

V ujetniškem taborišču v Indiani je 22 Slovencev

Prosveata je dobila prve podatke o primorskih Slovencih, ki so bili ujeti z Italijani vred v Afriki od Američanov in pripeljani v Ameriko—Imena in rojstni kraji slovenskih ujetnikov—Apel ujetnikov na ameriške rojake

Dne 18. maja t. l. je Prosveata—prva med slovenskimi listi v Ameriki!—pisala:

"Med Italijanskimi ujetniki, ki pridejo v Ameriko, je brez dvoma mnogo primorskih Slovencov, ki so bili posili vtaknjeni v vojaško suknjo in poslani v Afriko. Ti naši primorski rojaki niso nobeni sovražniki Amerike in Anglije, pač pa so prav gotovo največji sovražniki Italije, svoje zatiralke. Vsekakor bo treba poskrbeti da odgovorni ameriški poveljniki izvedo to dejstvo in oddelijo od Italijanskih vojnih ujetnikov Slovencev, ki so prijatelji zaveznikov."

Dne 12. junija t. l. je SANS na svoji seji v Chicagu sklenil, da stopi v zvezo z vojnim departmentom v Washingtonu glede primorskih Slovencev v vojnem ujetništvu v Ameriki. Kaj je SANS do danes storil v tej zadevi, nam ni znano.

Dne 2. julija pa smo prejeli iz Indianapolsa pismo slednje vsebine:

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Indianapolis, Ind.—V tukajnji 'kempi' Atterbury, katera je oddaljena od Indianapolsa 30 milij, se nahaja 2000 Italijanskih vojnih ujetnikov, katere je ameriška armada ujela v Tuniziji, Afrika, in jih pripeljala v Ameriko. Med temi ujetniki je tudi 22 primorskih Slovencev.

Naj na kratko omenim, kako se mi je posrečilo, da sem izvedel njihova imena in odkod so doma.

Vencel Batič, sin slovenskih staršev, je prišel v Slovenski dom in mi pravi:

"Veš, Skerjanc, kaj se mi je danes pripetilo? Po končanem delu sem šel na sprechod okoli 'kempe,' v kateri se nahajajo tisti Italijani in ko tako hodim ob žični ograji, je eden 'Italijanov' stal na drugi strani ograje in me je nagovoril po slovensku: 'Daj mi cigaret!' Jaz mu odgovorim tudi po slovensku: 'Niman—on me pa ves vesel vpraša: 'Kaj si ti Slovenec?'

Odgovorim mu, da sem. Rogen sem bil tukaj v Indianapolsu, ampak slovensko sem se naučil od očeta in mater. Pótem sem pa jaz njega vprašal, kako je to, da zna on slovensko, ko je Italijan. Pojasnil mi je, da je Slovenec, doma od Gorice—in da je več Slovenec v tem taborišču."

Batič je potem poizvedel za njihova imena in naslove. Hvala lepa temu fantu, ki se je potrudil.

Dne 29. junija smo izvedeli, da je prišlo v taborišče nadaljnjih 500 Italijanov, toda med temi ni bilo nobenega Slovenca. Mnogo Slovencev je ostalo v Afriki, kjer so se pridružili francoski armadi z namenom, da se bodo bojevali zoper Musliminijo.

Tukaj prilagam pismo slovenskega ujetnika iz tega taborišča in imena ostalih slovenskih ujetnikov, kolikor nam je doslej znan:

S. Skorjanc.

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"Velecenjeni gospod!—Ker ne vem, na koga se bi obrnil, se ponizo obračam na Vas z upanjem, da uslikate mojo gorečo željo.

Sem Slovenec, Primorec, vojni ujetnik in z menoj so že drugi Slovenci. Imam narodni čut, ki nam je bil od rojstva prepovedan in teptan, toda mati ga je tajno gojila, ko smo bili še otroci; zdaj, ko smo odrasli, nam zdrava pamet pravi, da človek

GONJA PROTI DELAVSKIM UNIJAM V RAZMAHU

Senator La Follette orisal taktiko mogočnih interesov

REAKCIJA SPET DVIGA GLAVO

Washington, D. C., 6. julija.

Kongres mora nastopiti proti organizacijam delodajalcev in opraviti zatirjalno taktiko, ki se je poslužujejo v vojnem času z namenom, da uničijo vse pridobitve, katere so delavci izvojevali v zadnjih letih, je rečeno v poročilu senatnega odseka za civilne svobodštine, kateremu načeluje senator Robert La Follette, progresivec iz Wisconsina. La Follette je naznani, da bosta on in senator Thomas, demokrat iz Utaha, nadaljevala boj, da kongrez sprejme njun načrt, ki predstavlja zatirjalno taktiko.

Poročilo pravi, da je preiskava odseka za civilne svobodštine ugotovila organizirane zarotniške aktivnosti na zapadni obali, ki ogražajo pravice delavcev do kolektivnega pogajanja in da konč teh še ni na vidiku. Protiv unijam se vodi intenzivna kampanja v časopisu in po radiu in z ekonomskim pritiskom.

Vodilni elementje v organizacijah delodajalcev so začeli kampanjo proti delavskim unijam pred petimi leti s pritiskom na državne zbornice, da sprejmejo protidelavsko zakone. V

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Doba piknikov

Poleti kaj radi pohitimo zlasti od nedeljah, ko smo malo na delopustu, iz soparnih stanovanj po zakajenih industrijskih mestih na oddih v prosto naravo, da se tu naužijemo svežega zraka ter si okreplimo živce in mišice za delo prihodnjega tedna. Tako prirejajo v tem letnem času tudi domala vse naša društva svoje zabave pod milim nebom ali piknike v prijetnem in osvežujočem hladu senčnatih logov izven mest.

Sedaj smo v poletju in tako v dobi društvnih piknikov, ki jih je navadno v vsaki večji naši naselbini toliko, da je poletna doba že kar malo prekratka zanje.

Letos jih seveda ne bo kdo ve koliko, ker živimo v izrednih vojnih časih in nismo zastrupili tega toliko prevoznih sredstev na razpolago kakor drugače. Ali nekaj jih je pa le že bilo in še več jih bo v tem in prihodnjem mesecu, kakor je razvidno iz raznih dopisov, naznanih in vabil po naših listih.

Piknike imajo naši ljudje radi, pa pridejo nanje od blizu in od daleč. In če je količak piknika, se ga ne udeležijo samo člani tistega društva, ki ga pridi, nego tudi še velika množica drugih ljudi. Zato je na naših piknikih udeležba navadno kaj pestra in obilna.

Nashi agitatorji in naše agitatorice, ki so neumorno na delu za gibanje Slovenskega ameriškega narodnega sveta, pač ne bodo zamudili nobenega. Saj se jim na piknikih nudi lepa prilika za pobiranje prostovoljnih prispevkov in pridobivanje podružničnih članov in članic.

Stvar, za katero gre v tem skupinem in že dokaj razmaznjem gibanju — za rešitev in osvoboditev slovenakega naroda v starih domovini — je vredna vseh naših naporov in tudi noben piknik ne bi smel mimo naš, ne da bi vsaj nekaj storili na njem za SANS.

Spomnimo se to organizacije ob vsaki priliki, spomnimo se je na vsakem pikniku! Doba naših piknikov naj nam bo čas dobrega razvedrila, a obenem pa tudi dela za SANS!

Resolucija Slovenske ženske zveze

Oni dan smo priobčili v tej uradni uradni koloni resolucijo, v kateri so Združena slovenska društva v New Yorku izrekla zaupnico Slovenskemu ameri-

škemu narodnemu svetu, oziroma njegovemu izvrševalnemu odboru. Danes prinašamo slicho resolucijo Slovenske ženske zveze, ki ima širok po tej deželi nad sto postojank. Resolucija se glasi takole:

"Glavne odbornice in delegatne šeste redne konvencije Slovenske ženske zveze, zbrane v Pittsburghu, Pa., in vršeče se od 16. do 19. maja 1943, odobravajo ustanovitev Slovenskega ameriškega narodnega sveta, katerega izrekajo popolno zaupanje in priznanje za dosedanje delo, storjeno za osvoboditev naše zasujnjene rodne domovine Slovenije, in mu obljubljamo svojo moralno in gmočno pomoč."

To resolucijo sta za Slovensko žensko zvezo podpisali njena predsednica Marie Prisland in njena tajnica Josephine Erjavec.

Naše gibanje

V tednu od 24. junija do 1. julija sta se temu uradu prijavili sledeči podružnični: Štev. 66 SANS, Library, Pa., nastala iz dr. Štev. 386 SNPJ, Izvrševalnega in zavrnega doma pa je dne 1. julija štel 67 podružnič.

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Društvo Štev. 297 SNPJ, Raton, N. Mex., je darovalo v označenem tednu \$10.00 in njegovi člani pa \$5.00, skupaj \$15.00.

Člani dr. Štev. 513 SNPJ iz Scranton, Pa., so se spomnili te organizacije s tem, da so nam poslali \$18.75 za SANS.

Društvo Štev. 50 SNPJ iz Clinton, Indiana, je prispevalo \$10.00 v Indianemu ameriškemu narodnemu svetu v podporo.

Shodi, seje, sestanki in prireditve

V slovenski naselbini Waukegan-North Chicago, Ill., se je dne 27. junija začela bera protostoljnikov prispevkov za SANS po prav dobro zasnovanem načrtu in obeta biti, kakor poročajo, zelo uspešna. Pobiranje se ima končati dne 10. julija. Tadan se bo vršila tudi zaključna seja celokupnega odbora vseh društvenih zastopnikov in nabiralcev.

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Od Wheleyjevih 21 bojnih pilotov, jih je doživel 18 nad Tunizijskim morjem, kjer je bil ozračje polno nemških letal in kjer so bile eksplozije granat protiletalske artilerije tako goste, da bi jih včasih zamenjal za oblač.

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Akcija JPO-SS, ima zaupanje pri narodu

Janko N. Rogelj, direktor publiciste

Glavni blagajnik Jugoslovenskega pomožnega odbora, slovenska sekacija, Leo Jurjovec mi pošilja poročilo o dohodkih v mesecu juniju. Ni tako slabo, ampak še boljše bi bi bilo lahko, ako bi se povsod tako zanimali za pomožno akcijo, kakor kaže junijsko poročilo.

No, ni tako slabo, da bi jokali, saj za mesec junij so bili dohodki \$2,242.29, za mesec maj \$2,442.23 in za mesec april pa \$1,412.14, skupaj za tri mesece \$6,096.66. Narod se mora imeti zaupanje v JPO-SS, da je prispeval v treh mesecih nad šest tisoč dolarjev.

V blagajni JPO-SS, je bila dne 30. junija 1943 že lepa vsočta, namreč \$53,337.02. Od tega denarja je bilo istega dne že vloženega \$48,665.00 v ameriške vojne bonde, v pomoč naši novi domovini—Ameriki.

V mesecu juniju je glavni blagajnik sprejel prispevke od sledenih:

Andy Milosovich in priatelji, Trinidad, Colo., \$5.00; lokalni odbor št. 1, Joliet, Ill., \$72.00; Jakob Zadnik, Kenosha, Wis., \$5.00; lokalni odbor št. 34, Detroit, Mich., \$87.50; John Kaušek, Eveleth, Minn., \$5.00; podružnica št. 9 SANS, Waukegan, Ill., \$7.95; lokalni odbor št. 29, Bridgeport - Boydville, Ohio, \$50.00; Slovenska ženska zveza, \$800.00; podružnica št. 44 SANS, Traun, Mich., \$50.00; lokalni odbor št. 30, San Francisco, Cal., \$275.00; lokalni odbor št. 21, Denver, Colo., \$123.00; lokalni odbor št. 9, Waukegan, Ill., \$250.00; lokalni odbor št. 17, Rock Springs, Wyo., \$57.82; Waukegan and North Chicago War Chest \$450.00; obresti na banki \$4.02. — Skupaj \$2,242.29.

Hvala lepa vsem v imenu glavnega odbora JPO-SS, in v imenu vseh onih trpečih in zasluženih bratov in sester v domovini, ki bodo dobili pomoč, ko bo vojna končana.

Prvo in častno mesto v prispevkih ima Slovenska ženska zveza, ki je prispevala \$800.00. Predsednica SZZ, Marie Prisland, je neutraljiva zagovornica naše pomožne akcije, in prav tako tudi tajnica SZZ, Josephine Erjavec, ki je podpredsednica JPO-SS.

Naši Slovenci in Slovenke v Waukeganu, Ill., v ameriški Ljubljani, imajo prava in našnovo zavedna slovenska srca. Poslali so vso \$250.00, a poskrbeli so tudi, da je organizacija Waukegan-North Chicago War Chest poslala \$450.00, torej je bil skupen prispevek iz ameriške Vrhnik \$700.00.

S slovenskega hriba v San Franciscu, Calif., so nas tudi pogledali tamkajšnji Slovenci in Slovenke. Poslali so \$275.00. Prav lepo je to, da se nas spominjajo tudi najbolj oddaljene slovenske naselbine na Zapadu.

Tako so bili aktivni lokalni odbori v Denverju, Rock Spring-su, Detroitu in Jolietu.

A še to: podružnice Slovenskega ameriškega narodnega sveta tudi prispevajo. Da bi imeli kaj dosti posnemalcev.

Vsek dolar je dober. Le še pošljite. Vsak dolar je najprvo v pomoč Ameriki, vložen v vojne bonde, a ko bo konec vojne, bodo ti ameriški dolarji v pomoč našim bratom in sestram v domovini.

Bratje in sestre v svobodni in prosti Ameriki! Jugoslovenski pomožni odbor, slovenska sekacija, je vredna vašega zaupanja ter istega tudi uživka. Tega ne more nikdo zanikati. Tudi nam ne more nikdo zanikati, da ne vršimo naše delo pravilno in v soglasju z zakoni in predpisi washingtonske vlade.

Glavni odbori desetih slovenskih bratskih in podpornih organizacij v Ameriki, ki imajo zaupanje velike in pretežne večine slovenskega naroda v Ameriki in po svojih zastopnikih vodijo, čuvajo in urejejo to pomožno akcijo. In te zastopnike je slovenski narod v Ameriki izvolil na svojih demokratičnih konvencijah. To niso samopostavljeni zastopniki, am-

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IZ GIBANJA SANSA in JPO-SS

Iz urada podružnice 9 JPO-SS Waukegan-North Chicago, Ill.

Pred nekaj dnevi je blagajnik podružnice 9 JPO-SS Frank Nagode zopet posiljal glavnemu blagajniku pomožne akcije vsoto \$250 v imenu Slovencev iz naše naselbine.

Dalje smo bili tudi obveščeni od glavnega tajnika JPO-SS Josepha Zalarja, da je prejel \$450 iz urada Waukegan-North Chicago Community War Chesta.

Prej smo že prejeli iz tega urada \$750 in znaša torek skupna vsota \$1200. Vsega skupaj imamo dobiti iz tega skladja \$1500. Upamo, da se bo v blagajni te organizacije nabralo toliko deparja, da dobimo vse, kar nam je bilo predpisano v naši kvoti. Ako bo vsak prispeval v ta sklad kolikor se je zavezal, bomo gotovo tudi mi dobili polno vsoto.

Do sedaj smo posiljali v glavno blagajno JPO-SS sledeče vsote: Prva posiljajte je znašala \$500, druga od piknika in darov \$1500, tretja od Community War Chesta \$750, četrta iz naše blagajne \$250, peta od Community War Chesta \$450. Skupaj smo torek poslali do 30. junija \$3450. Ker imamo blagajnik na rokah še nekaj prispevkov, upamo, da bomo v kratkem zopet poslali \$50, tako da bodo skupni prispevki iz Waukegan-North Chicaga znali \$3500.

Vse to delovanje je izraz in rezultat složnosti in agilitosti med Slovenci v tej naselbini. Brez sloge in agilitosti bi ne mogli napraviti tega velikega dela. Prav lepo hvala vsem, ki so do sedaj pomagali in prispevali. Tudi v bodoče želimo vaše kooperacije in naklonjenosti.

Za postojanko 9 JPO-SS—

Anton Kobal, predsednik, Jennie Keber, podpredsednica, Joseph Zorc, tajnik, Frank Nagode, blagajnik.

Nekoliko informacij

Detroit.—Ker me je že več ljudi vprašalo, kako da se več ne vrše seje postojanke 34 JPO-SS, na povem vsem, da se seje te postojanke vrše zaen s sestrami podružnice 1 SANSA. To smo sklenili že meseca aprila iz razloga, ker se večinoma eni in isti ljudje udeležujejo sej oben postojanke. In ker so še druge seje, si na ta način prihranimo nekaj časa.

Prihodnja seja postojanke 34 JPO-SS se bo vršila zaen s sejo podružnice 1 SANSA dne 10. julija ob pol časih zvečer na zapadni strani — v Slovenskem delavskem domu, 437 S. Livermore ave. Junijске seje ni bilo, ker smo imeli shod in bi bilo torej preveč za řepe.

Prisem vse one, ki imate še listke na roki, da mi jih vrnete, ker, ako bo večja udeležba na seji, bomo oddali tisto stvar, ki je bila podarjena po družini Urban. Dohodki od prodanih listkov bodo bili "50-50" — to je po-

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Svet v vojni vihri

Office of War Information, Washington, D. C.

Jugoslovansko dijaščvo mora v delovna tabošča

Washington.—Zagrebčki časopis Nova Hrvatska poroča v nekem članku, katerega je prejel nedavno OWI, da morajo vsi jugoslovanski srednješolci in akademiki, tudi oni, ki obiskujejo takozvane "priznane" teološke šole, a še niso dovršili svoje obligatne periode dela, po naredbi ministra oboroženih sil, dovršiti svojo delovno obveznost.

Oni, ki se ne bi prijavili med 16. in 25. junijem, bodo kaznovani kot dezterji. Nova Hrvatska spreminja seveda ta članek s svojimi "običajnimi svarišči" ter vabi "tehnično izvežbane in tudi neizvežbane delavce", kadar tudi "ženske delovne sile", naj se vpišejo za delo v Nemčiji.

Na tisoči sirot je na Hrvaskem brez streha, brez domačije

Washington.—Strahote vojne in grozno zatiranje oboroženega odpora v Jugoslaviji s strani nacistov je na tisoči rodbin pogna- lo iz njihovih domov in na ju-

goslovanskem ozemlju ustvarilo na stotine "Lidic". V cilju, da izkoristi delo teh izgubljenih si- rot, si je hrvaški kvizilinski režim izmisli, da posodi te nesrečne

otroke "zanesljivim" kmetom na Hrvaskem, kjer bodo vzgojeni dejansko kot sužnji teh od oblasti podpiranih bratov. V nedavni

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Hrvati so zopet ustavili vite- ški red

Washington.—Seznami izgub za mesec maj, katere je izdal italijansko vrohovno poveljstvo, so zopet pokazali, da je Balkan fronta zelo velikega obsegava- vsaj za Italijane. Izgube, katere Italijani priznavajo za mesec maj, štejejo 3394 mrtvih, ranjenih in pogrešanih ter so skoraj dvakrat tako visoke kot katero koli prej priznane izgube v teh okrajih od meseca junija 1941—

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Italijani imajo težke izgube na Balkanu

Washington.—Po nekem članku sovjitskega lista "Večer", katerega je prejel nedavno Office of War Information, izraza ta od

nacistov kontrolirani list svoje upanje, da bo postala bolgarska cerkev "nacionalistična". Uvodnik lista Večer je izjavil, da bi moralna bolgarska cerkev odklonila sprejem "tuječ", ki zelo,

da bi bilo osišče poraženo."

John Mandich, tajnik.

Lewber, Pa.—Zopet so šli k vojakom 1. julija trije člani našega društva SNPJ. Imena teh članov so: Brata (dvojčka)

Joseph in Walter Olbrish in Carl Klun, vsi trije v starosti 18 let. Naše društvo ima že 13 članov v armadi. Dva člana, Frank Klun in Vincent Tratnik sta v severni Afriki. Želimo vsem skupaj srečnega povratka in končec te stranske vojne.

Joseph Klun, tajnik.

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"Z osrom na današnjo svetovno situacijo in še posebej na odnosu Združenih držav do zunanjega sveta ter z osrom na našo stare domovino. Slovenska narodna podpora jednota po svojih začetnikih na 12. redni konvenciji v Pittsburghu, Pa., najstrože obča diktatorsko in barbarsko totalitarstvo vsake vrste in podarja svojo globoko vero v demokracijo in v končno zmago demokracije po vsem svetu." — Iz resolucije o starem kraju in svetovnem položaju, sprejeti na 12. redni konvenciji SNPJ.

Odzovimo se na apel slovenskih ujetnikov!

Na prvi strani današnje Prosvete smo objavili poročilo iz Indianapolisa, v katerem so imena slovenskih vojnih ujetnikov v taborišču Atterburyju in pretresljiv apel teh ujetnikov na ameriške Slovence, naj jih pomagajo, da bodo spet svobodni in se bodo bojevali za svobodo svoje stare domovine.

Slovenski vojni ujetniki, primorski Slovenci, ki so bili pripeljani v Ameriko iz Afrike kot ujetniki ameriške armade, so—kakor je razvidno iz njihovih rojstnih datumov—domala vse še mladi fantje v starosti 20 do 24 let; so v letih, ko v mlaudem človeku kipi življenje, zato nočejo čepej v ujetniškem taborišču, ograjenem z bodečo žico. Sicer niso brez dela. Ameriška vojska oblast jim daje priljubno dobro hrano in poleg neke "plače," katera jih bo izročena na koncu ujetništva, dobre vsak dan po deset centov, priboljšaka. To velja za vse vojne ujetnike, Italijane in Nemce.

Ampak naši mladi rojaki v ujetništvu niso Italijani in ne Nemci—niso, kar je glavno, ne fašisti in ne nacisti—niso sovražniki Amerike! To je tisto, kar jih boli in ponižuje v ujetništvu. Boli jih, ker jih Amerika ima za Italijane, za italijanske fašiste in svoje sovražnike; boli jih, ker so pomešani med Italijane, kakor da Amerika ne pozna razlike med Italijani in primorskimi Slovenci, ki so veliki sovražniki prvih.

Citate lahko apel teh rojakov v današnji Prosveti. Sami si ne morejo pomagati, zato prosijo naše pomoči. Hudo jim je, ker se ne morejo bojevati s svojim največjim sovražnikom—fašizmom, ki "je pometal njihove ocete na cesto in mnogo jih je postreljalo, njihove sestre je pa interniral." Tako pišejo sami. Hudo jim je, ker se ne morejo bojevati s svojimi brati vred pri četnikih. Tako pišejo sami.

Tem rojakom je hudo, ko so v Afriki videli, kako so Angleži in Francozi takoj odbrali primorske Slovence in Hrvate od Italijanov, ki so jih oni ujeli—in jim dali na razpolago, da so jih prostošljivo stopili v njihovo armo, ampak Američani niso storili tega s svojimi ujetniki, temveč so jih priveli sem v Ameriko z Italijani vred, kakor da ni razlike med njimi.

"Ali nismo tudi mi Slovani? Mar nas ni rodila slovenska mati?"—se vprašajo užaljeni. Ne—ti naši mladi rojaki nočejo biti ujetniki z Italijani vred, z onimi Italijani, ki so jih v starem kraju zatirali—ki so postreljili njihove ocete, onečastili njihove sestre, pognali njihove brate k četnikom in začigli njihove rojstne domove! Oni nočejo biti zaznamovani kot sovražniki Amerike in Združenih narodov!

Oni nočejo biti svobodni zato, da se bodo lahko bojevali v ameriški armadi, jugoslovanski armadi—kateri kolikor zavezniški armadi—proti svojemu največjemu sovražniku fašizmu in za svobodo Slovenije in Jugoslavije!

Takšna je želja teh naših primorskih rojakov, s katero so zdaj prvič prišli na dan v Prosveti.

Ali se jim bomo odzvali? Naša dolžnost je, da se jim odzovemo vsi brez razlike—odzovemo organizirano po naših dveh odborih: SANsu in JPO-SS.

Slovenski ameriški narodni svet je že 12. junija storil prvi korak v prid naših vojnih ujetnikov. Kaj je v tem času dosegel, nam ni znano, vendar zdaj je tukaj nekaj konkretnega, na kar se SANs lahko opre—tukaj je apel ujetnikov samih, ki nočejo biti skupaj z Italijani v ujetniškem taboru, ki bi se radi bojevali za svobodo Jugoslavije.

JPO-SS pa ima zdaj prvič priliko, da po našem mnenju nekaj lahko storí. Tem ujetnikom sicer ni sile, ne trpe pomanjkanja, klub temu bi bili veseli, če bi se jih ameriški Sloveni spomnili s kakšnim priboljškom, na primer s cigaretami, katerih vsekakor nimajo preveč, če beracijo zanje skozi ograjo—ali s čimer kolik, kar bi jim posladilo ujetniške ure in jim dalo prijetno zavest, da niso sami v širini Ameriki, da so tukaj Slovenci, ki misijo nanje in jim žele pomagati. Majhna vsota bi zadostovala.

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Če pa JPO-SS misli, da mu pravila ne dopuščajo tega, tedaj naj to dolžnost opravi SANs. Ne pozabimo, da v tem taboru niso vse naši ujetniki; so še drugi v Kentuckyju in Coloradu, zatukate je še treba pozvadeti. Pomagajmo vsem!

Glasovi iz naselbin

Piknik se dobro obnesel

New York.—Piknik se dobro obnesel društva All Americans 580 SNPJ, ki se je vršil 27. junija, se je dobro obnesel. Člani so se udeležili v polnem številu. Člani pevskega društva Slovana so zopet pokazali, kaj znajo in način našemu društvu zapeli nekaj slovenskih pesmi. Vodil jih je mr. Muc in mu jako pristoj. Bili so tudi skoraj vsi člani mešanega zbora Domovine. Yam se vsem zahvalim, ker ste se potrudili in nas posetili, ob priliku pa vam vrnemo.

Tudi jaz se vprašujem, kje dom je moj, ker so me življenske razmere zopet pregnale v drugo državo. Komaj se enemu kraju dodobra privadim, si najdem in vzljudim prijatelje, pa me že borba za življenska sredstva prežene drugam. Taka je pažljivljenska pot nas proletarjev.

Sedaj me je usoda privedla k društvu Nada. To je sedaj moje tretje žensko društvo. Nadejam se, da tu ostanem, dokler se ne preselim tja, od koder več povratka ni... Na zadnji seji Nada je naša glavna odbornika dobro zavabila. Lepa hvala obema, ker sta se potrudila in prisla na naš piknik. S tem sta pokazala, da jima je SNPJ pri srca tudi sedaj, ko služita Strica Sama.

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SNPJ Members Alive to Vital Issues

The Slovene National Benefit Society consists mostly of wage earners. More than 90 per cent of the adult membership of our Society of nearly 47,000 is engaged in war industries, and approximately 4,000 of our young members are in the armed forces of our country. As such, the majority of our members is deeply interested in and alive to the issues at stake both on the home front as well as on the fighting front.

In recent weeks reactionary forces in Congress have again been on the rampage, intent on blocking every sane progress that would benefit the common people and the war effort. They have shown this by re-passing the vicious anti-strike bill over President Roosevelt's veto, by curbing appropriations to various worthy government agencies and by waging a fierce battle against government subsidies.

The members of the SNPJ are deeply concerned about this latest assault by the reactionaries in Congress against the interests of the people. A large number of our members make their living by working in the coal mines producing the essential material for the war effort. They and the rest of the workers strongly oppose this reactionary trend in Congress. While our own members alone can do little to improve the situation, the workers as a whole can put a stop to all reaction if they resolve now that a situation of this kind will be impossible in the future.

We all know that the present reactionary movement in Congress was made possible chiefly because a large majority of workers failed to go to the polls last November and thus enabled the anti-labor elements to pack Congress with reactionary Congressmen and Senators. It is hoped that the workers will remember their "friends" in Congress for their anti-labor stand at the next election and replace them with representatives who will work for victory on the home front as well as on the battle front.

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Our members and readers of Prosveta will be interested to know that out of the mist and haze of reactionary maneuverings in Congress, there came a cheerful note last week that commands our attention—a note which brings good news to all consumers.

Last week, according to labor reports, eighteen Congressmen formed a "Committee to Protect the Consumer," organized and headed by Congressman Thomas E. Scanlon of Pennsylvania. The main purpose of this group is to fight for consumer interests.

The fact alone that a number of Congressmen are organizing to protect the people as ordinary, everyday consumers is good news, indeed. But the importance of the Committee's program to the consumers and to the war effort makes this action an event of major significance to all concerned.

It is also significant to know that cooperating with the Committee to Protect the Consumer are representatives of all branches of organized labor and the Farmers' Union. The committee went immediately to work and a campaign to secure lower prices and other consumer protection was launched last week.

Thus for the first time, consumers have a group of spokesmen in Congress defending their interests. Obviously, the decision of these Congressmen to organize a consumer bloc to fight the commercial farm bloc and the trade lobbies, is an outgrowth of the unprecedented fight of the people against inflation.

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Our members and readers of Prosveta will be also interested to know how this came about, that is, what prompted these Congressmen to organize the consumer bloc.

Unquestionably, this was due to the mountains of letters written by consumers to their representatives and their delegations sent to the Capital. These have shown the Congressmen that they could count on the backing of millions of people who are alive to the issues at stake.

It is estimated that about 50 Congressmen are in general sympathy with the program of the Consumer Committee. Already the members have started to see key government executives to get their public support for the President's anti-inflation program and to roll back food prices. The organization of this committee provides an essential rallying point for the whole home front fight.

There is no doubt that the people will have a powerful instrumentality in the committee with which to combat the pressures of selfish and greedy interests and profiteers hell bent for higher prices no matter what the cost to the morale of the people or to the war program.

What has been done in the House should be duplicated in the Senate. But in order to make the Consumer Committee effective, the constituents must urge their representatives to join it. The Congressmen and Senators will show by their action if they are working for the people as a whole or for special interests.

Badgerland News

MILWAUKEE, WIS.—Badgers have had so many happenings in the last few weeks that it again makes it necessary for your reporter to tell you the current news.

Home on furlough were Pfc. Louis Lonker and Pfc. Anton Paulin.

Mr. and Mrs. John Debelak visited in Lincoln, Ill., and brought back their niece Francine Jereb for a visit.

Vacationing for the week-end in Chicago was Mary Poklar. Visiting Milwaukee were Arley Bozichnik and Lefty from the Pioneers.

By the way, fellow Badger member, Bro. Tony Primožič is now a real motorcycle cop. It's always nice to have a friend in the police force.

Another one of our fellow members has gone to work for the city; it is Otto Jereb who is a city fireman.

Buy a Share in America
It will cost money—lots of it—to buy the ships, planes, tanks and guns needed to defeat enemy aggressors. Our government calls on you to help—now. Do your part by buying War Stamps or Bonds every payday.

Detroit Lodge

Young Americans

DETROIT.—Sunday evening, June 27, the Young Americans held a party in honor of Bucky Wierbecki, who will soon be leaving to augment the military ranks of the nation. Bucky was the star pitcher of the Y. A. softball team. When he burned 'em in, the opposing team was usually confronted with a score of hits.

A V-mail letter from Charles Stimac was read aloud to the gang. Charles is located somewhere in North Africa.

Three of our members who are in the services, were also present at the social gathering: Pfc. Stanley Krausz, Frank Stimac and Lt. Rudy Grum.

Stan is stationed at Chickasha, Oklahoma. He melodiously revealed his accordion technique at the Omla, where he played several waltzes and polkas.

Rudy returned home, too, after he had completed his boot training at the Great Lakes Naval Training School. Upon returning, he will attend a school to earn his qualifications for electrician's mate.

Rudy Grum is the latest Young American to receive his bars. He's a navigator in the air corps, based at Walla Walla, Washington. Besides Rudy, the Young Americans have four other members who are commissioned officers—Johnny Krausz, Steve Ozanich, Joe Zrimec and Herman Koss.

It was quite warm in the hall, but all of the girls danced with Bucky. I'll bet that he won't get such a workout in the army. It was unfortunate that Detroit's temporary curfew limited the time of the party.

Larry Luketich, who was formerly the business partner of John Jane, is stationed at Ft. Knox, Kentucky. Larry is in an armored division. I hope that he's taking good care of Uncle Sam's gold.

The Y. A. meetings are held each second Friday of the month at 7:30 p. m. at 17153 John R. Come early and get in your two cents' worth.

ADOLPH KOSS, 564.

West'm'land SNPJ Fed. Meeting on July 25

HERMINIE, PA.—The Westmoreland County Federation of the SNPJ lodges will hold its next meeting on Sunday, July 25, at Claridge, Pa., starting at 2 p. m. All SNPJ lodges affiliated with the federation are urged to send their delegates to this important meeting. If you travel by bus you can get one from Jeannette to Claridge at about 12:35 p. m., just in time for the conference. In the evening you can also get a bus at Claridge leaving for Jeannette. Don't fail to have your lodge represented at this meeting on July 25 at 2 p. m.

ANTON ZORNIK, Sec'y.

SNPJ Lodge 318 Will Meet Sunday, July 11

BAGGLEY, PA.—A reminder to all active and social members of SNPJ lodge Luč Svobode 318 to attend the regular monthly meeting this Sunday, July 11, at which time will proceed further negotiations concerning the improvements on the Slovene Home at Pipetown, Pa. Due to some error we have been unavoidably detained from further developments, therefore I urge you all fellow members to be present at this most important session. It is a well-known fact that this matter is worthy of our fullest consideration and cooperation.

TERESA MATKO ARCH, Sec'y.

Solons Organize to Protect Consumers

Labor and Farmers Co-operate with House Group to War on Profiteering

More than 20 members of the House have enrolled as a committee to fight for consumers. The group was organized by Congressman Thomas E. Scanlon, who has been named chairman.

Cooperating with the committee are representatives of all branches of organized labor and the Farmers' Union.

A campaign to secure lower prices and other consumer protection was launched on June 25, at an all-day meeting at the House Caucus Room, which was expected to be attended by 150 labor representatives, an equal number of farmers and mayors from several cities.

How Canadians Talk

OTTAWA, Ont. June 30.—Over two million of Quebec province's population of 3,332,000 can speak French only. About 411,000 speak English only; 893,000 speak French and English, and 12,000 speak neither English nor French.

COMRADES' NOTE BOOK

By J. P. Fidoli, Sec'y

In the Service

CLEVELAND.—Additional boxes of candy are on the way to boys who have joined the service, since our original list. With the exception of Casimir Mack, whose address I do not have, all of them will be remembered. There are three members on this last list, to whom cards will be sent asking them to request permission to receive the candy.

Rudy Malovac's, 35511827, 13th Station, Complement Sq., new address is: APO 4824, c/o Postmaster, New York City.

Home on furlough and making the rounds recently was Seaman Max Spik, looking heavier and more handsome.

A familiar voice called last Sunday, none other than "Popeye" Modic. He only had a short time to say hello. Was ready to leave for Chicago to complete his last week's training period, then will be on the way. Requested to say "howdy" to the gang.

Vacationing

A card from Marie Stefanic, who spent a pleasant weekend in Pittsburgh. Pauline Spik, Fran Spik (how will she stand it), Marge Beljan and Mollie Koren spending this week at the Beljan temporary homestead in Michigan.

A Reminder

To pay your dues on time. Attend meetings now and then. Turn in your stubs for the Labor Day SNPJ Federation affair.

Use your liquor ration card.

Visit sick and ailing Stella Zadell.

Bring in that new member.

To proud mothers and fathers, to be sure the youngster joins the lodge.

Congratulations

As you probably know, Frank Doljackson is back in the major baseball league, with the Cleveland Indians. We wish Frank the best of luck.

Memories

Sept. 1928—New members: Sis. Kalan and M. Yannick. Transferred: Sis. Siskovic, M. Papez, F. Papez, A. Papez, Bro. J. Zagor, J. Papez, T. Papez, W. Papez, E. Bradac. Comrades announced by Heine Martin and inter-lodge baseball champions. \$25 donated to the Loyalties for their flag dedication.

Universl Comets

UNIVERSAL, PA.—Not dead but sleeping—probably is very descriptive of the present status of the Comets lodge. Fortunately for the SNPJ generally—the Comets included, of course—fraternal contacts are maintained through the medium of the Prosveta by the writings of Mike Lipesky of Verona, Rezek of Girard, Fifolt of Comrades and other faithful ones.

Heresabouts the activities of the Comets—as such—are at a low ebb. The fraternal links prevailing now consist of golfing and meeting at the Dom. There is, however, more than a spark of interest in a local branch of the SANC (Slovene American National Council) which was launched last month. Representatives of the local SNPJ, AFU and KSKJ lodges of Universal and Center were present at a meeting which elected Anton Erzen of Center as President, Paul Kokal of Universal as Secretary and Frank Schiffrer of Center as Treasurer. The same evening nearly \$50 in contributions was solicited from local Slovenes and friends. The secretary was instructed to write to the Renton lodge of the SNPJ inviting its cooperation. It was decided that further solicitations would be continued through the local Doms, and all other authorized persons. The next meeting was set for July 25 at the Center Dom. At this time reports will be made and further plans laid for the continuation of this activity.

MAX KUMER, 715.

Corporate Profits Continue to Move Up

18 Per Cent Gain Reported for First Quarter, When Wages Were Frozen

That profits are rising to unprecedented heights during a period when wages are "frozen" was brought out in shocking fashion last week by the Department of Commerce.

It reported that corporate profits—after all taxes—for the first quarter of 1943 were about 18 per cent higher than in the first quarter of 1942. If the plunge continues and there's no reason to believe it won't—corporate profits for the year will reach \$8,000,000,000—the largest on record, the Department said.

Our parting line for this week is—Don't forget to attend the meeting Sunday. ZACK CHESNICK, 589.

New York SNPJ

All Americans

BROOKLYN, N. Y.—The regular monthly meeting of the New York All Americans, SNPJ lodge 580, was held on June 18, but other than usual, we had the pleasure of having two guests, members of the supreme board, Lt. Michael Kumer, 1st Vice President of the SNPJ, from Universal, Pa., and Sgt. Raymond Travnik, 3rd district Vice-President of the SNPJ, and member of Young Americans, of Detroit, Mich. These gentlemen who are both at present stationed in different sections of Brooklyn, made the meeting very much more interesting by what they contributed in their speeches. We hope they will be able to attend our meeting again, and become acquainted with more of the New York All Americans, as well as members of the other SNPJ lodges in New York City.

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On the bright sunny Sunday of June 27, the annual outdoor picnic of Lodge 580 was held at Karl's Dee Old Homestead. The attendance was as can be expected in these days when many members are engaged in war industries, working full days on Sundays. The committee composed of Brothers Feliks Kramarsich Sr., Frank Padar, John Kirk, and Peter Fugina should be complimented on their fine management in making this another successful affair to the credit of the New York All Americans.

We were happy to see many of

the New York societies represented,

such as members of SNPJ lodges 56 and 140, and Singing societies Slovan and Domovina.

Brothers M. Kumer and R. Travnik were also with us on this day and we certainly hope they really enjoyed themselves as they said they did.

We were also happy to have with us on this day, Mr. John Mutz from Joliet, Ill., who after over fifty years has had the opportunity of getting in touch with his nephew, our Brother Ludwig Mutz.

Due to business reasons, Frank Arnez, proprietor of Astor Hall, was

not able to attend the outdoor pic-

nique and he therefore contributed five dollars which was forwarded to the secretary. Thank you, Mr. Arnez.

Even though the adult members were all out for a good time, the juveniles were not forgotten. The "Junior All Americans," Circle 50, had an outdoor party on the same day with a big cake, candy, and a few gallons of ice cream which our treasurer, Bro. George Mikolej contributed for the children. I am sure a good time was had by all.

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We are glad to welcome two new transfer members from Lodge 144 of York Run, Pa. Anna Murin and Cecilia Murin. Happy to hear Frank Suchoparski and Edward Wolf are completely recovered from their recent operations and illnesses and are both back at work again.

The New York All Americans

Branch 56 of SANC is growing steadily with seventeen members to date. Come on you All Americans, when are we going to hit that 100% mark?

The next regular monthly meet-

ing will be on Friday evening, July 16, at 8 p. m. We would like very

much to see some new faces at this

meeting. How about it, members?

In compliance with postal regula-

tions, all members sending dues or

other mail to the Secretary are re-

quested to use the postal key num-

ber, Brooklyn 27, N. Y.

JENNIE PADAR, Sec'y.

Strabane Pioneers

STRABANE, PA.—Due to the fact that our regular monthly meeting came on the Fourth of July, the meeting was held over until this Sunday, July 11, at 6:30 p. m. at the SNPJ Hall. Don't forget that our slogan for this meeting is "Every member bring another member." Let's see if we can't double last month's attendance.

Our softball team is still plodding along, but remember that old story about the race between the tortoise and the hare and the surprise ending. Our boys may be slow getting started, but they will finish up

Our Front

By Louis Berger

All indications are that the invasion of Europe is not far off. Continued bombings on Axis-held territory and intensive preparations on sea and land certainly point to an early assault on a number of places. The "softening" of invasion points will prepare the way in Italy, the Balkans and on the French coast. At any rate, Yugoslavia is destined to be one of the main theaters of invasion and it is likely that our enslaved brothers in Slovenia will be liberated before winter sets in.

This may sound over-optimistic, but recent events show clearly that all this is likely to happen within the next few months. The power of the Axis is rapidly dwindling and Italy is exposed to invasion at any moment. On the Russian front the absence of a "real" Nazi summer campaign only adds to this conjecturing. Unquestionably, the time for the blow against the Nazi-Fascists cannot be distant now. Would that the expected invasion would come with such overwhelming force that the Axis would crumble with the minimum of lives lost from the time the actual offensive starts until it is accomplished.

In recent weeks various postwar plans have been suggested in Congress. One of the latest of these is a proposal made by Congressman James W. Fulbright, a young first-termer from Arkansas. His proposal commits Congress to "the creation of appropriate machinery, with power to establish and maintain a just and lasting peace, and favoring United States participation therein." It is interesting to know that the resolution has been unanimously reported by the House Foreign Affairs Committee and before long will be brought on the floor for consideration.

Simultaneously, another, more specific proposal has originated in the Senate, where several Senators are pushing a resolution asking this government to take the lead in forming a "United Nations organization," not only to prosecute the war, but to establish machinery for peaceful settlements of disputes between nations and to create a military force to put down future attempts of aggression. No doubt, a great deal of oratory will echo through both chambers of Congress before action is taken on these or any similar proposals.

It is not unreasonable to expect that the argument will follow the lines of the now-defunct League of Nations debate of nearly a quarter of a century ago. It is expected that any suggestion that this nation becomes a part of anything resembling a "world state" will be energetically combatted. For there is still a large number of influential isolationists in Congress as well as in the country where they dominate the isolationist press.

Bro. Oscar B. Godina Is Now a Lieutenant

Brother Oscar B. Godina, a former president of the Pioneers, SNPJ Lodge 559, and son of the Manager of SNPJ publications, was recently graduated from the Army Officers' Training School at the University of Florida at Gainesville, Fla., with the rank of 2nd Lieutenant. Brother Godina entered the service April 8, 1942, and was stationed at Ft. Knox, Ky., where he was promoted from Private to Sergeant in rapid succession. On April 8 of this year he entered the training school and in less than three months received his present commission. Lieut. Godina will now be stationed at Camp McCoy, Wis. Congratulations and best wishes for continued success.

What Price Accidents?

The death rate in the United States is not rising despite war strains, according to a recent report of the Public Health Service which declared the rate began going up last September. Shortly thereafter the rate reached a plateau 8 to 10 per cent above the average for the past three years—and there it has stayed ever since. In 90 of the nation's largest cities during the first 16 weeks of 1943, exactly 160,113 people died compared with 146,156 in the same period in 1942—an increase of nine and one half per cent.

The high death rates, even though they are not increasing, are hard to explain. Health officials point out that deaths from pneumonia and infantile paralysis are increasing. The Metropolitan Life Insurance company reports that death from this cause while low compared with pre-1941 rates, were 21 per cent higher than during the first quarter in 1942. Deaths from diabetes, cerebral hemorrhage and heart disease were up, while the percentage of those dying from tuberculosis is steadily decreasing.

The Metropolitan Life Insurance company found that fatal accidents in U. S. homes have increased at an alarming rate. The National Safety Council reported last month that while U. S. armed forces have lost 12,123 dead since Pearl Harbor, on the home front accidental losses totalled 128,000, of which 64,000 were factory workers on their jobs.

Juvenile Circles

Juvenile Circle No. 28 Planning Picnic on July 18

ROUNDUP, MONT.—The regular monthly meeting of Circle No. 28, the Junior Harmonizers, was held on Sunday, June 13. Eddie Helderman acted as vice president and William Meznaric as sergeant-at-arms. The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as read.

We have \$24.82 in our Circle treasury. Work on our scrapbook is progressing nicely. President Albeno Finco was absent due to illness. It was decided to hold a picnic on July 18 at Klien Springs starting at 12:30 o'clock, weather permitting. Richard Lekse, Joan Finco and Natalie Glotch are on the food committee; Frank Lekse, Rose Marie Lucas and Charles Maris, game committee. Marie Marisovich and Kathleen Hilderman were to write to the Mladinski List. Charles Maris made perfect attendance.

It was further decided to hold our next meeting at the picnic on July 18. Kathleen Hilderman was to report at the next adult lodge meeting.

FRANK LEKSE, Sec'y.

Sec'y of Circle No. 7 Thanking SNPJ for War Stamp

GIRARD, O.—I want to thank the SNPJ very sincerely for the war stamp and letter I received recently for contributing to the Mladinski List. I was very happy that I was one of the 48 to be chosen for this award. I know all the other members who were so chosen were just as happy as I was. I'll keep doing my best in the future.

HERMINA PERECHLIN, Sec'y.

(Editor's Note: Because of insufficient address your letter postmarked June 26 at 1 p.m. reached us June 30 at 2 p.m., too late for last week's paper. We trust that the skating party announced there for July 7 was a success.)

Dawn of Youth Juvenile Circle Summer Activities

GIRARD, OHIO.—At the June meeting of Circle "Dawn of Youth" plans for activities during the summer vacation were discussed. We had a good attendance, considering the vacations and other amusements young people usually indulge in during vacation days.

All members were enthusiastic about having another skating party held on July 7 at the Avon Park Roller Rink. All members and their friends were urged to attend. We know that you enjoyed yourself immensely; the floor is spacious and you are able to glide about at ease.

We shall have an outing at our own Liberty Park sometime in August. Remembering our wonderful time at our outing last summer, we should look forward to having a very nice afternoon of enjoyment this year. Swimming, baseball, other sports and contests, together with refreshments will probably constitute the program of the day.

I should like to call a meeting of the program committee, consisting of Joe Leskovec, Gilbert Robbel, Freeman Hake, Dorothy Muster, Hermina Perechlin and Clara Michelich. Will these members please meet me at John Kosin's place on July 12, immediately after the chorus practice. Please make note of that!

The boys will probably continue their baseball games. They have a good team and have made a nice showing of themselves so far. Remember that our contest starts this month. It will continue until December, when the winner will be determined. One can earn points

for himself by attending the meetings faithfully for the next six months. Make it a point to be hand at all the meetings; you will help yourself, not only in the contest, but intellectually, also.

Look through your old bills, cupboards, and closets, to see if you can find some discarded sales tax stamps. Bring these to the secretary and receive credit for them.

Try to get a friend you know to join our organization. Your friend will thank you for telling him or her about the SNPJ and you will have earned some more points in the contest.

Pictures of Circle members are wanted; they are easy to obtain and pay well in the contest.

Credit is also given for your participation in writing articles to the M. L. and the Prosvera.

Probably all of these can be classified under the heading of "Cooperation" in Circle activities. These, together with participation in the chorus, acting willingly on a committee, and taking an active part in all other Circle activities, will be classified as cooperation and you will be awarded points accordingly.

Let us get enthusiastic about this contest and begin today to work for the grand prize. It will be worth your while to keep a keen interest in the competition.

Perhaps our Circle shall have a program of some sort in the fall. We shall need the support of every member to make such a program a success. If the chorus will be well attended during the coming weeks our program will be centered about the chorus. Try to attend the practices as regularly as possible, as every time you are absent you have missed something important and are not as far advanced as those who attend regularly. If you want a program, show us by your enthusiasm in the practices.

We had our insurance and bank awards with Marjorie Jones the lucky winner of the former and Edward Russ being called for the latter, but unfortunately being absent from the meeting.

Don't forget the meeting each 3rd Sunday of the month.

IRENE ROVAN, Pres.

Sound Advice to American Doctors

The Washington Star notes with approval a statement by Dr. T. C. Routley, general secretary of the Canadian Medical Association:

"Health insurance is around the corner—in people's minds. They want it. Inevitably it will come," according to "Labor."

Dr. Routley urges his fellow members of the medical profession to assist in perfecting the legislation now before Parliament. Such cooperation, he argues, will assure the doctors fair treatment.

The "Star" expresses the belief that health insurance is just as popular in the United States as in Canada, and it urges American physicians to follow the example of their Canadian brothers.

That would seem to be the sensible course, but unfortunately, many of the leaders of the American Medical Association, headed by the highly vocal Dr. Fishbein, seem prepared to bitterly oppose any step in the direction of what they scornfully describe as "socialized medicine." It is to be hoped that wiser counsels will prevail. No one wants to hurt the doctors, but the American people need better medical care and they are going to get it.

The boys will probably continue their baseball games. They have a good team and have made a nice showing of themselves so far.

Remember that our contest starts this month. It will continue until December, when the winner will be determined. One can earn points

for the wells of knowledge."

Labor.

To be seventy years young is sometimes far more cheerful and hopeful than to be forty years old.

—Oliver Wendell Holmes.

John Bent

John Bent</p

Your Dollar

By CONSUMERS UNION

Coffee and Cacao

Stocks of coffee are beginning to show signs of improvement.

Coffee imports last month exceeded consumption by an estimated 45 million pounds and will be on the plus side again this month. Stocks are up more than 25% from the low point of last November, though inventories are still way below peacetime normal. Although the ration period may be shortened still further, there is no prospect of an early return to pre-war consumption levels.

To date more cacao has been imported in 1943 than during the entire year of 1942, but supplies are still low in relation to demand. Cacao manufacturers are limited to 60% of their 1941 output for civilian use.

Vacation Notes

Vacationists at Summer hotels and boarding houses serving fewer than 50 guests must provide their own ration points. You do not need ration points at resorts which accommodate 50 guests or more. Since OPA might change the rules, better play safe by taking your ration books along regardless of whether you will stay at a large or small resort.

Victory gardens will be an attraction at many New England resorts, guest houses and farm boarding houses. In the Eastern Adirondacks most of the large resort hotels have gardening instructors on their staffs. They will conduct classes in vegetable raising and home canning. Victory plots will be assigned to hotel guests and prizes will be awarded for the best gardens.

Summer cottage rents are soaring. The New York Times says, "Late reports from Nassau County beaches indicate that cottages are being rented at what would have been called fabulous prices a few years ago." The same thing seems to be happening in other areas close to metropolitan centers. As Bread & Butter warned last Spring, OPA's removal of rent ceilings from Summer cottages is an open invitation for gougers to go to work on families deprived of normal vacation outlets because of gasoline and transportation shortages.

Warlike Candy

Because of wartime shortages, new ingredients are going into commercial candies. In some cases these new materials have nutritive value which pre-war sweets lacked. Some of the substitutes are already widely used. Soy bean protein is serving as a replacement for egg white and soy and peanut oils for coconut oil. A nourishing substance similar to cacao powder is made from roasted barley, wheat flour, edible oils and imitation chocolate flavor.

Some substitutes are still in the experimental stage. Nuggets of whole wheat are being considered as a substitute for scarce nutsmeats. Seaweed yields a gelatin-like substance which can be used for gum-drops.

The scarcity of candy results from the shortages of sugar and chocolate and to some extent also of containers. About eighteen pounds of candy per year is included in Army rations for each man. Flying crews take chocolate into upper altitudes where lack of oxygen makes many other foods indigestible.

Shoe Stampede

Shoe Stampede 17 has expired. Its demise was marked by an unprecedented buying stampede in all parts of the country. Retail stocks of all types of shoes were sadly depleted, especially in top grade lines, and it will take weeks to restock.

A trade survey of shoe sales since rationing began February 7 showed a definite trend toward purchase of the more serviceable types of shoes, with increasing sales of women's walking shoes. As was expected there has been a swing toward higher priced footwear.

Despite the spectacular last-minute rush to use up Stamp 17, the saving of critical leathers, rubber and manpower as a result of the rationing of shoes during the February 7-June 16 period is estimated at around 20% compared with the same period last year.

Price Volunteers

While most communities are still recruiting, training or planning to organize price panels and price volunteers, Milwaukee has a full system of price panels functioning in its local price and ration boards. The Wisconsin OPA started organizing price volunteers in Milwaukee in mid-March, at the time Price Administrator Brown first called for them—a call which was disregarded in most areas.

Every price panel has two labor representatives, one consumer representative, one professional man and one business man. Each panel is aided by a group of trained price volunteers. The volunteers devote about three hours a week to the work and check five stores each. They were recruited from trade unions, union auxiliaries, parent-teacher and other community organizations.

The Wisconsin price panels have not waited for consumer complaints. The first job of the volunteers was to deliver and explain OPA regulations to the retail stores. Their second job, now in progress, is to check selling prices against ceiling prices set by OPA, on a list of 13 representative foods. Merchants who don't comply with price ceilings are visited by the price panel or brought before it for a call-down. The panel usually gets compliance. If the merchant is stubborn, the case is referred to OPA.

OPA gets help from the city of Milwaukee, too. By unanimous vote, the Common Council there has directed its Police, Health and Weights and Measures Departments to cooperate with OPA. The Weights and Measures Department is empowered to prosecute violators. This provides some aid from a staff of 1,250, mostly policemen for OPA's staff of 33. At the same time, the Council called on OPA to enlarge its own staff in Milwaukee.

Stowaway

This from a London paper: An inspector, boarding a bus, was astounded to find the conductor sitting at ease, smoking, while a flushed passenger was dashing about collecting fares.

"What do you think you're doing?" he roared; "sitting there and a passenger doing your work."

"That's O. K.", said the conductor, an ex-seaman. "He's a stowaway I found on board, and as he can't pay his fare, I'm making him work his passage."

Supply and Demand

"Does young Bilkins have much earning capacity?"

"Considerable; but it doesn't begin to keep up with his wife's yearning capacity."

Quite True

Not all people who use the touch system operate typewriters.

Signs

A wedding carriage was seen driving through the streets of London the other morning. Inscribed in chalk on the back were the words, "Result of Careless Talk."

Blessed are the horny hands of toil. —James Russell Lowell.

Nothing ages like laziness. —Bulwer.