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Pops from the Great Composers

by BETTY RESNIK

On any given evening out with friends, the conversation eventually turns to music: A natural choice. In each group there is one who states his/her lack of enjoyment of what we commonly refer to as "classical" music.

I seize the opportunity to state that symphonic music is far better known than thought. We hear it daily on television, in the movies, and while shopping in the supermarket via piped-in arrangements via Muzak; however, we do not readily recognize it. The following examples may surprise you.

Think back upon childhood memories and the exciting "Lone Ranger" series on the radio, the sounds of which emanated from a well-polished mahogany structure that dominated the living room well into the newer TV era. Recall the stirring background music for the handsome masked man astride a galloping white stallion, and you have Gioacchino Rossini's overture from his opera, "William Tell." That my friends, is our beginning, but for Rossini, it was his last opera.

During the same time frame as above, you may remember the series of "Flash Gordon" buzzing about in a silver spaceship on the Saturday matinee screen at the LaSalle theatre. The strains of "Les Preludes" by Franz Liszt zapped "Flash" and his crew into the space-age.

"Call for Phillip Morris" was the commercial call of its time and the background tune was from Ferde Grofe's "Grand Canyon Suite." "I Love A Mystery" thrilled and chilled us with eerie tales. We were mesmerized by the mysterious-sounding background music. Just a little bit of "Valse Triste" by Jan Sibelius.

Collinwood High School alumni should remember their school song as well for it was sung to an arrangement of "Finlandia." You guessed it... Mr. Sibelius again. This Finnish giant (Sibelius was a large man) composed memorable music and yet for most of his last 40 years, he seldom was moved to write music again.

Ardent movie-goers may remember being enthralled with the gorgeous movie "Elvira Madigan" the tale of an ill-fated romance. Adding drama to the heart-wrenching story was the second move-

ment of Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart's Piano Concerto, number 21. Since the movie's showing, the concerto has come to be known as the "Elvira Madigan" piece. Now that's a switch and I cannot help but wonder what Master Mozart might say.

Two well-known pop tunes were "Full Moon and Empty Arms" and "Till the End of Time" by Serge Rachmaninoff and Frederich Chopin, respectively. More recently we have had the pleasure of Strauss's "Blue Danube Waltz" as background to "2001," but arranged in a very slow, almost weightless tempo. It suited the movie perfectly.

My point herein is that you be sufficiently intrigued to go to the library, seek out the original compositions (they've all been recorded), pop 'em into your CD or tape recorder and enjoy the entire composition. Why be content with mere morsels when an entire musical banquet awaits?

Pope to Visit Slovenia

Slovenian President Milan Kučan received a letter from Pope John Paul II in which the Pope gladly accepted Kučan's invitation to visit Slovenia.

The Pope's visit will take place in May or June this year.

Kučan meets Šuštar

At his own initiative, president Milan Kučan received the Archbishop and Metropolitan of Ljubljana, Alojzij Šuštar. Their talks focused mainly on preparations for the Pope's visit to Slovenia.

Other topics under discussion included church-state relations, the status of the Catholic church in Slovenia, and general social conditions in the country.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

Look for the Special Announcement in next week's American Home for a substantial discount on all new subscription. (A 10 day only offer.)

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Deep appreciation to the Honorable Judge August Pryatel of Solon, Ohio who donated \$25.00 to the Ameriška Domovina.

Yankovic Documentary Previewed in Collinwood

In March a TV documentary on the life and times of polka magnate Frankie Yankovic and the Slovenian style polka movement will be seen nationally on PBS, Public Broadcasting Service. In Greater Cleveland it will be seen on WVIZ, Channel 25.

The National Cleveland-style Polka Hall of Fame will sponsor a special fund-raising "Sneak Preview" showing of the one hour video on a large screen. The event will be showcased in the neighborhood Yankovic was raised, Collinwood, at the Slovenian Home, 15810 Holmes Avenue, off East 152 Street, on Sunday, February 19 at 3 p.m.

After the showing an all-star

polka jam session will take place coordinated by the Polka Hall of Fame. Hot sandwiches including sausage and roast beef plus liquid refreshments will be served by the hall and its manager Bob Zgrabik.

Admission at the door is \$5.

Major funding came from a number of state arts programs including Ohio's, in addition from the National Endowment for the Arts-Folk Arts Program. Many nationality and Slovenian community organizations also contributed to the project.

Eventually the Polka Hall of Fame at 291 E. 222 Street in Euclid will have the video.

Tony Petkovsek
Chairman

2 Finds 'lost' brother thru letter in American Home

Editor:

Thank you very much for printing my appeal in your Nov. 24, 1994 issue of Ameriška Domovina (page 2 under title "Seeks Missing Brother." The attached "Open letter" will explain the results of that publication.

However, more importantly, would you please make special notice of the lady who was responsible for submitting that appeal. My dear friend and sister of Slovenian Women's Union of America, Branch 105 of Detroit: **Marie Dye**.

Open Letter:

January 27, 1995

On January 18, 1995 a response was received from the brother I have been seeking since 1983. Our father made numerous attempts to locate his son over a span of many years before his death.

I owe my deepest gratitude and appreciation to the 5 strangers who made their individual, but a joint, effort in making this possible.

First, to the gentleman who made phone contact with me shortly before Christmas of 1994. A relative of his and a subscriber to the Ameriška Domovina and former resident of Forest City, Pa. saw the published appeal. She prompted him to call for my permission to have the inquiry

printed in *The Forest City News*. My thanks to them both for their compassionate generosity and concern.

Secondly, to the 2 kind-hearted ladies of whom one was a friend of Richard's aunt, who ultimately forwarded the article to him. God bless them both!

Thirdly, and most importantly to my brother, Richard, for responding with interest about his lost family in Texas. On the following day (January 19th) I made a call to him in New York state. Ironically, the 19th would have been our father's 85th birthday. Our conversation was a positive one, and my brother John and I look forward to a reunion, God willing, in the not too-distant future.

I also wish to thank everyone for their participation in this undertaking. The family members, friends, strangers, churches and organizations of Slovenian/Croatian descent are just too numerous to name. Each of you have made it possible, despite our troubled world and the state of societal moral decay. I can still, strongly, believe in the "essential goodness of mankind." May God bless you all.

Mrs. Cynthia Groom Jensen
Corpus Christi, TX

DID YOU KNOW
Slovenia...

Joseph Zelle

Happy Birthday, Gentlemen!

On Thursday, January 12th two of our more distinguished gentlemen were honored with a happy birthday party at Sterle's Country House. About 30 of the more intimate friends had best wishes for Dr. Mate Roesman and Professor Vinko Lipovec. Dr. Roesman was observing his 75th while Professor Lipovec had topped at 80.

Both Roesman and Lipovec were forced to flee from their beloved Slovenia during the Communist revolution following World War II Coming to Cleveland, Dr. Roesman became involved in legal work, while Professor Lipovec became the Slovenian editor of *Ameriška Domovina*.

Dr. Stane Sustarsic formerly with the Voice of America and Mr. Mejac, both of Washington, came to Cleveland for the celebration. They read prepared speeches honoring the two guests.

Others who were seen included the Anton Oblaks, the Hartmans, Stane Kuhar, and the Rev. Joseph Boznar. Rev. Boznar, pastor of St. Vitus Church, also delivered a brief testimonial to the honorees.

To bring the happy event to a close the two were presented with token gifts for this occasion. The proceedings were photographed and videotaped as a remembrance in the years to come.

Both "birthday boys" were recognized as jubilarians with

two columns in *Druzina* (Family), the Catholic diocesan paper of Slovenia published in Ljubljana.

Members of the Slovenian American Council as well as the readers and editorial staff of the *Ameriška Domovina* extend their best wishes for many more fruitful years fighting for a free and independent Slovenia.

Early December marked the second anniversary of one of the most prominent Slovenian in Great Britain. He was Dusan Plenicar who was born in Litija in 1921. He too was a victim of the war and revolution in Slovenia. Like so many expatriates he along with his wife, Elizabeth, started a new life in a foreign country. In their case it was England. Dusan became a printer and publisher. Practically the entire output of Slovenian print in England was his handiwork. He began *Pika Print* as a publishing house. When Dr. Ljubo Sirc arrived in 1956 the two joined forces. Plenicar co-operated with the *South Slav Journal* resulting in Slovenian articles to the attention of the English reading public. Moreover he was involved with **The Centre for Research into Communist**

Economies. He was also editor and printer of *Klic Triglava* for a number of years as well as **The Slovenian Newsletter**. Here is another excellent example of draining brilliant talent from Slovenia to foreign soil by the revolutionaries. An exhibit honoring the memory of Dusan Plenicar was prepared in London by Jana Valencic.

A reprint of *Slovenska kuharica* (Slovenian Female Cook), written in 1868 by Magdalena Pleiweis and originally published in 1890 is now available. The recipes of 126 years ago were brought out by Ara Publishers of Ljubljana.

In Portoroz, the Society of Slovenian Films Makers prepared a film marathon presenting 14 of Slovenia's latest films made last year.

Church statistics in Carinthia (Austria) show that more Slovenian deaths occur than baptisms. Confirmations have also been decreasing.

In the Women's Super Master Slalom for the world's championship cup Shpela Pretnar took third place at Flachau, Austria. She missed first place by a mere 0.2 seconds. Fifth place was taken by Alenka Dovzhan. We congratulate the two young ladies.

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Diary of submariner

(Continued)
by JANKO MAJNIK
Cooma, N.S.W., Australia

At 1400 hours the Motor Torpedo Boat "Rudnik" came alongside to take the captain to the Flotilla's headquarters to receive further orders. Deep in our hearts we already knew what they would be:

To surrender. To hand over the submarine to the enemy.

The First Officer received the order to sail the submarine to "Point Markov." I could not work it out how he found out that the rest of our submarines were already there and waiting to surrender. I was in the radio room most of the morning and I must have missed out on quite a few happenings. He knew that if we joined them that our "escape to freedom" could be prevented. As soon as the M.T.B. was out of sight we returned to the jetty of Kostajnica.

Standing on the jetty, waiting for us was our ex-Captain, Lt. Cdr. Mitrovic, now in charge of the mine and torpedo arsenal and out of the barricade at "Kumbor." As soon as we were secured and the gangway placed, he came aboard. The way he was greeted by all showed how immense was his popularity as a submariner. After a brief discussion with the First Officer, he asked the crew to assemble on the after deck. His address to the crew was short and to the point.

He said, "The Italian motorized units are expected to arrive in Hercegnovi late today. The town's population is preparing to receive them with open arms. The Italian Navy is, supposedly, waiting outside the bay with instructions to destroy any ship or ships that

may try to escape.

They have laid new minefields and ours have been tampered with. Within a few hours you will receive the order to surrender yourselves and the submarine to the enemy.

If your Captain follows these orders will you then accept me as your Captain again. We will try to take the submarine out of the country and join the Allies. I am now going back to Kumbor to prepare the barricades to be open for our escape. The rest of the journey will have to rest in God's hands.

Those in favor of escape step forward, those against, may go and fetch your belongings, if any, and are free to go wherever you want."

The next moment will stay with me for as long as I live as 13 out of 52 men stepped forward, looked quickly up and down the line, then at each other's faces to see with whom they had formed the pact of death-or-freedom. At this moment great respect and a sense of brotherhood was felt as they instinctively knew that from this moment on they would have to totally rely upon each other to survive.

Six of the men quickly went in the submarine, each guarding the allotted compartment against any act of sabotage. My place was on the bridge; the heavy machine gun ready to be used.

The new Captain left the submarine, but not before the pre-arranged time and signals were discussed. He left a firm instruction that if the signal was not answered then we must proceed on our own. We sailed out to the middle of the bay, a feat which proved that we could sail her anywhere.

(To Be Continued)

St. Mary's History Photo Contest Seeks Entrants

For 90 years, the Slovenian parish of St. Mary's in Collinwood has been important to many families. This year, St. Mary's marks its anniversary with a history book and commemorative video — and you can help. If you have an interesting photo that shows a part of life at St. Mary's, you could win a prize in our History Photo Contest.

Enter as many photos as you like. Subjects can include: St. Mary's Church and School; parish personalities; services, holidays and occasions; groups, lodges and performers; the Collinwood neighborhood; Slovenian Home; the Brickyards and the Railroad Yards — any photo that helps tell the story of St. Mary's.

Deadline is Monday, April 3, 1995. Just drop your photos off at the parish house after services or weekdays, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Identify photos on a separate piece of paper and include your name, address and phone. Do not write on photos or use tape.

Fibs About Chocolate

Chocolate causes pimples. Studies have shown that eating chocolate, even large amounts, does not cause or aggravate acne — in fact, most dermatologists agree that diet is unrelated to acne in most cases.

Chocolate contains a lot of caffeine. A cup of coffee packs about 130 mg of caffeine, while an ounce of milk chocolate has only 6 mg — little more than a cup of decaffeinated coffee, and only a fraction of the 30-46 mg in many colas and noncolas.

Many people are allergic to chocolate. Actually, studies suggest that allergies to chocolate are quite rare. But some chocolates do contain ingredients like peanuts and milk, which are more common allergens; so if you have known food allergies, read labels carefully.

Don't let these myths spoil your February 14 (but do remember moderation).

No 'Valentine Social' in Feb.

The St. Clair Slovenian National Home "Valentine's Day Social" was on Wednesday, January 25, and will NOT be celebrated in February. It is already over. Sorry about printing the notice in February. — Editors.

On Dean's List

Susan Zigmund was named to the dean's list at Ursuline College because of her academic performance in the fall semester.

The accounting major is the daughter of Louis and Jean Zigmund of Euclid, Ohio.

Anniversary t-shirts.
St. Mary's is also looking for home movies, home videos, programs and flyers. Do you have a favorite St. Mary's story? Please write it down and send it. We would love to hear from you. For more information, call the parish house at (216) 761-7740 or contact Joe Valencic (216) 481-1439 evenings.
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by Stane Kuhar

In the February 4 edition of *The Miami Herald* the lead story read "Rescuing Rama-Linguists fight to preserve dying Indian language." The story referenced the Rama Indians who live on a tiny island along Nicaragua's Atlantic coast.

According to the story the Rama Indians number fewer than 1,000 with most speaking English and only two or so dozen are also able to speak their native Rama language. Linguists from the United States have undertaken a project whereby the native Rama people will preserve their own language and culture through their children.

The story also indicated that of the 6,000 languages on Earth more than half may become extinct in the coming century: an estimated five languages per year are lost in the United States that are spoken by indigenous Native Americans.

The story concludes that it is with the children that their language, culture, and heritage will either survive. Or die.

For the American Slovenian communities in the United States, and around the world, one of the most effective resources whereby the Slovenian language, culture, and heritage are transmitted from one generation to another is either the local Roman Catholic parish and/or a Saturday language school.

For the northeast Ohio community there are two such Saturday language schools that provide the resources and sense of community for children in a structured format. That is St. Mary's and St. Vitus Slovenian Schools.

On February 19, the St. Vitus Slovenian School will have its annual benefit dinner at St. Vitus Auditorium, 6111 Glass Avenue, Cleveland. Cost is \$9.00 (adult) and \$4.00 (child).

On the main menu is a choice of pork roast or roasted chicken. Take-out dinners as well as sit-down dinners will be available. The proceeds are for the operating needs of the school. Serving will be from 11 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. Containers will be provided for those with take-out dinners regarding the home-made soup.

This dinner is but one opportunity for the broader northeast Ohio American Slovenian community to show support for this valuable resource that not only exposes a child to another language, culture, and heritage, but also enables a building up of a community. We can take a note from the article on the Rama Indians that when the resources to maintain their language and culture were eliminated, a general demise occurred.

One can be thankful for those clergy, religious, committed parents, individuals, businesses, and organizations who sought to establish St. Vitus Slovenian School over 40 years ago and provide a wonderful legacy for their and future generations.

It is with gratitude and appreciation that the *past and present teaching staff* of this school have performed, and continue to perform a valuable service to our broader community, leaving important values and memories for our young children for a lifetime. This positive commitment provides us with a challenge to meet the current and changing

needs for young children as they prepare for the 21st century.

How often we read and hear through the media and in conversations with one another that exposure to a second language and culture will be important for a child in today's and tomorrow's society.

But how often do we as a community make the effort to maintain the resources needed for such a program as the St. Vitus Slovenian School? The benefit dinner on February 19 provides us a wonderful opportunity to reaffirm this resource for our community.

The parents and friends of St. Vitus Slovenian School simply say thank you and God bless to the following staff members of this school for their efforts and guidance of our young children during their most developing and formative years: Father Joseph Božnar (director); Marie

Burgar (coordinator); Mojca Gobec (pre-school); Mušič Cofelt (kindergarten); Mary Petelin (1st grade); Martina Jakomin (2nd grade); Angela Bolha (3rd grade); Tončka Sršen (4th grade); Milica Gobec (5th grade); Meta Novak (6th grade); Zina Velikonja (7th and 8th grades); and John Sršen (voice/music instructor).

Make the effort to attend this dinner on February 19. Secured parking will be provided. For those wishing to attend morning Mass around the dinner, you may attend and participate at either the 9:15 a.m. (English), 10:30 a.m. (Slovenian); or noon (English) Mass. The children of the school will participate at the 10:30 a.m. Mass with Father Božnar as the celebrant and homilist.

For tickets contact either Linda Plečnik (946-6847), or Stane Kuhar (585-1360).

JENNIE FRANCES GORSHA

Jennie Frances Gorsha, 83, passed away in Scottsdale, Arizona on January 25th.

She was born in Cleveland, Ohio. Before moving to Scottsdale, she lived in Euclid, Ohio for many years.

Jennie was the wife of Frank (deceased); mother of Frank (Scottsdale), Patricia Vodika and Arlene Mix of Phoenix; sister of Frances Braidic (dec.), and Agnes Modic of Cape Coral, Florida. She had eight grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren, all of Arizona.

She was a member of SNPJ Spartans lodge.

Friends were received at the Messenger Mortuary in Scottsdale. Services were held at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church on January 27th at 10 a.m. in Scottsdale. She was laid to rest on January 27th in St. Frances Cemetery in Scottsdale.

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Church Assisting Families in Central, Eastern Europe

In part to assist further the families of Central and Eastern Europe who are struggling still from the damaging effects of communist suppression, the bishops of the United States have extended the Appeal to Aid the Catholic Church in Central and Eastern Europe for three years.

The theme of this year's collection, "For the Next Generation," reflects the bishops' intent that the youngest victims of communism be given the opportunity to grow in their faith as part of intact and healthy families, said Msgr. R. George Sarauskas, director of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops' (NCCB) Office to Aid the Catholic Church in Central and Eastern Europe.

"Communism has ended, but the families in the region are struggling under the burden of poverty, social unrest, and apathy that is communism's legacy, and often these vulnerable families are not able to meet the daily challenges of family life" he said.

"As much as the Church in the former Soviet bloc countries is struggling to rebuild its institutional life, families also are struggling to stay together and raise their children in homes that are Christ-centered," said Msgr. Sarauskas.

Symptoms of the moral and spiritual decline of families in the former Soviet bloc nations include increasing alcoholism, depression, divorce, promiscuity, abortion, and suicide. Many parents are confused and see life as bereft of meaning and hope, Msgr. Sarauskas observed.

Under communism the value of the family was degraded, and parents lived in fear for themselves and their children. "Any expression of faith was made at great risk," he said. Now the laity must develop

religious and moral education programs to help families cope with the stresses of communism's aftermath.

"In an example of an immediate effort to address this problem, the NCCB Eastern Europe office has chosen Dr. Gintautas Vaitoska, a Lithuanian psychiatrist, to study on scholarship at the Pope Paul II Institute, located at Catholic University in Washington, D.C. Dr. Vaitoska will study the theology of marriage at the institute and return to the University in Kaunas in Lithuania to teach the sanctity of marriage and family life and the development of emotional and spiritual means to meet the challenges of these commitments.

In Lithuania, Dr. Vaitoska is active with a widespread movement called Teens Encounter Christ. He said that many young people are eager to return to the Church for the sacrament of marriage.

"In order to build their atheist society, communists had to demolish pre-communist values, ideals, and most importantly, faith. The family seemed to be a special target of this demolition, Vaitoska said.

"Communism took away from a faithful people the vocabulary of morality, and now they have no way of speaking of truth and beauty and friendship," he said. "We must find the language to talk with these people again."

"And we must reach to the next generation where they grow best — in their families, he noted. "Years of fear have weakened and deadened the abilities of family members to communicate with each other as individuals or as parts of families," Vaitoska added.

Msgr. Sarauskas said that despite these challenges, the Church is making great strides toward its goal, which is the full restoration of Catholic life

in Eastern and Central Europe, but there is still much to be accomplished.

Since its beginning in 1990, the Collection has raised over \$20 million to fund such efforts as the training of priests and religious women, restoration of seminaries, convents, and Catholic schools, and the development of mass media to spread the word of Christ throughout these shattered nations.

For more information, contact the Office to Aid the Catholic Church in Central and Eastern Europe, 3211 Fourth Street, N.E., Washington, DC 20017. Phone: (202) 541-3400.

Msgr. R. George Sarauskas will speak in Cleveland at two Masses. On Saturday, Feb. 25 he will talk at the 4 p.m. Mass in St. Vitus Church. On Sunday, Feb. 26 he will speak in St. Mary's Church, 15519 Holmes Ave.

Ex-"Cleveland" Vlado Dimovski Joins Slovene Government

Many Cleveland-area Slovene Americans will remember Dr. Vlado Dimovski, who spent several years here as a student at Cleveland State University, where he eventually got his Ph.D. in Management and Finance. He then returned to Slovenia, where he was employed until recently in the Department of Economics of Ljubljana University.

Last week, Vlado was named State Secretary for Industry in the Ministry for Economic Activity (Ministrstvo za gospodarske dejavnosti). During his stay in Cleveland, Vlado attended a great many local Slovene American functions and made a lot of friends. He is also a member of the Society for Slovene Studies.

All of us who count ourselves his friends congratulate him on his appointment and wish him the best!

Rudolph M. Susel

Was War in Former Yugoslavia Avoidable?

Dr. Dijana Plestina, an associate professor and head of the Department of Political Science at The College of Wooster in Wooster, Ohio, will speak on the topic: "Yugoslavia: Could Civil War Have Been Avoided," on Wednesday, February 22, at The Intown Club, One Playhouse Square, 1375 Euclid Avenue, in downtown Cleveland. The event is sponsored by the Cleveland Council on World Affairs. The cost for the luncheon and lecture together for non-members is \$20 (for Council members \$16), and the lecture alone is \$5 for non-members and \$3 for members.

There will be a cash bar starting at 11:30 a.m., the lunch is at noon, and Dr. Plestina's lecture will begin at 1:00 p.m. Reservations must be made by Friday, Feb. 17, by calling (216) 781-3730.

Dr. Plestina has travelled regularly to Yugoslavia since the late 1960s and in the last two years has visited Croatia, Serbia, and Slovenia. She has published numerous articles in both academic journals and the popular press, dealing with political, economic, and ethnic issues in the former Yugoslavia. She has been a member of the Wooster faculty since 1986 and received her B.A. and M.A. degrees from Carleton University in Ottawa, and her Ph.D. from the University of California at Berkeley.

This promises to be an interesting discussion. Although the publicity material from the Cleveland Council on World Affairs does not indicate it specifically, there probably will be some time for a question and answer period after Dr. Plestina's presentation.

Dr. Rudolph M. Susel

Dr. Karl B. Bonutti Visiting Slovenia

Dr. Karl B. Bonutti, who serves as Honorary Consul of the Republic of Slovenia in Cleveland, is on a three-week visit to Slovenia, where he will be lecturing on economics and business at a branch of Maribor University in Kranj. In addition, he will be meeting with officials of Slovenia's govern-

ment in connection with his duties in Cleveland.

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Looking back over those first 65 years they, without a doubt, hold many memories. What is the first vivid memory of your life? Do you remember? As I ponder on mine, I try to estimate my age at that time and arrive at an age of somewhere between 5 and 6 years old. It may not have been my first memory, but it does stand out sharply in my mind. It was the "Flu epidemic" of 1918. At that time or age I did not know what the word "Flu" or "Epidemic" meant. But I remember that everybody was sick. It may have started with one individual member of a family, but before it was over, everyone was hit with the symptoms.

History relates that during the epidemic, an estimated 20 million worldwide died as a result, 548,000 in the United States alone. It was a common daily scene to look out of the window and see horse-drawn wagons loaded with plain pine boxes each containing a victim



Stanley J. Frank

of the Flu. There was no time for funeral preparations. The body was quickly placed into the box, nailed shut and taken directly to the burial grounds.

Medication for the sick? I do not remember much about that, but I do recall that everyone, at least to the best of my knowledge, everyone wore a homemade necklace threaded with garlic to ward off the "Flu Bug." Did it help? Who knows. The other remedy that I can recall was whiskey to be used in tea as a remedy. Because of prohibition at that time, whiskey was available only by prescription and only in small quantities. This reminds me of an incident that occurred at that time. But enough for this time. Space permitting. I may spin that yard at another time.

(Editor's Note: Stan, you're not going to leave us dangling at the end of a rope, are you? — Tell us the end of the story before we die of curiosity.)

During the next two months, I will be reminding you of the coming of our Annual Chicken and Roast Pork Dinner, which will be held on Sunday, April 30th, in the St. Clair Slovenian National Home at 6417 St. Clair Avenue. Should you feel that

it is too early to make reservations at this time, then let me suggest that you circle the date on your calendar. But please do not wait until that date to purchase your tickets or to make reservations. These Annual Dinners have been our only fund-raisers to date.

It had appeared that we might possibly have a mild winter this year, but the recent days of frigid cold, strong winds, and accumulation of snow, paints a different picture. Winter blues they call it, and with it, an increase in sickness and also accidents.

Several weeks ago member Josephine Petrovic fell and ended up with a broken elbow and bruised ribs. She now has improved to the point where she no longer needs to wear the hard cast. That is good news. It has just recently come to my attention that Frances Stepic had a fall. I have no other information on her at this time. Let it be good news.

On February 1st, member John Cendol underwent serious surgery. I have no current report on his progress. We do wish him a speedy recovery.

Back in September I reported that member Frank Kuret was in the Rocky River Manor Care Nursing Home. At our last meeting, Angela Bolha reported that Frank's sister Jennie, a member of ours, too, is also there now. Recognizing that it is not very convenient to get there to visit them, I suggest that cards of cheer would be most welcome.

Have a Happy Valentine's Day. And remember our meeting date. Thursday, February 16th at 1 p.m., in the Eddie Kenik Room. Remember, Frances Karnak is considering a tour for us. Be at the meeting to hear the details.

Stanley J. Frank



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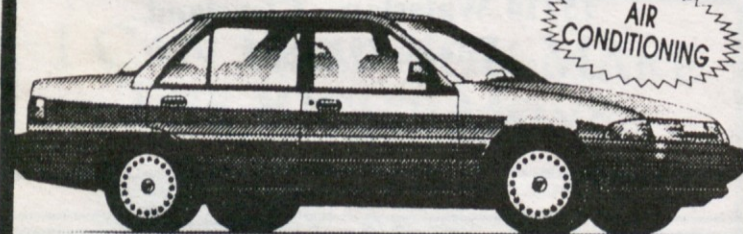
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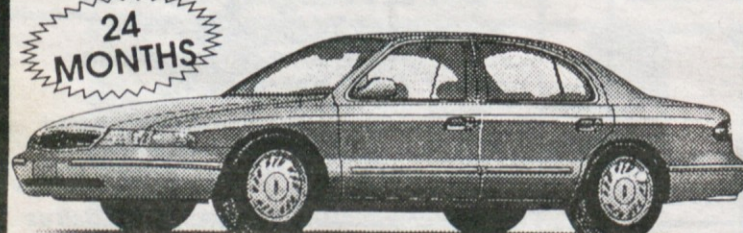
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Jadran looks back; gets ready for 75th celebration

On December 7 the Jadran Singing Society had their annual meeting. After the business portion, we had the election of officers. The 1995 slate is as follows: President Betty Rotar, Vice President Don Gorjup, Treasurer Dorothy Gorjup, and Recording and Corresponding Secretary Dolores Dobida.

Secretary Dobida may be reached at 929 Connor Dr., Eastlake, Ohio 44095; or call (216) 951-1694.

The auditors are Clarence Rupar, Valerie Traska and Pat Nevar. Librarians are Florence Unetich, Angela Zabjek and Josephine Kapla. Our director is Reginald Resnik.

The music committee consists of Betty Rotar, Florence Unetich, Angela Zabjek, Dolores Dobida, Clarence Rupar, Tony Silc, Fred Skolaris and Reginald Resnik. Publicity: Betty Rotar, Jennie Zakrajsek.

At this time we would like to thank our many friends who attended our two performances in 1994. It's this kind of support that helps us to carry on our cultural heritage and traditions. We also appreciate the encouragement and the kind comments that were expressed.

Many thanks to our wonderful supporters for their monetary donations: from AMLA, George Knaus, Frank and Albina Bittenc, Joe and Joyce Plemel, Mary Kaferle, Lydia Murch, and to our very generous anonymous donor.

We appreciate all the support we receive from Tony Petkovsek, the Bucars and George Knaus on the radio, and the publications: American Home, Prosveta, News Herald, Scoop, Euclid

News Journal, and The Plain Dealer.

Highlights of the past year, on March 20th, we sang at the Man and Woman of the Year Banquet for the Federation of Slovenian Homes. Our Pres. Betty Rotar was honored as Woman of the Year for the Federation of Homes and Angela Zabjek was honored for the Slovenian Workmen's Home. Also on March 27th the Jadran members, with the combined Cleveland Slovenian Choruses, sang at the Slovenian National Home for a reception in honor of the first president of Slovenia, Milan Kučan.

After the spring performance on April 21, the Jadran chorus continued to rehearse for their concert tour in Slovenia, leaving on June 27th.

In recent publications, both in the Prosveta and the American Home, articles written by Pres. Rotar gave in detail the entire Slovenia concert tour. At our annual meeting Betty was applauded for her writings, which was beautifully done. Again Betty you are to be commended and thank you. I'm sure the members will have lasting memories of a successful concert tour.

In the month of August our annual trip to Wooster, Ohio to see the wonderful performance of *Der Vogelhandler*, by the Ohio Light Opera at the Friedlander Theater. We then traveled to Millersburg, Ohio and had dinner at Benny's Carriage House.

We participated at the annual Grape Festival for the SNPJ Farm Board, with members from Zarja and our dear friend Fran Sylvester and

her Western PA Slovene Cultural Group. We did have a good time, even when the rains came.

Many members attended the Slovenian Workmen's Home Banquet on November 20th, honoring Women of the Year and retiring Trustee of the Slovenian Workmen's Home Frank Bittenc. Frank is also a member of Jadran and was our treasurer for 52 years. He retired in June, 1993.

Congratulations to Cheryl Reade, who along with her husband, Les, joined Jadran at the beginning of 1994. Cheryl has taken a leave of absence, for she is attending the University of Akron. She has been awarded an Academic Scholarship for her Masters of Science in Nursing. Her specialty is Nursing Administration. We wish you much success.

Our deepest sympathies to the family and friends of Cecelia Wolf. She had sung in the alto section for many years. Cecelia was one grand lady. We truly miss her very much.

The New Year 1995 is the year of celebration for the Jadran Singing Society. Its our 75th anniversary. On January 7th, we started celebrating with our after Christmas party. We like to thank the Social Committee: Bertha Dovgan, Mary Frank, Dorothy Gorjup, Josie Kapla, Sophie Matuch, Angela Zabjek and Vida Zak for preparing a delicious dinner. A good time was had by all.

The Federation of Slovenian Homes, Man and Woman of the Year Banquet will be on March 19. The Jadran Singing Society has been chosen to be honored for the Slovenian Workmen's Home. We again thank the Board of Trustees for choosing Jadran; it's a

great honor for us.

Our spring dinner, dance, program will be held on April 8th. Dinners will be prepared by Millie Krulc. Music provided by the Johnny Vadal Orchestra.

The main 75th celebration will be in the Fall on November 11. Sophie Mazi will be preparing our dinner. Music will be provided by the Don Wojtila Orchestra.

We invite you all to help us celebrate at these events. This is truly a milestone for Jadran.

Dolores Dobida
Recording Secretary

Rev. Godic worked with lepers while on 'vacation'

According to Mary Strassmeyer, writing in *The Plain Dealer*, instead of enjoying the sunny beaches of Hawaii during a week's vacation, the Rev. Frank G. Godic, director of pastoral care services and health affairs for the Catholic Diocese of Cleveland, spent the time in the Settlement for the Treatment of Leprosy on the island of Molokai, tracing the footsteps of Father Damien, the "Leper Priest" who founded the settlement.

The settlement is closed to the public, but Father Godic was sponsored by the missionary priest and sisters serving the lepers. About 70 patients with Hansen's disease, the modern name for leprosy, still live there, Godic said.

After his "vacation," he attended the 50th annual meeting of the National Conference of Diocesan Coordinators of Health Affairs in Hawaii. Godic, also chaplain at St. Alexis Hospital Medical Center, is conference chairman.

St. Valentine Dinner

A St. Valentine Dinner sponsored by the Slovenian Choir of St. Mary (Collinwood) will be held on Sunday, February 12 from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in the school cafeteria. Donation is \$10 for adults.

Tickets may be purchased from choir members or at the rectory office.

Amnesty International Head Visits Slovenia

Pierre Sane, secretary-general of Amnesty International, arrived on a visit to Slovenia. Sane announced that the international council of Amnesty International will meet in Ljubljana in August.

The Slovenian section of Amnesty is the first from Central Europe to be formally recognized by the organization.

Coming Events

Friday, Feb. 10

Dance at West Park Slovene Home, 4583 W. 130 St., from 8-12 featuring Ron Stark.

Saturday, Feb. 11

St. Clair Rifle and Hunting Club Annual Banquet at Slovenian Home on Waterloo Rd. For ticket information call 942-4025.

Sunday, Feb. 12

Valentine Dinner (pork and chicken) sponsored by St. Mary (Coll.) Church Choir served in school hall from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Donation \$10. Tickets from choir members or at parish house.

Sunday, Feb. 12

Dance at West Park Slovene Home, 4583 4-8 p.m. featuring Freddie Zwick.

Sunday, Feb. 19

St. Vitus Slovenian School Kosilo (annual fund-raising dinner) served in the St. Vitus school auditorium, 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Sunday, March 5

Pancake and sausage breakfast served by St. Vitus Holy Name Society in auditorium from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Adults \$4.50.

Sunday, March 26

Holmes Ave. Pensioners Club Dinner Dance at Collinwood Slovenian Home, 15810 Holmes Ave. Music by Lenny Andexler Orchestra. Donation \$12.00. For tickets call 943-3784 or 531-2088.

Saturday, April 8

Jadran Spring Dinner, Dance, Program at Waterloo Hall. Cook: Millie Krulc; Music: Johnny Vadal Orch.

Sunday, April 30th

St. Clair Pensioners Annual Chicken & Pork Dinner at St. Clair Slovenian National Home, 6417 St. Clair Ave. Serving at 1 p.m. Social until 5 p.m. For tickets call 391-9761 or 486-0818.

Saturday, May 6

St. Vitus Slov. School Mother's Day program, 6:30 p.m. in St. Vitus auditorium.

Saturday, Nov. 11

Jadran 75th celebration. Cook: Sophie Mazi; music: Don Wojtila Orchestra.

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The Tragedy of Bosnia

by Caspar W. Weinberger
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Bosnia is an appeasement and a humiliation for the West comparable to Hitler's string of victories in the late 1930s. The only clear winners in this tragedy that has killed nearly 200,000 people are the Serbs' two brutal dictators and Russia.

How did this happen? What should have been done, and how can other instances of aggression be deterred?

When the uneasy alliance that was Yugoslavia broke apart, Croatia, Slovenia, Bosnia-Herzegovina and Macedonia claimed independence and were admitted to the U.N. Serbia, meanwhile, embarked on its longtime goal of creating a Greater Serbia, controlling all of the former Yugoslavia. Serbia's allies, the Bosnian Serbs, joined in with their "ethnic cleansing" of Bosnia's Muslims, following Hitler's example.

The West's ultimate mistake was its failure to do anything to stop the Serbs. President Clinton compounded this error when, shortly after his inauguration, he sent Warren Christopher to Europe, not to galvanize resistance to the aggression (as President Bush had done in the Gulf) but to inquire weakly what the other countries would like to do. Naturally, none of them wanted to do very much, which sent a clear signal to the Serbs that they could pursue their aggression, unhindered.

A routine U.N. arms embargo against Bosnia was put into place, but this has not stopped Russia from supplying arms to the Serbs. For more than a year U.N. and European Union "negotiators" have continued their feeble bleatings for cease-fires and "safe areas" and have proposed various peace plans that awarded Serbia anywhere from 49% to 70% of Bosnia. The Serbs agreed to more than 30 cease-fire and safe-area proposals, and sometimes even observed their promises for as long as five or six hours.

The U.S. played an ignoble role, agreeing to the partitioning of Bosnia and the U.N.'s having full command of the peacekeeping operation, which was manned by 23,000 lightly armed, ill-equipped troops, scattered in widely spread, hopelessly ineffective clusters.

Predictably, the peacekeepers were attacked, ignored, overrun and taken hostage, and the U.N. convoys of food and medicine were allowed to pass only when the Serbs gave permission.

Putting a peacekeeping force into a battle zone where there is no peace ought to be a criminal offense.

What should have been done?

We should have assembled a Gulf-war-like coalition and told Serbia that its military targets would be mercilessly

bombed by air forces under U.S. command if Serbia continued attacking civilian populations. The Serbs would have stopped, knowing that the cost of continued missile attacks would be too high. Ground troops would not have been required.

This would have saved tens of thousands of lives and served as a warning to future aggressors. The not-too-distant past provides a deadly parallel: the West's failure to stop Hitler, as could easily have been done, in 1936, when he went into the Rhineland.

If we want to stop future aggression, we must act as we did in the Gulf, and we must regain some of the military strength we have budgeted away.

Drnovšek on Foreign Policy

Slovenian Prime Minister Janez Drnovšek is trying to ensure that Slovenia solves key foreign policy issues. This is why Slovenia has been particularly active diplomatically in recent months. Drnovšek hopes to improve relations with Italy, and does not rule out talks on real estate.

Drnovšek will send a special envoy to Croatia in an attempt to encourage the start of constructive talks. The prime minister also drew attention to issues of succession, a process which is threatened by complications brought about by those outside Slovenia who now feel that Slovenia achieved its independence too cheaply and are now attempting to place additional burdens or include Slovenia once again in a Yugoslav package.

For this reason, Slovenia expects concrete proposals on debt repayments, especially of those debts held at foreign banks.

The prime minister also expressed his concern about the deteriorating position of the Slovenian minority in Italy.

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