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What is 'Bishop Baraga Days'?

Bishop Frederic Baraga was a Slovenian born priest who came to America at the invitation of the Bishop of Cincinnati to do missionary work among the native people in what is today the states of Minnesota, Wisconsin, and Michigan and province of Ontario, Canada.

Baraga departed from Cincinnati for the Indian missions on April 21, 1831. For the next 37 years Baraga toiled as a Catholic missionary among the various Indian nations in the Great Lakes Regions. He criss-crossed great distances by walking, by canoeing and on snowshoes. He spoke and wrote in numerous languages, including books in the native Indian languages. In his time, Frederic Baraga was probably one of the most educated and learned missionaries in America.

With the passing of years, as the northern regions opened to white settlers and industrial development, Baraga was asked to form the new diocese of Sault Ste. Marie - Marquette. He became the first resident bishop on November 1, 1853.

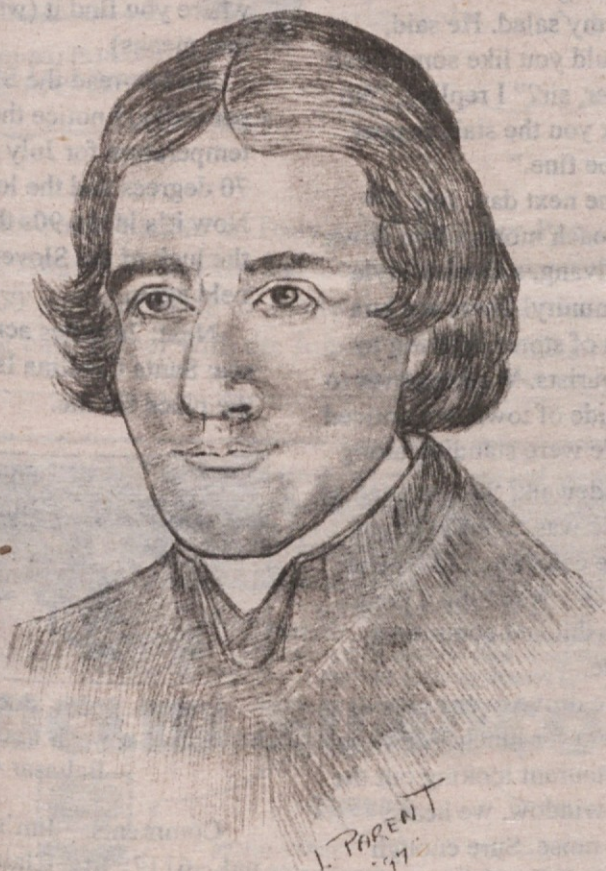
The next 15 years Father Baraga toiled to establish and to strengthen the Catholic faith in various ways. He built new churches, schools and orphanages. He invited younger priests from Slovenia to join his missionary endeavors. He tried to protect the native peoples from being driven off their traditional lands by the white settlers.

When Bishop Baraga died and was buried on Jan. 31, 1868, people of all races and creeds acknowledged that a person of great deeds and holiness had died. This belief persisted for many years, and it culminated in a formal petition to have Bishop Frederic Baraga officially declared a saint by the Catholic Church.

For 50 years now, each time in a different city, there are held the so-called "Bishop Baraga Days," where people from various parts of America and Canada gather to learn more about the life of the saintly priest and pray for his eventual beatification and canonization as a saint of the Catholic church.

This year the Bishop Baraga Days will be held in Cleveland over the Labor Day weekend. The Saturday evening Mass will be held in St. Vitus church at 6:30 p.m. The Sunday pontifical Mass will be in St. John Cathedral (downtown). The annual Baraga Association meeting and banquet will be in the Slovenian National Home, St. Clair (sold out). Everyone is urged to attend the events and pray for Frederic Baraga's canonization.

—(St. Vitus Church Bulletin)



Bishop Frederic Baraga

Anthony and Jean Sega celebrate 60th anniversary

On Saturday, June 6th at 12 noon **Anthony and Jean Sega** celebrated their 60th Wedding Anniversary at a Mass of Thanksgiving in St. Vitus Church, Cleveland with The Most Reverend Bishop A. Edward Pevec as Main Celebrant.

Where It Began

On **May 23, 1910** John Sega married Mary Zakrajsek in St. Vitus Church. Father Bartholomew Ponikvar was the celebrant.

Mary was a seamstress who came from Velike Lašce, Slovenia to work in Cleveland, Ohio.

John came from Grahovo pri Cerknici and met his wife-to-be on his second trip to America. He worked at the old Atlas Co. After their marriage, they lived in Cleveland for a few years.

Their daughters, Mary and Sophie were born. Then the family moved to the Barberton area. Three sons, Tony, John, and Leonard were born. The family eventually moved to Pleasant Valley Farm in Wadsworth, Ohio.

On **November 21, 1914**, Father Ponikvar was celebrant at the wedding of Frank Petkovsek and Johana Hace.

Frank came from the little village of Bevke pri Vrhniki. He stayed with his uncle, Matija Petkovsek. He worked hard in America. As the oldest child in his family, he sent money back home to Slovenija to help his parents raise his brother and three sisters.

Johana came from Podcerkev, Stari Trg. She stayed with her sister, Agnes Baraga. She worked hard to repay her sister for her passage across the ocean to America.

They stayed in Cleveland and raised three children, Jean, Frances and Frank. Frank Sr. retired from Cyclone Fence Company (E. 55th St.)

From these two American Catholic families...

Anthony Sega married Jean Petkovsek on **May 21, 1938**. Father Ponikvar officiated at the Nuptial Mass in St. Vitus Church. Anthony was a machinist for the Co-



Anthony and Jean Sega

lumbia Chemical Company, P.P.G. in Barberton Ohio.

Jean was an inspector at Superior Die Casting on London Road, Collinwood. In Cleveland they entered their married life and promised to love and support each other "till death do us part."

In 1946 they bought the family farm, Pleasant Valley Farm in Wadsworth, Ohio. God blessed them with three children: Janice, Robert and Sally. They retired from dairy farming in 1980. They have eight grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

On Saturday, **June 6, 1998** they celebrated 60 years of God's Blessings with a Mass of Thanksgiving at St. Vitus church where it all began.

The celebrant was the Most Reverend Bishop A. Edward Pevec. Rev. Mr. Roger Klaas, Deacon from Sacred Heart Church in Wadsworth, assisted.

Readings were by daughters Janice Kardos and Sally Martzall. Intercessions were offered by grandchildren: Teresa Wright, Lauri Easterling, Joseph Kardos, Joanna Kardos, LeeAnn Segal and Regina Kardos.

Granddaughters Katie Segal and Angela Martzall were proud to wear Slovenian costumes as they brought up gifts of grapes and wheat (bread and wine)

and red carnations, the Slovenian national flower.

Great-grandsons Tony Mace and Bobby Easterling brought up the bread and wine.

After Mass all members of the Anthony Segal family were joined by relatives and close friends at Sterle's Slovenian Country House for dinner. Son Robert was Master of Ceremonies.

Cleveland and Wadsworth areas were well represented. Out-of-state relatives and friends came from New York, Missouri, Arizona, New Mexico and Florida.

This celebration and reunion was especially meaningful to cousin Nancy Petkovsek Conneally from Central Islip, Long Island, N.Y. It was the first time in her 60 years that she had met Petkovsek relatives.

St. Mary's Picnic

St. Mary (Holmes Ave.) parish picnic will be held at Slovenska Pristava on Sunday, August 23.

The day will begin with Mass at 12:00 noon followed by a chicken/roast beef dinner (donation \$10 for adults and \$4 for children.) NOTE: There will be no 12 o'clock Mass in St. Mary's church on Aug. 23.

Jim's Journal

By Jim Debevec



"What's in a name?" – Shakespeare.

Last week Robert M. Debevec wrote an article about Tom Mix and his faithful horse. But he didn't mention the horse's name. Do you know?

The horse's name is "Tony."

Roy Roger's horse's name was "Trigger."

Hopalong Cassidy's horse was "Topper."

Gene Autry rode "Champion."

"Fury," was the name of Straight Arrow's steed.

I didn't know Tom Mix at all. He was before my time. Roy Rogers sang too much for my taste although he and Dale Evans led an exemplary life and did a lot of good in this world.

Gene Autry was a bit better. He only needed to carry one six-shooter, and he didn't sing quite so much.

The reason I liked him was because my father took me to the Cleveland Arena one day and there was Gene Autry in person. What a show. Gene really could rope and ride, just like he did in the movies.

The other day, in tribute to him, they showed his first movie which was a serial called "Radio Ranch." As a matter of fact, they showed all 12 chapters, one right after the other beginning at 11 p.m. on the American Movie Classic channel. I only got past the first chapter before I dozed off, but even though the film was 60 years old, the plot wasn't that bad. Maybe some day I'll get a chance to see the entire serial.

Amazingly, Gene's most popular records had nothing to do with his movies. He sang "Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer" which we hear every Christmas season.

But another song, "Here Comes Santa Claus," was taken right out of one of his flicks.

Anyhow, although Gene Autry could sing better than Roy Rogers, my favorite cowboy was Red Ryder as played by Wild Bill Elliott.

All the kids loved him because he didn't sing at all. We thought the singing was corny and became fidgety during the music waiting for the action to commence.

Does anyone remember Red Ryder's horse's name? It was "Thunder."

I have some old 16-mm Red Ryder movies. Some day we'll have to show them again.

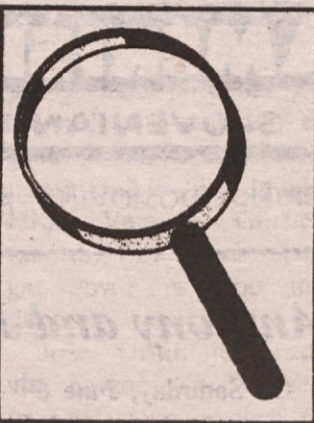
My father took me to see John Wayne in "She Wore a Yellow Ribbon." Being a horseman, my father explained in detail all the marvelous feats the riders were performing in the movie. As a result, I came to enjoy westerns twice as much because I looked at the riding action with a sense of appreciation rather than taking it for granted. It opened up an entire new vista for me which I enjoy to this very day.

Another cowboy hero was the Lone Ranger. His horse was called "Silver." His sidekick Tonto's horse was "Scout." The masked man's nephew's name was Dan Reed whose horse was called "Victor." His grandson's name was Britt Reed and he became the "Green Hornet." Because he was so modern he didn't have a horse; instead he had a limousine which he referred to as the "Black Beauty."

His faithful companion was Kato. The Green Hornet might say, "All right Kato, when you're finished at the Simpson residence, get the Black Beauty ready."

Pat Brady called his Jeep "Nellybelle."

Everyone's favorite mode of transportation should have a name. Even John Steinbeck called his streetcar, "Desire." We Americans have become lax. We have taken our cars for granted.



THE MEANING OF THE WORD "TRUTH"

by John Mercina

NO CONNECTION SHOULD BE DRAWN BETWEEN THIS WEEK'S COLUMN AND THE EVENTS OF THE LAST FEW DAYS. IF ANY OF US WERE LOOKED AT THROUGH A MAGNIFYING GLASS, WHAT CONCLUSIONS WOULD BE DRAWN ABOUT US?

100 WORDS MORE OR LESS

THIS MAY BE A GOOD TIME FOR ALL OF US TO VISIT THE WEBSTER'S DICTIONARY AND LOOK UP THE WORD "TRUTH" - PERHAPS SOME OF US HAVE FORGOTTEN THE MEANING OF THE WORD.

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We have failed to favor it with a proper name. It is not too late. We can correct the oversight. What can you call your car? It should have a name like the cowboys had for their horse. Let us know (remember this is a family newspaper).

"A good name is better than riches." Cervantes (*Don Quixote*).

Teacher: Can you tell me the nationality of Napoleon?
Wise student: Corsican.

My word is my bond – Clinton.

What always succeeds? --
A canary with no teeth.
(Think about it)

Recounting a few highlights from our California trip. On July 2 our motor-coach traversed its way around the 138-miles of cliffs and Pacific Ocean commonly referred to as the "Big Sur." This encompasses some of the most beautiful scenery in the United States.

Amazingly there are no roads cutting into the highway. Once you begin the trip, you have to keep going and there are many hair-pin curves and treacherous-looking roads with nothing below but the crashing surf.

We eventually found our way to San Simeon and toured the estate of the Hearst Castle. Quite a remarkable and magnificent place. Inside, Ken Murray narrates a home-movie film about the Hearsts and their famous guests. Does anyone remember who is Ken Murray?

We spent that night at Shell Beach hotel which overlooks the ocean.

Our waiter held what looked like a fungo bat with a turning handle on one end, over my salad. He said, "Would you like some fresh pepper, sir?" I replied, "No thank you the stale pepper will be fine."

The next day, July 4th, our coach moseyed on down to Solvang, a Danish-style community. There are hundreds of stores catering to the tourists. Walking over to one side of town, we noticed people were standing along the sidewalk. Sure enough a parade was about to begin. So we celebrated Independence Day watching a great old-fashioned community parade.

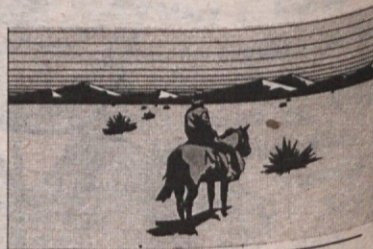
We drove over to Santa Barbara for lunch. As we sat in restaurant looking out the front window, we heard some noise. Sure enough coming down the street was our second 4th of July parade.

Looking around at the

local newspaper I was startled to see one section called "SLO County." Figuring it had something to do with Slovenians, I purchased the paper, but to my dismay discovered the SLO stood for "San Luis Obispo county." It had nothing to do with us Slovenians, but the second headline read "CSU considers options..." Where we come from CSU stands for Cleveland State University. In SLO county it stands for California State University. Just goes to show. Life is where you find it (whatever that means).

As I re-read the SLO paper today, I notice the high temperature for July 4th was 70 degrees and the low 52. Now it's in the 90s there, so the luck of the Slovenians held again.

Next: 26 miles across the sea; Santa Catalina Island is the place for me.



A weak spirit does more harm than a weak body.
—Baltasar Gracian

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Now is the Time to Speak Up

By Rudy Flis

August 15 is the Feast of the Assumption. A great day for our Blessed Mother and our Catholic Church.

It was also a special day for my cousin, **Lucy Romih**. Aug. 15 is also Lucy's birthday. I won't tell you how old Lucy is, but I will tell you she might be a year or two older than I.

Lucy will always be special to me, if for no other reason, she introduced me to "American Home." Lucy also encouraged me to write my thoughts down and send them into the newspaper.

I would think there are a thousand stories in our Slovenian community, just waiting to be told. Please tell them now, or we may lose them forever. "American Home" awaits your story and so do I and many others.

In the Aug. 13 issue of American Home there was a great story by Robert M. Debevec. I have never heard the complete story of Tom Mix's tragic end. Now I know.

I remember many stories of Slovenia I heard from my

Mom and Dad. I remember many incidents and festivities I witnessed growing up in a Slovenian home. Would you like to read about them?

Our parents, grandparents and great-grandparents who braved the unknown on their journey to our beautiful United States, would want their story told. Only you can tell it, or forever hold your peace.

American Home is more than paper pulp and ink; it is you and I.

Jim and Madeline Debevec are very busy every week putting the paper together for you and I to enjoy. As busy as they are, they would love to proof read your article, and perhaps print it.

A personal note. Although I might be over the hill, I am young enough to be thrilled when I see my thoughts printed in our Slovenian newspaper, the American Home, and thereby have it become a permanent part of our Slovenian-American history.

Come share your thrill with me. Tell us your story.

DID YOU KNOW
Slovenia... Joseph Zelle

Recommended reading: Janko Zérzer, *Po koroških potéh* (Over Carinthian Pathways). This cultural historical tourist guide is written in Slovenian. It was published by the Mohorjéva družba in Célóvec (Klagénfurt) last year. The book is loaded with beautiful pictures on every page. Even if you do not know Slovenian, you can make out with a Slovenian-American dictionary.

Camper's Picnic

Slovenska Pristava

Camper's Association is sponsoring its second annual steak and chicken dinner on Saturday, September 26.

Dinner will be served beginning at 6 p.m. children's games are planned and there will be live music for your dancing pleasure.

Advance tickets are recommended (\$13 for steak, \$10 for chicken) and are available from any camper or by calling Mrs. Dana Leonard at 216-481-2985.

Come join us as we welcome Fall and say farewell to another beautiful, memorable Summer at Pristava.

Directions to Slovenska Pristava

Take I-90 East to the Geneva exit, Rt. 534. Turn right on 534 to So. River Road. Turn right and stay on So. River about one mile to Brandt Road. Turn right on Brandt. Slovenska Pristava is at the end of the road.

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Angela Martzall and Katie Segal wearing Slovenian costumes in the St. Vitus church grotto at the 60th anniversary celebration of grandparents Anthony and Jean Segal.

Variety of Entertainment At St. Mary's Summer Picnic

St. Mary's (Collinwood) Summer Picnic will be held on Sunday, August 23 at Slovenska Pristava in Harpersfield, Ohio, near Geneva.

The day will begin with Mass at 12 noon, followed by a chicken/roast beef dinner.

Entertainment will be provided by the "Planika Dancers" from Windsor, Ontario., Cleveland's Kres

Dancers, the St. Mary Community Band, and the music of Veseli Godci for your dancing and listening pleasure.

There will be food and refreshments, as well as children's games throughout the day.

All proceeds of the raffle and picnic will be used for the repair of the church roof.



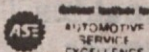
Pearl and Tony Vadnal at Tony's 80th Birthday Party on Sunday, August 9th at Croatian Center in Eastlake, Ohio. Over 700 persons came to salute the personable former yodeling base player with the Johnny Vadnal orchestra.

(PHOTO BY TONY GRDINA)

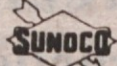
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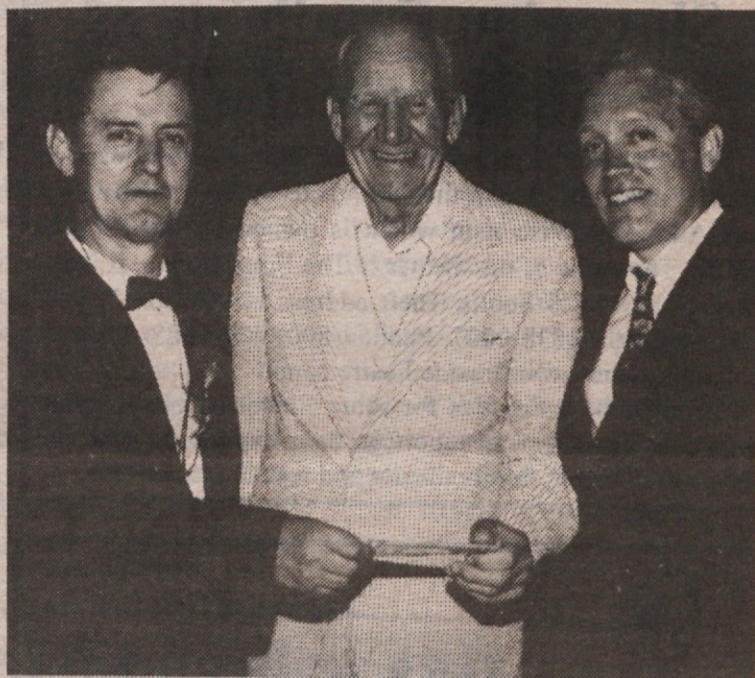


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It is interesting to note the driving force and spirit of the 40-member choir established by the Pediatric Clinic of Ljubljana, is "Singing for Health." What a positive note in a negative world!



Paul, Caroline Kovac Celebrate 50th

CHARDON, OH — On September 4, 1949, Paul Kovac and Caroline Sorn walked down the aisle of St. Vitus Church and exchanged their wedding vows. They will celebrate 50 years of marriage on September 4.

Caroline Sorn is the daughter of Martin and Karolina Sorn. She worked in the family business, Sorn's Restaurant, E. 61st and St. Clair Avenue, Cleveland, OH, nearly until its close in 1974. It was in the restaurant that a young immigrant carpenter, Paul Kovac, on his way from New York to California, sampled the Slovenian cooking at Sorn's, met Caroline, fell in love with both, and never left. They have lived on Villa Mir Farm in Chardon Township since 1950. Paul and Caroline owned the Country Inn in Chardon from 1961-1967. They raised three children and have one grandchild. Congratulations!

Slovenian Family owns dinner theater

We received a report from one of our subscribers in Grand Rapids, Michigan that she visited a dinner theater in Fort Atkinson, Wisconsin which is owned by the Klopčic family. The name of the theater is The Fireside, Inc. It is located on Hwy. 26 South. Their address is PO Box 7, Fort Atkinson, WI 53538-0007. Phone: (800) 477-9505. Their e-mail address is www.firesidetheatre.com

It might be a fun idea for some Cleveland travel group to take a tour there and report on their experience with the Slovenian Klopčic family theater and restaurant owners.



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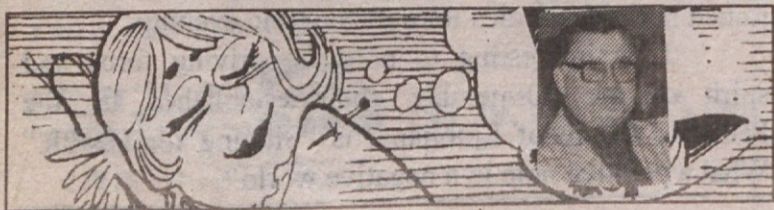
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Some people believe if a young woman sticks a pin in her sleeve on the night of January 21st, she'll dream of the man she'll marry.

Lincoln assassination still is debated

Controversy continues to surround President Kennedy's assassination as well as his autopsy.

How many bullets were fired? Was there only one assassin, Lee Harvey Oswald, or were other individuals shooting? Was this the first time confusion surrounded the violent death of a president?

Certainly not. Controversy still surrounds President Abraham Lincoln's autopsy. Even today, though everyone agrees there was one assailant, actor John Wilkes Booth, fundamental questions remain as to what the autopsy demonstrated. An additional issue has been raised as to whether or not, using modern neurosurgical techniques, Lincoln could have been saved.

President Lincoln suffered a gunshot wound to the back of the head. The bullet entered about a half-inch to the left of midline and rather low, transversing a giant vein known as the transverse sinus.

The president was carried from Ford's Theatre to a house across the street, where physicians administered to him through the evening and early morning. Several times, the wound in the back of the head was probed with metal devices in hopes of relieving the pressure from blood clots as well as locating and, if possible, removing the fragments of bone and the bullet (not exactly how it would be done today.) At that time, there was nothing they could do to save him.

The pathological examination of the president's body, primarily limited to the head, took place in the second-floor guest room of the



DR. ROBERT J. WHITE

THE
WHITE ROOM

White House. Although nine doctors were present, the autopsy was conducted by only two: J. Janvier Woodward and Edward Curtis, both pathologists. The bullet's passage could actually be followed, because of the blood in the track, from the posterior (occipital lobe) all the way to the frontal lobe. The pathologists felt the bullet track did course through the left brain and finally lodged in the mid portion of the left frontal lobe.

Now, the mystery. Two witnesses at the post mortem — Surgeon General Joseph K. Barnes and Dr. Charles Sabin Taft — described the bullet's course differently, arguing that it traveled from the left to the right side, eventually lodging in the right frontal lobe.

Their description is the exact opposite of what the performing pathologist presented in his official report. Possibly adding to this anatomical confusion was the unfortunate development that occurred when the brain was lifted from the calvarium — the projectile actually fell out of the brain. Since both or-

bitary plates, which are very thin and located in the basal frontal portion of the skull, were ruptured and could not be used for orientation, there still remains confusion as to where the bullet finally came to "rest" in Lincoln's brain. At the Institute of the Brain in Moscow, the brains of famous Russian politicians (including Lenin and Stalin), are preserved and studied to see what "made them great."

Perhaps if we had such a facility, the autopsy confusion surrounding the presidents would not exist.

A number of symposia and articles have looked at whether Lincoln could have survived today with contemporary neurosurgical techniques. While it is certainly true that he would have been managed much differently now, the question still remains as to whether or not he could have recovered as an intact individual. Experts have rendered opinions both positive and negative on the subject. My own belief is that, if the 16th President of the United States had been administered by the Life Flight helicopter crew, brought to MetroHealth Medical Center and operated on by their highly experienced neurosurgical team, in all probability, Mr. Lincoln would have survived.

Dr. Robert J. White is professor of neurosurgery at Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine. "The White Room," exploring health and medical issues, also appears on the first Thursday of each month in your local Sun edition. □

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Baraga ad hoc committee final meeting before festivities

The Bishop Baraga Cleveland 1998 ad hoc committee met on Thursday, Aug. 13, the final time before the Labor Day weekend activities.

Opening prayer was given by Father Victor Tomc.

Discussions were held regarding final preparations for the Bishop Baraga Days to be held in Cleveland, Ohio on Saturday, Sept. 5 and Sunday, Sept. 6.

The 25 members present were delighted to hear the report of Valerie Baznik concerning purchase of identification ribbons and numerous communications and fine cooperation of Elizabeth Delene of the Bishop Baraga Association in Marquette.

Joseph Baskovic, Usher Chairman for St. Vitus Church and Frank Urankar, Chairman of the St. John Cathedral ushers committee reported everything was in readiness and received membership documents to be passed out at the churches.

Items discussed were the renovation in progress at the Slovenian National Home (St. Clair), and the transportation for the various bishops arriving at the airport.

Madeline D. Debevec, Secretary-Treasurer of The Frances and Jane S. Lausche Foundation, presented the committee with a check for \$3,000. That was in addition to the previous \$5,000 already given to be used for Baraga Days related expenses.

Linda and Matt Plečnik gave a report on the refreshments and hors d'oeuvres to be served in St. Vitus auditorium on Saturday evening. Julia Zalar reported on the menu she is preparing for the banquet on Sunday afternoon (dumpling soup to dessert), while ticket chairman Stane Kuhar said the seating arrangements were under control and all 535 tickets had been sold. Joseph Petric had some ideas for decorating the Slovenian National Home. Father Joseph Božnar said preparations at St. Vitus parish were progressing on schedule.

This will be the 50th anniversary since the official Bishop Baraga weekend activities began in 1948. The last time the events were held in Cleveland was in 1979.

Closing prayer was led by Rev. Jože Cerne.

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Celebrating the Life of Antonia Šega

I've had the privilege of having two men love me as a daughter. Oče my father, and Eric's dad. Eric's dad, who we lost about 11 years ago, was a man of many sayings. Today I will try to live up to the one that had the most impact on me, "Rise to the occasion!"

I stand here in front of you for our father, brother, and sisters, to tell you a story about a great lady, and the most wonderful mother. I will not tell you that she was a famous celebrity or a prominent politician. There will be no special coverage of her life on television. But, I can assure you that there is great celebration in heaven for someone very good and special who has been called to the Lord. What you will hear is a story of a kind humble, selfless woman who gave all of herself to her husband and family. A beautiful woman who gave her children the love and foundation to be individuals of strong character and integrity. She was quiet and unassuming, the kind of mother needed to hold a family together in this modern world so filled with distractions to traditional family life.

While in the hospital, Mom had several close calls with potentially life threatening irregular heart rates. Mom pulled through these situations, giving us several opportunities to tell and remind her what she meant to us. We were all together, Oče, Frankie and the girls. We must have told her how much we loved her a thousand times, and that she was the best Mom, a thousand times more. She would smile with each affirmation, and sometimes open her eyes and give us a twinkle. There was peace and acceptance always. She didn't cry or complain, nor did her sweet disposition ever change. She thanked every nurse and doctor sincerely, regardless they had just poked her for an hour or made her more uncomfortable.

We talked about how she always had time for us. I can still see her in the small swimming pool with us on a hot summer day, and the hide and seek she played with her grandchildren. She always put the family first.

The grandchildren adored her. Robert, as a baby, was colicky that many afternoons I thought I would lose my mind. I would pack him and she would take over when I couldn't. Today Robert is a wonderful young man of 18. His grandmother was proud. Carl remembers their trips to the creek behind her

house to catch crayfish. This was a ritual with every weekly visit that went on for years. Both boys remember sleeping over at Grandma's and her special pancake breakfasts.

Anthony, our future all-star athlete, attributes his great skills to the hours – and I mean HOURS and HOURS – of baseball, hockey, soccer and kickball practice with Grandma. Alexa, the only granddaughter, was all girl with Grandma. She would comb Mom's hair in many different styles. Both shared the love of animals and gardens. Grandma also took in a cat for Alexa, since allergies prevented having a cat in the Krueger home. Evan, the baby from heaven, gave her joy again of being a grandmother.

Mother's special child was Markie, a loving child trapped by the bonds of cerebral palsy. Markie adored his Grandma. Jenny, an absolutely most wonderful mother herself, would say that Markie loved Grandma more than he loved her. Mom often thought of Markie while she was in the hospital.

Mother took care of Jenny during her difficult bed ridden pregnancy with Dominic. She was there for her completely. Today mom is holding Dominic in her arms in heaven. And how Mom rejoiced when Nikko was born healthy. Another baby to spoil.

While in the hospital, she told us she had one regret. She was sorry there wasn't more money in the early days. We couldn't believe she would talk about that. We never felt we lacked for anything. Sure, we didn't have the latest fashions or all the toys that were advertised on TV when we were growing up, but her love and involvement made us feel completely whole.

During her hospital stay, someone was always with her. Oče, Frankie, and the girls were there. Our wonderful Aunts, Teta Ani and Teti Veri, were there for us, and were there for Mom every day.

Our father prayed for a miracle every waking moment. He told us that he would change places with her in a heart beat. He couldn't see her suffer. They had almost 48 years together, and he can't imagine his life without our mother. In earlier years I remember how they would bless each other as he departed for work each day. They would make the sign of the cross on each other's foreheads, lips

and hearts, and kiss each other.

Their retirement days were spent together, starting with morning prayers and rosary, and ending with a cup of tea that Mom would bring to him at 10 in the evening. And, oh the mushy cards he would give her, and always with red carnations, the Slovenian flower. The words in the cards expressed love and devotion, words which were sometimes hard for him to say.

One of the most heart-warming memories in the hospital is that of our brother, Frankie, with our mother. He tended to her every need. He would reminisce about their special times together, as his tears flowed freely. This big burly guy was the gentlest of nurses. He wetted her lips with water, stroked her hair, and kissed her forehead while telling her how much he loved her. He would bring a smile and chuckle each time he asked her, "Who is the best darned Mom?" She was the lady all his friends called "Mom" and meant it. There is truth about what they say that there is something special about the love of a son for his mother.

Our sister, Mary Ann thought of Mom as her guardian angel since she was a little girl. She couldn't perceive her life without Mom. She just couldn't let her go. At the end Mary gave Mom a gift of peace; she told her that she would be all right. And Mom will be all right. She will watch over her husband and family. And now Mom will really be their guardian angel.

Mom was a wonderful cook and baker. We will never eat or celebrate as we did with her. She would always make the favorite foods for Dad, the children, the grandchildren, and the sons-in-law, too. She toiled from morning until night baking strudels and poticas. Every baked good was placed in the oven after she blessed it in the Slovenian language.

She was an excellent seamstress, and was always sewing something for the family. She also sewed all the Indian Guide, Cub Scout and Boy Scout patches on all the uniforms.

Her nurturing extended to all creatures great and small. I can't recall how many birdies, bunnies and other animals Mother nursed back to health.

She loved playing Balinca. She played at the Pristava, and on the league at St. Felicitas parish. We called her the Bocci Ball

queen. Anthony even made her a card while she was in the hospital with the two of them playing *balinca*. She also took up bowling just a year or so ago.

Mom and Oče were very active in KSKJ ever since I can remember. Both put in very long hours serving this organization.

She loved playing instant bingo. We always tried to bring her a few cards to scratch. Even in the hospital, Mary Ann did the bingo card scratching for Mom.

She loved her flower garden, especially her roses. Of all the beautiful floral arrangements in her hospital room, the nurses would remark about the simple arrangement of roses that Dad brought to her from her garden.

Mother loved her faith and her church. When we

told her we were so sorry that she was suffering, she told us how much Jesus must have suffered for us.

Words are so inadequate to truly express our mother's greatness, our inconsolable loss, and the void our hearts hold. Truly there are only a few people that are so good. But her legacy will live on. It is her love and family devotion that will live in her children. Her daughters will be better wives and mothers through her many examples of patience, tolerance and forgiveness. She touched so many people's lives. *Zlata Mama, Zlata Mama*. We will miss you so much.

This eulogy was given by Antonia (Šega) Snyder at the 10 a.m. Mass of the Resurrection for her mother on Monday, Aug. 10 in St. Vitus Church.

Faithful seek presence of saints

MARIA STEIN, Ohio – One by one they arrive. Passing silently through the doorway, they pad across polished wooden floors and disappear into a small chapel lit by a forest of red altar candles.

For Don Luken, it's "the most peaceful place in the world."

The retired banker, fighting prostate cancer and looking for answers, is among thousands of visitors who make a pilgrimage each year to the Shrine of the Holy Relics, sacred ground for Roman Catholics.

The shrine is in a former convent that seems to rocket out of the flat, fertile farmland of western Ohio's Mercer County.

The four-story, red brick building is crowned with cupolas. Towering overhead is a spire topped with a golden cross.

Inside are 1,100 relics.

The shrine's collection is the second-largest in the United States. Only St. Anthony's Chapel in Greensburg, Pa., with more than 5,000 relics, is larger.

In the religious sense, a

relic is an object associated with a saint or a martyr.

The Catholic church approves of homage being paid to relics believed – with reasonable probability – to be genuine.

Some people believe the relics put them in the presence of saints, who carry their prayers to God.

"I can get more out of coming out here for one hour than I can going to any other service," said Luken, who has made the 10-mile trip from his home in Coldwater each week for four years. He attributes his recovery from cancer to his prayers.

Only 500 of the 1,100 relics are on display because space is limited. They are sealed and displayed in glass cases built into a large intricately carved wooden altar, which was made in Cincinnati, shipped by canal and reassembled in the chapel.

Among the relics: a thorn believed to have been part of Jesus' crucifixion crown, a piece of wood from the Last Supper table, and a nail that touched a nail from the cross upon which he was crucified.

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Maple Pensioners Meeting Dates

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The meeting will be on the
fourth Wednesday of the
month. Our attendance prize
for August will be \$20.00.

Our September meeting
will be on Wednesday, Sept.
23 at noon at the Slovenian
National Home off Union
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Our October Dinner
Dance is on Oct. 11
(Sunday) at noon at the
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Friday, August 21

Dance at West Park
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130 St. from 7:30 to 11:30
p.m. Music by Frank
Moravcik.

Sunday, Aug. 23

St. Mary's (Collinwood)
Parish Picnic at Slovenska
Pristava. Entertainment by:
Veseli Godci, Kres, St.
Mary's Community Band,
Planika Dancers from Wind-
sor, Ontario. Mass at 12:00
followed by chicken/roast
beef dinner (\$10 adults, \$4
children).

Sunday, Aug. 23

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

Sunday, August 30

Primorskega Kluba picnic
at Slovenska Pristava.

Friday, Sept. 4

Dance at West Park

Slovenian Home, 4583 W.
130 St. from 7:30 to 11:30
p.m. Music by Bob Kravos.

Saturday, Sept. 5

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

Sunday, Sept. 6

Mass honoring Bishop
Frederick Baraga in St. John
Cathedral in downtown
Cleveland at 2 p.m., fol-
lowed by banquet and annual
Bishop Baraga Association
meeting in Slovenian Na-
tional Home, 6417 St. Clair
Ave., Cleveland. Banquet
tickets are SOLD OUT.

Monday, Sept. 7

Picnic at Slovenska Pris-
tava beginning with 11 a.m.
Mass celebrated by Arch-
bishop Dr. Franc Rode.
Light lunch and short cul-
tural program follows.

Friday, Sept. 11

Dance at West Park
Slovenian Home, 4583 W.
130 St. from 7:30 to 11:30
p.m. Music by Casuals.

Sunday, Sept. 13

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

Sunday, Sept. 13

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

Friday, Sept. 18

Dance at West Park
Slovenian Home, 4583 W.
130 St. from 7:30 to 11:30
p.m. Music by Dan Peters.

Sunday, Sept. 20

Slovenska Pristava Vin-
ska Trgatev (Veseli godci).

Sunday, Sept. 20

Wine Festival sponsored
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ety Triglav, held in Triglav
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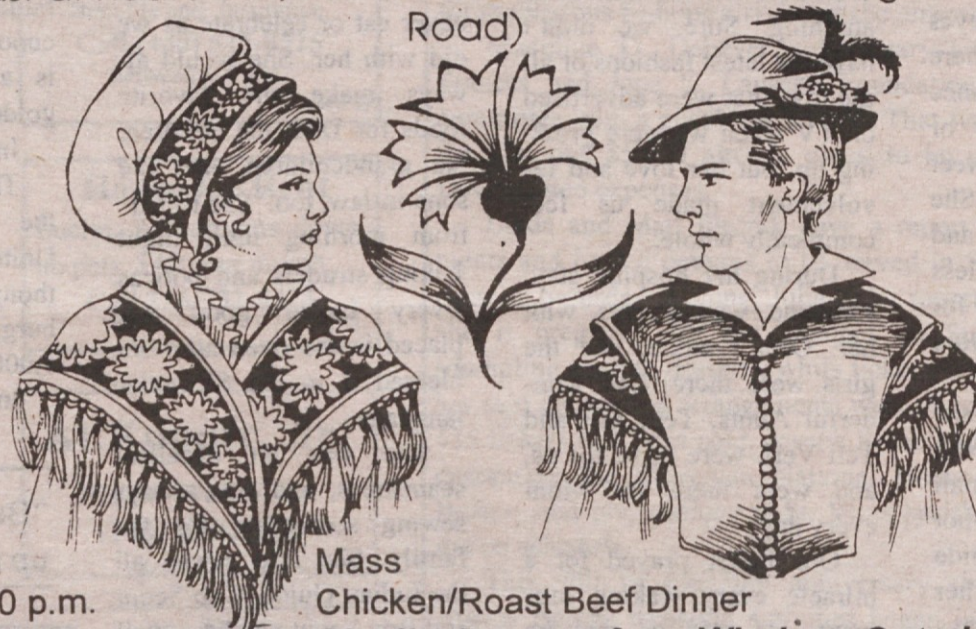
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August 23, 1998

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12:00 Noon
1:00 - 3:00 p.m.
3:00 p.m.
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4:15 p.m.
5:30 p.m.
8:00 p.m.

Mass
Chicken/Roast Beef Dinner
Planika Dancers from Windsor, Ontario
St. Mary Brass Band
Beginning of adult & children's games
"Veseli Godci" for Dancing throughout the day
"Kres" Dancers
Raffle Drawing

Food & Refreshments served throughout the day
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Death Notices

LOUIS ULE

Louis Ule, 82, died in Santa Rosa, California on July 28 after several years of declining health.

Louis was the son of Ivana (Jennie) Mekinda and her first husband Anton Ule. He was the first generation of his Slovenian family to be born in America in 1916. He grew up and was educated in the Cleveland area, where four of his younger sisters still reside.

Educated at DePaul University, Louis held a Master's Degree in Mathematics and was a Navy radar man in World War II. He was married to the former Mary Jane Strohm of Chicago, Illinois and they had four children: Carol Marie Kronberg, Nancy Mary Short, Corinne Rose Khalsa and Robert Louis Ule. Mary Ule died in 1987.

Louis was a "Renaissance man." He was fluent in four languages, including Slovenian, taught himself the piano as an adult, enjoyed traveling and camping, worked with abandon out in the yard and enjoyed a good hand of bridge. He worked as an engineer for most of his adult life in California. A pioneer in tube television development, he also was very involved in the Gemini and Apollo space programs. He was an inventor as well, and held some 20 U.S. patents.

In addition to his scientific pursuits, Louis Ule was passionate about Elizabethan playwright Christopher Marlowe and spent years researching the life of William Shakespeare. He wrote several versions of a book demonstrating with excellent arguments, that the real author of Shakespeare's plays and sonnets was Christopher Marlowe.

Louis Ule also was an expert Slovenian; so much so that he was in Slovenia the day independence was declared in 1991. With his father Jean Kidd of Euclid, he left the country just ahead of the flying bullets and such disorder.

Services were held in San

CARST-NAGY Memorials

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Pedro, California on August 3, 1998. In addition to his children, Louis Ule is survived by ten grandchildren, numerous nieces and nephews and his four sisters: Jean Kidd, Mary Ann Francis, Frances Francis and Chris Voyticky.

ANNA GORIŠEK

Anna Gorišek, 80, wife of the late Karl; mother of Boris (Diane), Karl P., Anthony (Janet), and Olga Merela (Frank); grandmother of Jennifer, Kristen, Franky, Eva, and Amanda.

Mrs. Gorisek will lie in state at St. Sergius Russian orthodox Cathedral, 6520 Broadview Rd., Thursday 5-9 p.m. and Funeral Service Friday, Aug. 21 at 10 a.m. Interment Holy Trinity Cemetery, Jordanville, New York.

Arrangements by The Yurch Funeral Home

Thanks

The family of Antonia Šega wish to express our sincerest gratitude to all for their support, prayers, flowers and generosity at the passing of our beloved wife, mother and grandmother.

Your kindness means so much to us.

One Year Anniversary



Edward Avsec
Died August 25, 1997

It has been one year since he quietly and suddenly left us and started on his spiritual journey to meet our God.

A man so dear, full of love, who cared for us and made us laugh with his encouraging words.

There in heaven his watchful, smiling eyes console and guide us as we try to continue on without him, while our hearts and thoughts cry out to him.

We miss and love him so.

Wife: Daniella
Children: Mark,
Sandy Petrovic, Ken
Daughter-in-law:
Lenora Avsec
Son-in-law: Frank Petrovic
Grandchildren: Dana, Ellen,
Steven, Craig and David

In Tribute to Rev. Vital Vodusek

AMERIŠKA DOMOVINA, AUGUST 20, 1998

Talk given on Sunday, May 31 by John Ravnik after Mass in Church of the Nativity celebrating 25th anniversary of the passing of Rev. Vital Vodusek in San Francisco.

(Continued from last week)

As he enriched his parishioners intellectually and theologically, he helped people in many other ways. The wave of refugees after the war added to his chores and he was able to offer much assistance. He was well known at the Immigration Office. The old and the sick were not neglected. Those in trouble found help. The homeless were always given food.

His incredibly strong physical institution easily overcame most health problems. Then they discovered his brain tumor. He accepted his fate with equanimity: his life work was done.

Thoughts on the Future

He envisioned retirement in a small parish or monastery in Koroska - before independent Slovenia. He would preach, read, write (translate the Breviary into Slovenian), and continue to compose poetry. He found many reasons for not realizing his dream: the parish needed him; Father Trunk

needed him; he would not leave his flock orphaned. His life ended abruptly, within a year after the diagnosis.

He was laid to rest in the cemetery of the city of St. Francis. This was one consolation, as St. Francis had been his idol. He admired "Il Poverello" for his complete abandonment to God's will, his loving ways, and his closeness to nature. He once said that to be a St. Francis required truly special faith.

In a way he was like St. Francis. He dedicated his life to the service of others. He revered every living being, delighted in the beauty of nature, and found joy and inspiration in tending flowers. Every dull corner of the parish house was brightened by a flower or a plant. The area between the church and

the barren cement walls of the surrounding buildings was filled with a forest of greenery, and since everything blooms in California, this haven became a little bit of heaven.

And so he rests, next to his fellow priests, Francis Turk and Jurij Trunk, surrounded by many parishioners for whom they all toiled, and under the peaceful gaze of Christ the Good Shepherd, a statue he commissioned and placed in the area of the cemetery reserved for many Slovenian families.

With all the troubles this parish experienced after his death, it is with deep gratitude that we remember this extraordinary individual and inspiring religious leader.

We need and we continue to pray for another such dedicated, faithful shepherd.

Alzheimer's Risk Factors

Who is most likely to fall victim to Alzheimer's disease? Because the exact cause or causes are still unknown, there's no sure way to tell. However, certain factors are indicators.

On the plus side

These factors may have a protective effect against Alzheimer's disease:

Education

Research suggests that individuals with a formal education through high school are less likely to develop Alzheimer's later in life.

Use of anti-inflammatory drugs

A number of retrospective studies indicate a protective effect from having used anti-inflammatory drugs such as ibuprofen. A correlation with stroke may be involved.

Estrogen replacement therapy

Estrogen replacement therapy (ERT), believed to protect women against heart disease and osteoporosis, may also protect them against Alzheimer's. The NIH Women's Health Initiative is launching a large memory study to see if ERT can prevent and/or treat Alzheimer's. Call 1 (800) 549-6646 for details.

Vitamin E

The National Institute on Aging-funded Alzheimer's Disease Cooperative Study at 23 U.S. centers showed that vitamin E delayed the effects of Alzheimer's in moderately advanced cases by about seven months and slowed the decline in ordinary functions like handling money, dressing, or bathing by about 25 percent. A further study with earlier-stage patients is planned.

On the minus side

The three most clear-cut risk factors are:

Age

The risk of Alzheimer's rises sharply with age, doubling in each decade after age 65. By some estimates, 50 percent of those aged 85 or over have Alzheimer's.

A family history of Alzheimer's disease

People with relatives who developed Alzheimer's are more likely to develop the disease themselves. To date, inherited damage to three genes helps explain why family history is a risk factor. Additionally, some evidence implicates another gene, known as apoE4, in an earlier onset of the disease.

Down's syndrome

Virtually all individuals who have Down's Syndrome also develop Alzheimer's disease.

Possible risk factors are:

Head trauma

Some studies have found that Alzheimer's occurs more often among people who suffered traumatic head injuries earlier in life. A major survey of W.W.II veterans is seeking evidence to corroborate this finding.

Heart disease

There appears to be an increased incidence of Alzheimer's in people who have heart problems.

SOURCES: National Institute on Aging; Dr. David Schubert, The Salk Institute

In Loving Memory

Of the 6th Anniversary of

Mary Muniza-Klemencic



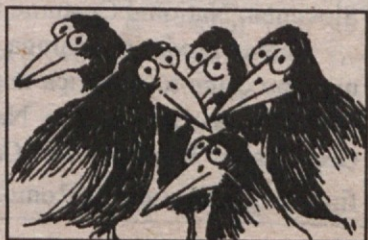
Aug. 26, 1992 was a sad day for all who knew and loved you.

We below, your family, can't forget who and what you were to us all.

Love,
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Mim A. - Tillie
Nephews - John - Ed
Granddaughters -
Linda - Laura
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HAPpy News

Holmes Avenue Pensioners (169 of them) and President John Habat welcomed Ward 11 Councilman Mike Polensek to their August meeting. He spoke briefly on the several major projects that are underway in greater Collinwood and Nottingham designed to turn around decaying areas.

Most significant is the complete leveling of what we all remember as the old N.Y.C. rail yard, for soon-to-be-established diversified businesses on that property. The focal point will be CSX Collinwood Intermodal Facility, a hub for container transport, certainly a growing method for transporting goods these days.

In addition, the Jergens Co. will set up their corporate headquarters on this site and other businesses are indicating interest in using some of the property as well. Councilman Polensek also cited the demolition of the old, infamous "pink motel" on Lake Shore Blvd. near Nottingham Road. In its place construction will begin on "Water's Edge," upscale condominiums with a \$165,000 price tag.

The Councilman introduced Meg McGarry and Ann Coan who head the Collinwood and Nottingham Villages Development Corp., and the Northeast Shores Development Corp., respectively. They provided further detail on some of the other commercial and housing development that has been taking place and helping to rejuvenate the area. Overall, the picture for this community is looking much

brighter, due in large part to these three enthusiastic, hard-working individuals. We appreciated the time they shared with us and the information they provided.

Members were still buzzing about the fun and fine weather that were a part of the annual HAP picnic at the White Rd. picnic grounds in July. For pure, casual entertainment, outdoor relaxation and true fellowship, this summer event can't be beat! Matt Kajfez (bar), Dom Cekada (food), Ann Bechert (bake sale) and Matt Zabukovec (music, parking, set up) each thanked everyone who volunteered to assist them in making the day special for all those who attended. We, in turn, thank the above-mentioned individuals for their dedication and very active involvement in the various aspects of the picnic.

Big prize winners were: Ralph Urbancek, Emily La Porte, Emily Pugel, Rudy Krupitzer and Joe Vergoch. Congratulations to all.

Financially speaking, the picnic was a success as well. Proceeds will go toward our winter banquet.

Sadly, our list of deceased members was rather long this month because more than 2 months have passed since our last formal meeting. Our deepest sympathy goes out to the families and friends of: Frank Dremel, Josephine Krivec, Clarence Roesch, Anthony Sedmak, Amelia Seege and Fred Trobenter. May they all rest in God's peace.

Fran Kajfez reviewed the various trips scheduled for

the remainder of the year, all of which are presently filled. Two things should be remembered for those who would like to go on these trips but signed up too late. One of the "perks" of attending meetings is being there when new trips are announced and having the opportunity of signing up right away. Secondly, putting oneself on a waiting list is always a good idea, since, invariably, someone has to cancel. The big secret is to keep that date open on one's calendar in order to be ready and available when called.

Belated congratulations to HAP members Dorothy and Bob Lamm and John and Mary Penca who were named "Mother and Father of the Year" by their respective lodges at the AMLA dinner held a while back. What a nice honor for these special individuals.

A reminder that a special "Music Fest" will be held at the Holmes Avenue Hall on September 13th, beginning at 5:00 p.m. This event will honor Joey Tomsick and is free.

Finally, I owe an apology to a new HAP member. A few articles ago, I listed Mary Zimmerman as one of several members added to our group 'Zimmerman' was what these poor, aging ears of mine heard when the list was originally announced. Unfortunately, I later learned that "Zimperman" was what was actually said. What a difference one letter makes. However, not only did I get the name wrong, but I failed to take note that Mary as well as her husband Don were both listed as new members. So, to Mary and Don Zimperman, along with our latest additions, Jean Bezek, Marion Bocian, Chris and Joan Chermely, Max Jeric, Tony Ruttar, Toni Turk, and Bill and Helen Wojnovich, we extend warm expressions of welcome.

To everyone, have a safe and enjoyable Labor Day week-end. Savor these last few weeks of summer to the fullest. As for me, I'm off to the Audiologist to get my ears checked.

Stay HAPpy!



For every 100 women over 65, there are only 77 men.

French Green Bean Salad

Ingredients:

- 2 pounds fresh French green beans, blanched
- ½ cup red pepper, julienne cut
- ½ cup yellow pepper, julienne cut
- 1 medium-sized onion, julienne cut
- 1 cup olive oil
- ½ cup Balsamic vinegar
- ¼ cup sugar
- 1 clove garlic, sliced
- Salt and pepper

Preparation

- (1) Place vegetables in a dish.
- (2) In a bowl, mix olive oil and vinegar.
- (3) Add sugar and garlic.
- (4) Add salt and pepper to taste.
- (5) Pour over vegetables.
- (6) Marinate in refrigerator two to four hours.
- (7) Serve chilled.

ZESTY CHICKEN ITALIANO

- 2 tablespoons butter or margarine
- 1 lb. boneless skinless chicken, cut into 1-inch pieces
- 1 clove garlic, minced
- 1 ½ cups thinly sliced zucchini
- 1 ½ cups sliced fresh mushrooms
- 1 ¾ cups (14 ½ oz. can) whole tomatoes, undrained, quartered
- 1 ½ teaspoons dried oregano leaves
- ½ teaspoon lemon pepper seasoning
- 1/8 teaspoon ground cayenne pepper (optional)
- 1/3 pkg. (16 oz.) Vermicelli, uncooked
- Grated parmesan cheese (optional)

In large skillet, melt butter; cook chicken until lightly browned. Add garlic, zucchini and mushrooms; cook 2 minutes. Stir in remaining ingredients except pasta and cheese; simmer, uncovered, 10 minutes or until sauce is slightly thickened.

Meanwhile, cook pasta according to package directions; drain. Serve hot pasta with sauce. Sprinkle with cheese, if desired. 8 servings.

Sweet & Sour Cabbage

This Pennsylvania-Dutch favorite calls for fresh chopped apples.

- 2 tablespoons margarine or butter
- 2 Granny Smith apples, peeled, cored, chopped
- 1 medium onion, finely chopped
- 1 medium heat red cabbage (2 pounds), cut into quarters, cored, and coarsely chopped
- 3 tablespoons cider vinegar
- 1 teaspoon sugar
- 1 teaspoon salt
- ¼ teaspoon coarsely ground black pepper

1. - In deep 12-inch skillet or 5-quart Dutch oven, melt margarine or butter over medium heat. Add apples and onion, and cook until soft, about 5 minutes, stirring occasionally.

2. - Gradually stir in cabbage, vinegar, sugar, salt, and pepper. Cook 12 minutes, until cabbage is tender but still slightly crunchy, stirring occasionally.

Cleveland Bishop Baraga Weekend Activities

The annual Bishop Baraga meeting and celebrations this year will be held in Cleveland, Ohio. They are:

Saturday, September 5 - 6:30 p.m. Slovenian Mass in St. Vitus Church, 6019 Glass Avenue. Most Rev. Dr. Franc Rode Archbishop of Slovenia, will be main celebrant and homilist. - Social will follow in St. Vitus School auditorium. Refreshments for the Saturday evening social will be underwritten by the American Slovenian Catholic Union (KSKJ).

Sunday, Sept. 6 - 2:00 p.m. Mass in Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist, E. 9th St. and Superior Avenue in downtown Cleveland. Bishop Anthony Pilla will be the main celebrant and homilist. -

Annual Bishop Baraga Meeting and banquet follows at approximately 4:30 p.m. in the Slovenian National Home on St. Clair Avenue. Main speaker is Dr. Robert White. Banquet tickets are SOLD OUT.

We hope to see a large number of people dressed in Slovenian National Costume for both occasions.

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VESTI IZ SLOVENIJE

Nancy Ely-Raphel zaprisegla in postala tretja veleposlanica ZDA v Sloveniji

Pretekli četrtek popoldne je na manjši slovesnosti v State Departmentu prisegla kot tretja ameriška veleposlanica v Sloveniji po Alanu Wendtu in Victorju Jackovichu izkušena diplomatka Nancy Ely-Raphel, ki je sicer vdova nekdanjega ameriškega veleposlanika v Pakistanu. Slovesnost se je vršila le nekaj ur po žalostni vrnitvi v ZDA trupel ameriških diplomatov in vladnih uslužbencev, ubitih v terorističnem dejanju v Keniji. Nova veleposlanica naj bi prišla v Slovenijo zadnje dne tega meseca in bo potem na posebni slovesnosti poverilno listino izročila predsedniku Slovenije Milanu Kučanu. Glavni govornik ob zaprisegi Ely-Raphelove v State Departmentu je bil Thomas Pickering, namestnik ameriške zunanje ministrice, zadolžen za politične zadeve. Običajna mandatna doba za veleposlanike je tri leta, vendar je to odvisno končno od samega predsednika Združenih držav.

V svojem poročilu za *Delo* je listov dopisnik v New Yorku Veso Stojanov citiral Pickeringov nagovor takole:

"V kratkem času je Slovenija prehodila dolgo pot, med katero je presegla zapuščino komunistične vladavine in se opredelila za oblikovanje demokratičnih ustanov, tržno ekonomijo ter spoštovanje človekovih pravic." Pickering je tudi poudaril, poroča Stojanov, da je Slovenija zelo resna kandidatka za članstvo v Natu v naslednjem krogu širitve.

Pickering dalje: "Čeprav je slovensko-

Nancy Ely-Raphel, nova veleposlanica Združenih držav v Sloveniji



ameriška skupnost maloštevilčna, je njen prispevek k razvoju ZDA precej velik. Senatorja Harkin in Lausche, kongresnika Oberstar in Eckart, guverner Voinovich so svoje delovanje posvetili tej deželi. Televizijski novinar Charles Kuralt, astronaut Ronald Šega, nekdanji komandant pacifiške flote mornarice admiral Zlatoper, nosilca olimpijskega zlatega odličja Eric Heiden in Peter Vidmar so samo nekateri slovenski Američani, ki so dosegli najvišjo raven v svojem delovanju."

S svojimi besedami je Pickering znova potrdil temeljno gledanje ameriške vlade na Slovenijo, ki je bilo že večkrat izraženo.

Slovenski verniki množično proslavili praznik Marijnega vnebovzeta

V vseh večjih romarskih krajih so maševali slovenski škofje in apostolski nuncij, ljubljanski nadškof, dr. Franc Rode, pa tako kot lani na Brezjah, kjer je bila tokrat tudi obnovljena posvetitev slovenskega naroda božji materi Mariji. V mašnem nagovoru večtisočglavi množici je nadškof Rode med drugim poudaril, da je med slovenskim narodom, medtem ko se oddaljuje obdobje osamosvojitve, vse več razočaranja in mrtvila. Ljudje se odtegujejo odgovornosti za družbo in se vedejo do države, kot da ni njihova, obenem pa se čutijo nemočne spričo tega, kar se dogaja na gospodarskem področju, do politike pa imajo predvsem negativen odnos. To so po nadškofovih besedah nedvomno ostanki totalitarne miselnosti, s katero ali nismo hoteli ali nismo znali presekati. Poudaril je tudi, da sprava ne steče in ne steče, družbeno pravičnost in solidarnost pa le redkokdaj omenjamo.

Maševali so tudi drugi škofi in sicer Franc Kramberger, Metod Pirih, Jožef Kvas in upokojeni ljubljanski nadškof dr. Alojzij Šuštar. V Turnišču, najbolj obiskano romarsko središče v Pomurju, pa je somaševal apostolski nuncij mons. Edmund Farhat.

Združevanje strank precej odvisno od morebitne spremembe volivnega sistema - Združevanje tako na levi kot desni

V komentarju v ponedeljkovem *Delu* novinar Vladimir Vodušek meni, da leto-

šnje poletje ni prineslo velikih političnih dogodkov. Nato se je dotaknil vprašanja združevanja nekaterih političnih strank in trdil, da je to precej, morda odločilno odvisno od spremembe volilnega sistema. Največ govora je o možnosti združitve SLS in SKD, kar od leta 1990, a se to iz različnih razlogov ni zgodilo. Takole piše:

"Združitev omenjenih strank in nastanek večje konservativne stranke na desni je pričakovati pred naslednjimi parlamentarnimi volitvami (l. 2000, op. ur. AD). Realnost projekta pa je odvisna predvsem od volilnega sistema. Če bo ostal proporcionalni sistem, bi se morebitno združevanje strank zavleklo še po letu 2000, če pa se bo zgodila sprememba ustave in volilne zakonodaje, je možno pričakovati združevanje tako na levi kot na desni strani. Seveda ni v središču samo zgodba med SKD in SLS, ampak se podobno dogaja tudi na levici, kjer vedno bolj konkurirata med sabo liberalna demokracija in združena lista, prav tako pa ni rešeno vprašanje socialdemokracije.

V prihodnosti naj bi namreč v državi nastale tri večje stranke: konservativna, liberalna in socialdemokratska. Nekaj poskusov približevanja med obema socialdemokracijama (SDS in ZLSD) je sicer že bilo, vendar so ob spravi in tudi ob nekaterih drugih političnih projektih mneneja zelo različna. Ne gre samo za mneneja voditeljev obeh strank, ampak tudi ljudi, ki se deklarirajo kot socialdemokrati." Možnosti za spremembo volilnega sistema trenutno niso kaj obetavne.

Iz Clevelanda in okolice

Farni piknik to nedeljo—

To nedeljo bo na Slovenski pristavi vsakoletni piknik fare Marije Vnebovzete. Ob 12. uri bo sv. maša, sledi kosilo (pečen piščanec/goveja pečenka). Celoten spored je v oglasu na str. 6 angleškega dela. Vsekakor si rezervirajte ta dan in pridite na piknik!

Prodaja krofov in peciva—

Članice Oltarnega društva fare Marije Vnebovzete bodo prodajale krofe in pecivo to soboto od 8.30 zjutraj v šolski dvorani. Pridite!

Važen sestanek—

Upokojenci Slovenske pristave so lepo vabljeni na zelo važen mesečni sestanek v sredo, 26. avgusta, ob 1.30 pop., na Pristavi. Več v dopisu na str. 11.

Zahvala in Bog plačaj!—

Družina Antonije (Tončke) Šega se vsem mnogoštevilnim prijateljem in znancem, ki so nam bili v pomoč in oporo za molitve, sočutje, cvetje in naklonjenost v najbolj žalostnih urah družine Šega iz srca in iskreno zahvaljuje!

Novi grobovi

Anna Gorisek

Umrla je 80 let stara Anna Gorisek, vdova po Karlu, mati Borisa (Diane), Karla P., Anthonyja (Janet) in Olge Merele (Frank), 5-krat stara mati. Ure kropljenja bodo nocoj od 5. do 9. v ruski pravoslavni stolnici sv. Sergeja na 6520 Broadview Rd., ob 7h zv. bo Panihida obred. Pogreb bo jutri, v petek, ob 10. dop., s pokopom na pokopališču Sv. Trojice v Jordanvillu, New York. Pogreb je v oskrbi pogrebnega zavoda Yurch (216-398-1010).

Irene A. Kalan

Umrla je Irene A. Kalan, rojena Ogrin, žena Vernona, mati Lorraine Jensen, LaVerne Beatty, Laurie Kalan in Marilyn Kircher, 2-krat stara mati. Pogreb bo privaten, družinski.

Frank Zidar st.

Umrli je Frank Zidar st., mož Dorti, roj. Cuk, oče Franka ml. in Stanleyja, 6-krat stari oče, 2-krat prastari oče, brat Staneta, Sloviter že pok. Marije, Ane, Francke, Maksa in Jureta. Pogreb je bil 18. avgusta v oskrbi Ferfolijevega zavoda s sv. mašo v cerkvi sv. Barnabe in pokopom na pokopališču Northfield Macedonia. (dalje na str. 15)

Piknik Primorskega kluba—

Primorski klub vabi na svoj piknik v nedeljo, 30. avgusta, na Slovenski pristavi. Pričetek bo s sv. mašo ob 12.30, sledilo bo kosilo, ki se bo serviralo do 3h. Nato bodo na voljo raznovrstni sendviči, čevapčiči itd. Za ples in zabavo bo igral ansambel Tonyja Klepca. V solidarnosti s svojimi rojaki v Sloveniji, namenja Primorski klub ves dobiček piknika v pomoč od nedavnega potresa prizadetim krajem.

Pozdravljajo—

V uredništvu smo ta teden prejeli razglednico s podpisimi maturantov Slovenske šole pri Sv. Vidu. Takole pišejo: "Prejmite naše pristrčne pozdrave iz prelepe Slovenije. Prav dobro se imamo: veliko smo že doživeli, veliko že prehodili, veliko že se naučili. Podrobnosti sledijo ob vrnitvi čez nekaj dni." Poštni žig iz Vrhnik kaže, da je bila razglednica poslana 8. avg.

Baragova proslava—

V obeh delih današnje AD vas opozarjamo na bližajočo se Baragovo proslavo. Lepo ste vabljeni, da se udeležite čim več njenih dogodkov. Vstopnice za banket v nedeljo, 6. sept., so pa že zdavnaj razprodane.

Krofi in rezanci—

Oltarno društvo fare Sv. Vida bo imelo prodajo krofov in rezancev v soboto, 29. avgusta, od 8. ure zjutraj dalje, v društveni sobi šolskega avditorija.

Preminula v Sloveniji—

Pred nedavnim je v Sloveniji umrla Zima Vrščaj-Holy, ki je bila predsednica Slovenske izseljenske matice v letih 1964-68.

Spominski dar—

Ga. Vera Breskvar Maričević, Saddle Brook, NJ, je darovala \$20 v podporo našemu listu, v spomin pokojnih družine Breskvar. Hvala lepa!

V tiskovni sklad—

G. Dušan Maršič, Eastlake, O., je daroval \$15 v podporo AD. \$20 je v isti namen poklonil g. Anton Babnik, Putnam Valley, NY. G. John Košir, Burlington, Ontario, Kanada, je tudi daroval \$20, kakor je Rev. Karl Pečovnik iz Parkers Prairieja, Minn. In svoj dar \$20 je poslal tudi ga. Karolina Kastelic iz Toronta, Kanada. Vsem zvestim naročnikom in dobrosrčnim darovalcem se najlepše zahvalimo!

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Še o letošnjih Baragovih dnevih

Pretekli četrtek je imel ad hoc odbor za pripravo Baragovih dni v Clevelandu svoj zadnji sestanek pred prvim septembrom. Na dobro obiskanem sestanku, so člani odbora pod odličnim vodstvom g. Debevca, sprejeli odločitve in razdelili odgovornosti za še zadnje malenkosti za uspešno pripravo Baragovega dne. Prosimo vse Slovence v Clevelandu, častilce škofa Barage in vse prijatelje, da se nam pridružijo pri vseh dejavnostih, ki so organizirane za letošnji Baragov dan. Naša navzočnost bo pokazala ne samo gostoljubnost clevelandskih Slovencev, pač pa tudi našo ljubezen in predanost delu za beatifikacijo škofa Barage.

Program prireditev bo potekal po naslednjem razporedu:

V soboto, 5. septembra, bo daroval ljubljanski nadškof in slovenski metropolit dr. Franc Rode slovesno
(dalje na str. 12)



Letošnji Baragovi dnevi bodo v Clevelandu. Pred 63 leti, 22. septembra 1935, je bil v takrat sicer Jugoslovanskem kulturnem vrtu odkrit doprsni kip škofa Friderika Barage, navzoč je bil ljubljanski škof dr. Gregorij Rožman. Nekoč Jugoslovanski kulturni vrt je bil po glasovanju clevelandskega mestnega sveta pred leti uradno preimemovan v "Slovenski kulturni vrt" in ga mnogi prizadevni rojaki in rojakinje prizadevajo obnavljati v res pravi "vrt".

Obisk Slovenske šole fare Marije Vnebovzete v Sloveniji



Foto kaže večino skupine šolarjev Slovenske šole fare Marije Vnebovzete, ko jih je sprejel koprski škof Metod Pirih. Škof Pirih ima skrb tudi za Slovence, ki živijo po svetu in je obiskal Cleveland zadnjič ob praznovanju 90. obletnice ustanovitve fare Marije Vnebovzete. Šolarji so mu podelili posebno majico in si je škof vzel nekaj trenutkov, da si jo je oblekel in se vrnil med šolarje za to fotografijo. Na škofovi levi stoji č.g. Janez Kumše, župnik fare Marije Vnebovzete. Kam se je mudila mlajša učenka nam niso pojasnili.



Med obiskom Maribora in mariborske stolnice, se je skupina ustavila ob spomeniku škofu Antonu Martinu Slomšku, ki bo kmalu razglašen za svetnika. Spomenik je bil postavljen leta 1991 in je v neposredni bližini mariborske stolnice.



Fotografija je bila posneta v pri Spominskem križu v Kočevskem rogu, ki ga je skupina šolarjev tudi obiskala. V neposredni bližini je bilo pomorjenih po koncu druge svetovne vojne več tisoč domobrancev in drugih žrtev komunističnega nasilja.

Janez Markeš v MAG-u...

Svinčena sprava

Slovenska sprava postaja eden najbolj kontraktornih pojmov pri nas. Postaja posprava. Kot se je dokaj jasno izrisalo v zadnjem desetletju, jo spremljata še dva pomembna parasociološka pojava: laž kot splošna družbena definicija in politična nezmožnost kot protiukrep.

Med laž in spravo se vrnja družbena "železna zaveza" kot še nepozabljena grožnja in simbol, med spravo in uspeh strank ter skupin, ki se sklicujejo nanjo kot na protiukrep, pa se izrisuje nova Slovenija kot realnost, ki govori o njihovi nezmožnosti in politični slabokrvnosti. Cinizem desetletja je, da je morala slovensko spravo opredeliti Evropa, nevarnost stoletja pa je, da utegne pravna neopравilnost Slovenije pripeljati do začetka simbolnega, nato pa dejanskega razpadanja države. V to brezno Slovenija drvi hitreje, kot si je pripravljena priznati.

Laž kot podlaga sprave. Pojem sprave je bil v slovenskem prostoru populariziran in iztrgan iz religijskega pojmovnega aparata na koncu osemdesetih let prek Spomenke Hribar. Nemara ni naključje, da sta se slednjič tako sprava kakor tudi Hribarjeva znašla pri ZLSD in njenem predsedniku Borutu Pahorju.

To, da jo je stranka, ki je obenem tudi najbolj na njenem udaru, zavrnila, je povsem logično. Pravo vprašanje je, zakaj se je o tem sploh pogajala, zakaj pogovarjala in zakaj je sploh privolila v Pahorjev pogajalski mandat pri medstrankarskem usklajevanju glede deklaracije in izjave o narodni spravi.

Da je prišlo do najaktualnejše (kdove katere že) ohladitve glede tako imenovanih pravih dokumentov, ni po mnenju in prepričanju poznavalcev prav nič nenavadnega. Nasprotno. Nad vse nenavadno bi bilo, če bi po vseh izkušnjah iz slovenskega političnega in družbenega dogajanja do podpisa takega dokumenta prišlo.

Kajti deset let pravnega gibanja v Sloveniji je pokazalo, da je prav laž (bese-da, ki žal ne more biti drugače postavljena kot trdo) najpomembnejše vezivo dokumentov o spravi in da brez nje o slovenski spravi tako rekoč ni mogoče govoriti. Ali bolje povedano, tudi če bi se bili protagonisti politike pripravljali podrediti spravi, se pod nobenim pogojem ne bi bili pripravljali odpovedati laži, ki je slovenski spravi prilepljena na hrbet.

Za to trditev je veliko dokazov. Bolj kot to pa je pomembna ugotovitev, da je mogoče z veliko stopnjo verjetnosti sklepati, da brez korenitejših družbenih, posledično pa političnih premikov sprava v Sloveniji ni mogoča. V govorjenje o njej družbene dejavnike sili jo predvsem objektivne okoliščine narave.

Prva od njih je sklicevanje na demokracijo in evropske vrednote, najpomembnejša pa je nedvomno resolucija 1096 Sveta Evrope, ki jo politični prostor, zlasti pa relevantne stranke, kot sta ZLSD in LDS, skušajo nevtralizirati in približati svojemu okviru kot dolgoročno nenevaren politični dejavnik.

Kako je Rog postal spet aktualen. Naj spomnimo. V Rogu se je na začetku prvega parlamentarnega sklica 1990 po formalnem padcu komunizma zgodila tako imenovana pravna maša, ki se je udeležil tudi tedanji in zdajšnji predsednik Milan Kučan, vodil jo je nadškof dr. Alojzij Šuštar, roke v žepih pa je držal Janez Kocijančič. Režiserka te pravne ceremonije je bila Spomenka Hribar.

Sprava je bila tedaj koncipirana pod vtisom, da oblast prevzemajo nove politične sile in da se imajo "stari" česa bati. Zato je bila, skozi današnjo optiko je to mogoče rekonstruirati, koncipirana tudi kakor končno dejanje, ki ne predvideva nadaljnjih postopkov. Na to se je prav pred kratkim v enem od radijskih pogovorov eksplicitno skliceval tudi predsednik Milan Kučan.

Tam, kjer je bila sprava locirana in nekako ustavljena, se je zdaj v vsej neja-

(dalje na str. 12)



Pred nedavnim je Slovenski kulturni center v Lemontu obiskal državni tožilec zvezne države Illinois Jim Ryan. Ogledal si je prostore ustanove, ustanovljene leta 1994, sprejeli in ob obisku spremljali so ga pa člani direktorija. Vse sodelujoče je g. Ryan pohvalil ob njih prizadevanjih za ohranjanje slovenske dediščine in zgodovine. Z leve na fotografiji so: Vera Magajne, dr. Jože Bernik, 2. podpreds. SKC Stanley Markun, g. Ryan, in podpreds. Andrej Remec.

Pristavski upokojenci poročajo

CLEVELAND, O. – Vsi člani in članice ste lepo vabljeni, da se udeležite mesečnega sestanka v sredo, 26. avgusta, pop. ob 1.30 na Slovenski pristavi. Komaj smo se poslovili od našega pokojnega tajnika Lojzeta Bajca, nas je po kratki boleznici zapustila naša zvesta članica ga. Antonija Šega. Še pred par tedni je še vsa vesela balinala na Pristavi. Vesela, nasmejana je bila vedno. Zato je tako težko sprejeti, da je ni več med nami. Možu Franku in družini pok. Antonije ter vsem sorodnikom naše iskreno sožalje.

Pred nami so Baragovi dnevi. Udeležimo se vseh slovesnosti; to je sv. maša v soboto, 5. septembra, zvečer ob 6.30 pri Sv. Vidu, po maši pa programa v avditoriju. V nedeljo, 7. sept., bo sv. maši v clevelandski stolnici ob 2. uri pop. Naše članice in vse druge Slovenke prosimo, da se teh sv. maš udeležite v narodnih nošah. Še posebej vabimo čim več belokranjskih noš.

V ponedeljek, na Delavski dan praznik, bomo sprejeli na Pristavi ob 10.30 dop. ljubljanskega nadškofa in metropolita Slovenije dr. Franca Rodeta. Maševal bo ob 11. uri v kapelici Marije Pomagaj, na Orlovem vrhu. Po maši bo kosilo, nato kratek kulturni program in srečanje z nadškofom. Naj bo ta dan res praznik vse slovenske skupnosti.

Na našem sestanku to sredo, 26. avgusta, se bomo podrobno zmenili, kako lahko upokojenci pripomoremo, da bodo Baragovi dnevi in sprejem nadškofa na Pristavi čim slovesnejši. Zato, res, vsi pridite na naš mesečni sestanek!

Za odbor: U.F.

Sporočilo Slovensko ameriškega sveta:

CLEVELAND, O. – Slovenski ameriški svet, ki pripravlja srečanje ljubljanskega nadškofa in slovenskega metropolita dr. Franca Rodeta na Slovenski pristavi na Delavski dan praznik, 7. septembra, sporoča, da bo ob enajsti uri dopoldne daritev sv. maše pri spominski kapeli. Po sv. maši bo na voljo kosilo. Po kosilu, ob 2h popoldan, bomo pozdravili prevz. nadškofa in metropolita in mu pripravili kratek program. Po programu pa bo priložnost za vse udeležence, da se srečajo z gospodom nadškofom.

Da pa bo sprejem in srečanje z nadškofom Rodetom bolj praznično, naprošamo vse, ki imajo narodne noše, da pridejo na Pristavo v nošah.

Priporočamo tudi, naj bi udeleženci prinesli s seboj zložljive stole, za sv. mašo in popoldanski program.

Vsa slovenska javnost je prisrčno vabljen!

Še nekaj o Baragovih dnevih

(nadaljevanje s str. 10)

sv. mašo skupaj z gostujočimi škofi in duhovniki v cerkvi Sv. Vida na Glass Ave. Prosim, da se sv. maše udeležite v čim večjem številu. Narodne noše so seveda še posebej toplo vabljene. Zbirališče narodnih noš bo ob 6. zv. na dvorišču pred župniščem, od koder se bo razvila slovesna procesija v cerkev.

Po sv. maši bo družabno srečanje v župnijski dvorani, kjer si bo moč ogledati odlično predstavitev škofa Barage in požrtvovalnega dela za božje kraljestvo ostalih slovenskih misijonarjev. Razstavo je pripravil in uredil g. profesor dr. Edi Gobec.

V nedeljo, 6. septembra, bo ob 2. pop. glavna sv. maša v stolnici sv. Janeza Evangelista. Ob glavnem celebrantu clevelandskemu škofu Antonu Pilli bodo poleg ljubljanskega nadškofa somaševali še ostali gostujoči škofje in duhovniki. **Narodne noše so seveda prisrčno dobrodošle.** Zbirališče za narodne noše bo ob 1.30 pop. na dvorišču za stolnico, od koder se bo tudi razvila slovesna procesija ob pričetku sv. maše. Sv. daritvi bo sledil banket v Slovenskem narodnem domu na St. Clair Avenue.

Ponedeljek, 7. septembra, bo v znamenju prijateljskega srečanja na Slovenski pristavi. Po stari slovenski navadi bodo "Pristavčani" sprejeli g. nadškofa s kruhom in soljo ob 10.30 pri vhodu na Pristavo. Ob 11. uri bo g. nadškof daroval sv. mašo. Po maši bo čas za sproščen klepet in srečanje z gospodom nadškofom, ki bo ostal na Pristavi do poznih popoldanskih ur, ko se bo odpeljal proti Torontu.

Številna udeležba na letošnjem Baragovem dnevu bo ne samo pokazala, kako cenimo škofa Baraga, ampak bo tudi potrdila našo zavest in pripadnost slovenski skupnosti.

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Svinčena sprava

(nadaljevanje s str. 11)

snosti in kontradiktornosti tudi odprla. Pri pobojih v Rogu in pri vprašanju domobranstva oziroma kolaboracije.

Toda toliko let potem je niso načeli prizadeti, temveč krog reformističnega loka komunistov ter njihove politične in zgodovinske izpeljave, liberalnih demokratov. O spravi se je pač vnovič začelo govoriti, ker se je v evropskem parlamentu pojavila resolucija 1096, ki sicer ne govori o spravi, temveč o ukrepih za odpravo nekdanjih totalitarnih komunističnih sistemov. Znova se je torej pokazalo, kako je sprava mimo interesnega polja razprave o komunizmu za Slovence povsem nefunkcionalen in obravnave nevreden pojem. Pri njenem obravnavanju v Sloveniji so se izoblikovali predvsem (pogojno rečeno) trije modeli.

Spomenka, Bučar in Janša. Prvi spraven model slovenskega naroda smo pravzaprav že popisali, bistvo njegove vsebine pa je v dejstvu, da se je 1990 v Rogu končala in za seboj ne potegne konsekvenc. Ta model spravo dojema kot historično in enkratno dejanje, ki predvsem tako imenovani drugi strani na drugem bregu tega dejanja onemogoča nadaljnje izpeljevanje spravnega dogovora oziroma dejanja.

Sprava je bila denimo videti tako, da se je tat opravičil, ker je kradel, žrtev (oškodovanec) mu je to odpustila, nadškof Alojzij Šuštar pa je to ganjeno blagoslovil. Tat po tem dejanju ukradenega predmeta ni imel niti za potrebno niti za dolžnost vrniti okradene-

mu lastniku. Še huje se ta logika izrisuje, ko se pogovarjamo na relaciji morilci-žrtve.

Najbolj pa udari v glavo, ko v širši družbi demokratičnosti postane najboljša zaveznica kriminalcev, protagonistov totalitarizma in družbenih silnic, ki bi se po vsej naravni logiki morale iz družbenega prizorišča umakniti s sklonjeno, in ne (arogantno) vladati naprej z dvignjeno glavo. Tu nastopi drugi model sprave, pogojno rečeno Bučarjev model.

Sprava je po tem modelu zaobsežena v tako imenovani proceduralni pravičnosti, zato sama po sebi ni potrebna. V Sloveniji je bila tako dosežena v trenutku, ko je bila sprejeta nova ustava, udejanjena formalna demokracija.

Tranzicija je predvsem v tem, da pusti nekdanje komuniste delovati, kajti kar koli naredijo prav, je v korist Slovenije, kar koli naredijo narobe, pa je narobe zgolj, če neposredno kršijo zakon. Najbolje jih je torej pustiti pri miru, kajti vsak antikomunizem jih legitimira, saj niso več komunisti, postali so kapitalisti, preganjanje ideologije, ki so jo zapustili, pa jim lahko samo koristi.

Da je to tega sploh prišlo, so krivi konservativci, katoliška cerkev, domobranci in revanšistična desnica, ki je sicer zgodovinsko leta 1941 ustavila liberalizacijo Slovenije. Edini izhod torej je, da se vsi elementi družbe striktno držijo načel proceduralne pravičnosti in čakajo, da bo čas postavil stvari na svoje mesto.

Kar resnični demokrati lahko naredijo, je, da inti-

mno višajo svoje moralne standarde in čakajo, da bodo nekoč izvoljeni, vendar je najboljši model proporcionalni volilni sistem, ki bo preprečeval, da na oblast pride ideologija antikomunizma in klerikalizem, če pa bo kdo šel v mešano koalicijo, pa bo potrdil svojo zgodovinsko kolaboracijo. Ta model sprave je izzval seveda še zadnji protimodel, ki ga je v svojem političnem delovanju zavzel Janša.

Lustracija bi bila najboljša podlaga za razpravo o spravi, vendar ta ni mogoča, ker v parlamentu ni zadostne politične večine za kaj takega. Ker pa je sprava vsenacionalno dejanje in ker je očitno, da je ne bo, se je treba opreti na dve načeli: na načelo internacionalizacije ter načelo dolgoročnosti.

Janša s spravo ni imel nikakršnih možnosti, zato je ocenil, da je se je treba politično poglobiti korak globlje v politično vzročnost. S to politiko je tvegati očiitek o radikalizaciji politike in družbe, ki ju je bil tudi deležen. Toda Arhimedovo točko je dobil v Svetu Evrope z resolucijo 1096, ki je zadeve definirala tako natančno, da o ciljih, namenih in učinkih v komunističnih družbah ni moglo biti nobenega dvoma več.

Tako je Janša lahko suvereno vstopil v polje razprave o spravi, kar pa je v istem trenutku poistovetil s svojo politično in strankino (socialdemokratsko) dejavnostjo.

Zadnji model, ki je nastal kot posledica internacionalizacije problema, bolje rečeno, zunanje definicije, ki je slovenska politična in družbena scena učinkovito ni mogla speljati, je dal bolj ali manj prisilno zeleno luč za dolgotrajno in mukotrpno parlamentarno dogovarjanje o deklaraciji o protipravnem delovanju komunističnega totalitarnega režima in za usklajevanje izjave o narodni spravi.

Prek mostov v neskončnost. Da je sprava na način gradnje mostov med različnimi političnimi opcijami prišla v roke Janezu Podobniku, zveni kar nekako samoumevno. Izkazalo se je, da sprave in njene posprave ni več mogoče ignorirati, zato so jo nenadoma kot načelen problem sprejeli vsi. Zelo radikalno tudi predsednik ZLSD Borut Pahor. Gradil je na doktrini, da je treba biti zraven, če želi preprečiti to, kar se je zgodilo na Poljskem, kjer komunisti niso želeli sodelovati in so dobili na glavo zelo radikalno različico obsodbe komunizma.

Toda kakor koli že poteka igra parlamentarnega zvlačevanja v neskončnost, postaja Pahorjeva baza zelo živčna. Zlasti zaradi četrtega

Lipicanci in Evropska Unija

Bo Slovenija sploh prišla do besede?

Prepir o domicilni pravici za vzrejo lipicancev je vznemiril tudi Nemce

BONN (po Delu) – Slovenija zahteva pravico do besede, je pod naslovom, da se "bojuje za svoje paradne konje", poročal bonnski General-Anzeiger. Država, ki si prizadeva za vključitev v Evropsko unijo, vse od maja budno spremlja avstrijsko-italijanske prepire o tem, kateri članici Unije naj bi pripadla domicilna pravica za vzrejo lipicancev. Bruseljsko komisijo je s posebno diplomatsko noto opozorila na svoje interese v zvezi z lipicanci, posebna delovna komisija pa po trditvah bonskega dnevnika nenehno nadzoruje premike med Brusljem, Dunajem in Rimom.

Znameniti beli konji utegnejo z odločitvijo evropske komisije o izključni pravici do reje lipicancev izgubiti svojo slovensko identiteto. To se lahko zgodi celo tako, da Slovenija, ki si na vse načine prizadeva za čimprejšnje članstvo v Evropski uniji, v preprih med Avstrijci in Italijani sploh ne bo prišla do besede, piše bonski dnevnik. Med drugim navaja besede direktorja lipiške kobilarne Milana Božiča, po katerih naj bi imela Lipica več kot le "sentimentalne pravice" do vzreje lipicancev, hkrati pa poudarja, da so lipicanci ena izmed redkih "prastarih in res tipičnih kulturnih znamenitosti prihodnje članice Unije".

Šele po zaslugi "svojih" (tako General-Anzeiger) lipicancev so Slovenci spoznali, kako pomembno je varovanje nacionalne identitete v prihodnji skupni Evropi, piše bonski dnevnik in pri tem opisuje burno zgodovino lipicancev od ustanovitve kobilarne v Lipici davnega leta 1580 do danes. Beli kraški biseri so namreč zaradi vojn v več kot štiristoletni zgodovini menjali lastnike, se selili iz Lipice na Madžarsko, na avstrijsko Štajersko, v Italijo, celo na Bavarsko in v ZDA, pri tem pa prav zaradi svoje "potujoče zgodovine" po mnenju bonskega dnevnika že zdavnaj pred katerim koli Evropejcem ali kakršnimi koli političnimi sanjami o skupni evropski identiteti postali "edini resnično pravi Evropejci".

Damijan Slabe

Delo, 3. avgusta 1998

člena izjave o spravi, ki za nasprotje od sprave o Rogu definira, da sprava ne odvezuje odgovornosti posameznih storilcev zločinov. Ta člen je živčnega naredil tudi Milana Kučana, ki je že javno izjavil, da mora ta sprava še v "čiščenje" ter da je on načelno z njo že opravil v Rogu in da k temu nima kaj dodati. Z veliko mero verjetnosti je mogoče zatrditi, da iz te parlamentarne sprave pač ne more biti nič.

Epilog sprave je lahko le globinski. Razen Janševe SDS se iz izjave in deklaracije skušajo izvleči tako rekoč vsi, tudi SKD in LDS, SNS in Desus pa sta jo sploh načelno zavrnila. Janši je postala tako rekoč najboljša strelivo, kar samo spravo ravno toliko omogoča kakor onemogoča. Če Janša z njo zmaga, bodo rekli, da si je omogočil svojo hegemonijo, in očiitek je tu logičen, nemara ima tudi podlago, toda še bolj res je nasprotno: če je on ne bo poganjal naprej, je ne bo nihče. Sprava je torej v Sloveniji povsem nerealna in verjetno se ne zmotimo, če rečemo, da je tudi nikoli ne bo, še več, da pravzaprav sama po sebi ni potrebna dobesedno nikomur.

To dejstvo ima tudi svojo radikalno globinsko logiko. Sprava namreč ni mogoča brez definicije politične re-

alnosti, do ta pa v zdajšnjih volilnih razmerah še dolgo ne bo prišlo. Toda to pomeni samo to, da se bliža čas, ko se bo Slovenija morala zavestno začeti odrekati Evropi, ta pa bo deklarativno potrdila, da je Slovenija podlegla globinskim nevarnostim restavracije neokomunističnega totalitarizma. Te so, kot jih je zapisala v resoluciji 1096, naslednje: kolektivism, konformizem do slepe poslušnosti, vladavina oligarhij, korupcija namesto človekovih pravic.

In še na eno nevarnost opozarja, namreč, kjer ni ravnovesja pri iskanju pravičnosti, to pa je v Sloveniji neobstoječe dejstvo, je nevarnost, da se poruši načelo mirnega sožitja. Posledica zdajšnjih dogodkov pač lahko postane, da bodo ljudje izgubili potrpljenje nad proceduralno pravičnostjo.

MAG, Ljubljana, 22.7.1998

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Cleveland, Ohio, 20. avgusta 1998.

Slovenski maturantje iz Argentine, Kanade in ZDA so obiskali tudi Goriško

Prisrčno srečanje z mladimi Slovenci z onkraj oceana

Iva Koršič

Prevroče poletno sonce je v soboto, 1. avgusta, neumljeno prepekalo in sušilo tudi grla petdesetih mladih študentov-predstavnikov tretjega rodu slovenskih izseljencev, ki so morali zaradi političnih vzrokov ali ekonomske potrebe zapustiti domačo zemljo in se naseliti v daljnih krajih Argentine, Kanade in Združenih držav Amerike.

TRST/GORICA, It. - Živahni fantje in dekleta - 19 iz Argentine, 23 iz Kanade, 7 iz ZDA - so kot lastovice prileteli čez ocean, da bi si po dobro opravljeni slovenski maturi (dijaki iz Argentine so obiskovali sobotni tečaj slovenskega jezika celih petnajst let in imeli med profesorji tudi znanega solista Luko Debevca) ogledali domovino dedkov in babic ter se spotoma oglasili tudi pri zamejskih Slovincih v Italiji in Avstriji.

Ta enkratni maturantski izlet omogočata društvo Slovenija v svetu in Urad za Slovence po svetu, potne stroške pa poravnajo dijaki sami. Za njihov kratki postanek v Gorici je poskrbel Svet slovenskih organizacij.

Po obisku pri tržaških Slovincih so se prvo soboto v avgustu kljub neznosni vročini napotili še k nam s petimi spremljevalci-profesorji in predstavnikom društva Slovenija v svetu ekonomistom Boštjanom Kocmurjem, ki je tudi sam argentinski Slovenec in se je pred nekaj leti preselil v Slovenijo.

V Jamljah so jih sprejeli mladi iz Goriške Daria Pavio, Saša Quinzi in Federica Bello. Z avtobusom so se povzpeli na vrh oz. na "Debelo grižo" in si ob zgodovinskih podatkih, ki jim jih je posredoval Saša, ogledali vojaški muzej in bližnjo okolico, ki je vsa prepojena s spomini na hude boje iz prve svetovne vojne. S te nekdane strateške vojaške točke so seveda tudi uživali razgled na močene Julijce, furlansko nižino, posejano z vasicami, in morje ob tržaškem zalivu.

Kazalci ure so se že nagibali proti poldnevu, ko so se nekoliko utrujeni pripekljali na goriški Travniki. Od tod so se po slikovitem Rastelu podali peš na goriški grad. Tu so jih pričakali še drugi mladi goriški študentje: Dimitrij, Verena, Helena

in Martina Brajnik, Miloš Čotar in Uroš Zorn. V prijetni družbi so poslušali Sašov bežni zgodovinski oris goriškega mesta in grajskih gospodov, za tem pa so si ogledali notranjost gradu.

Medtem ko so koraki odmevali po grajskem tlaku, sta mi dekleti iz Argentine Monika, ki ima sorodnike v Dolenjskih toplicah (njena mama je Slovenka, oče pa Argentinec), in Saša Urbančič, ki ima starše Slovence (oče je iz Čateža, mama pa iz Moravč), povedali, kako sta si srčno želeli obiskati rojstne kraje staršev. Veliko sta namreč v teh letih slišali in se učili o Sloveniji, zato sta nestrpno čakali maturantski izlet, ki jima je končno omogočil odkriti lepote stare celine.

Vse se jima je zdelo tako nenavadno: raznolika pokrajina; ozke ceste, ki jih nista vajeni; hiše, ki so povsem različne od argentinskih; stara poslopja, ki razkrivajo bogato zgodovino; predvsem pa življenjski ritem, ki ni tako vrtoglav kot pri njih. Zelo sta bili veseli tudi zato, ker sta povsod doživeli topel sprejem in prijazne obraze.

Tudi Martin Pavlovčič, sin slovenskih staršev iz Argentine, in Laura Kondá iz slovenske družine iz Kanade sta izrazila svoje veliko zadovoljstvo nad izletom, ki ga vsi dijaki doživljajo kot zaslužen nagrado po dolgotrajnem študiju v maternem jeziku.

To je potrdila tudi Marta Jamnik, profesorica slovenščine na slovenski šoli v Kanadi, ki je med drugim dejala, da se študentje nikakor ne morejo načuditi našim krajem, ki so prepolni pomembnih zgodovinskih dogodkov. Čudijo se gradovom, plemiškim hišam, cerkvam iz raznih dob. Težko jim je dojeti te zgodovinske razlikosti in umetnostno-zgodovinske nianse.

Ker so navajeni obširnih planjav, velikih razdalj, se jim zdi neverjetno, da imamo na slovenskih tleh na "peščici" zemlje zbranih toliko lepote: gore, hribe, griče, dolinice, reke, jezera, morje...

Hudomušno je tudi pripomnila, da se mladi "bojijo" hoje, skrbi jih dolga romarska pot na Sv. Višarje, čeprav zahajajo redno v telovadnice in so navdušeni telovadci. Pripomnila pa je, da jim to potovanje ostane v trajnem spominu. Tisti, ki so se ga udeležili, zavidajo onim, ki se pripravljajo nanj. Zgodilo se je že, da se je kdo odločil za nadaljnji študij v Sloveniji, potem ko je doživel te nepozabne poletne dni v domovini svojih sorodnikov.

Po ogledu gradu so se prazni želodci začeli oglašati, zato so vsi odšli na dobro domače kosilo v briško gostišče Vogrič v Števerjan. Tam se je ob pogovoru zaslislala tudi pesem. Preden so se neobičajni izletniki pozno popoldne odpeljali v Žabnice v kočvo sv. Jožefa, so si ogledali še Kulturni center Lojze Bratuž, nato jim je ostalo še nekaj časa za nakup in "potep" po goriških ulicah.

Mladi študentje - najstarejši imajo sedemnajst let - so se mudili v Sloveniji do polovice avgusta in obiskali sorodnike, nato pa odšli spet daleč čez ocean na svoje domovine.

Novi Glas, 6. avg. 1998

Krka na ameriškem trgu tudi z enapom

Novo mesto - V novomeškem farmacevtskem podjetju Krka bodo prodajali in tržili svoje izdelke - generična zdravila - tudi na ameriškem trgu. Letos so namreč na ameriško Upravo za hrano in zdravila (FDA) vložili dokumentacijo za registracijo štirih oblik svojega zdravila - tablet enap. Pred dnevi pa so inšpektorji FDA po natančnem pregledu Krkinih proizvodnih pogojev, načina dela v razvoju, proizvodnji in kontroli ter registracijske dokumentacije in sistema zagotavljanja kakovosti ugotovili, da Krka izpolnjuje vse zahteve ameriških standardov, ki veljajo za proizvajalce aktivnih farmacevtskih učinkovin in končnih farmacevtskih izdelkov, so sporočili iz Krke.

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Na Tržaškem 30. in 31. julija

Slovenski maturantje iz Amerike na obisku pri nas

TRST/GORICA, It. - To so bili dijaki, ki so pred kratkim uspešno zaključili dopolnilni pouk v slovenščini in so jim zato kot nagrado priredili obisk Slovenije in zamejstva. Kot rečeno, je mladih vseh skupaj 49 (19 iz Argentine, 23 iz Kanade in 7 iz Združenih držav Amerike), spremlja pa jih pet profesorjev (eden iz Argentine in po dva iz Kanade in ZDA).

To je že osmi obisk matične domovine in zamejstva, ki ga za dijake iz Amerike prireja izseljensko društvo Slovenija v svetu, sofinancira pa ga slovenska država. Maturantje so v Slovenijo prišli že pred nekaj tedni in so obiskali Ljubljano in Dolenjsko (Novo mesto, Otočec, Krško), na Tržaško pa so dospeli v četrtek, 30. julija, zvečer, ko so prišli v opensko Marijanišče, kjer so prespali. V petek, 31. julija, so si ogledali nekaj značilnih točk tržaške pokrajine, kot so Repentabor, Vejna, miramarski grad, sprehajali pa so se tudi po tržaškem mestu.

Naslednji dan, v soboto, 1. avgusta, so si ogledali Goriško, začeni z Doberdobom in okolico, v nedeljo, 2. avgusta, pa so se udeležili srečanja treh Slovincij na Sv. Višarjah. Po tem obisku pri Slovincih v Italiji (skupina maturantov je bila že pred kratkim tudi na Koroškem) so dijaki in profesorji zopet šli v Slovenijo, kjer so imeli na sporedu tudi obisk Štajerske in Notranjske ter vzpon na Triglav.

Maturante in profesorje je vseskozi spremljal predsednik društva Slovenija v svetu Boštjan Kocmur, ki nam je med drugim dejal, da so med Slovence v Italiji zopet prišli po dveh letih odsotnosti. V prejšnjih letih namreč niso utegnili obiskati zamejstva, letos pa jim je to uspelo, zaradi česar so seveda zadovoljni. Gospod Kocmur je tudi izrazil upanje, da bodo letošnji maturantje, ko bodo čez nekaj let morebiti zasedali pomembna mesta, lahko kaj več znali narediti, če bodo poznali problematiko zamejskih Slovencev.

NOVI GLAS, 6. avg. 1998
(Brez podpisa)

Nekakšna kultura konsenza

Intervju z dr. Danilom Türkcom

(nadaljevanje in konec)

Kako se v varnostnem svetu izražajo odnosi med velikimi silami? Letos smo bili v času iraške krize pričezanimivim nasprotjem in različnemu pristopu znotraj peterice stalnih članic.

Odnosi med stalnimi članicami varnostnega sveta se razvijajo. Tu ni definiranih pravil, ki bi veljala tako trdno, kot se je to dogajalo v času hladne vojne. Kljub vodilni vlogi ZDA, ki je seveda dejstvo, si Washington v vseh situacijah prizadeva tudi za sodelovanje drugih držav in ne le članic varnostnega sveta. Zavedajo se namreč, da je znatno učinkovitejša dejavnost z oporo v legitimnosti, ki jo zagotavlja kolektivna varnost. Kolektivni nastop ima pri njih vedno prednost, čeprav ne izključujejo tudi samostojnih akcij.

Druga značilnost je, da so odnosi med stalnimi članicami zdaj izjemno dinamični. Pri različnih vprašanjih se oblikujejo različna razmerja, ki nimajo več enakega vzorca. Najpomembnejše pa je to, da je v

primerih, s katerimi smo se ukvarjali letos, vselej prevladal konsenzualni pristop. Po mojem mnenju je varnostni svet v zadnjih letih ustvaril nekakšno kulturo konsenza, neko zavest, da je v končni analizi za vse boljše, če sprejmejo kompromise. Odločitve v zadnjem času ne bi mogli opisati kot odločitve, ki bi ustrezale le eni članici ali le eni skupini stalnih članic.

Ta razvoj se mi zdi zanimiv, ker spominja na nekdani evropski koncert v prejšnjem stoletju, ko se je prav tako skušalo v prvi vrsti zagotoviti konsenz med silami kot zagotovilo mednarodnega miru. In neke vrste "globalni evropski koncert" se po mojem zdaj ponavlja v mednarodni politiki.

Kateri so letošnji najpomembnejši dosežki varnostnega sveta?

Med letošnjimi rezultati bi omenil štiri. Na prvem mestu so razvoj položaja v zvezi z Irakom, februaraska preprečitev oboroženega konflikta in sposobnost enotnega delovanja varnostnega sveta v vseh fazah obravnav, kar zagotavlja moč te mednarodne akcije. Enotnost obstaja tudi danes, čeprav se je včasih zdelo, da so posamezni stalni člani

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Alojzij Šuštar, Ljubljana Šentvid

Spravne slovesnosti – plamenček upanja na slovensko spravo

Rad bi omenil nekaj osebnih izkušenj ob prizadevanju za spravo v slovenskem narodu in ob koncu dodal še nekaj načelnih misli.

Dolga in težka je bila pot do prvega koraka. Kočevski rog je bli prepovedano področje. Nekoč sem se vozil z župnikom iz Semiča, ki je imel posebno dovoljenje, v Kočevje. Povsod je bilo vojaštvo in župnik me je opozoril, naj se ne oziram naokrog. Srečno smo prišli v Kočevje.

Kočevski rog

Po spremembah v naši družbi sem napovedal pravno slovesnost v Kočevskem rogu. Borci so hoteli to preprečiti. Imeli smo sestanek na ljubljanskem Magistratu. Na škofijo niso hoteli priti, jaz pa tudi nisem šel k njim. Povedal pa sem jim jasno in odločno, da bo v nedeljo, 8. julija 1990, v Kočevskem rogu slovesnost sprave. Molil sem, da bi srečno prišli tja in da bi slovesnost res potekala v duhu sprave. Ves čas nas je spremljala policija.

Bilo je – ob velikem presenečenju – zelo lepo vreme; dež je malo pred začetkom slovesnosti prenehal. Slovesnosti se je udeležilo veliko duhovnikov in okrog 25.000 drugih ljudi. Vse sta prenašala v živo radio in televizija. Slovesnosti se je udeležil tudi predsednik države Milan Kučan. Velika jasa na drugi strani ceste je bila kot nalašč pripravljena za tako veliko množico.

Po maši smo šli k breznju, kamor so pometali žrtve. Tam je bil simbolični cerkveni pogreb in blagoslovitev, kar je prav tako prenašala televizija, celo na javnih prostorih. Kosilo smo imeli pri neki kmečki družini; udeležila sta se ga tudi predsednik Kučan in gospod Kocijančič.

Spravne slovesnosti drugod po Sloveniji

Pozneje so bile še na drugih krajih pravne slovesnosti tako v ljubljanski nadškofiji kakor na Teharjah in drugod. Po župnijah so odkrivali spominske plošče. Žal je prišlo včasih do preprirov. Nekateri niso hoteli, da bi bila na teh spominskih ploščah napisana imena njihovih svojcev ali so pozneje protestirali. Tako prepri so bili tudi, ko je bila 15. novembra 1997 na Žalah v Ljubljani odkrita skupna spominska plošča za vse, ki so bili pobiti iz ljubljanskih župnij.

Dan sprave

Posebna misel je bila, da bi praznovali 15. junija dan

Ta članek je izšel v zadnji številki revije "Cerkev v sedanjem svetu" (Leto 32, 5-6, 1998), ki jo izdaja Družina. Tema vrste članikov v tej številki je "Zgodovina slovenstva in krščanstva v luči sprave". V sklopu teh je tudi prispevek upokojenega ljubljanskega nadškofa dr. Alojzija Šuštarja in ga našim bralcem posredujem v celoti.

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sprave. Pobudo za to je dal nekdanji partizan Stanislav Klep iz Kranja. Sam sem v pogovoru z njim poudaril, naj bo 15. junij dan priznanja krivde, odpuščanja in sprave. Vsako leto smo imeli v cerkvi Vseh svetih v Ljubljani-Sv. Križ mašo in potem slovesnost ob Lipi sprave na Žalah. Tam stoji velik križ kiparja Jarma. Ta naj bi nas stalno spominjal na to, kako nam je sprava potrebna. Slovesnosti se je udeležilo veliko ljudi, vsako leto več.

Sprava med živimi?

Vsi smo bili veseli, da je prišlo vsaj na nekaterih krajih do sprave z mrtvimi, čeprav to še daleč ni povsod urejeno. Še veliko ljudi je, za katere ne vemo, kje so našli smrt in kje so njihovi grobovi. Toda še težja je sprava z živimi. Tega sem se od vsega začetka zavedal. Vedno znova sem poudarjal, da si moramo prizadevati za spravo z živimi, ko smo vsaj formalno dosegli spravo z mrtvimi.

Žal tudi kristjani niso bili vedno pripravljeni za tako spravo. Večkrat sem slišal ugovor: "Najprej bomo nekoliko obračunali."

Vedno znova pa mora Cerkev spominjati na Kristusove besede: "Oče, odpusti jim, saj ne vedo, kaj delajo" (Lk 23,34). Pokojni nadškof Pogačnik se je javno opravičil za to, kar je zagrešila Cerkev, in prosil odpuščanja ter poudaril, da moramo kristjani vsem odpuščati. Tudi sam sem večkrat ponovil isto prošnjo in zagotovilo, da mi vsem odpuščamo. Vendar je bila taka izjava v tistih časih v javnosti preslišana. Sredstva javnega obveščanja o tem sploh niso poročala.

Kje so težave?

Po mojem mnenju je glavni vzrok, da še ni mogoče priti do sprave med živimi, v tem, da je pri nekaterih premalo pripravljenosti za odpuščanje in spravo. Trdijo, da sploh niso ničesar krivi, da niso ničesar zagrešili in samo drugim očitajo

vse mogoče stvari. Vedno se ponavljajo isti očitki.

Večkrat sem poudaril, da je pri ugotavljanju zgodovinske resnice treba najprej ugotoviti dejstva, nekaj drugega pa so razlage in osebni komentarji. Kar zadeva dejstva, bi vendar morali najti soglasje. Hvaležen sem vsem, ki k temu prispevajo.

Kar pa zadeva razlago, najbrž še dolgo ne bomo našli pravega soglasja. Veliko stvari bo mogoče presojati šele kasneje in bo morala o tem soditi zgodovina. Druga svetovna vojna in leta po njej so verjetno eno najbolj tragičnih obdobij v zgodovini slovenskega naroda. Tudi v samostojni slovenski državi še nismo prišli daleč.

Osebna sprava

Sprava je najprej osebna zadeva v družinah, med sosedami in znanci. Zares hudo je, če gre sovraštvo iz roda v rod in je celo sovraštvo med družinskimi člani in sorodniki, dobesedno, kot pravi Kristus v evangeliju, "da bo izdajal v smrt brat brata in oče sina in otroci bodo zoper starše in jih izročali v smrt" (Mt 11,21-22). Če se bo tako sovraštvo ponavljalo iz roda v rod, potem bo naš slovenski narod še dolgo zastrupljen.

Med mladimi je na eni strani pripravljenost, da bi se osvobodili preteklosti, jo pozabili in gledali v prihodnost. Drugi pa spet trdijo, da preteklosti ne smemo nikdar pozabiti, četudi so pripravljeni odpustiti. Večkrat se slišijo besede: "Odpustiti da, a pozabiti nikdar." Bog pa odpušča drugače, kajti ne samo, da odpušča, ampak vsako krivdo tudi pozabi.

Uradna izjava

Velikega pomena bi bila za vseslovensko spravo neka uradna izjava v parlamentu, da bi vsej nekoliko razčistili preteklost. V političnih strankah doživljamo na eni strani resno prizadevanje, na drugi strani pa tudi veliko nasprotovanja in različne razlage. Večkrat je tudi že padel predlog, naj bi postavili simbolični spomenik sprave za vse, pa naj so bili žrtve na katerem koli kraju in na kateri koli strani. Nekateri predlagajo Kočevski rog in Teharje, drugi Ljubljanski grad ali kakšen drugi kraj.

Za kristjane sta sprava in odpuščanje še posebna dolžnost. Vsi kristjani molimo v očenašu: "Odpusti nam naše dolge, kakor tudi mi odpuščamo svojim dolžnikom." Da bi prišlo do res-

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Nekakšna kultura konsenza

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varnostnega sveta opustili kolektivni pristop.

Drugič, v Afriki sta bili vzpostavljeni dve mirovni operaciji, ki sta pomembni za utrditev razmer v srednjeafriškem prostoru in v zahodni Afriki; gre za Centralnoafriško republiko in Sierro Leone. Prav slednja je zelo pomembna, kajti če se bo posrečilo umiriti zadeve v Sierri Leone, potem bo to prispevalo k stabilizaciji zelo nemirnega zahodnoafriškega območja.

Kot tretji dosežek bi poudaril resolucijo o jedrskih poskusih v Indiji in Pakistanu, ko je VS prvič celovito opredelil stališča do širjenja jedrskega orožja in jedrske razorožitve. Zadnji pomemben rezultat pa je podaljšanje mandata Unpredepa v Makedoniji.

Kako se v VS lahko artikulira vloga nestalnih članic, seveda tudi Slovenije?

Pri vseh dejavnostih varnostnega sveta je pomembno, kako se oblikujejo konsenzualna stališča. Pri tem imajo nestalne članice pomembno vlogo in so jo v vseh letošnjih primerih, seveda v vsakem na svoj način, tudi odigrale.

V VS prihaja do največjih razhajanj zlasti med stalnimi članicami; nestalne članice lahko s svojim kolektivnim nastopom pripomorejo k oblikovanju konsenza glede nečesa, kar mogoče kateri izmed stalnih članic na začetku razprave ne ustreza.

Če katera izmed stalnih članic opazi, da večina gradi na izhodiščih, ki so bolj oddaljena od njenih prvotnih, potem jih utegne tudi zelo hitro preoblikovati. To smo doživeli pri obravnavi mnogih letošnjih vprašanj.

Letos smo delovali kot država, ki ima v prvi vrsti interes pomagati pri oblikovanju konstruktivnih in soglasnih odločitev varnostnega sveta. Z vsemi državami članicami imamo dobre stike in vemo, kakšna so njihova stališča. Zaradi tega tudi poznamo prostor, v katerem je mogoč konsenz. Uživamo sloves države, ki se zavzema za konstruktivno vlogo varnostnega sveta, ki ji ni v

prvi vrsti uganjanje tej ali drugi velesili.

Pri naši dejavnosti v VS zelo pazimo na to, da bi se razumelo, da je naš prvi interes uspešnost varnostnega sveta. Tako nas zdaj že sprejemajo. Vsaka od velikih sil oziroma stalnih članic si želi dobiti v VS čim več prijateljev pri uveljavljanju svojih stališč, temeljno pa je vendarle to, da je VS vzpostavil kulturo konsenzualnega nastopanja; to državam, kakršna je Slovenija, omogoča, da s svojim nastopom, predlogi in formulacijami pomagajo pri iskanju konsenza.

Ob nastopu dveletnega mandata v varnostnem svetu ste prevzeli tudi predsedovanje komiteju za sankcije proti Libiji. Takrat so v Ljubljani nekateri sprožili strahove, da nam to utegne škodovati.

Ti občutki strahu so bili pretirani. V zadnjih sedmih mesecih smo komite vodili na način, ki vsem ustreza. Sankcijski komite ne more odpraviti sankcij in se ne ukvarja s temeljnimi političnimi vprašanji, zaradi katerih so bile sankcije uvedene.

Vodenje komiteja pa nam je vseeno omogočilo, da smo se afirmirali kot država predsednica, ki lahko pripomore, da ni težav pri izjemah ob humanitarnih poletih in da so bili vsi izpeljani brez težav. Humanitarnih poletov je bilo v prvi polovici leta blizu 60, kar je skoraj toliko kot lani vse leto.

Zastavili smo nekatera vprašanja, ki se doslej niso obravnavala, denimo vprašanje romarskih poletov v Meko, dodatnih destinacij za humanitarne polete, uporabe letal v kmetijske namene v Libiji in podobno. Ugotovili smo, da bi bilo mogoče soglasje doseči tudi o teh vprašanjih. Tako Libija na eni kot druge članice varnostnega sveta na drugi strani pozitivno gledajo nanje. Vsa ta prizadevanja so se nam, po mojem mnenju, že obrestovala.

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Predlog novega zakona o verskih skupnostih v Sloveniji

Trenutno v Sloveniji pravni položaj verskih skupnosti ureja "zakon o pravnem položaju verskih skupnosti v Republiki Sloveniji", ki je bil sprejet leta 1976, ter spremenjen leta 1986, nato pa še leta 1991. Glede na to, da je omenjeni zakon še iz časov socializma je slovenska vlada pripravila predlog novega zakona, ki naj bi to problematiko urejal na način, skladnejši z novimi razmerami.

Predlog zakona, ki ga je pripravila vlada, ureja predvsem ustanovitev verske skupnosti, registracije verske skupnosti, financiranje verske skupnosti ter prenehanje verske skupnosti.

V splošnih določbah predloga zakona je zapisano, da mora biti delovanje verske skupnosti javno in v skladu z Ustavo, zakoni in drugimi predpisi Republike Slovenije. Verska skupnost se ne bo smela ukvarjati s pridobitno dejavnostjo. Če se bo verska skupnost želela ukvarjati s pridobitno dejavnostjo bo morala ustanoviti ustrezno gospodarsko družbo v skladu z zakonom o gospodarskih družbah.

Zanimiv je tretji člen predloga, ki določa, da se verskega pouka "osebe mlajše od 15 let lahko udeležijo samo po predhodni pisni

privolitvi njihovih staršev ali skrbnikov". V kazenskih določbah zakona je določeno, da se s kaznijo najmanj 300.000 tolarjev za prekršek kaznuje verska skupnost, če sprejme k verskemu pouku osebno mlajšo od 15 let, brez predhodne pisne privolitve njenih zakonitih zastopnikov.

Četrty člen predloga določa, da bo morala verska skupnost državnim oblastem prijaviti zgradbe oziroma prostore v zgradbi, ki so določeni za opravljanje verskih obredov in/ali verskega pouka. Zunaj teh prostorov bo imela verska skupnost lahko obrede le v skladu s predpisi, ki urejajo javne shode in javne prireditve. (5. člen) Če verska skupnost omenjenih prostorov ne bo prijavila, se kaznuje s kaznijo 300.000 tolarjev (op. ur. AD: ta vsota znaša po današnjem tečaju približno \$1785 US). Vlada je v obraziložitvi predloga zakona navedla, da je takšna ureditev potrebna iz razlogov javnega reda in miru.

Predlog zakona določa, da versko skupnost lahko ustanovi najmanj sto polnoletni državljanov Republike Slovenije ali tujcev s stalnim prebivališčem v Republiki Sloveniji, ki na ustanovnem zboru sprejmejo sklep o ustanovitvi in pravila verske skupnosti.

Verska skupnost postane pravna oseba potem, ko organ ministrstva za notranje zadeve o tem izda ugodno odločbo. Ta organ nato versko skupnost vpiše v register verskih skupnosti. Prijava za registracijo verske skupnosti mora vsebovati ime in sedež verske skupnosti, imena, priimke, stalna

Junija letos se je v uredništvu AD oglašil g. Drago Čepar ml., ki je bil na potovanju po ZDA po zaključitvi študijev na univerzi na Floridi. S prvim julijem se je vrnil na delo na Službo Vlade Republike Slovenije za zakonodajo. Med pogovorom z urednikom je g. Čepar rekel, da bo tudi morda kdaj napisal članke za AD, ko se mu bo zdelo, da bi bila tematika zanimiva za bralce. Besedo je držal in pretekli teden faksiral dopis z zgornjim naslovom. Zadeva je aktualna v Sloveniji, saj je o njej v Delu pred nedavnim obširneje pisal novinar Dejan Pušenjak. Sledi tekst g. Čeparja, ki mu je bilo žal le, da ni imel več časa za temeljitejši ogled Clevelanda in njene slovenske skupnosti.

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prebivališča in overjene podpise ustanoviteljev, ime in priimek predstavnika verske skupnosti in njegov overjen podpis, odtis pečata z imenom verske skupnosti, osnovno informacijo o vsebini verovanja, opredelitev verskega pouka in verskega obreda ter informacijo o načinu zagotavljanja javnosti dela verske skupnosti.

Katoliški Cerkvi ter ostalim verskim skupnostim, katerih več kot stoletna prisotnost in delovanje na ozemlju sedanje Republike Slovenije je splošno znano dejstvo, v prijavi za registracijo ne bo potrebno navesti imen, priimkov, stalnih prebivališč in overjenih podpisov ustanoviteljev in tudi ne priložiti zapisnika ustanovnega zbora s sklepom o ustanovitvi verske skupnosti.

Ime verske skupnosti se mora bistveno razlikovati od imen drugih že registriranih verskih skupnosti tako, da zamenjava ni možna.

Predlog zakona določa, da se bodo verske skupnosti lahko financirale iz lastnih virov, ter iz namenskih ali nenamenskih podpor prora-

čunov lokalne skupnosti ali Republike. Verske skupnosti ne bodo smele pobirati prostovoljnih prispevkov zunaj svojih prostorov, razen če jim bo to dovolila upravna enota, pristojna za območje, na katerem naj bi se prispevski zbirali.

Vlada je predlog novega zakona poslala Državnemu zboru v mesecu juniju, ta pa ga še ni pričel obravnavati. Državni zbor ima zaenkrat v obravnavi predlog zakona o verskih skupnostih, ki ga je oktobra 1996 predložil v obravnavo poslanec Rafael Kužnik. Kužnik zatrjuje, da njegov predlog zakona temelji na načelu "enakopravnosti vseh verskih skupnosti", vendar pa je iz njegovega besedila razvidno, da je precej naperjen zoper katoliško Cerkev. Kužnikov zakon najverjetneje nima realnih možnosti, da bi bil sprejet v Državnem zboru. Bo pa obravnavala vladinega zakona morala počakati, dokler ne bo Državni zbor zaključil obravnave Kužnikovega zakona.

Sredstva javnega obveščanja v Sloveniji so se na predlog novega zakona o verskih skupnostih že odzvala, čeprav ni še niti znano, kdaj ga bo Državni zbor pričel obravnavati. O njem je v Delu dvakrat pisal Dejan Pušenjak (Delo, 6. in 7. avgusta), v Družini pa dr. Borut Košir (Družina, 2. avgusta 1998).

Dr. Košir je v Družini izrazil mnenje, da bi kakršen koli zakon o verskih

skupnostih predstavljal omejevanje verskih pravic državljanov, ter da bi bilo vse, kar zadeva verske skupnosti (registracijo, davčno politiko, prijavo javnih prireditev itd.) "mogoče urejevati v okviru redne zakonodaje".

Religija, takšna ali drugačna, je bila v času socializma državi vedno trn v peti. Ker država religije ni mogla izkoreniniti, jo je želela vsaj čim strožje nadzirati. Ta duh "nadzorništva" države nad religijo ostaja živ tudi še v novem predlogu zakona o verskih skupnostih, ki ga je pripravila vlada. Zanimivo bo torej videti, kako bodo na ta predlog zakona reagirali poslanci Državnega zbora.

V Ljubljani,
dne 10. avgusta 1998

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AVGUST

23. – Žegnanjski festival župnije Marije Vnebovzete, na Slovenski pristavi. Igrajo Veseli godci, nastopa folklorna skupina Kres.

23. – SKD Triglav, Milwaukee, ima drugi piknik na Triglavskem parku.

30. – Primorski klub priredi vrtno veselico na Slovenski pristavi.

SEPTEMBER

5., 6. – Baragovi dnevi v Clevelandu.

12. – Pevski zbor Koročan priredi vrtno veselico, z večerjo in plesom, na Slovenski pristavi. Za ples igrajo Veseli godci.

13. – Oltarno društvo župnije Sv. Vida priredi vsakoletno kosilo v dvorani pri Sv. Vidu.

20. – Odbor Slovenske pristave priredi Vinsko trgatv na SP. Igrajo Veseli godci.

26. – Klub letoviščarjev Slovenske pristave ima večerjo na SP. Serviranje se prične ob 6h zv.

27. – Društvo SPB organizira romanje v Frank, O. Sv. maša tam opoldne (12. ura).

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ska Obzorja, v katerih je veliko zanimivega.

Salezijanka s. Zvonka Mikec, ki deluje v državi Angola, piše, da so njihovo šolo razglasili za privatno državno priznano šolo in to kot osemletko, a prostora imajo le za štiri razrede. Piše, da gotovo se bodo našli dobrotniki, ki bodo pomagali zgraditi še štiri razrede, da bodo najrevnejši imeli možnost do osnovnošolske izobrazbe.

Bila pa je poslana v novi kraj, kjer je pregledala, kako je s šolstvom, in našla, da 65% šoloobveznih otrok je še nepismenih, ker družine nimajo sredstev za šolanje otrok. Odgovorni za tisti okraj, jo je nagovoril, naj naredi kaj za dekleta in sploh za mlade. In tako sanjajo prihodnost: šolo, poklicni center, v katerem se naredi veliko, od opismenjanja do usposabljanja za življenje in poklicne šole. Dela je veliko, delavcev pa malo. V Božjih rokah so sredstva in je prepričana, da ne bo manjkalo dobrotnikov, ki bodo pomagali uresničiti sanje in osrečiti nešteto otrok in mladih, če se dela po Božji volji.

S. Bogdana Kavčič piše iz Ruande, da so še vedno v času podiranja, tudi v duhovnem smislu. Pa je veliko tudi takih, po katerih Bog zna obrniti vse v dobro, posebno po njihovem trpljenju. Je neizmerno upanje v ljudeh, da bo vse porušeno zopet obnovljeno, pozidano, polja obdelana s skupno močjo. Vsem je zelo hvaležna za vso pomoč.

Dr. Drago Ocvirk pa se lepo spomni pokojne Angele Fujs, ki je bila tudi misijonska dobrotnica. Za lepim uvodom nadaljuje:

"Ko sem bil junija med rojaki v Clevelandu, sem

znova doživel, kaj vse morejo storiti ljudje in njihova skupnost, kadar bolj verjamejo Bogu in evangeliju, kakor črnogledim in senzacionalističnim medijem. Kljub tujemu okolju in temu, da so tja pribežali skoraj nagi in bosi, da so rešili gola življenja pred krvoločnim režimom doma, ali pa so odšli na tuje za kosom kruha, ker ga doma ni bilo zaradi nečloveške partije, so ti ljudje ustvarili domove ter narodno in cerkveno občestvo, ki še živi.

Še več, kljub revščini, v kateri so začeli, in trdemu delu, da so premagali težave, niso nikoli pozabili tistih, ki so potrebni pomoči.

Naj v zvezi z misijoni omenim le Misijonsko Znamkarsko Akcijo, ki jo je ustanovil pred nedavnim umrli naš misijonar na Kitajskem, Karol Wolbang, in ki uspešno deluje še danes. Koliko pomoči so od teh dobrotnikov prejeli naši misijonarji, posebno takrat, ko jim ni bilo mogoče pomagati od doma, ve samo Bog!"

Med številnim dobrimi ljudmi v Clevelandu, je g. Ocvirk srečal pred osmimi leti tudi go. Angelo Fujs, rojeno Majc. Toda, ko je bil pred tedni v Clevelandu, je že 4. januarja letos odšla k Bogu po svoje plačilo.

O svoji ženi je dejal g. Frank Fujs: To je bila ženska z odprtimi rokami in velikim srcem. Po vojni je sešla mnogo slovenskih zastav, ki zdaj krasijo domove, izkupiček pa je namenila trem škofijskim Karitas. Tudi za slovenske misijonarje je naredila in darovala zastavice. Naj ne bo otožen spomin, marveč zahvala Bogu in spodbuda, da po Jezusovem zgledu skrbimo za brate in sestre okrog nas in v misijonih, je g. Ocvirk za-

ključil svoj dopis.

Zopet se je nabralo nekaj dobrotnikov, ki so darovali za naše misijonarje: Niko Tomc (s. Marija Pavličič) \$50; Frank Boh \$20; M.K. za najbolj potrebne misijonarje \$200, za lačne otroke \$50, za sv. maše \$40 (+ Miha Zalokar, +Anton Krampel, družina Avguštin, družina Zalokar); župnija Sv. Križa, 750 Tahmore Dr., Fairfield, Conn., \$360; Anton Malenšek \$50; Anton Malenšek (teller's check) \$542.

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(nadaljevanje s str. 14)

nične sprave in odpustanja, je potrebno tudi veliko molitve. Cerkev in verni kristjani imamo prav posebno nalogo, da molimo za sovražnike po Kristusovem naročilu. Ljubezen do sovražnikov je preizkusni kamen pristnega krščanstva (Mt 5,44). Zato se je treba vedno znova vračati k tej nalogi. Različne spominske slovesnosti naj bi nas vedno znova spodbudile k odpustanju in spravi.

Naša skupna naloga

Čeprav je sprava nekaj tako težkega in doživljamo tako hude stvari, ne smemo izgubiti upanja. Kristjan si mora prizadevati za spravo iz zvestobe Kristusovemu zgledu in naročilu. Za vse pa je to dolžnost kulture in poštenosti ter iskrenega prizadevanja. To velja za vsakega, tudi za tiste, ki so sami veliko pretrpeli, za naše izseljence, med katerimi so nekateri doživeli hude stvari. Mrtvi so pred Bogom in so svojim preganjalcem in morilcem odpustili. To naj bi storili tudi vsi živi.

Potreben pa je pošten dialog, da se odkrito pogovarjamo med seboj v dobrohotnosti in iskrenosti. Če sploh ni več medsebojnega pogovora, je to znamenje posebnega sovraštva. Prizadevati si moramo za spravo tudi v javnih pogovorih in razpravah.

Opomin papeža Janeza Pavla II.

Bog je gospodar zgodovine in edini sodnik. Nedoumljiva so njegova pota. Nedoumljivo je Kristusovo trpljenje. Nedoumljivo je preganjanje v Cerкви, ko so kristjani toliko pretrpeli, a na drugi strani tudi veliko zagrešili. Papež Janez Pavel II. ob pripravi na leto 2000 vedno znova poudarja, kako potrebna je sprava med nami. V svojih govorih v Sloveniji je večkrat govoril o spravi.

Že ob prihodu pri sprejemu na letališču Brnik je poudaril: "Tudi danes Sveti sedež podpira napore, s katerimi se srečujete in tako skušate premagati neogibne

težave, povezane z novim obdobjem vaše zgodovine, in vas spodbuja, da v najbolj pristnih krepostih vašega naroda in v krščanski veri pogumno iščete moč za skupno ustvarjanje vaše prihodnosti."

V govoru v Stožicah pa je dejal: "Škofe, duhovnike, redovnike in laike so med vojno in po njej zapirali, jih mučili, izsiljevali in tudi nasilno morili. Vsi ti zdaj prosijo Boga za spravo, mir in slogo med vsem člani naroda."

Ob slovesu v Mariboru na letališču je dejal: "Slovenski kristjani s to isto svetilko v rokah se zdaj pogumno napotite kot romarji upanja proti tretjemu krščanskemu tisočletju, da boste gradili med seboj spravljeno družbo, ki bo zagotavljala mir in slogo vašim otrokom. To je moje prisrčno voščilo, ki ga izrekam v tem tako pomembnem trenutku."

Leta 1985 je papež izdal apostolsko spodbudo o spravi in pokori kot dokument škofovske sinode v Rimu, ki je razpravljala o pokori in spravi ter poslanstvu Cerkev (CD št. 25, 1985). Te sinode sem se tudi sam udeležil. V tem dokumentu pravi: "O vsem tem zazna prav isti vprašujoči pogled, če je dovolj oster, tudi če je razdvojenost še tako živa pri ljudeh dobre volje, in pri pravih kristjanih iskreno željo po odpravi razklanosti po zacelitvi ran, da bi spet na vseh ravneh prišlo do bistvene edinosti. Ta želja je pri mnogih združena s pravim domotožjem po spravi, tudi če te besede ne uporabljajo" (str. 9).

V isti apostolski spodbudi poudarja: "Sprava je postala potrebna, ker je greh povzročil razklanost, iz katere izhajajo vse druge oblike razklanosti v notranjem človeku in okrog njega. Da bi bila sprava celotna, se mora človek nujno osvoboditi od greha, ki naj ga zavrača do najglobljih korenin. Zato tesna notranja vez povezuje spreobrnjenje in spravo. Teh dveh stvarnosti ni mogoče ločiti drugo od druge in

govoriti o eni, o drugi pa molčati" (str. 11).

Drugo evropsko ekumensko srečanje v Gradcu od 23. do 29. junija 1997 je imelo geslo: Sprava – božji dar in izvir novega življenja. Ker o zaključnem dokumentu govori poseben članek, naj ga tu samo omenim.

Katekizem katoliške Cerkev

Zelo pomembne so besede Katekizma katoliške Cerkev. Tam beremo: "Vse od govora na gori Jezus poudarja spreobrnjenje srca. Preden prinesemo dar k oltarju, se je treba spraviti z bratom. Ljubiti je treba sovražnika in moliti za preganjalce; moliti k Očetu na skrivnem (Mt 6,6). Ne blebetati veliko besed. Pri molitvi odpustiti iz vsega srca. Imeti čisto srce in iskati božje kraljestvo. To spreobrnjenje je v celoti naravnano k Očetu, je sinovsko" (št. 2608).

Na drugem mestu beremo: "Krščanska molitev gre prav do odpustanja sovražnikom. Učenca preobrazi tako, da ga upodobi po njegovem Učitelju. Odpustanje spada k vrhuncem krščanske molitve. Dar molitve more biti sprejet samo v srce, ki je uglašeno na božje usmiljenje. Odpustanje tudi pričuje, da je v našem svetu ljubezen močnejša od greha. Včerašnji in današnji mučenci nosijo to Jezusovo pričevanje. Odpustanje je temeljni pogoj za spravo, spravo božjih otrok z Očetom in ljudi med seboj" (št. 2844).

Nikogar izmed nas vprašanje sprave ne sme pustiti ravnodušnega. Za spravo si moramo vsi iskreno prizadevati. Pri tem pa ne izgubiti upanja in vere, ampak prositi Kristusa, da nam nakloni spravo z Bogom in da milost sprave med seboj. Samo tako je možna pot k zadnjemu cilju. Kristus je spravil vse človeštvo z Bogom s svojo smrtjo na križu in prinesel novo življenje s svojim vstajanjem.

Tako naj velikonočni čas tudi nas vse spodbuja, da bi si z novim upanjem ne nehno prizadevali za spravo v našem slovenskem narodu na vseh področjih, pa tudi povsod drugod po svetu. Samo tako je zagotovljen mir in pravo sožitje in pot v tretje tisočletje. Leto Svetega Duha je posebna priložnost, da prosimo Svetega Duha, naj nas on razsvetli, da vse in vsakega posebej, da bi našli pravo pot do odpustanja in sprave.

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