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## Visionary you can talk to

by John Ettorre

*John Carroll Alumni Journal*  
For months, it was the closest thing this campus had to a parlor game: get together with a few friends and speculate about what Joe Cimperman might do after graduation.

The answer, at first, was that he would work in El Salvador next year with the Jesuits. But things aren't well in that country, and he was basically told that the Jesuits don't need another Central American martyr just now. Instead, he'll probably head to Uganda for a year to work in a pediatric hospital, tending to children with AIDS. If that falls through, he might hook up with a group in the South that tracks the Ku Klux Klan. After that, he says, he'll consider whether his long-term calling will be politics or the Jesuit order.

But first comes the summer. Joe Cimperman would like to work in a bookstore for the next few weeks. It would give him a chance to catch up on all the reading lists he's saved from his English profs over the years.

If this is a summer for turning inward and slowing down a little, he's earned it. For the last four years, Joe Cimperman has run long and hard. He volunteered in a shelter with homeless activist Mitch Snyder and later launched his own student social-service program, Project Gold, which he reflexively speaks of as a collaboration but which in truth wouldn't remotely have sprung to life without his driving determination.

But you have to break a few eggs to make an omelette, he would tell you. And the Cimperman frying pan could get hot. The lesson he learned from the angry Mitch Snyder, he once wrote, was that "anger begets change." Once, growing visibly frustrated over his inability to secure an appointment with a university administrator who had to approve of one of his many volunteer schemes, Cimperman snapped: "I'll become a Jesuit and fire him."

He battled with the *Carroll News* for much of the year in which he served as Student Union president, only to come to some common ground with the editor at an emotional Saturday-morning meeting at a soothing venue: The Cleveland Museum of Art. Later, he dropped a poem under the editor's door, thanking him for a "redemptive day."

He probably learned more about the dynamics of change than he imagines from working with Mitch Snyder shortly before Snyder took his own life two years ago. Like Cimperman, Snyder could get all worked up about injustice and society's failure to face up

to it. But Cimperman also noticed that Snyder's Community for Creative Non-Violence has actually operated better since he's been gone. There are leaders and managers, Cimperman says, recognizing that he's more the former than the latter. "He saw the limits of what you can do alone," says his sister, "I think he saw you need the system."

His friend Anton Zuiker notes that after all his organizational battles, Joe eventually learned to shoot less quickly from the hip. "He learned tact, but it took him four years. He learned that butting heads didn't always work, that sometimes you have to kick them from behind. He learned how to maneuver around (opponents) through committees and stuff."

But by the end of his college years, people were paying Joe Cimperman tributes that seemed almost outlandish for a 21-year-old. It peaked last April, when Pete Bernardo, speaking before a large group, said: "Joe has provided the conscience for this university for the last two years."

People routinely reach for the hyperbole when talking about the Cimperman phenomenon. That includes his fellow college students, a group not ordinarily known for impressing easily. "He's an epic hero, like Ulysses," says his friend, Mike Thomas. "He's got some different chemistry. He's different right down to the biology, the psychology." Another pal likens him to Ghandi. — "I just think he should get his degree," adds sociology professor Duane Dukes, "and we should hire him. I mean, the kids gets things done."

He was raised on the near east side of Cleveland, in an area that had long been a Slovenian enclave but which has since turned into a poor neighborhood. His dad, now a retired machinist, met his mother, a native of Yugoslavia, while he toured the country, she guided the tour bus.

Joe and his sister Maria, now a nun, grew up surrounded by the opera, the library, orchestras and museums. "I would study in the art museum," Joe recalls. Their mother, who speaks six languages, encouraged her children to read at least three books a week. She was merely passing down her own thirst for learning. As a student in Europe, Mrs. Cimperman recalls, "I used to read 13 hours in English and German. It was like I was drunk the next day."

Joe, too, can get tipsy on language. "As a sophomore, he was a student who was so in love with literature and



language he could talk and talk," says his English professor, Dr. David LaGuardia. His emotional response to literature, he adds, "gives him a feverish pitch."

And he can talk with anyone. "He's definitely a visionary, but one you can talk to," says his sister. Friends remember how he once kept a cab driver engaged in conversation through an entire ride downtown. He didn't stop talking even after arriving at his destination.

He owns a prodigious memory for favorite poems and passages from books, and Cimperman's friends responded by giving him collections of quotations as gifts. He stopped leaving inspirational quotes on his phone answering machine only after his roommate's friends would tease him by leaving their own messages in return, such as excerpts from Dr. Seuss.

But aside from his simple love for language, he knows that for the activist, words felicitously strung together can be tools in getting what you need. "A kid from E. 74th who can't speak well doesn't get funding from a board," says this kid from E. 74th who's charmed many a board.

But lately, the man who likes to quote others has learned the limits of received wisdom. "I've learned that you can't quote other people," he says. "You have to do it from within you. You can use them as a guide, but the times call for us to set our own precedents."

But one of his favorite guides continues to be Pope John XXIII, a quiet, seemingly conservative man who, Joe notes, after becoming pope launched a process — Vatican II — that changed an entire church.

"If he enters the Jesuits," says his sister, "Joe at his best could change the Jesuits. He'd be a revolutionary, but a revolutionary in the best sense."

### Vacation

There will be no Ameriška Domovina (American Home) newspaper printed the first week in July because of vacation.

## Iz Cleveland in okolice

Kres na Slovenski pristavi—

V soboto, 27. junija, bodo na Slovenski pristavi proslavljeni kresno soboto. Bar bo odprt. Na voljo bo tudi stejk večerja in čevapčiči. Ob mraku bodo zakurili kres. Vsi vabljeni!

Poletne počitnice—

Prihodnji četrtek bo naš list redno izšel. Zaradi počitnic list 2. julija ne bo izšel, številka za 9. julij bo pa izšla dan pozneje, v petek, 10. julija. Nato bomo list izdajali redno vsak četrtek, kot običajno.

Romanje v Lemont—

Čas se naglo bliža za romanje Slomškovega krožka v Lemont, ki bo 4. in 5. julija. Ako bi se radi pridružili, naprošeni ste, da pokličete katerega kolik spodaj navedenih in se prijavite. Celotna cena je \$80, več informacije imajo sledeči:

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Č.g. Jože Cvelbar praznuje 60-letnico mašniškega posvečenja. V soboto, 20. junija, bo banket ob 6. zv. v dvorani sv. Vida. Za vstopnice pokličite Viktorja Tomincu (531-2728). V nedeljo, 21. julija, bo imel jubilejno mašo v cerkvi Marije Vnebovzete in sicer ob 10. dop. Rev. Cvelbar je tekom let tudi veliko člankov prispeval Ameriški domovini in mu ob njegovem visokem jubileju čestitamo in mu želimo zdravja in veselja.

Poslovilni večer—

Č.g. William Jerše, ki je bil zadnjih pet let kaplan pri Sv. Vidu, sedaj pa odhaja na novo dolžnost na škofjskem razsoču za zakone, bo daroval sv. mašo v soboto, 27. junija, ob 5. pop., v cerkvi sv. Vida. Po maši bo za vse sprejem v šolski dvorani. Škof Anthony Pilla je obvestil župnika fare Marije Vnebovzete č.g. Janeza Kumšeta, da bo č.g. Jerše duhovnik v rezidenci pri M. Vnebovzeti za eno leto. Rev. Jerše je namreč sin te fare.

Obetača opera pevka—

Najnovnejša številka »Opera News«, glasilo newyorške Metropolitanske opere, v članku o najbolj obetačih mladih pevcih in pevkah, uvršča med le-te slovensko Amerikanko Heidi Skok, hčerko sodnika v okraju Lake Fred Skoka. Gd. Skok je sedaj članica elitnega »Young Artists Program« Metropolitanske opere in je lani debitirala. Opis s sliko vred bo objavljen prihodnjem teden v angleškem delu. V kolikor večmo, je gdč. Skok prva slovenska Amerikanka, ki je kdaj postala redna članica te slovite operne hiše.

Seja—

Klub upokojencev za Nevburg-Mapple Hts. ima sejo v sredo, 24. junija, ob 1. pop., v SND na Maple Hts. Članstvo vabljeno.

Zanimiva okrogla miza—

Pretekli torek je bil v okviru clevelandskoga City Club in Heritage Festivala okrogla miza o narodnostnih skupinah v Clevelandu. Na njej je sodelovala ga. Maria Heckaman, rojena v Črnomlju, in se zelo dobro odrezala. Belokranjski klub je bil dobro predstavljen, saj so bili navzoči g. ga. Dejak, g. ga. Hutar, in g. ga. Rupnik, ter še dr. Vladimir Rus, g. Joseph Skrabec, ki je pomožni tiskovni predstavnik v pisarni župana Whitea, in urednik AD.

Trgovanje s Slovenijo—

Včeraj je bilo v prostorih Union Cluba v Clevelandu kosilo, ki ga je priredilo Cleveland World Trade Association, udeležilo se ga je okrog 35 gostov. Govornik na kosilu je bil dr. Bojan Pretnar, ki ima doktorat v gospodarskih vedah in je direktor urada za varstvo industrijske lastnine v ministrstvu za znanosti in tehnologijo slovenske vlade. Dr. Pretnar je govoril o trenutni politični situaciji v Sloveniji in bivši Jugoslaviji, pri tem pa poudaril stabilnost in varnost Slovenije za investitorje. Rekel je tudi, da tisti, ki bodo prvi investirali oziroma navezali ekonomske stike s Slovenijo, bodo tudi dobili najboljše pogoje, zato ne kaže odlašati. Čeprav je v širšem Clevelandu več rojakov, pripadajočih raznim skupinam, ki govorijo o svojem interesu za pospeševanje gospodarskega sodelovanja med Slovenijo in ZDA, niti enega teh na tem kosilu ni bilo. Urednik se je predstavil dr. Pretnarju in sta se zmenila za sestanek danes dopoldne, če bo dr. Pretnarjev spored to omogočil.

Spominski darovi—

Ga. Maia in g. August Kollander, lastnika Kollandrove potovalne agencije v Clevelandu, sta darovala \$25 v tiskovni sklad Ameriške Domovine, v spomin na Tonyja Novaka.

G. Frank Znidar je prav tako poklonil \$25, v spomin pokojnih članov družin Znidar in Grill.

Ga. Maria Povšič, Ft. Lauderdale Lakes, Fla., je poklonila \$15 v podporo temu listu, v spomin zavedni Slovenki in iskreni prijateljici iz zapora ge. Mariji Gluščič, ki je preminula v Arlingtonu, Va.

Vsem darovalcem iskrena hvala!

# The things politicians forgot to tax

by James V. Debevec

Here are some of the things that politicians in an effort to bring in more money so their cronies will have political jobs or the government can purchase items that cost exorbitant prices for things this country doesn't need now — or formerly — or ever but will buy anyhow for Congressional pork-barrel politics as demanded by money-paying lobbyists who are only interested in satisfying cheesy and sleazy special interest groups who thrive on the hand-outs generated by us honest taxpayers:

- 1) — The air we breathe.
- 2) — The sea we sail.
- 3) — The water we drink. (Oops, that's already being done.) I recently purchased a 2-liter bottle of soda for 89¢ and was charged 7% tax (even though it wasn't even a dollar).
- 4) — The land we live on. Oops, that's already done, too.
- 5) — The house we live in. Oops, again.
- 6) — The food we eat. In a restaurant they do.
- 7) — The paper we read. Oops one more time — in California and Florida you are taxed if you buy the paper in a store, but not home delivered. Makes sense? Surre.

In what areas have the politicians forgot to tax us?

Answer: I give up.

But — here are some more possibilities: The TV we watch. (Don't worry, they'll figure out how to tax us for that eventually.)

They forgot jogging — or walking. Every day there's thousands of senior citizens walking in the malls and the streets. Sooner or later the tax man will GET YOU for MORE, MORE, MORE.

When they figure out how to tax the air you breath — it won't be worth the effort.

But then they'll get you anyhow — when they bury you.

And what will they do with the extra taxes the "geniuses" are figuring on getting beyond what they already have?

They're going to buy orange barrels. Billions and billions of them and put them on all the roads you travel so it'll take you forever to get to work to pay all those taxes.

This summer have a nice vacation from work. But don't feel left out, the taxes will greet you everywhere on vacation. But never fear, the taxes will be waiting your return.

Remember taxes never die, we do. But taxes go on forever — like a migraine!



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## LDC Debt Report praises Slovenia as stable, productive

*LDC Debt Report  
(An American Banker  
Newsletter on Developing-  
Country Debt)*

Don't be misled by the civil war now raging in Yugoslavia, say the experts. The independent republic of Slovenia is one of the best prospects for foreign investors in Eastern and Central Europe, some analysts say.

Although the chaos of civil war has effectively destroyed the economic prospects of most of the Yugoslav republics, analysts who study the region say that businesspeople and bankers should not allow the headlines to obscure the opportunities emerging in Slovenia. Economic reforms are moving ahead, and although the influx of some 60,000 refugees has created a costly new burden, there are no signs that ethnic tensions will disturb the republic's stability.

"In terms of its prospects for economic growth and foreign investment, we rank Slovenia as number three in Eastern Europe, right behind Hungary and Czechoslovakia," says Otto Storf, senior vice president at Deutsche Bank Research. Storf, who recently returned from a tour of the newly independent republic,

says that he was very impressed by the energy and skills of the population, who in comparison to other countries in the region are relatively well-educated, productive, and experienced in the ways of capitalism.

Other specialists agree with Deutsche Bank's upbeat assessment. PlanEcon, a U.S. consulting group specializing in Eastern European economies, says that Slovenia deserves an "A" for outstanding prospects ranking. Although the republic gets low marks for market size (only 2 million inhabitants) and natural resource endowment, PlanEcon is enthusiastic about Slovenia's access to the EC market, highly motivated work force, and political maturity.

"We think that Slovenia is one of the few countries in the region whose economic viabil-

ity has actually improved as a result of the breakup of the old Communist regimes," says Vera Gavrilova, an analyst at PlanEcon. Gavrilova adds that she is impressed by the close cultural and economic ties with Italy and Austria.

Storf points out, however, that investment will continue to lag until the republic finalizes its privatization laws. Last year the government invited Harvard economist Jeffrey Sachs to help it set up a privatization scheme, but the parliament vetoed the plan last fall, reportedly on the grounds that it was too radical and inappropriate for the local situation. The government came up with a new version in April this year, and Slovenian officials say that there is a good chance that the Parliament will pass it by June.

The delay in privatization planning has not discouraged some Western business. Black & Decker, Renault, and Siemens are among the companies with joint ventures in Slovenia, and several Italian and Austrian banks are reportedly in the process of buying into the financial sector. According to Storf, the sectors that show the most exciting prospects for growth are motor parts, furniture, and high-end textiles. The Slovaks are also seeking investment in spa tourism, which has a long tradition of attracting wealthy vacationers from Sweden, Germany, and other northern European countries.

In contrast to several other countries in the region, external debt does not pose a serious threat to economic growth. Deutsche bank estimates that borrowers in Slovenia owe \$1.8 billion to external creditors. Slovenia also is responsible for a share, still undertermined, of the \$4.43 billion outstanding in Yugoslav debt to banks. Slovenia is the only republic in former Yugoslavia that has not fallen into arrears on its debt, analysts say.

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# The Assassination of Rev. Dr. Lambert Ehrlich

by Joseph Zelle

Last May 26 marked the 70th anniversary of the execution of Rev. Dr. Lambert Ehrlich. He was gunned down as he was returning from saying Mass at the Academic Home in Ljubljana, Slovenia.

The tragic event happened on Streliška Street. A motorcyclist drove up and handed the priest an important message. As Dr. Ehrlich was reading, the cyclist shot him in the head and then his innocent escort, Victor Rojic.

Dr. Ehrlich was born September 18, 1876 in Žabnice beneath Višarje in the Kanal Valley. His early studies were in Celovec (Klagenfurt) Gymnasium. From there he went to study theology in Innsbruck, in the Tyrol area of Austria. After his ordination he was assigned to Beljak as assistant priest.

He continued his studies in ethnology at the Paris and Oxford Universities. This achievement led to his appointment as professor of Theology at the newly formed University of Ljubljana.

By this time he had become fully conscious and alarmed by the undercurrents of liberalism and Marxism spreading throughout war-torn Europe. The schools of higher learning, even in Slovenia, had become saturated with rebellion. Probably in their case it was brought about partly by the failure of realizing Slovenian independence. Also the forced integration into an artificial state of Jugoslavia and a dictatorship became far worse than that of Austria-Hungary from which the nation had escaped.

Lambert early on advocated an independent nation for Slovenians. After 1,300 years, it was still a rather novel and brazen idea even at that late point in Slovenian history.

Already after World War One he had experienced the futile effort of a small nation like Slovenia seeking independence. He had participated at the Peace Conference in Paris where new lines were being drawn for national territories with little regard for little nations.

In this respect he was also very aware of the dangers of

Socialism and Communism for Slovenia, not to mention Fascism and Nazism. To counteract the rapid spread of this contagion rampant among the young people, he organized Guards in the Storm at the university. One of his closest associates in this ideological war was Dr. Cyril Žebot.

When the assassination occurred, a special bulletin of the *Slovenski porocevalec* (Slovenian Reporter), the voice of the so-called Liberation Front, gleefully announced that Lambert and Žebot had been liquidated by VOS (Security-Intelligence Service). Almost immediately there followed a report correcting the erroneous original communique but without any explanations.

It turned out that Dr. Cyril Žebot accompanied Dr. Lambert every morning to and from Mass. This fatal morning, however, Žebot had overslept. Thus Victor Rojic became the innocent victim in the assassination. And the plot to dispose two of the Communist's arch enemies miscarried.

Dr. Žebot eventually escaped to America with his family and became a distinguished professor at Georgetown University. Two of his significant books in Slovenian were titled *Slovenia, Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow*, and his last work was *Immortal Slovenia*. He died in 1989 in Washington, D.C.

Much more could be said about Dr. Ehrlich but space does not permit. His zealous interest in the Catholic missions, his undying love for Slovenia and the Slovenes, his founding and constructing the Academic Home for his students, his deep devotion to God and to Christian principles, his futile and discouraging attempts at freeing Slovenia into an independent sovereign nation, a notion that had not yet fully matured, are just a few *raisons d'être* of Dr. Ehrlich's

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## Events...

### Wednesday, June 24

Waterloo Pensioners Club picnic at SNPJ farm on Heath Rd. Dinner 1 to 3, dancing 3 to 6. Music by Lenny Andexler Orchester. \$8.50 for dinner & admission. Call Tillie 486-1505.

### Sunday, June 28

Ohio Federation of KSKJ Lodges annual Ohio Family Picnic at Slovenska Pristava in Harpersfield, Ohio.

### Sunday, June 28

Goulash and Polenta Dinner sponsored by Northern District AMLA Lodges at AMLA Recreation Center. Serving 1 to 3, dancing to Joey Tomsick. For tickets call 531-1900.

### Friday, July 3

Club of Associations - St. Clair Slovenian National Home Jam Session 4th of July Bash. Annex or Lower Hall, 6417 St. Clair Ave. 7 p.m. - ?

### Wednesday, July 8

Holmes Avenue Pensioners Picnic at St. Joseph's Grove on White Road from noon until 6 p.m. Food available. Fun and games and music. Members: bring relatives and friends for an afternoon of fun.

### July 11

Steak-rib cook-off 3 to 7 p.m. at West Park Slovene Home, 4583 W. 130 St. \$10.

### Wednesday, July 15

Slovenian Pensioners Club of Euclid annual picnic-dinner at SNPJ farm on Heath Rd. For tickets call 974-9317, or 481-5004 or 942-3785.

### Sunday, July 19

St. Anne Lodge No. 150 KSKJ Annual Feast Day Celebration with Mass in St. Lawrence Church at 11 a.m., dinner at Sterle's at 1 p.m.

### Wednesday, August 12

Fairport Slovenian Retirees picnic, Fairport, Ohio.

### Saturday, August 29

Father Joseph Yelenc, TOR, will speak on "Changing Times Require Changing Minds" in St. Vitus' auditorium after 5 p.m. Mass.

### Saturday, Aug. 29

Federation of Slovenian National Homes "Family Day Picnic" at St. Joseph KSKJ picnic grounds, White Rd., Willoughby, O. Dinners, refreshments, prizes, dancing and balina tourney. Tickets at All Slovenian Homes.

### Sunday, Sept. 6

Bishop A. Edward Pevec is main celebrant in St. Vitus Church noon Mass marking opening of Centennial for the parish.

### Sunday, Sept. 13

AMLA Lodge Slovenski Dom No. 6 sponsors picnic-dance on Grandparents' Day at the AMLA Slovenski Vrt in Leroy Township.

### Sunday, Oct. 4

Friends of Slovenian National Home "Fall Brunch" Main Hall, 6417 St. Clair Ave.

### Saturday, Oct. 3

Fantje na Vasi 15th anniversary concert at the St. Clair Slovenian National Home. For more information call (216) 352-7455.

### Sunday, Oct. 11

St. Mary's School Alumni, 2nd Reunion. For tickets write Bea Jerkic, 414 E. 274 St., Euclid, OH 44132 and enclose a self-addressed envelope and check for \$15 made out to St.

## Slovenia—on the sunny side of the Alps

Many visitors to Slovenia associate the tiny country with its capital city, Ljubljana, or the Alpine island setting of Bled, or the miles of rolling green hills dotted with village churches... Slovenia is all of this and much more!

Geographically, Slovenia is a land of contrasts: medieval cities, modern day beaches, Alpine mountains, waterfalls, forests, vineyards, meadows.

It's hard to see all of Slovenia in just one trip, there's Lipica (one of the world's oldest riding schools and stables), Triglav, (Slovenia's highest Alpine peak), Kranjska Gora (once a tiny village, now a modern sports center for Olympic ski jumps), Portoroz (the biggest tourist attraction, health resorts and beautiful beaches), and famous Postojna (a fantastic world of nature's underground caves, some of the largest in the world)... and that's just the beginning!

Three climates (Alpine, Mediterranean, and moderate continental) exist in this nation of only 2 million people — now recognized the world over, as its own republic.

Visitors to Slovenia must carry proof of citizenship in the form of a valid passport. If you have never had a U.S. passport you must first have proof of citizenship such as a birth certificate if you were born in the U.S. or a naturalization certificate if you are a naturalized citizen.

You will also need two photographs (2" x 2"). With the proof of citizenship, you have to apply in person at your local passport office (in some big cities a number of post offices function as passport of-

fices and accept those applications.) These offices also have the necessary form that you have to complete and sign under oath in front of the passport office official.

The fee for obtaining the passport for adults is \$65 and for children under age of 18 is \$40. The usual waiting period for getting a passport can be from 4 - 8 weeks and your passport is good for ten years from the date of issue.

For those of you living in the greater Cleveland area and traveling through Kollander World Travel, our agency offers free passport photos and assistance in obtaining your passport.

A visa stamp is required to enter Slovenia. This is provided at no charge at all of the border crossings regardless of whether you are entering the country by plane, by train or car.

They say, to be small is beautiful, and Slovenia, on the sunny side of the Alps, is just that!

Joey Tomsick  
Polka Tours Manager  
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### Slovenia becomes member of UNESCO

After being accepted by the UN, Slovenia has also become a new member of UNESCO, the world organization for education, scientific, and cultural cooperation.

Dr. Peter Tancig, Slovenian Minister of Science and Technology, participated at the ceremony marking the occasion in the UNESCO center in Paris.

Croatia and Bosnia-Herzegovina, however, are still waiting for their membership to be confirmed.

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## Death Notices

### RAYMOND ERICKSON

Raymond Erickson, 74, a resident of Euclid for 32 years, died Saturday, June 6th in Lake West Hospital.

Raymond was born in Cleveland. He retired in 1984 after 42 years as a spray painter at Leece Neville.

He was the husband of Justina (nee Stopar); the father of Glenn, Diane Henderson and Sharon Gydosh; grandfather of six; great-grandfather of two; brother of Henry and the following all deceased: Howard, William, Walter, Harry, Velma Bales, Laverne Jeric, Florence Galaska.

Services were Wednesday, June 10 at 9:30 a.m. at St. Christine Church. Burial in All Souls Cemetery. Arrangements by Zele Funeral Home.

### JOHN SNYDER

John Snyder, age 58, died at his home on Thursday, June 11. He came to the U.S. in 1957 from Slovenia. He lived on E. 66th St. for 28 years.

Mr. Snyder was the owner of the Sea Cover Diner on St. Clair Avenue for five years. He was employed at Picker Inc. for 20 years.

He was the father of Erika Snyder (Germany) and Steven of Colorado; grandfather of Paula and Rosa.

Friends called at Zele Funeral Home, 452 E. 152 St.

### MARGARET F. TONI

Margaret F. Toni (nee Novak) was the wife of John F. (dec.); sister-in-law of Olga (Joseph) Dezman and Mary Novak; aunt of John and Harry Dezman, Cheryl Reade, Kathleen and Dale Novak.

She was a member of KSKJ Lodge St. Helen's No. 193.

Friends were received at Grdina-Faulhaber Funeral Home, 17010 Lake Shore Blvd. Tuesday, June 16. Funeral Wednesday, June 17 from St. Mary's Church.

### In Memory

Nada Cerne Roberts of West Palm Beach, Florida, donated \$100 to the Ameriška Domovina in memory of her brother Davorin Cerne who was the first victim of the Communist atrocities, in Vipavsko. He was a 19-year-old student.

### In Memory

Frank Znidar of Cleveland, donated \$15 to the Ameriška Domovina in memory of the Znidar and Grill Families.

### In Memory

Frank Povsic of Ft. Lauderdale Lakes, Florida donated \$15.00 to the Ameriška Domovina in memory of friend Marija Gluščić.

## Dehydration — hot weather hazard

Baseball, Cycling, Tennis, Picnics. Volleyball. Badminton. All conjure images of a carefree summer and exercising outdoors. But a common summer danger lurks behind all of these activities. During exercise, dehydration can creep up on you.

Dehydration literally means "loss of water." Your body, through fluid intake and excretion, maintains a fluid level that is approximately 70% of your body weight. This fluid level also contains minerals, such as potassium, sodium, chlorine, and phosphorus, that are important in balancing water and chemicals in the body.

Exercise, especially during warm weather, can disrupt the normal fluid level and the fluid balances in the body.

Exercise, particularly vigorous exercise, raises body temperature. Your body cools itself on the skin surface with sweat. Sweat, which is 99% water, evaporates on the skin surface to lower body temperature but simultaneously depletes the body's water reserves.

The more you sweat, the more you deprive your body of water. Eventually, dehydration sets in. In fact, dehydration can occur after a water loss of only 4% body weight.

The goal of treatment is to replace the lost fluid with the valuable minerals. Most often, simply drinking more water will prevent problems.

Better than treatment, though, is prevention. With a little planning, you can avoid

dehydration. Here are some guidelines:

- Drink water during exercise.

- Drink small amounts at short intervals. This replenishes your water better than large amounts and does not cause cramps.

- Don't wait until you are thirsty before drinking water. Water is being depleted before your body signals that it is thirsty.

- Weigh yourself before and after exercise. Drink one pint of water for every pound lost.

- Drink cold liquids. They pass into your system faster than ice-cold or warm fluids and also cool body temperature.

- Drink water during exercise, but drink fruit juices afterward to replace minerals.

- Avoid salt tablets. Sweating does not deplete your body of more salt than a normal diet replaces.

### Camp Pristava

The Slovenian Schools of St. Mary's (Collinwood) and St. Vitus will be sponsoring Camp Pristava from Friday, July 24 through Sunday, July 26.

Unlike prior years at Camp Pristava, the parents are requested to attend and enjoy the weekend with their children. Camp Director, Tomaz Celestina, requests parents to send in their registration form and fees to 18975 Villaview Road, Cleveland, OH 44119 by June 30.

Should you need a form or have questions about the camp, please contact Mr. Celestina at 381-5298 (evenings) or 692-1172 (days).

If you are interested in being a counselor or junior counselor, please contact him at the same telephone numbers.

### Special edition delayed

The publication of the special section of American Home newspaper recounting the events of United States recognition of Slovenia will be delayed until July or August due to the volume of material and the lateness of some copy coming in due to the importance of the subject matter.

Every subscriber to the American Home will receive a free copy of the special section when it becomes available.

It is not too late to submit your ad, but July 1st is the absolute deadline.

## June 25th revisited

### by Stane J. Kuhar

The headlines revealed the situation, "Croatia, Slovenia declared free. Secession presents U.S. major policy dilemma."

And so began the start for international recognition of Slovenia's sovereignty and independence as its own country in the world community of nations.

For Slovenia the course was uncharted like a ship afloat in the open ocean without proper instrumentation.

A dream for nearly 1,000 years had finally begun with a final conclusion reached in April 1992 with the United States of America finally recognizing Slovenia as a sovereign and independent nation.

The cost was, however, at a steep price. A 10-day war ensued with the former Yugoslav Armed Forces. Nearly 65 persons were killed with hundreds wounded and property and personal losses estimated at \$2.5 billion (U.S. dollars).

Slovenia has to date been spared the massive killing and destruction occurring since late 1991 in Croatia and Bosnia-Hercegovina.

For those of us who are of Slovenian descent living in either the United States or Canada this drama unfolded before our very eyes and ears with a plea to open our hearts and minds to those suffering injustice when Pandora's Box was opened and unleashed killing and hatred for its own sake.

The many Slovenian communities in the United States and Canada came to the aid of our homeland after June 25, 1991 in an unprecedented manner.

Including both Canada and the United States over \$750,000 was raised for humanitarian and charitable relief efforts.

Numerous individuals and organizations worked in concert, in particular in the USA, to persuade the government to recognize the dissolving Yugoslav state; and the new merging nations after nine months of persistence and perseverance this result was achieved.

It is not unrealistic to note that the transition period of Slovenia finally coming to terms as a Western-style democracy and free-market economy will take at a minimum five-to-ten years. After all, it took 50 years to nearly destroy the spirit and will of the Slovenian people.

For those of us in the USA June 25 is a day to reflect on our individual and collective

actions for our homeland; and act as a prelude to our own Independence day on July 4th.

It is also a time to think and act upon the next step. That is, to meet the diverse and changing needs within our own communities in the spirit and manner as was the challenge for our homeland.

### Put Pressure on Serbs, Harkin Says

The United States and other nations should threaten to use military force against Serbian aggression in Yugoslavia, Senator Tom Harkin, D-Iowa, said last Thursday.

"We just cannot allow what's happening in Sarajevo and what's happening in Yugoslavia," Harkin told reporters during a telephone press conference. "There are times when you just can't sit back and let tyrants like (Serbian President Slobodan) Milosevic do what he's doing. This has repercussions that could go on all over the Balkan nations."

### Donation

Thanks to Anton Erjavec of Don Mills, Ontario, Canada who donated \$25.00 to the Ameriška Domovina.

### In Tribute

Thanks to radio personality Tony Petkovsek Jr. who donated \$25.00 to the American Home in tribute to his father Anton Petkovsek Sr.

### Donation

Thanks to Anton Adamic of Toronto, Ontario who donated \$20.00 to the Ameriška Domovina.

### Enjoys paper

Enclosed you will find a check for one year subscription for American Home newspaper \$25, plus \$10 donation to help the cause.

My husband and I enjoy reading your paper very much.

John and Mary Taucher  
Maple Hts., Ohio

### Seeks dancers

Slovenska Folklorna Skupina Kres is looking for younger dancers to participate in their annual picnic at Slovenska Pristava this August. Anyone welcome to join the present Kres dancers in continuing the tradition of Slovenian folklore dancing.

For more information or if you have any questions please call Veronika Stropnik at 946-3875 or Metka Gobetz at 944-7237. Thank you.

### Heritage Festival

The first annual Cleveland Heritage Festival "Around the World on Public Square" will be held on Friday, June 19 from 6 to 10 p.m. and Saturday, June 20 from noon until 10 p.m.

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# Dance group coming from Slovenia

This coming Labor Day weekend, American-Slovenians in the Greater Cleveland area will have the opportunity to host the Akademika Folklorna Skupina France Marolt. This world renown dance ensemble has placed Cleveland on their itinerary for Friday, September 4th, and Saturday, September 5th.

A.F.S. France Marolt is regarded as the premier dance ensemble of Slovenia. The folk group consists of 42

dancers and musicians and performs the dances of many geographical regions of Slovenia. This visit by A.F.S. France Marolt to Cleveland is a very special opportunity to see the colorful costumes and hear the beautiful music from these regions.

If your group is interested in being a part of this exciting event, please consider participating in some way. Call Joyce Ann Hribar 261-0200 (daytime phone).

## Potassium—a versatile and essential mineral

An important element of good health is normal water balance between cells and body fluids. Potassium, along with sodium, regulates the amount of water in the cells, thus maintaining the body's proper fluid balance.

While this is one of potassium's most vital functions in your body, this essential mineral also allows the nerves to respond to stimulation, the muscles to contract, the heart and kidneys to function normally, and the stomach to secrete its digestive juices. It is no wonder that your body needs to take in potassium every day.

Although it is virtually impossible to develop a potassium deficiency with a balanced diet, there are some circumstances in which the body has insufficient potassium.

Your kidneys excrete potassium, so any condition that increases urination increases potassium loss.

For example, diuretics — medications prescribed for high blood pressure or disorders that cause fluid to accumulate in the body — are intended to increase urination to promote the loss of water and salt from the body and thus ease the burden on the body's systems. But along with water and salt, the body

also loses potassium.

Finally, people with diabetes or kidney disease may develop a potassium deficiency.

If you lose enough potassium to cause a deficiency, you may experience one or more of the following symptoms:

- Weakness
- Listlessness
- Muscle pain or cramps
- Irregular heartbeat

If you take diuretics, you may also experience:

- Loss of appetite
- Dry mouth
- Increased thirst
- Nausea and/or vomiting.

Contact your doctor if you develop any of these signs, especially if you fall into one of the risk groups.

You can correct most potassium deficiencies by eating more foods rich in potassium. A simple rule of thumb is to eat more fruits and vegetables.

The following are a few specific foods rich in potassium:

- Avocado
- Dried apricots
- Dates
- Bananas
- Orange juice
- Baked potato
- Lima beans
- Prunes
- Watermelon
- Plain yogurt

### Ohio KSKJ Picnic

The 41st Annual Ohio KSKJ Day will be held on Sunday, June 28th, at the Slovenska Pristava Slovenian recreation center in Harpersfield. It is sponsored by the Ohio Federation of American Slovenian Catholic Union Lodges as a social event for all KSKJ members, their families, and friends.

Everyone is kindly invited to come and join the get-together to renew old acquaintances and enjoy good fellowship.

The Fairport Harbor Ensemble will furnish music for your listening and dancing pleasure from 3 to 7 p.m.

There will be food and liquid refreshments available. A bake sale will feature homemade delicacies by the members. Free refreshment tickets worth one dollar will be given to children 0 to 14 years of age until 5 p.m. Games and contests for children will begin at 4:30 p.m.

The picnic is from 12 noon to 8 p.m., and admission and parking are free.

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### Fairport picnic

Do you want to have fun, renew old friendships, play in a balanca tournament, win prizes, dance to good music, eat great food and yummy bakery?

Or, you can bring your button box or any other musical instrument and join in our "continuous jam session."

This all happens on Wednesday, August 12, at the American Slovene Club, 617 Third St., Fairport, Ohio. Look for signs. For more information call Ann Barbish, 731-8761. We'll be looking for you.

### CALENDAR .....

Sunday, August 16

St. Mary's (Collinwood) Summer Picnic at Slovenska Pristava.

### Fr. Cvelbar marks 60th

Father Joseph Cvelbar will be honored with a special celebration for his 60 years of priestly service the weekend of June 20-21.

On Saturday, June 20th a banquet in his honor will be held at St. Vitus Auditorium on Glass Avenue at 6 p.m. (Tickets by calling Viktor Tominec at 531-2728).

On Sunday, June 21st, Father Cvelbar will be the Principle Celebrant of the Corpus Christi Mass at 10 a.m. at St. Mary Collinwood church.

Everyone is cordially invited to participate in the festivities in thanksgiving of Father Cvelbar's 60 years of priestly work in the Lord's Vineyard.

### Meeting

St. Mary's School Alumni will hold a meeting on Thursday, June 25 at 7 p.m. in the school cafeteria. Election of officers will be held and a social will follow.

Bea Jerkic, ticket chairperson, will have tickets for our 2nd Reunion, October 11. Or send a self-addressed stamped envelope and check for \$15. per person made out to St. Mary's School Alumni and mail to Bea Jerkic at 414 E. 274 St., Euclid, OH 44132.

### Joe Sterk talks about 'Papa Joe's

Joseph Sterk, 47 of Willowick is Co-owner of Papa Joe's Subs and Pasta, 34351 Vine Street, Eastlake. Speaking about his business, he says:

When I was in the Army in Maryland - back during the Vietnam days - I saw there were a lot of sub shops there. But there were hardly any in Cleveland. When I got out of the Army I was looking for something good to get into, something steady that would grow. I figured fast food was it. That was the coming thing. So I decided this might do well here. That was back in 1973 when we opened our first shop in Euclid, and next year my brother and I will have been in business for 20 years.

I guess I just got lucky. It didn't take off right away though. Back then there were only five sub shops in Cleveland. People were into hamburgers and our shop was something different. We started with a certain menu and little by little we built on to it. It was trial and error - experimenting mostly - putting new sandwiches on, trying different items, and if the customers took to it we kept it on the menu.

I think the most important thing for my brother and me has been our pride in the Papa Joe's name. It was not just something we did to make money. If somebody complained we tried to find out why. I'd call people back on the phone and figure out how to correct the problem. When the customer took his sandwich home and ate it I wanted him to say it was worth it and

come back again.

If you take pride in what you do and you give them top quality for their money, the people know. And they tell other people like it's a big discovery. That kind of word-of-mouth advertising can be very effective when you are first starting out.

—Arvydas J.E.R. Valiukas



### Fantje at heritage festival

On Friday, June 19, Fantje na Vasi will sing at Cleveland's Heritage Festival at 7:30 p.m. At 9 p.m. The Fairport Ensemble will play their button boxes. They will perform at the Star Bank Stage of Stars wherever that is.

In the Nationality Tent in location 30 the Slovene Folklore Institute of America and Eda's Slovenian Heritage World Radio Program WKTX AM 830 will take place.

### Fr. Jerse in residence

Cleveland Bishop Anthony Pilla announced that Fr. William Jerse, a priest-son of St. Mary parish in Collinwood, will be in residence there beginning June 23.

Father Jerse has been appointed full time Defender of the Bond for the Diocesan Tribunal and will be working daily at the Tribunal office, but will reside for one year at St. Mary.

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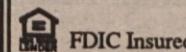
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## Fantje na Vasi sends thanks

On Saturday, June 6 we enjoyed a pleasant evening among friends at Slovenska Pristava. The proceeds of the benefit will help defray expenses of Fantje na Vasi's performance tour in Slovenija and Europe.

Special thanks to Mrs. Marija Stepec, Mrs. Joži Cerer, Mrs. Ivanka Volčjak and their assistants who prepared the delicious dinner as well as to the many others who baked the wide variety of tasty pastries. A warm thank you to the Alpine Sextet who played long into the night and so added to the festive atmosphere.

Thank you Milan and Mitja Pavlovčič, Pavle Lavriša, and Tony Petkovsek for advertising this event on their radio programs. Thanks also to the editors of Ameriška Domovina for publicizing this event.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank those organizations which have given us financial contributions for the tour:

Lausche Foundation...	\$2,000
Drama Group Liliya .....	\$500
Singing Society	
Korotan .....	\$500
K.S.K.J. ....	\$250
Andy Cashen .....	\$200

Thank you all very much.

Currently we are diligently preparing for the tour which begins in a very few weeks. We are enthusiastically anticipating the opportunity to perform in the homeland of our parents which now enjoys freedom.

We realize that we will represent Cleveland's Slovenian community and its cultural life. Be assured that we accept this responsibility proudly and will honor it wherever we go.

Fantje na Vasi

## Pilgrimage

The United Altar Society will have their annual pilgrimage to Lemont, Illinois on August 8 and 9th.

I strongly call on all members of the Altar Societies from St. Vitus, St. Mary of the Assumption, St. Lawrence and St. Christine to work real hard so we get enough people to fill two buses.

We have this pilgrimage only once a year, so please ladies, get ready and go to this beautiful pilgrimage (Mary of Help) of Brezje. We all need to pray, especially for peace in this world.

Everything is the same as it was last year. The price for bus and lodging is \$78. Hope to see a lot of you go.

Please call one of the following if you wish to go on the trip: A. Kosnik 881-4957, Mary Gerl 261-1316, C. Tominc, 531-8855, Helen Krofl 475-2025, or M. Amigoni 481-2275.

## 130th Anniversary of Anton M. Slomšek

Pokrajinski muzej, The Regional Museum, Maribor, in cooperation with numerous Slovenian cultural and scientific institutions, has prepared a exhibition for the occasion of the 130th anniversary of the death of Anton Martin Slomšek.

Several prominent personalities, including the Archbishop of Slovenia, Dr. Alojzij Šuštar, and the President of the Republic of Slovenia, Milan Kučan, spoke at the Maribor Cathedral Academy, and at the opening of the exhibition on the life and work of Bishop Slomšek.

One of the distinguished personages in the cultural and spiritual climate of 19th century Slovenian, Bishop Slomšek fought for the institu-

tion and development of Slovenian language and education, and for modern religious training and thought.

No doubt, this comprehensive regional exhibition of Slomšek and his era, presenting an abundance of material in a modern museum setting, is among the more attractive and carefully planned cultural events of the year, and was already promoted at the first Slovenian Museum Fair.

The organizers expect many visitors to also come from neighboring Austria (and the U.S.). The exhibition will run for four months.

## Slovenia prepared for tourism

Everything connected with tourism this year should contribute to making tourism a way of life for people and an even greater source of income in Slovenia. It is even more important that a strategy for the development of tourism in Slovenia is developed as soon as possible and that an organized concept of promotion is realized.

These are some of the conclusions of a talk the Minister of Tourism Janez Siršet had with the Tourist Association (TZ) of Slovenia, reports the Ministry of Tourism and Restaurant Services of Slovenia.

During the meeting the preparations for the Year of Tourism in Slovenia, which will be in 1993 and continued in 1994, were discussed.

The debaters also underlined the need for greater coordination of all those involved in tourism and for joint efforts, as up to now the lack of coordination has made greater effectiveness impossible.



## Donations

Thanks to the following for their donations to the Ameriška Domovina:

Mary Sell, Cleveland — \$5.00

Marija Mlakar, Scarborough, Ont., Canada — \$10.00

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Mrs. John Tumbry, Cleveland — \$10.00

## Recipes

### LEMON-CAKE BARS

1 package lemon cake mix for 2-layer cake

6 tablespoons margarine or butter (3/4 stick), softened

4 large eggs

1-1/4 cups light corn syrup

1/3 packed brown sugar

1 teaspoon vanilla extract

1 8-ounce can walnuts, coarsely chopped

About 2-1/2 hours before serving or early in day:

Preheat oven to 350°F.

Grease 13" by 9" baking dish.

Reserve 3/4 cup cake mix. In large bowl, with hands, mix margarine or butter, 1 egg, and remaining cake mix until blended. Pat dough onto bottom of baking dish. Bake 15 to 20 minutes until golden brown.

Meanwhile, in large bowl, with mixer at low speed, mix corn syrup, brown sugar, vanilla extract, 3 eggs, and reserved cake mix until blended. Increase speed to medium; beat 2 minutes, occasionally scraping bowl.

Pour mixture over baked layer in baking dish; sprinkle with walnuts; bake 25 to 30 minutes until tooth-pick inserted in center comes out clean. Cool in baking dish on wire rack. When cool, cut lengthwise into 3 strips, then cut each strip crosswise into 10 pieces. Store in tightly covered container. Makes 2-1/2 dozen bars.

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WEDNESDAY (06-24)	3:00- 6:00 7:00 7:30-10:30 8:30-break	Buttonbox Buddies Starwatch: 50's Karaoke Contest MEMORY LAN Starwatch: 50's Contest	(polkas) (50's music)
THURSDAY (06-25)	3:00- 6:00 7:00 7:30-10:30 8:30-break	HOTFOOT QUARTET Festival 5k Run MACAW Lakeshore Dance & Fitness demo	(bluegrass) (island)



FRIDAY (06-25)	7:00 7:30-10:30 8:15 break	Lakeshore Dance & Fitness demo SHAKEDOWN Lakeshore Dance & Fitness demo	(fusion jazz)
SATURDAY (06-27)	10:30-12:00 12:00- 1:00 1:00- 2:00 2:30- 5:30 7:00 7:30-10:30 8:15 break	Kiddie Kraft Korner Gymnastics & Karate demos Euclid Recreation Dept. Show Wagon LINDA LOU & THE SILVER CITY BAND Lakeshore Dance & Fitness Seniors STAN VAN HOLLA ORCHESTRA "Take Note"	(preschool) (country) (big band) (singers)
SUNDAY (06-28)	1:30- 2:30 3:00- 6:00 7:00 7:30-10:30 8:15 break	Euclid Squeezeboxers AL NOWAK & HIS EDELWEISS ORCHESTRA Boulevard Folk Dancers CROWD PLEASERS Clikkety Cloggers	(polkas) (alpine polkas) (variety)



## VESTI IZ SLOVENIJE

Ivan Kramberger pokopan — Njegov morilec v zaporu — Političnega ozadja ni

Ivan Kramberger, slovenski predsedniški kandidat na volitvah leta 1990, ko je prejel 18,5 odstotka glasov, zmagal je pa Milan Kučan, je bil ubit 7. junija v Jurovskem dolu pri Lenartu, ko je nanj streljal z malokalibrsko puško iz njegove hiše neki P.R., ki ga je policija aretirala ter po prvi preiskavi ugostila, da političnega ozadja v tem dejanju, ki je pretresel slovensko javnost, ni. Kramberger, ki je imel 56 let, je umrl med prevozom v bolnišnico. Tisti, ki so se udeležili njegovega pogreba, so bili naprošeni, naj v njegov spomin prispevajo v lokalno podružnico Rdečega križa. Kramberger sam, ki je imel razne patente in bil zaradi teh precej premočen, je bil znani dobrotnik, ki je prispeval širokorudno revnim, bolnim ter drugače pomoči potrebnim.

Kramberger je bil najavljen kandidat za predsednika Slovenije tudi letos in se je bil nameraval udeležiti predvolilnega sestanka svojega Domovinske ljudske stranke. Tudi če je res bil atentat nanj brez političnega namena, menijo politični komentatorji, bo imela njegova odstranitev iz političnega prizorišča pomembne posledice, ker je vprašanje, kateri drugi možni kandidati bodo dobili glasove, ki bi jih bili dali Krambergerju.

Nekateri komentatorji tudi postavljajo vprašanje glede varnosti vodilnih slovenskih politikov. Omenjajo na primer napad z Molotovovim koktaljom na stanovanje Mleta Šetinca, člana Liberalno demokratske stranke, in pa aktivnosti skrajnega nacionalista Zmaga Jelinčiča in njegovih privržencev. Zaradi precejšnjih razlik v gledanjih do ključnih družbenopolitičnih in ekonomskih vprašanj, je politična napetost v Sloveniji velika.

**Janez Drnovšek o gospodarski politiki vlade — Nobenega napredka glede zakona o privatizaciji in o volitvah**

Predsednik slovenske vlade dr. Janez Drnovšek je na tiskovni konferenci, ki je bila prejšnji četrtek, govoril o smernicah njegove gospodarske politike. Poglavitni cilj je ustavitev gospodarskih tokov. Tako naj bi v Sloveniji za letos obdržali sedanjo raven življenjskega standarda, ki naj bi ne padal dosti niže. Z drugimi ukrepi naj bi to ustvarilo pogoje za pričetek gospodarskega napredovanja v prihodnjem letu. Med cilji je znižanje inflacijske stopnje, ki je zdaj 5 do 6 odstotkov mesečno, plače naj bi se v prihodnje povišale počasneje od cen, tolar naj bi bil devalviran. Zelo veliko pozornost bo posvečena rehabilitaciji bank in finančnega sistema sploh.

Drnovškova vlada je pa bila tarča napadov zaradi raznih potez, med njimi povišanje za 38 odstotkov plač tistih, ki so zaposleni v negospodarskih panogah, za izplačevanje pokojnin za junij brez pravega kritja, notranji minister Igor Bavčar in obrambni minister Janez Janša sta pa bila kritizirana, češ da njuni ministrstvi neodgovorno zapravljata denar.

Razprave v slovenskem parlamentu o zakonskem osnutku za privatizacijo in za volitve, ki so bile 10. in 11. junija, niso prinesle nobenega napredka in sta oba zakona še vedno blokirana. Oba namreč potrebujeta dvoletinsko večino za odobritev, te večine pa ni za Drnovškovo vlado, kot je ni bila za Peterletovo. Zaradi tega še vedno ni nič znano, kdaj bodo volitve. Ustava določa, da morajo biti do konca leta, razdeljenost poslancev v parlamentu pa kaže, da bo težko priti do potrebnega zakona za izvedbo volitev.

Parlament odobril zakon za pomoč beguncem — V Sloveniji jih je 61.000

Ob blokadi v zvezi z mnogimi pomembnimi zakonskimi osnutki, je slovenski parlament pretekel teden vendarle odobril zakon, ki določa pomoč za begunce, ki so priboržali v Slovenijo. Teh je bilo po razpoložljivih podatkih pretekel teden 61 tisoč. Razprava o tem zakonu je bila živahnja, predvsem zaradi govora Zvoneta Žagarja iz Liberalno demokratske stranke, ki je trdil, da je bila dosedanja politika Slovenije daleč preveč radodarna. Slovenija naj bi bila po Žagarju iztrošila vse svoje rezerve za pomoč beguncem, to kot posledica stare komunistične teorije o enakopravnosti med narodi. V razpravo je posredoval Janez Janša, ki je govoril v prid ustanovitve posebnega biroja za begunce in to stališče argumentiral z mnenjem, da vojne v južnih predelih bivše Jugoslavije ne bo kmalu konec.

Med drugim določa zakon o beguncih, da bo vsaka v Sloveniji zaposlena oseba prispevala 2,5 odstotka svojega brutega dohodka za pomoč beguncem. Ko je upoštevano dejstvo, da so plače mnogih, ki so v Sloveniji še zaposleni, veliko nižje glede kupne moči, kot so bile v preteklosti, je odobritev tega zakona gotovo izredno širokogrudna poteza.

**Spomenka Hribar razrešena — France Miklavčič novi predsednik Konference za Slovenijo Svetovnega slovenskega kongresa**

Izvršni odbor Svetovnega slovenskega kongresa je razrešil Spomenko Hribar kot predsednico Konference za Slovenijo SSK. Na njeno mesto je bil imenovan France Miklavčič. Hribarjeva je bila kritizirana zaradi »politizacije« delovanja SSK, vendar je resnični vzrok za njeno odzaganje njen članek o potrebi za zaustavitev desnice v slovenskem političnem prostoru. V kolikor bo pa postal SSK orodje za desničarske elemente, ga bodo seveda odklanjali in tudi nasprotovali mnogi drugi rojaki in rojakinje, v in izven Slovenije.

**Slovenija bo prizadeta zaradi sankcij zoper Srbijo in Črno goro**

Prvotno mnenje, da slovensko sodelovanje v sankcijah, ki jih je bila zoper Srbijo in Črno goro uvedla Organizacija združenih narodov, ne bo znatno škodovalo gospodarstvu v Sloveniji, se je pokazalo kot napačno. Nekatera podjetja trdijo, da bodo zaradi teh sankcij utrpela precejšnje izgube, tudi do 25 odstotkov. Kljub prejšnjim prekinutvam stikov s podjetji v omenjenih republikah, so nekatera podjetja in druge ekonomske organizacije vendarle našle načine, kako obdržati sodelovanje. Med konkretnimi posledicami v Sloveniji je bila hitra in znatna porast količine mleka v skladisih v državi. Nabralo se je kar 130 milijonov litrov mleka, denar za nakup novih količin pa primanjkuje. Tako je potrebna odločitev, ali zmanjšati nakup mleka, kar seveda nasprotuje Slovenska ljudska stranka, ali povečati količino mleka, ki čaka v skladisih. Ne ena in ne druga rešitev seveda ni zadovoljiva.

**Razcepjenost v slovenskih političnih strankah se nadaljuje — Na vrsti so Zeleni**

Pretekel teden so imeli Zeleni strankarski sestanek na Ptaju. Desničarski del stranke je sestanek bojkotiral. Dušan Plut, član predsedstva Slovenije, je bil sicer ponovno izvoljen za predsednik stranke, postavil pa je bil pogoj, da bo stranka podprla Drnovškovo vlado vsaj do jeseni. Drugi pogoj je bil, da poslanci Zelenih v parlamentu se ne bodo več udeležili sestankov Demosovega kluba v parlamentu.

**Dr. Jože Bernik o slovenskih vizumih**

## Sporočilo potnikom za Slovenijo

ŠKOFJA LOKA, Slov. (16. junija) — Kot je znano, Slovenija zahteva vstopni vizum za potnike z ameriškim potnim listom, ker v ZDA slovenskih konzulatov še ni. Vstopne vizume izdajajo brezplačno na mejnih prehodih, ki jih ima Slovenija z drugimi državami.

Ko sva z ženo 13. junija priletela na letališče Brnik, sva tako kot februarja pričakovala dobiti 3-mesečni vizum z neomejenim številom vstopov/odhodov. Po polurnem čakanju sva dobila sicer vizum za tri mesece, toda samo za enkratni vstop. Pojasnjeno nama je bilo, da drugačnega vizuma tamkajšnji organi nimajo dovoljenja izdajati.

Včeraj (15. junija) sem telefoniral na zunanje ministrstvo in pojasnil nesmiselnost tega postopanja do potnikov z ameriškim potnim listom. Zanje nobena evropska država ne zahteva vizumov. Turisti s takim vizumom se namreč iz Slovenije ne morejo premakniti, če pa gredo na obisk, recimo, na Koroško, pa potrebujejo novi vizum za vrnitev v Slovenijo. Uradnica je obljubila posredovanje pri notranjem ministrstvu, kar je tudi naredila. Sploh je bila uslužna in željna pomagati. Pozneje sem še sam govoril z načelnikom oddelka za mejne organe in tuje na notranjem ministrstvu, ki mi je potrdil, da v bodoče ne bo takih težav. Še predno je bilo to urejeno, sem poskušal zainteresirati za ta problem tudi novega ministra za Slovence po svetu dr. Prunka, pa ni imel časa, ker je imel obiske.

Torej za vse, ki potujejo v Slovenijo z ameriškim potnim listom, je važno vedeti sledeče:

1. — Ko pri vstopu na mejni prehod v Slovenijo, ali pa na letališču, izroči svoj potni list, da se jim izda vizum, morajo takoj povedati, da žele dobiti 3-mesečni vizum za večkratni prehod (multiple entry). Če tega ne povedo, bodo sicer dobili vizum za 3 mesece, vendar samo za en vstop. Rečeno mi je bilo, da bodo slovenski izseljenci dobili »multiple entry« vizum avtomatično, vendar spričo časovne omejitve, gneče in birokracije na mejnih prehodih to vedno ne bo delovalo.

2. — Če kdo dobi vizum le za enkratni vstop, pa želi iz Slovenije narediti obiske v sosednih državah, ima tri možnosti: prvič, ob povratku v Slovenijo prosi za vizum, pri tem pa mora tedaj zahtevati, da je vizum veljavjen za večkratni vstop/izstop; drugič, da na slovenskem konzulatu bodo si v Trstu ali na Dunaju dobiti tak vizum (tam tudi izdajajo

enoletne vizume); tretjič, da na občini bivanja zaprosi za »začasno bivanje« in to mu bo omogočalo potovati v tujino.

Naj omenim, da je bil ta zadnji postopek podpisanim svetovan na letališču in je bil začet še predno se je to vprašanje uredilo preko zgoraj omenjenih telefonskih razgovorov. Poudarim pa, da tega postopka razen v nujnih slučajih nikomur ne svetujem, ker zahteva čakanje v vrsti, izpolnitve raznih formularjev, izročitev potnega lista, večdnevno čakanje na rešitev in pa plačilo tarife, za katero pa uradnica tedaj še ni vedela.

Vsi, ki bi imeli z vizumom težave, morejo telefonirati na zunanje ministrstvo (061) 150-300, konzularni oddelek in na notranje ministrstvo, oddelek za mejne organe, tel. (061) 217-580.

Ob vsem tem se seveda postavlja vprašanje, zakaj je sploh potrebno zahtevati, da ameriški državljanji dobe slovenski vizum. Čeprav še niso dokončno urejeni diplomatski stiki med Slovenijo in ZDA, je zahteva po slovenskih vizumih bolj v škodo slovenskemu turizmu, kot pa kakšen pomemben adut v rokah slovenske diplomatske službe. Na odpravo medsebojnih vizumov po reciprocitetu dogovoru z ZDA bo treba še dolgo čakati. Če se Slovenija res hoče ravnati na evropski ravni, potem je treba vedeti, da večina evropskih držav ne zahteva vizumov za ameriške državljane in to brez reciprocitete. Torej čemu še čakati?

Dr. Jože Bernik

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26. — MZA Milwaukee priredi Misijonski piknik na Triglavskem parku.

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V zadnjem letu, odkar se je namreč pričelo slovensko prizadevanje za mednarodno priznanje Slovenije za neodvisno, enakopravno državo, se je nekaterim zdele, da bo mogoče združiti domala vse večje slovensko ameriške organizacije v nekakšno splošno sodelujočo enoto, pod katere dežnikom bodo vse ostale sicer tako ljubosumno neodvisne in nevezane ena do druge(-ih), kot so bile vsa leta doslej. Jasno je pač bilo, da dejansko vsi slovensko čuteči Amerikanci podpirajo prizadevanje Slovenije, da se uveljavi kot neodvisna država.

Ta cilj je sedaj dosežen — in ne samo to. Slovenija je demokratična država kljub vsemu rovarjenju tistih, ki vidijo »komuniste« pod vsakim kamnom, v vsaki odločitvi (ali ne-odločitvi) slovenske oblasti, s katero ne soglašajo. Če ne soglašajo z menoj, če ne delajo tega, kar želim jaz, ali moja skupina, moja stranka, no ja, potem to morajo biti »komunisti«, saj tudi v razmerah, ko lahko vsak misli in pove, kar hoče, vendarle imam jaz prav. Absolutistična mentaliteta ni namreč nobena posebna lastnost komunistov in drugih te ali drugačne sorte levičarskih enoumnikov, je močno prisotna tudi med tistimi, ki pripadajo tej ali drugačni sorti desničarskega enoumja. Gre pač za absolutistično mentalitetom sám, pri tem je pa ideologija, naj bo komunistična ali fašistična ali kakšna druga, posredna in celo slučajna stvar.

Za navadnega slovenskega Američana, ki se nič ne zanima za tekoče politično dogajanje v Sloveniji, ni več nobenih večjih ciljev v zvezi s Slovenijo, za katere je treba delati. Slovenija je neodvisna, priznana, demokratična. Res ima velike ekonomske težave, pri reševanju le-teh pa ameriški Slovenci ne znajo in tudi ne bodo mogli kaj dosti pomagati, čeprav nekateri s tem ne strinjajo. Ker imajo v večini primerov že več desetletij obstoječe slovensko ameriške organizacije svoje ustaljene tradicije in naklonjenosti, je že v teh dveh mesecih od ameriškega priznanja Slovenije več kot jasno, da se bodo osredotočile na nadaljevanje le-teh in opustile prejšnjo izjemno pripravljenost na tesnejše sodelovanje z drugimi, četudi sorodnimi organizacijami. »Združitelji« v naši skupnosti bodo tako zopet razočarani, če že niso. Koristne je zanje in za nas vse bi bilo, če bi se vendarle enkrat za vselej sprijaznili s to od vsega pričetka slovenske skupnosti v ZDA realnostjo, ne pa ji nesmiselno in brez uspeha kljubovali.

Pripravljeni moramo biti podpirati vsako pozitivno pobudo, pri tem pa prav tako bolj odločno kot smo bili doslej zaradi »ljubega miru« pripravljeni

kljubovati poskusom nekaterih, da njih ozke politične koristi ali povezave uresničujejo preko izkorisčanja dobromernih teženj širše skupnosti.

**Dr. Rudolph M. Susel**

## Gostovanje zbora »Fantje na vasi« iz Cleveland v Sloveniji in na Koroškem

CLEVELAND, O. — Moški pevski zbor »Fanje na vasi« iz Cleveland bo v začetku prihodnjega meseca gostoval v Sloveniji. Tu objavljamo spored zborovih nastopov. Vsi ameriški rojaci, ki bodo med tem časom tudi na obisku v Sloveniji, so lepo vabljeni, da se udeležijo teh nastopov. Več informacij lahko dobite pri članih zbara.

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## Ob obletnici vojne v Sloveniji

Ko je jugoslovanska armada junija lani napadla novo samostojno državo v srcu Evrope, se je svetovna javnost obnašala zmedeno in ukrepala neurejeno ter nekoordinirano.

Proces osamosvajanja je bil očitno nakazan v Sloveniji že jeseni leta 1989, ko se je formirala prva skupina strank, ki so v svoje politične programe zapisale kot najvažnejšo točko osamosvojitev Slovenije. Stranke koalicije Demos, ki so prišle na oblasti pomlad 1990, so nemudoma organizirale vse svoje sile v to točko, ki se je v vseh pogledih izkazovala kot vitalna za naše preživetje.

Deklaracija o suverenosti Republike Slovenije, ki jo je poleti 1990 sprejel slovenski parlament, je naznanila začetek

### Romanje v Lemont 8. in 9. avgusta Zvezne oltarnih društev

CLEVELAND, O. - Zveza oltarnih društev bo imelo svoje letno romanje v Lemont, Ill., 8. in 9. avgusta. Lepo prosim članice, da se zanimajo za to romanje in sicer tako, da bomo napolnile dva avtobusa. Zopet bomo obiskale naše lepo Brezje in Marijo Pomagaj. Zelo potrebujemo molitev, posebno za mir po celiem svetu.

Za avtobus, prenočišče in hrano je cena \$78 na osebo. Vsi drugi programi so isti kot so bili lani. Vrnile se bomo v Cleveland 9. avgusta zvečer. Upam in želim, da nas bo veliko, ki se bomo udeležile tega lepega romanja.

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nehala pošiljati slovenske fantte v zvezno armado. Ob koncu aprila in v začetku maja, je prisegla prva generacija slovenskih fantov v Teritorialni obrambi.

Dne 23. maja 1991, se je vmešala tudi vojska. Kaj se je zgodilo? Teritorialna obramba Slovenije (TO) je imela dva učna centra: Ig pri Ljubljani in Pekre pri Mariboru. Skupina vojakov takratne JLA je bila aretirana, saj so vohunili v bližini učnega centra v Pekrah. Ponos armade, ki je bila do zdaj vsemogočna in imela oblasti po želji, je bil tako pričakovani. Tanki so prihrumeli na ulice in ljudje so se postavili v bran. Vojaški transporter je tako zapeljal čez enega demonstranta in ga ubil ter nadljeval pot nepreklenjeno.

Tisti večer so bila v Mariborskem magistratu pogajanja med TO in JLA v navzočnosti županje Maribora, gospe Tornikove. Ob polnoči, je JLA ugrabila predstavnika TO. Vojašnice širom Slovenije so takoj ostale brez vode, telefona, elektrike, plina in imele blokirane vhode, tako, da so ostale tudi brez hrane. S helikopterji je JLA iz Srbije pripeljala speciale enote in tako še dodatno zaostrovala razmere. Pogajanja so se nadaljevala in proti večeru tistega dne je bil častnik TO izpuščen, vojašnicam pa vrnjeno normalno stanje.

Slovenija se je pospešeno pripravljala na dokončno osamosvojitev, kljub opozorilom zahodnih diplomatov, da je to nespametno. Bolj ko se je blížal 26. junij, bolj smo doživljali pritisk in bolj je situacija zgledala brezupna. Poti nazajni bilo. Razglasitev samostojnosti in vojna, ki je sledila, sta svet zbudila in dokazala, da na tleh nekdanje Jugoslavije ni vse tako, kot je zahteval ameriški zunanjji minister Baker, ko je 22. junija prišel na obisk v Beograd in Sloveniji zagrozil, da naj ne počnemo stvari, ki bi nas pogubile. Slovenski diplomiati so kasneje povedali, da so bila to najtrša in najostrejša pogajanja od vseh, ki so jih imeli.

Sledil je moratorij na vse slovenske nadaljnje osamosvojitevne ukrepe. 7. oktobra je potekel moratorij in ponori je slovenski parlament sprejel denarno osamosvojitev, denar smo zamenjali v treh dneh in naše gospodarstvo je takoj imelo nov razlog za optimizem. 12. oktobra je zapustil naše ozemlje zadnji tuj vojak iz JLA in sirenje so ob dveh počasi naznane konec vseh nevarnosti. Bili smo dobesedno samostojni. Nihče nas ni priznal in pomagali smo si sami. Dokazali smo si, da znamo preživeti od aprila 1991 pa do januarja 1992 brez kakršnekoli tuje pomoči. Celo več; sprejeli smo 20.000 hrvaških beguncev in jih vzdrževali, nekatere še do danes.

Dne 15. januarja 1992 je bil dan, ki ga je Slovenija čakala od poletja prejšnjega leta. Zahod je bil razočaran nad slovenskim narodom, ali bolje, nad njegovo reakcijo. Ni bilo (dalje na str. 9)

## Prva preliminarna izdaja knjige: Who's Who of Slovene Descent in the United States

(Seattle-New York, 1992)

Raziskovalni in dokumentacijski center Družbe za slovenske študije pri Kolumbijski univerzi je pred nedavnim izdal prvo preliminarno izdajo direktorja slovenskih Amerikancev — *Who's Who of Slovene Descent in the United States, First Preliminary Edition. Compiled and edited by Joseph Velikonja and Rado L. Lencek, Seattle-New York: Research and Documentation: Slovene Studies, Institute on East Central Europe, Columbia University, and Department of Geography, University of Washington, 1992*, ki jo pripravljata profesorja Jože Velikonja (University of Washington, Seattle WA) in Rado L. Lenček (Columbia University, New York).

Namen direktorja, slonečega na vzorcu svetovnoznanih Marquis-jevih *Who's Who*-jev, je — registrirati življenje in delo živečih ljudi slovenske krvi v Ameriki, še zlasti profesionalcev, izobražencev, kulturnikov, umetnikov, ki so po svojih življenjskih uspehih in prispevkih skupnosti nove domovine, postali sestavni del družbenega, intelektualnega in znanstvenega življenja Združenih držav Amerike. Projekt sam je bil zamislen pred šestimi leti (1986), delo za njegovo uresničitev se je pričelo v decembru 1990, njegova prva dokončna izdaja pa je predvidena za konec prihodnjega leta (1993). V načrtu je, da bi redne tekoče izdaje takega direktorija izhajale vsakih pet let.

V uvodnem zapisu preliminarne izdaje *Who's Who*-ja, o katerem poročamo, urednika omenjata težave, s katerimi sta se soočala pri zbiranju gradiva zanj. Od pet sto oseb, ki sta jih poslala vprašalnik s prošnjo za podatke, jih je komaj slaba polovica odgovorila na vabilo. Morda je bil rok za izpolnitev vprašalnika prekratki, morda so naši ljudje prezaposleni, morda nezaupljivi, morda razočarani nad neuresničenimi projektmi, pri katerih so doslej sodelovali. Naj bo tako ali drugače, urednika sedaj znova prosita vse, ki na njuno prvo vabilo niso odgovorili, in ostale, ki jih še nameravata prositi za sodelovanje, da se jima to pot čim prej odzovejo. Hkrati poudarjata, da sta to preliminarno izdajo pohitela samo zato, da pokažeta, da gre za resno akcijo, za pomembno in častno dokumentacijo med nami samimi, pred našimi otroki, ki naj pred svetom in ne nazadnje — pred domovino — priča o naši neomajni življenjski moći in volji za udejstvovanje v svetu.

Preliminarna izdaja publikacije, ki jo naznamo, obsegajo 134 strani, življenjske podatke za 193 ljudi in široko bibliografsko in znanstveno dokumentacijo *Who's Who*-ja (*Abbreviations, Bibliography of Biographic References, in Appendix z vabilom in vprašalnikom za sodelovanje pri zbiranju osebnih podatkov*). Cena \$5.00 za izvod, plačljivo s čekovnim nakazilom na »SSS Special Fund«.

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## Škof Metod Pirih o koprski škofiji

Koprski škof Metod Pirih se je o svoji škofiji pogovarjal z Jožetom Škrbecem in sicer za argentinsko revijo »Duhovno življenje« (maj 1992). Tekst posredujemo našim bralcem.

*Gospod škof, ali bi bralcem lahko kratko predstavili vašo koprsko škofijo? Koliko prebivalcev je v vaši škofiji, koliko je katoličanov?*

Sedanja obnovljena koprška škofija je bila pravno urejena 17. 10. 1977. Obsega stanovalno koprsko škofijo (756 l.) in slovenske dele goriške, tržaške in reške škofije. To je najstarejša škofija na ozemlju nove države Slovenije in obenem najmanjša od treh slovenskih škofij. Površina naše škofije meri 4.306 km<sup>2</sup>. Na tem področju, ki se razteza vzdolž italijanske meje in sega od morja do Triglava, živi 250.000 prebivalcev, okrog 230.000 pa je katoličanov.

*Ali je v škofiji kakšna narodna manjšina, italijanska ali hrvaška?*

V škofiji živi danes italijan-

ska narodna manjšina. Po lastnem štetju je le-teh okrog 3000. Vsi ti žive na slovenski obali v koprski dekaniji. V večja mesta Koper, Izolo, Piran, Sežano, Novo Gorico so kot delavci prišli k nam zlasti po drugi svetovni vojni Hrvati, Srbi, prebivalci iz Bosne, a te ne moremo šteti med narodne manjštine.

Italijanski verniki so s strani Cerkve postreženi v svojem jeziku.

*Koliko je župnij? In duhovnikov? Katere redovniške skupnosti so v okviru škofije? Ali je duhovnikov dovolj za pastoralno oskrbo? Iz za druga področja dovolj talentiranih, usposobljenih in pripravljenih duhovnikov? Imate na voljo veliko redovniških in laiških pastoralnih delavcev?*

Na ozemlju koprške škofije je 206 župnij. Polovica od njih ima manj kot 500 prebivalcev. Škofija ima 183 škofijskih duhovnikov in 24 redovnikov. 143 duhovnikov deluje v dušnem pastirstvu, 20 jih je v pokoju, drugi pa vršijo različne

druge cerkvene službe doma in nekateri tudi drugod po svetu. V škofiji imamo tele redovnike: frančiškane, kapucine, minorite, salezijance ter lazarište; od ženskih redov pa: usmilenke, notredamke, šolske sestre, uršulinke in Marijine sestre. Če bi imeli večje župnije, potem bi bilo dovolj duhovnikov, v sedanjih razmerah pa imajo mnogi duhovniki po dve župniji, po tri manjše župnije in trije duhovniki celo po štiri.

V novih razmerah bi potrebovali duhovnike za delo na radiu, televiziji, po bolnišnicah in domovih za ostarele, za karitas... Za vsa ta področja nimamo dovolj pripravljenih duhovnikov. Redovniških in laiških sodelavcev je vsako leto več, a še zdaleč premalo.

*Po zlomu realsocializma je gotovo tudi na cerkvenem področju veliko več možnosti pa izzivov in potreb pastoralnega delovanja. Ali ste bili pripravljeni na te spremembe?*

Po zlomu prejšnjega režima je na cerkvenem področju nastalo več možnosti in prostora za versko delovanje, kot sem omenil že pri prejšnjem vprašanju. Spremembe smo si zelo želeli, a nanje nismo bili pripravljeni.

*Kako bi kratko orisali verskonravno stanje v sedanosti: V čem se še posebej kaže duhovno opuščenje skoraj polstoletne komunistične diktature in v vaši škofiji tudi negativne posledice predvojnega fašizma?*

V Sloveniji še vedno precej ljudi hodi ob nedeljah redno k maši. V naši škofiji je 22% nedeljnjkov, v ostalih dveh slovenskih škofijah pa še kakšen procent več, vendar pa verni ljudje do zdaj nismo imeli vidnega vpliva v javnem življenu. Skozi 45 let se je govorilo,

(dalje na str. 11)

## V BLAG SPOMIN

OB 2. OBLETNICI SMRTI  
NAŠEGA DOBREGA MOŽA,  
OČETA, TASTA, BRATA  
IN SVAKA



### JERNEJA SLAK

ki je umrl 18. junija 1990

DRAGI NAŠ „ATI“  
POČIVAJ V MIRU IN  
VEČNA LUČ NAJ TI SVETI.

Zalujoči:

Minka, žena  
Mojca in Helanca, hčerki  
Nejči in Tomaž, sinova  
Cindy, snaha  
Matija in Florjan, brata  
v Kanadi  
Ludvik, Andrej, Danica Koren  
in Lojzka Petek, brata in  
sestri v Sloveniji  
ter ostalo sorodstvo v Ameriki,  
Kanadi in Sloveniji.

## Obnova cerkve sv. Martina v Žireh

*Ga. Anna Plosinjak iz Sudburyja, Ontario, je posredovala pismo in prošnjo župnika farne cerkve sv. Martina v Žireh, č. g. Janeza Šilarja. Pismo objavljamo, spodaj pa navajamo imena in naslove bivših Žirovčanov, ki so pripravljeni sodelovati v akciji zbiranja sredstev za pomoč pri kritju stroškov za obnovo te cerkve.*

Urednik

Spoštovani žirovski rojaki!

Najprej vsem skupaj in vsakemu posebej prisrčno lep pozdrav iz Vašega domačega kraja. Rad bi Vam sporočil, da smo se v župniji letos lotili obsežnega dela — prekritje farne cerkve sv. Martina. Župnijski gospodarski svet (ključarji) se je odločil, da celotno streho (900 kv m) prekrijemo z bakreno pločevino. Vse dosedanje kritine so se pokazale za slabe in so zdržale največ 20-25 let. Zato je bila odločitev za bakreno pločevino sicer težka, ker je to ogromno finančno breme, a smo se vseeno pogumno lotili dela. S svojim dovoljenjem nas je podprt tudi Nadškofijski ordinariat v Ljubljani. Danes (5. maja, op. ur.), ko Vam to pišem, pa lahko veselo povem, da gredo dela h koncu. Cerkev sv. Martina ima tako novo kritino, ki bo, če Bog da, zdržala vsaj eno stoletje. Zelo sem ponosen tudi na vaše vrle žirovske farane, ki so to delo podprli s svojimi darovi in tudi prostovoljnimi delom. Kljub temu pa je finančno breme vendarle pretežko, saj bo celotno delo z materialom stalo okrog 5.000.000.- SLT (1 US dolar = 83 slovenskih tolarjev).

Dragi žirovski rojaki. V preteklosti ste tudi Vi velikokrat s svojimi darovi pomagali pri obnovi naših cerkv. Za vse se Vam v svojem imenu in v imenu Žirovcev res lepo zahvalim. Obenem se pa Vas držnem tudi tokrat prositi za denarno pomoč. Vsak Vaš dar nam bo dragocen in Vam bomo zanj iskreno hvaležni. V zahvalo pa Vam že sedaj obljudljamo naše molitve za Vas.

Prisrčno Vas vse pozdravljam.

Janez Šilar, l.r.

župnik

*Pripominja ga. Plosinjak: Dragi Žirovci! Kakor vidite, smo prejeli prošnjo, in upam, da se bomo v velikem številu odzvali, ker smo poznani kot radodarni. Cerkev je ponos ne samo nam, ki smo bili krščeni v njej, ampak tudi na naše mlade je napravila izreden vtis. Upam, da se boste odzvali tej prošnji in se Vam vnaprej zahvalim ter Vas toplo pozdravljam. Denar lahko pošljete na spodaj navedene naslove ali pa naravnost na župnika Janeza Šilarja, župnijski urad Žiri 64226, Žiri, Slovenija.*

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## Ob obletnici vojne v Sloveniji

(nadaljevanje s str. 8)

proslav, tudi praznika ne. Naveden delovni dan, brez evforije in zmagošlavja.

Zakaj? Slovenci smo za ta dan vedeli, da obstaja, le datum nam ni bil znan. Ko smo 7. aprila 1992 dobili še priznanje ZDA, smo se zadovoljno spomnili Bakerjevih besed, da Slovenija nikoli ne bo priznana in jih povezali s slovenskim pregovorom: zarečenega kruha se pojde več kot zapečenega.

In danes? 22. aprila je odšel iz oblasti Lojze Peterle. Na njegovo mesto je prišel dr. Janez Drnovšek. Ekonomist, bivši predsednik Jugoslavije, liberalni demokrat. Nova vlada, ki ima stare obraze, nov vladni program, ki je le preoblikovana verzija starega. Nova ministra, ki prideta iz ZDA: Marko Voljč in Mitja Gaspari.

Začasna vlada, ki naj bi vladala nekako šest mesecev, do naslednjih volitev, je že na samem začetku dobila večino le za las. Ljudje, ki jo podpirajo, so večkrat oklicani za komuniste in narodne izdajalce. Lojze Peterle je ob svoji zamenjavi dejal, da naj ji damo pravčno možnost, da stvari izboljša, da pa bomo v novo življenje lahko zakorakali šele po naslednjih volitvah. Njegova vlada je veliko naredila in sam je reklo, da so ministri upravičeno iz-

trošeni in da je tako gotovo padla produktivnost vlade.

Kaj je Slovenija dosegla v sedmih mesecih? 7. oktobra 1991 je bil en jugoslovanski dinar vreden en slovenski tolar. Danes je petnajst dinarjev vrednih en tolar. Slovenski tolar je na razpolago v Avstriji z enakim menjalniškim razmerjem do avstrijskega šilinga kot v Ljubljani. Hrvaški dinar ne kotira na tečajnih listah, kot tudi jugoslovanski ne. Iz napisanega je jasno razvidno, da je Slovenija na dobrni poti, da si opomore tudi gospodarsko. Manjka še lastninska zakonodaja, ki naj bi prišla v kratkem in odprla vrata tujim vlagateljem, ki jih ne manjka.

Zgodovino smo začeli pisati na novo in čas je, da naredimo nekaj tudi zase. Ni pa dobro, da bi se zdaj skregali, ker pač ni na oblasti krščanski demokrat. Kdor bo delal sebi v čast in narodu v blagor bo v Sloveniji vedno dobrodošel. Strinjam se z Lojzetom Peterleom: dajmo jim vsaj priložnost.



## Kanadski slovenski kongres (KSK)

TORONTO, Ont. — Nov odbor KSK, ki je bil izvoljen 23. maja 1992, se je sestal na svoji prvi redni seji 13. junija. Glavni namen te seje je bila izvolitev novega delovnega vodstva in sicer oblikovanje izvršnega ter nadzornega odbora. Sejo je vodil prejšnji predsednik Sveta KSK dr. Stane Bah, ki je navzočim pojasnil, da je prva točka izvolitev novih eksekutivnih organov. Po kratkem razpravljanju so bile volitve, z naslednjim izidom:

Predsednik sveta KSK ..... dr. Srečko Pregelj (Ottawa)  
 predsednik glavnega odbora ..... dr. France Habjan  
 prvi podpredsednik ..... Peter Čekuta  
 drugi podpredsednik ..... Stane Kranjc  
 tajnik ..... Ciril Soršak  
 blagajničarka ..... Jožica Vegelj (Hamilton)  
 odbornik za gospodarska in finančna vprašanja ..... Janez Žargi (Montreal)  
 odbornik za programe ..... Tone Komljanec  
 odbornik za informacije ..... Leander Škop  
 člani ..... Jože Slobodnik, France Osredkar, dr. Stane Bah  
 Predsednik nadzornega odbora ..... dr. Tone Kacinik  
 člana ..... Rev. Valentin Batič, Jože Kastelic

Po volitvah je dr. Bah predal predsedniško mesto svojemu nasledniku dr. Preglu, ki je nadaljeval z dnevnim redom, na katerem so bila važna vprašanja, ki zahtevajo nagle rešitve. Svet je potrdil predlog občnega zbora o posvetovalnem organu, katerega sestavljajo predsedniki krajevnih organizacij in sicer: Vancouver, Winnipeg, Windsor, London, Hamilton, Ottawa in Montreal. Širše seje bodo vsaj dvakrat na leto, sicer pa bodo krajevne organizacije prejemale zapisnike sej ali glavnega odbora ali sveta KSK. S tem se bo povezovanje s krajevnimi organizacijami okreplilo. Glavni odbor bo izvedel organizacijo krajevne organizacije za Toronto in okolico v zgodnjem jeseni, na katero bodo povabljene organizacije kakor tudi posamezniki. Glavni odbor bo tudi pripravil spomenico slovenski vlad glede hrvaško-slovenske meje. V poletnih mesecih bodo izšle Kongresne misli s poudarkom na kongresnih novicah po Kanadi ter o kongresnem delovanju po svetu.

KSK bosta nastopila na važni seji osrednjega odbora Svetovnega slovenskega kongresa, ki bo 20. in 21. junija na Bledu, Jože Slobodnik, član predsedstva SSK in dr. France Habjan, član glavnega odbora. Na srečanju bosta posredovala stališča Kanadskega slovenskega kongresa.

Dran

## Škof Pirih o koprski škofiji

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da je vera zasebna stvar in komaj danes verske vrednote spet dobivajo pravico javnosti in hkrati nasprotovanje. V ljudeh je bilo veliko strahu. Pred nami se je naenkrat pokazal prazen prostor, po katerem smo sicer vsa leta hrepeneli, a ga je težko tako hitro presoditi in napolniti. Vsej škodi, ki jo je naredil komunizem, pa je treba za našo škofijo vedeti, da je že poprej tu vladal fašizem, tako da je bila Primorska zadnjih 70 let v totalitarnem režimu, kar ni brez hudih posledic.

*V čem je pa čutiti kvarni vpliv zahodnega potrošništva?*

Že desetletja uvažamo čez mejo zahodno potrošništvo: modo, ideje, navade, narkomanijo, svobodnjaštvo in še kaj. Zlasti na slovenski obali pa tudi na Goriškem, čeprav tam manj, ima vse to negativne posledice za versko življeno.

*Ljubljanska nadškofija je imela svoj t.i. pastoralni občni zbor, nekaj podobnega tudi mariborska. Ali pripravljate tudi v vaši škofiji nekaj podobnega? Kateremu področju boste dali posebej prednost pri prenovi škofije?*

Ljubljanska nadškofija je imela pred nekaj leti Pastoralni občni zbor v treh zasedanjih, mariborska škofija Škofijski zbor, naša škofija pa se je pred tremi leti odločila za Škofijsko pastoralno in du-

hovno prenovo. To naj bi bila nekakšna škofijska sinoda. Premisliti hočemo svoj položaj. Prisluhnili bomo svojemu življenjskemu utripu ter iskali in določili smernice za delo v prihodnosti.

Gre za razvoj naše pastoralne miselnosti in za poglobitev verskega življenja, zato je škofijska prenova zamišljena kot proces, ki naj traja več let. Prenova naj bi zajela čim več vernikov, duhovnike, redovnike, redovnice in vse dobro misleče ljudi. Vzbudili naj bi zanimanje za Cerkev tudi pri obrobnih in oddaljenih vernikih pa tudi pri nevernikih.

Na škofijskem zboru naj bi predstavili sledeče teme: duhovniki in redovniki, bogoslovci, katehisti in katehistinje, mladina, karitas, katehumenat, cerkveni pevci, majhne župnije, nedeljniki, starejši, bolniki, zakramenti uvajanja, priprava na zakon, župnijski pastoralni sveti in izobraženci. Morda bo prišla na vrsto še kakšna tema. Za vse to delo, za raziskave in študije ni posebnih ljudi. Duhovniki in laiki so poleg svojih dosedanjih obveznosti vzeli nase še to, kar je zelo hvalevredno.

*Doslej ste imeli pastoralne svete, karitas, skavte, cerkvene zbole, tudi mladinske veroučne skupine in morda še kaj? Ali boste vpeljali še druga župnije ali organizacije?*

S prenovo želimo nagovoriti

in na novo usmeriti vse zgoraj naštete dejavnosti, ki so že prisotne v škofiji, biti pa hočemo odprt tudi za različna nova župnije, ki imajo svoj odmev pri nas in za organizacije. Predlanskim so bili ustanovljeni skavti, letos nastajajo župnije karitas ter kres-skupnost krščanskega življenja, že več let pa poznamo različne oblike duhovnih vaj. Treba bo misliti na organizacije, ki so primerne in potrebne za polno duhovno rast vsake krajevne Cerkve.

*Izjemno pomembno vlogo ima mladinska revija Ognjišče, ki jo v vaši škofiji tako posrečeno ureja naš znanec in priatelj msgr. Franc Bole in ki jo tudi veliko beremo. Prav tako tudi knjižna izdanja iste založbe. Ali verniki vaše škofije radi jemljejo v roke tudi npr. Družino, Mavrico in druge liste?*

V naši škofiji so nastale mnoge dobre pobude. Pri nas na Primorskem je začela izhajati Družina, naši duhovniki so imeli po vojni prve ljudske misijone ter pripravili prve katekizme. V Vipavi je bilo ustanovljeno prvo malo semenišče in zelo sem hvaležen msgr. Francu Boletu ter njegovim sodelavcem, da so razumeli znamenja časa ter začeli z redno izdajo mladinskega časopisa Ognjišče, ki ima najvišjo naklado med verskimi časopisi v Sloveniji, preko 100.000 izvodov mesečno. Ta revija ima pomembno poslanstvo med Slovenci doma in po svetu. Verniki naše škofije pa berejo tudi druge verske časopise: Družino, Mavrico, Božje okolje, Prijatelja, Misijonska obzorja in druge. Ko se mudim na pastoralnih obiskih po župnijah, vedno spodbujam verski tisk.

*Vašo Srednjo versko šolo - semenišče v Vipavi ste z začetkom zadnjega šolskega leta spremenili v katoliško gimnazijo, ki sprejema tudi dijaki. Podobno so storili salezijanci v Želimljah. Ali je upati, da se bodo razširile v Sloveniji katoliške šole od vrtcev pa do univerze — seveda postopoma? Državne šole, ki so doslej vcepljale marksizem in ateizem, bodo odslej svetovnonazarsko neutralne, ker pa bo še naprej učil isti učiteljski kader, bo najbrž poučevanje zelo laicistično.*

Po mnogih pripravah in pogovorih sta Srednja verska šola v Vipavi in Želimljem pri Ljubljani postali državno priznani. Odljev je v Vipavi Škofijska gimnazija, kar pomeni, da je ta cerkvena ustanova državno priznana. Od prvih začetkov l. 1952 je šlo skozi njo več sto dijakov. Približno dve tretjini od teh je izbralo duhovniški poklic.

Z letošnjim šolskim letom so se vanjo vpisali dijaki, ki žele postati duhovniki, ti imajo prednost, in dijaki, fantje in dekleta, ki želijo imeti dobro izobrazbo in katoliško vzgojo. Tisti, ki želijo postati duhovniki, so v Malem semenišču, drugi pa hodijo v gimnazijo in se po šoli vračajo domov. Upamo, da bomo po taki poti

## Avsenikov ansambel v novi zasedbi

EASTLAKE, O. — Po razpustu svojega originalnega ansambla je znani glasbenik Slavko Avsenik ustanovil novo godbo, ki se imenuje Študijski ansambel Avsenik. Poleg mojstra harmonike Avsenika, sodelujejo še klarinetist Vito Muženič (prof. glasbe), trobentač Matej Bovhan, Igor Podpečan (bariton in bas) ter Renato Verlič, kitara. Brez dvoma je to skupina talentiranih glasbenikov, vendar originalnega zvoka starega ansambla ne bo mogoče obnoviti, saj ima vsak glasbenik določen, svojstven ton na svojem instrumentu, prav tako, kot imajo pevci vsak svojo značilno barvo glasu. Posebno v Avsenikovi glasbi, v kateri je klarinet dominanten instrument in dá

gotovo barvo celiemu ansamblu, ne bo mogoče duplicitati širokega in nežnega tona, katerega je znal mojstrsko izvabljati iz svojega klarineta Albin Rudan.

Pravkar sem zvedel, je Avsenikov novi ansambel posnel dve kaseti in sicer prvo z naslovom »Vse življenje same želje«, na kateri pojede še originalni pevci Jožica Kališnik, Jožica Slete in Alfi Nipič. Slavko in Vilko Avsenik sta namreč podpisala pogodbo z nemško družbo za vsaj eno kaseto letno. Tako smo lahko gotovi, da bomo še v bodoče poslušali nove melodije, ki jih znata brata Avsenik tako mojstrsko pripravljati.

Na drugi novi kaseti, ki nosi naslov »Bodimo zopet veseli«, pojeta le Alfi Nipič ter Edith Prock, znana nemška pevka. Slovenska kaseto, se pravi v slovenščini, še ni izdana in bo zanimivo, katero pevko bodo zanjo izbrali.

Naj posredujem nekaj podatkov, ki kažejo na priljubljenost Avsenikovega ansambla v Evropi. Ansambel je pač prejel 33 zlatih plošč, dve platinasti in eno diamantno za prodajo plošč na polju narodnozabavne glasbe. Še lani je Slavko Avsenik prejel priznanje »Diamantno Planiko« v Berlinu, in sicer kot najuspešnejši skladatelj narodnozabavne glasbe v letu 1991. Še to: preko 4500 orkestrov izvaja po Evropi Avsenikovo glasbo na en ali drugi način, kar najbolj zgovorno izpričuje, da je Avsenikov ansambel oziroma sam Slavko Avsenik sploh najpopularnejši glasbeni ambasador Slovenije.

### »Big Band« godba Radia Slovenije na Evroviziji

Kakor je Avsenikov ansambel na polju narodnozabavne glasbe med najbolj popularnimi v Evropi, tako je »Big Band« godba Radia Slovenija zasedla podobno mesto na polju zabavne, plesne in jazz glasbe. »Big Band« je pod vodstvom skladatelja, aranžerja in dirigenta Jožeta Privška. V torek, 22. junija, bo ta slovenski orkester eden med tremi, ki bodo nastopili na programu Evrovizije, televizijske mreže, ki krije domala vse evropske države.

D.M.

## KOLEDAR

(nadaljevanje s str. 10)

vsakoletno romanje v Frank, O.

27. — SKD Triglav, Milwaukee, Wis., priredi Vinsko trgat, na Triglavskem parku.

## OKTOBER

3. — Fantje na vasi prirede koncert ob 15-letnici, v SND na St. Clairju.

4. — »Prijatelji SND na St. Clairju« priredi »brunch« v podporo temu domu.

11. — Klub upokojencev Slovenske pristave priredi koline na SP.

18. — Občni zbor Slovenske pristave.

## Misijonska srečanja in pomenki

### 947. Misijonar Klemen Štolcar, svetni

duhovnik ljubljanske nadškofije, ki deluje na Madagaskarju, se je oglasil 14. maja iz Malega semenišča (Petit Séminaire), B.P.96,309 Farafangana, Madagascar, z lepim pisom. V MSIP smo lani poročali o njegovi nesreči, ko ga je avto podrl na Dolenjskem ob obisku domovine. Tokrat poroča o drugačni težavi, ki je edinstvena. Takole piše:

»Tako dolgo še nisem menda zamujal z zahvalo za Vaša božična pisma z voščili in bogatim denarnim darom MZA. Nekaj so krive tukajšnje prekučniške razmere, saj pošta več kot pol leta ni delovala, nekaj pa bolezen in seveda, če sem odkrit, tudi lenoba.

Iz srca čestitam k Vašemu jubileju. Bog naj Vas ohranja še dolgo čilega in zdravega med nami. Nam misijonarjem ste velika moralna in gmotna podpora. Smo ravno tako ljudje obdani z vsemi slabostmi in kako blagodejno in pozivljajoče delujejo Vaša vsakokratna božična pisma ter gmotna pomoč. Pač rabimo blagohotne podpore z zaledja.

Velikonočne praznike sem kljub ne vem kakšnim načrtom moral lepo preživeti v postelji. Pri tem, ko sem poklenil, da bi odvil cevni zamašek pri cisterni za zbiranje kapnice, me je v sredo pred Cvetno nedeljo nesramno pičil ali pičila črna vdova — rdečeritnica, najbolj nevarno strupen malgaški pajek. Zaradi njenega pika pogine celo govedo.

#### Za moj odhod s tega sveta,

še ni bila božja volja. Seveda se imam v veliki meri zahvaliti vsem tam okrog mene: dr. Sonji Masle, novemu ranomenskemu misijonarju Franciju Mihelčiču, sestri Amandi Potočnik, in še nepoznanemu protestantskemu kirurgu, ki me je po prevodu iz Ranomene v Vangaindrano v njihovi bolnišnici »krmil« s kiskom, ker sem bil že kot riba na suhem in hlastal za zrakom.

Bolečine in trpljenje je bilo nepopisno. Gledano nazaj, so bili to zame in upam še za koga, dnevi milosti, poglobitev vere in ponovna potrditev krhkosti in minljivosti našega bivanja na zemlji. Ljudje se pač vsega prehitro navadimo in kako dobro je, da nas nebeški Oče tudi s takimi nesrečami opozori na tisto Baragovo: »Samo eno je potrebno!«

Še enkrat hvala za vse, lep pozdrav vsem »znamkarjem« in z Bogom!

Klemen Štolcar.«

#### Dr. Sonja Masletova pošilja

dve pismi laičnih misijonarjev in misijonark na Madagaskarju 2. maja iz svojega naslova: EKAR RANOMENA, 320 Vangaindrano, Madagascar.

Prvo so podpisali z Jožico Rihar, ki je pismo napisala, še Lojze Gaberšček, Helena Škrabec, Sonja Masle in Jože, ki vsi prisrčno pozdravljajo: »Prvomajski prazniki so, pa smo se laiška ekipa iz Tangainonja odločili, da obiščemo dr. Sonjo Masle. Zdaj smo v Ranomeni. Čeprav je vreme čemerno, je naše razpoloženje prijetno. Veselo je, kadar se po dolgem času srečamo.

Sonja nam je pokazala in prebrala pismo, ki ga je pisala gdč. Sonja Ferjan. Priložen je seznam vseh, ki smo dobili de narne darove od MZA.

S pismom, ki ga Vam pošljamo, bi se radi Vam, gdč. Sonji in vsem sodelavcem MZA iskreno zahvalili za vso velikodušno pomoč. Zahvaljujemo se tudi v imenu tistih, ki sicer niso podpisani, a jih bomo obvestili o Vaših darovih, v kolikor niso že prejeli pošte. Naj Vam Bog obilo poplača!

Čeprav je Velika noč že za nami, Vam želimo, da bi bil vsak Vaš dan obsijan z velikonočnim upanjem in veseljem. Enako tudi gdč. Sonji. Oba prisrčno pozdravljamo, Vaši (sledijo podpisi zgoraj imen-

novanih).«

Isti dan je priložila iz istega naslova nekaj vrstic laična misijonarka dr. Lenka Grošelj Cuello: »Najprej Vas prav lepo pozdravljava in se tudi midva zahvaljujeva za vse, kar delate za misijone že toliko let.

Pišem Vam z Madagaskarja. Ob priliki srečanja misijonarjev, nam je dr. Sonja pokazala Vaše pismo in seznam podpore vsakemu misijonarju. Ker pa midva nisva med njimi in tudi delava na slovenskem misijonu, se Vam predstaviva. Sva iz Argentine, jaz hčerka slovenskih staršev iz Mendoze, zdravnica. Mož Ricardo, Argentinec, živinozdravnik. Prišla sva sem s pomočjo č.g. Lenčka, 24. avgusta 1990. Delava v dispanzerju s Marjete Mrhar v Tangainoniju, skupaj z Jožico Rihar in sva se obvezala za dobo treh let.

Vas in gdč. tajnico Sonjo prav lepo pozdravljava.

Lenka Grošelj Cuello.«

Dr. Lenki Grošelj in možu pošljamo pomoč MZA za 1991 v znesku \$400, \$200 za vsakega, kot so dobili ostali laični misijonarji(-ke) za 1991. Stika nismo z njima imeli in smo veseli, da sta se nam sedaj oglašila. Zanimivo je tudi, da je dr. Masletova vse tako lepo povezala in jim naše božično pismo prebrala. Marsikom te žilice apostolskega vzpodbujanja celo takim, ki so že dlje na terenu, pogostoma manjka. Smo pač tako različni, kajne?

Sestra Marjeta Mrhar je praznovala 50-letnico redovnega poklica 1991. Na to smo opozorili naše sodelavce že v letu 1991, ko je ta dan doživelja.

#### Usmiljenka s. Bogdana Kavčič

piše 10. maja iz B.P. 2104, Kigali, Rwanda: »Po novno imam Vaše pismo pred seboj, ki je prišlo že februarja. Jaz pa vedno odlašam z odgovorom in zahvalo, Vam in vsem dobrotnikom.

Z Vami se zahvaljujem Bogu za 50 let svetega poklica v Družbi sv. Vincencija. Zahvaljujem se Bogu, da Vas je dal tolikim na pot, med njimi smo tudi mi misijonarji. Že mene spremljate skoraj polovico Vašega duhovniškega življenja z molitvijo in z darom, ki nam ga posredujete. Še imam v srčnem spominu vsa pisma in pomoč, ki sem jo dobivala v Burrediju. Prav gotovo se ta dobrota še danes širi...koliki bi drugače živel...!«

Hvala Vam, ne vem drugega reči, le prosim Boga, da bi bilo po nas plodno vse, kar nam posredujete in da bi On sam deloval v vsem, Vas pa še naprej blagoslavljal z dobroto in močjo. Res, naj Vam Bog po

vrne v tem, kar ta trenutek najbolj potrebujete.

Jaz se odpravljam meseca junija, da ot iščem našo novo, svobodno Slovenijo. Kaj vse se je spremenilo zadnjih pet let in kaj vse so morali pretrpeti mnogi v naši stari Jugoslaviji. Lahko bi prišlo do iste svobode brez velikih žrtev, pa meje bi se ne zarezale tako globoko v srca, kot se režejo in postajajo vedno bolj velike. Kakor sem vesela osvoboditve, mi je po drugi strani težko. Da bi se znali osvoboditi tudi od medsebojnih prepirov in egoizma. Ta pot je gotovo sedaj pred nami in bo mogoče težja, ker bo treba vsakemu pri sebi rezati.

Tudi tukaj se vojna še kar nadaljuje, seveda bolj na severu. Vendar so pribižniki vedno bliže in vedno več jih je. Verjetno več kot 90 tisoč. Sestra Vida je šla med nje, da jim pomaga. Vrnila se je zelo pretrpela nad bedo, ki jo preživila in nered, ki prevladuje. Po celi državi pa se množijo atentati. Bombe nastavlja v avtobuse in na postaje in dru god; vedno več je žrtev.

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Ali se boste Vi mogli vrneti v Slovenijo, da bi se enkrat tam srečali? To bi bilo lepo. Pozdrav iz srca vsem dobrotnikom, ki Vam pomagajo v vrstah MZA. Naj Vas Bog združuje. Mislim na Vas vse. Po Majniški Kraljici Vaša hvaležna s. Bogdana.«

Rojakom na tem kontinentu priporočamo, da si vzamejo slovensko državljanstvo v ju niju.

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