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Anthony Gino Lustri Makes His Debut

Anthony Gino Lustri was born on January 20, 1995 at 7:08 p.m. in Fairview General Hospital. He weighed 7 lbs., 13 ozs and was 18-1/4 inches long.

Proud parents are Nancy and Ralph Lustri of Westlake, Ohio. Grandparents are Mary and Joseph Spisich of Wickliffe, Ohio and Ines Lustri of Westlake (and the late Gino Lustri). Great-grandmother is Anna Spisich of Wickliffe, Ohio.

The entire family is very excited to *finally* have a little boy in the family to join his girl cousins Jessica, Andrea and Alyssa.

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Recently, *Industry Week Magazine* profiled 50 individuals

“whose achievements are shaping the future of our industrial culture and America’s technology policy. Among those honored is **Dr. John J. Petrovic**, research scientist in Metallurgy and Materials Science at Los Alamos National Laboratory in New Mexico.

Dr. Petrovic, who is of Slovenian descent, has developed a new class of materials called high-temperature structural silicides made from molydisilicide, an

Memo from Madeline



by Madeline D. Debevec

alloy of molybdenum and silicon. The material is strong, light-weight and oxidation-resistant and can withstand heat up to 2,900°F. Potential applications include heating elements and engine parts.

His many professional achievements include his notable contribution to the Space Program effort, particularly to the historic spacecraft - Voyager I and Voyager II.

Dr. Petrovic attended St. Vitus and St. Margaret Mary Elementary Schools and graduated from Cathedral Latin High School and Case Institute of Technology in Cleveland.

He resides in White Rock, New Mexico with his wife Blanche and daughter Michelle and is the son of Josephine and the late John Petrovic of South Euclid. His

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The Black Panther Coat of Arms of Karantania (Carinthia)

Below is a shortened translation of an excerpt by Dr. Joško Šavli who is currently completing the Slovenian edition of a book entitled, “Črni Panter, grb Karantanije.” An English translation will follow, so it is useful to alert the interested reader to the fascinating tidbits of ancient Slovenian history soon to come.

Dr. Šavli is the co-author of the controversial book “The Veneti, Our Ancient Forefathers” which has opened a whole new perspective on Slovenian origins in particular, and Slavic origins in general. He is among the first to have broken free of the stranglehold and intimidation that foreign occupiers have imposed on Slovenian thought nearly since the dawn of history, and which plagues historians in Slovenia to this day. He has decided to research for himself the ancient facts rather than accept the unfounded self serving tales of foreign imagination.

The latest book by Dr. Šavli will be less controversial than the original book on the Veneti since it deals with more recent times (about 900 to 1300 A.D.) for which more written data exists. It is nevertheless likely to be an eye opener for those whose exposure to Slovenian history has been limited to the officially accepted Western version. History tends to be written by the winners (in this case Germans) and is thus highly prejudiced in their favor. For a foretaste of things to come, read on.

It is almost incidentally that I came upon evidence that the black panther was the symbol on the coat of arms of Karantania, the Slovenian dukedom of the Holy Roman Empire. At the time of my research I was a student living in the Student Home Korotan in Vienna under the directorship of Father Tomažič. My project then was actually research, not on the black panther, but on the fabled Slovenian hat (windischer Hut), the symbol of Slovenian lands, which in 1359 was incorporated into the coat of arms of the Habsburg Duke Rudolph IV.

In the course of this investigation I discovered that the previous coat of arms of Karantania was actually a black panther which was used at least until the death of the last member of the noble family of the Dukes of Karantania, The Spannheims, in 1269 A.D. From that piece of information I surmised that the original coat of arms of Karantania probably had the black panther as well.

The results of my research on the black panther coat of arms were first published in Glas Korotana (st 7/1981) but not anywhere in Slovenia at that time. The work was fortunately picked up by a number of European periodicals and journals, the most significant of these being the article by Dr. Hans Jager Sunstenau of Vienna whose paper entitled “Heraldische Symbole im alten Slowenisch-Karantanien” (Heraldic Symbols in Historic Slovenia Karantania) was published in Archivum Heraldicum (1982/3-4, Switzerland). In that paper he confirmed the purely Karantanian origin of the panther figure.

Historically the panther first appears in 1160 on the seal of Count Otakar III., a ruler in the Karantania Mark, and again in 1180 in the Styrian Dukedom (Štajerska) which in that year split off from central Karantania. We find the panther also in 1163 on the seal of Duke Herman who then ruled central Karantania. Apparently Karantania and Styria (Štajerska) had joint military forces and so the panther appears on their joint battle banners from 1205 on.

The panther is often found displayed even in prehistoric finds. It was a symbol of the

sun and as such was pictured as accompanying the Greek god Dionisius. In the Graeco-Roman era legend had it that the panther sleeps for three days in his den, arises, roars and releases a sweet scent which no animal can resist, causing all to follow him. This is reminiscent of Christ’s being in the grave three days and then arising from the dead. Consequently, the early Christians had the figure of the panther drawn or sculptured in many locations, among them in the ancient province of Noricum which included the later Dukedom of Karantania.

We can still find evidence of it today above the main entrance to the church of Gospa Sveta (near Klagenfurt, Austria) built by Christian Karantanians about 900 A.D., soon after their conversion. It appears, therefore, that the newly christianized Karantanians incorporated the panther figure as their symbol, and later transferred it onto the coat of arms, when much later these became the fashion in the 12th century.

In 1180 A.D. the Karantania Mark was split into two parts, as mentioned above, with the Styrian Mark forming the eastern dukedom. In 1246 A.D. a dispute arose between the Karantanian and Styrian Marks about their common coat of arms. It was resolved so that the Karantanian Mark retained the original Karantanian coat of arms with the black panther, while the Styrian mark accepted a figure of a white panther on a green background. This image of a white panther on a green background persists to this date in the coat of arms of Styria and the white panther has become known as the Styrian Panther.

The German historian, A. Anthony von Siegenfeld, in spite of being a recognized German nationalist, describes the Styrian Panther in his book, “Das Landeswappen des Steiermark,” Graz, 1900, as being of “Bavarian-Karantanian” origin. The adjective “Bavarian” can be ignored in view of his Germanic tendencies. All evidence points to the panther as being exclusively of Karantanian origin.

There exist several additional coats of arms representing (Continued on page 5)

Joke Page

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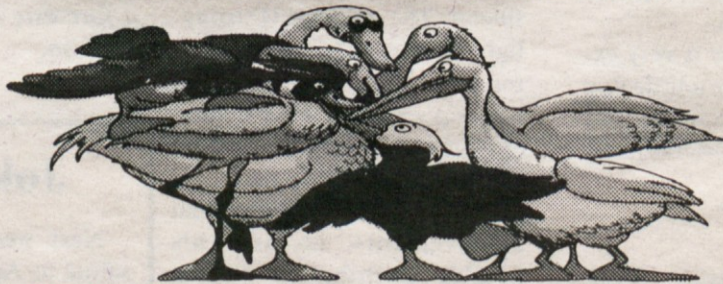
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Diary of submariner

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

The underwater run was no different than any other run except that an instructor was constantly on duty at the heads (toilet) instructing the newcomers in how to flush it without getting it blown into one's face. There was little food aboard. The water, tasting stale, had to be rationed for cooking and drinking only.

At 1930 hours the sea was clear of any propeller sounds. A careful check of the sea with the periscope failed to reveal any ships. The air by now was very humid, smelly and the stink from the oil bilges made many of the new passengers very sick and many more had problems with their breathing.

The four officers with the claustrophobia problem were very closely watched and helped to overcome it. It must have been a great relief to hear

the order "prepare to surface" and "open the hatch." The diesels were soon gulping in great currents of air and spreading it through the submarine. Soon, the crew was lining up under the control tower's hatch to replenish their lungs with fresh air.

April 18, 1941

"Diving Stations" at 0455 hours. An uneventful day under the water. It was interesting to see the Army, the Fleet Air Arm officers and the old crew combine as one at the "diving and surfacing" stations.

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Memo...

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brother is Robert J. Petrovic, educator and English Department Chairman at Euclid High School.



Engagement

Mr. and Mrs. Roger Zakrajsek of Brecksville announce the engagement of their daughter, Denise M. to Kevin L. Galicki, son of Dr. and Mrs. Leonard Galicki of Wickliffe.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Normandy High School in Parma and Ohio University in Athens with a degree in journalism. She is managing editor of the "Electron" and media coordinator for Cleveland Institute of Electronics in Cleveland. Her fiancé is a graduate of Lake Catholic High School in Mentor, Miami University in Oxford with a degree in economics and Cleveland State University in Cleveland with a master's degree. He is assistant director of financial aid at Cleveland State University.

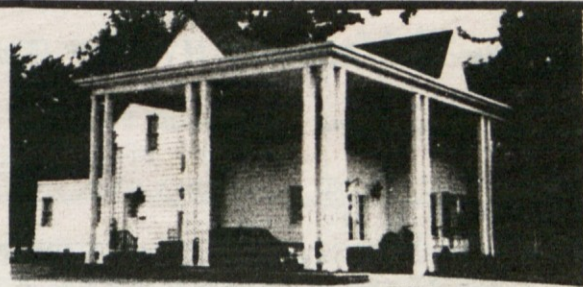
The wedding is in September at St. Basil's Church in Brecksville.

Simicak-Herbst Engagement

The announcement is made of the engagement of Natalie Simicak, daughter of Matt and Martina Simicak, 2683 Deer Run, Willoughby Hills to Anthony Herbst, son of Roger and Donna Herbst, 674 Meadowland, Richmond Heights.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of South High School in Willoughby, Kent State University and Lakeland Community College. She is a corporate travel agent for Flite II Travel in Beachwood. Her fiancé is a graduate of Richmond Heights High School. He is owner of Unique Land Design.

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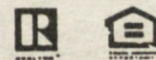
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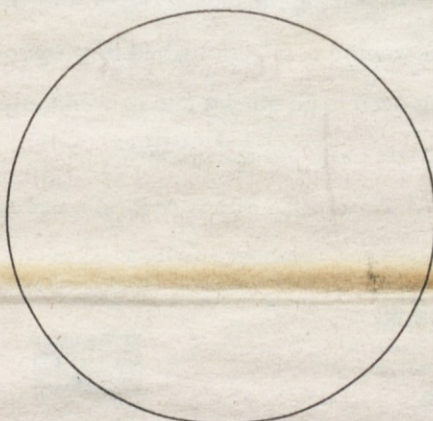
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5 — Use it or lose it. The more you use your memory, the longer it will last.

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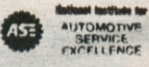
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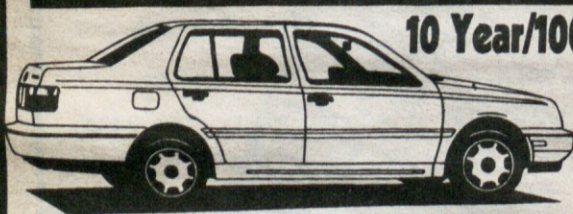
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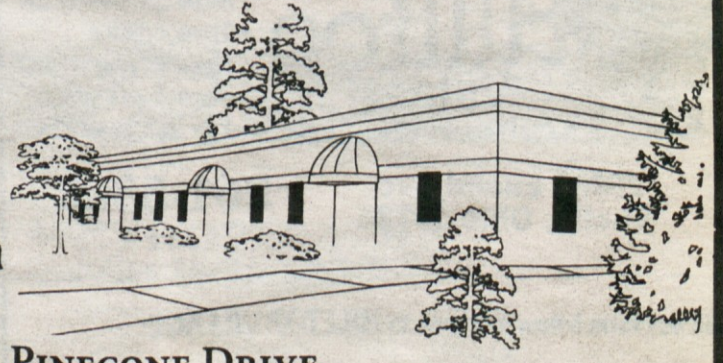
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ting Slovenian lands. Among the first of these is the blue eagle on a white background representing the Dukedom of Carniola (Vojvodina Kranjska, after 1364). We first find it displayed by Otakar II, the Czech king who ruled Karantania after the death of the last of the Spanheims. He probably used it to spite the Slovenian Andechs nobility who favored a white eagle on a blue field. This coat of arms was hailed, in the era between the two recent world wars, as representing the only Slovenian lands continually occupied by Slovenians, even though historically this was incorrect.

In a similar fashion during the enthusiasm of the Yugoslav period, another coat of arms, that of the Counts of Celje, was said to derive from the only true Slovenian nobility and thus the only one worthy of representing Slovenia. Attempts were even made to show a blood relationship between the Counts of Celje and the Dukes of Bosnia and Croatia to more correctly legitimize the Yugoslav nation. This, however, was totally unfounded since the

Counts of Celje were merely the descendants of one family of the Dukes of Karantania, the Heunburgs, having inherited the title from the feminine branch of the family.

After 1945 Slovenia obtained a coat of arms displaying Triglav bounded by two sheafs of wheat and linden leaves. This, however, had more socialist than historical significance. The present coat of arms found on today's flag is primarily a mixture of this socialist symbol and the coat of arms of the Counts of Celje. This, too, has little historical significance. Unfortunately, even the three colors of the flag which have been hailed as being derived from the shield of the Dukes of Carniola are incorrect, since the colors of the latter were only white and blue. Apparently the acceptance of the three colors for the flag of Slovenia in 1848 was based mostly on the fact that the Austrian authorities did not strongly object to them, owing to the similarity to the Russian flag.

Historically then, the black panther of Karantania remains the oldest known symbol of the Slovenian nation.

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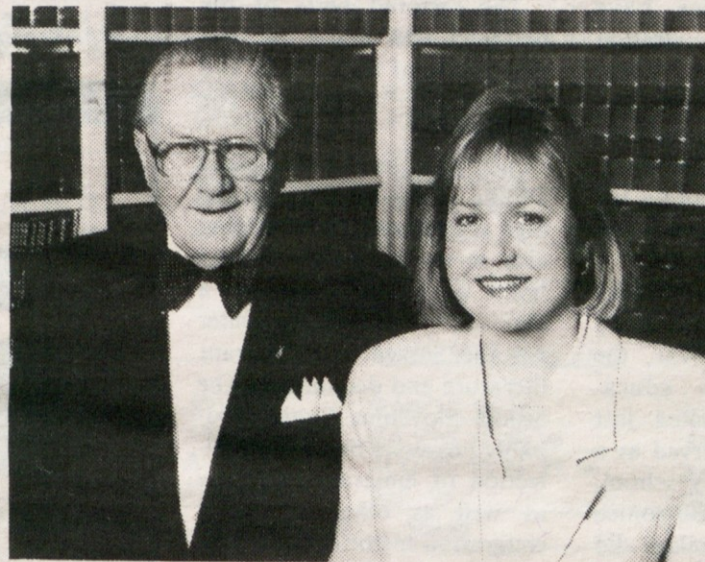
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At this time of year for the last three or four years the American Catholics have taken up a special collection for aid to the Catholic Church in Eastern Europe. This time St. Vitus parish joins with the KSKJ Bishop's School Fund Drive to help rehabilitate the Bishop's High School in Ljubljana.

What is the Bishop's School in Ljubljana, Slovenia? Until the Second World War, the enormous Catholic educational complex situated just outside Ljubljana served as a preparatory seminary school, like the Cleveland's Borromeo High School and College did for the church in Cleveland at one time.

When the Slovenian communists came to power in Slovenia, they confiscated this and other church buildings and converted them to other uses.

For the next 45 years, Slovenia conducted education based solely on Marxist-atheistic philosophy. The Catholic Church was forbidden to operate schools and colleges. This situation changed somewhat four years ago, when the newly democratic government returned The Bishop's School buildings to the Archdiocese of Ljubljana, which immediately began the task of restoring the nearly

ruined buildings at the cost of several million dollars.

The restored parts of the buildings now house the first two grades of high school and the living quarters for students.

Each year the Archdiocese is adding one more grade to the high school unit. The building also serves as the permanent home of Studia Slovenica, a depository and research center for the Slovenian emigrant literature and documents. The Studia Slovenica Center probably possesses the largest collection of emigrant literature as well as other Slovenian emigration historical information in the world.

As you can see from the foregoing, the Catholic Church is fighting valiantly to recover its rightful place in the education field, but for lack of funds, things are progressing slowly. Help is very badly needed.

The American Slovenian Catholic Union (KSKJ) has thus far raised well over \$30,000.00 towards this project. May I ask St. Vitus parishioners and American Home readers to please support this important endeavor for the Catholic Church in Slovenia? You may send checks to St. Vitus parish, 6019 Glass Ave., Cleveland, OH 4103.

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The concert will be under the direction of Reginald Resnik, with Tom Rotar accompanying on the piano. The entire chorus will sing "The Jadran Hymn," "Majeve," a "Venček" and excerpts from the operetta "Waltz Dream" by Oscar Strauss.

Several Spirituals and a Western folk song "Colorado Trail" with a harmonica solo by Adolph Kapla will also be offered. In addition, we will have two duets: Florence Unetich and Angela Zabjek and a daughter and father team of Marge Candow and Clarence Rupar both of whom received tremendous applause at our Fall concert in November. Also, there will be a solo by Florence Unetich. The Button Box Ensemble will also entertain.

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Current Review

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L.J. "Lud" Andolsek, 84, a former vice chairman of the Civil Service Commission, died of kidney cancer March 3 at his home in Durham, N.C.

Mr. Andolsek served on the commission from 1963 until retiring in 1977.

In 1980, he was elected secretary of the National Association of Retired Federal Employees. He was president of the association from 1981 to 1986.

He was born in Denver and grew up in Chisholm, Minn. He graduated from St. Cloud Teachers College, where he was a player and coach of the ice hockey team. During the Great Depression, Mr. Andolsek was district director, state field representative and area director for the National Youth Administration in Minnesota.

He served in the Army during World War II, then worked at a Veterans Administration hospital in St. Cloud, Minn., and later as a civilian personnel officer at Ellsworth Air Force Base in California.

In 1951, he came to Washington as administrative assistant to Rep. John A. Blatnik (D-Minn.), a childhood friend. Before his appointment to the Civil Service Commission, Mr. Andolsek was chief clerk of the House Committee on Public Works.

He had received a Gold Medal of Merit from the Veterans of Foreign Wars and the AMVETS Silver Helmet as Civil Servant of the Year in 1966.

Mr. Andolsek, formerly of Bethesda, Maryland, moved to Durham last year.

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*Remembrance is a golden chain,
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To have and to love and then to part
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The memory of those happy days,
When we were all together.*

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and all the rest of the family.

Euclid, Ohio, March 23, 1995

Survivors include his wife of 49 years, Regina A. Burnett Andolsek, and a daughter Kathryn M. Andolsek, both of Durham; a sister, Frances Schaefer of Chisholm, Minn.; and three grandchildren.

MARY GRILL

Mary Grill (nee Jelnikar), 89, of South Geneva, Ohio, died Sunday, March 19 at the Slovene Home for the Aged.

Mary was born on December 4, 1905 at Kresniske Poljane Zupan Kresnice, Slovenia. She came to Cleveland in 1928.

Mary was a member of American Slovenian Catholic Union KSKJ Lodge No. 169, Lodge Kras No. 8 of the American Mutual Life Association (AMLA), and Slovenian Women's Union No. 14.

Mary and her husband ran a dairy farm in South Geneva from 1941 to 1982. They provided milk for Euclid Race Dairy for 20 years.

She is survived by two daughters Mary (Mrs. Harry) Knaus (Orwell, Ohio), Antonia Moavero (Euclid); son Anthony (Dayton, O.). She was grandmother of eight and great-grandmother of 12. She is sister-in-law of Mary Strazisar.

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Family received friends Wednesday, March 22 at Zele Funeral Home, 452 E. 152 St.

MARY J. GRZINCIC

Mary J. Grzincic, 79, a resident of Euclid, Ohio, formerly of Cleveland, died Sunday, March 19 at home.

Mary was born December 14, 1915 in Cleveland.

She was a member of American Slovenian Catholic Union (KSKJ) Lodge No. 219 and American Mutual Life Association (AMLA) lodge No. 8. She was a homemaker.

She is survived by husband John; two daughters, Margaret Grzincic, Mary Ann Edwards; two sons, John (wife Barbara), Joseph (wife Tina); grandchildren Donald Edwards (Az.), Kimberly Rowan, Dawn Crevda, John A. Grzincic, Lyndsey Gregorc; two sisters Agnes Struna and Frances Lovsin.

Funeral was Wednesday, March 22 at St. Christine Church, 840 E. 222 St., Euclid, Rev. Francis Sterk officiating. Burial in All Souls Cemetery, Chardon, Ohio.

Visitation was at Zele Funeral Home, 452 E. 152 St., Cleveland.



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And yet how much I grieve
For my little brother.*

DID YOU KNOW Sloven-
nia...

Personality of the year in Madagascar is Slovenian Missionary Peter Opeka, as reported in *Druzina*, Catholic weekly in Ljubljana. He was named by the *Revue de l'Océan*, a well known publication in that part of the world, the Far East. As a result the French Minister for International Co-operation invited him to a seminar in Dakar. The honored guest also participated at the world congress scheduled for March 6 to 12 in Copenhagen.

Franjo Vodovnik in his 100th year still can read without glasses reports the same *Druzina*. Vodovnik was born on January 3, 1885.

The new *Nasha Druzina* is a monthly supplement issued by the Catholic weekly, *Druzina*.

"FIFTY YEARS AFTER THE COMMUNIST REVOLUTION THE UNDERSIGNED SLOVENIANS DEMAND THAT THE STATE ASSEMBLY AND PROPER AUTHORITIES OF THE STATE OF SLOVENIA FULFILL THEIR

OBLIGATION.' This proclamation was signed by 50 of the outstanding Slovenians throughout the world. Among the signatures were those of Dr. Mate Roesman and Rudi Kolarich of Cleveland. Plans call for additional signatures of all Slovenians who want a democratic government in Slovenia.

France is the fourth largest trading partner of Slovenia. Its imports are second only to Germany, Italy, and Croatia.

Because of the overall poor showing in the qualifying test, the Republic Mathematics Commission, in co-operation with the University of Cambridge, has decided to downgrade requirements for future examinations.

A press conference was held in Celje regarding violations of human rights in Slovenia. President of the equal rights committee, Jozhef Jarh, listed the violations most of which are being perpetrated by the government and state organs, indicating that the abuses are centralized and bureaucratized. In particular the hunger strikes of Dr. Janez Rugelj, a psychiatrist, and Attorney Sergij Majhen were cited. The protest was sent to the American Congress in Washington.

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Holmes Avenue Pensioners News

On Wednesday, March 8, the Holmes Avenue Pensioners meeting was called to order by President John (Coach) Habat.

Guest speaker Suzie Collins, eye care counselor of the Cataract Eye Center, showed slides and narrated the program. Ms. Collins gave us information on glaucoma, cataracts, macular degeneration and other disorders of the eye. It was an interesting and very well-received program.

Free visual screening tests were given on Friday, March 17 at the Collinwood Slovenian Home, and were conducted by ophthalmologist Dr. Gregory J. Louis of the Cataract Eye Center.

Spring is just around the corner, and so is the Holmes Avenue Pensioners Dinner-Dance. Hope we will see you at the dinner on Sunday, March 26, at Collinwood Slovenian Home.

It was great to see Mrs. Alic at the March meeting. We are all so glad she is feeling better. Mrs. Alic's daughter and son-in-law Norma and Al Grif, are also members of the Pensioners Club.

We are sorry to hear that our Sunshine Lady, Ann Eichler, fell and broke her wrist. Get well, Ann, and we hope to see you soon.

Mr. Joe Jerkič is home from the hospital, recuperating from surgery. His daughter, Myra, says he enjoys having company and would welcome visitors to his home. Mr. Jerkič, a long-time member of the Pensioners Club, will celebrate his 93rd birthday on March 20. Sending a cheerful card or birthday greeting will surely brighten his day. Happy Birthday, Mr. Joe Jerkič!

The Board of Directors is having a dinner-dance on Saturday, April 8 at the Collinwood Slovenian Home, 15810 Holmes Ave. Honoree will be Matthew Kajfez, chosen as Man of the Year. Matt and his lovely wife, Frances, are active members

of our Pensioners Club, and would greatly appreciate seeing you at the dinner. Cost is \$12.00 per person. For ticket information call Bob at 681-6649 or 944-3697.

Holmes Avenue Pensioners welcome six new members to our club Al and Marie Rotar, Lillian Godec, Louis and Helen Pibernik, and Mary Sinkovec.

Thank you to Jennie Schultz for the lovely sweatshirt she donated to the fifty-fifty raffle. Jennie decorated the lavender shirt beautifully with Easter bunnies and eggs. Mary Lavrich was the lucky winner of the springtime shirt.

Deepest sympathy to the family and friends of our departed members, Louise Fabec and Rose Infalvi, and sincere condolences to Mary Avsec on the loss of her sister. May they rest in peace.

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, April 12 at 12:30 p.m. Euclid School Superintendent, Kurt Stanic will be the guest speaker.

Did you remember to pay your 1995 dues???

Good health, peace and happiness.

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Slovenija že začela s prvimi pogajanjmi za doseg sporazuma o pridruženem članstvu s sedaj 15-člansko Evropsko zvezo

V sredo, 15. marca, je potekal prvi oz. uvodni krog pogajanj med Evropsko zvezo in Slovenijo, katerega končni cilj je pridruženo članstvo Slovenije. Slovensko delegacijo je vodil zunanji minister Zoran Thaler. V skupni izjavi Thalerja in Guntherja Burgardta, generalnega direktorja pri evropski komisiji, je bilo rečeno, naj bi se pogajanja končala še do konca junija.

Tekst skupne izjave, posredovan v *Slovenecu* 16. marca, je orisal obseg željenega sporazuma: »Sporazum bo urejal vsa gospodarska in trgovinska razmerja in stike EZ s Slovenijo in tako nadomestil sporazum o sodelovanju iz leta 1993. Na področju trgovine je predvideno, da bosta obe strani postopoma uvedli prosto menjavo, pri čemer so obveznosti EZ predvsem v zvezi z industrijskimi izdelki v glavnem že uresničene. Na splošno se bo evropski sporazum s Slovenijo zgledoval po do zdaj sklenjenih evropskih sporazumih, pri čemer bo upošteval dozdajšnji razvoj razmer in posebnosti države.«

Nova slovenska zaveza želi organizirati demokratični blok

Dne 11. marca je bil v Ljubljani občni zbor Nove slovenske zaveze, torej četrti od ustanovitve NSZ. Ponovno izvoljeni so bili poveljni voditelji Zveze, med njimi predsednik Tinč Velikonja, podpredsednik Franc Hočvar in tajnik Stane Štrbenk.

Najpomembnejši nalogi za letošnja bosta organizaciji množičnega podpisovanja Poziva državnemu zboru ter velike spominske jubilejne slovesnosti v Kočevskem rogu 25. junija. Na občnem zboru je NSZ sprejela tudi izjavo o nujnosti organiziranja slovenskega demokratičnega bloka. Vzrok temu je ugotovitev NSZ, da so nekdanji komunisti zasedli vse vzvode oblasti in da se zato demokratične sile in stranke morajo reorganizirati in se pripravljati na prihodnje parlamentarne volitve leta 1996.



Z občnega zbora Nove slovenske zaveze



Za prihodnje šolsko leto bo imela Škofijska klasična gimnazija v Šentvidu nad Ljubljano za svoj prvi letnik 150 mest. Dne 10. marca dopoldne je gimnazijo obiskalo približno 400 otrok s starši, popoldne pa še 250. Gimnazija končuje svoj drugi letnik delovanja in bo zopet veliko več prosilcev za sprejem v prvi letnik, kot jih bo mest. Foto iz *Slovenca* 11. marca.

In še: »Komisija in svet se sklicujeta po men skupne deklaracije z dne 5. aprila 1993; ta poudarja, da pri razvoju razmerij in stikov s Slovenijo Evropska zveza pričakuje, da se bo Slovenija vzdržala vseh razlik pri obravnavanju državljanov držav članic EZ, ki bi lahko nastale zaradi državljanstva ali prebivališča in bi se nanašale na pretok kapitala in vlaganja v nepremičnine.

Komisija in svet z zadovoljstvom sprejemata izjavo slovenske vlade z dne 30. septembra 1994. Seznanjena sta z obvezo slovenske vlade, da bo uskladila slovensko zakonodajo z veljavnimi pravili Evropske zveze, ta se nanašajo na možnost nakupa nepremičnin, in da bo v ta namen slovenskemu parlamentu že pred podpisom pridružitvenega sporazuma predlagala spremembo dela ustave, ki se nanaša na možnost nakupa nepremičnin s strani tujih državljanov. Komisija in svet sta prepričana, da bo ta obveznost sprejeta in da bo omenjena ustavna sprememba lahko začela veljati še pred sklenitvijo tega sporazuma.«

Za mnoge v Sloveniji je sporna ravno obveza o nakupu nepremičnin s strani tujcev.

Iz Clevelanda in okolice

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Tarok turnir—

To soboto, 25. marca, bo ob sedmih zvečer v Baragovem domu na St. Clair Avenue turnir v taroku. Vsi ljubitelji taroka so lepo vabljeni, da se turnirja udeležijo.

Zahvala—

G. Jože Stariha, Euclid, O., se zahvaljuje vsem prijateljem za obiske in kartice v času, ko se je nahajal v bolnišnici. Sedaj okrevaja doma.

Novi grobovi

Mary Grill

Dne 19. marca je v Slovenskem domu za ostarele umrla 89 let stara Mary Grill, rojena Jelnicar v Kresniških Poljanah, Slovenija, v Cleveland prišla l. 1928, vdova po l. 1982 umrlem Antonu, mati Mary Knaus, Antonije Moavero in Anthonyja, 8-krat stara mati, 12-krat prastara mati, svakinja Mary Strazisar, z možem sta od l. 1941 do 1982 lastovala farmo v South Genevi, O., in 20 let prodajala mleko nekdanji Euclid Race Dairy, članica ADZ št. 8, KSKJ št. 169 in SZZ št. 14. Pogreb bo iz Želetovega zavoda na E. 152 St. danes, 23. marca, zj. ob 8.45, v cerkev Marije Vnebovzete ob 9.30, od tam pa na Vernih duš pokopališče.

Mary J. Grzincic

Dne 19. marca je na svojem domu v Euclidu umrla 79 let stara Mary Grzincic, rojena Gregorc v Clevelandu, žena Johna, mati Margaret Grzincic, Mary Ann Edwards, Johna in Josepha, 5-krat stara mati, sestra Ann Romash ter že pok. Anthonyja, Johna, Agnes Struna in Frances Lovsin, članica ADZ št. 6 in KSKJ št. 219. Pogreb je bil 22. marca v oskrbi Želetovega zavoda na E. 152 St. s sv. mašo v cerkvi sv. Kristine in pokopom na Vernih duš pokopališču.

Mary D. Yusich

Umrla je 96 let stara Mary D. Yusich, vdova po Johnu, mati Roberta Mateticha, Ilene Schaffer, Maxine Stearns, Edwarda Younga in Myre Myatt (pok.), 13-krat stara mati, 16-krat prastara mati, 2-krat praprastara mati. Pogrebni obredi so bili 19. marca v Želetovem zavodu na E. 152 St., (dalje na str. 18)

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Sloveniji so končno odprta vrata v Evropo

Slovenci smo z velikim zadovoljstvom, skoraj z zanosom, sprejeli odločitev, da se naši državi dovoli pričetek pogovorov oziroma postopka o pridruženem članstvu v Evropski uniji. Kot najbolj zaslužna za to se predvsem omenja italijanska zunanja ministrica Susanna Agnelli, ki da je »prižgala zeleno luč Sloveniji«. Toda omenjena odločitev je zagotovo posledica skupnih opredelitev in stališč vseh držav, članic Evropske unije. Odločitev v prid Slovenije je bila očitno sprejeta tudi - nemara predvsem - v ZDA. Med obiskom v Washingtonu so zunanji ministrici Agnellijevi najbrž nedvoumno povedali, da ima Slovenija pomembno vlogo v globalni strategiji in politični usmeritvi zdaj edine velesile na svetu. Sklep o pričetku razgovorov o pridruženem članstvu torej ni sad zgolj »trkanja Slovenije na vrata združene Evrope«, ampak predvsem del realne politike, »ki stvari postavlja na pravo mesto«.

Slovenija hoče čimprej politično in formalno v Evropo, hkrati pa bi rada postala tudi članica vojaške zveze NATO. To je v skladu z istovetnostjo našega naroda, ki izhaja iz zahodne Evrope in kamor bi se rad, po več kot pol stoletja trajajoči prevladi drugačnega sistema, (tistega, ki se je v bistvu rodil v Aziji, se potem preoblikoval v komunizem, ki so ga izvajali v Rusiji in v državah t.i. realnega socializma) čimprej vrnil. Pri vključevanju v Evropo in vojaško zvezo NATO gre torej za skupna vprašanja naše narodne identitete in za vojaško varnost Slovenije.

Naša država se sicer nasploh poskuša čim prej ločiti od vsega, kar jo še povezuje z nekdanjo Jugoslavijo. O tem je bilo v zadnjem času kar nekaj primerov. Slovenija je npr. osupnila v napestosti in takoj nato odločno protestirala zaradi domnevne izjave generalnega sekretarja Organizacije združenih narodov Boutrosa Ghalija, da Združeni narodi težijo k obnovi bivše države. Dejanjsko je Boutros Ghali govoril o obnovi zaradi vojaških spopadov porušenih ali poškodovanih območij v Sarajevu in drugod v Bosni in Hercegovini, na Hrvaškem in v drugih predelih razpadle skupne države. Torej ni izrekel nobene zahteve o nekakšni obnovi bivše Jugoslavije. Beseda *obnova* ima v slovenščini več pomenov in šele potem, ko so javna občila ponovila besede, ki jih je Boutros Ghali med obiskom na Dunaju resnično izrekel, so nas spet pomirili.

Z izrednim navdušenjem v Sloveniji spremljajo tudi razne oblike vojaškega delovanja med našo državo in deželami, članicami vojaško-obrambne organizacije NATO. V vadbemem središču slovenske vojske na Pokljuki so se več dni skupaj urili pripadniki posebne enote marincev iz Anglije ter vojaki izbranih enot naše vojske. Slovenske oblasti in javnost so prisrčno sprejeli tudi prvi obisk kakšne ameriške vojaške ladje v našem morju. Na tak obisk je v koprsko lukso najprej priplula manjša fregata Robert G. Bradley. Posadka šteje 247 moških, med mornarji pa je bilo tudi nekaj potomcev Slovencev, ki so po letu 1945 šli iz Slovenije v Cleveland. (Močne moje naše, op. ur. AD) Ladjo sta obiskala tudi slovenski obrambni minister Jelko Kacin in ameriški veleposlanik v naši državi Allan Wendt. Prejšnjo soboto (4. marca, op. ur.) so si ladjo lahko ogledali tudi Koprčani in drugi obiskovalci. Sicer naj bi lukso Koper v prihodnje redno obiskovale tudi večje ameriške

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Žal mi je, da kasnim z njenim zapisovanjem, a sem ravno na to nedeljo nesrečno kar trikrat padel. Vendar sem hotel biti pri Sv. Cirilu zaradi te februarjske ure. S pomočjo g. Klesina in g. Branča sem lahko bil tako pri cerkvi kot pri uri.

Težava je bila potem priti spet v svoje stanovanje. Hvala Bogu, z g. Klesinovo pomočjo sem dosegel tudi to. Potem trpljenje in štiri dni v postelji in kobacanje iz spalnice v kopalnico, kar ob dobrem postu. Po štirih dneh sem se s pomočjo »walkerja« spet po dveh plus štirih nogah gibal po stanovanju, kuhal in normalno jedel.

Danes, 16. marca, sem se zgodaj zjutraj vsedel k pisalni mizi, da vržem tudi to nesrečno mojo februarjsko nedeljo v kroniko sv. Cirila na Osmi. A ta trenutna težava mi ni vzela nedeljskega obiska domače narodne cerkve. Tej sem zvest od otroških let v hiši nasproti sv. Vida v Clevelandu, prek svojega 26-letnega bivanja na Slovenskem, in zdaj že 48-letnega bivanja v Ridgewoodu.

Če je bila omenjena februarjska nedelja za mene osebno izredna v slabem, je bila za našega sv. Cirila nekaj izrednega v dobrem. V naše mesto je ob koncu januarja prišel na obisk član ljubljanske Drame, igralec Boris Cavazza. Ob nedeljah je bral berila pri mašah sv. Cirila. Nekaj izrednega! O, kolikšna je lepota slovenske materine besede, če je brana in govorjena, kot to zahteva. G. Cavazza se je moral vrniti že pred tretjo februarjsko nedeljo, naša srčna želja pa je bila, da bi sodeloval pri naši februarjski prosvetni uri, ki je bila posvečena pesniku Francetu Prešernu.

Kako naj bi se to zgodilo, če bo g. Cavazza na tretjo nedeljo že v Ljubljani? Odločili smo se: prosvetno uro smo za februar določili za drugo nedeljo. Izrednost je dobila tudi izreden odraz, odmev v pozdravnem nagovoru vodnika ur dr. Silvestra Langa: »Dobro jutro, njujorški Slovenci! Pozdravljam vse, ki ste prišli na današnjo uro. Pozdravljam vse, ki ste se udeleževali nad

200 prosvetnih ur v zadnjih 25 letih. Pozdravljam pa tudi vse naše nove prijatelje...«

Da bi bil jaz vodil tisto uro (bil sem pač zaseden v svojem knjižnem štantu), bi iskreno dejal: Pozdravljam pa tudi vas, dragi bratje Slovenci, kot naše nove prosvetarje, ki bomo skupno dali nov in močnejši utrip življenja pri Sv. Cirilu na Osmi. Bodimo vsi prosvetarji našega naroda na tujem. Bodimo, kot so bili naši rojaki v dobi narodnih taborov, ko še ni bilo duhovne ločitve med Slovenci, enotni za dobro svojega naroda. V naši zgodovini je ločitev duhov zmerom narodu prinašala slabo in škodo. Dovolj je bilo napak. Začnimo živeti skupno življenje brez takih napak!

Dr. Lango je pozdravil posebej zastopnike važnih slovenskih podjetij, ki krepijo in dvigajo slovensko prisotnost v New Yorku. Nato je pozdravil našega častnega gosta in soudeleženca, g. Borisa Cavazza. Zgoščeno je dr. Lango orisal delovanje gosta na področju gledališke umetnosti in sicer na odru, na televiziji, filmu in kot učitelju za novo generacijo poklicnih igralcev.

Nato je dr. Lango na svojstven način podal podobo Franceta Prešerna, s posebnim poudarkom na okoliščine, iz

katerih so natale pesmi, ki smo jih imeli v programu.

Po tem je nastopil g. Boris Cavazza z recitacijo Prešernovega Povodnega moža, to z izredno plastičnim podajanjem. Tako zmoro podati le igralec in umetnik govorjene besede.

Po tej predstavitvi nam je dr. Dominika Lango zelo lepo zapela skladbo Davorina Jenka: Kam? Sledila je močno čustveno podana Vilharjeva skladba Prešernove Nezakonska mati.

Spet je nastopil g. Cavazza, tokrat s Kettejevo pesnitvijo Pijanec. Izvrstno. Vendar je nekaj škodovalo slabo ozvočenje v dvorani, kajti v ozadju dvorane je bil g. Cavazza včasih skoraj neslišen.

Recitaciji je sledil zanimiv razgovor med župnikom p. Krizologom in g. Cavazzom. S tem razgovorom nam je podal marsikaj zanimivega iz njegovega življenjskega in umetniškega življenja, ki pozna veliko anekdot. Te so nas popeljale v prijetno razpoloženje smeha in dobre volje. Pri tem sem se spomnil pokojnega dr. Zdravka Kalana, prvega vodnika teh ur. Na februarjski uri je imel tudi dr. Kalan rad kaj smešnega. V tem mesecu je pač zmerom tudi pustni torek.

S petjem Zdravljice smo zaključili to našo zareso izredno februarjsko prosvetno uro.

Tone Osovnik

Potius sero quam nunquam

Bolje pozno kot nikoli...

NEW YORK, N.Y. - Ta stari latinski izrek bi lahko veljal tudi za pričujoči zapis o Četrtem slovenskem zimskem festivalu, ki smo ga doživeli od 27. do 29. januarja 1995 v Ski Windham, New York.

Letošnja muhasta in suha zima je prav gotovo dodatno posivila kakšen las na glavah prizadevnih organizatorjev slovenske skupnosti v New Yorku. Sneg je namreč zapadel le nekaj dni pred prireditvijo ter tako pripomogel k boljšemu vzdušju med obiskovalci in nastopajočimi. Čeprav je Windham Ski Center opremljen z napravami za umetni sneg, si vendar ne moremo predstavljati pravega zimskega vzdušja brez zasnežene pokrajine.

Letošnji, že četrti po vrsti, zimski festival, je obiskalo preko 160 ljudi, tekmovalo pa je več kot 60 tekmovalcev. Tako kot prejšnja leta, so bili

udeleženci veleslaloma razdeljeni v pet tekmovalnih skupin (starostnih grup) in rezultati najboljših so sledeči:

Skupina 1: otroci do 12. leta

1. Mojca Branč
2. Matej Branč
3. Alex Jenko

Skupina 2: 12-18 let, moški

1. Aleš Gabrovec
2. Pavel Burger
3. Jernej Razem

12-18, ženske

1. Veronica Kacinik

Skupina 3: 18-35 let, moški

1. Rok Zajec
2. Andrej Višinski
3. Joseph Klesin

18-35 let, ženske

1. Jasna Mišvelj
2. Natalie Kacinik
3. Barbara Bulc

Skupina 4: 35-50 let, moški

1. Stane Razem
2. Bojan Bevc
3. Peter Jenko

35-50 let, ženske

1. Mija Pirnat
2. Tina Jenko
3. Maria Kacinik

Skupina 5: nad 50 let, moški

1. Ivan Kamin st.
2. Janez Zajec
3. Anton Kacinik

nad 50 let, ženske

1. Olga Zajec
2. Dominika Lango
3. Breda Krušič

Na tem mestu bi želel tudi pohvaliti organizatorje v zimskem centru Windham, ki so lepo pripravili progo za tekmovanje, ga tudi v redu izpe-

F.Z.

Katoliški glas, 9. marca 1995

(dalje na str. 15)

ladje, med katerimi tudi letalonosilka. Jelko Kacin je napovedal, da bodo Slovenija in Združene države Amerike kmalu podpisale sporazum o sodelovanju na obrambnem in vojaškem področju.

V naši državi pa nočemo manifestacij, ki bi spominjale na vojaške parade prejšnjega režima. Zaradi nasprotovanja javnosti bo Častni državni odbor, ki pripravlja slovesnosti ob 50-letnici konca druge svetovne vojne, omenjeno vojaško parado najbrž preklical. Slovenci skratka re marajo vojaških parad, tudi če bi na tisti, ki je bila predvidena za nedeljo, 14. maja dopoldne, sodelovale tudi enote iz zavezniških držav, ki so zmagale v drugi svetovni vojni. Časniki so ob tem objavili tudi pismo predsednika t.i. Protikomunistične legije, ki je zagrozil, da bi njeni privrženci v primeru vojaške parade s svojimi telesi »preprečili prihod kakršnegakoli vojaškega vozila v središče Ljubljane«.

IGNAC KRIŽMAN

Jaz in moja opustošena rojstna vas

Stara mama je šla drugo jutro zopet na poizvedovanje in prinesla novico, da je domača hčerka iz bližnje hiše našla tam na polju nahrbtnik, da pa morava priti sama ponj. Ker smo te ljudi dobro poznali, sva šla s prijateljem naslednji večer iskat nahrbtnik. Čeprav je bilo to do neke mere tvegano, brez nahrbtnika v rokah ne bi bila nikoli mirna.

V domačem kraju, to je v Strugah, sva ostala približno teden dni. K Francetu v Ljubljano sva poslala neko dekle. Imela sva namreč pismo od hotelirja Mikliča iz Ljubljane, za njegove domače. Izročili naj bi nama določeno vsoto denarja za hotelirja, ki je bil tudi v begunstvu.

Ko je naša odposlanka prišla na določen naslov, jo je sprejela gospodinja. Zelo se je prestrašila in rekla: »Bežite! Franceta so zaprli, nas pa opazujejo. Onadva naj se vrmeta po drugi poti, ker France bo moral vse povedati.«

S pomočjo zvez sva dobila od nekod s Štajerskega osebne izkaznice, da sva bila kljub vsemu malo bolj varna. Vračala sva se po isti poti do Šmarja. Vasi sva se izogibala. Obšla sva Videm in Zdensko vas, potem pa sva šla po cesti proti Čušperku.

Čušperk in Račno sva morala obiti na desni. Bila je svetla noč. Ko sva prešla položne travnike proti Račni, sva prišla do grmovja. Pričela sva se spuščati po njem in zašla v nepričakovano strmino. Jaz sem šel prvi. Prijemal sem se za grmovje. Kar naenkrat pa mi zmanjka tal pod nogami, in obvisel sem na vejevju.

Nazaj se nisem mogel več potegniti, v globino pa nisem videl. Zdelo pa se mi je, da slišim šumenje vode. V obupu sem se spustil v globino in padel na sipino ob izviru Račne. Moj prijatelj je nato napravil isto. Srečno sva prispela v Šmarje in tam prespala.

Naslednjega dne popoldne sva sedla na vlak, v smeri Ljubljane, dolenski kolodvor. Doma sva se bila malo bolje preoblekla, odvisno obleko pa sva povezala v svitek.

Ker sva imela v Ljubljani precej časa do vlaka, s katerim naj bi nadaljevala potovanje v Kranj, sva obiskala še nekaj znancev. Ko je prišel čas, sva vzela cestno železnico in prišla na glavni kolodvor.

Pakete so nesla dekleta. Tudi vozne listke za Kranj so nama kupile. Midva sva šla samo skozi prehod in na vlak, ki je že tam stal. Čakati pa smo morali na brzovlak iz Zagreba. Čeprav nekaj navadnega, je bilo to čakanje za naju precej mučno.

V našem kupeju je bilo nekaj deklet z Dolenske; posebno eno se je vedla zelo divjaško. Hotela je trgati deske z oken, ki so bila tedaj še zabita.

Opazil sem zunaj, na peronu, poznanega komunisto, ki se je sprehajal ob vlaku, kot da nekaj pričakuje. Bil je od nas doma, po poklicu krojač; tedaj je menda bil tudi javni tožilec v Ljubljani. Ker je ženska v kupeju robantila kar naprej, sem jo skušal miriti: »Tovarišica, pustite okna zaprta. Če ne, bo hud prepil. Lahko pridejo in nas spodijo iz vlaka...«

Ker je bil naslednji dan nek državni praznik, so vsi navdušeno prepevali partizanske pesmi. Midva jih seveda nisva znala. Kljub vsemu se ni zgodilo nič posebnega. Ko se približamo Kranju, mi reče naša razburjena sopotnica: »Ali gresta čez?«, ali nekaj podobnega.

Iz Kranja sva potem nadaljevala pot peš do Trstenika. Naslednjega dne pa sva se vrnila čez hribe nazaj na Koroško brez nezgod.

Sedaj pa je bilo treba misliti tudi na osebe v Sloveniji, ki so

VII. nadaljevanje

prišle v nevarnost zaradi Franceta, ali pa zaradi stikov z nami. Kmalu bi bilo treba poslati tja patroljo, da ugotovi, če ni morda treba koga rešiti.

Približno teden pozneje je šel moj prijatelj in tudi dva Gorenjca. Ko so se vračali, so na meji naleteli na vojaško patroljo. Morali so se razbežati, vendar so enega verjetno ubili, ostala dva pa sta se vrnila ločeno vsak zase.

France, ki so ga v Ljubljani prijeli, dolgo ni povedal vsega. Sčasoma pa so ga le živčno zlomili, da je opisal vse, kot je bilo. Mlinar je sprva tajil vse. Ko pa so ga prepeljali v zapore v Ljubljano, da ga soočijo s Francetom, je ta vpričo mlinarja vse opisal, kakor se je dogajalo.



V BLAG SPOMIN

22. OBLETNICE SMRTI
NAŠEGA DRAGEGA OČETA
IN TASTA

Joseph Strancar

ki je v Gospodu zaspal
26. marca 1973.

Dvaindvajset let je že minilo,
odkar Te več med nami ni,
toda ljubeč spomin na Tebe dragi,
ostal bo nam do konca naših dni.

Lahka naj Te zemlja krije,
spavaj mirno in sladko,
luč nebeška naj Ti sije,
mir in pokoj naj Ti bo.

Žalujemo:

Hčerka Mary z družino
ter ostalo sorodstvo.
Cleveland, Collinwood, O.,
23. marca 1995.

Ker pa je imel ta primer v rokah častnik, ki se je bil v prejšnjih časih zdravil pri mlinarju v skrivališču, mu je rekel: »Ker si že preje delal za nas, boš tudi od sedaj naprej in te ne bomo zaprli.«

Vse to se je dogajalo približno pol leta po Francetovem zajetju. France je bil najprej obsojen na smrt, nato pa pomiloščen. Po mojih računih je odsedel kakih sedem do osem let. Naš voznik Marinšek je umrl v inscenirani prometni nesreči z motorjem in razbito glavo.

Mi smo mlin medtem večkrat obiskali. Mlinar nam je pravil, da čuti zasede ob večerih, a smo mi prihajali in odhajali v mraku pred nočjo, ali pa jutraj, ko se je že dani. Oni pa so delali zasede, ko je bila že noč, in odhajali že pred dnem, da bi jih ljudje ne opazili.

Nekega dne je prišel tja moj mlajši brat, preden bi moral k vojakom. Želel je, naj jaz odločim, ali naj gre z menoj čez mejo, ali pa naj se vrne in gre med jugoslovanske vojake. Ker je Tito malo preje zopet nekaj barantal z Angleži, za nas begunce ni bilo ne gotovosti, ne varnosti. Rekel sem bratu: »Zadnji si od fantov na našem domu; ostali doma in pomagaj staršem!«

Odšel je torej domov, in v vojaško službo. Naš oče pa je baje rekel: »Rajši vidim, da še tebe ubijejo, kakor pa, da bi postal komunist.« Strašno je bilo trpljenje slovenskih očetov in mater, ko so jim pobijali hčere in sinove!

Večkrat smo potem reševali in vodili skozi mejo ljudi, ki jim doma ni bilo živeti. Če se ne motim, je bil med njimi tudi M. Kremžar in še en mlad študent. Ravno pred mejo je enemu od njih postalo slabo. Morali smo tiho in mirno čakati, da si je opomogel, na drugi strani meje pa je bil vedno med prvimi.

Ko smo v Strahinju čakali prof. M. Bitenca, so ves dan prihajali v hišo ljudje vseh vrst. Kar oddahnil sem se, ko se je zmračilo in smo odšli skozi Udinboršt. Mirko Bitenc je imel v Avstriji brata Staneta; od tam je odšel v Italijo, nato pa zopet domov. V Ljubljani so ga prijeli in obsodili na smrt.

V Zavetišču sv. Jožefa na Vidovdanski je s. Lidija Krek skrivala ljudi, ki jih tam ni bilo živeti, slednjič pa je morala tudi sama bežati.

Ko pa sem bil zadnjič v mlinu, je mlinar po večerji nekam izginil. Hčerka Francka mi je, vsa v solzah, pričela pripovedovati, da je moral oče na stanek s partizani; opozorila me je, da o tem ne smem nič vedeti, če mi tega sam ne pove.

Kmalu po deseti uri se je vrnil, ves nervozen, in rekel: »Ve pojдите spat. Vi trije v skrivališče! Jaz pa bom čuval. Če bi kaj prišlo.«

Ker mi ni prav nič omenil, kje je bil, me je pričelo resno skrbeti. Prepričan sem bil, da se bo tisto noč nekaj zgodilo. Šli smo torej v skrivališče, jaz

pa sem od tam šel, oborožen, ven, na zadnji konec poslopja, kjer so bile nekakšne late za sušenje žita ali detelje. Splezal sem na najvišjo lato in napeto pričakoval. Ni bilo nikogar. Medtem je noč mirno minila, jaz pa sem bil do smrti izmučen in zaspan. Zvečer smo odšli od tam in se srečno vrnili na Koroško.

(Konec prihodnjic)

KOLEDAR
APRIL

1. — Primorski klub priredi »Primorski večer«, v SND na St. Clair Avenue.

8. — Pevski zbor Jadran ima koncert ob praznovanju 75-letnice v SDD na Waterloo Rd. Igra Johnny Vadal orkester.

8. — Slovenski dom na Holmes Ave. priredi večerjo in ples na čast letošnjemu možu leta.

22. — Tabor DSPB prireja vsakoletni družabni večer v Slov. domu na Holmes Ave. Pričetek ob 7h zv. Večerja in ples.

MAJ

6. — Slov. šola pri Sv. Vidu priredi materinsko proslavo, v šolskem avditoriju, ob 6.30 zv.

12. — Slov. šola pri Mariji Vnebovzeti priredi materinsko proslavo, ob 7h zv., v šolski dvorani.

19. — Slovenski dom za ostarele ima letni občni zbor, v SDD na Waterloo Rd. Začetek ob 7.30 zv.

20. — Pevski zbor Korotan poda svoj koncert v farni dvorani sv. Vida. Po koncertu ples. Igra ansambel Staneta Mejača.

21. — SKD Triglav, Milwaukee, priredi materinski dan, proslavo, na Triglavskem parku. Pričetek ob 2h pop.

28. — DSPB priredi spominsko sv. mašo ob 12h opoldne, pri Lurški Materi Božji na Chardon Rd.

29. — SKD Triglav, Milwaukee, priredi Spominski dan, na Triglavskem parku.

JUNIJ

4. — Otvoritev Slovenske pristave.

10. in 11. — Tabor DSPB priredi Spominsko proslavo pri Spominski kapelici na Slovenski pristavi, v spomin ob 50. obletnici pokola domobrancev, in za vse žrtve komunistične revolucije v Sloveniji.

25. — SKD Triglav, Milwaukee, priredi prvi piknik, na Triglavskem parku.

JULIJ

16. — Župnija Sv. Vida priredi letni poletni piknik na Slovenski pristavi.

16. — MZA Milwaukee priredi misijonski piknik, na Triglavskem parku.

AVGUST

6. — Klub upokojencev Slovenske pristave priredi piknik na SP.

13. — SKD Triglav, Milwaukee, priredi drugi piknik.

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1075. »Dragoceno misijonsko sodelovanje«

je naslov novega razmišljanja jezuita Vladimirja Kosa, ki ga je sestavil 13. februarja in poslal na naša MSIP, iz Tokia na Japonskem.

»Kaj je 'dragoceno' po Slovarju slovenskega knjižnega jezika (Ljubljana, 1993, I)? To, pravi Slovar, kar 'ima veliko vrednost, visoko ceno'; in še to, čemur pripisujemo 'poseben pomen'. Tako nas ali vrednost stvari ali njen pomen nagibata, da govorimo o dragocenem nakitu, dragoceni vazi, dragocenem pohištvi, pa o dragocenem prijateljstvu, o dragoceni pomoči, in dragocenem času.

Naš najnoveši *Katekizem Katoliške cerkve* — 'zanesljiv vodič po veri' ga imenuje papež v uvodu, ki nosi naslov 'Fidei depositum', po naše 'Zaklad vere' — uči v 863. odlomku, da je vsa Cerkev apostolska, kar med drugim pomeni tudi to, da je njeno poslanstvo cel svet. In takoj dodaja: 'Vsi udje Cerkve so deležni tega poslanstva, čeprav na različne načine.'

In proti koncu odlomka razloži, kaj je pravzaprav apostolsko delo ali delovanje: 'Vsako delo(vanje) mističnega Kristusovega telesa, čigar cilj je širjenje Kristusovega kraljestva po celem svetu.' Če se še kdor spominja 2. vatikanskega zbora, bo v tej opredelitvi lahko prepoznal dobesedno na-

vedbo iz vatikanskega dokumenta o apostolskem delovanju laikov (Apostolicam actuositatem).

In da bi kdo ne zamenjal 'poslanstva' s politiko, in 'cilja' in 'širjenja Kristusovega kraljestva' z vojaškim in kolonialnim podvigom, Katekizem v 850. odlomku razloži naravo tega poslanstva: njegov vir je poslanstvo Božjega Sina, ki se nadaljuje v poslanstvu Svetega Duha, oboje v skladu z načrtom Boga Očeta; to se pravi, da poslanstvo Cerkve temelji na večji ljubezni Presvete Trojice. 'Končni cilj te vrste poslanstva', pravi Katekizem, 'je le eden: pomagati ljudem, da postanejo deležni občestva, ki po Duhu — Ljubezni vlada med Očetom in Sinom'.«

(Bo še)

V božičnem pismu 6. dec.,

o. Kos vključuje vso MZA, ko piše: »Bog povrne tisočkrat Tvoj božični dar: tisoč US dolarjev, ki se mi zdijo kot dar naravnost iz nebes. Spodaj po angleško potrjujem prejem daru, ker v Tvojem pismu ni bilo vložnega tozadavnega formularja.

Veseli me in hvala Bogu, da ostaneš garač za misijone! Decembar je eden najbolj zahtevnih mesecev, kar zadeva moje socialno delo, zato bom imel priliko šele po Božiču, da spet napišem sveže misli za Tvoje

eseje o misijonih. Pošiljam nekaj znamk — ne vem, ali Ti bodo pri delu koristile. Povej mi, če Ti bodo; ali lahko rabiš tudi rabljene japonske znamke?

Blagoslovljen advent in milosti polno Sveto noč želim — najprej Tebi, potem pa vsej MZA—misijonski družini, ki toliko premore za misijone prav z združenimi močmi. Naj Vas vse naš Gospod še naprej krepi in razsvetljuje po svojem Svetem Duhu, ki Mu je toliko na tem, da kar se da več sveta pokristjani. V božični noči bo ena izmed mašnih intencij: za te in celo MZA. Pri vsem svojem delu ostani pameten z ozirom na zdravje — saj imaš le eno telo.

Tvoj v Kristusu vdani in hvaležni Vladimir. «

Laični misijonarka Polona Gorjup iz Farafangane

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