cyril F. Zupan has been named the principal of Lincoln-West High School, 3202 W. 30 St.

The announcement was made this week by the Cleveland Board of Education. Zupan has been acting principal of the school since September.

He is the youngest brother of Stanley Zupan, manager of St. Clair Savings' St. Clair office. Stan was formerly an editor of American Home for 23 years. He remembers, "We didn't have vacations in those times, we worked the whole year thru." He says reporting the many sports activities at the St. Clair Recreation Center was one of his favorite jobs. "We had fun in those days being active in sports. There were a lot of players then who would have gone on to the majors if only talent scouts had taken the time to check the area out."

He keeps kids out of trouble," he points out.

He is extremely proud of his younger brother Cyril, the new principal.



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SLOVENIAN SPORTS CLUB HOLDS 2ND SKI CLINIC

Slovenian Sports Club will in connection with Mont Chalet hold its second ski clinic.

The SSC has chosen the Mont Chalet area because it is the closest and the easiest ski area to reach for most people living in Greater Cleveland. One gets to Mont Chalet taking Chardon Rd. (Route 6) proceeding east to Tibbits Rd. which leads directly to the ski area.

Mont Chalet slopes are ideal for instruction of beginning or intermediate skiers and offer a convenient practice area for more advanced. This year Mont Chalet converted to a new more expensive, but more efficient system of snow making. The ski school has approximately 80 instructors, some are members of SSC; friendly and ever helpful Mrs. Frieda Gerdin is well known among our skiers.

All SSC members and all who took part in last year clinic will get all necessary information through the mail. All others should call 431-2079. The enrollment period closes on December 31, 1972.

Miro

Voinovich Bill Would Cut Real Estate Taxes

An Ohio homeowner, 65 years or older, living in a \$15,000 home will pay no real estate taxes if County Auditor George V. Voinovich is successful in selling a new Homestead Exemption Bill to the Ohio Legislature.

The bill suggested by Voinovich would give a flat \$5,000 reduction in taxable value on a home owned and lived in by a senior citizen. Real estate taxes are based on one-third of market value.

This means that an elderly Cleveland homeowner living in a home valued at \$20,000 would pay about \$100, representing a savings of \$325.

The bill proposed by Voinovich would also kill the total income provision of the present Homestead Act, which allows no reduction for a senior citizen having a total income of \$8,000 or more.

"I have always felt the present Homestead Act is only half-a-loaf for the elderly homeowner," Voinovich stated. "The thrifty person who has an income from savings or a pension plan should not be penalized. He should be entitled to a full reduction."

Turk Takes Stand Against Bias Ins. Rates

Cleveland Council President and Ward 23 Councilman Edmund J. Turk sent a personal letter to Mr. Kenneth DeShetler, Director of the Ohio Dept. of Insurance. It reads in part:

I was extremely disturbed to read last week of the intention of the Ohio Bureau of Casualty Insurers to discriminately increase insurance rates on the East Side of Cleveland.

... I believe that a split insurance rating for the City of Cleveland is arbitrary and unfair. Such a rate structure would impose penalties upon many safe and honest citizens without regard to their flawless insurance history.

Therefore I was pleased to notice that your department has stepped in to prevent separate insurance ratings for the East and West Sides of Cleveland...

I am encouraged by your forthright action and commend you for acting in behalf of the citizens of Cleveland.

ST. NICHOLAS VISITS WASHINGTON DEC. 9

Following our tradition of the last four years Bishop Baraga Society No. 257 of the American Slovenian Catholic Union (KSKJ) will sponsor a traditional celebration of St. Nicholas in the auditorium of St. Thomas Apostle Church across the Sheraton Park Hotel, 2665 Woodley Road, N.W., in Washington, D.C., at 6:00 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 9.

St. Nicholas will come in the centuries old Slovenian tradition accompanied by angels and devils.

Food, Slovenian pastries (potica), and drink will be available. Gifts, if they are brought, should arrive before 6 p.m. clearly marked with the name of the recipient.

Admission is free for members of KSKJ and all children, for others a fee of \$1.50 will be collected.

All Slovenians in the Washington area and their many friends are cordially invited.

E. A. Kovacic

Carniola Hive No. 493 Annual Meet Dec. 6

Carniola Hive No. 493 — The Maccabees will hold its annual meeting, Wednesday, Dec. 6th at the Slovenian National Home, 6417 St. Clair Avenue — Room 1 at 7 p.m.

All members are urged to attend as many important issues will be discussed. Also, the election of officers for 1973 will be held.

Refreshments and social after the meeting. Members please attend.

Record-Keeper

News from our home front

Bureau. Mr. Ciomek is employed by Phil-Mar Corp., while attending Whiting Business College. A May wedding is planned.

Announcement is made of the engagement of Susan M. Sever, daughter of Mr. Frank Sever to Charles D. Femec, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles M. Femec, 930 E. 216 St. Miss Sever, a Euclid High graduate, is employed at the Lincoln Electric Co. Her fiance is a graduate of St. Joseph High and John Carroll University. Wedding plans are for August 25.

Sandy Sarich, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Sarich, 1380 Lloyd Rd., is engaged to John Ciomek, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Ciomek, 737 E. 200 St. Miss Sarich, a graduate of Wickliffe High, is employed by the Lake County Credit

NEWS from our home front

★ Laura May Stupar, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Stupar of Euclid, is engaged to John Jordan Jr., of Phoenix, Arizona. Miss Stupar is a student at Phoenix College. Her fiance, the son of Mr. and Mrs. John A. Jordan of Denver, Colo., is a graduate of Rochester Institute of Technology. The couple's planning a May wedding at the Casa De Paz y Bien, Franciscan Renewal Center, Scottsdale, Ariz.

★ Mrs. Katie Roberts, 905 E. 237 St., was taken to Hillcrest Hospital, 6760 Mayfield Rd. Although visits are not allowed, she would be happy to receive cards.

★ Suzanne Nick of Chardon, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. John Nick, became the bride of Dennis Milavec, son of Mr. and Mrs. Mirko Milavec, 19331 Pasnow Ave., in a recent ceremony at Holy Cross Church. Following a Canadian honeymoon, they are now at home at 19201 Euclid Ave. The bride attended Chardon High. Mr. Milavec, a 1966 graduate of Euclid High, attended the Cooper School of Art.

★ Mrs. Josephine Kovac, 1017 E. 62 St., has returned home after a three month stay at the hospital. She wishes to express her thanks for visits, flowers, gifts and prayers for her health. Special thanks to Frank and Mary Zupancic of Glass Ave., and Mrs. Donna Vrtačnik of Mayfield for transporting to the doctors and hospital and back. Also thanks to Mrs. Olga Mauser and Miss Ivanka Pograje for the care at home and thanks to the blood donors, Janez Breznikar and Anton Zidar.

★ After an eight-week stay at the hospital, Mrs. Frances Peklaj of 19420 Tyrone Ave., Euclid, has returned home, where she is now recuperating. She wishes to thank all who visited her at the hospital or who sent her gifts or cards.

★ Just back from visiting their son, Cpl. Thomas Zupancic, serving at Kaneohe Bay in Hawaii with the Marine Corps, are Mr. and Mrs. Ignatius Zupancic. Cpl. Zupancic will be leaving the service in December and prior to that will spend two weeks playing intramural football with the All-Stars in San Francisco. He is a graduate of St. Joseph High and will resume his studies at Ohio State University.

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★ Cape Kennedy — Apollo 17, the last in the series of moon-landing missions, will be the longest. Astronauts Eugene A. Cernan, Harrison H. Schmitt, and Ronald E. Evans are to be away from earth 12 days, 16 hours, 31 minutes, about nine hours longer than the Apollo 15 astronauts in 1971.

★ As a non-profit making organization, St. Helen's Guild of Rt. 87 in Newbury, Ohio, sponsors an INTERNATIONAL CHRISTMAS FAIR on Sunday, Dec. 3 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the church.

★ Recipients of gifts from the Slovenian Women's Union give-away on Oct. 29 are: Jean Balogh, Br. 40, Lorain, Ohio — Theresa Lach, Br. 21 — Beatrice Tomec, Br. 50 — and Mary Grzelcy, Br. 68, Painesville, Ohio.

★ A recent birth at Euclid General Hospital was a son, Mark Jacob, born to Janice and Charles Krall, 1722 Euclid Ave. The baby weighed 7 lbs. 1 oz. Congratulations!

SIGNIFICANT COMMUNITY EVENTS

SLOVAN PUTS TOGETHER CONCERT SUNDAY, DEC. 3

Sunday, December 3; 4:00 p.m.; Slovenian Society Home on Recher Ave.; Slovan Men's Chorus. Put them all together and they spell "concert". Add your presence to these statistics and facts and you come up with "enjoyment".

Yes, it's concert time again in these parts with Slovan's

36th Annual Concert coming up. We are all looking forward to seeing our old friends and many new faces also, to spend an entertaining Sunday afternoon.

Along with a well rounded program, our ladies will also be dispensing their inimitable tasty dinners and pastries. For dancing

ing and listening, the tops in orchestras will be playing; in the form of Johnny Pecon.

That's Sunday, December 3rd at 4 p.m., the Slovenian Society Home on Recher Ave.

Tickets are \$2 and on sale at the door.

Written by Matt Dolence

Tony's Polka Party draws record attendance

By JIM DEBEVEC

The largest crowd ever gathered on Thanksgiving evening to enjoy almost nine hours of ethnic entertainment, Slovenian style, at Tony's Polka Party at the Slovenian Auditorium, 6417 St. Clair Ave.

The event was termed the "Double One-derful Celebration" and commemorated 11 years of polka music Tony Petkovsek has played on FM radio station WXEN. All proceeds from the gathering goes to help keep the show on the air. Tony broadcasts 12½ hours each week

from his Polka Village, 591 E. 185 St.

Nine bands played during the evening and at 9:30 a stage show featured some exciting ethnic talent. Five-year-old Vic Jančar amazed the crowd with his mastery of the button box. The audience demanded 2 encores.

Gary Jaketic electrified everyone with his throaty version of "Tiny Bubbles." The young St. Joseph High grad thrilled listeners with two more songs, this time in Slovenian. He looks like star material.

People came in buses from all parts of the country. The local

scene was well represented with dignitaries including Cleveland Mayor Ralph Perk, Cuyahoga County Auditor George Voinovich, Cleveland Council President Edmund Turk, and the new 18th Ohio House Representative elect John Tim McCormack.

Euclid Councilman Frank Chukayne presented Petkovsek with a certificate recognizing his being elected Businessman of the Year by the E. 185th St. merchants.

John Pestotnik was in charge of the event sponsored by Tony's Radio Club.

RECALLS GOOD WORKS OF ANTON GRDINA

(Continued from page 5) he believed strongly in education and enlightenment.

Later he added furniture to his store, many newly wedded immigrants were helped by Mr. Grdina with their first furniture. Among them were my parents, who purchased their first stove and bedroom sets along with a table and 2 chairs, all being delivered by horse and wagon. That was their start. Later they purchased 2 more chairs, which they brought with them on the street car. To pay for this furniture, Mr. Grdina never recorded any chattel or note, \$1 per week was their payment.



Mr. Grdina was the inspirational light of all the new arrivals, as they helped each other in their trying times and did well along with each other.

I pray again to see the day when we Slovenians can again have another born and capable leader to unite us together, in culture, fraternal and in community, to live and work together. Then and only then can we by organizing demand our identity and be recognized, with our sons and daughters as well as our grandchildren receive their equal opportunities to which they are rightfully entitled. This can only be accomplished by uniting all factions of our people, young and old.

For this Mr. Grdina was subjected to much persecution and discrimination, but he knew he was doing a humanitarian act, and continued helping them. He had a big heart, and did more for his people than any one would or could do. He never expected any reward for his accomplishments, other than a few complimentary words of thanks.

His honesty, integrity and reliability has been conveyed to his family, who today make up the finest citizens of Slovenian descent in America.

Continuing his night school education, Mr. Grdina studied embalming. He opened his first funeral home in 1908. In 1920 he was one of the original organizers of the North American Bank and Trust Co. Also served as its President in the early 1930's. Always active in Brotherhood and Fraternalism, he was elected Supreme President of K.S.K.J. now known as American Slovenian Catholic Union, 1924 to 1930.

He also served as director of the Norwood St. Clair Rehabilitation Corp. After the East Ohio

Gas Co. explosion, October 1943, Mr. Grdina was one of the founders of the Slovenian Relief Commission, with Mr. John Mihelic, Pres. Josko Penko, Secretary, John Potokar, Treasurer, Frank Jaksic, Referee. Other officers were Rev. Ponikvar, Rev. Celesnik, Rev. Slapsak, James Debevec, Anton Grdina, Joseph Ponikvar, Frank Surtz, and James Sepic. Meetings were held every week and more if necessary. Many victims of the Gas Company catastrophe were helped by this commission. I have the records which I do not intend to make public.

The largest donors were KSKJ which presented a check for \$5,000.00. Also SDZ gave \$2,500 plus other aid and comfort to its members.

After the Second World War in Europe, many soldiers faithful to God did not return to their homeland. Others were bartered by the Allies, not to be heard from again. Several witnesses now living in Cleveland were among those that were fortunate enough to flee. Mr. Grdina was active in bringing many to America. Thousands of displaced persons are indebted to Mr. Grdina for his role in bringing them to America, being also their sponsor.

GOLES, FRANK — Husband of Cecilia (nee Koncut), father of Augustine Mille, Florence McGurdy, William, Frank, brother of Gina and Amalia in Rome, Joseph and Angela in Yugoslavia. Residence at 1134 E. 63 St.

GORNICK, RUDOLPH J. (Butch) — Husband of Mildred (nee Jackson), father of Edward, brother of Rose Brezec. Residence at 1102 E. 67 St.

JAKSE, MARY (nee Pelko) — Mother of Frank, Stanley, Edward, sister of Frances Drenik, Josephine Henickman. Residence at 335 E. 210 St.

JAZBEC, MARY — Mother of Victor, Daniel, William. Residence on Fuller Ave.

JAZBEC, VICTOR — Son of recently deceased Mary Jazbec, father of Mrs. Richard (Diane) Weisart, Dan, Victor, brother of Daniel, William. Residence at 2009 Bunts Rd.

CNDRUS, FRANK J. — Father of Frank, Mrs. J. Kozak (Fla.), Margaret Ondrus. Residence at 320 E. 248 St.

PIRNAT, FRANCES (nee Lipoglav) — Wife of Julius Sr., mother of Julius Jr., Margaret Brueggeman, sister of August, Louis Koza, Julia Korach, Ludwig, John Lipo. Residence at 18231 Marcella Rd.

nian people united culturally, fraternally and community wide. They advocated to each other friendship and understanding to expand our avenues in happiness to all.

These people and many others are sadly missed along with Mr. Grdina as their greatest ambitions were to keep the Slove-

Roster of Officers of Lodges and Clubs

OUR LADY OF FATIMA SOCIETY NO. 255 KSKJ

President Anthony Komorowski, Vice President Edward Furlich, Secretary-Treas. Josephine Trunk, 17609 Schenley Ave., 481-5004, Recording Secretary Mary Komorowski, Auditors: Jackie Hanks, Connie Schulz, Mary Turk, Sgt.-at-Arms Nettie Celesnik, Women's and Children's Activities: Sally Jo Furlich. Men's Sports Activities: Bob Schulz. — The Entertainment Chairman is Mary Papp. — Meetings are held the second Wednesday of the month at St. Vitus School, Panel Room, at 7:30 p.m. — All Slovenian doctors in greater Cleveland area to examine prospective members.

ST. VITUS CHRISTIAN MOTHER'S CLUB 1971-1972

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The meetings are held on the first Wednesday of each month of the school year in the auditorium.

ST. VITUS POST 1655, CATHOLIC WAR VETERANS

Chaplain, Rev. Rudolph Praznik; Commander, Matthew Nousak; 1st Vice Commander, David Telban, 2nd Vice Commander, John Oster Sr., 3rd Vice Commander, Elmer Kuhar, Treasurer, Joseph Jezerinac; Welfare Officer, Edward Ljubi; Judge Advocate, Frank Ljubi; Medical Officer, James Slapnik; Historian, William Lipold; 1 yr. Trustee, Joseph Baskovic; 2 yr. Trustee, Raymond Jasko; 3 yr. Trustee, Albin Lipold; Adjutant, Louis Stronksky; Liaison Officer, Merrill.

Meetings are held every third Tuesday each month in our new Clubroom, located at 6101 Glass Av.

Purpose: To guard the rights and privileges of veterans, protect our freedom, defend our Faith, help our sick and disabled, care for the widows and orphans, assist those in need, aid in youth activities, promote Americanism and Catholic Action, and to offer Catholic veterans an opportunity to band together for social and athletic activities.

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Meetings are held every second Wednesday each month in the Vet's Clubroom, 6101 Glass Ave.

AMERICAN SLOVENE CLUB 611 St. Clair Ave. Cleveland, O. 44103

President Mrs. Anthony Kaplan, Vice President Mrs. Cyril Grlic, Recording Secretary Mrs. Albert Koporc Corresponding Secretary Mrs. Joseph Hocevar, Treasurer Miss Emma Millavec.

Meetings held on the first Monday of each month, except July and August, at St. Clair Savings Association Club Rooms at 26000 Lake Shore Blvd., Euclid, Ohio.

ST. MARY'S HOLY NAME SOC. 15519 Holmes Ave. Cleveland, Ohio 44110

President: Hank Skarbez Vice-Pres.: Louis Koenig Slovenian V.P.: Rudy Knez Secretary: Alan Spilar, 715 E. 159 St., Cleveland, O. 44110 (681-2119) Treasurer: Art Eberman Sich and Vigil: Frank Sluga Program Chairman: Paul Znidar Marshals: Louis Jesek, Guy Demark, John Gross Retreat Chairman: Leon Kokal Youth Chairman: Leon Kokal, Andy Kokal, Tony Kozak, Paul Smidar, Keith Smrekar, Matt Hozjan Corresponding Sec'y: Joe Sever, 19307 Pawnee Ave., Cleveland, O. 44119 (531-5026) Publicity: Ed Kocin

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Regular meetings will be held on the second Thursday of each month in Study Club Room (St. Mary's) unless otherwise specified.

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St. Vitus Christian Mothers' Club

Monthly Meeting Dec. 6

Our monthly meeting falls on the feast day of St. Nicholas, December 6, 1972. I hope you have all been good! The meeting will start at 7:30 p.m. in the St. Vitus Auditorium.

Guest speaker will be Fr. Berlin Roll O.F.M. Cap. who is very interesting and will keep your attention till the very end of his talk. Take it from someone who knows. I've heard him and he's great!

Christmas Party Dinner: The hostess for the evening will be 6th and 7th grade mothers. We hope everyone will cooperate.

One Dollar Gift Exchange: Everyone who attends the meeting and Dinner is asked to bring a dollar gift and in this way everyone will end up with a gift.

Canned Goods Shower for the Sisters: Each one is asked to bring some type of canned goods, to at least partially stock their pantry. Please be generous to the kind Sisters!

Mission Project: This is an attempt to raise money for missionaries of our parishes who are serving Our Lord in far off distant lands. Please bring a gift which will be sold. This is

able from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m.) Life insurance — All plans available for the entire family from birth to age 60. Indemnity Benefits — indemnity

sick and operation benefits available to all adult members. Ask secretary for membership application.

Enroll your friends in an insurance plan that offers you more than a Bank Savings Account.

No tax involvements at any time. Draw reserve if needed and still protect your policy "Value in full." The Western Slavonic Association was founded in 1908 "Solid as the Rockies" — 147% solvent as per State Insurance Actuary. Highest annual dividends paid to members yearly.

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Paid up members will be admitted free to the Christmas dinner. Guests and non members will donate \$2.00. We hope to see all of the active and inactive members.

Best wishes for a speedy recovery to all the ailing members and friends. The officers and Board members wish everyone a very merry and blessed Christmas including the staff of this newspaper.

Happy Birthday greetings to the following:

Nancy Avsec — Dec. 5

Jennie Femic — Dec. 7

Millie Odar — Dec. 7

Frances Modic — Dec. 9

Francine Snyder — Dec. 9

Amelia Pegrit — Dec. 17