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## DRUŠTVENE IN DRUGE RAZNO IZ AMERIKE IN SLOVENSKE VESTI

## FRIJAVA INOZEMCEV INOZEMSTVA

### PIERCE BUTLER UMRL

V Washingtonu je po par-mesečnem bolehanju umrl Pierce Butler, eden izmed devetorice sodnikov vrhovnega sudišča, star 73 let. Pokojnik je bil rojen v Minnesoti in je postal član najvišjega sudišča leta 1922. Za to mesto ga je imenoval takratni predsednik Harding. Mož je bil kompetenten jurist, toda odločen konservativec. Tekom prvega Rooseveltovega termina je bila celo vrsta new- dekskih postavov od vrhovnega sudišča proglašena za neustavne in je takrat kot tudi pozneje zdaj pokojni Butler glasoval s konservativci. Od izrazitih konservativcev je zdaj član vrhovnega sudišča samo še sodnik James C. McReynolds.

### VRHOVNO SODIŠČE

Vrhovno sudišče Zedinjenih držav je na svoj način najvažnejši del zvezne vlade. Devet sodnikov tega sudišča, ki so imenovani za vse življene, lahko proglaši za neustavno vsako postavo, ki jo sprejme zvezni kon-

gres, in tako prepreči postave, ki jih zahtevajo izpremenjene razmere. To se je posebno jasno pokazalo tekem prvega termina Rooseveltove administracije, ko so imeli v vrhovnem sudišču večino sodnikov konservativnih nazorov. Postava za postavo je romala v koš, in to je, po mnenju mnogih, preprečilo, da se dejela ni mogla hitreje izkropati iz depresije.

### SE JE OBRNILO

Predsednik Roosevelt, ki je izprevidel, da zaradi nasprovanja vrhovnega sudišča ne more uveljaviti skoro nobene reforme, ki jo je po njegovem mnenju in po mnenju kongresa zahteval duh časa, je priporočal kongresu, da bi sprejel zakon za zvišanje števila sodnikov vrhovnega sudišča. Na ta način bi bilo mogoče dodati sudišču nekaj liberalnejših sodnikov. Boj je bil hid in Roosevelt je s svojo zahtovo propadel. Javne debate pa so vseeno omejčale nekatere bolj zmerne člane vrhovnega sudišča, da so začeli upoštevati ljudsko voljo in so glasovali za nekatere liberalne reforme. Potem pa je par sodnikov stopilo v pokoj, par pa jih je umrlo. Tako je imel Roosevelt priliko imenovati že štiri nove člane vrhovnega sudišča, in smrť sodnika Butlerja mu bo dala priliko, da imenuje še petega. Večina članov vrhovnega sudišča bo torej v bodoče modernejših in liberalnejših nazorov.

### ZA OBRAMBO DEŽELE

Zedinjene države so se šele zadnje čase začele resno oboroževati. Vse od zaključka zadnje svetovne vojne naprej je ta republika priporočala svetovnim velesilam dogovorno zmanjšanje oboroževanja. Vsi taki apeli pa niso nič izdali in dogodki zadnjih časov so dokazali, da je v današnjih časih varna pred napadom le tista država, ki je močno oborožena in pripravljena vsak napad odbiti. Zato se hoče tudi ta republika vojaško pripraviti tako, da bo varna pred vsakim napadom od zunaj. Za tekoče fiskalno leto se bo porabilo nad 1800 milijonov dolarjev za povečanje in izboljšanje ameriške oborožene sile. To je ogromna vsota, toda malenkost na primeri z ogromnimi stroji.

Bil je veliki zapuščini se v tem teden posrečil dve lepički, ki sta ociganila Elizabeto Slavik, žensko ustanovljeno mesto vojne atašije pri jugoslovenskem poslaništvu v Washingtonu, te dni zavzel g. Mirko Pavla, polkovnik jugoslovenske vojske. G. Burja je Slovenec, ki sta oba govorila hrvatsko, in njegova soproga, iz Amerike.

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# New Era

ENGLISH SECTION OF  
Official Organ  
of the  
South Slavonic Catholic Union.

AMPLIFYING THE VOICE OF THE ENGLISH SPEAKING MEMBERS

## WHOM SHALL WE ELECT?

Suspicious eyes are cast around the lodge rooms during the November meetings, for the electorate starts picking its candidates for election at the December annual meetings.

Apprehensive eyes meet the suspicious glances, for reason at all, and the candidates-to-be and those up to their re-election prepare for the annual election of lodge officers.

Those members who have held lodge offices appreciate the value of an unbiased group—one that judges leaders by their work within the unit and not by its outside connections. Although personal whims never would enter into lodge elections, sometimes a certain agreement to disagree with others within the local unit, the result is a disgusted lodge officer who declines a nomination for re-election. While such a situation does present itself very often, it might tend to discourage a promising leader from further activity and worse, super the efforts of others with less abilities.

While lodge offices are pleasant jobs, we must also keep in mind the time and effort expended by the officers outside of the meeting hall. A president conducting a meeting; a secretary reading the financial report, of the secretary and treasurer; recording secretary reading the minutes—such lodge proceedings appeal to many members who see themselves executing the various steps behind the table, if they were elected to these

People who lack experience as lodge officers fail to realize the large amount of work required before and after each meeting. They fail to vision the running round that is necessary contacting this person and that many members are aware of the many hours a secretary spends each month recording assessments received from members, filling out reports for the home office, and checking over her books to strike a balance? A boxer requires much exercise to keep his body in the pink of condition. At a boxing match we admire the fine physique, developed muscles, alertness to the movements of his opponent, and how we do like to place ourselves in the shoes of the two fighting specimens. How many of us are willing to sacrifice our time of leisure for gymnasium work, where hours of training are required; where perspiration flows freely and fat literally dissolve.

Like all walks of life that require hours of continuous study and application of oneself, the lodge officers demand also their quota of concentration; not a meeting night when one meets many friends and a pleasant sociable evening thrown in for good pleasure, but at home, usually alone, when others may be away, a movie, while the lodge officer prepares, cooks and fills out reports.

Whom shall we elect? The conscientious type who respond when the need is the greatest.

## Colorado Federation

Boncarbo, Colo.—SSCU lodges in the State of Colorado, belong to the Colorado Federation, are hereby instructed to address all matters pertaining to the secretary of the federation to John Lipe, P. O.

On this occasion I also request both SSCU lodges in Walsenburg to talk things over together necessary for our meeting in Walsenburg. After making the necessary arrangements, let the results be forwarded to the federation secretary so that he may report them in the Nova Doba. If these two lodges may require my assistance, let them include this request in their report, and I shall be at their disposal.

Do not fail to attend the regular annual session to be held Sunday, December 10, 1939 at 9:30 a. m. at the Jugoslav National Home. Refreshments will be served after the meeting.

## Lodge 1

Ely, Minn.—All the members of lodge 1 SSCU, Ely, Minn. are requested to attend the annual session which is to be held Sunday, Dec. 10, 1939. Election of officers will be in order and other business will be transacted.

If you feel the present officers are qualified to continue in office, give them your support; however, if you feel a change should be made, you can suggest the same at this meeting.

Your present officers have made an impressive record in enrolling new members, as most of you already know, especially those who have read our official organ, the "Nova Doba." During the last membership campaign 33 adults and 75 juveniles were enrolled, thus qualifying 4 delegates to the athletic conference and 4 to the juvenile convention. Our lodge now has over 400 adult and 205 juvenile members. If all members would be active, the membership would increase still further.

I must state at this time that many members fail to pay the assessments when due, thereby creating much unnecessary work for the secretary. Assessments are due the first of each month and can be paid up to the first of the following month, but many members fail to remember this. The lodge does not allow the secretary to use any of the lodge monies to pay for delinquent members. The whole burden therefore falls upon the secretary, and I want the members to know I have not much money available; so don't blame me if you find you have been suspended. In the past I have paid for several members who I thought would eventually pay but they never came to pay up, therefore, I am out a considerable amount of money. While I don't mind paying for a member who finds he is short some month, I find I have been taken advantage of more and more, and many members are continually behind one or two months, and I am compelled to use about \$200.00 of my own money each and every month to make up for this negligence on the part of the members, who in most instances could pay but were of the opinion that I would take care of them. Conditions have improved to such an extent that I feel current assessments could in most instances be paid regularly; therefore I appeal to you to be more prompt and have some consideration for your secretary, as I have bills which must be paid also.

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Frank Tomsich, Jr., Sec'y

## Safety Note

The traffic toll, just a few days ago, showed ninety-three persons in Cleveland had lost their lives on our city streets. The majority of the victims this year have been pedestrians, persons who risked their life to save a second and lost. Remember, accidents can be prevented. Cross at the crosswalk.

— Public Relations Bureau, Cleveland Police Dept.

Judge Duff — Have you a lawyer, Sambo?

Sambo — Naw, suh, Jedge. We done decided to tell de troof.

John Lipe, Sec'y

## BRIEFS

*The thirty-fifth anniversary* of lodge 50, SSCU, Brooklyn, N. Y., will be fittingly observed on Sunday, November 26, at the Slovene National Home on 253 Irving Ave.

*A dance will be held* by lodge 198, SSCU, of Central City, Pa., on Saturday, November 25, at the Polish Hall.

*In Joliet, Ill., Lodge 66, SSCU* will sponsor a smoker on Sunday, November 26, at 1312 N. Center St.

*The annual Cleveland Community Fund campaign* for 1939 will be held between November 20 and 30. Over 15,000 volunteer workers will work to reach the goal of nearly four million dollars.

*All SSCU lodges interested* in entering basketball teams in leagues sponsored by the Community Center Division of the Cleveland Board of Education are requested to get in touch with J. G. Sintic, director of organized athletics for the Bureau of Physical Welfare, 1380 East 6th St., Cleveland, O. Players will be divided into five classes, depending on age and experience. No player is eligible to play while on the eligibility list of any college, high school, or junior high school, except those playing on intramural teams.

## Community Fund

Cleveland, O.—A production report that lists the manufacture of 224 separate articles—everything from flannel dusters and butler's aprons to fur hangars and taffeta pillows—for a grand total of 45,037 manufactured pieces last year, sounds like a thriving little industry.

Would you believe it was done by cripples, approximately 50 persons all physically unfit for industrial employment? Anyway, that is the record of accomplishment by Sunbeam Shops operated by the Community Fund's Association for the Crippled and Disabled, at 2233 East 55th Street.

Household articles of all sorts—dish cloths, towels, napkins, cushions—more than 30,000 everyday home necessities. Also some 8,000 dresses, uniforms, smocks and aprons. Part of the \$26,051 resulting from sales of these articles last year was used for medical and therapy treatments for those under the agency's care.



## Lodge 21

Denver, Colo.—Members of lodge "Sv. Jozefa," 21, SSCU are notified herewith that our next meeting has been postponed for two days. Instead of December 14, it shall be held on Saturday evening, December 16. The change was made for the convenience of our members so that all could attend with the exception of those reported ill. The December meeting will be the annual meeting, and the most important one of the entire twelve meetings of the year.

At the December meeting it is necessary to elect a board for the coming year and to enact the necessary rules for the coming year. The progress of the lodge depends a good deal upon a good board. While it is true that the administrative board cannot do much without the assistance of the constituents, it is also true that a board in which the members have confidence will accomplish greater results. The road is not strewn with roses for lodge officers, for such individuals are confronted with many difficulties. By exercising the necessary amount of patience, all such difficulties are overcome. The majority of members appreciate the work of their officers and respect them for abiding by the by-laws and the lodge decisions.

Our lodge progressed nicely during the past year. We gained members in both departments and the treasury improved with the proceeds of a picnic. To all, who in any way helped towards this success, is extended an expression of thanks.

The annual meeting will start at 7 p. m.

Frank Okoren, Sec'y

## Lodge 84

Trinidad, Colo.—Members of lodge "Sv. Andreja," 84, SSCU are again reminded to be more prompt with payment of their assessments. It is especially important that they pay the current assessment and all those that may be in arrears now, towards the end of the year. No one likes to see his name called off at the annual meeting as one who owes his lodge. It is better for the lodge officers if they could present the books indicating no debts on the part of the members. Today our members have no excuses for non-payment. When we visit the bar, we are all wealthy and in such a hurry to pay as though we were afraid we would miss something. If we were equally as eager to pay our assessments to the lodge, which is for our protection, as we are to pay at the bar, then we would need no such reminders in the Nova Doba.

Our next meeting will be held on Sunday, December 10, in the usual quarters, and will commence at 9 a. m. We will elect the lodge board at this meeting, and many other important matters will come up for discussion. Therefore, it is imperative that all members attend this important meeting. Something in the way of refreshments will be provided for the juvenile and adult members after the meeting.

Jacob Prunk, Sec'y

Mrs. Peck — Henry, why is it, do you suppose, that it is said there are no marriages in heaven?

Henry — Why, er, it would not be heaven, would it, if there were marriages?

For those Gophers, working

## SSCU Bandwagon

By Little Stan

Ely, Minn.—with machine-like precision are preparing for the big dance in the Yugoslav National Home Saturday, Dec. 2. A popular orchestra will be obtained, and you can bet that the halls of the building will once again be filled with laughter and shufflin' feet as young couples will swing along with the SSCU Bandwagon of fun! Place that date on your calendar! Saturday, Dec. 2 in the National Home!

Sacred Heart Lodge, father of Gophers, No. 2 will conduct its annual meeting Sunday, Dec. 10 at 7 p. m. in the National Home. Big business will be election of officers. Refreshments will be served and everyone—including Gophers—are asked to attend.

Chairman Champa, and Secretary Perushek have promised to pitch in for the first keg of nails! Plan on having a lot of fun in addition to helping transport a little business! It's in the evening, you know!

Turkey parties will be on tap these next ten days. A lot of people will have an opportunity to win a nice big Thanksgiving dinner just by yelling the right word at the right time! Nice way to get around the law, what, editor? Like a feller told Little Stan, "I'm a lucky guy all right! . . . They could fix it so I'd be the only guy playing, and yet I couldn't win!" And you know that's just the feller who is first to get a winner! Just when you think your luck is down on you.

And you know, it'll only be a couple of weeks and Christmas will be here. This scene is usually depicted with falling of soft flaky snowflakes, Christmas Carols, and everybody feeling holy-like! You can even see a big halo around Little Stan's head—especially when he gets into his Magic Carpet and takes off for the North Pole to help Brother Santa Claus make deliveries. You remember, don't you? — Santa Claus is a member of everybody's lodge and family! Heh Heh!

That Matt Vertin, popular restauranteur, who prepared such delicious meals for delegates to the Athletic Conference convention, is a darned good sport. His bowling team, entered in Ely's major leagues, has won only one game out of four three-game matches. Latest to tack defeat on his boys were the strong Zup's pin five, but they were taxed to the limit. But right after the match Genial Matt says: "Come on boys, we'll have to have a little refreshments after this match," and no sooner said than done. Joe Jenko, Mudge Mayerle, Frank Glavan, Little Stan sat around that same table the delegates ate at, and consumed one large steak apiece—all as big as those Lou Kolar used to have! Tender and delicious! T-Bone! Muh! Frankie Debeltz was supposed to have one, too, but he got disgusted with his last score and beat it before Matt spoke those silvery words! Alex Debeltz and Bravy Bolka were working night shift. But there'll come another day. So delicious was the meal that the boys vowed they'd start from the bottom to cop the league championship—if possible! Heh Heh! Doc Zgong sat with us fellers and enjoyed it as much as we did . . . nice stuff!

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## Rambling Along

By Big Stan

Strabane, Pa.—YOU THERE! You and your friends. I mean you all that haven't attended a lodge meeting since your initiation. Why don't you wake up and realize the terrible mistake you are making. Don't you know that you are just as important to your lodge meeting as the treasury itself? You are the lodge or a part of it so why not get some life into yourself? Attend your lodge meeting and fill it full of life. Make it active and strong so that it will be the talk of the town. Then and only then can you realize the fun that you can have by being a live wire in your lodge. Don't kid yourself for you can have the greatest time of your life by just being a lodge member and taking part in lodge activities. Try it.

### Important Era

About this time of the year, the most important era of your lodge's life has arrived. It is about time for election of officers and the planning of the winter's social season. Attend your meetings and get acquainted with the boys and girls that make your lodge what it is. If you're not one of the live wires, make it your business to be the "one" that will make your lodge roll on to bigger and better heights. Plan your dances and your socials and your winter sports program with the others and at the same time, study your brother and sister members to see that the most capable are elected into office the next month. Above all, make it your most important business to attend the November and December meetings.

As for the Sentinels, November 26, the fourth Sunday of the month is the day for all to be present. The past few months the meetings were attended poorly so let's all get together and make November and December the most important meetings in our existence and get acquainted with all the members that belong to the lodge 236. Remember that the election meeting is next month and that this month's meeting falls on November 26, the fourth Sunday of the month at two p. m. Can we count on you?

### A Reunion

Sunday, November 12, 1939, your correspondent returned home after a busy afternoon only to find that good old Ralph Kovacic of Export, one of the very lively delegates to the past conferences, had called. Realizing that a happy reunion was so close but still so far away, a big ball of red exploded before our very eyes and murder was in the making. Of course, if I had stayed at home, that wouldn't have happened but the minute I leave, it's a hundred to one a friend comes calling. Just then the red vision cleared and the light dawned. If I know Ralph, he'll be back. And so, when the family asked me to join them in a social call, I refused, I decided to stay home and wait for Ralph and clear up some work behind schedule. Believe it or not, just as the comma was placed after the traditional ending, on the first letter Ralph had announced his arrival at the door. Need it be said that work was suspended? You bet your sweet life it was. For with Ralph's appearance, August 4, 5, 6, again came into being and before the handshake was completed, we were again in Ely. Boy it was sure good to see him again. And after fifteen minutes of questions back and forth, Ralph calmly told me that he had some friends outside. Just like men isn't it. We talked and talked about Ely, the trip and the many friends,

## My Creed of the SSCU

I believe in belonging to a good organization.

I believe the South Slavonic Catholic Union is one of the very best—that I took a wise step when I joined it.

It will ease my mind, knowing that through joining this worthy organization my future is secure.

I believe she will mother me in my needy hours. When the hours are the darkest, she shall come forward with open arms. She shall receive me and my loved ones like an angel with a lighted candle, and brighten my darkest hours.

I believe in her policy, in her honest methods of getting what she is after. That she will never be down and out.

I believe in her faith, for she stood up for forty-one years in all kinds of weather.

I believe that you and I did our part in a little way. But I also believe that we should not stop, but forever fight forward for her consummation, her great power of accomplishment.

I believe she shall go upward, dominate, conquer, until she shall reach and master her greatest ambition, her crowning achievement of the biggest membership.

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## Traffic Safety

Safety messages are a whole lot like medicine; hard to swallow but good for you. Many people are prone to scoff at any program designed to prevent accidents by education. Some of them openly jeered at posters and slogans intended to make people more careful and thus avert tragedy. If you are one of these persons let me ask you this question. Did you ever have to pick up a broken and mangled body of some little tot who a moment before had been a happy laughing boy or girl? And all the while you're fighting back the tears that keep welling up and you'd like to smash your fist into the blundering fool's face whose carelessness has robbed some mother of her most cherished possession. Or did you ever have to knock on some door in the dead of night and with the words sticking in your throat tell some frightened wife that her husband wouldn't ever be coming home again, and stand there and see the stark horror come into her face as the realization dawns on her that she and her babies are left alone in the world?

Eventually this becomes the duty of every policeman and a none too pleasant duty either. If you have already had this unpleasant experience you can't honestly laugh at any attempt to make the streets and highways safer. Only a fool would laugh at the automobile record for the United States which might better be called a National Plague—38,000 dead and over a million injured every year. Can you conceive of a situation more sickly or one requiring more immediate treatment? As the doctors of medicine would rally to exterminate a pestilence, so must we rally to the call of safety; to eliminate this shameful record which mocks our very claim to civilization.

Progressive police departments throughout the country are beginning to realize that their obligation to the public is just as important in the saving of lives in the community as the arresting of criminals and that this can best be done through an educational program. Police departments which have inaugurated a safety educational bureau have achieved very gratifying results and their reward has been two-fold. Not only have they succeeded in reducing the death toll, they have won the gratitude of their community which has resulted in a much more favorable attitude towards the police department.

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## IMPRESSIONS OF A DELEGATE

By Anne Prosen

(Continuation)

I hope Little Stan who is a member of the Chamber of Commerce tells Mr. Olson and the other members how much we enjoyed being entertained in the civic building. We won't forget it and hope you won't.

### COMMUNITY DANCE

Upon arriving at the Community Center we found quite a crowd assembled already. We were a little late but not too late to join in the fun. Bill Rupas and his radio orchestra started the dancers swaying. And how one could sway to his music. It seemed to weave a magic spell and invite you to dance even though you weren't in the mood. And can Bill arrange fine selections. He plays the latest tunes the way they are the most attractive.

Everyone seemed to be very happy tonight. Those who had danced or were too tired to dance merely sat around in groups getting acquainted. And did I get acquainted with some fine people. Who should I meet but my pen pal. And am I grateful to the Nova Doba for such a fine friend. Yes I attributed my acquaintanceship to the editors of the Nova Doba who published my address about two years ago, at which time Catherine Ulcher has written to me and has done so since. We have been the best of friends through our correspondence; now my dream came true and I had the chance of meeting Catherine in person. I wouldn't attempt to describe her physically but socially I can say she is one of the finest persons I have met in a long time. Her manner is so outstanding. She shows that she is well bred. Catherine, like other SSCU members, possesses a fine spirit of the Slovene nationality. She too is active in her organization in Gilbert, Minnesota. I spent a very lovely evening discussing affairs with Catherine. So much interest did I give her that I sacrificed my time with my other friends. I got Catherine to meet some of the fine personages behind our Nova Doba. I think Catherine will never forget Mr. Terbovec, Mr. Kolar, Mr. Rogelj and some of the other fine supreme board members. Catherine left a fine impression on me. I am proud that I am her friend. I also met Catherine's mother who also left me quite content that I had met her. I hope the day will come soon when I get to see them both. I salute the SSCU, who through its organ has brought me in contact not only with Catherine and her mother who are fine characters in this organization of ours, but for those hundreds of others whom I have met at various affairs.

The evening waned so I had to get dancing with some of my friends. Though, I wanted to I couldn't do and talk all evening with Catherine as a newspaper woman I had to get around and see the others. The members of the supreme board were present in a large number. Every one of them scattered a little sunshine among the delegates wherever they went.

Of course the delegates were present. What kind of a dance would it be if they weren't. The younger delegates were there, too though some could barely hold their eyes open much longer. And how sweetly these girls can dress... such an array of color one can see through the hall under the indirect lighting. I pictured fairland... girls in all arrays of the rainbow—red, orange, yellow, blue, indigo and violet. The colors blended so nicely especially the two-toned artistically flowered dresses and pastel materials. All the girls looked as though they too had stepped from fairland. Their curls were so neatly arranged... flowing locks, upsweps, waves, oh most any style. The girls seemed to have a nice touch of red in their cheeks, no it wasn't rouge from the dime store in every case, some of the younger girls had rosy cheeks when asked to dance by a fine looking lad. It looked so nice to see the juvenile boys getting into the spirit of things and asking his favorite girl to dance with him. It took a lot of courage and rhythm but they gathered enough courage even though some of the younger lads didn't have the rhythm. Everything seemed to run so smoothly like the machinery of a clock. Oh that clock, how time flies here, it is almost quitting time and we were just getting accustomed to it. Well, I guess this fairland of color and music can not go on forever and neither can seriousness for here comes the man of the hour Little Stan in person. No he didn't make his first debut tonight just now. He's been here a long time already. He certainly can get his height under control to carry himself around the hall to spread comedy among the bystanders. Speaking of bystanders, what is he up to now. Well as a newspaper woman I should tell you, but my face is too red to spill the beans. All I can say is that my little dope about the episode can be only in an indirect manner. Little Stan made his way up to the microphone. Well now that I started here goes: Little Stan ambulated to the instrument used in rendering vocal transitions of a vocalist or musician. With an inclination of high respect for the heedful bystanders he exhibited a finely woven article of clothing richly embroidered in lace. It was a pair of women's long loose drawers so dominant in the year 1830. Evidently Stan had ransacked the attic of his grandmother to discover such a fine piece of apparel. Nevertheless, it stirred quite a commotion in the crowd when he withdrew it from his pocket thinking it was his handkerchief. No harm done, how could he help it if he had accidentally put his mother's handkerchief, I mean riding pants in his pocket. We better check up on his grandmother and tell her to keep her riding suits under cover. As I said before time flies, and before we knew

it the orchestra was playing the home waltz. There were to be no more of those fine foxtrots, waltzes, swing, jazz, it meant the time had come to depart from the artistic realms of fairyland and depart for home carrying with us memories of a truly lovely evening.

No doubt the hotel delegates were in a hurry to get home. It meant grub at the end of the trail and who doesn't hurry at the mention of eats and drinks.

We arrived at the hotel in a happy frame of mind, but dear diary our minds were soon changed. More about this next time so until then keep a lookout for the sudden change of our happy minds.

Dear Diary: Here I am again trying to continue my story. Gee, time is scarce out here I seldom get time to write to you any more. I want to tell you this week more about the affairs of Saturday afternoon. But first to renew slightly: Emil Zebre of Kemmerer, Wyo., and I went to the Home Office to type our minutes of the Second National Athletic Conference. We had pretty much to do before dinner time so we set to work in Mr. Zbasnik's office. At first we were going to type at the hotel. In fact some kind gentleman from Ely offered us a typewriter on which to do our work. Here's thanks to that kind gentleman and his wife, unfortunately I don't remember his name but I do know that we appreciated his kindness. Mr. Terbovec also offered us a typewriter and we were grateful to him too. The best offer, so we thought, came from the Home Office — an offer to type our notes in the Home Office. Yes that's right the supreme board told us to use the office of Mr. Zbasnik for our work. And set to work we did. But wait a minute I have to see some one about something. I'm putting the wagon about the horse. I almost forgot about the pictures we took.

"Pictures here" such was Mr. Zbasnik's words, so the crowd gathered at one o'clock to take pictures in front of the Home Office. Photographers were ready, people, almost ready. Since the people were not all ready Little Stan asked me to accompany him and the other boys to the railroad station to see our friend Cecelia Seme off toward home. If I remember correctly, there were five of us in the farewell party. As Cecelia stood on the top step of the train Little Stan snapped her picture. Then when time permitted she took pictures of our group waving farewell to her. And so on back and forth we kept snapping pictures. The time started to fly and the first thing we knew it was time for the train to leave. How well we remember that Saturday afternoon when the conductor called all aboard and the train carried Cecelia away from our midst. It did us no good to stand on the platform and cry for the absent so we did the next best thing and started back toward the Home Office. Luckily we did, for the photographers were ready and so were the people. In fact they were waiting for us. Did they stare when we pulled up in Stan's car. Out we scampered and dispersed among the crowd. We kept the people awaiting so we had to hide ourselves. How naughty. Aw but dear diary we did a good deed by seeing Cecelia off.

Some fun posing for photographers. I want a picture by all means and I got it too. Is it a honey. That certainly is going among my souvenirs. One of the pictures we took was of all the persons who attended the convention, delegates, officers, and visitors. Another picture that was taken was for the members of Lodge 1 in Ely, Minn. The third picture was of the newspaper staff. How honored we felt that Little Stan should pick us out as the reporters of the paper. Just to refresh your memory a little of the picture that was published recently. There was Emil Zebre, Kemmerer, Wyo., the recording secretary of the adult convention better known as the Cowboy from Brooklyn; Louis Kolar, Cleveland, O., editor of the English Section and chaperon to the Ohio, Illinois, Wisconsin delegation; Stan Progar, Strabane, Pa., the rambling character man, lately christened Big Stan. And the man of men that's right folks, our own editor-manager of Nova Doba, Mr. A. J. Terbovec, the ace editor.

In the front row we have Mr. Janko Rogelj, Cleveland, Ohio, supreme trustee and vice-president of Ilirska Vila (I got it again, sure Ilirska Vila is a very popular name in the SSCU) and them we'll skip over the next person since you may all remember that it is Anne Prosen of Clev., O. Our next three persons are juvenile writers; they are doing great work in the juvenile section and it may not be long now before they will join us on the adult page. Elsie Desmond, Cleve.; Justine Korent, Ely and Irene Pavlich, Soudan, Minnesota and last but not least in our group of writers is the man playing the leading role, Little Stan of that little town of six thousand people way up north in Minnesota, that's it, Ely, Minn.

That was all the pictures for the day so the crowd dispersed and the photographers went on their way. But poor little Emil and me had work to do. So we bid farewell to our friends and went inside the Home Office to type our minutes.

Minutes, and more minutes that is what we were occupied with. It took many minutes to do our minutes. Emil got me behind the typewriter at first but my hands just couldn't adapt themselves to work so he took the burden. Between the two of us and the water fountain we got our work done. You know how it is on a nice sunny afternoon to do minutes so we gazed all around inside and outside between thoughts. Hardly any people were in the office now that it was late Sunday afternoon. Like most offices they too had to have a half day holiday. But not my cowboy friend and I, for we had work to do. Clank, clank at the typewriter. At last we were done. What a relief. Quickly we put our things away

and set off for the hotel. It was supper time so we hurried along.

Supper is a mighty important time so we didn't want to miss it. And so we needed it to help us along through the adventures of the evening's life.

**STREET DANCERS**

Shortly after supper the band of public utility washed the street directly in front of the Forest Hotel and were cleared out of the street. A car had to be called to remove the debris from which the owner could not be found. The street had to be cleaned out so we went westward. The car was blocked and a little while later we ready for the band. In the meantime playing an attractive air for within a few minutes the street was overfilled with people. But somehow or other people were not in the mood for dancing. It took two little children to do some action. Several of the delegates joined in the dancing though there were quite a number who just sat and gazed at the scene. I can vouch for several persons who did little dancing. You guessed it, there were quite a number who sat in my room above the stage and watched from a balcony seat.

The band is to be commended for the fine musical renditions. Their music was both inviting and entertaining. Chicks to the leader and a fine band.

All went well until the time came for the Elyites seemed to head in that direction. This seemed to be the sign for the crowd to break up and go home. So we did likewise but rather than turn to letter writing. We must have forgotten our loved ones back home as pencils and pens flew over the papers and we were busy for quite a while.

Most of our letters ran something like this. Of course this is fictitious.

purely coincidental. (Ha-ha)

Dear Ma and Pa:

I am having a swell time here. The people here are just too nice for words. I am dead tired. By the way my work is running low. I can hardly wait to get home. It's tough when you are run low at a time like this. It is nice to see the payroll. I mean family again.

Love your tired money come.

I mean

From the sample above you can see that we were very tired. Only the thing was punctuated poorly if at all.

And thus ended another memorable day dear diary. Another day which goes down in our memories as the day the eventful day on which occurred the great record breaking Second National Athletic Conference. Dear Ma and Pa, we never forget those who made it what it was. I really feel bad, too, that day, for I had bestowled quite an honor that of recording our victory. It certainly was something eventful for me being chosen for such a position at my age. I wish to thank you for such a pleasant and responsible for such a pleasant off.

Dear diary here it is almost time for our great convention. It seems most like a dream. Just a few moments ago we will have the memory.

Sunday morning usually means back home but here I got up earlier than ever. It seemed that once again I peeped over the hillside and dressed and got ready. So I got up, dressed and turned to the lobby of the hotel. There were several folders and magazines I had seen them before so there was much that I could do. I decided to have a walk. My walk started outside the city in every possible angle.

Very interesting to window shopping, stores. No doubt I spent some time in the dress shops. The styles were much up to date. A drug store too, I captured my attention.

Standing in front of the window looking at the souvenirs, who passed stared at me. Some

people who looked queer to see someone shopping so early in the morning.

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What was there to do up in the room. A little later the morning papers were out. So back to the hotel.

First thing I looked for were the news.

## DOPISI

**Brooklyn, N. Y.** — Naše društvo Št. Petra, št. 50 JSKJ, bo v nedeljo 26. novembra obhajalo svojo 35-letnico z veliko veselico, ki bo vsebovala tudi petje in saljivo igro. Iz raznih poročil je sklepati, da bo udeležba velika. Program prireditev je našeleni.

Nase društvo je bilo ustanovljeno 1. junija 1904 na 147 Lorimer St. v Brooklynu ter je nekaj mesecev na označenem načrtu tudi zborovalo. Društvo je ustanovil pokojni F. G. Tassotti, ustanovni člani pa so bili: Josip Pleše, Ivan Briški, Peter Biček, Martin Curl, Andrej Staker, Peter Klarč, Jurij Kajfež, Ivan Murn, Jurij Koenig, Anton Matetič, Martin Rauch, Anton Stucin, Ivan Fugina, Anton Gorkič, Anton Piškar in Josip Tassotti.

Društvo je bilo ustanovljeno s 17 člani. Za predsednika je bil izvoljen Josip Pleše, za prvega zastopnika pa F. G. Tassotti. Prvi predsednik je predsedoval društvu dve leti; ko je nadaljnje izvolitev odklonil, je bil izvoljen za predsednika Anton Stucin, ki je predsedoval tri leta. Omenjeni se je odpovedal predsedništvu leta 1909.

Pri tej priliki tudi izbran ob ustanovitvi društva, F. G. Tassotti, je izvrševal tajniške posle 14 let. Nato je prevzel in vodil tajništvo do konca leta 1931 se danji podpredsednik Jakob Slabič. Na decemberski seji istega leta je bil izvoljen za tajnika Valentine Orehek, ki še sedaj ta poslovje izvršuje.

Od ustanovnih članov imamo še enega pri društvu, in sicer sobrata Antonia Stucina.

Pri sprejemu v Jednoto je drukčno dobroločno številko 50. Leta 1907 se je nabavilo krasno zastavo, ki je bila blagoslovljena v nemški cerkvi sv. Jozefa na 87. cesti v New Yorku. Zastavo je blagoslovil Rev. Alojzij Blaznik ob asistenci Rev. Zadovarja in Mgr. Lamela. Kužasti je bila Mrs. Agnes Piskur.

Tretji del programa: Ples in prosta zabava. Za ples svira Jerry's Starlight orkester. Ob 8. uri zvečer se prične ples v treba voliti odbor za prihodnje leta in sprejeti razne določbe za društva JSKJ, ki poslujejo v slovensko trobojnicu z na-

pisom in s sliko patrona, druga stran je svetlo modra s širokim rdečim robom. Načrt zastave je sestavil pokojni tajnik F. G. Tassotti.

Društvo šteje zdaj 88 članov in članic v obeh oddelkih. Proslava naše 35-letnice se bo vršila, kakor že omenjeno, v Slovenskem narodnem domu v Brooklynu v nedeljo 26. novembra. Začetek točno ob 3. uri pooldne.

Program bo slediči: 1. Otvoritveni pozdrav (predsednik Joseph Skrabe), 2. Jugoslovanska narodna himna (svira slovenski tamburaški zbor pod vodstvom Mr. Johna Gerjeviča), 3. Nagovor Mr. G. F. Tassottija, predsednika Slovenskega Narodnega Doma, 4. Viktor Parma: "Mladi vojaki"; G. Donizetti: Sekstet iz opere "Lucia di Lameroor"; (poje slovensko dramsko društvo "Domovina" pod vodstvom Mr. Johna Končana, 5. Pozdravni govor zastopnika J. S. K. Jendote, Valentinea Oreheka, 6. a) Rimsky Korzakov: Flight of the Bumble Bee; b) Rochmonoff: Bells of Moscow (igra na piano Miss Elizabeth Meitzen.) 7. Nagovor g. D. M. Stanojeviča, generalnega konzula Jugoslavije, 8. a) Anton Schwab: "Izgubljeni cvet"; b) Gustav Ipavec: "Oblaček"; (poje slovensko pevsko društvo "Slovan" pod vodstvom Mr. J. Koprivščeka), 9. a) Marko Bakaj: "Triglavská koračnica"; b) Rudolf Crnkovič: "Venček hrvatskih narodnih nešmi"; (svira slovenski tamburaški zbor pod vodstvom Mr. J. Gerjeviča), 10. Nagovor Rev. P. Petrica, OFM. 11. Nagovor dr. Vladimira Rybára, svetnika jugoslovanskega poslaništva v Washingtonu, D. C.

Druži del programa: "Rdeči nosovi," burka v enem dejanju; poslovenil Fr. Rihar. Nastopajo osebe: Kovtre, kročač (John Zaggar); Jurček, njegov valenec (John Holešek); Zaletel, kočiča (Matt Corel); Škor, pisar (Joe Zaggar); Rebula, davkar (Adolph Vesel). Režiser Jack Pishkur.

Tretji del programa: Ples in prosta zabava. Za ples svira Jerry's Starlight orkester. Ob

Na seji meseca decembra je treba voliti odbor za prihodnje leta in sprejeti razne določbe za

Za društvo Sv. Petra, št. 50 poslovanje v bodočem letu. Od tem okrožju, pa še ne spadajo v coloradsko federacijo, so prošenja, da na decemberskih sejah dolgočjo, da bodo v letu 1940 spadala v federacijo in naj izvijilo svoje zastopnike za prihodnje zborovanje. Imena zastopnikov naj se pošljejo tajniku federacije, da jih vknjiži. Pošljejo naj se najkasneje do 31. januarja 1940. Prihodnje zborovanje naše federacije se bo vršilo enkrat spomladi v Walsenburgu, Colo. V letu 1940 se bo vršila redna konvencija JSKJ, in, ko bodo izvoljeni delegati za konvencijo, bo imela naša federacija še eno zborovanje.

Pri tej priliki tudi prosim obe društvi JSKJ v Walsenburgu, da se medsebojno dogovorita glede vsega, kar bo treba zaradi našega zborovanja v Walsenburgu. Ko se glede teh zadev sporazumeta, naj sporočita o ukrepih tajniku federacije, da more potem on poročati v Novi Dobi. Ako bi morda omenjeni dve društvi pri tem potrebovali mojo pomoč, naj mi samo sporočita, pa bom na razpolago.

Z ozirom na zastopstvo našega društva še enkrat opozrim, da se bo naša letna seja vršila v soboto 16. decembra in da se bo pričela ob 7. uri zvečer. Za po seji pa bo pripravljenih nekoliko okrepil. Na svidenje! — Za društvo št. 21 JSKJ:

Frank Okoren, tajnik.

**Boncarbo, Colo.** — Društvo JSKJ v državi Colorado, ki spadajo v coloradski federaciji, obveščam, da je moj sedanji naslov: "John Lipec, P. O. Box 26, Boncarbo, Colo." V vseh zadevah, ki se tičejo tajništa naše federacije, naj se obračajo na navedeni naslov.

Pri tej priliki tudi pozivam druga društva JSKJ v državi Colorado, ki še ne spadajo k naši federaciji, da se nam pridružijo. Nekateri so imela na našem zadnjem zborovanju v Pueblo svojo opazovalce, za bodoča pa upam, da bodo poslala svoje redne zastopnike. Letna članarina za posamezna društva, ki se plačuje v blagajno federacije, znaša \$3.00. Na letne seje društve, ki se vršijo v mesecu decembru, pride največ članov in takrat je najbolj priporočljivo rešiti take zadeve.

Torej, društva JSKJ, ki že spadajo v federacijo, kakor tukaj in sprejeti razne določbe za

vsak plačevati, če se le hoče pobrigati. Tajnik torej prosi vse tiste, katerih se tiče, naj bodo v bodoče bolj točni, ker tudi tajnik mora plačevati svoje račune.

Končno: vsi na sejo v nedeljo 10. decembra! Vršila se bo v Jugoslovanskem narodnem domu in se bo pričela ob pol desetih (9.30) dopoldne. Za po seji bomo imeli nekaj okrepil. — Za društvo št. 1 JSKJ:

Frank Tomšeks, Jr., tajnik.

**Trinidad, Colo.** — Člane društva Sv. Andreja, št. 84 JSKJ, ponovno opozarjam, da naj bi boli bolj točni s plačevanjem svojih asesmentov. Posebno važno je, da plačajo tekoče asesmente in vse, kar dolgujejo za nazaj, zdaj proti koncu leta.

Nihče ne vidi rad, če se njegovo ime na letni seji čita med tistimi, ki dolgujejo društvu. Za društvene uradnike pa je tudi najlepše, če morejo predložiti knjige, ki ne izkazujo nikakih dolgov od strani članov. Danes naši člani nimajo izgovorja, da ne morejo plačati. Ko se snidemo v salunu, smo vsi bogati in tako hitimo plačevati kot bi se bali, da kaj zamudimo. Ako bi bili tako hitri in točni s plačevanjem naših asesmentov pri društvu, kar je za našo protekcijsko, kakor smo navdušeni s plačevanjem pri bari, bi ne bilo treba teh in takih opominov v Novi Dobi.

Prihodnja seja našega društva se bo vršila v nedeljo 10. decembra v navadnih prostorih in se bo pričela ob 9. uri dopoldne. Na tej seji bomo volili društveni odbor za prihodnje leta in za rešiti bomo imeli še več drugih važnih zadev. Vsled tega je želeti, da se te seje udeležijo vsi člani in članice. Za po seji bo pripravljenih nekaj okrepil za odrasle in mladinske člane. To je, na svidenje v nedeljo 10. decembra! — Za društvo št. 84 JSKJ:

Jakob Prunk, tajnik.

**Central City, Pa.** — Društvo Veseli Slovenci, št. 198 JSKJ priredi plesno veselico in vinski trgatev v soboto 25. novembra. Veselica se bo pričela ob pol osmih (7:30) zvečer. Vstopnina bo 25 centov za osebo. Člani našega društva morajo plačati to vstopnino, če se veselice udeležijo ali ne. Godbo za ples bo preskrbel orkester Jos. Koračina iz Yukona, Pa. Tisti, ki poznajo to godbo, vedo, da plesalci ne bodo imeli vzroka za pritožbo. Na našo prieditev vabilo članstvo sosednih bratskih društev; ob sličnih prilikah jim bomo skušali poset povrniti. Sploh so naša veselico vabileni vsi člani in članice JSKJ ter vsi ostali rojaki in rojakinje od blizu in daleč. Vabilo tudi našega urednika in našega prvega glavnega nadzornika iz Cleveland. Na svidenje v soboto 25. novembra! — Za društvo Veseli Slovenci, št. 198 JSKJ:

Vincent Maljevac, tajnik.

**San Francisco, Cal.** — Na včer 20. oktobra se je tu smrtno ponesrečila rojakinja Margaret Peshel, članica društva Golden Gate, št. 141 JSKJ. Pokojnica se je vračala iz cerkve proti domu preko tračnic Southern Pacific železnice. Pri premikanju tovornih vagonov je bila ženica povožena. Našli so jo še drugo jutro mrtvo pod nekim tovornim vagonom. Odrezani sta ji bili obe nogi in ena roka.

Pokojna Margaret Peshel je bila vdova; njen soprog je umrl že pred desetimi leti. Zapuščena je sama eno hčer, omogočeno Ivec. Rojena je bila 12. decembra 1863 v Jelenji vasi, občina Stari trg v Beli Krajini. Pokopana je bila po cerkvenih obredih na pokopališču Holy Cross dne 23. oktobra.

Naj bo pokojnici ohranjen blag spomin, žalujočim ostalim pa naj bo v imenu društva izbravo, jo z batinami "podžigali" k uspešnemu ozdravljenju kralja Golden Gate, št. 141 JSKJ: ve. Sele neki razsodnejši može Louis Lesar, tajnik.

**Pipetown, Pa.** — V soboto 25. novembra se bo vršila plesna veselica v korist Društvenega doma v Pipetownu, katero prirede skupno tri tukajšnja društva. Člani prizadetih društev so vladivo vabljeni, da se prirede udeleže. Ob enem so vabljeni na poset naše veselice član in članice drugih društav ter vsi posamezni rojaki in rojakinje od blizu in daleč. Za pomoč in naklonjenost se bomo ob prilikah skušali izkazati hvaležne. Na veselici bo igral dober orkester. Začetek ob 8. uri zvečer! Na svidenje! — Za društvo št. 13 JSKJ:

Joseph Dablock, tajnik.

**Export, Pa.** — Kakor vsako leto, je tudi letos naše društvo "Student pod skalo," št. 138 JSKJ, sklenilo, da priredi božičnico za svoje mlade člane. Naše društvo se je v tekočem letu precej pomnožilo, posebno v mladinskem oddelku, zato bomo skušali prirediti tako zavajščino v Poljski dvorani v Exportu v soboto 23. decembra. Vsí rojaci in rojakinje v tem okrožju so prijazno vabljeni na poset iste. Naj si že zdaj zabeležijo datum 23. decembra! Na svidenje! — Za društvo št. 138 JSKJ:

Anton Kovačič, predsednik.

**ODMEVI IZ RODNIH KRAJEV**

(Nadaljevanje s 1. strani)

siril po vsej deželi. Po osvoboditvi se je posvetila dobrodelnemu in kulturnemu delu.

## VROČE MAŠČEVANJE

V vasi Šalji v banjaluškem okrožju se je Čamila Buljubasiceva skregala s svojim možem Ademom. Mož se je bil nasrkal zganja in je po prepriču kmalu zaspal. Žena, ki je kuhal marmelado, je porabila to priliko in je izlila velik lonec vrele marmelade možu na glavo. Adema so smrtno opečenega odpeljali v bolnišnico, hudo ženico pa so odpremili v zapor.

## KONEC BOGATASA

Blizu Novega Grada v Slavoniji so našli mrtvega nekdanjega slavonskega milionarja Josipa Tomasinija, ki je že pred dolgimi leti izgubil svoje veliko premoženje ter se je potkal od vasi do vasi kot berač. Pred kakimi 40 leti je Tomasinij prispel iz severne Italije v Slavonijo, kjer si je v nekaj letih pridobil veliko premoženje. Z razkošnim življem je polagoma izgubil vse, nakar se je preživel kot sezonski delavec v kraju, kjer je nekoč veljal za največjega bogataša, pozneje pa je beračil. Okrog 80 let starega revreja je končno zadel zapor.

## PRAZNOVERJE

V vasi Stanetine v Medmureju je prišlo zaradi praznovanja skoraj do linčanja neke stare beračice. Nekemu kmetu je zbolela krava in baš takrat se je v vasi pojavila neka stara, tuja beračica. Kmet in njegovi praznovniki so se takoj nato spomnili, če da je ona "zabrala" kravo. Po vsem okolišu so iskali starko in ko so jo naposledi našli, so ji zapretili, da jo ubijejo, če takoj ne ozdravi krave. Starko so prgnali v hlev, jo z batinami "podžigali" k uspešnemu ozdravljenju krave. Golden Gate, št. 141 JSKJ: ve. Sele neki razsodnejši može Louis Lesar, tajnik.



Sprednja vrsta od leve proti desni: Jakob Slabič, podpredsednik; Joseph Skrabe, predsednik in maršal; Valentine Orehek, tajnik in četrти glavni poročnik JSKJ. Druga vrsta od leve na desno: Ignac Nakrst, zastavonoš in društvene zastave; Carl Grabar, nadzornik; Frances S. Orehek, spomenikar; John J. Vessel, nadzornik in zastavonoš ameriške zastave; G. F. Tassotti, blagajnik.

RADIVOJ REHAR:

## SEMISIRIS

ROMAN

Fran Milčinski:

## Revmatizem

"Nihče ni nikoli tako star, da mu življenje ne bi moglo, ničesar več nuditi. Tudi na koncu moje poti stoji še cilj, velik, silen cilj: maščevanje, uničenje Semisov."

"Zakaj jih tako strašno sovražiš? Kaj so ti storili?"

"Vse, kar more kdo komu storiti slabega. Toda zastonj ti govorim. Izvedeti moraš prej zgodbo mojega življenja. Cuj!"

Po vrsti, kakor onega dne v votlini Osenčja Asarhadanu, je pričela Arikdinila pripovedovati Nefteti svoje življenje. Favoritka jo je poslušala, kakor posluša otrok pripovedovalko čudežnih pravljic. Njena duša je preživila vsa razočaranja in trpljenja. Jokala se je z njo in trpela. Ko je Arikdina končala, se je že Nefteta krčevito oklenila.

"Praprababica, ubožica!" je vzklknila. "Kako si mogla pretrpi vse to? Kje si zbrala tliko moči?"

"Sama ne vem. Morda je izvirala vsa moja nadčloveška moč iz same gole želje po maščevanju."

"Sedaj te razumem, edina moja, ki mi jo je življenje še ohranilo!"

"Semisi so uničili vse, kar je zraslo iz moje krvi. Poslednja si ti, hčerka moja najdražja! In tudi tebi so namenili le videz sreče, rahlji, bežni videz, da te po njem udarijo tem huje. Preden si prvič prišla k meni v podzemlje, sem kovala načrte, kako bi ti utrla lepo pot, kako bi dosegla, da bi Semisiris vsaj na tebi popravil, kar je zatrebil na meni; in še tedaj, ko si mi sredi gluhe noči tožila o болi svojega srca, sem upala. Zato sem ustregla tvoji želji in odstranila azteško prresco. Pozneje sem pa vsako uro bolj spoznavala, da je moje početje nesmiselno. Za nas v Semisirisu ni sreče. Prekleti smo. Tudi Asarhadan je bil preklet že tisti hip, ko je prvič stopil na ta tla. Semisi so ga zajeli v svoj začarani krog, omamili ga z ljubezni in sedaj je izgubljen. Toda omamili so ga z ljubezni in sedaj je izgubljen. Toda ne samo on, ne samo ti in ne samo jaz — izgubljeni so tudi oni."

"Kaj misliš s temi besedami?"

"Dejala sem ti že, da sama ne vem točno. Vse je samo slutnja, a slutnje me niso nikoli varale. Zgodilo se bo nekaj; nekaj velikega, strašnega . . ."

"Bojim se," je vzklknila Nefteta in se še tesneje oklenila starke.

"A jaz se veselim."

"Strašna si. Groza me je."

Favoritka je razklenila roke in se strahoma odmagnila od starke.

"Moje življenje je samo še uničevanje. Kakor smrt sem, ki preži na vse, da vse uniči. Zato mi ječa ne more zaustaviti poti. Zmagovito gre dalje moje sovraštvo, bliža se izpolnitvi maščevanja. Ne bom ga priklicala z besedami in ne z dejanjem, samo želja bo zadostovala, ker ved, hčerka moja, da so v življenju neke nedoumljive zakonitosti, ki sodijo in kaznujejo vsak zločin tudi brez človeške roke."

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Savadagak je spravil prcesino in Isto v votlini, v katero je znosil preproge in blazine ter postavil k vhodu dva stražarja. Nato se je napotil k Buramaku in Upi, ki se ni hoteli ganiti od njega. Tekiču so se naglo vračalo življenjske moći. Mrzlica je popolnoma izginila in rana se je pričela počasi celiti. Vendar je moral še vedno nepremično ležati na svojem ležišču.

"Kako je?" je vprašal tekla pribičnika, ko je sedel na tla poleg njegovega ležišča.

"Vse je v najlepšem redu," je odgovoril Savadagak. "Upam, da smo na varnem in nas nihče ne bo izsledil. Če pa nas, nas obvesti o vsakem približanju straža, ki sem jo postavil na robu goščave nad bregom."

"Srečo imamo."

"Doslej."

"Če je začetek dober, je navadno tudi konec."

"Naj te usliši veliki Inti!"

"Nad nami bedi moč čarovnice."

"Njej se moramo zahvaliti za vse."

"Najprej tudi za mojo rešitev."

"Brez njenih zdravil bi bil že med sencami prednikov."

"Hvala ji, hvala tebi in Upi."

"Zakaj tudi meni?" je vzklknila deklica.

"Storila si več kakor bi iaterakoli druga ženska. Še mati me ne bi mogla tako negovati. Izpričala si, da je velika tvoja ljubezen do mene."

"Storila sem le svojo dolžnost."

"Zato skrbi sedaj zase. Pojd k prcesini in sestri in se odpoji! Lahko ostanem že sam; ne boj se zame."

Dokler ne boš spet kakor si bil, se ne ganem od tebe."

"Potem vsaj lezi in se naspri!"

"Zares," je dejal Savadagak. "Lezi k počitku, potrebna si ga!"

"Boš ti pri njem?"

"Bom."

Upa se je sklonila k Buramaku, pobožala ga po laseh in poljubila, nato pa legla v kotu na blazine in od dolgega bedenja popolnoma izčrpala kmalu trdno zaspala.

Savadagak je sedel poleg ranjenca in premišljeval. Njegove misli so bile težke, kajti tudi on je bil izmučen od naporov nočnega potovanja.

"Lezi še ti," je dejal Buramak, ki je opazil tovarišovo utrujenost. "Ce bom česa potreboval, te pokličem."

Pribičnik ni ugоварjal. Legel je in zadrel. Tako je bilo na galeji ubežnikov vse tiko in mirno, samo umazana in močno narasla voda je šumela čez slap, listje palm in listovcev nad strugo pa je šumelo v dejnu, ki ves dan ni ponehal. Na krovu je, zavit v odeje, sedel en sam vojščak in stražil. Malo pred pol-dnevom ga je zamenjal tovariš, ki se je bil že odpočil v podkrovju, kakor se je izmenjala tudi straža na robu goščave.

Le Evalasta in Ista nista spali. Sedeli sta v varni votlini ob svitu plamenice in se pogovarjali kakor da bi bili tovariši in ne bi bilo med njima nobenega razločka.

(Dalje prihodnjih)

Fran Milčinski:

## Revmatizem

Najprej je imel revmatizem prijatelj Toma in ga je negoval, odkar pomni. Nikdar mu ni bilo dovolj zakurjenja, vedno je ternal: "Marko, ako poznata Boja, kuri peč!" Marko je naš uradni sluga. Kar nas je bilo drugih na seji, smo vsi pojemali od puhtče vročine — on pa se je opravjeval: "Gospoda, vi ne veste, kaj je revmatizem!" Nismo mogli, da vzdržimo, in smo se žurili, da končamo sejo in pridemo na sveži zrak. Če se je pa stvar krotovila in se seja nikar ni dala pognati k zaželjenemu koncu in se bila bližala opoldanska ura, tedaj je prijatelj Toma rado prijel, bolest mu je šinila preko lica in vsem se je smilil, ko nas je moral zapustiti sredje. Revmatizem je vrazilja reč! Pa smo po njegovem odhodu na stežaj odprli okna in pridno sejali še dve, tri ure.

Potem se je zgodilo, da sem nemadoma jaz začutil nogo. Boleti me je pričela v stopalu, nekako pod palcem, in me je bola včasih bolj, včasi manj. Zlasti sem opazil, da mi hoja ne de dobro. Šepal sem, ko sem prihajal s sprehoča, komaj da sem prelez preko stopnjic in žena je rekla: "Kaj je to?"

"Muslim, da je revmatizem," sem dejal. "Prijatelj Tomo ga ima že od davnaj. Njemu pomaga vroče kopeli; pravi, da tako vroče, da jih noge baš še strpi."

Zena je ukazala in so mi privravili za nogo kopel. Sodim, da je bila dovolj vroča, kajti izpuštili so se mi mehurji, koder je koža prišla v stik z vodo. Drugače pa mi je storila dobro, šel sem v posteljo in mi je žena nogo zavila v gorko.

Tomo piše veliko črnega vina, pa ne vem, ali zaradi revmatizma ali kar tako. Poiskal sem ga v dalmatinski kleti, da čujem njegovo mnenje.

Zdelo se mi je hladno v kleti in vlažno in sem izrazil svoje pomisleke in mu razložil svoje stanje.

Vprašal me je, kateri mesec pišemo; rekel sem, da april, pa je dejal, ali mislim, da bodo mesni v čast kurili sredi poletja. Pozval me je, naj bom mož in naj naročim liter dalmatinca — včudil bom, da mi bo odleglo.

Storil sem tako. Vino mi sicer ne diši in ga nisem vajen. Ali človek ne sme biti mehkužen, zdravil se ne kaže braniti, tudi če so grenka. Pa sva pila in vmes mi je prijatelj Tomo razkladal in se mu je junaški glas razlegal po kleti. "Boš že še izkusil, počem je spak. Mene poglej! Dvajset let že pasem svoj revmatizem, dvajset let, vse sem že poizkusil, da se ga iznebim. Preganal sem ga z lepo in z grdo, z mokrotino in suhoto, od zunaj in od znotraj. Glorija božja! Sem ga pregnal iz stopala, preseil sem ga v koleno; pregnal sem ga iz kolena, se mi je preseil, kaj vem kam. Boš že sam doživel in čutil in užival, kako se ti bo lepo šetal po tvojega rojstva kosteh. Bog te pozvižgaj!" Trčila sva in izpila in je zopet naliil in me pozval, naj bom mož.

Naročil sem še eno mero, pa se je prijatelj Tomo razvnel in je razodel meni in vsej prostorni kleti, kakšen je on mučenik, kadar se mu revmatizem naseli v desno roko. Glorija božja! Rad bi pisal v pisarni, toliko je dela, nak, pa ne more! Najrajši ga zgrabi tačas, kadar je največ dela. Pa ga drži in ga ne izpusti in lahko traja ta reč šest tednov ali še dalj!

Zamislil je, lice mu je izražalo globoko bolest, naslonil je glavo v roko in mi pustil časa, da premislim silo njegove tuge. Potem je zopet dal duška pobožni želji, da bi me požvižgal Bog, in je izpil in naliil.

Ne vem, do katere ure sva sedela skupaj v poučnem razgovoru.

Drugo jutro me je bolela glava, v želodcu mi je godlo, kakor

da je konservatorij notri, hudo mi je bilo in sem stokal.

Žena me je vprašala, ob korej sem prišel domov.

Odgovoril sem, da se mi zdi, da se mi je revmatizem iz stopala preselil v glavo.

Rekla je, da dehti moj revmatizem po vinu.

Te besede so me dirnile jako neprjetno.

Vstal sem in se napravil, da pa povoj s poslih. Komaj sem dobro stopil, že so se mi pojavile stare bolečine v stopalu. To mi je bilo v veliko zadoščenje. Muslim, stopalo ni še nikar bolelo od vina. Iz tega je posneti, kako ničen je bil žaljivi sum moje žene.

Molče sem šel, molče sem prišel, molče prenašal svojo bol, zraven jemal kopeli in se lečil s črnim dalmatincem.

Peti dan je rekla žena: "Moj dragi, pa bi vendar stopil k zdravniku, da te pregleda in svestuje." Pričenjal sem se ji smiliti, saj je vendarle plemenita duša.

"Ne," sem dejal, "k zdravniku ne grem. Zdravniki ne znajo drugega, nego da režejo. Revmatizem ni, kar bi se dalo rezati."

Zena je zmajala z glavo, skoro so se ji orosile oči. "Pokazi mi nogo, kje te boli!" in si je ogledala stopalo. Zopet je zmajala glavo in je šla in vzel moj črevljek in segla vanj.

"Nak!" je vzklknila. "Res si revez in še sam ne veš, kolikšen. Mu moli iz podplata žrebelj, pol palca je dolg in ga bode v mesu, pa misli, da ima revmatizem! O, o, o!"

Res je bilo tako. Potolkli so žrebelj in ga spilili in je bilo vse dobro.

Sploh štejem za jako koristno, ako je ženstvo kos prvi ponovi v najobičajnejših boleznih.

Oporabil sem prijatelja Toma, naj bi še njemu gospa z več roko pretipala črevljek in takto zatrola vir bolezni.

Pogledal me je po strani, menda mu ni bilo prav, da je zdaj konec mojemu lečenju v kleti, in je izjavil, da so on pa tudi vsi predstojniki njegovih in tovarisih že preveč vajeni njegovega revmatizma: pogrešali bi ga in bi lahko nastale zmede v uradu, če bi nenadoma njegov revmatizem prenehral. Zato, je dejal, je bolje, da ostane, kakor je.

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Potom se je takoj napotil v Slatino, poiskal tam kmeta Ročiča ter mu izročil najdeno denarnico.

Poštenega najditelja je Ročič lepo pogostil.

prošnjo za premestitev. V Novih Banovcih pastorjeva žena ni hotela več živeti in da bi se ne priljubljene vasi rešila, se je "povampirila." Ker je v svoji nenavadni akciji za premestitev povzročila poleg velikega razburjenja tudi precej škode, so jo zaprli.

## HUDE ČEBELE

Nenavadni dogodek se je primerno pri vasi Krstatič v Dalmaciji. Štefan Prodjan, ki je sleherni dan prevažal pošto iz Zagovoda v Sliyivo, je bil nedavno napaden od velikega roja čebel. Toliko jih je bilo, da so se kar zgodile okrog celotne vprege. Prodjan se je brž pokril z odojčem glavo in se tako otel čebelnih pikov po glavi, vendar so ga čebele močno opikale po rokah in nogah. Prodjan se je komaj rešil z begom v vas. Oba njegova konja pa sta bila tako opikana od razburjenih čebel, da sta takoj poginila. Čebele so bile prepeljane iz drugih krajev na pašo in so podivjale.

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Zaljuboči ostali: Mary Jurgev, soproga; John in Joseph, sinovi; Mary Trebec in Anna Rudnitski; Marija Mrase in Frančišek