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OKUPACIJA JAPONSKE

Konci preteklega tedna so ameriške čete okupirale Tokio in ameriška zastava je ponosno zavihrala nad glavnim mestom Japonske. Z ameriškimi četami je prišel v Tokio tudi vrhovni poveljnik general MacArthur in se nastanil v poslopu ameriškega poslaništva. Postopoma se izvaja tudi okupacija drugih delov Japonske. Kjer koli se izkrcavajo ameriške okupacijske čete na japonsko ozemlje, stope za njimi ameriške vojne ladje z namerjenimi topovi, za primer, da bi Japonci poskušali kako neumnostjo. Vsekakor dosedaj ni bilo nikakega odprora od strani japonskega vojaštva.

ZASEDANJE KONGRESA

Po enomesecnih počitnicah se je pretekli teden zvezni kongres ponovno zbral k zasedanju. Dne 6. septembra je prejel obširno poslanico predsednika Trumana, v kateri so navedena predsednikova priporočila za rešitev raznih povojnih vprašanj. Priporočila so v splošnem progresivnega značaja. V koliko bo kongres predsednikova priporočila upošteval, bo pokazala bodočnost.

ODMEV PEARL HARBORJA

V zveznem senatu je bila pretekli teden soglasno sprejeta rezolucija za kongresno preiskavo vzrokov katastrofe v Pearl Harborju. Vodja večine demokratičnega senatorja Barkley, je rešljivo predložil, ter s tem počakal, da se administracija ne boji take preiskave. Resolucija bo nedvomno sprejeta tudi v poslanski zbornici kongresa, nakar bo imenovan preiskovalni odbor izmed članov obeh strank in obeh zbornic kongresa.

CHURCHILL V ITALIJU

Rimski listi so prinesli vest, da je imel bivši angleški premier Churchill nedavno tajen sestanek z italijanskim kraljem Umbertom v Italiji. Angleško poslaništvo je to vest zanimalo. Listi, ki nasprotujejo obnovitvi monarhije v Italiji, kljub temu vztrajajo, da se je omremen sestanek vrnil, in vprašujejo, kaj ima Churchill v rokavu. Ali skuša po tajnih potih vsiliti Italijanom nazaj disreditano savojsko dinastijo?

HVALEŽNA AVSTRALIJA

V Sidneyu v Avstraliji izhajajoči list The Daily Mirror se zgraža nad javkanjem Anglie zaradi ustavljenega "lend-lease" iz Amerike. Pravi, da mesto hudovalno, bi morali biti iskreno hvaležni republike Zedinjenih držav, ki je tako velikodusno posiljala pomoč zavezniškim narodom in s tem veliko pripomogla, da je bila vojna prej končana z našo zmago. Hudovanje zaradi ukinjenja "lend-lease" pomoči, kakršno je bilo izraženo v angleškem parlamentu, diši po razdaljenju in nehvaležnosti. Zdi se, da so Avstralci vse družični gentlemani kot so Angleži.

UJETNIKI ZA FRANCIJO

V Zedinjenih državah je sedaj že okrog 300,000 nemških vojnih ujetnikov, katere bo vlad s početkom decembra začela od-

(Dalje na 4. strani)

JAPONSKO SONCE ZATONILO

Naš posojilni in namenski sistem

V deželi vzhajajočega sonca, kot se je Japonska nazivala stoletja, je sonce zatonilo tako globoko kot še nikoli prej. Narod, ki je nameraval zagospodariti vsemu Pacifiku in vsej Aziji in ki je po svojih predstavnikih obljuboval, da bo diktiral pogoje miru v Beli hiši v Washingtonu, je doživel svoj največji poraz. Brez pogojno podajo so zastopniki Japonske podpisali na ameriški vojni ladji Missouri, zasidrani v zalivu ob mestu Tokiju, obdani od stoterih drugih ameriških in britiških vojnih ladij.

Ta podaja je bila podpisana v nedeljo 2. septembra po japonskem času, kar je tudi na svoj način značilno. Japonci so bili brez predhodne napovedi vojne napadli Pearl Harbor na našem Havaju v nedeljo 7. decembra 1941. V nedeljo 2. septembra 1945 pa so dobili stoprocentno povračilo z obrestmi vred. Pri tem je tudi značilno, da je vse zavezničke pri tej oficielni kapikulaciji Japonske reprezentiral ameriški general MacArthur, ki je moral zgodaj v letu 1942 v temni noči skozi japonsko blokado pobegniti s Filipinov v Avstralijo. Takrat je obljubil, da bo prišel nazaj na Filipine.

Prišel je ne samo na Filipine, ampak v samo poraženo Japonsko. In še posebno značilno je, da mora od sedaj naprej poslušati ukaze zavezniškega reprezentanta MacArthurja sam japonski cesar Hirohito, ki je po veri Japoncev potomec sončne boginje, torej nekako božansko bitje. Posihmal bo imel privilegij sporočati MacArthurjeve ukaze svojim podanikom.

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Največ del vojne z Japonci je pripadel Američanom. Po možnosti so pomagali Avstralci in Novozelandci. Velika Britanija ni prišla dosti v poštev, dokler ni bila Nemčija poražena. Rusi so napovedali Japoncem vojno 90 dni po porazu Nemčije, in so prispevali svoj del od severa. Kitajci so se z Japonci najdalje borili, in, dasi niso mogli izkazovati velikih zmag, so vsaj zaposlovali velike japonske armade na kitajski celini. K porazu Japonske so prispevali vsi zaveznički, po moči in prilikah.

(Dalje na 4. strani)

NAŠE SLOVENESKE VESTI

Rast prebivalstva v raznih delih sveta

V Slovenskem narodnem domu na St. Clair Avenue v Clevelandu, Ohio, se bo v soboto 15. septembra zvečer vršila plesna veselica, katero priredi društvo št. 37 ABZ.

Vpisovanje otrok v Slovensko mladinsko šolo S. N. Doma v Clevelandu, Ohio, se bo vršilo v soboto 15. septembra ob 10. uri dopoldne. Solnina je prostota sprejemajo se otroci od 9. do 16. leta starosti.

V Lorainu, Ohio, se bo 15. septembra vršila veselica, katere čisti dobiček je namenjen fondu za slovenske veterane iz mesta Lorain. Prireditev se bo vršila v Slovenskem narodnem domu.

V Kansas City, Kans., bo tamkajšno društvo št. 49 ABZ s primerno slovesnostjo podelilo častne znake svojim članom za živiljenjski dobiček, je Sovjetska Rusija. Sejanje prebivalstva Rusije se ce na okrog 180 milijonov. Tako sodijo eksperci, ki se imenujejo demografi.

Zaključni piknik sezone priredi društvo št. 75 ABZ v Meadow Landsu, Pa., v nedeljo 16. septembra. Piknik se bo vršil pri kamnolomu in dobiček istega je namenjen fondu za zgradbo Ameriško-slovenskega doma.

Federacija društva Ameriške bratske zveze v državi Minnesota je bilo poslano Veliki Britaniji, in sicer v vrednosti 29 tisoč milijonov dolarjev, torej mnogo več kot vsem drugim zavezniškim državam skupaj. Rusija je dobila te pomoči za 10 tisoč milijonov dolarjev, ostalo pa druge zavezniške države.

Zborovanje federacije društva Ameriške bratske zveze v zapadni Pennsylvaniji se bo vršilo v nedeljo 30. septembra v Cheshwicku, Pa. Začetek zborovanja je določen za 2. uro popoldne.

Častno odpuščen iz armade je bil 2. avgusta korporal Fred J. Kress, član društva št. 12 ABZ v Pittsburghu. Služil je v znani odlični edinicni "1340 Combat Engineers" ter je preživel 33 mesecov v prekomorskih krajih. Na njegovem "ETO" traku je 8 vojnih zvezd. Mladi korporal se je boril v Severni Afriki, Siciliji, Italiji, Franciji, Belgiji, Nemčiji in Češkoslovaški. Skozi najhujše boje je moral najegova edinica v Ardenah. Njegov polubrat, Pfc. Joseph Lauric, tudi član društva št. 12 ABZ, upa v doglednem času priti domov. On ima že dve leti in pol prekomorske službe.

(Dalje na 2. strani)

OSVEŽUJOČI SADEŽI

V vroči poletni sezoni se v tej deželi použije mnogo melon ali užitnih buč, ki sicer nimajo posebne hranične vrednosti, toda vsebujejo nekaj važnih vitamincov in so osvežujoče, ker njih užitni del sestoji do 97 odstotkov iz vode. Te povrtnine je mnogo vrst. V Zedinjenih državah so te buče znane pod imeni cantaloupe, muskmelon, watermelon itd. Mi jih imenujemo buče, melone ali dinje. V splošnem bi jih lahko delili v dvoje glavne vrste: melone, ki so drobnejše, okrogle in slajše, ter vodne melone, ki so večje, podolgovaste in bolj vodene. Pridelujejo se v velikih množinah v Georgiji, Californiji in drugih bolj južnih državah. Uspevajo tudi v zmerino gorkih in hladnih krajih, toda, ker so občutljive proti mrazu, v teh krajih ne predstavljajo trgovskega pridelka.

Melona ali dinja, znana pod imenom cantaloupe ali muskmelon, je doma v južni Aziji, kjer je bila kultivirana že pred tisočletji. Poznali so jo že stari Egipčani, in po meniju nekaterih rastlinoslovcev, izhaja iz davne Mandžurije, ki je odvetra in bo vrnjena Kitajski. Rusi bodo obdržali južni del otoka Sahalina in Kurilske otočje, kar so jim bili Japonci odvzeli v vojni leta 1904. Nekatere strategično važne rastlinoslovcev, izhaja iz davne (Dalje na 2. strani)

Umrli so v Milwaukeeju, Wis.: Matt Musich, star 60 let; Anton Klobuchar, star 73 let; Ludvik Babich, star 57 let; Josephine Viertberg, starica 59 let; vsi člani društva št. 225 ABZ.

V Elyu, Minn., je umrla Johanna Tekavec, članica društva št. 200 ABZ.

Brzojavno poročilo iz Slovenije, in sicer iz vsi Otonice, sta prejela Frank Sezon in Ivan Tekavec v Genevi, Ohio, da so pri Tekavcu živi in zdravi, z izjemo brata Alojza, ki je umrl. Mrs. Sezon, prej Mary Kukovic, je (Dalje na 4. strani)

OKUPACIJA BO PROBLEM

Z zmagovitim zaključkom svetovne vojne je bilo naše delo do polovice završeno. Na rokah nam je ostal problem okupacije poraženih dežel. Vojstvu Zedinjenih držav je primeroma mlado in se je vse do zadnjih let pomlajalo z najboljšimi priseljenci iz drugih delov sveta; večina priseljencev je bila v svoji najbolj živiljenjski dobi. Za enkrat je prebivalstvo Zedinjenih držav na "mladi" strani, to je, da je znamna večina prebivalstva starata pod 40 let, čez 25 let bo že 41% prebivalstva naše republike starato nad 40 let, in število prebivalstva se bo ustalilo, to je, ne bo rastlo, niti nazadovalo za nekaj časa. Do takrat bo prebivalstvo naše republike doseglo okrog 180 milijonov. Tako sodijo eksperci, ki se imenujejo demografi.

Glede Evrope sodijo ti eksperci, da edina velesila v Evropi, katere prebivalstvo ne nazaduje, niti ni ustaljeno, ampak napreduje, je Sovjetska Rusija. Sejanje prebivalstva Rusije se ce na okrog 180 milijonov, do leta 1970 pa bo doseglo 250 milijonov. Omenjeni eksperci računajo, da bo leta 1970 imela Rusija 32 milijonov za vojaško službo sposobnih mož, to je v starosti od 20 do 35 let; Zedinjene države jih bodo takrat imele 18 milijonov; Anglija, Francija, Nemčija in Italija skupno pa 19 milijonov.

Vse zapadne evropske države, z izjemo Italije, morajo računati na številno padanje prebivalstva v okupiranih deželah nad vsak dvom ugotovljeno, je nemogoče vedeti, koliko vojašta bomo vzdrževali tam in kakor dolgo. Ako se bo domača prebivalstvo prilagodilo situaciji ter opustilo vsako misel na upore in prikrito pripravljanje za novo vojno in ako bo ideja demokracije dobita dober odnev med domaćim prebivalstvom, dolgotrajna okupacija ne bo potrebna. Toda mi malo poznamo in razumem mentalitet Nemčev in še manj mentalitet Japancev. V takih razmerah moramo biti pripravljeni na vse.

Zedinjene države razpolagajo danes z največjo vojno silo v svoji zgodovini. Toda obvezna vojaška služba je pri nas legalna le za vojni čas. Velika večina našega vojaštva se želi povrniti in seveda tudi Rusija izgubile mnogo mladih ljudi v zadnjem vojnem. Vojne izgube začasno zadržijo porast prebivalstva v vseki državi, toda v deželah s primera mladim prebivalstvom se to kmalu izvršava.

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Dosedaj so na listi teh kriminalcev slednji: Maršal Goering, bivši vrhovni poveljnik nemškega letalstva; Rudolf Hess, eden ožjih Hitlerjevih zaupnikov, ki je letu 1941 poletel v Anglijo in je bil tam interniran; Joachim von Ribbentrop, bivši nemški zunanjki minister; Franz von Papen, bivši nemški poslanik v Avstriji in potem v Turčiji; Walter Funk, bivši minister ekonomije in predsednik državne banke; Hjalmar Schacht, bivši predsednik državne banke in minister; Alfred Rosenberg, komisar za okupirano rusko ozemlje; Julius Streicher, voditelj protizidovske kampanje; Robert Ley, voditelj vojno-delavske fronte; Hans Frank, generalni (Dalje na 2. strani)

kolikor je zdaj znano, želi administracija nadaljevati z novanjem rekrutov v starosti od 18. do 25. leta, istočasno pa nadaljevati z odpuščanjem tistih vojakov, ki so že najdalje v službi, in posebno tistih, ki so bili v akciji v Evropi, Afriki ali na Pacifiku. Tako bi polagoma prihajali v poštev za okupacijo sovražnih dežel tistih vojakov, ki so še primeroma malo čas v službi (Dalje na 4. strani)

Sodba velikih japonskih vojnih kriminalcev bo morda zavezničnik prihranjena. Dan za dnem namreč čitamo, da si veliki japonski vojni kriminalci prostovoljno trebajo režejo po harakirski metodi. Nai bi imeli mnogo posnemovalcev!

V Washingtonu so se zdaj zemljere prekari, kdo je kriv katastrofe v Pearl Harborju; poleg Japancev, seveda. To prekarevanje dokazuje nad vsak dvom, da je vojna končana zares. Zapisnike preiskave glede krivide katastrofe v Pearl Harborju so imeli v Washingtonu že dano, pa so jih držali na ledu, ker prekari (Nadaljevanje na 4. strani)

Vsak po svoje

Zadnje čase je bilo precej nekoga pometanja v državnem departmantu v Washingtonu in se je tam pojavilo več novih obrazov. Za vzroke ne vemo za gotovo, lahko pa ugibamo. Predsednika Trumana še malo poznamo, toda zdaj se, da ima mož poštene namene in zdravo pamet tipičnega Američana. Pa se mu je morda zazdelo, da je bil državni departmanted, kakršen je bil, preveč podoben repku, s katerim je mahal britiški imperialist Churchill. In morda so postali sitni nekateri kongresni, ki se zavaroju, da bodo prihodnje leto kongresne volitve in noben "podanik" angleškega kralja Jurija nima v Ameriki volilne pravice, niti sam Churchill. In, seveda, nima je tudi kralj Jurij.

Zdi se, da Jugoslavija, ki si je za ceno desetine svojega prebivalstva izvjevala svobodo skoraj brez zunanje pomoči, ne bo svoje dragocene svobode prodala za skledo leče, ponujane ji preko grške meje. Prav posebno zato ne, ker se Jugoslaviani zavaroju, da se za skledo leče skrivajo britiški bajonet, poslani v Grčijo po torijski Churchillovi vladni, v imenu demokracije, kateri jo razumejo britiški toriji.

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Nekaj opozoril

Vsi ljudje smo bolj ali manj pozabljeni in člani Ameriške bratske zveze ne predstavljamo v tem nikake izjeme. Zato so od časa do časa na mestu opozorila z ozirom na naše dolžnosti ali pričakovane aktivnosti napram organizaciji. To posebno v teh povojnih časih, ko le pologoma prehajamo nazaj v neko normalno življenje.

V prvi vrsti ne smemo pozabiti na naše člane-vojake, ki se po odpustu iz vojaške službe pologoma vračajo v civilno življenje. Tekom svoje vojaške službe ti člani niso bili zavarovani pri naši organizaciji za bolniške in odškodninške podpore, ampak samo za smrtnine. V svrhu, da se spet zavarujejo za te podpore, morajo se v teku 30 dni po odpustu iz vojaške službe prijaviti pri društvenem tajniku in podpisati izjavo, da so zdravi, nakar postanejo zavarovani za omenjene podpore, brez zdravniške preiskave.

Mnogi iz vojaške službe odpuščeni člani ne vedo za te določbe, česar jim ne moremo zameriti. Bili so toliko časa odtrgani od civilnega in društvenega življenja, da so še marsikaj drugega pozabili. Zato je dolžnost društvenih uradnikov, staršev, bratov, sester in prijateljev, da jih na omenjeno določbo opozorijo. S tem bodo storili dobro delo pri zadetim članom in organizaciji.

Društvene aktivnosti športnega ali zabavnega značaja so tekom vojne večinoma spale ali dremale. To je bilo zaradi izrednih vojnih razmer v večini krajev skoraj neizogibno. Take aktivnosti naj bi se prebudile ali oživele, kjer razmere dopuščajo. V organizacijo naj pride več družabnosti in več življenja. To je tako potrebno posameznikom, kot društvetom in skupni organizaciji.

Člani, ki imajo stare zavarovalnske certifikate načrt "A", naj bi jih do konca tega leta zamenjali za certifikate novih načrtov "AA", "B" in "C", na podlagi katerih imajo zavarovanci rezervo, na katero si morejo v primeru potrebe izposoditi za pokrivanje asesmentov, in, ako iz enega ali drugega vzroka ne plačujejo več asesmentov, ostanejo na podaljšani zavarovalnini za dobo, ki jo dovoljuje njihova rezerva. Stari certifikati načrta "A" ne nudijo teh ugodnosti. Član, zavarovan v tem načrtu, je po treh mesecih črtan, ako ne plača asesmenta.

Res je za zavarovanje v načrtih "AA", "B" ali "C" treba plačevati nekoliko več asesmenta, zato pa nudijo večjo sigurnost. Izprememba certifikatov v gori omenjene tri načrte je po sklepnu zadnje konvencije dovoljena samo do konca tega leta. Od 1. januarja 1946 naprej bo mogoče zamenjati stare certifikate samo v načrte "D", "E" in "F", ki bodo zahtevali znatno višje asesmente kot prej navedeni. Člani, ki imajo še stare certifikate načrta "A", storijo prav, ako se poslužijo ugodnosti, ki se jim nudi še do konca tega leta. Morda ni več daleč čas, ko bo postava prisilila člane, ki imajo še stare certifikate, da jih zamenjajo za nove.

Končno naj naša društva ne pozabijo, da traja kampanja vpisovanja novih članov v mladinski oddelek samo do konca tega leta, to je malo več kot tri mesece. Bila je uspešna dosedaj, toda ne tako, kot smo pričakovali. Tekma se zaključuje vsak mesec, in štiri društva, ki pridobije štiri najvišja števila mladinskih članov, dobijo denarne nagrade. Ob zaključku leta pa bodo nakazane še tri posebne nagrade tistim trem društvtom, ki so ali bodo tekem vse kampanje vpisala največ mladinskih članov.

VSAK PO SVOJE

(Nadaljevanje s 1. strani)

se tekom vojne se tako malo spodobi kot smrčati tekem koncerta. Zdaj, ko je japonsko sonce zatonilo in nam Japoneci ne bodo mogli več korenčka stregati, se lahko skregamo, po lepi stari navadi. Tako je prav. Ko hiša gori, ni čas preiskovati, kdo je dal vžigalice pamžu, da je zanetil požar.

Nadaljni znak, da je vojna končana, vidimo v avtomobilskih licenčnih ploščah iz vseh

Mnogo večja tragedija bo, če bodo morali iz vojne vrniti se vojaki jesti svoja odlikovanja. Depresija prežiizza vogala in danes še nihče ne ve, če jo bo ustrahovala toliko opevana piščola, znana pod imenom free enterprise.

Razni vodniki in preroki glasno poudarjajo, da bi narodi sveta v bodoče morali živeti med seboj kot člani ene velike družine. To ne bo dobro. Narodi sveta so se vse do sedaj prepričali med seboj kot člani ene velike družine.

Pravijo, da v poznejših letih dobjivo ljudje take obrazne, kakršne so zastavili v mladosti. Gosh, ali smo bili nekateri poredni, ko smo bili mladi!

Nekdanja Avstro-Ogrska se je ravnala po geslu "razdvajaj in vladaj" in je končno propadla, kakor je zasluzila. Isto smerino zasleduje ali je vsaj do najnovejšega časa zasedovala imperialistična Anglija. Kako bi sicer 40 milijonov Angležev moglo vladati 400 milijonov "podnikov"? Tudi jugoslovanski narodi so to britiško smernico občutili. Kaj so narodi na Balkanu v preteklosti dobili od Anglijе drugrega kot razdvajanje, izkorisčanje in brč? Kdo je že tekom prve svetovne vojne obljubil Italiji Julijsko Krajino s 600,000 Jugoslovani? Kaj je Anglija v zadnji vojni storila za Jugoslovane? Ni jih branila niti pred Italijani niti pred Nemci, in, ko so se Jugoslovani končno skoraj sami osvobodili, je zasedla Trst in znaten del Julijanske Krajine ter slovenski del Koroske, kjer protežira Italijane in Nemce, naše skupne včerajšnje sovražnike. Kaj je Anglija storila za Jugoslovane? O, yes, ohranila je jugoslovanskega kralja v varnem zavetju v Londonu. Tega bi jim zdaj rada dala nazaj. Pa se zdi, da nova Jugoslavija hvaležno odklanja vso ponujano protekcijo in vse darove od Anglijе, vključno kralja Petra.

Zivljenje prinese dneve in trenotke, katerih ne moremo nikdar pozabiti niti jih opisati. En tak dan je bila na primer nedelja 7. decembra 1941. Po kosilu sem se peljal v mestni park, da se malo izprehodim. Vreme je bilo kislo in hladno, kot je navaada v pozni jeseni, vendar suho. Nekoliko izprehoda se prileže tudi v takem vremenu. Vendar nisem dolgo hodil, ker je začel padati tisti droban, mrzel jesenski dež, ki je tako neprijeten. Odpeljal sem se domov, odložil površnik in se pripravil k čitanju. Prej pa sem mehanično odpril radio, ravno pravočasno, da sem ujel usodno novico o japonskem napadu na Pearl Harbor. Poslušal sem z odprtimi ustimi, in ne vem, kako sem se počutil. Zavdal sem se le, da je dežela v vojni na življenje in smrt.

Potem se je vlekla in širila svetovna vojna, kot da je ne bo nikdar konec. Poraz Nemčije, spomladi 1945, ni prišel neprizakovano. Vedeli smo, da ni več daleč, ko so Američani prodri preko Rene globoko v Nemčijo in ko so se ruske armade z nezdružno silo valile od vzhoda proti Berlinu. Ko je bila kapitulacija Nemčije uradno naznana 8. maja 1945, smo bili seveda veseli, toda nismo bilj iznenadeni. Veselje nam je tudi kalia začest, da moramo obravnati še z Japonsko, predno bo vojne konec zares.

Tisti veliki dan je prišel dobre tri meseca pozneje, v avgustu. Ni prišel neprizakovano po velikih ameriških zmagačah na Pacifiku, po poročilu o učinku ameriške atomske bombe, po ruski napovedi vojne Japonski in po poročilih o japonskih pogajanjih za mir. Vendar, ko smo na večer 14. avgusta po radiju slišali uradno naznani, da je ne čarter pravomočen. Vse kaže, Japonska kapitulirala, kar je

faktično pomenilo konec svetovne vojne, in ko so isto potrjevale tuleče sirene in trobente. Na cestah, se je mnogemu izmed nas stisnilo grlo. Trenutno nismo mogli govoriti, niti zbrano misliti. Novica, dasi pričakovana, je bila tako velika in lepa, da smo se skorali, da sanjamo. In meni je prav iz iste radio-škatle kot usodna novica 7. decembra 1941.

Po tej božanski novici seveda nisem imel več obstanka v sobi. Odpravil sem se pač proti St. Clair Avenue, da vidim razigranost v srcu clevelandske slovenske naselbine. Zdi se, da so bili vsi ljudje na cestah, med vrati ali na verandah; v sobah so menda ostali samo bolniki, drugim je bilo pretesno. Na cestah je vladala razigranost, kakršna je mogoča le ob takih izrednih prilikah; razigranost aktivna in gledajoča.

Pot me je nanesla mimo trgovine, kjer včasih kupim kako malenkost in kjer navadno streže odjemalcem gospodinja sama. Kakor milijone drugih mater ima tudi ona sina na Pacificu. Večkrat me je vprašala, kaj mislim, kdaj bo vojnja končana. In tak mesec prej sem bil na takoj vprašanje izrazil moje trdno prepričanje, da se bo Japonska kmalu zrušila, ker so Američani vrgli vso svojo silo na Pacific in ker bo tudi Rusija nedvonomo kmalu stopila v vojno na naši strani. K sreči so bila moja domnevanja pravilna, dasi si nisem nikdar domisljal, da sem kak strokovnjak.

Ko sem prišel mimo omenjene trgovine, je bila gospodinja, v družbi nekaterih drugih žensk pred vrat, in opazovala veseljenje na cesti. Pa sem ji mimo gred zazkalik: "No, Mrs. N., kajko se pa danes počutiš?" Ženi je zažarel obraz in, kot da hoče zleteti, je dvignila obe roki v zrak, rekoč: "Oh, saj ne morem povedati!" Teh pet preprostih besed je izrazilo vse. Bile so izrečen ali neizrečen izraz stotisočev v milijonov v tej deželi. Nismo znali povedati, kako se počutimo, ne znamo zdaj in ne bomo znali nikoli. Kar je najlepše na svetu, je neizrekljivo.

A. J. T.

SLOVENSKE VESTI

(Nadaljevanje s 1. strani)

prejela od svojcev iz vasi Studenc pri Igri pri Ljubljani brzjavno poročilo, da so vsi živi in zdravi.

Uredništvo Nove Dobe je poselil pred nekaj dnevi perutnik Frank Leskovec iz Madisona, Ohio. Omenjeni je množični član društva št. 37 ABZ v Clevelandu, Ohio.

SPLOŠNI TEDENSKI PREGLED

(Nadaljevanje s 1. strani)

premljati v Francijo, po 50,000 mesečno. Francija bo zaposlila te ujetnike pri rekonstrukcijskih delih. Tudi 427,000 nemških vojnih ujetnikov, ki jih še držijo Američani v raznih tabornicah v Nemčiji, bo izročenih Franciji. Nad dva milijona jih je bilo že odpuščenih na njihove domove in nekaj nad en milijon izročenih Angležem in Francozom.

SVETOVNI ČARTER

Carter za vzpostavitev in vzdrževanje poštencev in trajnega miru, ki je bil sprejet na konferenci Združenih narodov v San Franciscu, je dosedaj potrdilo že 17 držav, namreč Združenje države, Rusija, Britanija, Kitajska, Costa Rica, Dominika, Salvador, Haiti, Luxemburg, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Filipini, Sirija, Turčija, Ukrajina in Jugoslavija. Treba je potrditi, da je na listi: Gustav Krupp von Bohlen, predsednik Britanije z njenimi dominijami in posilstvom vred znašajo približno polmilion.

daljnih držav potrdilo še pred koncem tega leta.

INFORMACIJSKI URAD

Urad za vojne informacije v Washingtonu, ki je pošiljal razne informacije časopisu te dežele, kakor tudi v inozemstvu, bo s 15. septembrom ukinjen. Mesto tega bo pri državnem tajništvu organiziran poseben urad, ki bo pošiljal informacije iz Amerike v inozemstvo. Dosejaj naša republika ni imela takole propagandnega urada za inozemstvo, da je priporočljivo vdruževati obvezovalno službo od naše strani v inozemstvu.

NE RAVIH OBLEK

Ameriška oblačilna industrija je že prišlo do prepričanja, da v civilno življenje vračajoči se vojaki ne marajo civilnih oblek rjave barve. Rjava barva jih preveč spominja na vojaško uniformo, in tozadne skušnje želijo čim hitreje pozabiti. Zato kupujejo obleke vsake druge barve, samo ne rjave. In jim ni zameriti.

JAPONSKE IZGUBE

V japonskem parlamentu je bilo poročano, da japonske izgube v zadnji vojni znašajo 1,180,628 oseb, in sicer vojakov v civilistov. Od teh jih je bilo 678,668 ubitih, 44,470 pa jih je podleglo bolezni. Ostale izgube se razdelijo na ranjence in pogrešane. Skoro pet milijonov oseb pa trpi na raznih boleznih, deloma vsled pomanjkanja ali iz drugih vzrokov. Zavezniki so potopili 2,000 japonskih ladij in so preprečili vsak dovoz riža v deželo.

IŠČEJO UJETNIKE

V Dalnji v Mandžuriji je došpela na dveh rušilkah ameriška ekspedicija, ki išče 123 ujetnih ameriških vojakov, ki bi moralibit nekje tam v bližini. Mesto, ki je le malo poškodovano, je okupirano po ruskih cehatah. Ruski okupacijski poveljnik Andrej Jamanov je ponudil ameriški ekspediciji vso možno pomoč in sodelovanje.

UKAZ, KI DRŽI

Zastopniki Združenih držav, Rusije, Anglije in Francije so pretekli teden ukazali španskemu diktatorju Franetu, da umakne svoje čete iz Tangierja, strategičnega mesta na afriški strani ožine Gibraltarske. Tangier je bil pred vojno pod mednarodno kontrolo, toda leta 1940 so ga svojevoljno okupirale čete diktatorja Franca. Mesto bo v božič spet pod mednarodno kontrolo.

JAPONSKE BRUTALNOSTI

Ameriški general Adler, ki je po civilnem poklicu časnik, je bil prvi korespondent, ki je prišel v dotočko v vojnim ujetnikov v tabornicah na Japonskem. Omenjeni general je svoječasno videl tudi grozote v ujetniških tabornicah v Nemčiji, in je izjavil, da se japonska brutalnost prav nič ne razlikuje od nemške. Povsod je slišal isto povešt: pretejanje, stradanje in trpinčenje ujetnikov. Tisoče vojnih ujetnikov je pomrlo vsled stradanja, trpinčenja in pomakanja.

QUISLING OBSOJEN

Norveški veleizdajalec Vidkun Quisling, po katerem so dobili moderno ime izdajalec vseh narodov, je bil po dolgotrajni obnavnji obsojen na smrt.

NA ZATOŽNI KLOPI

(Nadaljevanje s 1. strani)

governor Poljske; Ernest Kaltenbrunner, načelnik kriminalne policije. Dalje so na listi: Gustav Krupp von Bohlen, predsednik Britanije z njenimi dominijami in posilstvom vred znašajo približno polmilion, to je mrtvih,

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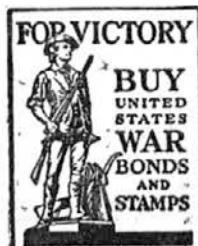
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AMPLIFYING THE VOICE OF THE ENGLISH SPEAKING MEMBERS



THOUGHTS OF THE FUTURE

This week, schools throughout America are again filled with children. Vacation time is over and the youth of America returns to school to prepare themselves for the education which will, to a large degree, decide their futures.

Our government asks all children who left school to work during war time, to return and complete their education. Although they may be a year or so older than the regular age of 18 years at graduation, there will be many who will be right there with them, at the same age. Our youth, who helped so much during the war, should now return to school to help prepare a better future for themselves.

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While we are speaking of preparing our future lives, we should also see to it that our youth is insured in a sound fraternal benefit organization such as the American Fraternal Union.

The American Fraternal Union Juvenile Membership Campaign is now in progress. There are still three and a half months in which to enroll new juvenile members. You receive an individual commission for every new member you enroll. This commission is paid after the new member has paid six months dues. Your lodge may also be the winner of one of the four awards presented monthly to the lodges enrolling the highest number of new members during any month of the campaign.

At the conclusion of the campaign on Dec. 31, 1945, the three lodges having enrolled the highest number of new juvenile members during the entire campaign, will be awarded three grand prizes. If your lodge treasury is at low ebb, this is one of the most convenient means of fortifying your lodge treasury. The prizes are all cash awards and the contest is a fair one for every lodge whose members are willing to step out and enroll new members.

Now is the time for every conscientious AFU member to do his share in making this campaign a successful one by enrolling as many new juvenile members as possible. The assessments are very reasonable for the value received from an AFU policy. Let's all put our shoulders to the wheel during the remainder of this campaign and enroll those new members now!

Chicago Bowlers to Meet to Discuss Coming Season

Range Riders to Play For Lorain Vets

Chicago, Ill.—The social evening sponsored by the Chicago AFU Bowling League was a great success in all respects. Beside the bowlers, their many friends attended and the social was held in a very friendly and sociable fashion. The parting hour came altogether too fast and some of those attending said they had not attended such a friendly social for a long time and expressed the wish that such a social be held every week. In addition to this entertaining evening it was also a very good affair financially, so now the Bowling League has almost \$200.00 in their treasury and during the coming season we shall be able to offer better awards than at any time before. All members of the AFU in Chicago and vicinity are asked to join us. If you are not very good in bowling, our experienced bowlers will teach you. We especially invite women and young girls so that we may have special women's teams or even a special women's league.

The organization's first attempt at raising a fund was a picnic which was held on August 5th. In spite of being "rained-out" it proved to be a financial success, due mainly to the efforts of a minority. To this minority the Association extends its thanks and appreciation. To the majority we are extending a gilt-edged invitation to attend the dance which will prove to be not only a physical enjoyment, but a personal satisfaction in knowing that you are sharing in a cause that will count.

With gasoline rationing a thing of the past, we again invite our out-of-town friends to drop in on us.

Hermina Zortz, Secretary, Lorain Slovene Veterans' Benefit Association.

They never fail who die in a great cause. —Lord Byron.

lodge meeting on Saturday night. Fraternal regards.

John Gottlieb, Pres. of Lodge No. 70, AFU and Sec'y of the Bowling League.

Lodge No. 49 to Present Emblems to 40-Year Members

Kansas City, Kans.—The members of Lodge No. 49, AFU are invited to attend our coming meeting in as large a number as possible. The meeting will be held Sept. 16th; it will be a short meeting and after the business session we will hold a social on the school grounds at 515 Ohio Ave. Every member will donate 50 cents for which he will receive tickets which can be used for refreshments. At 7 p. m. sharp, honor emblems will be presented to our 40-year members. They are: Joseph Cvitkovich, John Cernich, Nick Spehar and Matt Gustin.

Dr. Joseph G. Evans will present the emblems to these 40-year members. An honor guard, composed of servicemen and servicemen already honorably discharged, will stand by during the presentation.

It is the duty of every member of our lodge to attend this affair, you are also asked to invite your friends to attend.

I'll be seeing you all on Sunday, Sept. 16th!

John J. Dercher, Sec'y, Lodge No. 49, AFU, Kansas City, Kans.

News and Views Regarding Lodge No. 190, AFU

Butte, Mont.—The regular meeting of the Western Sisters Lodge No. 190, AFU will be held Sept. 20, 1945 at the National Home on Cherry St. at 7:30 p. m. All members are urged to attend. Following the meeting a social will be held at 9:00 p. m. You can get your tickets for this social from the undersigned.

To date we have enrolled 28 juvenile members during the present campaign, which isn't a very large number. Is every member contributing her share in this campaign, making it a successful one? The campaign concludes on Dec. 31, 1945, so let's all work for the goal of 2,000 new juvenile members!

I would also like to mention about the changing of old membership certificates Plans "A" to certificate Plans "AA," "B" and "C" which have a non-forfeiture value and which carry a comparatively smaller increase in assessments. It will be possible to change old certificates up until Jan. 1, 1946, after that date it will be possible to change old certificates to "D," "E" and "F" which will require a considerably higher assessment. Fraternal regards to all.

BRIEFS

A social will be held by Lodge No. 49, AFU of Kansas City, Kans. during which 40-year AFU members will be presented with honorary emblems. The social will be held following the regular meeting on Sept. 16th on the school grounds at 515 Ohio Ave. All members are invited and are asked to request their friends to also attend.

Lodge No. 37, AFU of Cleveland, Ohio will sponsor a dance on the evening of Saturday,



Important Notice To Members of Lodge No. 170, AFU

Chicago, Ill.—Many weeks have passed since the time I last wrote to the Nova Doba. World news travels with such rapidity that we can hardly keep up with it. If you write something today, by the time the Nova Doba is issued, it is old news and often no longer interesting. Today we live in fast-moving times and the news can hardly be kept up to date by the daily papers and even the radio has a hard time keeping up. Of course, the happy news that the war ended, will not be forgotten for many years to come and will not grow old. This is especially true of those who have their loved ones serving with Uncle Sam; it was a healing balm to all aching hearts.

Our Lodge No. 170, AFU which also has six members in the service, greeted the announcement of the war's end with great happiness. One of these servicemen is Louis Tanabel, who has been in the service for four years, and who has returned to his loved ones, healthy and unharmed. Other servicemen-members whom we also hope will return home safe and in the near future are: Joseph Cerjak, Chester Harey, Anton Kovacic, Stanley Maly and Thomas Pichman.

We have already discussed at our lodge meetings in regard to a social which would be held for the benefit of these soldier-members, who fought for the liberty and peace of the whole world. They certainly deserve to be honored for their good work. That is why I ask all our members to positively attend the next lodge meeting which will be held Wednesday, Sept. 19th in the usual place. If we intend to hold a social which will be truly a successful one, it is necessary that all our members help by presenting their suggestions.

I have received copies of the new AFU by-laws and shall distribute them at the next meeting. This is the second important reason for members to attend this meeting. It is the obligation of all members to read the by-laws so they become well acquainted with them; so they shall know what their obligation to the Union are and in case of illness, accidents or death, just what they can expect from the Union.

All members are asked to pay their dues on time. Suspensions are not welcome to anyone, neither to the member concerned, nor the secretary, nor the Supreme Office. Furthermore, I ask all our members to enroll some new members for our Juvenile Department, at this next meeting. The campaign is drawing close to its conclusion and it would be advisable that our lodge also contribute something to its success.

I'll be seeing you at the meeting on Wednesday, Sept. 19th. Fraternal regards to all members.

Agnes Jurecic, Sec'y, Lodge No. 170, AFU, Chicago, Ill.

"With my husband, it's always a case of eat and run."

"To catch a street car?"

"Oh no! To get a dose of soda."

\$8,500,000,000 of ordinary life insurance was purchased last year.

New York City is the world's leading diamond-cutting center.

News of Lodge 200

Ely, Minn.—It has not been so very long since I reported of the death of members of our Lodge No. 200, AFU, and now again I have to report another unhappy notice. Our member, Johana Tekavec, passed away. She leaves many grown-up sons and daughters and several younger children.

The war has officially ended but the young men are still being called into the service. Not long ago, our member John Baltich, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Baltich, was called into the service. Their other son, Frank, who has been in the service for a long time and having served in Germany, has now been redeployed to Japan.

At this time I advise the members of Lodge No. 200, AFU who are insured according to the old Certificate "A," to change their certificates to Plans "AA," "B" or "C." However, no one is forced to do this. As it is already known, the old certificate Plan "A" has no reserve or cash value, not for loans nor for extended insurance. The above-mentioned new plans have such value, and a member who has such a certificate remains insured for death benefits until such time as his assessments cover his reserve, even though he has stopped paying his assessments. Such an extended insurance can last many years. It is computed, of course, according to the value of the reserve.

On the new certificates it is also possible to borrow for the payment of assessments when the member is in need. During the last depression it was possible for many of our members to remain in the organization in this manner; if they had not been able to borrow on their certificate for assessments, they would have long ago been expelled from the organization. That is why it is advisable for everyone having insurance in the old Plan "A" to change their certificates to Plans "A," "B" or "C." After the new year you will no longer be able to change the old certificates to the above-mentioned plans, but only to Plans "D," "E" and "F" which require a considerably higher assessment.

I'm hoping this affair will be a success both socially and financially and it can be with the help of all our lodge members and other AFU lodges and their friends. At some future date we can reciprocate in a like manner.

A final reminder: members are again requested to attend lodge meetings held every third Sunday of the month in Room 1 in the Slovenian National Home on St. Clair Ave. at 8:30 a. m. Also they are asked to pay their dues on time to avoid suspension, they may pay either at the meeting; on the 25th of the month in the lower hall of the National Home, or by mail to:

Joseph A. Mertel, Sec'y, Lodge No. 200, AFU, Ely, Minn.

News of AFU Yanks



Corporal Kress received a well-earned furlough. Fred J. Kress member of Lodge No. 12, AFU in Pittsburgh and a Corporal in that he-man's outfit, the 1340 Combat Engineers, is getting acquainted with the old home town after spending 33 months of overseas duty that netted him 8 battle stars on his ETO Ribbon and that's a lot of stars. The young corporal fought in North Africa, Sicily, Italy, France, Belgium, Germany and Czechoslovakia to earn those eight stars. The fight at Ardenne was the toughest scrap in Fred's scrap-book. Corporal Kress was honorably discharged from the Army on August 2, 1945.

With best wishes and success to all. Fraternally yours,

Cyril J. Rovansek, 452 E. 149th St., Cleveland 10, Ohio. (Phone IV 3324).

The juvenile campaign is now in its home stretch. Let's all get together and enroll all the adult and juvenile members possible. Our lodge has enrolled 29 new juveniles to date. A certificate in the Juvenile Department of the AFU is a sound investment.

If a man does not make new acquaintances as he advances through life, he will soon find himself left alone. A man should keep his friendship in constant repair.

Laurie also a member of Lodge No. 12, AFU with 2½ years in service was overseas 6 months with Terry Allen's Timber Wolves (104th Infantry Division). Pfc. Joseph Lauric is expected to hit the old home town sometime soon.

Lodge 37 to Hold First Post-War Dance Sept. 15th

Cleveland, Ohio—All members of Lodge No. 37, AFU are cordially invited to attend our first "post-war" dance which will be held Saturday evening, Sept. 15th in the Slovenian National Home, 6417 St. Clair Ave.

The committee for this affair has been hard at work for the past few months, and now that VE and VJ days have finally come and gone, let's all get together and celebrate, with a silent thought in tribute to the gallant ones that will not return.

During the month of June 1945, a special assessment of 50 cents was levied against each adult member; for this they will be entitled to that amount in refreshment tickets when they appear personally at the dance.

The popular orchestra of Maestro Pete Srnick will furnish the music for this special occasion. I am extending a personal invitation to all other AFU lodges and lodge officers, members, friends and to all Supreme Board officers of the AFU (I hope we'll see you there) to our Supreme President, Janko R. Rogelj; 1st Supreme Vice-President, Frank Kress; Dr. Arch our ever popular Supreme Medical Examiner; John Kumse, John Tomazic, Supreme Auditors from Loran, Ohio; Anton Okolish, Chairman of the Supreme Judiciary Committee from Barberton, Ohio and Anton J. Terbovec, Editor-Manager of the Nova Doba. Gas rationing is over, so let's get together boys and have a good time.

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HOW IS YUGOSLAVIA RULED?

By Stoyan Gavrilovic

A democratic government is in process of being born in the country whose patriots fought so valiantly against the Nazis. In this article the Jugoslav Under-Secretary of Foreign Affairs describes the emergence of the new regime.

Organization of the government and administration in Jugoslavia is still in the course of development. It is still imperfect and incomplete. This organization is not something that has been contrived by a few lawyers sitting around a green table in a legalistic vacuum. It has grown in the wake of the hard struggle of the Jugoslav people for liberation in the present war out of the crude realities under which this superhuman struggle was waged for over four years.

This government and its administration has central and local State organs. The delimitation of the executive and legislative power is not yet clearly defined. The central organs are referred to as "federal," the local as "federative." It has six federative or State units. They are: Serbia, Croatia, Slovenia, Montenegro, Bosnia-Herzegovina and Macedonia. The capital of the country is Belgrade. Each State unit has its own chief city, where the federative authorities are centered Belgrade in Serbia, Zagreb in Croatia, Ljubljana in Slovenia, Cetinje in Montenegro, Sarajevo in Bosnia-Herzegovina, and Skopje in Macedonia. The powers of the King are vested in a Council of Regency consisting of three distinguished and carefully chosen political leaders. The transfer of Royal authority was effected by means of a Royal decree under King Peter's signature.

Large Federal Government

The federal or central government, representing the chief executive authority in the country, is an unusually large body. It consists of 28 ministries, each headed by a Cabinet minister having a seat in the Ministerial Council. Marshal Tito is the Prime Minister and Defense Minister. Twenty cabinet ministers hold the usual portfolios of Foreign Affairs, Finance, Interior, and other offices. Six are in charge of ministries dealing with affairs of the State units.

This is an innovation. The idea of setting up special departments, such as those for Serbian Affairs, or Croatian Affairs, functions in Belgrade under the presidency of the aged and well

known Jugoslav democratic leader, Dr. Ivan Ribar. Originally it had some 300 members, but is now being enlarged to include a number of additional political leaders.

The central government which was formed recently in Belgrade is the outcome of the National Committee of Liberation. It is referred to as the "united government" because it consists of the National Committee of Liberation which was the de facto provisional government inside the country during the war plus the now extinct Ministerial Council of the Royal Jugoslav government in London whose Prime Minister is the Foreign Minister in the present government, Dr. Ivan Subasic.

The amalgamation of the two governments was carried through under the terms of the well known Tito-Subasic agreement which had the full approval of the three major Allied powers, the United States, Great Britain, and the Soviet Union, as stipulated in the joint Yalta Declaration of President Roosevelt, Marshal Stalin, and Prime Minister Churchill.

The full Ministerial Council of the central government meets only on special occasions. The everyday business of the government is transacted by the War Cabinet which consists of the Prime Minister and six other members of the Ministerial Council including the two Vice Premiers.

The local or federative governments have so far been organized in five State units: Serbia, Macedonia, Montenegro, Croatia and Bosnia. The formation of these State governments has passed through two stages. Originally, the local government was in the hands of the executive committee of the local assembly or parliament. In other words, the chairman of the local assembly with its vice-chairmen and secretaries formed a special body, called the executive committee, which in fact was the provisional local government. In the present stage of its development the local government has become separated from the assembly and is composed of administrators who function outside the assembly. The local governments are responsible for certain public offices. They are concerned with education, agriculture, and hygiene, but are not concerned with foreign affairs, general finances of the country, or defense functions which fall within the exclusive jurisdiction of the central government.

From the administrative point of view each State unit is subdivided into a number of districts, each district into a number of smaller units of counties, each county in its turn into townships and village communities. The subdivisions have been fully organized in some of the States. In Macedonia, for instance, a completely new delimitation of these administrative units has taken place.

There have been cases of refusal of admission. The so-called Jugoslav National Party was denied incorporation because it was formed by prewar dictatorial ships.

The large Serbian Democratic Party is represented in the central government through its President, the First Vice Premier, Milan Grol. The influential Serbian Independent Democratic Party is also represented through its Secretary General, the popular Minister of Information, Sava Kosanovic. The old Serbian Radical Party which in the years gone by was the most important political group in Serbia proper, has manifested its readiness to do likewise. Its acting president, former Prime Minister Milos Trifunovic, and other leaders who during the war were in London have already returned to the country.

The National Liberation Front is a very elaborate organization. In each of the six State units it has its executive committee and chairman. Throughout the coun-

try it has numerous local committees. The way in which these committees are organized is of the highest importance. They are the backbone of the people's participation in the ruling of the country. In the villages the committees consist of the whole population. They meet regularly once or twice a week. They are empowered to censure the actions of the local officials and to remove them in case of willful abuse of authority.

The object of this enlargement is to give to the provisional national parliament a still broader composition which the liberation of the entire country in the meantime has made possible. Besides the central legislative body there exist six local or federative assemblies. Each has a similar function, within its own jurisdiction. Each has its own name. In the Serbian State unit it is called ASNOS or Anti-Fascist Council of National Liberation of Serbia; in Croatia ZAVNOH or Provincial Anti-Fascist Council of National Liberation of Croatia; in Slovenia SNOS or Slovenian National Liberation Council, in Montenegro CASNO or Montenegrin Anti-Fascist Council of National Liberation; in Bosnia-Herzegovina ZAVNOBIH or Provincial Anti-Fascist Council of National Liberation of Bosnia and Herzegovina; in Macedonia ASNOM or Anti-Fascist Council of National Liberation of Macedonia.

Three basic Principles

The central and local parliaments, as well as the central and local governments, are formed on the representative basis. Their members come from the ranks of prewar political parties which have now been incorporated into the framework of what is known as the National Liberation implies the a priori recognition of the three basic political principles which are required for the participation in the government and administration of the country. They are: national unity, federal form of government, and democratic rule.

These principles are the great fundamental achievements of the people's struggle in the present war. The whole political life of Jugoslavia is based on them. They are considered indisputable and inviolable. A large number of important political parties are already incorporated into the National Liberation Front: The Communist Party, the Serbian Peoples Party, the Serbian Agrarian Party, the Serbian Forward Party, consisting of university professors and other intellectual workers, the Serbian Republican Party, the main body of the Serbian Socialist Party, a part of the Croatian Peasant Party, and practically all the Slovenian parties. The admission procedure is simple. The parties wanting to join the National Liberation Front have to pass a resolution to that effect at a properly convoked meeting and to make formal application.

In many fields in the past these cooperatives were an important economic factor in the life of the peasant masses in Jugoslavia, representing over 80 per cent of the entire population. The tendency now is to further expand this system wherever it may be needed.

The second point is that a vast amount of private enemy property in Jugoslavia has fallen into the possession of the government. Germany, Italy and other enemy states had acquired large properties and interests in Jugoslavia during the years of fascist ascendancy. These consisted of industrial, mining, banking, insurance, and other enterprises. In addition, German minority population in Jugoslavia owned large estates of rich, arable land in the northern parts of the country. Most of them fled with the German army as it was forced out of Jugoslavia.

The normal judicial authority of the country, when I left it, was not yet established. It still presented a problem which was under consideration. The heads of certain regular tribunals were appointed, but the main problem was not solved. The issue which was discussed was

the relationship between the various local or federative governments, as well as to provide a better opportunity for their closer and more direct participation in the central or national administration.

These village committees play an important role in the election of the various committees of the National Liberation Front and, generally speaking, exercise a powerful and vital influence in the government and administration of the whole state. Various departments and other institutions also have National Liberation Front committees. The ministry of Foreign Affairs, for instance, has its own committee.

Army Needs Modernizing

The general administration is run on very much the same lines as in any other democratic country. There are perhaps a few exceptions resulting from war conditions, but these are temporary and will obviously disappear in time. There are certain features, however, which it is important to bear in mind. The first concerns the army.

The Army of National Liberation was organized on a very primitive basis and was officered by men who in most cases had previously little or no military training and experience. It has performed deeds of great bravery and heroism, as all the world knows. Its achievements under the supreme command of Marshal Tito will remain as one of the most glorious chapters in the history of the second World War. But in the new circumstances in which the country now lives, it is confronted with the problem of reorganization and development along the lines of a modern standing army.

The economic life of the country, too, raises a series of new administrative problems. The full respect for private property and individual initiative in economic affairs is one of the guiding principles in the democratic and federative Jugoslavia, as it was formally proclaimed at the historic meeting of the central parliament at Jajce in November of 1943. But there are two vital matters which in this connection must always be remembered. One is that the general trend in regard to economic reorganization of the country favors the system of cooperatives.

In the meantime, during this interim period, military and other emergency courts have been exercising the function of judicial authority. There were also special "people's courts" whose jurisdiction covers cases of "offenses against national honor" resulting from collaboration with the enemy. This implies that many judicial functions, such as those concerning the transfer of property and civil contract, are being held in abeyance pending the establishment of regular tribunals.

The organization of the government and administration of Jugoslavia as I have just outlined it has been constituted by legislative bodies which, however important they may have been from a practical and historical point of view, have nevertheless had a provisional legal character. The task of completing the structure and giving it strict legality will be entrusted to the Constituent Assembly which under the terms of the Tito-Subasic agreement will be convened within three months after the end of the war. The Constituent Assembly will be formed by a general election in which, for the first time in their recent history, the peoples of Jugoslavia are to be given a real opportunity to express their individual wishes and to manifest their political convictions by a truly free and secret ballot.

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News of Lodge No. 225, AFU

Milwaukee, Wis. — After a long time I am again writing to the Nova Doba. Lately I have been very busy and also ill; in such a case it is often necessary to postpone things which are necessary.

Our Lodge No. 225, AFU lately lost several members who were taken by death. In a little more than a month we lost four members. On July 28th Brother Matt Musich, 60, died. He was buried on July 31st. Before we organized the AFU lodge in Milwaukee, he was a member of our organization, being a member of the lodge in Chisholm, Minn. Our lodge was organized in 1933, and from then on the deceased was often treasurer of the lodge as well as president of the auditing committee. He was of a calm character and took much interest in his lodge. Whenever we held a lodge affair for the benefit of our lodge treasury, he was always willing to help in any capacity.

The second victim of death was Brother Anton Klobuchar, who died Aug. 14th at the age of 73. He was a good lodge member and regularly attended lodge meetings. He also wrote to our official organ at times. He was beloved by all who knew him. His son, Frank, serving in the

whether the judicial authority should be organized on the basis of the election of the judges by the people or on the basis of government nominations as in the case of the executive branch of the country's administration.

Courts for Collaborators

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In conclusion, I invite all members of our lodge to attend our next meeting which will be held Wednesday, Sept. 19th at 7:30 p. m. At this meeting the new by-laws will be distributed. Fraternal regards and I'll be seeing you at the meeting!

Pauline Vogrich, Sec'y,
Lodge No. 225, AFU,
Milwaukee, Wis.

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For \$ 5,000.00 insurance	\$25.00

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For \$ 1,000.00 insurance	\$ 6.00
For \$ 1,500.00 insurance	\$ 9.00
For \$ 2,000.00 insurance	\$12.00
For \$ 3,000.00 insurance	\$18.00
For \$ 5,000.00 insurance	\$30.00

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For Each Plan "JA" Member	\$1.00
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PLAN "JD"

For \$ 250.00 insurance	\$1.50
For \$ 500.00 insurance	\$3.00
For \$ 1,000.00 insurance	\$6.00

OFFICIAL REPORTS

Uradna poročila

Approved Death Benefits
Odobrene smrtnine

AUGUST, 1945

Adult Dep't—Odrasli oddelek

Lodge

No. Name Amount

6 Joseph Brence \$1,000.00

18 Matevz Ramovsh 1,000.00

26 Santo Vlah 500.00

28 Jacob Cuzel 500.00

42 William J. Jersin 1,000.00

53 Bertha Kramer 500.00

57 Vincent M. Poscich 500.00

71 Martin Yerick 250.00

114 John Skradski 1,000.00

114 Peter Svetich 1,000.00

173 John Tistar 1,000.00

198 Frank Sustersic 1,000.00

204 John Jordan 500.00

Certificate Loans

Posojila na certifikate

AUGUST, 1945

Lodge Certificate No. No. Amount

57 35081 \$258.08

170 41347 92.37

Total—Skupaj \$350.45

Paid Welfare Benefits
(Section 359-B)Plaćana dobrodelna podpora
(Točka 359-B)

JULY, 1945

Lodge

No. Name Amount

1 Mary Gnidica, Bene. \$ 6.00

1 John Kochevar 9.00

1 Joseph Pluth 9.00

1 Frank Lunka 12.00

1 Joseph Mantel, Sr. 9.00

1 Frank Sever 6.00

1 Frank Zgone 9.00

1 John Zupanich 6.00

1 Stefan Agnich 9.00

1 Mary Dejak 9.00

1 Mary Gnidica 9.00

1 Anna Kotchevar 9.00

1 Katarina Kochevar 18.00

1 Mary Bratanich 9.00

1 Frances Tomisch 9.00

1 Roza Zobec 9.00

1 Math Pogorelc 9.00

1 John Dejak 9.00

1 Frank Kotzian 9.00

1 John Zobec 6.00

2 Nikolaj Arko 9.00

2 Matija Balas 3.00

2 Mihael Bacar 9.00

2 Anton Indihar 15.00

2 Joseph Perme 12.00

2 Frank Terlep 9.00

2 Alojzija Fallmaier 9.00

2 Peter Krze 7.32

2 Frank Melovasich 9.00

2 Anna Urbas 9.00

2 Frank Sekula 9.00

2 Frank Champa 9.00

3 Joseph Bregach 9.00

3 John Klopcic 9.00

3 Anton Turk 9.00

3 Terezija Besal 9.00

3 Alojzija Jerutic 9.00

3 Teresa Jordan 9.00

3 Jera Pelko 9.00

3 Anna Znidarsic 9.00

3 Mihail Weligosek 9.00

3 Magdalena Brezovar 9.00

5 Joe Znidarsic 12.00

5 Anton Stefanich 6.00

5 Katarina Bajuk 18.00

5 Matevz Vidrih 9.00

6 Joseph Mramor 9.00

6 Frank Ambrozich 9.00

6 John Omahen 9.00

6 Frank Tomazin 9.00

6 Ivan Tomsic 3.00

6 Ivan Lampe 9.00

6 John Piskur 9.00

6 Anton Janeac 9.00

6 Neza Ambrozich 9.00

6 Jederta Omahen 9.00

6 Frances Tomazin 9.00

6 Ferdinand Kralj 9.00

6 Joseph Brence 9.00

6 Joseph Stembal 9.00

6 Magdalena Sprajc 9.00

6 Stefan Grahek 18.00

6 Joseph Srebernak 18.00

6 John Sopcich 18.00

6 George Panjan 18.00

6 Vinko Ozanic 18.00

6 John Plut 18.00

6 Kate Klobuchar 18.00

6 Terezija Ozanic 18.00

6 Anna Scheringer 18.00

6 Mary Stukel 18.00

6 Anna Sedlar 18.00

6 George Zaletz 18.00

6 Martha Badovinac 18.00

6 John Rozich 18.00

6 Joseph Sterbentz 18.00

6 Frank Pontelo 18.00

6 Lucy Vuk 18.00

6 Joseph Schweiger 9.00

12 Jacob Lauric 9.00

12 Frank Stravs 9.00

12 Mary Germek 9.00

12 Mary Simoncic 18.00

12 Frank Colaric 9.00

12 Frank Golob 9.00

12 Joseph Muska 9.00

13 Helena Knaus 9.00

13 Frank Gerchman 9.00

15 Martin Kochevar 9.00

15 Anna Gorse 9.00

15 Katarina Kochevar 9.00

15 Joseph Godec 9.00

18 John Jesenko 18.00

18 Matt Tolar 9.00

18 Urban Taucher 9.00

18 Frank Kerzisnik 9.00

18 Peter Berce 9.00

18 Ivan Jugovic 9.00

18 Tomas Jelovecan 9.00

18 Matt Klemenc 9.00

18 Barbara Notar 9.00

18 Katarina Subic 9.00

18 Katarina Taucher 9.00

18 Mary Tauchan 9.00

18 Augusta Zepevc 18.00

18 Joseph Kolman 12.00

20 Ignac Russ 9.00

20 Jozefa Jaglosky 9.00

20 Mary Majerle 9.00	39 Jera Arrestovnik 9.00	120 Margaret Agnich 9.00	144 Katarina Zurich 9.00	3.00 183 Joseph Baloh 9.00	9.00 200 Frank Lunka 3.00
20 John Knaus 9.00	39 Mary Pleshe 9.00	136 Frank Rudolf 9.00	144 Peter Zurich 9.00	18.00 183 Mary Baloh 9.00	18.00 200 Frank Stele 9.00
20 Helena Marn 9.00	39 Ivan Turk 9.00	136 Julia Jerneycich 9.00	144 John K. Vertin 9.00	9.00 200 Joe Kernc 3.00	9.00 225 Joseph Sunich 18.00
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21 Matt Sadar 9.00	40 Peter Lazar 9.00	137 Helena Mally 9.00	152 Joseph Oblak 9.00	9.00 200 Mike Sternk 9.00	9.00 225 Frank Zbasnik 18.00
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21 Katarina Epich 9.00	40 Mary Umek 9.00	9.00	9.00	9.00	
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