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St. Vitus Alumni Names 1998 Inductees

The St. Vitus Alumni's Annual Hall of Fame event will again be held on the last Sunday in October, this year on the 25th.

Selected and accepting this honor are:

Rev. Fr. Francis Rebol from the class of 1941 who has served 50 years as a Missionary in Taiwan where he organized several parishes and the building of many schools and hospitals.

Rev. Fr. Frank Godic, class of 1961. He is a former chaplain at St. Alexis Hospital, now at St. Michael's and is responsible for the chaplains in our diocese. He is serving at present as administrator for St. Lawrence parish in Cleveland.

Fred Krizman, year 1931, studied law and lectured at many colleges. At present he is compiling a book on nursing homes where he has been an outstanding Administrator caring for the elderly with love and compassion.

Selected posthumously was Judge **Frank Lavrich** year 1938. He is well remembered for his many activities in his youth at our St. Vitus parish. He was also a highly respected judge for juveniles in Chardon, Ohio where he served for 38 years.

His widow, Mrs. Lavrich, was elated and grateful to have him remembered and bestowed into the St. Vitus Alumni Hall of Fame.

Congratulations to the Nominating Chairman, Al Koporc, and his committee on their selections.

They are all special people who deserve to be recognized for their many achievements through the years.

--Frances Nemanich

Thanks

Through the power of all your prayers and loving concern for me, my surgery was successful. My heart overflows with sincere gratitude to everyone who remembered me with Masses, Votive Lights, Healing Prayer Cards and Get Well cards of lovely verses for a quick recovery. Also the fruit basket and floral arrangements that brightened my hospital room, as did your visits.

Complete recovery will take time and patience.

I value your friendship and know you will understand and accept this public announcement of appreciation. Individual thank you cards would be impossible!

God bless you all for your compassion.

--Fran Nemanich
and Family

Tale of the Cross River Journey

Against the advice of the Ojibwe Indians at La Pointe on Madeline Island, Father Frederic Baraga set out in the 1840s in a small rowboat fitted with a mast and sail to cross Lake Superior to visit Grand Portage.

Baraga figured taking a short cut across the lake would save him three to five days of travel.

On a calm day, Baraga and a guide left Sand Island, one of the Apostle Islands. Part way across the lake, a strong west wind kicked up a fury of waves.

The guide called out to Baraga that he feared they would die. Baraga, occupied with his prayers, looked up and reassured him that God wouldn't let that happen.

--Duluth News-Tribune

The storm continued for the rest of their journey. When the guide spotted land, he saw an even greater danger of trying to land the boat amid crashing waves.

He asked Baraga where he should land the boat. Without looking up, Baraga told him to land straight ahead.

The battered craft made its way through the waves and landed safely at the mouth of an unnamed river. In gratitude for being delivered safely, the two men erected a crude wooden cross.

A granite cross has long since replaced the wooden one and still can be seen at Cross River near Schroeder.



Left to right: Father Frank Perkovich (with relative), Tony Petkovsek, Joey Miskulin, and Lou Trebar enjoy a favorite song in beautiful Slovenia.

European Polka Tour with Slovenian All Stars

By Tony Petkovsek

It was a fun time from June 29 through July 10 in Austria, a Czech town, and select Slovene sites as close to 60 Americans from 16 states had a good time on Kollander Travel's All Star Polka tour, marking the 75th anniversary of the Cleveland-based agency.

The hosts included Nashville's Joey Miskulin, who is currently best known for his country-western playing, but also is a lifetime achiever in polka music. The long time featured "waltz king" of the Pecon band, Lou Trebar, really wowed them in Vienna and on the blue Danube river cruise. A unique site, if you can picture it, was the half-nude women tanning themselves along the banks of the Danube!

Jeff Pecon was forced to return home unexpectedly following the death of his ailing 83-year-old mother in Cleveland.

From Austrian music artists to some of the *best* in Slovenia, tour participants were treated to special evenings with Slavko Avsenik, Lojze Slak, Alfi Nipic, and the young button box whiz from Stajersko, Toni Sotasek. In between there was time for a brewery tour in the original Budweiser firm in Budvar - the Czech Republic.

In our two meetings with Lojze Slak he says that he'll be commemorating the 35th anniversary of his ensemble in 1999. His '98 release of "Mama" is an excellent recording featuring many guest vocalists including pop vocalist Oto Prestner. He would like for our Kollander polka tour in '99 to be a part of his celebration.

Slavko Avsenik will travel to Vancouver BC on August 28 for a concert appearance with the Gasperji Ensemble, the same group which appears every Wednesday at his tavern-restaurant in Begunje (Gorensko) region of Slovenia. We rate the Jozucco (Joseph) Avsenik restaurant as the best, especially for its ambiance, great service, and super entertainment. Austrian and German guests occasion the pub regularly.

One of the real highlights was from Minnesota tour host, Father Frank Perkovich, who presented his most popular rendition of his famous Polka Mass for the first time in Slovenia. With logistical arrangements by the Immigrants Society (Slovenska Izseljenska Matica), the historic Mass was held on July 5 at 10 a.m. in the Assumption church in Novi Stifta and attended by a record thousand people. As part of the 4th of July weekend reunion festival in the Dolenjsko region, the news-

worthy event was covered by radio and TV reporters and made the front page of the country's largest newspaper, Delo.

Accompanied by American accordionists, Miskulin and Trebar, the Mass was sung with its popular English lyrics by members of the tour group interspersed with the touching and rich Slovenian hymns by the local natives. Outside the village Church after the Mass, the American polka tourists intermingled in good fellowship with the Slovenians under two linden trees that were some 400 years old.

Meanwhile the festive entertainment at the main site in the town of Ribnica was totally curtailed by a constant downpour throughout the remainder of the day. Another Mass was also celebrated by Bishop Rode of Ljubljana in the town's St. Stefan Church with colorful-costumed Slovenian folks participating. At a brief speakers program with hundreds of umbrella carrying spectators in front of the platform, the Bishop spoke as well as many distinguished guests including Vice President Marijan Podobnik. Our American tourists had moved to a dry retreat on the second floor of the Mihelic gostilna (tavern) where many relatives of our tourists held grand and memorable reunions.



One solved mystery:
Last week we thanked the mysterious person who baked the delicious banana cake with white frosting and multi-colored sprinkles for the St. Vitus parish picnic on Sunday, July 19 at Slovenska Pristava. The ink was hardly dry on the paper last Thursday when we received a telephone call from Emilee Jenko who said she baked the cake.

Emilee is the expert hair-stylist on St. Clair who also works at the St. Clair Business Association office. She is a multi-talented young lady indeed. Thanks, Emilee; and don't be a stranger.

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Also, thanks to Bill Majerle of San Jose, California for pointing out that earlier this year when I wished everyone a "Happy Easter with plenty of klobasa," I should have said "klobase." This is because klobase is more than one klobasa. On the other hand how does he know that being somewhat health conscious and realizing that having more than one klobasa could do your intestines not much good as opposed to wishing you eat a bunch of klobase and thereby get klobase-itis (that is from eating say a dozen klobasa from a whole bundle of klobase).

On the other hand many of my (non-Slovenian) friends pronounce klobase as koolbase to distinguish it from hot-base (that last half word is not base such as in baseball but baaa-see). At Easter time nothing tastes so good as a klobasa or klobase (depending on whether the cook made more than one).

It's a good thing I didn't wish everyone a Happy 4th of July with plenty of hot dogs. Bill probably wouldn't like that because those little Slovenian tube-steaks are of

German origin of which Bill seems to have an aversion. Every true-blue American knows that a hog-dog is a frank. Everyone except those who used to sell the item at Coney Island of which the Chamber of Commerce banned the use of the word hot dog and consequently were required to call the very same food a *Coney Island*, which we all realize is a frankfurter.

I don't know what the Slovenian word for the tasty morsel is, but Rudy Flis and his pal Father George Balasko spend some of their happiest moments together consuming the product at the Hot Dog Place around Youngstown, Ohio.

However, Frankfurter is a German word because it was named after Frankfurt, Germany where it was first made. The name was derived from "ford of the Franks," the place from which the Franks set out on their raids. It was brought to St. Louis in 1880 by Antoine Feuchtwanger, an immigrant from Frankfurt. At baseball games, the concessionaire hollers out, "Get your red hots here," which frankly, are franks. (The Franks are the French who were originally German who wouldn't be caught dead eating a frank.)

On a recent Friday Slovenian National Home president Bob Hopkins cooked some Bratwurst on the grill and they were absolutely one of the most tasty treats I have ever consumed, much better than klobase(a) (whichever).

But no matter what you call them, I wish everyone a happy time consuming the pork-stuffed and garlicky links expertly made by our Slovenian butchers. -- Mr. Majerle, come to Slovenska Pristava some time during the summer and enjoy a freshly cooked klobasa or klobase depending on your appetite and I know you'll enjoy every bite, and the rest of us will relish it too, because the vast outdoors causes the pungent aroma to easily dissipate among the

100 WORDS MORE OR LESS

by
John Mercina

The following was received from an unidentified reader:
"SIGNS THAT YOU ARE NO LONGER A KID"
(or that we are getting old)

- You're asleep, but others worry that you're dead.
- Your back goes out more than you do.
- You quit holding your stomach in, no matter whom you meet.
- You are proud of your lawn mower.
- Your arms are too short to read American Home.
- You sing along with the elevator music.
- You constantly talk about the price of gasoline.
- You enjoy hearing about other people's operation.
- You no longer think of speed limits as a challenge.
- You have a dream about prunes.
- You answer a question with, "Because I said so!"
- You wear black socks with sandals.
- Your ears are hairier than your head.
- You get into a heated argument about pension plans.
- You have a party and the neighbors don't even realize it.
- Neighbors borrow your tools.
- You talk about "good grass" when you mean the lawn.

DO YOU HAVE A FAVORITE SIGN OF OLD AGE?

Please send to: John Mercina
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Cleveland, Oh 44199



shifting, whispering pines.

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Some readers are really on the ball. We now have four correct entries in the contest which asks the question, "Which country uses the designation CH?" All entries must be postmarked or faxed or e-mailed to Jim's Journal by July 31. From all the correct answers we'll select one which will receive a full year's extension of your American Home subscription. Do you know? Do you know how to find out? Are Slovenians the smartest people in the world? You betcha.

*
On we go now on Sunday, June 28 with our travels through Sonoma and Napa Valley of California which can easily be described as God's country.

The scenery is absolutely beautiful with rolling hills and valleys and grapes growing everywhere.

We stopped at the Sterling Vineyards for a tour of the winery and some *vino* sampling.

As we passed through St. Helena, Madeline and I looked for our subscriber Marion Bowers' vineyards,

but the coach whizzed by too fast.

Our destination for lunch was the Brava Terrace in St. Helena, California. There we had one of our best tasting meals on the trip. Everyone gained a pound that day.

But the desserts - oh my, they were something special. We had a warm chocolate soufflé cake served with Napa Valley Ovens Carmel ice cream. It was so tasty, and the presentation of chocolate flakes surrounded by wild raspberries was so exquisite, Madeline went into the kitchen to compliment the chef.

Ann Bajc enjoyed the cole slaw so much, she also entered the kitchen seeking the recipe. All this bountiful food and it was only our first full day on the tour.

The bus then drove past C.I.A. headquarters where they teach people how to prepare and present magnificent meals. It's called the Culinary Institute of America.

Later that day we drove toward Sacramento, the state capitol, and visited the magnificent railroad museum in the old town. Many restored old railroad engines and cars

are on display there.

Our hotel that evening was the Hyatt Regency in Sacramento where we had dinner with Vic and Ann Bajc, formerly from Fairport Harbor, Ohio.

After the meal we walked around the downtown area and the park in front of our hotel. They had a wonderful Vietnam War Memorial in the park dedicated to all the Californians who fought in Vietnam with each name inscribed in stone.

Next: Yosemite National Park.

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What do you call a male deer who is crazy about a female deer?

You call him a doe nut.

Never curse the crocodile's mother before crossing the river." --Mercina



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Remembering the 'King of the Cowboys'

By Rudy Flis

A few weeks past, the singing cowboy, Roy Rogers galloped into eternity. In his lifetime, he was a fine man, and an excellent example to the kids who idolized him. Because of his good life on earth, I figure God let Roy ride his faithful horse, Trigger, one last time, and that is how Roy was able to gallop into eternity.

The Lone Ranger was my kind of cowboy. Singing cowboys didn't impress me. So why bring up Roy Rogers?

Roy Rogers was the idol of my wife, Therese. During her grade school years any Sunday Roy Rogers was on the silver screen at the "Norvel" show on Cleveland's west side, Theresa was there.

To this day, Therese believes Roy Rogers and his wife, Dale Evans, were a great couple, an example of a lasting marriage we all admire.

I think it was for Therese's birthday, I purchased the Roy Rogers al-

bum, "A Man from Duck Run." It was supposed to be a joke gift. My wife was surprised and she enjoyed hearing Roy Rogers sing to her one more time, just as he did so many years ago at the Norvel Theater. Another surprise - I enjoyed Roy's album also. There was one song on the album I could not hear often enough. Its title is "Happy Anniversary." Its beautiful words and thoughts are of love, marriage and commitment. It spans the lifetime of a couple in love, from wedding day to their twilight years. It is a beautiful song, almost a waltz. "Happy Anniversary" fits rights in with my tapes of polkas and waltzes.

Therese and I are working on winning a ride through the pearly gates of heaven. If we are successful, and we find that Roy Rogers also made it, guess what? On our anniversary I will approach the singing cowboy and ask, "Roy would you sing just one more time that wonderful song Happy Anniversary?" When you hear Roy sing it to Therese, then you will know the meaning of a truly happy anniversary.

E. 185th Festival Celebrates 20th

Northeast Shores Development Corporation presents the 20th Annual East 185th Street Festival. This family event will be held from July 29 - August 2nd, directly on E. 185th Street between Pawnee and Chickasaw and on the grounds of the O.H. Perry Elementary School, just North of I-90. The festival is held each year to raise money for Northeast Shores and other area non-profit organizations as well as celebrate the neighborhood.

There is something for everyone at this neighborhood festival that is attended by over 250,000 people each year. The Festival features over 100 food vendors selling a wide array of ethnic and specialty food items,

ATTENTION SLOVENIAN ARTISANS

SLOVENSKA PRISTAVA is having their annual Wine Festival on the 20th of September and will also be holding a Slovenian hand crafters bazaar.

Anyone interested in selling their hand made items please call Anne at 440-256-1559.

Handcrafting is becoming a lost art, and persons buying your Slovenian crafts will be appreciative of your talents. In addition, there will be a bake sale if you wish to donate your baked goods.



Governor Jim Edgar honors
ETHNIC LANGUAGE SCHOOLS

JAMES R. THOMPSON CENTER

CHICAGO, IL - Governor Jim Edgar sponsored a reception in honor of Ethnic Language Schools at the James R. Thompson Center. Over 100 schools, representing 30 ethnic communities, received the Governor's award for their dedication and commitment as an Ethnic Language School.

Pictured left to right: Donna Mulcahy Fitts, Executive Director, Office of the Governor; Julie Lavoie, Principal, Slomšek Slovenian School; and Pat Michalski, Assistant to the Governor for Ethnic Affairs.

Latest News from the Euclid Pensioners

The "dog days" of summer are upon us and many of our Euclid Pensioner members are away on short trips and vacations. It is likely that more seniors than non-seniors are traveling because the lucky retirees don't have to worry about jobs and children, and are freer to come and go as they please. Just one of the benefits of age!

Because the Pensioners know so many of our members will be involved in other activities, we have decided not to have a meeting in August. We will have our usual meeting the first Wednesday in September, September 2, and our Poor Man's Reverse Raffle at our October meeting, October 7. Remember -- no meeting in August.

Our annual picnic on July 15 was a great success. The breaded pork chop dinner was one of the best, and the music by Joe Samsa and Friends never sounded better as was evidenced by the large number of dancers on the floor. Besides, the angels were looking down upon us and saw that we all were

seated and eating before the heavens let loose with a tremendous rainstorm complete with lightning and thunder.

The unbelievably heavy rain came straight down in buckets for quite a while and then let up soon after we finished eating and the band started playing. I was so glad that my garden at home was getting a good watering, and to my surprise, here in Wickliffe, we didn't get a drop. The storm must have been a very localized one.

We are told that in order to stay healthy, we must exercise. But just the mention of the word "exercise" is unacceptable to some people. You might as well tell them to jump in the lake as to tell them to exercise. Did you look at the dance floor at our picnic and see all those happy dancers? Some of them at first glance seem barely able to walk, but when they get on the dance floor, look out. Dancing is wonderful exercise - oops, I almost put a stigma on dancing by calling it exercise - and many people who abhor exercise dance the entire time. What a way to get a workout, and at the same time do something that makes us feel joyous. Let's all get out there, even for a dance or two, and see how much better we feel, physically and spiritually.

Our October meeting hosts our annual Poor Man's Reverse Raffle, our only fund-raiser which helps to pay our monthly meeting rent. The raffle will be held on Wednesday, October 7, starting at 1 p.m. at the Slovenian Society Home in Euclid. A \$10 donation will give you the opportunity to

take home part of the \$800 in prizes awarded, and also entitles you to complementary delicious food and a beverage. Only 200 tickets will be sold, so get your tickets early by calling Mary Sterle at 216-481-9418 or Pat Habat at 440-943-3623. Last year this event was sold out and everyone raved about the food and the happy music provided by our members.

Our sympathies go out to the families and friends of our recently deceased members Ann Kerzic, Julia Milner, Ann Cetina, Anthony Drenik, and Cecelia Klaner. We also lost one of our loyal supporters, Bob Cigoy, husband of generous and hard-working member, Marge. Our special condolences are sent to Marge and the family.

We need you. No matter what organization you belong to, it needs your help and support. Give freely of yourself and contribute to the success of the group, especially the Pensioners. Come to our meetings the first Wednesday of every month (not August) at 1 p.m. at the Slovenian Society Home on Recher Avenue and see what you can do to be a more active member of the Pensioners.

--Patricia A. Habat
Recording Secretary

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4 Bermuda Cruise Offers Slovenian Hospitality

By Nada S. Arnold
Special to American Home

Charleston, SC - So what do you want to hear about first? Spotting Leonardo DiCaprio on board? Or Boris from the vicinity of Novo Mesto, Slovenia?

Well, I was so agog about boarding the ship *Horizon* direct from Charleston, and still fantasizing about the movie "Titanic," that I swear I saw a movie star in a navy blazer and khaki slacks as we pulled away from the dock. Well, maybe not DiCaprio - but surely Tom Hanks.

It would be two nights aboard a sleek floating hotel, with fabulous rooms, entertainment and food (and lots of bingo and gambling for the addicted) before we would spot Bermuda, our destination. And the elegantly clothed film somebody or other would metamorphose into, er, the cruise director from Australia. (Well, close.) I'll tell you about our Slovenian waiter, Boris, in a bit. But first, Bermuda.

Strategically located, Bermuda has several connections with Charleston during Civil War blockade running, but owes a special debt to the U.S. defense during WWII, and subsequent tourism livelihood.

An impressive display at Dockyard (the country's westernmost fort and our docking area) credits the U.S. Army with building airstrips and dredging the harbors that enable planes and cruise ships to disgorge millions of passengers each year.

During the four-day docking, ours was one of four cruise ships in town, swelling the local population by three or four thousand tourists and clogging the narrow arteries of Hamilton and St. George. There was standing-room-only for inhabitants on buses and ferries, the main means of transport short of private cars and mopeds. And as a newcomer unaccustomed to left-side driving, I wouldn't bet on a moped or bicycle on those narrow, curving lanes.

Maybe that's why, except for a few bankers - full dress from the hip up in colorful Brooks Brothers attire, and dapper in iron-pleat Bermuda shorts and dressy knee socks - nary an old British descendant in sight.

The necklace of islands that make up Bermuda, although only 22 miles across, require two buses and 2.5 hours to traverse. Thus the 90 minutes at the eastern-

most tip, St. George allowed a peek at boutiques and some coffee on the historic old square (where others see reenactments like dunking, each noon). Would that we had visited the Confederate Museum, where fellow shipmates got new insights into blockade runners.

Shopping was less interesting since most goods are U.S. imports at a 50 percent markup. And we never got a close-up look at the famous pink-sand beaches, rosstones reflecting crushed coral and tiny-shelled Foraminifera. Bottled sand at \$1.00 doesn't count. We did have an unexpected bonus: as our bus crossed several bridges, schools of bright blue angel fish danced through the clearest of turquoise waters.

Our two personal touring favorites, alone worth another trip to Bermuda, were the botanical gardens and the museums at the Royal Naval Dockyard

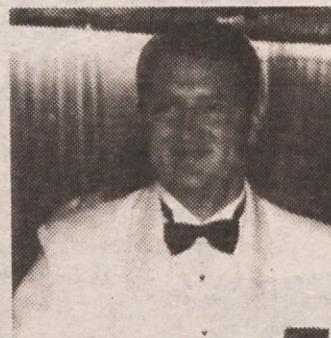
At the Bermuda Botanical Gardens in Hamilton, make sure you take the tour (every Wednesday and Friday, 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.) with docent Annette St. Pierre. Her informed running commentary introduced us to native plants and favorite recipes (arrowroot, cassava, carob, paw-paw, and Bermuda onion), the experimental gardens (18-inch corn stalks with mature ears of corn), exotic trees like the imposing, scarlet-flowered Poinciana, some Bermuda Cedars, loquats, and allspice, and the perfumed blooms of the Natale shrub. Birds, butterflies and colorful bulb flowers completed the fantasy.

At tour's end, one is invited into the richly-carved interiors of Camden House, the official residence of Bermuda's premier.

The Royal Naval Dockyard, across from our dock, houses five museum buildings that trace hundreds of years of maritime development - from the age of exploration through commerce and war. You don't have to be a veteran or sailing buff to appreciate the research, rigors and drama invested in this singular life-style.

A partially restored Commissioner's House documents U.S. military contributions to Bermuda, and architectural drawings reflect excavations of five other forts on the islands.

Elsewhere in Hamilton, at the Bermuda National Gallery, hangs a bizarre reminder of the once pervasive British presence - a portrait of Elizabeth II with gnarled,



brown hands. The Bermuda Historical Society Museum offers more ship-related artifacts and rare memorabilia from the foreshortened investiture of the late Duke of Windsor.

Evenings we would dine on ship, on French-type appetizers and seafood or steak entrees served with efficient flourish by primarily European waiters. Ours was Boris Zlogar of Slovenia. My husband, Bill, thinks I offered an extra tip because he was Slovenian, but mealtimes are the focal point and a waiter can make or break the experience. Boris got 10 stars for service.

He is 26, has been with Celebrity for four years, and is so popular with female employees that the other waiters (three more from Slovenia, others from Romania, Poland, Turkey, etc.) are all jealous. But shipboard life with full-speed work schedules eventually wears thin so look for him in Metlka (Southwest of Novo Mesto) where the family has a vineyard and he hopes to open a restaurant one day.

In the meantime, I think Cleveland Slovenes should take a Celebrity Cruise on the ship "Horizon" through October of this year - that's Boris' ship. When you book first or second dinner seating with the maître'd, ask him to assign you to Boris Zlogar's table (there may be more than one Boris), enjoy the service and tip him well.

Check with your travel agent regarding East Coast sailings this summer, including Charleston to Bermuda on October 18. For extra savings - as much as half price - our table mates suggest asking a few months before sailing date, for the "run of the ship" fare.

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State Department Officials Seek Broader Public Interest in U.S. Foreign Policy

Rudolph M. Susel

(Part III)

Our series of meetings with top State Department officials on Tuesday afternoon, June 16, also included a discussion of refugees and migration in the 21st century, by Alan Kreczko, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Population, Refugees and Migration. He spoke of the problems caused by millions of refugees around the world, with specific examples.

Of special interest were the remarks of Dennis Ross, who is Special Middle East Coordinator. He described efforts toward peace in the Middle East, with particular emphasis on the negotiations between Israel and the PLO. Mr. Ross was rather pessimistic on this matter, as the talks are stalemated on vital points with no apparent way to get them moving again.

My question to Mr. Ross had to do with possible successors to PLO leader Arafat. I noted that there was a broad range of Israeli leaders with whom the American public was familiar, but that on the PLO or Palestinian side there seemed to be only Arafat. If something were to happen to him, I asked, with whom would the U.S. and Israelis be talking?

Mr. Ross said there was no question that Arafat was the preeminent leader, but that the PLO did have some institutional means to produce a successor, at least on paper. He then said:

"So they have sought to create some kind of institutional structure to deal with the future. But I think we're certainly not in a situation where I could easily answer the kind of question that you're posing. I think it's very clear that Chairman Arafat is the dominating figure; he is the Israeli partner. And the challenges to him at this point come much more from people like Sheikh Yasir, who are obviously not a challenge in terms of supporting peace, they're a challenge in terms of ending it."

R. Rand Beers, Acting Assistant Secretary for International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs focused on efforts by the U.S. to work with foreign governments to reduce the international traffic in narcotics and organized crime in general. He described efforts by the United States to train law enforcement officials in other countries to work more effectively against such criminal activi-

My question to him dealt with how such training could exclude the possibility that foreign criminal organizations might try to infiltrate their members into such training programs, this to learn just how the anti-crime efforts would be pursued. Mr. Beers said he felt there was effective "vetting" of those who took such training, but in the end the U.S. was heavily dependent on the efforts of the host country.

Secretary of State Madeleine Albright

We concluded the first day of our briefings with Secretary of State Madeline Albright. She arrived at the Loy Henderson Conference Room a little before 5:00 p.m., this after a very long day which included testimony on Capitol Hill. And, we were informed prior to her arrival, she had a busy evening ahead of her.

In her extemporaneous remarks, Mrs. Albright gave a brief overview of how she views foreign policy issues. She concluded by saying:

"I think the most important point, however, to make is that I used to talk a lot about the fact that there had to be a bridge between foreign and domestic policy. I am increasingly convinced that there's no difference between foreign and domestic policy—that we are operating in a world where the threats that we're looking at, if you look at drugs or climate or environment—in its various connotations—or disease or proliferation issues, that basically the barrier between domestic and foreign policy is practically non-existent."

She concluded: "In terms of the various—as we all know, the various ethnic communities in the United States play a very large role in our relationships with various countries, because, as I said initially, in a democracy it's important to have the support of the people. And the support of the people, to a great extent, in many communities, is reflective of the people who are in it."

Seated as I was next to State Dept. spokesman James P. Rubin, I was able to ask the first question of Secretary Albright. The transcript indicates the following:

"One of the things that your speakers have emphasized has been the need not only for you to get your message out, but also to get feedback. My concern on the feedback part of it is that very often when you go out, the people who are inclined to give you

feedback are people who have an ax to grind—something they might want to push—and can be very effective in doing that. But they may not necessarily be representative of whatever particular community it might be. I wonder if, as you think about presenting your point of view and getting the feedback, if you are also going to have some way of understanding when you've been to some place and have heard all sorts of things about a particular topic, of figuring out whether that's really representative or whether it's an aberration."

Secretary Albright: "It's a very good question. I think that because we basically know that and this is true of any group, and often the groups themselves are run—I mean, if there is a particular group of any ethnic group, its leadership is often the most vocal. Therefore, one knows that is what is going on."

"What is unfortunate is that the way any system works is that, clearly, those people write letters to the editor or get their view out. But I think we do have a way of filtering. And we try to reach out, generally, and try to understand the context within which that happens."

"I can talk easily about all this because I am a born Czech, and came to this country in 1948. I know very much about how ethnic groups work, in terms of the politics. Often I have found, and I say this because it happened in terms of Czechoslovakia, that the Slovaks in this country, to a great extent, were more outspoken than some of the Slovaks that were in Slovakia. And this, I'm sure, happens across the board in these various ethnic groups. I think you have to understand what the motivating factor is. So we do try to get some feedback."

Next week, in concluding this report: Kosovo, Ambassador Dimitrij Rupel, and Paul Pfeuffer of the State Department's Slovenia desk.

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Archbishop Dr. Franc Rode talks in the rain in Ribnica at Immigrants Picnic on Sunday, July 5th. He will make his first Cleveland appearance at the Bishop Baraga activities on Saturday, Sept. 5 and Sunday, Sept. 6th.

(Photos by Ivan Cimerman of Rodna Gruda)

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Throughout our tour, our participants were greeted by several different town mayors and dignitaries and Jozef Preseren of "Slovenija" magazine who distributed souvenir copies of the popular, internationally distributed publication which contained a story of Kollander Travel's 75th anniversary celebration, including a photo of our most efficient tour guide, Brane Vidmar of Kompas Tours. By the way, we traveled in a comfortable double-decker bus that came from Croatia.

Besides being a total polka music experience throughout, we enjoyed the most traditional of Austrian foods including Wiener Schnitzel (Vienna veal cutlet) and medallions of turkey, in one of the many dishes prepared in a mushroom-sour cream sauce along with a variety of dumplings. In Slovenia we had smoked sausage (klobase) and blood sausage, a variety of pork, veal and chicken dishes, zlinkrofi (like pierogi), struklji (boiled) and strudel (baked), potica and krofi (donuts with jelly), cavapcici (pork-lamb links), and even a venison dinner along with flancate (angel wings) at a deer (jelen) farm in Olimje.

The rained-out picnic was replaced by a perfectly relaxing and pleasant evening on top of Trska Gora overlooking the valleys of Dolenjsko on the day after the picnic, July 6. We were treated to another gastronomic feast as all 60 of us sat at one long table, outdoors amidst the vineyards where we had an opportunity to "smell the roses" and realize just how beautiful Slovenia's green countryside and people really are.

In my 40 escorted European tours for Kollander Travel, I am very happy to

report that the hotel accommodations, especially in Slovenia, have drastically improved, so much so that they can now be compared to American standards with air conditioning, cable TV and other amenities. The totally refurbished Krka Hotel in Novo Mesto has become one of my favorites for its homey (*domač*) atmosphere and good management - it is owned by the Krka pharmaceutical firm.

Of all the shopping experiences, Joey Miskulin got tailor-fitted for a Slovenian outfit (*noša*) with a complete alpine suit including leather pants and boots for about \$700 plus and I picked up another alpine sports coat in Frankfurt, made of calves suede for about \$400.

Consul David Hall of the American Embassy in Ljubljana said the Slovenians needed drastic improvements in their banking and telephone systems, although it was very efficient to dial direct to Cleveland in the few clear calls I did make.

Former Slovenian Ambassador to the U.S., Ernest Petric, met with Charles Ipavec over lunch and admitted Slovenia has its shortcomings with the system, especially with the many political parties. It will apparently take more time to straighten this out.

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George V. Voinovich Hosts Annual Reception at Governor's Mansion

Last Friday evening, Ohio Governor George V. Voinovich invited some 200 friends to the Governor's Mansion in Columbus for his annual picnic-reception. Dress was casual and a large number of those present were from the Greater Cleveland area. Governor Voinovich and his wife Janet greeted each guest and exchanged pleasant conversation. A brief program toward the end of the evening was emceed by Tony Petkovsek, who urged those present to support the governor in his current campaign for the U.S. Senate. In his remarks, Voinovich focused on several themes that are the focal points of his campaign, including pledges to work toward preserving Social Security, reducing the huge national debt and, in particular, improving the educational system. On a number of occasions in his extemporaneous remarks, Voinovich emphasized his Slovene roots, including his often repeated remark about being so Slovenian in his frugality that, according to critics and friends alike, he might well still have his Communion money.

The recently (1995) refurbished Governor's Mansion is an impressive structure, with ample and well-maintained grounds. It was a pleasant, cool evening, and for the Clevelanders present very much kind of a reunion reminiscent of Voinovich's mayoral years. A number of the guests were from the Cleveland Slovene community. In addition to Tony Petkovsek, Governor Voinovich's assistant for multicultural affairs, August Pust, was present, as were, among others, Bob and Cecilia Dolgan, Duke Marsic, Alice Kuhar, Stanley G. and Mary Zihrl, Dr. Vladimir Rus and wife Thea, Joseph and John Hocevar, Steve and Shirley Valencic.

It was good to see Vaclav Hyvnar again, looking well in spite of a recent hospital stay, but sad to learn of the extremely serious illness of former Mayor Ralph Perk.

In a brief conversation with Governor Voinovich, I was pleased to show him a copy of our last week's American Home, which contained the text of his letter about Slovenia and the need for Slovene Americans to work together more coherently to support that country. He reiterated his readiness to take specific steps in that direction.

Governor Voinovich indicated during his brief remarks that this was the last year he would be able to meet with this group of his friends at the Governor's Mansion. One of the things he would miss most, he added, was his garden. What he will not miss, however, are the squirrels, who have wreaked havoc with his fruit trees.

If present trends—and the polls—hold until election day on November 3, next summer the then Senator Voinovich will have to find a new location to get together with his many friends from the Cleveland-area Slovene and other nationality groups.

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Coming Events

Cleveland Baraga ad hoc committee meeting

The Cleveland Bishop Baraga 1998 ad hoc committee will meet on Thursday, August 13th in St. Mary's school auditorium at 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, Aug. 1

Kres Folk-dancers picnic at Slovenska Pristava featuring breaded pork chops and chicken dinners from 6 to 8 p.m. Tickets \$10 from (216) 731-3669. Dance and dance-a-thon follows.

Sunday, Aug. 2

Slovenian Pensioners Picnic at Slovenska Pristava.

Wednesday, Aug. 19

Federation of American Slovenian Senior Citizens Picnic at SNPJ Farm, Heath Rd., Kirtland. Dinner 1 p.m.; music & dancing 3 to 6. Tickets from members or call 1-216-731-9569, or 1-216-732-9231.

Sunday, Aug. 23

St. Mary's (Collinwood) Parish Picnic at Slovenska Pristava. (Veseli Godci, Kres) Mass at 12:15 followed by chicken/roast beef dinner.

Sunday, Aug. 23

2nd Picnic sponsored by Slovenian Cultural Society Triglav, held in Triglav Park, Wind Lake, Wis.

Sunday, August 30

Primorskega Kluba picnic at Slovenska Pristava.

Saturday, Sept. 5

Slovenian Mass honoring Bishop Frederick Baraga, 6:30 p.m. in St. Vitus Church, Cleveland. Social will follow in auditorium.

Sunday, Sept. 6

Mass honoring Bishop Frederic Baraga in St. John Cathedral in downtown Cleveland at 2 p.m., followed by banquet and annual Bishop Baraga Association meeting in Slovenian National Home, 6417 St. Clair Ave., Cleveland. Banquet tickets are SOLD OUT.

Sunday, Sept. 13

St. Vitus Altar Society Annual Dinner in St. Vitus Hall. For information call J. Smole at 391-6547.

Sunday, Sept. 13

Collinwood Slovenian Home, 15810 Holmes Ave., Cleveland, music fest honoring Joey Tomsick at 5 p.m.

Sunday, Sept. 20

Slovenska Pristava Vin-ska Trgat (Veseli godci).

Sunday, Sept. 20

Wine Festival sponsored by Slovenian Cultural Society Triglav, held in Triglav Park, Wind Lake, Wis.

Saturday, Oct. 3

Fantje na Vasi Concert, Slovenian National Home, St. Clair. Information (440)

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Sunday, Oct. 25

St. Vitus Alumni Annual "Hall of Fame" day with 12 noon Mass in St. Vitus church; dinner following in the auditorium.

Saturday, Nov. 14

Jadran Concert, Waterloo Hall. F. Ziwich Orchestra.

Saturday, Nov. 21
Collinwood Slovenian Home, Night a the Races.

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Dinner will feature both breaded pork chops and chicken served between 6 and 8 p.m. Ticket price for dinner is \$10 adult and \$5 child which can be obtained through Mark Tomc at (216) 731-3669 or any Kres member.

Immediately following the tasty dinner, the Kres dancers will perform some of the dances they have learned. Then the fun really begins when you can dance the night away to a continuous variety of music being played live. The dance-a-thon will be going on simultaneously as people are dancing so nothing will interrupt your desire to dance.

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Death Notices

LESLIE DOUGLAS FRYE

Leslie Douglas Frye, 30, of Fourth Street, Marietta, Ohio, died Thursday morning, June 25, 1998 at Southwest General Health Center in Middleburg Heights, following an extended battle against cancer.

She was born March 20, 1968, in Cleveland to Donald J. and Maxine M. Gerl Douglas. She was a 1986 graduate of St. Joseph's Academy in Cleveland, and a 1990 graduate of Kenyon College. She earned a bachelor of arts degree in English. She had been employed at Wittenberg University and Marietta College as a development director. She also worked at Ohio University as assistant dean of development, College of Health and Human Services.

She was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church and the Catholic Women's Club, both of Marietta. She also served on the American Cancer Society board.

She excelled in athletics throughout high school and college. She was a four-year letter winner in basketball at Kenyon College. During her senior year at Kenyon, she was the captain and Most Valuable Player and was elected to the All-Conference Team for basketball. She also ran in the 1992 Columbus Marathon, which qualified her to run in the Boston Marathon.

She is survived by her parents of Cleveland; her husband, Dr. Bret R. Frye, whom she married Nov. 21, 1992; her maternal grandmother, Mary Gerl of Euclid; her paternal grandfather, John Douglas of Lakewood; one brother Zachary Douglas of Cleveland; three sisters, Leigh Fox and her husband, Paul, and Tobey Anne Douglas, all of Cleveland and Stephanie Gargiulo and her husband, Gian of Champaign, Ill. She is also survived by the couple's dog, Scout; and many friends.

She was preceded in death by her maternal grand-

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father, Max Gerl; and her paternal grandmother, Mary Douglas.

Funeral liturgy with Mass was at 2 p.m. Monday at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Marietta with Msgr. Edward Kakascik officiating. Burial in Lynch Cemetery. Memorial services were at 7 p.m. Tuesday, July 21, at St. Mark Church, Cleveland.

Memorial contributions may be made to Leslie Frye Endowment Fund, c/o Marietta Community Foundation, P.O. Box 77, Marietta, OH 45750.

ANTHONY E. URBAS

Anthony E. Urbas, a tooling machinist of Madison, Ohio, died Saturday, July 11, 1998 at Metro Health Hospital in Cleveland.

He was born Nov. 22, 1914 in Thomas, West Virginia. He moved to Cleveland in 1933.

In 1991 he made his home in Madison, Ohio.

Mr. Urbas served in the Army Air Force for three years during World War II.

He had a great love for the outdoors. He enjoyed nature... gardening, fishing, and hunting.

He was proud of his Slovenian heritage and enjoyed Slovenian music.

Survivors are his sister, Virginia Winger, and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by parents John and Mary Urbas, brothers Frank and John, and sister Mary Fahlstrom.

Burial was in All Souls Cemetery, Chardon, Ohio. Arrangements were handled by Spear-Mulqueeny Funeral Home of Painesville, Ohio.

Pilgrimage to Lemont

The Union of Altar Societies of Slovenian Parishes and The Bishop Slomsek Circle is sponsoring the annual pilgrimage to the Marija Pomagaj Shrine in Lemont, Illinois August 8-9.

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Mr. Virant, 74, died Monday, July 13 at home.

He was a clerk in the pipe mills at U.S. Steel, retiring in 1960.

He was a football fan, especially of the University of Notre Dame, and enjoyed hunting and fishing.

Survivors include his wife of 48 years, Helen; and a brother, Joseph of Elyria.

Services were at 10 a.m. Thursday, July 16 at SS. Cyril and Methodius Church, E. 31st and Globe Ave., Lorain.

EMILY JARC

Emily Jarc (nee Murgel), 79, wife of Arthur Sr.; mother of Arthur Jr., and Robert (deceased); sister of Vera, Caroline Fink, Lillian Ciancibelli, and the following deceased: John, Emil, Stephanie Miller and Emma Jeric; grandmother of Paul and David.

Family received friends Thursday, July 23 at the Zak Funeral Home, 6016 St. Clair Ave. Funeral Friday, July 24 with 9:30 a.m. chapel service followed by 10 a.m. Mass in St. Vitus church. Interment All Souls Cemetery.

In Memory

Jozefa Sommers of Sonoma, California donated \$30.00 to the Ameriška Domovina in memory of her beloved husband who recently passed away.

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was you.

*Sadly missed
by Family*

An Open Letter to Bill Majerle

Dear Bill:

There is nothing wrong with remembering "old" words people heard in their childhood. We need not condemn them out of hand. Like it or not, they are part of Slovenian history. Every living language is always changing and evolving, and slang and colloquialisms are common to all. If we had lived in ancient Rome we would surely use some Latin words.

What needs to be done is to clarify the old expressions, explain their origin, and provide the proper Slovenian word, to help the reader. Slovenians immigrating in the late 1800s and early 1900s came from poor circumstances and had little formal education, which at the time in Slovenia was all German. The Austro-Hungarian Empire tried very hard to eradicate the Slovenian language!

Lack of schooling, however, did not erode their love of the mother tongue and Slovenian culture. With great sacrifices the "grajners" built churches and halls to help preserve their proud heritage. Dramatic and singing clubs proliferated; operas, plays, recitals, and concerts were numerous. Reading rooms were provided in the halls; and Slovenian was taught right along with English in some parochial schools. So what if people like to recall "old" words used by their parents! These words are just like "warm fuzzies" most of us have tucked away in our memories.

Wherever large groups of Slovenians reside, they are very adept at "Slovenianizing" the prevalent language. Here in America we have "haf pa pu"; surely there are similar equivalents elsewhere (Argentina, perhaps?). As for the old homeland, there are regional adaptations near every border. Not having lived in various areas, I can only readily cite "pršut" as an example. The real word is Italian "prosciutto," - the terrific specially cured ham of Istria, Primorska, and Northern Italy. There are

more.

Now, a little nit-picking: I'm a real stickler for correct spelling, so here goes: Slovenian cemetery is spelled POKOPALIŠČE, from the verb POKOPATI: to bury. Friedhof (not Friedhof) literally means "place of peace," and originally referred to the walled-in cemeteries by the churches. Since most of the old cemeteries in Slovenia were of that genre, the word "britof" readily became part of colloquial speech. And to clarify some unfamiliar words:

prekla - f. sing. noun - pole, rod, stick, used to prop up clotheslines or vegetables. "Fizol preklar" means pole beans.

čižem - m. sing. noun - shoe, short boot; Slavic origin, word also used by other Slavic nationalities.

čižmi - pl.

kajža - f. sing. noun - a poor hut or cottage, usually reserved for sharecroppers.

kajžar - m. sing. noun - resident, rarely owner of such hut.

Source: Dr. Janko Kotnik Slovene-English Dictionary, 1962.

koreta - f. sing. noun - a two-wheeled cart or barrow, used around home and farm, sometimes called "koretelj" - m. sing. Noun. Large ones are horse-drawn like sulkies. Still used!

opar should be LOPAR - m. sing noun - a large wooden paddle used to move baked goods in and out of brick ovens.

deci is abbreviation for deciliter, 1/10 l liquid measure, abt. 3.5 oz

štefan - m. sing. noun - a liquid measure abt. 2 l, usually used for wine, compares to our magnum

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špajza from Speise, shortened from Speisezimme (food room) - pantry; Slovenian SHRAMBA, f.

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lajbič, lajbelč - from Leibrock, a man's vest; Slovenian TELOVNIK m. sing. noun

rekele - from Roeckel, a man's jacket; Slovenian JOPIČ - m. sing. noun

sporet - from sparheit, literally "heatsaver," a stove; Slovenian ŠTEDILNIK - m. sing. noun

ahtelc and **firkelc** came from German Achtteil and Vierteil - 1/8 liter and 1/4 liter, respectively. All European measurements are metric.

štokovnica is probably derived from German verb

stecken - to poke, and refers to the long, heavy wooden spoon used to stir animal feed or boiling linens.

Almost forgot **vatel** - m. sing. noun - an old-fashioned measurement equal to an ell; it was primarily used to measure fabrics.

We all agree Slovenian language is beautiful and should be cherished and preserved, but who will do the job? Have you read any recent publications out of Slovenia? The language is now rife with all sorts of foreign words. There are post-war born natives who insist words like *menedžer*, *center*, *kontejner*, *kamping*, etc. are true Slovenian

words! And yet we know them as *upravnik* or *poslovodja*, *središče*, *zaboj*, *ta-borjenje*...

If anyone desires more translations, just ask.

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Dnevnik Delo poroča v torki, da je državni zbor sprejel zakon o spremembah in dopolnitvah zakona o denacionalizaciji. Poslanci so že na deveti redni seji končali tretjo obravnavo zakonskih sprememb, vendar so odločanje o celotnem zakonu odložili na čas, ko bo sekretariat za zakonodajo in pravne zadeve pripravil prečiščeno besedilo ter ugotovil morebitne neskladnosti sprejetih dopolnil. Sekretariat je to poročilo pripravil in ni ugotovil nobenih neskladnosti.

V zakonu je ohranjeno določilo, sprejeto že v drugi obravnavi, da premoženje fevdalnega izvora ni predmet denacionalizacije in se zanj ne prizna odškodnina, razen če so denacionalizacijski upravičenci cerkev in druge verske skupnosti, njihove ustanove ali redovi. Denacionalizacija po večletnem trajanju kot proces je še vedno daleč od svojega konca.

Parlament razpravljal o pobudi za razrešitev Antona Drobniča

Maja letos je poslanska skupina Združene liste naslovila na vlado maja letos sledče vprašanje v zvezi z generalnim državnim tožilcem in bivšim domobranjem Antonom Drobničem: "Ali vlada meni, da generalni državni tožilec Anton Drobnič po tem, ko je v časopisu Primorske novice podal izjave o 27. aprilu, dnevu upora proti okupatorju, še lahko politično nepristransko in strokovno opravlja svoje delo, in ali se ji zdi primerno, da generalni državni tožilec, kdor koli že je, glede na svoj pomembni uradniški položaj javno razlagajo svoje politične poglede, da katerih ima sicer pravico kot zasebnik?"

Mandat generalnega tožilca bo letos itak potekla, vlada pa ne zagovarja njeve predčasne razrešitve. Razprava je bila ta teden v parlamentu in je svoje mnenje povedalo nekaj poslancev, kot pa poroča torkovo Delo, se je razprava končala brez sklepov ali stališč. O Antonu Drobniču kot strelovodu piše novinar Ivo Žajdela na str. 15, 16.

Slovensko-hrvaški odnosi

Pretekli teden se je na Otočcu po več kot dveletnem premoru sestala mešana slovensko-hrvaška diplomatska komisija za meje, vodita jo Peter Toš in dr. Hrvoje Kačić. Kot kaže, je slovenska stran zavzela precej trdno stališče, posebej v zvezi s Piranskim zalivom in Trdinovim vrhom oziroma Sveti Gero. Baje je bilo zaradi tega ozračje na Otočcu, ko je tekla beseda o njih, ostro in napeto.

V petek je poročilo v Delu omenilo, da je slovensko stališče do Piranskega zaliva od hrvaške strani "zaželene" odgovore, da natisnjeni hrvaški zemljevidi s sredinsko mejo za zaliv niso "uradni" in ne izražajo stališč Zagreba. Močnejše slovensko stališče do odprtih mejnih problemov s Hrvaško zagovarja SLS, katerih člani so od začetka leta sodelavci omenjene komisije. Tako stališče podpira tudi tkim koordinacijo parlamentarnih strank, ki jo sedaj vodi Janez Janša. Ta je komentiral, da popuščanje Hrvatom ni dalo pričakovanih rezultatov.

Neurje prizadelo vso Slovenijo

Preteklo soboto je bilo skoraj po vsej Sloveniji hudo neurje z močnim dežjem in točo, ponekod pa so strele zanetile več požarov. Zaradi poplav, zemeljskih plazov, potrganih telefonskih in električnih žic, podrtega drevja in v požarih uničenega imetja ter pridelkov je nastala ogromna materialna škoda. O človeških žrtvah pa k sreči ni poročil.

Torkovo Delo pa poroča, da zaradi kamnitega plazu z Berebice, ki se je na regionalno cesto Bovec-Trenta, je bilo 120 prebivalcev Trente in več kot 1000 turistov nekaj časa odrezanih od bovškega zaledja. Tudi tu človeških žrtev ni bilo. Z že raztrgane stene Berebice je iz žarišča plazu 800 metrov visoko zgrmela najprej kot hiša velika skala in potegnila za seboj na cesto kakih 1000 kubikov skalovja in grušča. Nevarnost je v tem, da bi se spet usulo.

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Na tradicionalnem pikniku Slovenske izseljenske matice, zadnja leta imenovano "Srečanje v moji deželi", ki je bil 5. julija v Ribnici na Dolenjskem, je bil tudi škof dr. Franc Rode. Maševal je v ribniški župnijski cerkvi sv. Štefana dopoldne, nato pa imel nagovor za zbrane številne rojake iz vsega sveta na pikniku popoldne. Precej je nagajal dež, kot je razvidno iz fotografije. Po nekaj letih v Ribnici, menda bodo imeli piknik drugo leto kje drugje.

Iz Clevelandu in okolice

Kres vabi—

To soboto vabi folklorna skupina Kres na vrtno veselico, ki bo na Slovenski pristavi. Večerja bo servirana od 6. do 8. zv., nastopili bodo Kresovi plesalci. Za več informacij: Mark Tomc (216-731-3669) oz. Nadia Domanko (440-944-9780).

Pristavski upokojenci—

To nedeljo ste vsi vabljeni na Slovensko pristavo na letni piknik Kluba upokojencev SP. Ob 12.30 pop. bo sv. maša za vse pokojne člane, posebno še v spomin na pokojnega Lojzeta Bajca; sledilo bo kosilo. Ves dobrček je namenjen Pristavi. Imeli bodo tudi tekme v balinanju in taroku. Pridite!

Romanje v Lemont—

Avtobus za romanje v Lemont 8. in 9. avgusta, je zaseden. Odhod bo s parkališča pri Sv. Kristini v soboto, 8. avg., ob 6.30 zj. Ob 7h bodo pobrali potnike še na St. Clairju nasproti Barragovega doma. Kdor bo pustil čez noč avto na parkališču pri Sv. Kristini, naj pokliče Franka Urankarja: 216-531-8982. Vrnitev bo v nedeljo, 9. avg., med 11. in 12. zv. Bodite točni!

Edward J. Florjancic

Umrl je 68 let stari Edward J. Florjancic, vdovec po JoAnn, roj. Rossman, Oče Debore Vrcan in Lise Florjancic, 2-krat stari oče, brat Josephine Krieger, Paula, Rudya ter že pok. Williama in Stanleyja. Pogreb je bil 27. julija v oskrbi Cosicevega zavoda s sv. mašo v cerkvi Our Lady of Mt. Carmel in pokopom na Vernih duš pokopališču.

Mary G. Spilar

Umrla je Mary G. Spilar, rojena Caserta, žena Alana, teta. Pogreb je bil 27. julija s sv. mašo v cerkvi Marije Vnebovzetje s pokopom na Vernih duš pokopališču.

John S. Novak

Umrl je John S. Novak, mož Verne, roj. Skurko, oče LaVerne Glavac, Janet Novak Wong in Johna, 4-krat stari oče, brat Paula, Mary Kokal, Dorothy Rosnack ter že pok. Franka, Louisa, Josepha, Charlesa in Florence Rutar. Pogreb je bil v oskrbi Fortunovega zavoda na Fleet Ave. s sv. mašo v cerkvi Church of St. Clare na Mayfield Rd. s pokopom na Vernih duš pokopališču.

Mae Gubanc

Umrla je Mae Gubanc, (dalje na str. 16)

Pogreb Lojzeta Bajca—

Zaradi pričetka obnove našega tiskarskega stroja jutri, smo AD natisnili že v sredo zjutraj. V pogovoru z Želetovim zavodom so nam povedali, da bo pogreb g. Lojzega Bajca to soboto, 1. avgusta, kropljenje bo pa po vsej verjetnosti v petek od 2. do 9. zvečer. Priporočajo, da več podatkov dobite v lokalnem časopisu v četrtek oz. petek, ali pa poklicete Želetov zavod na tel. 216-481-3118. Več o g. Bajcu na str. 10.

Krofi—

Oltarno društvo župnije sv. Vida ima prodajo krofov in rezancev to soboto, 1. avgusta, od 8. zj. dalje, v društveni sobi svetovidskega avditorija. Pridite!

85. rojstni dan—

Dolgoletni zvesti dopisnik AD, g. Pavle Kveder (Pak) iz Lethbridge-a, Kanada, je dopolnil 30. julija 85 let. V Clevelandu ima še vedno nekaj znancev iz špitalskega taborišča, ki radi berejo njegove sestavke. G. Kveder za njegovo polstoletno sodelovanje z našim listom se iskreno zahvaljujemo in mu voščimo dobro zdravje in še nadaljnje poročanje! Tem čestitkam in tej želji se gotovo pridružujejo vsi njegovi prijatelji, znanci ter bralci.

Čestitke Vinku Levstiku—

Slovenski hotelir Vinko Levstik iz Gorice je 13. t.m. obhajal pomemben življenski jubilej. Prijatelji mu ob tej priložnosti želijo veliko zdravja, čestitke se pridržujemo tudi vsi pri AD, saj je g. Levstik naš dolgoletni naročnik in nam pogotoma pošilja preko faksa članke iz slovenskih listov. G. Levstik je postavil temelje kar štirim hotelom, tri v Rimu (Bled, Daniela in Emoča, v Gorici pa Palace Hotel).

Spominski dar—

Ga. Dorothy Gruntar, Denver, Colo., je darovala \$30 v podporo našemu listu, v spomin na pok. moža R. Gruntarja. Hvala lepa.

V tiskovni sklad—

G. Frank Urankar, Richmond Hts., Ohio, je daroval \$20 v podporo AD. Isto vsoto je daroval tudi g. Romano Vitulich, Wickliffe, O. Obama darovalcem se najlepše zahvalimo.

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*Nagovor veleposlanika Slovenije v Argentini
prof. dr. Janeza Žgajnarja ob dnevu Državnosti
25. junija 1998 na uradnem sprejemu na rezidenci veleposlanika v Buenos Airesu, kamor so bili povabljeni predstavniki slovenskih izseljenskih organizacij in skupnosti.*

Spoštovani in dragi rojaki, dragi gostje!

Prisrčno pozdravljeni na teh slovenske države ob njenem 7. rojstnem dnevu!

Prav gotovo je to dan, ko lahko s ponosom rečemo, da je naša mlada slovenska država v teh sedmih letih svojega obstoja dosegla več, kot smo mogli pričakovati: mednarodno priznanje, sprejem v Združene narode in mnoge pomembne mednarodne organizacije, postala je pridružena članica Evropske skupnosti, postala je ena od šestih kandidatik za polнопravno članstvo EZ, je resna kandidatka za sprejem v NATO. Postala je prepoznaven subjekt v Evropi in v svetu, postala je članica Varnostnega sveta Organizacije združenih narodov, ko je za njeno izvolitev glasovalo 130 držav od 170, kar je brez dvoma izreden dosežek šest let stare države z dvomilijonsko populacijo.

Slovenija ima danes diplomatske stike s 140 državami po vseh kontinentih, diplomatska predstavnštva v 42 državah, ki jo kljub mnogim težavam spodborno predstavljajo na vseh področjih njenega delovanja. Mislim, da lahko rečem, da tudi predstavnštvo v Argentini solidno in predano opravlja svoje delo na vseh področjih, za katera je zadolženo.

Zato svojim sodelavkam in sodelavcem izražam vse priznanje.

Slovenijo pa predstavljamo tudi vsi slovenski rojaki in državljanji širom po svetu: poslovni ljudje, znanstveniki, umetniki, kulturniki, študentje, športniki, izseljenci, trgovci, turisti in vsi, ki nastopamo kjerkoli z njenim imenom in v njenem imenu.

Zavedamo, da ste za ugleđ Slovencev in Slovenije v svetu zelo veliko naredili prav izseljenci, to velja tudi za Argentino, za kat smo vam še posebej hvaležni.

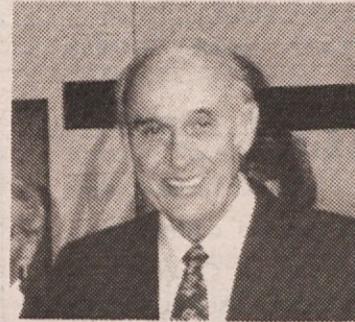
Slovenija je danes uspešna država na področju mednarodne politike, gospodarstva, kulture, znanosti, športa, upoštevana v katoliški Cerkvi in še na mnogih področjih mednarodnih aktivnosti.

V zunanjji politiki se je uveljavila s svojimi zreliimi in kvalitetnimi pogledi na več področjih, posebno je cenjeno slovensko mnenje v zvezi z balkansko krizo. Slovenija razmere dobro pozna in ima jasna stališča do problemov na Balkanu. Rečemo lahko, da se je u speljo izmanknit vpletosti v konflikt, ki mu še ni videti konca.

Slovenija je uspešna tudi na področju gospodarstva. V letu 1997 je imela za 8,4 milijarde dolarjev izvoza blajih, za katera je zadolženo.

Mons. FRANCI PETRIČ, odgovorni urednik DRUŽINE

Slovo od Lojzeta Bajca



Lojzetu Bajcu

v slovo

Lojze, Bog Ti vse poplačaj!

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Prijatelji

Lojze Bajc

*Poslovilni nagovor
msgr. Francija Petriča*

Spoštovani, dovolite, da spregovorim kot urednik Družine, ki jo je Lojze tako rad prebiral, nekaj besed Lojzetu v slovo, ženi - gospe Mariji, hčerki Danici, tu navzočemu župniku Janezu Kumšetu iz Cleveland, sestram, drugim sorodnikom in vaščanom Višenj ter faranom sv. Marjeti v Podkraju v tolažbo in pogum ob slovesu tega velikega moža.

"Odhajam, da vam prostor pripravim", te Jezusove besede nam prihajajo na misel ob slovesu našega dragega Lojzeta Bajca, moža preizkušenega v trpljenju, polnega ljubezni do domovine – polnokrvnega Slovenca in ljubečega moža in očeta.

Lojzetovo življenje je bilo eno samo veliko romanje. Začel ga je 17. junija leta 1927 tu v rodnih Višnjah, ki so bile zanj raj, kakor je zapisal v eni svoji pesmi:

"Zato domovina najdražja/povrača se misel nazaj/ pod streho očetove hiše,/ kjer užival sem blaženi raj."

V družini ob očetu in materi in sestrach je zajemal globoko vero in ljubezen do slovenskega jezika in domovine, ki sta bili v njegovih mladostnih letih pod hudim italijanskim pritiskom. Prav zato se je v hudih letih druge svetovne vojne poln domoljubja pridružil tistim, ki so delali za svobodo slovenskega naroda. Ob nesmiselnih žrtvah v državljanški vojni, ki jo je prinesel v naše vasi komunizem, se je ob koncu vojne odločil za domobransko vojsko in z njim delil tudi usodo.

V tistih hudih letih (že 1941) je zapisal: "Moja domovina je zajel vihar/ prišel je iz severnih daljav/ moje domovine zdaj ni več,/ kakor

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Novica o smrti se je takoj razširila. Izvedeli so jo tudi člani Slovenske šole pri

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da jo je razsekal meč."

Usodo povojnih dni, ko je mnoge domobrance zadele kruto maščevanje v Kočevskem rogu, Teharjah in drugih grobiščih, je izkusil na najbolj nečloveški način. Sam je opisal križev pot, ki ga je z drugimi ujetniki preživeljal od rodne Vipave do Bakra in Splita. O najhujših dneh, ko so jetniki umirali pod žgočim soncem teden dni brez hrane in vode in se je nekaterim zasečil ob vsem hudem razum, ko so jedli celo travo, če je je kaj bilo, je vseeno videl tudi Božje varstvo in svetle trenutke. Zapisal je:

"Nikdar v življenju si nisem mislil, da je mogoče človeka na tak krut način ponižati, ... Toda ob tem je v srcu zaživilo novo upanje, upanje na lepsi jutrišnj dan."

Res za Lojzeta je prišel, ko se je v pravcati fantastični zgodbi rešil iz tega pekla in preko doma, skrivaj z vlakom iz Trsta skupaj z drugimi fanti prišel do Pariza in kasneje do Združenih držav Amerike.

V Clevelandu si je z lastnimi rokami ob pomoci žene Marije ustvaril lep dom (poročil se je 26. oktobra 1957) v družini petih otrok: Danice, Marjance, Karoline, Andreja in Johance. Z delcem srca je ob toplini domače družine ostal vselej doma pod Triglavom, posebej še pri sestri Franci, ki je varovala domače ognjišče. In prav tu ga je Stvarnik poklical k sebi, kakor, da je želel prisluhniti želji njegovega srca in še enkrat povezati dva bregova, evropskega in ameriškega.

Slovenija ga je dala Ameriki. Tu v Sloveniji je bil obdarjen z neštetimi davovi že v domači družini, preizkušen v trpljenju in utrjen ob človeškem sovraštvu in maščevalnosti, je ostal dober kot kruh, ki ga je rezala v mladosti njegova mati. S kakšnim spoštovanjem je govoril o starših in sestrach!

Slovensko skupnost v Clevelandu je ob novici o njegovi smrti prevzela velika žalost. Že prvo jutro, ko je prispela tja novica, so molili za pokoj njegove duše. Mnogi ga bodo pogrešali, saj je s svojo vedrino, pri-morsko toplino, gladil včasih

trde, zaradi trpljenja preizkušene ljudi v tem mestu.

Pogrešali ga bodo bolni in ostareli, ki jih je redno obiskoval, jim pomagal in skrbel zanje. Manjkal bo v župniji Marije Vnebovzete, kjer ni bilo skoraj nobene dejavnosti, da bi ne bilo zraven Lojzeta. Ne bo več njegovega voščila, ki ga je vsako leto skoval v verze ob različnih praznovanjih v družinah ali v cerkvah in so ga objavljal v tamkajšnjih slovenskih časopisih. Domača družina ga bo pogrešala, saj je bil skrben, delaven in dober oče ter ded.

"Odhajam, da vam prostor pripravim, da boste tudi vi tam, kjer sem jaz," nam danes ponavlja skupaj z Jezusom. Z njim je bil združen do zadnjega. Še v petek zvečer je prejel v bolnici pri polni zavesti zakrament spovedi in maziljenja. V svetem obhajilu je bil okrepcan preden je bil odpeljan v bolnico. Vse svoje življenje v tujem svetu je bil tesno povezan s Cerkvio, zato verujemo, da je odšel k Očetu in da nam in družini pripravlja prostor pri njem.

Lojze je bil človek junashkih kreposti, dober oče in velik Slovenec. Bog mu je dal milost, da je dočakal dan slovenske samostojnosti, za katero je toliko naredil v domovini in nato v Clevelandu. Veselil se je še zadnjega dogodka: zaključka postopka, ko bomo dobili prvega uradno razglašenega svetnika: blaženega škofa Slomška.

V njegovi družbi je tudi Lojze! Zanj velja tisto, kar je rekel škof Kramberger ob potrditvi Slomškovega čudeža: Slovenski narod rojeva tudi svetnike! Nekaj svetniškega je bilo tudi na Lojzetu. Naj se veseli in prosi za nas pri Bogu. Tako je zapisal tudi sam v svoji pesmi:

"Končno le v zemlji se seme razvije/ v cvet, ki nikoli se več ne ospe/ čas je določen za večno življenje/ Stvarnik sprejema Te v svoje roke."

Dragi Lojze, mirno počivaj v ameriški zemlji in prosi blagoslova za svojo družino in ves slovenski narod!

Franci Petrič

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F. P.

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ga, za 13% več kot leto poprej. Dve tretjini izvoza gre v Evropsko unijo. Slovenija ima BDP 9.470 \$US na prebivalca, 7,1% nezaposlenost in 8-9% letno inflacijo, sorazmerno dobro socijalno stanje in zlasti solidno zdravstveno varstvo ter kvalitetno šolstvo.

Kot veste, je v Sloveniji zelo razvito kulturno in umetniško življenje in visok nivo znanosti. Na vseh imenovanih področjih je zelo povezana s svetom in ima intenzivno mednarodno sodelovanje in velik ugled.

Odnosi med Slovenijo in Argentino so zelo dobiti, se pa iz dneva v dan še poglabljajo. Poleg odličnih političnih odnosov je podpisanih kar nekaj meddržavnih sporazumov: o gospodarskem sodelovanju, o znanstveno tehnološkem sodelovanju, o kulturnem sodelovanju, sedaj pa skušamo dati tem sporazumom vsebino in konkretno stike.

V letošnjem letu pričakujemo še obisk in predstavitev slovenskega gospodarstva v Argentini, zasedanje mešanih komisij za znanstveno tehnološko sodelovanje, o kulturni izmenjavi, predvideno je pobratstvo pristaniških mest Rosaria in Kopra, odpira se sodelovanje s celo vrsto podjetij, kjer Slovenija lahko ponudi svoje izdelke visoke tehnološke vrednosti. Pri tem pričakujemo, da se boste v ta gibanja intenzivno vključili tudi slovenski podjetniki, umetniki in kulturniki, ki živite v Argentini.

Slovenija po svojih močeh podpira svoje rojake po svetu, tako tudi v Argentini. Želimo še okrepiti vezi zlasti med mladimi in na vse (načine) podpreti vaša ple-

menita prizadevanja za ohranitev slovenstva tu pod Južnim križem.

Seveda pa ima Slovenija, podobno kot druge ali večina podobnih držav tudi celo vrsto resnih problemov in težav, pred katerimi si ne smemo zatiskati oči:

- Prav gotovo je eno bistvenih vprašanj, kako zavarovati svoje nacionalne interese v razmerah globalizacije in bodoče vključitve v EZ. Za to potrebujemo jasno vizijo, močno podprtjo s sodelovanjem vseh, ki lahko kaj tehtnega prispevajo k argumentaciji naših stališč.

- Mnogi se sprašujejo, če se tega dovolj zavedamo in ali smo pripravljeni sodelovati.
- Kako doseči pomiritev in narodno spravo ob tako različnih gledanjih in stališčih na preteklost.

- Poznamo strankarske boje, vprašanje pa je, ali dovolj razumemo, kaj je država in kaj vse smo dolžni za njo storiti.
- Nimamo izkušenj demokratičnega življenja, zato tako težko prenašamo vse, kar je drugače.

- Pred nami je resen problem izumiranja slovenskega naroda itn.
- Od uspešnosti teh in še mnogih drugih vprašanj bo odvisna naša bodočnost.

K reševanju teh vprašanj smo vsi poklicani. Vsi, ki čutimo slovenško, smo dolžni prispevati svoj delež. Tudi rojaki po svetu. Pod-

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Ameriška domovina – naša stoletna spodbuda

CHICAGO, Ill. – obveščanje je ena izmed najodgovornejših potreb. Biti neobveščen pomeni biti ignoriran, prezrt, zavržen. Biti napačno obveščen je lahko usodna zadrega. Informacija dandanes poganja vse sisteme, želje in upanja, vsako produkcijo, napredok, ali – propad. Zato se njena vrednost stopnjuje po aktualnosti, svežini, točnosti in kompletnosti.

Vse to ima pred očmi urednik, ki v svojem časniku seznanja ljudstvo o tekocem. Aktualnost je osnovni poriv; svežina je vžig, kot je prva časa studenčnice slajša od druge. Točnost je njena bistvena kakovost, a kompletnost pove, ali je obvestilo docela zajeto, oziroma, ali je pričakovati dopolnitve.

Še druge lastnosti bi lahko našteli, dokaj otipljive, vendar bi se za vsako ugotovilo, da je zajeta v omenjenih štirih. Omenimo le en tak primer: Nagnjenost (privrženost), s katero urednik včasih nedopustno kramari, subjektivno in preprujoče, utiraže si pot do bralcev, a žal tudi do lastnega zadoščenja, z dodajanjem osebnih, navadno pikrih pripomb. To je šibkost, ki pelje urednika v precep, saj s tem izdaja osnovo, tj. novinarsko nevtralnost. Priljubljenost urednika naj izhaja iz možate objektivnosti, kajti njegovi bralci ujamajo njegovo misel, kadar je on primoran v žrtev.

Ozrimo se, kot bralci, na svojo spodbudnico – Ameriško Domovino. Priznajmo si, da jo imamo kot nekakšno spremjevalko, ki se dotika okoliščin, katere doživljamo na tujem. Urednik jih pozna in ocenjuje že vsa desetletja. Sproti se loteva naših vozlov, da bi jih odvozljal, in vestno se poglaoblja v probleme, ki nas penejo. Kaj more doseči, je vselej dvomljivo; vendar on ne odneha prvi, tudi če se nam pričakovanja podirajo.

Od urednika dejansko pričakujemo preveč. Naj obvezca (čim ugodnejše), naj opravičuje naše spodrljaje, zagovarja neuspehe, naj to-

laži, če so stremljenja šla po vodi, naj pospešuje, če gre za okrevanje in naj vlija optimizem za težave, ki se morda dajo odpraviti.

Prav skrbno beremo njegove uvodnike, ko razлага okoliščine posameznim senzacijam in nam razstira možne posledice, da bi našli oporo, nasvet, ali vsaj dober miglaj. Včasih bi on s temi uvodniki rad sprožil polemiko, da bi razdelil skrbi in pobral za mnenja v prid skupnim rešitvam.

Odziv

Ne moremo se pohvaliti, da mu kdaj učinkovito pomagamo. Ne strežemo mu z analizami, s primerjavami, ali z verjetnostnimi računi, niti s statistikami, ampak poročamo le približno, na pamet, z lastnimi domislicami in pavšalnimi odmerki, tako, da je težko prisoditi našim vložkom neko dokumentiranost. A nabiti smo s svojimi osebnimi stališči, nagibi, prerokbami, celo grožnjami – ali z medico.

Zanj je hudo breme pritrjevati tudi domišljiji, ki je ne more braniti, kvečemu lahko izpostavi podpisnika, in še to ne brez lastnega madeža.

On nima dovolj trdnih dopisnikov; zato se rad zateka k javnim pogovorom, intervjujem, da ni treba ponarejati besed, ki bi naj dejansko bremenile govornika. Le-ta ni vselej dobro pripravljen; njegovi odgovori niso kratki, jedrnati, ampak razvlečeni, a pogostoma tudi nedorečeni.

Ameriški Domovini gre za celovitost, ker želi kompletno zajeti prepletajoča se dogajanja; toda se najraje odloči za politično snov. To gre na roko izražanju posameznih osebnosti, včasih neznanih, ali komaj pričakovanih. Pri tem se pogosto izrekajo sodbe na lastno pest, kot izolirani otočki na širokem morju. Le-ti ne predstavljajo politiko v celoti, marveč samo kamenke nedopoljenega mozaika.

Slovenci nimamo izoblikovanega političnega profila. Strankarski kandidati še ne krepijo skupne podlage; o prvem naletu se uplašijo, da so prešibki, ter iščajo moči

in zaledja v kombinacijah. pride do prav smešnih povozav, ki jim ni sojeno živeti skupaj.

Urednik mora ugibati o njihovi individualiteti, a tudi o medsebojni afiniteti in o možnih pretvorbah, ter selitvah iz enega tabora v drugi, če hoče kaj napovedovati. Politični formati nam ne zorijo sistemsko, a združevanja se izvajajo tudi z nedozorelimi rezervami. (Pohvalimo se lahko morda samo z izkušenim dr. Jožetom Bernikom).

Tudi pri reševanju obstanka A.D. (pred par leti) nismo bili časniki v pomoč. Tedaj je uredništvo ugibalo o preživetju A.D., npr. z redukcijo časnika in je končno o tem odločala ugledna urednikova osebnost, njegov ponos in trdna volja. Rešil jo je v prid vstajajočemu slovenskemu narodu.

Očitno se je dr. Susel zavedal zgodovinskega trenutka, ko se je Deželi naglo dvigal ugled med evropskimi narodi, vsled morale, pozitivovalnosti in drugih vrlin. Poznal je odlike svojega rodu. Hvaležni smo mu za tisti korak, ki ga sami nismo z ničemer pospeševali. Od takrat nam je AD spet zagotovljena, četudi prihaja redkeje.

Ali naj zahtevamo čudež od enega moža, rojenega daleč od Bohinja, Pohorja in Gorjancev? Verjetno on s temi dragulji podzavestno ovija svojo vlogo, tudi ko jih primerja z Yellowstonom ali z Urbano, ki nedvomno odsevata sodobno ustvarjalnost više stopnje. Obe domovini on zastopa v svojem duševnem ravnovesju tako, kot mu veleva spoznanje realnosti in proporcij. G. Susel nedvomno neguje ta odnos in bo vselej smelo poveznoval ubornega Davida z bleščenim Goliatom. Njegova notranjost vsebuje obo in ju bo skušal združevati za plemenita tekmovanja, ne za boj.

V resnici je on že delno nagrajen: Večina slovenskih domov naroča A.D. kot prijateljico in posedi ob njej prenekatero uro. Odprte so nam poti do vseh društev, ki so sčasoma omrežila naš rod. Lahko bi predlagali nabirk za vse tiste, ki ne zmorejo naročiti tega bratja, med nami obvezniki, če ne gre drugače. A njemu, dragemu uredniku dvojnega uma in srca, čestitajmo za uspešen trud, redko srečevan, še redkeje priznan.

Kronika

Jubilejna izdaja A.D. z dne 2. julija se je razkošno oddolžila spominu njenih pobudnikov. Tem možem gre zasluga za doseženi razvoj, ob iskanju in združevanju podpornikov. Vnema jim je tlela že prej, pravzaprav od prvih let skupinske-

Izpod zvona sv. Marije Vnebovzete

CLEVELAND, O. – Kar dolgo je, kar so bile napisane novice izpod našega zvona Marije Vnebovzete v Collinwoodu. Med tem se je marsikaj zgodilo.

Otroci naše slovenske šole so imeli lepo materinsko proslavo, kjer so nastopili s petjem, deklamacijami in kratko igrico Mirko in abeceda. Dva tedna za to prreditivo so imeli graduacijo. Trije učenci so graduirali: Rozi Mejak, Matija Ribič in Denis Zalik. Naj se ne ustavijo vaše želje po znanju slovenskega jezika, nadaljujte!

Na praznik Sv. Rešnjega telesa je bila na Slovenski pristavi opoldne sv. maša, nato pa procesija okrog štirih oltarjev, kjer smo prejeli blagoslov. Bila je lepa udeležba pri tej slovesnosti; hvala narodnim nošam.

Med nami je ves mesec g. Franci Urbanija, župnik iz Argentine, ki je na obisku pri stricu. Nadomešča našega župnika Janeza Kumšeta, ki je s slovensko šolo odšel na potovanje v Slovenijo. Med temi udeleženci je bil tudi Lojze Bajc. Zelo je želel ustreči onemogli sestri, ki ne zmore več tega napora, da bi obdržala

dom in skrbela za domačijo. Pa božji načrti so drugačni kot naši! Lojze Bajc je zbolel, bil na operaciji, dva dni nihal med življjenjem in smrtjo ter končno na ponedeljek, 20. julija, odšel k Bogu po plačilo. Bil je dober župljan, vedno pripravljen pomagati, kjer je bila potreba. Naj se spopije v božjem naročju, družini pa iskreno sožalje ob tako nagle odhodu moža in očeta!

Ta teden se večina potnikov vrne in tudi truplo pokojnega Lojzeta pride z njimi. Jutri, v petek, bomo v Želetovem pogrebnem zavodu pokropili truplo, v soboto pa se poslovili v naši cerkvi in na pokopališču Vernih duš.

Prihodnji prvi petek, ki bo 7. avgusta, bomo zopet molili uro molitve pred Najsvetješim po maši ob 7.45 in nato prejeli blagoslov. Pridite, zahvalimo se Jezusu za vse dobrote, katere prejemamo vsak dan po Njegovi dobroti.

Naslednji dan, 8. avgusta, pa odpelje avtobus romarice in romarje k Mariji Pomagaj v Lemont. Srečno pot in srečno vrnitev!

Lavriševa

ga priseljevanja našega rodu, prišedšega še za časa Avstro-ogrsko vladavine.

Za naše ljudi so takrat bili hudi časi: pičla poljedelska proizvodnja, nerazvita obrt in industrija, ter hudi davki spriča nenehnega vojskovjanja Habsburžanov za nove posesti in za krotitev podložnikov. Slovenske družine so preraščale in same odrivale svojo nadstevilno deco na tuje, predvsem v bajeslovno Ameriko...

Da ne bi trpljenje prvih let navedlo te mučenike na vrnitev, si je slovensko časnkarstvo prizadelo zadržati jih ob tem kruhu, jih utrjevati in hrabriti ter jim napovedovati obilnejši zasluzek. Ti naši trpni po rudnikih, na cestah in v železarnah so imeli na ta način moralno oporo. V časniku so odkrili človekoljubje, z rahlo sapico tolažilnih vetrov; res, humanistični prispevki iz slovenskega tiska so delovali. Razredne razlike so se zanesljivo pretakale v domoljubje, slovenstvo je ustvarjalo gonalno vzajemnost (dasi pod zastavo "kranjsčine").

Vrsta odličnih mož nam je je našteta te dni, kot

opozorilo, da je vsa slovenska inteligenco takrat nesobično stala ob našem delavcu in ga navdihovala s svežimi upi. Nič ni pri tem zaostajala slovenska duhovščina: bili smo vsi ene misli; "gospod" je delavcu resnično pomenil "dobrotnika". Še danes zvenijo njihova imena kot zaslužna in pomenljiva: Debevec, Zorman, Grdina, Klinc, Kern, Pirc, Turek, Šabec, Lipovec, ter naš današnji urednik dr. Rudolph M. Susel.

Prav tako dolgujemo hvalo oskrbovalcem tiskarne: Lausche (oba zakonca), Kališ, Knaus, Šušteršič, Kolar, Andolšek, Kaucky in drugi.

Duhovščino smo že omenili kot bistveno podporo, zlasti, ker je imela dosti opraviti s proti-katoliškimi in socialističnimi pristaši. Uspevali so povsod. Spomnimo se vsaj treh clevelandskih duhovnikov: Oman, Ponikvar, Božnar. Dodajmo še učitelja g. Pirca in g. Jakšiča, ter g. Kollanderja. Omenjeni članek navaja še mnoge druge sotrudnike in jih tudi ilustrira.

Bodoča podpora

"Ameriška Domovina" je povsem pravilno imenovala ta časnik, tako po subjektu, kot po atributu, z odliko maksimalne okrajšave. Ves njen pomen, vsebina in organizacija so strnjeni v močni osebnosti dr. R. Sulja. Srečni smo, da A.D. diha skozi taka pljuča! On je trdno definiran; za neke (dalje na str. 14)

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Dr. Jože Pučnik: Odpravljanje dedičine...

(nadaljevanje s str. 12)

Povsod, razen v bivši vzhodni Nemčiji, je na delu stvar, ki je po mojem značilna tudi za Slovenijo. Povsod se namreč kaže, da gre za ekonomske interese, ki jim v tem trenutku ni do tega, da bi se soočili s konkurenco zunaj države. Povsod se kaže zapiranje, onemogočanje recimo prihoda tujim bankam in firmam v državo, zato pa toliko večje prizadevanje, da bi se domača olastnjenja podjetja stabilizirala, po možnosti brez zunanje konkurence.

Ker se zakonodajalec tej situaciji v bolj ali manj prilagaja, modernizacija zastaja. Se pravi, da razporeditev realne politične moči prilagaja sebi tudi državo - nikakor ne obratno.

Omenili ste Vzhodno Nemčijo, a tam voli prenovljeno partijo (PDS) nad

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morda "pre"-trdno; toda, naj vsakdo res verjame, da je za njen učinek to potrebno. Zato ne bo dvoma o njenem nadalnjem izhajanjtu; dr. Susel nehoti nudi poročstvo, da nam bo sladka materinska beseda vsak teden stopila čez hišni prag. Bog mu ohrani zdravje, na katero se doslej še ni tožil...

Vendar to ni dovolj. Poskrbimo še za efektno sodelovanje. Ne zanemarjamo tega dolga, ker nas spaja isti krvotok, ista dihala in prebavila. Tako so čutili že prvi pobudniki slovenskega tiska ("da bodo kot ribe na suhem, če ne najdejo zaledja").

Kaj lahko nudimo Ameriški Domovini za pozivitev?

- Razširimo krog njenih bralcev, naročnikov. A.D. ni prevzetna po zunanjosti, varčna je po papirju, zložljiva po formatu, in cenena za žep. Zberimo sredstva, če je v vprašanju uboštvo ne-naročnikov;

- Sporočajmo uredništvu zanimivosti po spredaj omenjenem ključu;

- Ne komentirajmo o temah preveč, morda ne vidimo ozadja, ki tu in tam odreja objavo drugače, kot bi že zeli (urednikova daljnovidnost);

- Ocenujmo pozitivno obveščanje vidnejše kot negativno;

- Vprašujmo po motivih, če gre za nesprejemljive nazore v objavah;

- Kritizirajmo samo po-pravljiva načela, z razlagom;

- Zahvalujmo se za zgodne prispevke, v prid avtorju in uredniku;

- Predlagajmo teme, ki naj osvetijo kočljiva, "pri-transka" mnenja.

To bo srčno kri škropilo, korenine napojilo...

Maks Milanez

dvajset odstotkov volivcev, menda največ v vzhodnih državah?

Ta odstotek je najvišji, razen seveda pri nas, bi rekel, saj osebno ne vidim velike razlike med združeno listo kot naslednico partije in liberalno demokracijo, lahko pa prištejemo še Jelinčičev stranko. Sicer pa vzhodna Nemčija kaže dvojni obraz. Po eni strani za velik denar poteka velika investicijska dejavnost, ki ta hip še ne kaže velikega učinka, na drugi strani pa imajo velike kadrovske probleme, četudi so tisoči prišli iz zahodne Nemčije: pritožujejo se, da na veliko mestih srečujejo stare obraze, ki so obstali tam pač zaradi pomanjkanja strokovne alternative.

Tako v tem delu Nemčije ne srečate veliko optimizma in zlastih v nižjih socijalnih plasteh je čutiti nostalgijo za starimi časi. Drugače je med menedžerji, ki v prihodnost gledajo drugače in vedo, da so investicije dobro naložene, čeprav v prvem trenutku še ne dajejo vsega.

Kot je znano, je konec lanskega leta v Parizu izšla Črna knjiga komunizma, ki so jo napisali francoski zgodovinarji in je po zahodni Evropi zbudila precejšen odnev in številne polemike. Je knjiga vplivala tudi na sklic simpozija, ki ste se ga udeležili?

To je gotovo zelo povezano, pa tudi s prizadevanji po ustanovitvi evropskega oziroma svetovnega sodišča za kršenje zakona o človekovih pravicah v tem obdobju. Na simpoziju pa je bila zanimiva polemika med šefom nemškega urada za akte o Stasiju in znamenitim disidentskim pevcom Wolfom Biermannom. Biermann je med drugim celo zahteval, da nekdanjam funkcionarjem, članom PDS, sploh ne bi smeli omogočiti vstopa v parlament.

To kaže, da nekateri v Nemčiji govorijo silno ostro in stvari postavljajo zelo radikalno, zabavljajo pa tudi čez deželno vlado pa tudi zahod, da ščiti bivše komuniste. Je pa to morda le nekoliko enostransko stališče. Knjiga, ki ste jo omenili, pa je diskusijo zelo razgibala, tudi v tem smislu, da se bodo, kot sem slišal, oglasili nekateri zgodovinarji in jo vzeli pod kritično lupo.

Kako razlagate okoliščino, da je nastala v Franciji, kjer komunizma ni bilo?

Misljam, da je to povsem logično. Samo z določene distance je to vprašanje mogoče dojeti v vsem njegovem globljem človeškem, pravnem in moralnem pomenu. V vzhodni Nemčiji nekaj takega ni moglo na-

stati, kot ne more niti v Sloveniji.

Se vam ne zdi, da je tema, o kateri ste govorili v Berlinu, ob drugem povezana tudi s krizo levice ali "leve opcije" v nekdanjih deželah realnega socializma - verjetno pa tudi na zahodu?

To sem dojemal nekoliko drugače. Občutek imam, da v vzhodni Nemčiji prav tako kot v Sloveniji pojmem "levo" in "desno" nima več prave vsebine in pomena, kot ju še ima recimo v zahodni Evropi. Problem levice je v vzhodni Nemčiji in torej pri nas edino v poskusu, da se nekdanji komunisti prodajajo kot evropska levica.

Kar je vprašljivo, je to, ali je lahko v smislu liberalne zgodovine zahodne Evrope od razsvetljenstva naprej levo nekaj, kar je načrtno in organizirano teptalo temeljne človekove pa tudi politične, religiozne pravice in pravice na področju lastnine itd. Ali lahko to imenujemo še levica?

V vzhodni Nemčiji je zdaj vse to pomešano, tam pojma levo in desno veljata za "metanje peska v oči". Kot je po mojem tudi v Sloveniji, kjer se provocira negativna konotacija desnice kot nekakšne idejne spremjevalke fašizma in torej nasprotnice komunistom. Pri tem pa se pozablja, da je šlo pri fašizmu in komunizmu za dve varianti totalitarizma.

V zvezi s premagovanjem dedičine komunizma v Sloveniji obstajajo mnjenja, po katerih je bil komunizem premagan oziroma zavrnjen vsaj v kulturi že pred več kot enim desetletjem in se zdaj s tem nima več smisla ukvarjati.

Totalitarizem je politični, pravni in gospodarski problem in ga kultura ali literatura sama po sebi ne more rešiti. Reševati ga je mogoče s političnimi, pravnimi in gospodarskimi sredstvi. Kultura je gotovo ozadje tega prizadevanja, toda adekvatna je lahko samo metoda, ki jo premorejo politika, pravo, gospodarstvo.

Po mojem zato problem komunistične dedičine še zdaleč ni rešen, ampak se bo, če ga ne bomo rešili čim prej, najverjetneje kar najbolj pervertirano povrnih v prihodnjih desetletjih. Kako naj bi rešili ali razčistili dejstvo, da so tega ali onega zaprli in mu vzeli nekaj najlepših let življenja? Nekdo sicer lahko reče, poslušajte, zdaj se imejmo radi, ljubimo se, vsi smo ljudje, gre za humanost - a to je po mojem mnenju tipična frontovska demagogija, ki jo je pri nas veliko, a jaz vajno ne verjamem.

Zahodna Nemčija je morala plačati visoko ceno, ker po petintridesetih letih re-

Spominski dan v Lemontu

CHICAGO, Il. - En teden po ameriškem Spominskem dnevu smo se zbrali 30. maja tudi Slovenci iz Chicaske in Joliettske okolice v Lemontski cerkvi k maši in v spomin slovenskih žrtev 2. svetovne vojne. Prav ob sedanjem letnem času je po koncu bojevanja te vojne v kratkem času padlo največ nepotrebnih žrtev revolucije.

V govoru smo se spomnili žrtev, ki so padale po roki okupatorjev med vojno na tujih tleh v frontah ali ujetniških taboriščih tako v Nemčiji, Sovjetski zvezzi, Franciji, Italiji in drugje ter v Sloveniji sami. Slovenci so padali tudi po bratomorni roki domačih komunistov, ki so med vojno hoteli zasesti oblast za vsako ceno. Slepili so ljudi, da je njihov boj za svobodo izpod okupatorjev. V resnici so se pa borili proti poštenim, razgledanim ljudem, ki so jim nasprotovali. Le te so prikrito morili v gozdovih ali pa so pustili okupatorje, da so ti morili talce ali vaščane kot posledica napadov na okupatorja.

Po končani vojni maja 1945. leta so naši zahodni zavezniki Angleži ob tem letnem času vračali komuni-

flektira dogajanje, kot ga pač reflektira. In teh reči ni malo, da ne govorim o uzurpaciji politične, finančne in gospodarske moči, do razdelitve katere je v veliki meri prišlo po zaslugu delovanja nekdanjih navez, ne pa po zaslugu učinkovitejše ekonomske dejavnosti in večje sposobnosti.

Ni vse to povezano z neko širšo refleksijo o polpreteklem času, ki je pa ni, ker je tema, za katero naj bi šlo, za ta narod ena najtežjih?

Tema je težka, ker doslej nismo našli moči, da bi izrecno odklonili totalitarne metode tiste organizacije, ki je te metode sistematično izvajala, to je komunistična partija in komunističnega rezima. To je še zmeraj čas, v katerem so rasla drevesa, je bila pomlad in jesen, so se ljudje zaljubljali, imeli srečne otroke, uživali dopuste itn., ne vrednotimo pa te dobe po kiksih, napakah in svinjarjih. Kot da smo vši Slovenci - ne vem iz kakšnih razlogov - sentimentalno vezani na ta režim in nam nikakor ni prav, če ga kdo ostro kritizira, kot da nas prizadeva v tistem, kar so nam privzgojili, patriotizem, ki pa je pri nas vezan na komunizem. Polovica volivcev je nanj gotovo vezana. Toda če me v zvezi z volitvami vprašate, ali je bil Josip Broz demokrat, ker ga je volila več kot polovica volivcev, moram reči, da ni bil.

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Intervju z dr. Jožetom Pučnikom

(nadaljevanje s str. 14)

In če večina glasuje Milana Kučana, to zame še ni dokaz, da je doživel in dojel, kaj je demokracija v pravem pomenu besede. Nikakor pa ne spodbijam dejstva, da je bil legitimno izvoljen in je naš predsednik. Kajti volitve so bile v redu, a kot državljan nisem pravljilen sprejeti vsakih volitev kot nekakšno resnico, s katero bi se moral strinjati.

Vendar pa le ni mogoče reči, da o preteklosti ni bilo napisano nič izpod stekovnih peres - kolikor je znano, se v Ljubljani pripravlja tudi razstava, ki bo predstavila zamolčana dejstva omenjane dobe.

Pri tej razstavi tudi sam sodelujem. Mislim, da bo razstava pomemben prispevek k razčiščevanju vprašanj tega časa. A vse bi že bili lahko opravili pred nekaj leti, vendar za to nismo imeli ne duhovne ne politične moći. Toda kolikor dlje vse to odlagamo, tem bolj boleče utegne biti.

Bojim se, da je tudi zaradi vsega tega prišlo do zaostajanja za nekaterimi državami vzhodne Evrope kot sta Poljska in Madžarska in bojim se tudi, da bomo zaradi tega čutili reakcije tujine, česa si seveda kot Slovenec nikakor ne bi želel.

No, tam sicer ne gledajo na naš odnos do komunistične ideologije, saj ta ni več pomembna ne za Evropo ne za nas, gre za postopke modernizacije.

Še en primer: pri nas dobijo dovoljenje za delo nekatere banke, a ne smejo delati vsega tako kot druge slovenske banke - vsekakor to ni spodbudno za razvoj učinkovitega kreditnega sistema.

Omenili ste komunistično ideologijo, ki v Evropi ni več zanimiva. A najbrž sam poznate misel jugoslovenskega oporečnika Djilana, po katerem komunizem bo umrl, ker je religiozna ideja. Je komunizem v tem smislu sposoben rege-

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Rezbarjevih 38 reliefov z motivi iz Valvasorjeve Slave

Ljubljana - V prijazen atrij Zavoda za zdravstveno zavarovanje Slovenije (Ljubljana, Miklošičeva 24) so se začasno umestile umetniške stvaritve rezbarja Draga Koširja iz Jelovca pri Sodražici, ljubiteljem reliefov in rezbarske umetnosti dobro znanega in globoko cenjenega. Umetniški naboje, iz katerega se je porajala slednja njegova skulptura, se hrani iz velikih tem življenja, smrti in titanske upornosti zoper vse vrst nasilja.

"Koširjevo umetniško delo je pomembno za slovenski kulturni prostor, saj njegova številna dela krasijo mnoge galerije, cerkve in domove," je zapisano v uvodni besedi h katalogu razstave, ki so ga prireditelji kratko naslovili z besedami "Moje dieto poje ... / My Chisel Sings".

Preprost, a po naravi izjemno ter vsestransko razgledan samorastnik iz Ribniške doline, s svojim umetniškim opusom stopa v hram lepotе, za katerega so ustvarili nesmrtna dela njegovi najbližji rojaki: skladatelj Jakob Gallus Petelin, literarni zgodovinar dr. Ivan Prijatelj, jezikoslovec Stanislav Škrabec, geograf Peter Kozler, slikar Gregor Perušek, akademski kipar Franc Gorše, politik in sociolog dr. Janez Evangelist Krek.

Pred osmimi leti je na Valvasorjevem Bogenšperku ob slovenskem kulturnem prazniku rezbar Košir prvič predstavil ciklus reliefov v letu, izdelan po opisih in skicah v Slavi vojvodine Kranjske. Od tedaj je razstava z 38 reliefi potovala po Sloveniji - ne z večjo hitrostjo, kakor je nekdaj potoval slavnji polihistor.

Reliefi se nanašajo na izumiteljstvo, znanost, umetnost in kulturo: muza umetnosti, tiskarna na Bogenšperku, Primož Trubar, kmečke noše, samostan Stična, Marijin steber v Ljubljani in drugi. Še več se jih dotika zgodovine in družbenih ved: ustoličenje, turški vpadi, kmečki upori, gradovi, rak iz Krke, tlačani, gospiska, vojak prostak ...

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Na fotografiji, objavljeni v Družini z dne 28. julija t.l., so z leve Peter Svetik, nato Drago Košir, Franc Košir ter dr. Voljč, minister za zdravstvo slovenske vlade. Umetnik Drago Košir je brat ge. Marije Končan iz Euclida, Ohio. Njen pokojni mož je veliko let lastoval in vodil Model's Meat Market na E. 200. St., trgovina je še vedno v družinski lasti.

Promet je upodobljen s poštnim vozom, tovorniki, čolnarji, prevozi konj čez Savo in hoduljami; domača obrt s kovači, predicatori in z izdelovalci suhe robe; kmečko delo, vraževerstvo, posebno pozornost pa zbujojo pobiranje rib na Cerkniškem jezeru, bloški smučar, deklini iz obcestne krčme in še kaj.

Samorastnik Košir že dolgo ustvarja. Ali je mogoče najti vsaj približno število del, ki jih je v razponu rezbarske dejavnosti ustvaril? Kdo bi to mogel odkriti? Tudi sam ne zaupa približnemu številu 2500! Večina likov je samostojnih, mnogo pa jih je v sklopu tematskih ciklov: otroške igre, lovstvo, domača obrt, suha roba, panjske končnice.

V sam vrh sodijo cikli Verstva sveta, Gorje premaganim in Valvasorjeve upodobitve. Izjemni viri Slave vojvodine Kranjske so ga navdušili in očarali obenem, kot pravi sam, da se je nekega dne "zasekal v prvega izmed skupine reliefov na to tematiko". Toda ne brez pobude drugih, ki so tudi na ta način hoteli v letu 1990 zaznamovati 300-letnico Valvasorjeve smrti.

Košir je imel doslej več kot 60 samostojnih in še več skupinskih razstav. Njegova dela krasijo mnoge galerije, cerkve, domove. Vsi,

ki so doslej dobrohotno spremljali njegovo umetnost, so si edini v ugotovitvi, da vsi njegovi liki izzarevajo pozitivne vrednote človeštva in izražajo oster protest vsakršnemu nasilju. **jz**

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IVO ŽAJDELA

Anton Drobnič kot strelovod

Ljubljana - Ali ste se že kdaj vprašali, zakaj se nekatere ljudje in nekatere intresne skupine toliko ukvarjajo z Antonom Drobničem, generalnim državnim sekretarjem, že od njegovega imenovanja leta 1990, pa od leta 1991, ko je proti njemu sprožila podpisovalno gonjo borčevska organizacija, zakaj se je z njim toliko ukvarjal nekdanji predsednik Združene liste Janez Kocijančič in zakaj je spet v središču pozornosti v zadnjih mesecih, ko se njegov mandat izteka?

Očitno je, da se na njegovi osebi lomijo različni pogledi na našo polpreteklo zgodovino. Ali, če smo še natančnejši in če pogledamo, kdo je akter tako rekoč nenehne gonje, potem ugodotimo, da gre za krog, ki jih druži isti interes. Ta

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in misijonske prireditve MZA, ki so jih priredili v tem letu zvesti in vneti sodelujoči, ki so vedno pripravljeni pomagati pri misijonskih podvigih, so, hvala Bogu, odlično uspeli. Za vse njih žrtve in delo se v imenu MZA iskreno zahvaljujem. Topla zahvala vsem.

V prihodnjih tednih bomo objavili še uspehe misijonskega kosila v Windsor-Maidstone, ki ga je priredila poverjenica MZA ga. Mihi Martinčič, potem uspeh misijonskega kosila v Fairfieldu, Conn., katerega je priredil s svojimi sodelavci in dovoljenjem tamkajšnjega župnika in pomočjo g. kaplana, g. Anton Malenšek, poverjenik MZA.

Težo misijonskega piknika v Triglavskem parku v Milwaukeeju je nosila ga. Marija Coffelt, poverjenica odseka MZA tam, ki bo poročilo še poslala. Vsem topla zahvala ter božje plačilo.

Kristus je sonce, ki nikdar ne zaide, svetloba, katerih žarki obsevajo vsakega človeka. Gospod, Ti si luč in odrešenje, Stvarnik zvezd. Zahvalujemo se Ti, za dar prvih žarkov, ki posvetijo v jutranji zarji, ki nas spominjajo Tvojega vstajenja. Naj nas Sveti Duh nauči danes spolniti Tvojo voljo in naj nas Tvoja modrost vedno in povsod vodi. Daj, da bomo v veselje vsem ljudem, in da Te bomo vedno slavili za Tvoj neskončni blagoslov.

Te dni se nahaja med nami v Torontu koprski šef msgr. Metod Pirih. Na pastoralnem obisku je, ker je pač odgovoren za slovenske rojake po svetu. Morda je med nami tudi z gorečo željo, da bi mu rojaki po svojih močeh priskočili na pomoč pri gradnji tako po-

trebnega Malega semeniča in škofiske gimnazije v Vipavi.

Predstavitev Malega semeniča in Škofiske gimnazije

Preteklost: Apostolski administrator za Slovensko Primorje dr. Mihael Toroš je 10. avgusta 1950 ustanovil Malo semeniče za vzgojo duhovniških kandidatov. Prostor je dobilo v mogočnem vipavskem župnišču. Prvim gojencem so se vrata odprala 6. septembra 1952. Obiskovali so gimnazijo v Ajdovščini, ko pa je bila ta ukinjena, je dr. Toroš 19. 8. 1958 v okviru Malega semeniča ustanovil tudi srednjo versko šolo s programom klasične gimnazije.

Ta odločitev, ki je bila za tisti čas izredno pogumna, je v naslednjih desetletjih obrodila bogate sadeve ne le za Primorsko, ampak tudi za vso Slovenijo, saj so dijaki prihajali v vipavsko semeniče iz vseh treh slovenskih škofij. Večina duhovnikov sedanje srednje in mlajše generacije koprsko škofije je šlo skozi vzgojo tega Malega semeniča. Od 252 dijakov je 101 postal duhovnik. Med nekdanjimi gojenci je danes 7 profesorjev na Teološki fakulteti v Ljubljani.

Po demokratičnih spremembah je pred sedmimi leti gimnazija dobila državno priznanje. 15. 5. 1991 je sedanji koprski šef msgr. Metod Pirih ustanovil Škofisko gimnazijo Vipava. Že na začetku se je pokazalo veliko zanimanje za to šolo, na kateri vzgoja temelji na krščanskih načelih in vrednotah.

Sedanjost: V šolskem letu 1997/98 je obiskovalo gimnazijo 111 dijakov in dijakinj v štirih razredih. Veči-

na dijakov se dnevno vozi in so v glavnem doma iz treh najbližjih občin: Vipave, Ajdovščine in Nove Gorice.

Na šoli poučuje 23 profesorjev. V dijaškem domu med tednom biva 17 fantov. Zaradi prostorske stiske ni mogoče sprejeti vseh, ki želijo. Sedanji prostori so ne le premajhni in neustrezni, tudi premalo jih je. Šolska zakonodaja predvideva vsaj dva oddelka vsakega letnika. Manjka tudi večnamenska dvorana za kulturne in športne dejavnosti.

Prihodnost: Odločitev za gradnjo novih prostorov Škofiske gimnazije so narekovale sedanje težave. Potrebujemo šolske prostore po standardih in normativih, ki jih predpisuje državna zakonodaja. V sedanjih prostorih gimnazije in semeniča bomo uredili dijaški dom za dijake iz oddaljenih krajev.

Zakaj smo se odločili za gradnjo v Vipavi? Vipava je geografsko središče naše škofije. Tradicija, ki jo je v tem okolju ustvarilo Malo semeniče, je dobra osnova, na kateri lahko gradimo naprej.

Okolje in ljudje Vipavske doline so bili vedno in so tudi sedaj naklonjeni tej ustanovi.

Kaj bomo z novo gradnjo pridobili? Nove in bolj funkcionalne prostore, ki so pogoj za dobro vzgojno izobraževalno delo;

1. - na gimnazijo bomo lahko sprejeli več dijakov in dijakinj;

2. - v dijaškem domu bomo imeli več prostora, zato se bodo lahko vpisali tudi dijaki iz bolj oddaljenih krajev škofije;

3. - več možnosti bo za različne dejavnosti, ki imajo vzgojni pomen;

4. - na gimnaziji bo več redno zaposlenih profesorjev, ki so bodo lažje posvečali dijakom.

Šef Pirih pravi dalje: Vsi, ki se zavedamo resnosti vzgojnega dela in težav, ki to delo spremljajo, čutimo, da brez dobre vzgoje mladih ne bo dobre prihodnosti niti zanje niti za našo družbo.

Škofiska gimnazija Vipava želi mladim in njihovim družinam pomagati do dobre izobrazbe, pa tudi do plemenite vzgoje na temelju krščanskih vrednot. To je smisel naših naporov, ki so povezani tudi z velikimi fi-

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interes pa je ohranjanje privilegijev, ki so si jih ti krogovi uzurpirali s komunistično revolucijo in v katerih so uživali pol stoletja. Počutijo se ogroženi tako glede privilegijev kot glede interpretacije polpretekle zgodovine, na kateri so njihovi privilegiji utemeljeni.

Morda slednje več ne drži tako zatrudno. Revolucionarni privilegiji so po letu 1990, po "padcu komunizma", ostali povsem nedotaknjeni. Prav nič se ni spremenilo. Tu so torej lahko nosilci teh privilegijev mirni.

Zakaj potem kljub temu rohni? Zakaj niso raje tih, saj bi lahko nepotreblno izzivanje koga vzpodbudilo k zahtevam po spremembah? Tiho še posebej zato, ker proti Drobniču nikoli niso imeli niti enega argumenta, ki bi lahko resneje načel njegovo strokovnost in funkcijo.

Že vsaj od leta 1994, ko je bil z oblastne pozicije odstranjen Janez Janša in njegov sodelavski krog, se je začel boj za ponovno ideološko prevlado "prejšnje" uradne zgodovine. Spomnimo se le "Triumfa" in paradiranja nekakšnih "zavezniških". "Večni zmagovalci" so bili na prelomu v devetdeseta leta le za hip "porazeni".

Toda hitro so zajeli sapo in zagnali vik in krik ob

vsaki drugačni interpretaciji zgodovine, ob novih spominskih ploščah, ki jih je počasi, a sistematično postavljala Nova slovenska zaveza, ob vsaki najmanjši odstranitvi kakšnega spominskega obeležja in ob vsakem sprememjanju imen ulic, tistih zamenj toranj, ki so slavila revolucijo in utemeljevala privilegije.

Anton Drobnič ni mogel speljati niti tako pravno čiste zadeve, kot je obnova procesa proti nekdanjem škofu dr. Gregoriju Rožmanu, ki je bil obsojen na montiranem komunističnem procesu s celim kupom ideoloških formulacij, ki s pravnimi normami nimajo nobene zveze oziroma so celo njihova temeljna zanikanja. Ko se je le dotaknil prima Rožman, so občila zagnala takšen vik in krik, kot bi šlo za naravno nesrečo.

Zakaj je torej prav Drobnič deležen te dobre, ideološke medijske gonje, in zakaj zdaj štajerski borci proti njemu vlagajo celo nekakšno ovadbo, čeprav z njenou pozitivno rešitev nijajo nikakršnih možnosti.

Dovolj let je že poteklo, da lahko na to vprašanje najdemo odgovor. Ciklična gonja proti Antonu Drobniču, nekdanjem domobranu, se obnavlja le zato, da se ukvarjam z njo. Če "problema Drobnič" ne bi bilo, bi se lahko bolj jasno ukvarjali s pravnimi temami. Te pa so, vsaj kar se tiče "zgodovine", poprava krivic, obsodba komunističnega nasilja in totalitarizma, pisanje nove zgodovine, pa ne le za strokovne zbornike, ampak tudi za učbenike in še in še.

Ko se je uredništvo Primorskih novic odločilo, da se bo na Antona Drobniča obrnilo za izjavo o 27. apriju, dnevu upora, je točno vedelo, kakšni bodo Drobničevi odgovori in da bodo potem lahko cele armade raznih borcev jahale na njih. Ukvaramo se z Antonom Drobničem, namesto da bi se z našo polpretekloto in popravo krivic.

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rojena Jereb, vdova Nicku, mati Laverne Gulich, 4-krat stara mati, prastara mati. Pogreb je bil 25. julija s sv. mašo v cerkvi sv. Viljema in pokopom na Kalvarije pokopališču.

Molly Gregorc

Dne 20. julija je umrla Molly Gregorc, rojena Gracar, vdova po Antonu, mati Anthonyja, 2-krat stara mati, 2-krat prastara mati. Franka Gregorc je bil 24. julija s sv. mašo v cerkvi sv. Pavla Chardon Rd. s pokopom na Vernih duš pokopališču.

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