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Benefit Spaghetti Dinner

On January 21 Joe and Debbie Heintz became the proud parents of twins. (The twins were born at 25 weeks gestation.) Tragically, the next day, one of the twins, son Joey, passed away. Their daughter, (twin) Julia, has been in Neo Natal Intensive Care since her birth where she has undergone two surgeries.

Julia will be coming home soon but will require ongoing medical care. Julia's lifetime medical insurance has already been exhausted. Therefore, her parents are responsible for any remaining and all future medical expenses.

On Saturday, May 8 a benefit will be held for the Heintz family at St. Bede the Venerable Church in Mentor,

Ohio. Donation is \$12.00 for adults, \$6.00 for children. There will be a Chinese auction and two 50/50 raffles.

If you are interested in attending the dinner or would simply like to make a donation, please contact:

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St. Bede the Venerable Church (Father Tulley Center) is located at 9114 Lake Shore Blvd., Mentor, OH. It can be reached at the Heisley Rd. Exit of Rt. 2, then head north toward Headlands Beach. At Lake Shore Blvd. (Rt. 283) turn left to St. Bede Church.



Some of the St. Vitus parishioners dressed in their narodne noše, gather after Easter Sunday Mass in front of St. Vitus Church.

(Photo by MARY ANN DOMANKO)

NATIVITY CELEBRATES OVER 100 YEARS OF CATHOLIC WORSHIP

Established in 1903, the Church of the Nativity of Our Lord, at 240 Fell Street in San Francisco City Center, has been the religious home for Slovenian Catholics for over a century. Since the actual dedication of the church was on June 5, 1904, we are concluding our yearlong centennial celebrations with a banquet on Saturday, June 5, and a Solemn High Mass on Sunday, June 6, 2004.

BRIEF HISTORY OF SLOVENIANS AND THE CHURCH OF THE NATIVITY

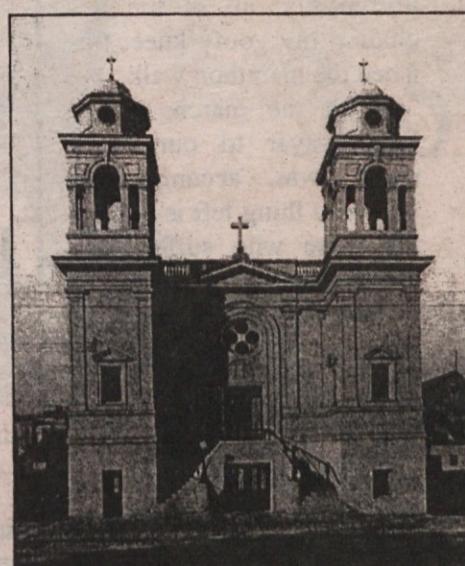
During the second half of the 19th century, many Catholic immigrants from Central and Eastern Europe poured into the United States, the country of hope. The Catholic Church declared the United States a missionary land and a major effort began to build churches, schools, and hospitals. Ethnic parishes were created throughout the country, from New York, to Pittsburgh, Cleveland, and Chicago, in northern Minnesota, and further West, to Denver, Pueblo, and Leadville in Colorado and to Rock Springs, Wyoming.

A few Slovenians came to California in the 1850's attracted by the Gold Rush. The news of initial fortunes quickly spread among other Slovenians, many more came to the San Francisco Bay Area, especially after 1882. As their numbers increased, their desire for their own priest and parish gained appropriate attention from the Catholic hierarchy. Towards the end of the century, these Slovenians joined with other Slavic speaking immigrants - especially with Croatians from the Dalmatian Coastal regions who comprised a larger group - and petitioned the Archdiocese of San Francisco for a priest and a parish, where they could hear God's Word in their own languages.

Some missionaries had visited these Catholic communities, but did not establish a permanent residency. The first such recorded visit was by the Slovenian missionary Rev. Andrej Andolsek, who came to San Francisco in 1862 and remained for about six years. After that he left and spent the rest of his missionary life in Wisconsin.

To accede to their wishes, Archbishop Riordan traveled to St. Paul Seminary in St. Paul, Minnesota, around the turn of

the century, because it had become a center for Slovenian seminarians. This was mainly thanks to the generous and energetic efforts of Rev. John Starika (1845-1915), a successful pastor and builder of several churches and schools in Minnesota, and the archdiocesan advisor and then Vicar General to Archbishop Ireland later also the first Bishop of Lead, South Dakota. He encouraged and enabled many Slovenian men to come to the United States to study at this seminary, where over 100 of these were ordained to the priesthood. Among these seminarians was also Francis Turk. In him, Archbishop Riordan found the person he needed. Francis Turk was an excellent student and proficient in several Slavic languages.



CENTENNIAL HIGHLIGHTS

Saturday, June 5th, 2004, 6 p.m. to midnight
Centennial Banquet, Mark Hopkins Hotel

Sunday, June 6th, 2004, 11:00 a.m.
Solemn High Mass, Nativity Church
celebrated by

His Excellency **Archbishop William Levada**,
and concelebrated by **Bishop Alojz Uran**,
and other invited guest bishops and priests.

Additional information on these special events will be coming soon from Nativity's Centennial Committee.

Please contact:

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be closed. For two and a half years, the parishioners held prayer vigils in front of the closed church each Sunday morning, until finally, the newly appointed Archbishop William Levada, reopened Nativity Parish and re-consecrated the church on Christmas Day, 1996. He assigned Fr. Czeslaw Rybacki, S. Ch., chaplain of the St. Wojciech Polish Pastoral Mission, as the new pastor to serve three communities: Croatian, Polish, and Slovenian. On September 2003, Rev. Jerzy Frydrych, a member of the same Society, succeeded him, and is the current Pastor of Nativity.

And now, together with the Croatian and Polish parishioners, we are celebrating Nativity Church's 100th Anniversary.



Oswalds Celebrate 50th

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Lewis Oswald will celebrate their 50th Wedding Anniversary on April 24. They were married on April 24, 1954 in St. Ann Church, with a reception in the Alcazar Hotel. They made their home on Dartmoor Road in Cleveland Heights, after the honeymoon.

They raised seven children and have thirteen grandchildren.

Walter retired from the Cleveland Heights Health

Department in 1995, and is active in volunteering with the Hospice of the Western Reserve, Zarja, and the Slovenian Cultural Garden Association.

His wife, Alberta, is an international water color artist and a gourmet cook.

The Oswalds will celebrate their big day with a Mass on Saturday, April 24, and a family gathering on the following day, Sunday, April 25th.

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REFLECTIONS BY RUDY

Multiple Sclerosis March

by RUDY FLIS

It was sunny; it was breezy; it was warm. It was a perfect day for the multiple sclerosis march held on Sunday, April 18.

All met at the Powerhouse, in the Flats. My wife, Therese, and I were there with our eldest daughter, Mary, who this past year, was diagnosed with M.S.

It was a large gathering of people. Forty-one of us were there for my daughter, Mary. This M.S. disease is serious stuff, but we had fun on this well organized march, which is held each year to raise money to combat a disease most prevalent in this section of our great nation.

First, I want you to know the Flats aren't flat. I say that from experience I gained on the three-and-one-half-mile march, the short route. The nine mile route is for the pros and youngsters.

At West 3rd and Lakeside I had water and oranges - most refreshing. There were

bananas and peanuts also, but I walk best with an empty stomach.

My body was ready for this march. My heart was into this march. My right knee doesn't like to march. It let me know who was boss. Fortunately, all of me, including my goofy knee, finished the marathon walk.

With the march, and a little prayer to our Lord, much was accomplished. The only thing left is to pray for those who suffer with this disease.

Seven a.m. Sunday morning is when my old body started complaining, and kept it up until the march ended. I went home and rested the day through, just like when I finish shopping with Therese. Thank you Lord and please watch over Mary. You are our hope.

My daughter Mary's family, co-workers and friends did it for her. "We love you, Mary."

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St. Vitus Church Repair Report

The St. Vitus Church roof and maintenance repair project began in earnest on March 24 with initial scaffolding work on the west side of the parish church. Scaffolding continued during the week but was delayed due to inclement weather.

Work continued the following week with tear-off of both west and east lower church roofs. Repair work on rotted wood as well as beginning phase to increase ventilation in the church was initiated. After the tear-off work, an adhesive material was placed on the roof followed by ice and water guard material to protect the lower roofs. These same steps will also occur for the upper portion of the church roof including the radius portion of the roof by the back of the church sanctuary.

The protective plexiglass window coverings are to be removed and replaced with thermal pane type windows. The wooden exterior frames are to be cleaned, primed, and then receive a final coat of paint prior to having the thermal glass reinstalled. The paint color is to match as close as possible the terra cotta used

on the church building. The exterior portion of the stain glass windows will also receive a cleaning.

Loose mortar on the bricks is to be addressed by a process of grinding and then tuck point work. The lower brick work by side entrance steps will be addressed but not until all scaffolding work is removed.

Parishioners and benefactors of St. Vitus will have the opportunity to attend an all parish Mass on Sunday, April 25 followed by a continental breakfast and presentation on this project in the parish auditorium. The Mass will be at 10:00 a.m.

Primary contractors will be present to address specific questions in detail after the presentation. The final work involved in this project will be maintenance and repair work of the historic church Holtkamp organ and maintenance work on the interior paint and religious art work.

--Stane Kuhar

Member, Parish Finance Advisory Council

Frogsbridge Evolves Into Collinwood

by JOHN M.
URBANCICH

(Reprinted from Aug. 20,
1976 American Home)

The history of the Collinwood area of Cleveland is an interesting one.

It includes the transformation of what was once known as Frogsbridge into the Five Points area where the center of local activity - Collinwood High School - still stands today.

The area began developing in 1801 when a Connecticut sea captain named Tim Doan started the Collamer settlement.

Collamer street running between Euclid Avenue and East 152 Street is a derivation of that settlement.

Around 1810, Thomas McIlrath, a Pennsylvania farmer, began a rival settlement called Frogsbridge.

Despite the many wild animals that ventured to and from a swamp in its midst, Frogsbridge eventually out-

grew Collamer and absorbed the neighboring settlement.

The town prospered gradually until 1852 when the Cleveland-Painesville - Ashtabula Railroad arrived, giving residents their first look at something called a locomotive.

By 1875, Frogsbridge was booming. Repair shops, a round house and a post office materialized and by the end of 1880, more than 100 buildings had been erected.

Included was a new school, Lakeview, which cost an almost unheard of \$22,000.

Because the railroad was king at the time, the community changed its name to Collinwood after Charles Collins - an engineer of the Lake Shore and Michigan Southern Railroads, consolidated in 1868.

When Collins committed suicide in 1875, the town name was changed again - this time to Collinwood.

In 1884, the first Collin-

wood council meeting was held. Eleven mayors eventually won election before the village was annexed to the City of Cleveland in 1910.

Prior to the annexation, in March, 1904, Lakeview School burned down, killing 165 students and two teachers.

Three years later, the new South High opened on the corner of St. Clair Avenue and East 152 Street. After only a few weeks, however, the name was changed to Collinwood High School, a facility for junior high students only.

Finally with the addition of 80 new classrooms, high school age students were admitted in 1926.

More than 3,600 Collinwood students served the country in World War II, and 175 gave their lives.

John M. Urbancich now is the President and Chief Executive Officer of Sun Newspapers of Northeast Ohio.

Life in the Refugee Camps

1948

By Anton Zakelj, translated and edited by John Zakelj

Sunday, Aug. 15, 1948

This morning we had a Solemn High Mass with an orchestra for the holy day of the Assumption.

I packaged 28 pieces of bobbin lace worth 1,041 shillings for Mrs. Trobec to take to Mire in Canada.

Cilka and I went to bed at 9:30 p.m. At 10, she got up, saying, "I don't know what's happening. I feel healthy, but I'm losing water." We got dressed and went to the nearby clinic, where we called for a doctor. The doctor called for a nurse and driver to take us to the hospital in Leoben. The camp's driver, Stefan Tovornik, had just returned, very tired from a day-long trip. I asked him if he could take Cilka to the hospital, and he said simply, "If it's necessary, let's go!" (Many years later, I was able to repay the favor by helping him and his family with housing and work when they came to America.) We reached the hospital before midnight, and soon after, Mr. Tovornik brought me back to the camp - without my wife.

Monday, August 16, 1948

I got up at 6 and went to Mass. At 9, I went to the clinic, where I learned that the exam two days ago determined I have "ulcers ventriculi," similar to what I had some years ago. They gave me some milk to help soothe the ulcers.

At noon I rode a bike to the Leoben hospital (about 5 miles away). Cilka was still in the operating room. They wouldn't let me in, but I could see she was smiling. A nurse told me Cilka had given birth to a baby boy at 11:30 a.m. At 1 p.m., they brought Cilka to her room. After she was examined by a doctor, I was finally allowed to visit her, and I stayed until 3. Despite having just given birth to her first baby, and a large one at that, she feels good and looks very happy.

The nurses allowed me to see my new son - he weighs over 8 pounds and is almost 22 inches long. I think he looks bigger than the other babies, and he has an especially large mouth. Will he become an attorney some day?

I am relieved and happy to see both mother and son looking very healthy.

Tuesday, Aug. 17, 1948

Today I worked on sewer construction as usual and visited Cilka from 3:30 to 4 p.m. We wrote letters to our parents.

Thursday, Aug. 19, 1948

I went to the hospital at 7 a.m. and brought Cilka some

milk and cookies. Milk is very hard to get and Cilka really needs some now.

I worked on sewer construction in the rain and got soaked through.

Hittaler (the owner of the construction company) laid off 3 Croatians. I can see that anyone who does not work hard enough is soon let go. I'm the weakest man in our crew, but I need to do better than those Croatians.

I wrote to Silva to thank her for the nice little sweater she sent for our new baby.

Friday, Aug. 20, 1948

I received my first pay from the construction job. In 4 weeks, I earned 548 shillings, but received only 296. They took out 180 for the refugee camp, 50 for health insurance, and about 20 for dues to the Social Democratic Workers Organization.

Some of the other men spend their earnings on alcohol or sweets. I don't buy much of that, but I have been going to an inn for lunch each day. I treat myself to plum dumplings and sometimes even a beer.

Saturday, Aug. 21, 1948

This afternoon, I visited Cilka in the hospital, as I have each day this week. I brought her half a liter of milk and some cookies. Both Cilka and the baby are healthy.

Sunday, Aug. 22, 1948

I went to Mass at 6 a.m. and 8 a.m. In the afternoon, I was going to ride my bike to the hospital, but it was broken and I couldn't get it fixed by the time it started raining at 3. I wrote a letter, in English, to Griggs, who had sent us a nice little wool blanket from Tasmania.

(To Be Continued)

Slovenia's Javornik Wins Distance Race

Helena Javornik, Slovenia's premier female distance runner, overcame a mid-race surge by two Kenyan women to take first place at the prestigious Turin Marathon in Turin, Italy on Sunday, April 18.

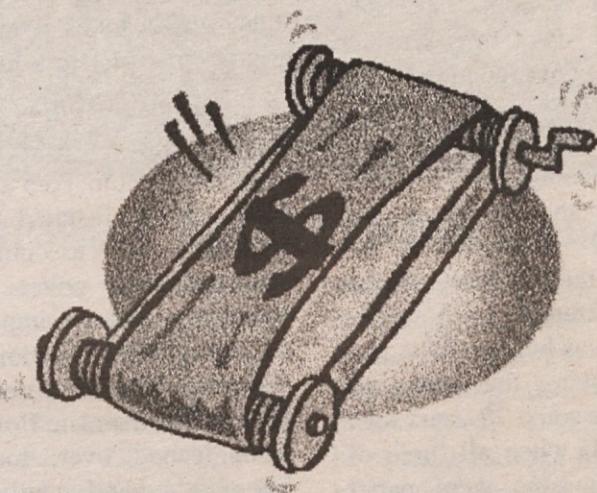
Despite suffering from stomach problems the night before the race, the 38-year-old Javornik finished in 2 hours, 31 minutes, and 13 seconds, more than a minute ahead of the second place finisher.

Among women road runners, Javornik is currently ranked 39th in the world.

Kenya continued their international domination of the marathon with countryman Frederick Cherono (2:08:38) winning the men's title, while Italian Albertico Di Cecco (2:09:29) finished second.

Joel Arko
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Mlakar Walks Down Memory Lane



AMERIŠKA DOMOVINA, APRIL 22, 2004

by RAY MLAKAR

Surprise. It seems that Spring is finally here but then maybe I am talking too soon for it seems that from day to day the weather changes without much notice, so let's enjoy the nice days while they are here for the time being.

First and foremost my extended sympathy to the Stanley Lach Family on the loss of Stanley Lach whose funeral was held on Monday. My knowing the Lachs go way back some 70 years for I can recall when all three of the Lach sons were paper boys on the West Side delivering the Cleveland Press as well as the Plain Dealer. We all went to Annunciation School and was taught by The Sisters of St. Joseph from Rocky River Drive, for we were all the "prodigy" of Sister Bernadette, Sister David, and Sister Naomi.

Once again I was lucky this past Sunday in having Mrs. Carol Koritnik from Euclid bring me some fine Slovenian pastry. It goes without saying one can really taste the difference when something is home made or not. And when it comes to good Slovenian bakery, Mrs. Koritnik does not cut any corners. Thanks again, Carol. You can be rest assured that I am not watching my weight, maybe my doctor is but then that is what he is getting paid for.

Thanks to my sister Irene. She came to "baby sit" Happy Harry, my Cain Terrier, this past Saturday when I was fortunate in being taken to the Air Force Museum at the Wright Patterson Air Force Base in Dayton, Ohio. You name it and I saw it from planes that were built before World War II as well as all the war planes that were built since. The one hanger was loaded with all the past President's airplanes and perhaps the one that impressed me most was President John F. Kennedy's plane, for it seems that it had a little bit more room than the planes used prior as the Presidential Planes. Prior to Kennedy's plane, they were always all chrome plated; but starting with Kennedy's every plane since were painted with a blue bottom and a white top with the Presidential Seal. What can I say, "Money was no object."

Perhaps the only thing about the planes of the Presidents that did not impress me was the sleeping quarters for basically they were a makeshift bunk bed like they used to have on overnight railroad sleeping cars. To say that the airplane hangers, buildings

where the planes are stored, were large - is an understatement.

Well Ray, let's get out of the airplane hangers and into this week's jokes. I have to dig deep to get this joke.

While attending a marriage seminar dealing with communication, Tom and his wife, Grace, listened to the instructor. "It is essential that husbands and wives know the things that are important to each other." He addressed the man, "Can you describe your wife's favorite flower?" Tom leaned over, touched his wife's hand gently and whispered, "It's Pillsbury, isn't it honey?"

Time to get back to Schlegel USAR Center and the late 1950s and I guess I had my cross to carry with Major Johnson, the Regular Army advisor assigned to the center along with other regular Army NCOs.

I guess as a Major, he was entitled to his so-called "Goffer" or "Do-dis" and I looked like his likely candidate. As an Army Office Advisor, he lived in the East Side area and was given an Army sedan for his personal transportation to go to and from the Reserve Center, but then I guess when you become a Major, you get such nice benefits with Uncle Sam even paying for the gas. He had the best of both world, a good plush assignment, a loaned Army Chevy sedan and me as his so-called "Goffer."

One day he calls me into his office and says, "Mlakar, you got a half-inch drill at home?" Sure I said, doesn't everybody? He says how about you bringing the drill with a half-inch bit and a 25-foot extension cord for you and I have a project to attend to, a personal project.

I said, "Why don't you ask one of your own Regular Army Sergeants or better still go out back into the Maintenance Garage and I am sure that any of the civilian mechanics on duty will help you."

"No, Mlakar, I am asking you. I don't want to be obligated to them." "Obligated to them, odd dam, aren't you going to be obligated to me?" "No, Mlakar, I consider you one of the better civilians here."

Well, the next day I brought in the extension cord, the drill and the half-inch bit and took it into his office and said, "Have fun."

The Major responded, "No. - Because we are both gonna have fun. Here is the keys for my Army sedan. Drive it in here. Leave the drill on the floor and in the

meantime I will plug in the extension cord, plug in the drill and get things ready." Okay I said but was wondering what this "ding-a-ling" had in mind.

I drove the car into the garage and parked it near him and he says, "Okay, take the drill and drill a hole in the left front fender where I used red nail polish to signify where I want the hole drilled." I said, "No way; you can't do that. That Army sedan is government property; it is only on loan to you. You can't drill holes into the upper fender."

"Mlakar, see this gold oak leaf cluster on my shoulder? I am a Major, and as a Major I can do any thing." I says, "Maybe you think you can do anything, but Ray is not gonna drill a hole in an Army sedan fender. What is gonna happen when you get transferred out of here and on to a new assignment?"

"Simple," he says. "I take out the radio, unscrew the antenna mount and take it with me since I paid for it."

You take the antenna mount off and that leaves a hole in the fender and when we have an inspection, what do we tell the inspector when he asks WHY is there a hole in the fender? "Don't worry about it, Mlakar; you'll think of something to tell the inspectors." Right, I said. "Here is the drill and you can drill all the holes you want. I want no part of it."

I walked back into my office and heard him saying some choice words but I also heard the drill doing its job before the day was over. He had his loaned Army sedan equipped with his own personal radio.

Later in the afternoon he brought me back the drill and cord and says, "Now you don't have to worry, Mlakar. I did it myself." I said, "But for the record, you spell Johnson with a 'J' right?"

Needless to say he felt I was his personal goffer, and counted on me from time to time as you will see in future articles. Lord are you listening? You own me one; remember, I got stuck with Major Johnson.

Well, time to bring this column to an end only to mull over in my mind all my tax dollars that I gave to help pay for those Presidential Planes and I never even got to ride in one. But to tell the truth; I don't like sleeping in bunk beds, especially when I have to climb up into it with no ladder furnished.

In closing may the Good Lord bless and watch over all of you and keep you in good health.

spotlight on health

Healthy Living For The New Millennium

(NAPS)—Here's some food for thought: while many people make resolutions to live healthier lifestyles, their resolve can dissolve if they're not sure how to go about it. Here are a few hints that may help.

1. Digest these facts about food. To promote health and reduce fat, many people may want to restrict their intake of saturated fat by cutting back on meat and dairy products. Don't eliminate all fats, however. Explains Vitamins.com's Nutrition Director Dana Reed, "There is a myth that all dietary fats are bad. In reality, having the right amount of the right fatty acids in your diet is important for cellular health, hormone balance, healthy skin, hair and nails."

To help keep weight down, substitute whole grains such as oat groats and brown rice, plus legumes, for high carbohydrate foods such as pasta and potatoes. You still need to make sure you're getting enough vitamins and minerals. Adds Reed, "Even when you eat right, you may not be getting all the vitamins and minerals your body needs."

She also says, "People who supplement their diets with vitamins can optimize health, lower the risk of degenerative disease, delay the process of aging and boost the immune system against stress." A good supplement regimen should include:

- A multi-vitamin/mineral complex to provide a foundation of antioxidants, B vitamins and essential minerals.

- Consider extra nutrients to support your bones, such as calcium with magnesium, vitamin D



Many Americans who try to eat right to protect their health may be surprised by a few facts.

and other trace minerals and vitamins that aid in the absorption of calcium.

- Extra vitamin C for a healthy heart, eyes and immune system.

- Extra vitamin E to scavenge free radicals, support the heart and balance hormone levels.

- An essential fatty acid to support the immune system, healthy cholesterol levels, blood pressure, skin and hair.

2. Drink lots of water—at least eight eight-ounce glasses a day

3. Exercise. Aerobic exercise helps your heart and bones. Exercise with weights helps build muscle and fight fat.

You can learn more from the Vitamins.com web site, a health products company that has long been "dedicated to the belief that the best vitamins and herbs, along with good nutrition, exercise and a good night's sleep, is a path to well-being everyone should take in the new millennium," as Vitamins.com's President, Robert Haft, puts it. For more information visit www.vitamins.com.

Easy Chicken and Pasta

Prep Time: 10 min. Cook Time: 20 min.

1 lb. skinless, boneless chicken breasts, cut up
1 can (10 3/4 oz.) Campbell's Condensed Cream of Chicken Soup

1/2 cup water

1 pkg. (about 16 oz.) frozen seasoned pasta and vegetable combination

1. - In skillet over medium-high heat, heat 1 tbsp. oil.

2. - Add chicken and brown.

3. -- Add soup, water and vegetable combination.

4. - Heat to a boil. Cover and cook over low heat 5 min. or until vegetables are tender. Serves 4.

More Riddles from Phil Hrvatin

ANSWERS:

1) Elizabeth is drinking coffee. The letter "e" appears twice in her name, as it does in the names of the others who are drinking coffee.

2) Bill said the score would be 0-0 and he was right. "Before" any hockey game starts, the score is always 0-0.

3) e n t. They represent the first letter when writing the numbers one thru ten.

"All currencies, not only the American dollar, but all currencies, always go down, mainly because of democracy. The voters will vote for a person who is going to spend too much, and so you have to expect all currencies to go down."

--John Templeton

Survivors of war camp lament Italy's amnesia

Part II

(Continued from March 11 issue of American Home)

Yugoslavia at the time (1942) was carved up by the Axis powers with Germany, Italy and Hungary each taking a chunk.

The prisoners were generally men suspected of resisting the Italian occupation army or women and children who lived in villages suspected of sympathizing with the resistance.

Established in July 1942, the camp held a total of about 10,000 people until it was disbanded in September, 1943.

During winter months, in Rab (Croatia), the death toll rose sharply, mainly because prisoners were not given proper clothing and lived in tents exposed to the cold. Babies and children died first because they were more vulnerable to these brutal conditions.

By the time Italy capitulated in 1943, more than 1,200 prisoners had died, according to research by Bozidar Jezernik, a Slovenian historian and dean of the Faculty of Arts at the University of Ljubljana. He estimates that the real death toll is around 2,000 when taking into account weakened people who were moved to other camps before they died.

More than a hundred of the victims were children under age 10, according to Jezernik, who based his estimate on Italian documents and the records of Slovenian and Croatian church officials.

Jews were held separately at Rab and were treated relatively better, survivors said. They had access to radio and newspapers and were better fed. "We were prisoners; they were protected people," Vratusa said. "We used their assistance."

A unique partnership emerged between Jewish prisoners and Slovenian and Croatian partisans. After the Italians capitulated, a group of young Jewish men who were in decent physical shape joined the emaciated Slovenians to form a military unit - the Rab Brigade, they called it - to fight the German occupying army.

The brigade used weapons captured from their Italian prison guards and commandeered several Italian supply ships filled with uniforms, ammunition and food, including copious amount of parmesan cheese, a delicacy for the starved prisoners.

Stripped of their arms, the Italian guards were put on a boat and sent away. The Italian colonel in charge of the camp was captured and

committed suicide.

By the murderous standards of the Second World War, Rab was perhaps only a footnote of evil.

But Slovenian historians say that Italy's concentration camps deserve at least some mention in the annals of Western European history.

"I have checked many encyclopedias," Jezernik said, "and you won't find a single mention of Italian concentration camps."

Jezernik said that when he sought files from the Italian National Archives in Rome in the 1990's, he was told by officials that most of the documents could not be divulged until 75 years after they were written. This would make them available around 2018.

David Wingeate Pike, a Paris-based historian of World War II and a former British intelligence officer in the Balkans, said one reason that Italian war crimes had not been fully investigated was because Allied forces did not have the same incentives to delve into them.

"In 1943, after all, Italy was on our side," Pike said. "I suppose the deal was: 'We don't want to know about your crimes but help us win this war.'" There were no trials of Italian war criminals as there were for the Germans and Japanese, Pike said.

Today there are perhaps other reasons to play down Italy's crimes. As Slovenia prepares to enter the European Union and Croatia aspires for membership, it is impolitic to dwell on Italy's wartime past.

Yet all of this geopolitical reasoning is not what interests the Rab survivors. In the twilight of their lives, they want the story to be told and remembered.

"Even in Slovenia they do not pay much attention to it," Metod Milac said, "which hurts me a lot."

When Milac left the camp in January 1943 - he was lucky enough to be released early by the Italians - he was so weak and emaciated that he could not climb the ladder of the boat that took him back to the mainland.

Now a retired librarian in the United States, Milac in 2002 published "Resistance, Imprisonment and Forced Labor," a memoir of his time in the camp and other World War II experiences.

Today in Rab there are only a few scattered traces of the concentration camp.

A series of stone structures built with prison labor have been refurbished and are used as part of a mental asylum.

Grapes and corn grow where the prisoners' tents once stood. And a moss-covered stone tablet by the side of the road reads: "This is the concentration camp where many people lost their lives in terrible circumstances."

Down the road is a larger memorial with individual gravestones and a stainless steel plaque inscribed with hundreds of names.

The memorial was built in 1953 with prison labor from Goli Otok, the island where opponents of the Tito regime were imprisoned in Communist times.

The tragic irony of political prisoners building a monument to victims of Fascism is not lost on Jezernik, the Slovenian professor. He said he once interviewed a man who was a prisoner of the Italians in Rab and subsequently a political prisoner at Goli Otok who helped build the monument in Rab.

"He was building a monument to himself," Jezernik said.

Petar Kurelic, a 78-year-old local resident who was born in a house overlooking the camp, said tourists were the main visitors to the memorial these days. Rab, a popular summer resort, is a 20-minute ferry ride from the Croatian mainland.

When he was a teenager, he said Italian soldiers were alternatively kind and cruel, sometimes offering food to Rab residents, other times beating them or worse.

But today Kurelic said the wounds have healed and German and Italian tourists are welcome on the island.

"Things change," he said. "The Germans and Italians used to be our enemies and we killed each other. Today we are friends," Kurelic added. "The memories are there, but the hatred is gone."

--Thomas Fuller
International Herald Tribune

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A constant source of amazement is the spectacular versatility of the individual performers, each of whom plays several instruments, dances and vocalizes with equal ease.

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struments which they play - is a typical college student with an exceptional amount of performing talent and ambition. Most Tamburitzans have come through the ranks of "junior" Tamburitzan and other ethnic performing groups in their own communities, or have been students of the performing arts since early childhood.

Ensemble members receive scholarship aid for their participation in the ensemble.

Tickets are \$12.00 on the main floor and \$8 in the upper balcony. Tickets can be purchased at the Polka Hall of Fame at 605 E. 222 St.

Zarja Singers Invite Everyone to 'My Big Fat Slovenian Wedding'

The Zarja Slovenian Singing Society will host its spring concert on Saturday, April 24 at the Slovenian Society Home, 20713 Recher Avenue in Euclid, Ohio. The great thing here is that you don't have to travel to New York or to a local theater to see or hear some great music. The Zarja Chorus performs music of all nations and all historic periods.

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The program titled, "My Big Fat Slovenian Wedding" is a story about Boris and Nadja and their plans to get married after a rather long

engagement, and takes place in the mid 1940s. It takes ingenuity to dream up fresh and workable programs for our concerts, but Ed Ozanich quietly cultivates his selection of themes. We are sure you will enjoy this presentation.

The repertoire is carefully chosen by our director, Doug Elersich, to suit the setting, along with Ed Ozanich and other members. The program is interspersed with the music of Slak and Avsenik, along with specialty groups and chorus musical numbers.

Accompanists are Jim Markel on the piano, and Jim Kozel on the accordion.

The festivities and program will begin with dinner served from 5 to 6:30 p.m., followed by the program at 7:00 p.m. Tickets are available for a donation of \$20 at the Polka Hall of Fame, 605 East 222 St., in Euclid, all Zarja members, or you can call Barbara Elersich at 1-440-257-2540 or Vicky Kozel at 1-216-531-5542.

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In Tribute to Ann V. Kapela

Ann Kapela expired on April 10, 2004, just two months after her brother, Joey.

She was affectionately known as "Annie Kuznik" well after her marriage in 1944 to Tony Kapela, a Navy pilot, officer and gentleman.

Her wedding had numerous attendants with a distinguished group of Navy officers as best man and ushers. I recall her making a special trip on her wedding day to visit my mother and my Aunt Josie while I was convalescing at home, next door to the bride's family.

Annie was always a central part of weddings at the Slovenian National Home (E. 80th) as she gathered a group of singers for the unveiling ceremony. At our wedding reception in 1959, Annie obtained a huge bowl from the kitchen and initiated the traditional "Pillow Dance" as she gave us the proceeds for our honeymoon.

Ann was the third child and first daughter of Frank and Mary Kuznik, who brought 14 children into the world. In her youth, blessed with natural beauty and outgoing disposition, she was a helpful daughter in the Kuznik Dry Goods and Shoe Store. She then assumed her lifetime calling as the matriarch of the Kuznik clan when she was in her early 20s after her mother passed away, shortly after the death of her brother, Fr. Ludwig Kuznik.

Annie was the prize of the neighborhood as a classy, stylish, and flamboyant

dresser. With the air of a Hollywood star she was affectionately known as the "Duchess." She was the attraction along with her sis



Ann V. Kapela

ters Betty, Emma, Mimi and Bunny in their father's café. During the war she kept in contact with many servicemen as a consummate writer of short notes and extensive letters to keep the men apprised of what was going on in the home front, the St. Lawrence parish surroundings in the Newburgh area of Cleveland. She initiated the pictorial display in their front window of many patrons who were in uniform. Kuznik's was their first stop when they returned after discharge or on a furlough. Ann left many broken hearts when she married Tony, an outsider from up the hill. Tony's demeanor and gentle qualities soon won over the entire neighborhood.

Annie was a definite cog in the embryonic stages of Dove Tool and Die Co. She took orders from her upstairs flat as she was taking care of her daughter Audrey. Tony filled the orders from his garage shop two stories down. She visited customers

with quotes and special deliveries. When Rusty came along, business grew and moved to larger quarters, but she devoted her talent to being a full time Mom.

Ann was truly the proverbial helpmate and kept the entire Kuznik families close. Through the years Tony and Ann traveled extensively to Europe, Hawaii, and the Caribbean. They were ever available for the polka tours and took the first polka trip with Kollander Travel, hosted by Tony Petkovsek, featuring the Vadnals with brother-in-law Frank Mahnic to Yugoslavia (now Slovenia) in 1967.

Annie never forgot her roots and her Slovenian heritage. She was an initiator to all kinds of frivolity involved with weddings, dances and parties, while engaging in many conversations with the patrons, then starting those joyful songfests as the party was wanning.

She was particularly friendly to the aging neighbors from St. Lawrence parish. As a relatively young widow (Annie always remained spirited and youthful). She kept the family together with many social activities and held annual parties for her extensive family of friends. She supported many Slovenian causes including the American Home, and was a very generous patron for the Slovenian National Homes, and many cultural events.

Annie Kapela was loved by all and will be missed immensely.

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Saturday, April 24

Zarja Spring Frolic concert titled "My Big Fat Slovenian Wedding," at Slovenian Society Home, Euclid. Dinner 5 to 6:30, program 7 p.m., dancing beginning at 8 p.m. by Jeff Pecon Orchestra.

Friday, April 30

Dance at the West Park Slovenian Hall, 4583 W. 130 St., Cleveland from 7:30 - 11:30 p.m. Music by Fred Ziwich.

Sunday, May 2

Holmes Ave. Pensioners Annual Dinner-Dance at Collinwood Slovenian Home. Dinner served 2 p.m. Dance to Ray Polantz 3 - 7 p.m. For tickets call (216) 531-2088 or (440) 943-3784 before April 25.

Sunday, May 2

Ohio Boychoir benefit chicken or roast pork dinner in St. Vitus Auditorium, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. Adults \$10; children \$5. Take outs available.

Friday, May 7th

Dance at the West Park Slovenian Hall, 4583 W. 130 St., Cleveland from 7:30 - 11:30 p.m. Music by Frank Moravcik.

Saturday, May 8

Jadran Singing Society bids Fond Farewell with dinner-concert, dance at Slovenian Workmen's Home on Waterloo Rd., in Cleveland. Dinner served 5 until 6:30 p.m. Concert 7:00 p.m. Dancing following with music by Fred Ziwich. For tickets call (440) 951-1694.

Sunday, May 9

Newburgh Slovenian Home, 3563 E. 80th St., Cleveland, OH Annual Mother's Day Breakfast Brunch \$8.00. Children 10 years and under \$4. Serving 9 a.m. to 12 noon.

Wednesday, May 12

Collinwood Slovenian Home hosts Wing Dinner from 4 to 7 p.m. \$4.00.

Friday, May 14

Dance at the West Park Slovenian Hall, 4583 W. 130 St., Cleveland from 7:30 - 11:30 p.m. Music by Wayne Tomsic.

Sunday, May 16

Newburgh Slovenian National Home Salutes Eddie Kenik. Dinner 2 p.m. Music

by Al Battistelli from 3 until ? Reservations call (216) 475-7946, (216) 341-6136 or (440) 467-4971. Donation \$18.00.

Friday, May 21

Newburgh Slovenian Home, 3563 E. 80th St., Cleveland, OH Pork, sauerkraut, potato dumpling dinner, \$9.00. Serving 5 to 7:30 p.m. Music by Frank Moravcik 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.

Friday, May 21

Dance at the West Park Slovenian Hall, 4583 W. 130 St., Cleveland from 7:30 - 11:30 p.m. Music by Joey Tomsick.

Saturday, May 22

Slovenian Choral group Korotan annual concert at the Slovenian National Home on St. Clair Ave., music by Veseli Godci.

Sunday, May 23

Collinwood Slovenian Home features Pasta Dinner from 3 to 7 p.m. \$7.00.

Friday, May 28

Dance at the West Park Slovenian Hall, 4583 W. 130 St., Cleveland from 7:30 - 11:30 p.m. Music by Tony Fortuna.

Saturday, June 12

Folklorna Skupina Kres Picnic at Slovenska Pristava.

Sunday, June 20

Collinwood Slovenian Home prepares Breakfast - eggs, sausage, bacon, hash browns, toast, coffee, juice \$5.00.

Sunday, June 27

Ohio KSKJ Picnic at Slovenska Pristava.

Sunday, July 25

St. Vitus Slovenian Language School hosts Annual Summer Picnic at Slovenska Pristava.

Saturday, Sept. 11

Folklorna Skupina Kres 50th Anniversary Performance at Slovenian National Home.

Sunday, Sept. 12

St. Vitus Altar Society dinner in St. Vitus Auditorium.

Sept. 24-26

Bishop Baraga Days, L'Anse-Baraga area of Michigan.

Sunday, Oct. 17

St. Mary's School Alumni (Collinwood) Annual Banquet following 12 noon Mass.

Sunday, Oct. 24

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Death Notices

JOHN BURCHARD

John Burchard, age 79, of Orton Court in Cleveland, passed away in University Hospitals on March 20, 2004.

Mr. Burchard was a long-time resident of the St. Clair area. He was a retired mechanic specializing in truck repair.

Mr. Burchard was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II. He was a member of St. Vitus Catholic War Veterans Post 1655.

He was the husband of Antonia (nee Kalister) (deceased); the father of Georgane Burchard, John (deceased), and Donna (Jim) Foecking; grandfather of Scott, Jimmy and Kevin Foecking.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at St. Vitus Church on Friday, March 26 in St. Vitus Church. Burial in St. Martin of Tours Cemetery in Valley City.

Zele Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

FRANCES ORAZEN

Frances Orazen (nee Mestek), age 96, passed away on March 30, 2004 in Lake East Hospital in Painesville, Ohio.

A longtime resident of Euclid, Frances was employed as an Ice Cream Packer for 20 years at Euclid Race Dairy.

Frances was a member of KSKJ #169 and the Teamsters Union.

Frances was the widow of Louis; the mother of Helen Zandarski and Kenneth (wife Becki); grandmother of Stanley, Theresa, Kenneth, David, Sandra, Brian, Trisha, Mark and Nicole; great-grandmother of nine; great-great grandmother of Chase; sister of Joseph and William and the following deceased; Anton, Albert and Helen. She was the aunt and great-aunt of many.

Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church. Burial was in All Souls Cemetery.

Zele Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

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Thanks to Sally Sega Martzall and Family of West Milton, Ohio who sent in a \$20.00 donation in memory of Stanley Zakrakjsek of Cleveland, Ohio. Stanley was a great supporter of the Ameriška Domovina.

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ANSWER: The following are suggestions that may be helpful in preparing for chemotherapy:

Questions to ask:

When you meet with your doctor or health care provider, gathering the following information will help you when questions arise.

1. – What chemotherapy medications will I be taking?

2. – What side effects can I expect?

3. – Will I lose my hair?

4. – Will I be medicated for side effects?

5. – Will I be given prescriptions to get filled?

6. – How long will I be at the clinic for treatment?

7. – Should I eat before I come for treatment?

8. – Should I take my regular medications?

9. – Are there any medications I should avoid (such as tylenol, aspirin, or ibuprophen)?

10. – Who should I call if I have a problem? Daytime number? Nighttime number?

Things you can do to prepare:

- **Go to the dentist.** This is especially true if you know you need dental work. Chemotherapy can cause you to be at risk for infection and dental work should not be done during this time. Also, your dentist may be able to offer suggestions to manage chemotherapy induced mouth problems.

- **Get a PAP smear.** If you are female and preparing for chemotherapy, it may be wise to get your annual PAP smear before chemotherapy begins; to avoid false abnormal results. Sometimes chemotherapy can affect the cells on the cervix for 6 months to a year after chemotherapy.

- **Get a wig if you will need one.** If you are likely to lose your hair. Plan to purchase your wig before you are likely to lose it – it can be easier before you start therapy. A stylist will have a much easier time matching your hair to a wig if you have your hair when you shop. Some insurance companies will pay for a wig. In this case you will need a prescription from your doctor or health care provider for a “cranial prosthesis.” Your cancer care center may have lists of recommended wig retailers. Ask your health care provider or the nurse.

- **Arrange for transportation.** Many chemotherapy regimens are accompanied by pre-medications that could make you feel sleepy. Also, since everyone reacts

to chemotherapy differently, you will not know how you might feel. It's best, at least for the first treatment, to have a ride that can bring you, and take you home. Many times it's nice to have a support person with you during treatment as well.

- **Wear comfortable clothing.** If you will be getting chemotherapy, it is best to wear comfortable clothing. If you will be receiving your chemotherapy through a vein in your arm, make sure your sleeves will allow good access past your elbow.

- **Talk with your boss at work.** Depending on your work situation, it may be wise to discuss your situation with your boss. Ask if there is any flexibility in scheduling. If you are likely not to be able to work, consider speaking with human resources about *The Family Medical Leave Act*. Don't just quit your job; you may need the insurance benefits. Discuss this with a social worker first. A social worker is often able to help you navigate through these situations.

- **Arrange child care.** You may need to arrange for child care both during treatment and afterwards. In most cases, you will be unable to watch young children while you are receiving chemotherapy. Once you are at home, you may or may not feel up to the challenge.

Other considerations:

- **Prepare meals ahead.** If you are the person responsible for meals, consider making some meals before you begin chemotherapy and freeze them in containers that offer the correct portions. Be mindful of dishes that may be spicy or difficult to tolerate if you are not feeling up to par. Plan some “easy” menus so that you don't have to use a lot of energy on meal preparation.

- **Consider help at home.** Many times, your friends and family members want to know what they can do to help. Give them a job – it will help both of you. Some ideas include:

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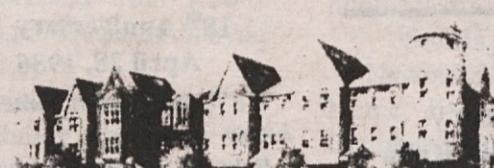
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Novi ministri prisegli in prevzeli posle od starih – Usoda zunanjega ministra Dimitrija Rupla še nejasna

"Prisegam, da bom spoštoval ustavni red in z vsemi svojimi močmi deloval za blagijo Slovenije" – s tem besedami so v torek imenovani ministri prisegli pred državnim zborom. Šlo je za pet novih ministrov, ki so sedaj del vlade Antona Ropa. Odslej bo vladna koalicija brez dozdajšnjih ministrov iz vrst SLS, ki ne sodeluje več v koaliciji. Novi ministri so takoj začeli delati.

Največ pozornosti je zbudila nova pravosodna ministrica Zdenka Cerar, kajti je v tudi zanj zelo nenavadni akciji zunanjega ministra Dimitrij Rupel bil poslal pismo vsem poslancem državnega zbora in jih dejansko pozval, naj glasujejo proti Cerarjevi, to kajbem temu, da jo je bil predlagal premier Anton Rop. Ruplova intervencija ni zaledla in je nova vladajoča koalicija tudi brez SLS razpolagala z zanesljivo večino.

Posledice Ruplove akcije niso še dokončno znane. Ravno v tednu pred formalnim vstopom Slovenije v Evropsko unijo, ga Rop noče zamenjati, Rupel pa ne kaže volje, da bi sam odstopil. (Več o zadevi v dopisu na str. 13.)

Referendum o džamiji morda bo v nedeljo, 23. maja – Zadeva še nejasna

V ponedeljek je ljubljanski mestni svet sprejel sklep, da naj bo referendum o građnji islamskega verskega in kulturnega središča ob Cesti dveh cesarjev na Viču v Ljubljani v nedeljo, 23. maja. Volili naj bi prebivalci Ljubljane. Kot pa kaže, zaenkrat je dvomljivo, ali bo mogoče uresničiti referendum tako hitro. Proti referendumu je še vedno zelo odločna županja Danica Simšič in menda ima na voljo razne vsaj zavlačevalne možnosti. Dalje, pretekli petek je islamska skupnost vložila zahtevo za prejso ustavnosti zakona o lokalni samoupravi; cilj te skupnosti je baje največ zaenkrat zamrznitev referendumu.

Manjšina v mestnem svetu, ki referendum zahteva, s svetnikom Petrom Sušnikom (SDS) na čelu, je sicer želela, da naj bi bil referendum 13. junija, torej isti dan ko bodo volitve v evropski parlament po vsej Sloveniji, večina v mestnem svetu, ki podpira gradnjo objekta in gotovo nima dvoma, da bi volivci, če bi imeli priliko, glasovali proti gradnji, določila 23. maj zato, da bi bil pritisk na ustavno sodišče, naj hiti z odločitvijo o zamrznitvi referendumu.

Sedaj že bivši ljubljanski nadškof in metropolit Franc Rode je včeraj uradno nastopil službo v Vatikanu

Ko je včeraj nadškof Franc Rode nastopil mesto prefekta v Vatikanu, je v Ljubljani začasno vodstvo ljubljanske nadškofije prevzel 59-letni ljubljanski pomožni škof Alojz Uran. Škof Uran bo ostal na tem mestu osem dni, dokler ne bo zbor svetovalcev izvolil novega nadškofijskega upravitelja. Imenovanje škofov je izključna pristojnost Svetega sedeža. Postopek za imenovanje novega ljubljanskega nadškofa vodi apostolski nuncij v Sloveniji Santos Abril y Castello. Pripraviti mora listo treh možnih kandidatov. Pri tem je zanimivo, da služi Abril y Castello v Sloveniji sorazmerno kratki čas. Roka, do katerega bi moral biti izbran Ropedov naslednik, ni.

Brižinski spomeniki prvič na ogled v Ljubljani

V Narodni in univerzitetni knjižnici v Ljubljani bodo 17. maja odprli izjemno razstavo, na kateri bodo javnosti predstavili izvirnik znamenitih Brižinskih spomenikov, prvi ohranjeni zapis slovenščine. Izvirnik bo posodila dežela Bavarska, in sicer v znamenje dobodošlice Slovenije v Evropski uniji. Brižinski spomeniki so na devetih pergamentnih listih nastali ob koncu 10. stoletja.

Tečaj tolarja: Torkova tečajnica Banke Slovenije je bila 199,92. SIT za 1 ameriški dolar, 147,62 SIT pa za kanadski.



PROSLAVLJANJE VSTOPA SLOVENIJE V NATO – Uradna slovesnost je bila že 7. aprila v prostorijah Državnega zbora. Pri govorniškem odrhu je predsednik parlementa Borut Pahor, iz vrst ZLSD, prvi na njegovi levi je finančni minister Dušan Mramor. Manjka dober teden je bo Slovenija formalno dosegla še drugi veliki cilj svoje zunanjopolitične politike, ki so jo bolj ali manj podpirali vsa leta vse večje stranke, in to bo politične politike, ki so jo bolj ali manj podpirali vsa leta vse večje stranke, in to bo v Evropski uniji. Nadaljni veliki cilj je uvedba evropske valute, evra, kar pa bo vzel nekaj let, odvisno seveda, če bo Slovenija zmožna uresničiti zahtevne pogoje.

Iz Clevelandia in okolice

Zveza Oltarnih društev –

Zveza Oltarnih društev ima svoje letno zborovanje to nedeljo v cerkvi Marije Vnebovzete v Collinwoodu, ob 2. popoldne. Po molitvah v cerkvi se bo sestanek nadaljeval v šolski dvorani. Vse članice ZOD so vabljene, da se tega sestanka udeležijo.

Pristavskim upokojencem –

Mesečni sestanek Kluba upokojencev Slovenske pristave bo v sredo, 28. aprila, na SP ob 1.30 pop. Kdor le more, naj pride že zgodaj, da pomaga pri čiščenju za pričetek sezone. Malica bo pripravljena za vse člane. (Dopis na str. 10.)

Spominski dar –

Ga. Sally Sega Metzall z družino je poklonila \$20 v spomin na brata Staneta Zakrajška. Iskrena hvala!

NOV GROB

Frank J. Branisel

Dne 14. aprila je umrl 76 let stari Frank J. Branisel z Richmond Hts., mož Mildred J., roj. Bare, oče Jeffreya in Ronaldca, sin Franka in Ursule (oba že pok.), brat že pok. Stephanie Polsak, 4-krat stari oče, veteran ameriške mornarice. Pogreb je bil 17. aprila s sv. mašo v cerkvi sv. Felicite.

Zakon za Slovence v tujini

Ljubljana – Slovencem iz tujine (z urejenim državljanstvom ali brez nje), ki se hočejo vrniti oziroma priseliti v Slovenijo, bo predvidoma olajan postopek repatriacije; z začasno nastanitvijo in oskrbo v Domu za prileganje, z osnovnim zdravstvenim varstvom, pomočjo pri učenju slovenščine in drugim.

Mladim slovenskega rodu iz tujine pa bodo morda zagotovljene boljše možnosti za pridobitev stipendij in za študij v Sloveniji ter poenostavljenne nostrifikacije za diplome in druge akademiske naslove, pridobljene v tujini.

(dalje na str. 16)

Pevski zbor Jadran –

Zadnji koncert v dolgi zgodovini pevskega zobra Jadran bo v soboto, 8. maja, v SDD na Waterloo Rd. Večerja bo servirana v spodnji dvorani od 5. do 6.30 zv., koncertni nastop se bo pričel ob 7h, sledila bo zabava s plesom. Za vstopnice in več informacij: Betty Rotar: 216-481-3187, ali pa pokličite na 440-951-1694.

Na obisku med nami –

Te dni je med nami na obisku dr. Matjaž Klemenčič, zgodovinar na mariborski univerzi, ki je objavil več knjig o slovensko ameriški skupnosti ter nešteto člankov in tudi predavanj. Dobrodošli!

Žalostno sporočilo –

Tillie Špehar, Ivanka Povirk in Martin Merela so dobili žalostno sporočilo, da jim je pretekli četrtek, 15. aprila, ob 3. uri zjutraj v Ljubljani umrl brat Silverster Merela. Naj počiva v miru!

KOLEDAR

MAJ

2. – Kosilo v korist Ohio BoyChoir, v avditoriju pri sv. Vidu, od 11 dop. do 1. pop.

16. – Slovenski dom za ostarele ima letno sejo v SDD na Waterloo Rd. Registracija se prične ob 2h pop. sama seja pa ob 2.30.

22. – Pevski zbor Korotan poda svoj vsakoletni koncert v SND na St. Clair Ave. Pričetek ob 7. uri zv. Po koncertu ples. Igra orkester Veseli godci.

30. – Društvo SPB sponsorira spominsko sv. mašo pri Lurški Materi božji na Chardon Rd. opoldne, popoldne ob 3h bodo molitve na Vernih duš pokopališču.

JUNIJ

12. – Folklorna skupina Kres ima piknik na Slovenski pristavi.

19., 20. – Tabor DSPB priredi spominsko proslavo na Slovenski pristavi za pale domobrance. Dne 19. junija molitve na SP, v nedeljo, 20. jun., sv. maša ob 12. uri opoldne pri Spominski kapelici.

JULIJ

11. – Misijonska Znamkarska Akcija ima piknik na Slovenski pristavi.

Dr. Jože Bernik – 80-letnik

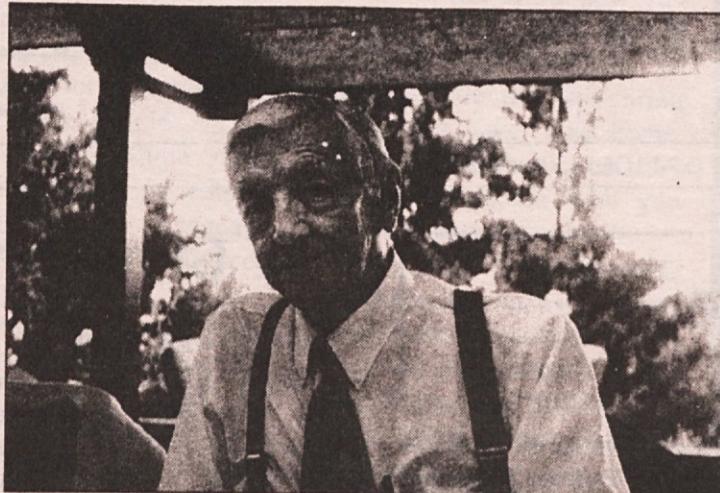
Ljubljana – Kako lepo je, če si v tako častitljivih še tako dejaven, koristen, bister, vseskozi z dobroto prisoten v slovenski javnosti. To je naš dragi Jože! S tem zapisom naj ga predstavimo še tistim Slovencem, ki o njem pre malo vedo in ga dovolj ne poznajo.

Dr. Bernik se je rodil 13. aprila 1924 v Puštalju pri Škofji Loki. Druga svetovna vojna ga je zjela kot študenta, ki je moral bežati izpod nacistične okupacije pod drugo – fašistično, v Ljubljano. Nekaj mesecev pred koncem vojne ga je gestapo zaradi delovanja proti okupatorju spravil v ljubljanski zapor. Prav zgodaj je dojel tudi grozote, ki jih je v svetu prinašal porajajoči se na silni komunizem.

Zato je maja 1945, kot nasprotnik vseh totalitarizmov, emigriral v tujino. Tam (v Rimu in Madridu v Španiji) je študiral novinarstvo in ekonomijo, v ZDA je diplomiral še iz mednarodne trgovine in doktoriral iz prava. V upravi velikega mednarodnega farmacevtskega koncerna Abbott Laboratories s sedežem v Chicagu je deloval kot podpredsednik in glavni pravnik.

Povsod je več čas je povezoval Slovence, predvsem pa slovenske študente v tujini. Skupaj s soprogo, zdravnico in znanstvenico dr. Marijo Bernik, sta odprla svoje stanovanje v Chicagu mnogim generacijam slovenskih študentov in jim omogočila ne samo, da so dobili možnost za študij, ampak da so imeli med študijem tudi svoj dom.

V Chicagu je slovenska skupnost štela približno 30.000 ljudi, vendar je bilo slovensko zavednih in aktivnih samo nekaj tisoč. V glavnem so se zbirali pri takratni slovenski fari Sv. Štefana. Dr.



Bernik je organiziral nešteto kulturnih prireditev in predavanj. Bil pa je tudi v gradbenem odboru, ki je v kraju Lemont, blizu Chicaga, organiziral izgradnjo slovenskega kulturnega doma.

Čeprav je imel odgovorno funkcijo, ki ga je vodila tudi po mnogih potovanjih po svetu, je zmeraj našel čas, da se je srečal s Slovenci, ki so živeli v Argentini, Kanadi, v Evropi in na Japonskem in ki so se nepopustljivo prizadevali delovati v prid svobodne in enotne Evrope in neodvisne, samostojne Slovenije.

Vse svoje moči in tudi finančna sredstva ter bogate zveze z najvišimi predstavniki ZDA je namenjal razvoju demokracije in uveljavljanju slovenstva ter poznavanju Slovenije v svetu.

Bil je zelo aktiven član in podpredsednik Slovensko-ameriškega sveta, ki se je takoj po padcu Berlinskega zidu še tesneje povezel s Slovensko-kanadskim svetom iz Toronto in začel še aktivneje promovirati neodvisno in samostojno državo Slovenijo.

Dr. Jože Bernik je bil tudi podporni član Slovenske kulturne akcije iz Argentine, ki jo je podpiral tako moralno kot finančno. Tudi zaradi njegove podpore so lahko izhajala najboljša dela slovenskih pisateljev in pesnikov (Zorka Simčiča, Milana Komarja, Vladimira Kosa).

Po razpadu komunizma v vzhodni Evropi in v Sloveniji se je preko svojih mednarodnih poznanstev aktivno vključil v napore za priznanje samostojnosti mlade slovenske države.

Na prošnjo Demosove vlade je leta 1991 sodeloval tudi kot svetovalec v vladnih delovnih skupinah na pravnem in delovnem področju. S svojimi bogatimi gospodarskimi izkušnjami in povezavami je pomagal slovenskim gospodarskim predstavnikom izpostavljeni sodelovanje z ameriškim gospodarstvom.

Zavzemal se je za demokratizacijo medijskega razvoja civilne družbe v Sloveniji, zadnja štiri leta pa je poslanec v Državnem zboru Republike Slovenije.

Dr. Jože Bernik je bil predsednik Svetovnega slovenskega kongresa od leta 1994 do 2000. Od leta 2000 je njegov častni predsednik. V delu SSK je bil aktiven od njegovih začetkov leta 1989, ko je bil član pripravljalnega odbora za ustanovitev SSK, ki so ga pred 15 leti ustanovili na srečanju katoliških izobražencev v Dragi, leta 1989.

Bil je tudi aktiven član odbora na ustanovnem zasedanju kongresa 27. in 28. junija 1991 v Ljubljani, kjer se je v prvih dneh osamosvojitvene vojne za neodvisno Slovenijo večina udeležencev takoj začela neposredno dogovarjati z najvišimi predstavniki vlad držav, v katerih so živeli, za diplomatsko priznanje nove države Slovenije. Dr. Bernik je s svojimi prizadevanji in vvezami za diplomatsko priznanje Slovenije s strani ZDA bistveno pomagal preseči ameriško uradno stališče do Slovenije.

Kot izjemni človek in osebnost je tudi bistveno prispeval k uspehu doseženih sedmih srečanj slovenskih znanstvenikov, podjetnikov, raziskovalcev in zdravnikov iz domovine in tujine, ki so se tudi zaradi njegovega osebnega zavzemanja množično udeleževali srečanj, na katerih želijo pomagati svoji nekdanji domovini in doseči njen lepšo in boljšo prihodnost.

Zaradi izjemnega prispevka, ki ga je dr. Jože Bernik doprinesel v dobro slovenstva, Slovencev

in zaradi njegovih zaslug pri osamosvojitvi in mednarodnem priznanju ter razvoju demokracije v Republiki Sloveniji ga ob njegovi 80-letnici Svetovni slovenski kongres predлага za najvišje slovensko državno odlikovanje: Zlati častni znak svobode RS.

Bog te živi še mnoga leta, naš dragi častni predsednik!

mag. Stanislav Raščan
Podpredsednik SSK

Pristavski upokojenci poročajo

CLEVELAND, O. – Dolga in huda zima je za nam in je čas, da počistimo Slovensko pristavo, da bo primerna za letošnjo sezono. Upravni odbor SP je lahko hvaležen upokojencem, da vsako pomlad pograbijo listje, poberejo polomljene veje, očistijo dvorano in še in še.

Vse to bomo uredili upokojenci v sredo, 28. aprila. Kdor le more, naj pride ta dan že zgodaj dopoldne na Pristavo. Dela je veliko, a v veseli in prijetni družbi se da veliko tudi narediti. Malica bo pripravljena za vse, tudi za tiste člane, ki ne morejo več pomagati, a so zato še posebno vabjeni na mesečni sestank, ki se bo pričel ob 1.30 pop.

Na sestanku bomo naredili program za letošnje poletje. Mesečni sestanki bodo vsako zadnjo sredo v mesecu. Naš piknik bo v nedeljo, 1. avgusta. Rezervirajte ta dan, da boste vsi člani prišli na Pristavo in pripeljali tudi svoje družine in prijatelje.

Koline bodo sredi oktobra.

V načrtu je več izletov. Prvi skupni izlet bo v ponedeljek, 17. maja. Najprej bomo na pokopališču Kalvarije obiskali grob dr. Valentina Meršola, tega velikega Slovence, ki je rešil tisoče slovenskih beguncev pred vrnitvijo partizanom iz taborišča v Vetrinju.

Ogledal si bomo tudi tudi znano pokopališče Lakeview, katero je posebno v mesecu maju v najlepšem cvetju in kjer je znana grobnica predsednika Jamesa Garfielda, zrte atentatorja leta 1881. Nato si bomo ogledali še mestno cvetličar-

no in imeli skupno kosilo. Še nekaj je mest praznih na avtobusu. Cena izleta je \$20 na osebo in vključuje kosilo. Tjednica bo pobirala denar na sestanku, na katerem boste tudi več izvedeli o izletu.

Ne pozabite, Slovenska pristava je naša in če jo bomo lepo oskrbovali, bo to najlepša dota naši mladini. Vsem članom klicemo na svidenje, bolnim članom pa želimo skorajšnjega okrevanja.

Odbor kluba

Pevski zbor Jadran vabi zadnjič!

CLEVELAND, O. – Toplo pomladno sonce in ptičje petje nas vabita v naravo. Tudi pevski zbor Jadran vas vse lepo vabi na koncert, ki bo v soboto, 8. maja, v Slovenskem delavskem domu na 15335 Waterloo Rd. Zbor bo pod vodstvom Freda Zivicha, ki bo s svojim orkestrom po koncertu igral za ples.

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STO LET CERKVE GOSPODOVEGA ROJSTVA V SAN FRANCISKU (1904-2004)

Skrita v sredini mesta San Francisco (240 Fell St.) župnijska cerkev Gospodovega rojstva je že sto let verski dom za slovenske katoličane. Župnija je bila ustanovljena januarja 1903, posvečena pa 5. junija 1904. Tako smo slavili razne obletnice in bomo zaključili s posebno večerjo in slovesno sveto mašo ravno sto let po prvem posvečenju.

KRATKA ZGODOVINA ŽUPNIJE IN SLOVENCEV

V drugi polovici 19. stoletja je prišlo ogromno izseljenje iz Srednje in Vzhodne Evrope. Cerkev v Združenih Državah je skrbela za njih in pričela zidati cerkve, šole, bolnice in seveda tudi narodne župnije. Tako so slovenske župnije nastale od New Yorka do Pittsburgha in Cleveland, Chicaga, v severni Minnesota pa do Kolorado v Denverju, Pueblo in Leadville, ter v Rock Springs, Wyoming.

Prvi Slovenci so prišli v Kalifornijo leta 1857 za časa zlate mrzlice. Novica o bogati Kaliforniji se je hitro razvila med Slovenci in je privlačilo kar veliko število posebno iz Bele krajine. Redki so imeli srečo z zlatom. Večina izseljencev se je zbirala v mestu svetega Frančiška. Napredovali so kar dobro in so ustanovili svoja društva, razne trgovine, pivarnice in mesarje – njih kranjske klobase so zaslavele in do danes obstajajo, sedaj izven mesta. Arhivi pričajo, da je slovenski misijonar, p. Andrej Andolšek, bil prvi, ki je obiskal San Francisko, in sicer že l. 1863 in tam ostal skoraj šest let. Nato je odšel v Wisconsin, kjer je deloval do smrti. Od časa do časa jih je obiskal še kakšen misijonar, a nihče sta stalo.

Konec stoletja je bilo tu že čez sto slovenskih družin. Naši predniki so skrbeli, da bi ohranili njih vero, zato so zaprosili nadškofov za pomoč, naj jim priskrbi svojo cerkev in duhovnika, ki bi jih vodil in učil v slovenskem jeziku.

S tem namenom se je nadškof Riordan napotil v St. Paul, Minnesota, kjer je bilo semenišče za slovenske fante. To je dosegel g. Janez Starha (1845-1915). Njegovo pastoralno delo je bilo priznano in je bil tako cenjen, da je bil dolga leta svetovalec nadškofov Ireland in pozneje še škofov v Lead, South Dakota. Vsa tista leta se je trudil, da so slovenski fantje prišli v to semenišče. Od teh je bilo posvečenih vsaj sto slovenskih duhovnikov. Med temi je bil tudi Frančišek Turk. Dospel je v Ameriko l. 1897, kot 17 letni mladenič. Kot učenec je bil odličnik in vedno prvi med sošolci. Imel je poseben talent za jezike in je govoril in pisal celo vrsto modernih jezikov, med drugimi tudi več slovenskih jezikov: hrvaški, češki, slovaški, poljski in ruski jezik. Nadškofov Riordan se je odločil, da bo njemu zaupal prvo župnijo na Zapadu za Slovence. Plačal je za



ZAKLJUČNO PRAZNOVANJE

sobota, 5. junija, 2004, od 6^h do polnoči
večerja in ples (Mark Hopkins Hotel)

nedelja, 6. junija, 2004, 11^h zjutraj
slovesna sv. maša v cerkvi Gospodovega rojstva

Celebrant:

Nadškofov William Levada
Škof Alojz Uran, pomožni Ljubljanski škof,
duhovni voditelj Slovencev po svetu

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dih izgubili svoje bližnje, in tistim, ki so po letu 1945 zapustili svoje domače kraje in se naselili v Ameriki. Ko je g. Vital Vodušek umrl l. 1973 je župnijo prevzel g. John Mihovilovich. Vodil jo je vse do ukinitve cerkve leta 1994.

Od leta 1996, ko je nadškofov Levada ponovno odpril kot narodno cerkev za Hrivate, Slovence in Poljake v okolici San Franciska, je sedem let župnikoval poljski duhovnik g. Czeslaw Rybacki. Njemu je konec leta 2003 sledil g. Jerzy Frydrych.

Vsa ta leta je bila cerkev Gospodovega rojstva središče za slovenske in hrvaške izseljence in njih potomce. Skupaj z Hravti in Poljaki sedaj slavimo stoltno obletnico.

Andrej Bajuk o NSi in prihajajočih volitvah

Ljubljana – Predsednik NSi Andrej Bajuk je v pogovoru za *Mladino* dejal, da bo izid NSi na prihajajočih parlamentarnih volitvah (*verjetno novembra, op. ur. AD*) boljši kot na prejšnjih, ko so dobili slabih devet odstotkov. Za cilj so si zastavili, da presežejo 15%.

Največja vladna stranka se je po Bajukovem mnenju že izpela, Sloveniji preprosto nimajo več kaj ponuditi. Sicer pa se, če bi njihova opcija zmagala na volitvah, ne bi branil premierskega položaja, najbolj udobno pa bi se počutil v vlogi finančnega ministra.

Bajuk meni, da Slovenci niso ksenofobični, pač pa med njimi obstaja provincializem. Glede vprašanja izbrisanih je dejal, da bi veljalo popraviti krivice in plačati

odškodnino vsakomur, ki je načel postopek pred slovensko oblastjo in je bil zavrnjen nezakonito ali ker je bil zaradi vojne vihre nezmožen zadostiti vsem zahtevkom.

Takšnih naj bi bilo nekaj sto. Odločitve ustavnega sodišča je treba spoštovati, in sicer v smislu, da je to zelo jasno opozorilo o nerešenih vprašanjih. Ustavno sodišče pa nima zakonodajne oblasti in zakonodajalec ima možnost, da problem reši tudi na drugačen način, kot je velelo ustavno sodišče. Pred štirimi leti je bilo vprašanje bolj zpleteno, saj je šlo za uveljavitev referendumu o volilnem sistemu, opozarja Bajuk.

Vprašanja domobranske problematike niso bila rešena, pravi Bajuk, zakon o grobiščih pa je

"žalostno dejanje preglašovanja in izraz pomanjkanja politične kulture, ki išče minimalni konzenz, po katerem bi lahko te reči dokončno pustili za sabo". Upa, da bo nekoč prišel čas, ko bomo lahko gledali na našo preteklost s skupne izhodiščne točke: bili so tudi ljudje in bili so Slovenci.

Bajuk je na vprašanje, v čem je sploh razlika med SDS in NSi in zakaj sta to dve stranki, če pa se v vsem strinjata, odgovoril, da jih druži skupna splošna drža do tega, kaj je treba v Sloveniji narediti. NSi je nastala na podlagi dolge tradicije slovenskega ljudsko-krščanskega gibanja, za katerega niso hoteli, da bi se povsem izgubili "po temnih kuloarjih velike koalicije". Sicer pa imata stranki na nekatere stvari tudi precej različne poglede. "Če bi imeli večinski volilni sistem, potem bi lažje našli skupni politični jezik, trenutno pa volilna zakonodaja nasploh pelje k razprševanju in ne združevanju."

V NSi zavračajo koncept nenačelnih velikih koalicij, pravi Bajuk. "Z veseljem bi enkrat sprejel vlado, v kateri ne bi bilo nobenega priveska."

Glede morebitnega ponovnega združevanja z SLS Bajuk meni, da "je težko pozabiti stvari, ki so se dogajale in se še dogajajo". SLS se namreč do nekaterih vprašanj predstavlja kot opozicija, istočasno pa govorijo, kako so leta ponosno in načelno delali v vladi. "Isti vladi, ki smo jih mi vse ta leta očitna, odločna opozicija." Vodstvo SLS pa se bo moralno enkrat odločiti, kako bo igralo.

Na vprašanje, kako resno bi, če bi prevzel oblast, jemal poslanstva, ki mu ga nalaga tradicionalistična usmerjenost, na primer vprašanje spletava, Bajuk odgovarja, da splay osebno zavrača, hkrati pa se zaveda, da živimo v družbi, kjer to ni splošno sprejeto stališče. Za spremembo zakonodaje v takšnem primeru bi se odločil le, če bi resnično izražala splošno sprejeto družbeno vrednoto.

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19. april 2004

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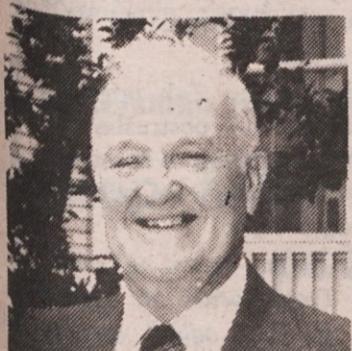
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Gotovo vam je znano, da bo to naš zadnji koncert. Vsi smo žalostni, ker bi radi nadaljevali in še dolgo prepevali slovenske pesmi. Ni nam pa več mogoče, časi so se spremenili in sčasoma tudi ljudje. Lansko leto smo izgubili dva zelo dobra pevca in vesela družabnika. To sta bila Fred Skolaris in Frank Smrke. Oba zelo pogrešamo in naše sožalje njih družinama.

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Katka, Pavli in Francka,
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in ostalo sorodstvo.

Cleveland, 22. aprila 2004

Nadškof Rode: "Moj cilj je bil utrditev vere v narodu"

Ljubljana - "Ko se oziram na minulih sedem težkih in viharnih let, se sprašujem, ali so bila moja stališča in besede pravilna, ali so bila v korist Cerkve in narodu. Iskreno mislim in želim, da je bilo tako. Sicer pa drugače tudi ne bi bil mogel govoriti. Govoril sem to, kar sem kot pastir moral govoriti," je v pismu, ki so ga preteklo nedeljo (18. aprila) brali po cerkvah ljubljanske nadškofije, zapisal dr. Franc Rode.

V novo službo je odpotoval v začetku tega tedna, v nedeljo pa je v polni ljubljanski stolnici vodil poslovilno mašo in pismo prebral še sam.

"Moj namen, edini cilj mojega škofovskega delovanja, je bil utrditev in poglobitev vere v slovenskem narodu," je dejal dr. Rode. Brez te vere, ki je po njegovem "tudi najtrdnejša osnova moralne prenove slovenskega naroda, nimamo prihodnosti," je menil.

Nadškof Rode je omenil plenarni zbor in pozval k uresničevanju sklepov. V nadaljevanju je dejal:

"V svojih nastopih in stikih z verniki sem se vselej zavedal, da nagovarjam ljudi, ki jih je zaznamovala tragedija revolucije in so bili pol stoletja deležni ponizanj in krivic totalitarne oblasti. Zato sem vas nenehno pozival k premagovanju te moreče preteklosti."

Naj vam danes, dragi verniki, še enkrat zakličem: Ne bojte se! Bodite pogumni, pokončni in samozavestni kristjani! Ne skrivajte svoje vere in se je ne sramujte! Javno izpovedujete svojo vero in svojo pripadnost sveti katoliški Cerkvi. In zahtevajte zase in za svojo Cerkev isto spoštovanje, kot ga drugi od vas terjajo zase. Naj se v tej deželi, kjer se nekritično povzdiguje vsakršno različnost, končno preneha tudi zasramovanje Cerkve in njenih predstavnikov. Naj prenehajo napadi na krščanstvo in na njegova sveta znamenja. Naj se vsaj iz spoštovanja do narodne kulture neha sramotiti vera prednikov."

"Žalostni simptomi" po dr. Rodetu dokazujojo, "kako trdovratni so sledovi negativne podobe Cerkve in krščanstva, ki jo je prodajal prejšnji šolski sistem," na drugi strani pa "razodevajo neverjetno nevrednost o temeljih slovenske in evropske kulture. Kdo ne vidi, da je tu treba nekaj spremeniti?" se je vprašal nadškof Rode.

Po njegovem bi morali tudi imeti tako šolo, ki bo vzgajala otroke v skladu z moralnim in verskim prepričanjem staršev. "S šolo kot jo imamo danes, se pač ne bomo mogli sprizazniti," je menil.

Dejan Pušenjak
Delo, 19. aprila 2004

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Ko se selite, trajno ali začasno, ste lepo naprošeni, da naši pisarni posredujete pravočasno tako Vaš nov naslov, kakor sedanji. To omogoča, da boste brez prekinitev dobivali naš list, prihranili boste pa pisarni strošek 60 centov, ki jih računa pošta za vsak povrnjen oziroma ne dostavljen izvod lista. Uporabljajte ta obrazec za posredovanje potrebnih informacij.

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Žalostni in potrti naznanjam vsem priateljem in znancem, da nas je po daljši bolezni zapustila za vedno naša ljubljena žena, mama, sestra in stara mama



Cilka Žakelj

Cilka Žakelj je bila rojena Gantar 4. novembra 1914 v Novi Vasi pri Žireh. Cilkin oče je bil ubit v prvi svetovni vojni, ko je bila komaj dve leti stara. Ko je postala 14 let, je šla delat pri bližnji družini kot dekla za dve leti. Potem je dve leti šivala pri krojaču bratu Rupertu. V 19. letu njenega življenja je postala prešivalka (šteparica) čevljev pri stricu Tonetu, kjer je dela 11 let. Vsak dan po službi pri stricu je pomagala bolni mami gospodnjiti ter nakrmiti in molsti krave.

Leta 1944 so jo partizani prisilili, da je šla z njimi, pa jim je ušla. Takrat se je že zaročila s Tonetom Žakljem, je in šla k njemu v Kranj, kjer sta delala do konca vojne.

Leta 1945 sta Cilka in Tone odšla iz Slovenije v negotovost v Avstrijska begunska taborišča. Tam sta se leta 1946 poročila. Ta božji žegen ju je spremljal preko 57 let in iz te ljubezni so se ustvarile štiri družine.

Leta 1949 je Cilka odšla s Tonetom najprej na Willard, Wisconsin, l. 1950 pa v Cleveland, kjer je živila do svoje smrti. Cilka je bila članica KSKJ št. 172, AMLA št. 14, in Oltarnega društva fare sv. Vida. Pri kosilih cerkvenih organizacij je pripravljala solato več kot 20 let. Bila je navdušena čipkarica in delala kadar je mogla. Več let je dobila nagrade za vrtnarstvo.

Njena življenjska pot se je končala 19. marca 2004. Umrla je na domu v Clevelandu v prisotnosti njene družine in gospoda Božnarja. Pokopana je bila 23. marca na pokopališču Vernih duš (sec. 26, lot 1395).

Pokojno je v bolezni redno obiskoval in ji prinašal tolažila sv. vere č. g. Božnar. On je tudi vodil molitve in opravil vse pogrebne obrede v pogrebnu zavodu, v cerkvi in na pokopališču. Za vse, posebno pa za njegovo lepo pridigo med pogrebno sv. mašo, se mu iskreno zahvaljujemo. Prisrčno se tudi zahvaljujemo članicam Oltarne-

Žalujoči:

mož Tone;

sinovi in snahe Janez (Bonnie), Tony (Jan), Joe (Polonca);

hčer Marija;

9 vnukov in vnukinj;

sestra Manica z družino v Kanadi;

pokojna sestra Julka ter bratje Polde, Rupe in Stanko;

nečaki in nečakinje z družinami v Kanadi in Sloveniji, ter ostalo sorodstvo.

Cleveland, Ohio 22. aprila 2004

ga društva fare sv. Vida, za molitve v pogrebnem zavodu pod vodstvom gospe Kuhel in Matič. Hvala tudi snahi Jan Zakelj za lepe poslovilne besede v cerkvi.

Hvaležni smo g. Janezu Sršenu, ki je vodil krasno petje cerkvenega zборa v cerkvi, in zборa "Fantje na vasi" v pogrebnem zavodu.

Toplo zahvalo naj prejmejo sorodniki, ki so nosili krsto: Tony, Joe in Christopher Zakelj, Lojze Mihelčič, Matija Kolenc in John Watkins.

Enako se zahvaljujemo vsem, ki so darovali rože, denar za dobre namene in maše, kakor tudi vsem, ki so prišli blago pokojnico kropiti ali jo spremljali v cerkev ali na pokopališče.

Radi bi se zahvalili Ameriški Domovini, ki je tako lepo objavila žalostno vest in gospodama Ovseniku in Mejaču za po radiu razglaseno novico o smrti naše blage pokojnice.

Ne nazadnje smo dolžni zahvaliti tudi našim priateljem in sorodnikom, ki so prišli k poslednjemu slovesu od pokojne iz daljne Pensylvanije in Kanade.

Naša zahvala velja vsem, ki so nam na kakršenkoli način izrazili svoje sožalje in sočustvovali z nami. Tistim, katerih naslove smo vedeli, smo razposlali zahvalne kartice, tiste, ki takih kartic niso prejeli, pa prosimo, naj vzamejo to našo objavo kot da bi bila prav njim namenjena.

Končno se zahvaljujemo Zak pogrebemu zavodu za skrbno postrežbo in strokovno vodenje pogrebnih svečanosti, St. Denis Party Center pa za odlično pogostitev na pogrebščini.

Ljubljena žena, mama, sestra in stara mama! Čeprav Tvoja ločitev ni prišla nenadoma, nas je Tvoj odhod bridko prizadel. Vse svoje življenje si žrtvovala za nas in vse trpljenje potrpežljivo prenašala, zato trdno upamo, da že uživaš pri Bogu večno plačilo. Mi bomo molili zate in se Te spominjali, dokler se spet ne združimo pri Bogu.

Predraga, počivaj v miru!

Jožica Šajnovič - 75 let

TORONTO, Kanada – Naša dobra znanka in prijateljica, zvesta Slovenka, aktivna v slovenski skupnosti, ljubezni žena Stankotu, mati Stankotu ml. in Eriki ter stara mati sinovi mladi družini, je v krogu svojih dragih praznovala 75-letnico polnega življenja.

Rojena v fari Križevci pri Ljutomeru na Štajerskem, je obiskovala gimnazijo v Murski Soboti in študirala medicino v Ljubljani. Po težkih vojnih letih in zaporu ter 10-letni ločitvi in dopisovanju z bodočim možem Stankotom Šajnovičem, ki se je s štajerskimi križarji boril proti Nemcem in slovenskim komunistom, sta emigrirala v Avstralijo in se februarja 1956 poročila v Melbourne.

Stanko je kot izkušeni pohištveni mizar tam nadzoroval 30 delavcev, Jožica pa je s pridobljenim znanjem angleščine dobila službo v avtomobilskem podjetju. Ob prvem obisku Slovencev v Kanadi sta se odločila živeti v tej novi deželi.

Po šestih letih dobre zaposlitve v Torontu sta opazila, da se v poletju ob koncu tedna mesto sprazni, da ljudje odhajo na deželo v poletne domove. Odločila sta se za ta isti način življenja.

Sprva naj bi bila le majhna hišica, ki bi jo sama preuredila, katero je nadomestila zapuščena

kmetija severovzhodno od Orillie.

Po letu 1960 so sledila leta trdga dela. Stanko je čez teden delal v Torontu, Jožica je začela gojiti purane in kuretino. Vztrajnost je rodila sadove. Po nekaj letih sta kmetiji dodala novo zemljo.

Danes njihovo družinsko podjetje Stanrika Farms obsega dvesto akrov gozda, zelenih travnikov in obdelanega polja, kjer goje v treh modernih, higienično čistih stavbah desetisočne perutnine.

Sedaj sta prepustila vodstvo kmetije sinu Stankotu, ki je študiral agrikulturo na Guelph univerzi in si pridobil diplomo elektrotehnika na Georgian College v Barrieju. Kar je veljalo za Stankota in Jožico Šajnovič velja za njuna otroka: poslušaj, ubogaj in delaj!

V septembru 2000 je nadškop kardinal Alojzij Ambrožič v družbi slovenskih in kanadskih prijateljev Šajnovičevih ob robu domačega gozda blagoslovil novo kapelico, posvečeno Materi božji in angelom varuhom v zahvalo za varstvo in pomoč v času revolucije in v iskanju novega življenja v Avstraliji in Kanadi.

Ob 75-letnici najnebeske Mati še nadalje varuje gospo Jožico na njeni življenjski poti in ohranja zdravo in srečno v njeni ljubljeni družini.

Anica Resnik

Ali so Dimitriju Ruplu dnevi v vladi štetni?

Rop čaka na Ruplovo potezo

Ljubljana (Delo fax, 21. aprila) – Predsednik vlade Anton Rop je pretekli teden napovedal, da se bo z usodo zunanjega ministra Dimitrija Rupla ukvarjal šele po imenovanju novih ministrov. Državni zbor je v torek zgodaj zjutraj ministre imenoval, Ropu pa se z reševanjem zapleta, ki ga je Rupel sprožil z nasprotovanjem imenovanju Zdenke Cerar za pravosodno ministrico, očitno ne mudi. Kot so nam povedali v premierovem kabinetu, sestanka z Ruplom za ta teden ni pre-

diven.

Kot smo poročali, je zunanjji minister v svojem pismu poslancem ostro kritiziral kandidaturo Zdenke Cerar za pravosodno ministrico, ki jo je predlagal predsednik vlade. Zaradi pisma se je Anton Rop pretekli teden dvakrat sestal z Ruplom, vendar svoje odločitve o tem, kaj bo storil, ni sporočil. Vse kaže, da se je odločil počakati, saj naj bi srečala še prihodnji teden.

V vrhu LDs verjetno ni pretirano želje po nadaljevanju sodelovanja z

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1. Konferenca slovenskih arhitektov in gradbenikov iz domovine in sveta

Bled, hotel Golf, od 22. do 25. septembra 2004

LJUBLJANA, 14. april 2004

Spoštovani,

Na pobudo slovenskih arhitektov iz Argentine smo se odločili, da bomo v letu 2004 organizirali "1. konferenco slovenskih arhitektov in gradbenikov iz domovine in sveta". Srečanje bo potekalo od 22. do 24. septembra 2004 v hotelu Golf na Bledu. Do sedaj smo pri Slovenskem svetovnem kongresu pripravili že kar sedem strokovnih srečanj slovenskih rojakov po svetu. Pokrovitelj lanskotnega srečanja slovenskih znanstvenikov s sveta na Bledu je bil celo sam predsednik države dr. Janez Drnovšek. Pričakujemo, da bo pokrovitelj tudi septemrskega srečanja arhitektov.

Na vseh dosedanjih strokovnih razpravah smo ugotavljali, da je v Sloveniji še vedno preskromna izmenjava dobrih praks med do- in podiplomskim študijem, usposabljanjem za poklice in poslovnimi povezavami. S spoznavanjem problematike, strokovnih znanj in spoznavanjem sorodnih panog, bi udeleženci pridobili večje možnosti neposrednega sodelovanja ter povezovanja na strokovnem, izobraževalnem, raziskovalnem, izvajalskem in pod-izvajalskem področju.

Na srečanje, ki bo bolj spoznavnega in povezovalnega pomena, vabimo vse zainteresirane strokovnjake s področja arhitekture, krajinske arhitekture, urbanizma, oblikovanja in gradbeništva slovenskega rodu iz tujine in iz Slovenije. Cilj srečanja je izmenjava pogledov, izkušenj in prakse udeležencev.

Srečanje bo potekalo po naslednjih tematskih sklopih:

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krajinska arhitektura;
urbanizem in načrtovanje;
oblikovanje kot vrednota;
gradbeništvo, gradbeni in izolacijski materiali nove dobe.

Kot poznavalca problematike in strokovnjaka s tega področja, vas vključno vabimo k sodelovanju. Lahko se nam pridružite pri oblikovanju programa, določanju strokovne tematike, se vključite kot predavatelj, vodja okrogle mize, delavnice ali pa eden od članov odbora za pripravo srečanja.

Za nadaljnje informacije in dogovore smo dosegljivi na naslovu:

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Franci Feltrin, podpredsednik Svetovnega slovenskega kongresa

(Zopet ur. A.D. – V spremnem pismu je nadalje omenjeno, da bo prispevek za udeležence 200 USD, vsoto bodo lahko poravnali na kraju srečanja, prispevka za udeležbo pa bodo oproščeni uvodni predavatelji in vodje okroglih miz. Druga pomembnost: Rok za prijavo je petek, 10. septembra 2004.)

dr. Boris Pleskovič, predsednik Svetovnega slovenskega kongresa

Ruplom, vendar to še ne pomeni, da bo Rop nastopil aktivno in zunanjega ministra zamenjal, kar je nakazal z izjavo, da "nas ne smejo zavesti čustva".

Bolj kaže, kar je bilo opaziti že na začetku, da premier čaka na naslednjo Ruplovo potezo, še najraje bi menda videl, da bi sam odstopil.

Nekateri dvomijo, da bi Rupel kaj takšnega storil, razen če bo, domnevajo, v zameno dobil solidno ponudbo za nadaljnjo kariero. Ali v LDS kakšno takšno ponudbo že pripravlja, nismo zvedeli.

Sicer je Ruplovo odkrito nasprotovanje premiervemu predlogu za pravosodno ministrico zbulilo precejšnje negodova-

nje v LDS, še posebej ker je opozicija med zamenjavo petih ministrov zatrjevala, da je vlada v krizi. Rupel pa ji je s tem sam prinesel dodatne argumente.

Neuradno smo zvedeli, da je menda Rop prejšnji četrtek predlagal Ruplu, naj za teden dni odide na dopust in tako pomiri strasti, vendar je Rupel, kot so nam povedali na zunanjem ministrstvu, ta teden normalno v službi.

Vse kaže, da bosta Dimitrij Rupel in Zdenka Cerar danes (četrtek) prvič sedla za isto mizo. /Tedenske seje vlade so običajno v četrtek, op. ur. AD/ Glede na težke besede, ki so padle v preteklih dneh, bo to zanimiv prizor.

Rupel je namreč zapisal, da Cerarjeva ne izpolnjuje pogojev za ministarski položaj, saj je pogosto ravnala v nasprotju s sicer deklarirano neodvisnostjo pravosodja. Njeno imenovanje, je zapisal Rupel, je tudi v posmeh evropskim standardom.

Cerarjeva pa mu ni ostala dolžna in je med parlamentarnim zaslišanjem izjavila, da je zelo nerazgledan in da je žalostno, da imamo za zunanjega ministra takšnega človeka.

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Odmev: Še o Vegovi smrti

Ljubljana - V zadnji *Znanosti* (22. marca letos) /in ponatisnjeno v A.D./ je bil ob 250. obletnici rojstva Jurija Vege objavljen prispevek dr. Ane Benedetič z naslovom *Smrt barona Jurija Vege*. Vsebuje razlagi, da je Vego ubil mlinar ob nakupu konja.

Treba je opozoriti, da so novejše raziskave pokazale, da omenjena razloga ne drži, čeprav je (bila) precej razširjena. Starejši pisci naj bi kot vir zanjo večinoma navajali njeni objavi v francoskem dnevniku *Nouvelles Annales de Mathematique* aprila 1855. Povzeli so jo časopisi (*Ljubljanski zvon, Dom in svet itd.*) in (kot bolj ali manj verjetno) številni avtorji, ki so pisali o Juriju Vagi. Razloga trdi, da naj bi bil morilec potem, ko ga je izdal šestilo, obsojen na smrt.

To razlogo sta v svojih doktorskih disertacijah načanci raziskali avstrijski zgodovinarki Christiane Zörner (1975) in Gerlinde Faustmann (1992). Poskusili, da bi našli sodni spis v dunajskih arhivih, so bili zmanj. Tudi med poročili dunajskih časopisov ni bilo zaslediti novice o obsodbi Vegovega morilca, čeprav je *Wiener Zeitung* večkrat poročal o napredovanju Jurija Vege, njegovem znanstvenem delu in seveda tudi o njegovi smrti. Težko si je predstavljati, da ne bi ta ali kateri drugi dunajski časopis poročal o tem sodnem procesu. Lahko trdimo, da sodnega procesa proti Vegovemu morilcu ni bilo. To trditev podpira tudi dejstvo, da je časopis *Väterlandischen Blätter* objavil večino poročil o takratnih kriminalnih primerih. Tudi raziskovalcem dunajske zgodovine kriminala in zgodovine dunajskega sodstva tak proces ni znan.

Končno je omenjeno razlogo zaničalo odkritje članka v dunajskem časopisu *Väterlandischen Blätter*, objavljen je bil 9. marca 1811. Članek izrecno zanika, da naj bi Jurija Vege zaradi konja ubil mlinar, in kritizira nemški časopis, ki je pisal o tem. V članku je poudarjeno, da v tej zgodbi ni niti najmanjše resnice. Razloga, da naj bi barona Jurija Vege ubil mlin-

nar, nam torej ne daje odgovora na vprašanje o njegovi smrti, več nam pove le o takratnih govoricah. Dejstvo, da je Jurij Vega umrl v sumljivih okoliščinah, pa ostaja.

Doc. dr. Matevž Košir

Arhiv Republike Slovenije, Ljubljana
Štirinajstdnevnik "Znanost", Delo, 5. aprila 2004

Dr. Matjaž Ambrožič je avtor obsežne monografije o dr. Janezu Zlatoustu Pogačarju in njegovi vlogi za zgodovino Slovencev ...

V službi Cerkve in naroda

Ljubljana - V zbirki *Acta Ecclesiastica Slovaniae* je kot petindvajseti zvezek izšla obsežna monografija dr. Matjaža Ambrožiča *Ljubljanski knezoškof dr. Janez Zlatoust Pogačar - Njegova verska, kulturna in politična vloga za zgodovino Slovencev*.

To je Ambrožičeva doktorska disertacija, nastala med študijem v Rimu, potem ko se je že kot srednješolec seznanil s pričevanji o Pogačarju, kot sta jih zabeležila brezniški župnik in dekan Anton Petrič ter škof zaupni priatelj Tomo Zupan. Pogačar je še najbolj znan v Ljubljani po "svojem" Pogačarjevem trgu, sicer pa je po krivici precej zašel v pozabovo.

Ambrožič se je dela lotil raziskovalno, s predstavljivo virov in literatur, miselnih tokov in gibanj v družbi in Cerkvi 19. stoletja ter politično-cerkvenega okvira Pogačarjevega časa.

Sledi podrobni oris življenjske poti knezoškofa dr. Janeza Zlatoustu Pogačarja, od mladosti, šolanja in duhovnega oblikovanja (1811-1837) prek ustvarjalnih let (1837-1875) do škofovske službe, smrti in oporoke (1875-1884).

V tem kontekstu je pomembno avtorjevo prepoznavanje Pogačarjevega dunajskega okolja, vzornikov in priateljev.

Zaradi številnih sposobnosti, predvsem pa priateljstva s tedanjim salzburškim in kasneje praškim kardinalom Friedrichom von Schwarzenbergom, bi Zlatoust že leta 1849 doletela čast, da bi bil imenovan za škofa v Gradcu, vendar ga je domoljubje vleklo domov.

V Ljubljani Pogačar ni imel veliko sreče, saj se je pot do imenovanja za škofa vlekla tri leta (po odpovedi ljubljanskega knezoškofa Vidmarja): od 1872 do 1875. O tem so potekala celo mednarodna raziskovanja (dunajski in rimske arhiv), Ambrožič pa predstavlja vso zapletenost postopka imenovanja tedanjega ljubljanskega škofa.

Na koncu je kot edini kandidat ostal prošt ljubljanskega stolnega kaptitla dr. Janez Zlatoust Pogačar, med Vatikanom in dunajskim cesarstvom pa so okrog leta 1874 potekali srditi spopadi, kakšna naj bo vloga Cerkve v cesarstvu.

Papež Pij IX. je celo zagrozil cesarju s cerkevnimi kaznimi in pozivom škofov, naj se uprejo. Pogačar pa je v Ljubljani veljal za škofovskega kandidata, ki se ne bi uprl,

zato ga je minister za uk in bogočastje Stremayr predlagal cesarju Francu Jožefu I. za imenovanje.

Drugi del monografije analizira Pogačarjevo vlogo v službi krajevne Cerkve in slovenskega naroda. Za literarno zgodovino je aktualna predstavitev Pogačarjevega odnosa do šolstva, društva, časopisov (Slovenski cerkveni časopis, od leta 1849 Zgodnja Danica), Alojzijeviča, Ljubljanske čitalnice, Slovenske matice, prijateljev književnikov, kot so bili tedaj France Prešeren, Fran Levstik, Josip Jurčič in Simon Gregorčič, ter okoliščin, v katerih je začenjal nastajati znameniti Slovensko-nemški slovar, danes znan kot Pleteršnikov.

Precej konfliktno je bilo Pogačarjevo razmerje z Levstikom, ki ga je Pogačar med prvimi gojenji sprejel v Alojzijevšče, a je že leta 1850 iz njega izstopil. Čez dobrih 15 let pa je Pogačar Levstika zaprosil, da bi kot urednik prevzel tedaj najzahtevnejši slovenski projekt slovensko-nemškega slovarja, kar je Levstik sprejel, a se potem zaradi nestrinjanja s konceptom umaknil. Razmere so bile tedaj še hujše kot na primer pri zadnjem slovenskem pravopisu!

Vsekakor je imel Zlatoust izjemno pozitivno vlogo, saj je pri slovarju vztrajal, čeprav izida ni dočakal.

Marijan Zlobec
Delo, 9. aprila 2004

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Slomškovo romanje

Za zdaj le prvi del poti od Bizeljskega do Nove Cerkve - Zgodovinske prelomnice

Celje - Pred kratkim ustanovljeno Društvo prijateljev Slomškove poti (DPSP) želi ustvariti slovensko romarsko pot, ki bi potekala od Bizeljskega prek celjske regije v sosednjo Avstrijo in nazaj v Maribor. Društvo se pri tem sklicuje na 180. obletnico Slomškove nove maše v Olimju in 160. obletnico škofovega odhoda iz Vuženice v avstrijski Št. Andraž, najbolj pa njegove zasluge za slovenstvo, za kar mu po besedah predsednika DPSP Franca Zabukoška nikoli ne bodo dovolj hvaležni.

Nastajajoči program društva sloni na zgodovinskih dejstvih iz Slomškovega življenja, tudi romarske poti skozi kraje, v katerih je škof služboval, bodisi jih kako drugače zaznamoval. Za zdaj bo društvo pripravilo le tradicionalni pohod od Bizeljskega do Nove Cerkve pri Vojniku; prvi del (od Kalobja do Ponikve) bodo pohodniki opravili 1. maja, na dan državnosti se bodo podali od Nove Cerkve do Sloma, v začetku jeseni jih čaka še pot med Olimjem in Bizeljskim.

DPSP se trudi zagotoviti še vezno pot od Vuženice do Št. Andraža in po kozjaški poti do Maribora. Slomšku pripisuje zasluge, da je to področje ostalo slovensko.

"Če bi se Slomšek takrat ravnal po srcu, bi sedež škofije iz Št. Andraža prestavili v Celje. Ker pa je ravnal po pameti, so ga v Maribor. Sicer bi meja z Avstrijo bržas potekala po Konjiški gori in bi general Maister ne imel kaj početi," je menil opat Marjan Jezernik, dekan celjske dekanije.

Slomškovo navezanost na Celje pojasnjuje s šolanjem na gimnaziji, tri mesece je v mestu ob Savinji služboval kot opat, tukaj je ustanovil molitveno bratovščino za enotnost kristjanov, ki se je že takrat hitro razširila čez meje avstroogrsko monarhije in ustvarila zmetke evropske povezave, nenazadnje je semkraj pripeljal lazarište."

Zamišljena romarska pot bi po Jezernikovem mnenju lahko postala evropski projekt, ne le zavoljo donacij, ki bi jih po njegovem zagotovo dobili, temveč zaradi čezmejnega povezovanja.

Pohodov se običajno udeleži okoli 250 romarjev, na zaključni prireditvi se zbere tudi več kot tisoč Slomškovih privržencev iz vse Slovenije. Da bi to število povečali, potrebujejo boljšo koordinacijo med občinami, skozi katere vodi Slomškova pot.

Primož Škerl
Delo, 7. april 2004



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Le malo kuhanic je še danes, ki znajo kuhati po starih receptih. Le-te je svojčas zapisovala Milka Hartman, pri kateri sta hodili v kuhrske tečaj tudi še gospe Gretka Kopeinig in Fančka Košutnik, ki poznata še recepte, kot npr. za domače »kipjanke«. Recepti Milke Hartman so trenutno še v predalih Krščanske kulturne zveze, ki pa jih bo menda že kmalu natisnila in s tem odprla širši javnosti. (sk) *Novice, Celovec, 9. IV. 2004*

strokovnega simpozija, pač pa kolokvialne informacije.

K njej je Drago Jančar v vlogi Matičinega tajnika povabil tri preizkušene zdomce, Zorka Simčiča, Berta Pribca in Pavleta Fajdige, ter dve literarni zgodovinarji, ki sta se s to literaturo ukvarjali od blizu, dr. Helgo Glušič in dr. Janjo Žitnik.

Njuna *Slovenska izseljenska književnost* (v treh knjigah) je tudi temeljna evidenca gradiva, ki ga imamo na voljo, da si lahko predstavljamo pomem in obseg te literature.

Žitnikova je postregla s koristnim podatkom: gre za okrog petsto knjig, ki jih je napisalo nekaj nad sto avtorjev, k temu pa je treba pristeti še zgolj revialne objave mnogih avtorjev.

Ko je Helga Glušič predstavila osnovne tipološke lastnosti zdomske literature - pomenljivi sta sintagmi "razsežnost drugačnosti" in "nepreseljiva ranjenost"; prva meri na občutje novega življenjskega prostora, druga na izgubo domovine -, se je zavzela za to, da se ta književnost ne bi obravnavala kot "poseben predmet" (kar se je zgodilo v zadnji literarnozgodovinski publikaciji *Slovenska književnost*, pač pa kot integralni del slovenskega slovstva, ustrezno po obdobjih).

Takšna vprašanja se postavlajo sama od sebe, razumljivo, da so tako ali drugače dosegla tudi razpravo (tj. 7. aprila), ki, kakor že prejšnji dve, ni imela značaja

Vprašanje izločenosti je najbolj dosledno postavil pesnik Bert Pribac, ki je ustvarjal v Avstraliji (presenetil je s poda-

Kanonik Melchior Golob umrl

WICHITA, Kansas - Vsem prijateljem in znancem, in teh je veliko, sporočam žalostno vest, da je g. kanonik Melchior Golob umrl v soboto, 17. aprila, v Duhovniškem domu na Lepi poti v Ljubljani. Umrl je spokojno ob navzočnosti vseh upokojenih duhovnikov. S skupno molitvijo so ga izročili božjemu usmiljenju. G. Melchior je bil do zadnjega pri zavesti. Mnogi se ga spominjamamo kot mesečnega poročevalca vseh političnih in cerkvenih novic, ki jim je vedno dodal odločno osebno analizirani komentar. Njegov pogreb bo danes, 22. aprila, na Žalah v Ljubljani. Od 34, ki smo bili posvečeni 1939, sva ostala samo dva, g. Anton Vukšinič v Kanadi in jaz tu v Ameriki.

Melchior, počivaj v miru, zaslužil si ga.

Fr. Ivan Lavrih

tkom, da je tam slovenska emigracija objavila več kot sto publikacij!). Vprašal se je namreč: "Zakaj nas je domovina spregledala" in, posredno, kdaj bo ta literatura postala kanonizirani del šolskega pouka.

Pisatelj Zorko Simčič, ki se nad svojo prepoznavnostjo v domovini zagotovo ne more pritoževati (in se tudi ni), je imel ob tem vprašanju univerzalni odgovor: Dokler bo eros, bo tudi vse drugo. Misil je seveda na erotično zavezo jeziku in slovenstvu.

Prav vprašanje jezik je pokazalo na sedanje in zlasti prihodnje meje zdomske literature. Dejstvo je pač, da se že sedanja, tretja generacija zdomcev literarno izraža večinoma v jeziku nove domovine. Nedvomno bo takšna tudi prihodnost.

Na vprašanje, ali literatura tujezježičnih avtorjev slovenskega rodu še sodi k slovenski književnosti, je Janja Žitnik odgovarjala z jezikom mo-

derne literarne sociologije in multikulture sociolin-gistike: tako kot se brišejo etnične ločnice, se brišejo tudi jezikovne: meje nacionalne literaturre postajajo očitno širše, kot smo jih navajeni pričnavati.

Z drugimi besedami: slovenski avtorji ostajajo "slovenski" ne po svojem jeziku, ampak po svoji intimni kulturni skušnji in privzgojeni tradiciji.

Točko preloma, zaradi katerega bo pojem zdomske literature pač moral doživeti določeno redefinicijo, je zelo natančno in z doživeto mislio po-

pisal Pavel Fajdiga, ki je sedel v argentinske šolske klopi kot otrok, ki je govoril samo slovensko, potem pa se je v procesu intelektualnega zorenja srečal z vprašanjem, ali naj se izraža z jezikom, v katerem moli, ali v onem, v katerem preklinja. Njegov nastop ni dopuščal dvoma o izboru.

Peter Kolšek

Delo, 8. aprila 2004

Na Slovenski matici o zdomski literaturi ...

Jezik, v katerem se moli, ne preklinja

Sedanje generacije ekonomskih in političnih emigrantov se že izražajo v jeziku nove domovine - Ali njihovo pisanje še sodi v slovensko literaturo?

Ljubljana - Slovenska matica je seveda prva ustanova, poklicana za to, da premišljuje o slovenski književnosti zunaj "matice". Po Slovencih v Italiji in na avstrijskem Koroškem (lani) so prišli na vrsto Slovenci po svečnu, torej t. i. zdomci, sezavljeni iz (starejše) ekonomskih in (mlajše) politične emigracije.

Kako se je njihovi literaturi godilo nekoč in -

zlasti to! - kako se ji godi danes? Je prepozna na kot integralni del matičnega korpusa ali je zavest o njej še zmeraj pomanjkljiva in deljena, kakor je bila do osamosvojitve?

Takšna vprašanja se postavljajo sama od sebe, razumljivo, da so tako ali drugače dosegla tudi razpravo (tj. 7. aprila), ki, kakor že prejšnji dve, ni imela značaja

Misijonska srečanja in pomenki

1521. Misijonarka, zdravnica, s. Miriam Praprotnik,

ki deluje v Albaniji, je poslala zelo zanimivo pismo Celestinovi: "Spoštovana, draga gospa! S hvaležnim, velikim veseljem Vam sporočam, da sem včeraj prek banke prejela Vaš denarni dar, \$1000, izplačano v evrih (797), ker tečaj Vaše valute še vedno pada. Nikoli ne morem najti besed, ki bi prav izrazile mojo zahvalo v imenu naših revnih bolnikov in tako zelo revnih družin. Saj je to zahvala v imenu, ki se je istovetil z ubogimi, v njih tudi trpi in se Vam pravzaprav On sam zahvaljuje in Vas bo prav gotovo za svoj največji praznik, praznik Njegove zmage nad grehom in smrtno, bogato obdaril s svojo milostjo. Vedite, da bo vsak evro/dolar uporabljen za omiljenje stike nekoga. Bog plačaj sedaj in v večnosti!"

Vem, tele vrstice boste prebirali že po Veliki noči. Tukaj v naših misijonih je vsaka velika noč oziroma vsaka velika sobota zelo ganljiva, ko so po vseh krajih, kjer so katoličani, katehumeni, ki so se skoraj eno leto pripravljali na krst, krščeni. To je veliko veselje za vso krščansko občino, kaj šele za nje same, ko so pol stoletja bili izpostavljeni najhujši in radicalno izvajani ateizaciji. Od vseh številnih duhovnikov v Albaniji, jih je preživel le pet. Vsi drugi ali so bili pobiti ali obsojeni na dosmrtno ječo in so po težkem delu in mučenjih umirali prej ali slej v zaporih. V teku je že postopek za beatifikacijo vseh mučencev za vero, žrtev satanskega brezboštva, ki ga oznanja komunizem.

Tudi v naši skupnosti je lepo. Dve sestri vneto poučujeta otroke in odrasle verouk v Draču in okoliških vaseh, sama z veseljem delam v naši skromni, a zelo lepo urejeni ambulantici in apoteki z bolniki. Vsak dan sem priča solzam, ko ljudje pripovedujejo, kaj vse so morali prestajati in so zelo hvaležni za pozornost, poslušanja in seveda tudi brezplačnih zdravil (so vedno dar Previdnosti po naših dobrotnikih) in kakšne steklenice olja ali vrečo sladkorja, kar še imam nekaj na zalogi od adventa, ko nam je slovenski Karitas pripeljal pošiljko s pomočjo v živilih, obleki in nekaj tudi v zdravilih.

Sicer pa imamo sedaj v naši hiši tudi provincialno vodstvo usmiljenk – albanskih – za Albanijo in Kosovo skupaj. Imamo veliko priglašenk, predvsem s Kosova, kjer so še družine s številnimi otroki in tudi verne. Težave so predvsem finančnega značaja, ker pač same v treh skupnostih, ki so sedaj v Albaniji, ni nobena sestra zaposlena. Na kaj takšnega zaenkrat niti misliti, ker je brezposelnost v Albaniji okrog 70% in potem ni mogoče, da bi usmiljenke nekomu odvezemale košček kruha.

Z velikim zaupanjem se zatekamo k sv. Jožefu, ki je tudi zavetnik naše hišne kapele in zaupamom v božjo Previdnost, ki je božja skrb za ustvarjeni svet. Tudi Vam in vsem vašim pri katoliški misiji iz srca priporočam v molitev naš misijon. Me pa ne nehamo noben dan moliti in prositi božjega blagoslova za vse naše dobrotnike.

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Hvala vam vsem, ki ste z dobro voljo dodali svoj dar v to misijonsko blagajno. Bog vam povrni s svojim blagoslovom, to je naša iskrena želja in zahvala. Naj bo vedno Njegov mir nad vami.

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To je nekaj konkretnih rešitev v osnutku zakona o odnosih RS s Slovenci v tujini, ki so ga po besedah Franca Pukšiča s podporo šestih podpisnikov, članov komisije v DZ za odnose s Slovenci v zamejstvu in po svetu, vložili 8. aprila v parlamentarni postopek.

Predlog zakona v sedanji obliki med drugim določa, da bi komisija državnega zbora dobila status stalnega parlamentarnega delovnega telesa v rangu odbora (kar bi ji zagotovilo večjo težo in vpliv).

Spremenil se bo mena, da tudi status urada za Slovence v zamejstvu in po svetu; namesto ministristvu za zunanje zadeve (kjer je zdaj), postal urad vlade v rangu ministra brez listnice.

Po mnenju predlagateljev, ki se pri tem sklicujejo na "vse organizacije Slovence v zamejstvu in po svetu", bodo tako uradu vrnili nekdanjo veljavno in politično težo.

Poleg tega zakonsko gradivo podrobnejše opredeljuje pravice "osebe slovenske narodnosti z državljanstvom, brez njega in brez obojega"; slednje je "poseben status" in pomeni, "Slovenec brez slovenskega državljanstva", ki pridobi status po tem zakonu v RS niti tujec, kar pomeni, da ima različne pravice in ugodnosti.

V pomoč vračajočini se in priseljenim bodo menda ustanovili poseben repatriacijski sklad (iz javnih in zasebnih virov). Z njegovo pomočjo bi lahko na primer v enem letu zagotovili pomoč stotim ljudem (ali približno 20 družinam).

Poleg tega predlagajo še ustanovitev Javnega zavoda Slovenska hiša.

Zakon (v 89 členih) še natančneje opredeljuje različne oblike gospodarskega, znanstvenega in kulturnega sodelovanja slovenske države z zamejci in diasporo, ki jo predstavlja približno 500 tisoč Slovencev in njihovih potomcev različnih generacij.

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