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SPOŠNI TEDENSKI PREGLED

VOJNA V ITALIJI
V Italiji se vršijo vroči boji med zaveznički in Nemci na obrehtenih frontah, to je na prvotni južni fronti ter na severnejši, katero so zaveznički nedavno odprli z napadom od strani. Američani, angleščini, Canadčani in Francoski so aktivni na južni fronti, ter drobijo nemške utrjene postojanke in pologoma potiskajo zaveznička nazaj. Na severni fronti so aktivni Američani in angleščini ter so se približali Rijen, na 18 milij. Na nekaterih frontah so Nemci besno proti napadal s tanki in letali, pa so odločno odbiti. Na splošno je zavezniška ofenziva v Italiji zadovoljivo.

RUŠKA FRONTA
Ruška ofenziva je najboljša na severni fronti, kjer se v začetku tega tedna Rusi napredovali že na 12 milij meji bivših republik Esterne in ogorčali zadnjo železnicu, ki je Nemcem na razpolago za napoved v dotednem okrožju. Ruška ofenziva beleži uspehe tudi na srednjih frontah ter na jugu.

DRUGE FRONTE
Zaveznički napadi na japonske postojanke v Pacifični obsegu so posebno zavezniški in pomorske sil. Napadi so vodili in ameriški latalci Berlin ter na razna druga mesta, ki so skoraj neprestano in v včem obsegu. Konci predstavljajo eden izmed 'Hitlerjevih gostov' dobil influenco. Nekdo nam je začel izmikati živila. V drugi polovici decembra je začelo primanjkovati vojne in moji gostje so pričeli 'dišati.' Isto bi se bilo lahko rekelo tudi o meni. Nato se je vselil k nam brat enega mojih gostov, z družino, seveda. Novi gostje so dišali že, ko so prišli. Nekateri obiskovalci mojih gostov so bili neolikani ljudje, ki so se mudili v hiši do poznih ur in klepetali vse preveč.

"Nezinosno pa je postal, ko smo dobili novega gosta v osebi moja hčere enega 'Hitlerjevih gostov.' Prišel je z vzhodne fronte na desetdnevni dopust in se je odločil pri nas ostati za stalno. V izposojeni civilni obleki je bil varen, ker so bili v bombardiranju uničeni vsi policijski rekordi našega distrikta. Večina ljudi na cestah je videvali kot da nosi izposojene obleke. Moja hiša je postajala bolj in bolj blaznici podobna. Nervozni stanovniki so se prepirali zaradi živil in vseh mogočih drugih vzrokov, otroci so kričali, bilo je grozno. Pustil sem vse skupaj in pobegnil na Švedsko."

Še eden od Titovih generalov, Peko Dabčević, poveljnik prve divizije, deli z Nagjem-čast, da je bil 4-krat ranjen v španski vojni. V vsem drugem pa se močno razlikujeta. Dabčević je nizke postavite in bolj plečat, par let mlajši, in tudi bolj spontan in impulziven. Še pot dajka na beograjski univerzi, na pravni fakulteti, je bil kolovodja dijakov proti napolitikarski in pro-nacistični vlad, ki ga je pregnala v političkim potom postala domov v Črni gori. Oba, Dabčević in Nagj sta se vrnila iz španske vojne kot stotnika. Ko smo v februarju 1939 prekoračili Japancev, so vrgli Dabčevića v Fort Coliure, ki je bil nekakšno kazensko taborišče, odkoder so ga potem premestili v koncentracijsko taborišče v Vernet, kjer sem ga zadnjic viden.

Ko je izbruhnila nova svetovna vojna, so Jugoslavji ponovno brzjavili beograjski vlad in prosili dovoljenja, da se vrnejo domov, in cilju, da bi v tej kritični uri mogli nuditi svoji domovini bogastvo svojih izkušenj v moderni vojni. Toda peta kolona je bila na delu v Jugosloviji, je vzbudilo silen val.

IZ JUGOSLAVIJE
Londono poročilo United Pressa, dатirano 25. januarja, navaja, da se vršijo boji med jugoslovanskimi partizani in Nemci v raznih krajih zapadne Bosne, v Hercegovini, v Črni gori, blizu dalmatinskega mesta Imotski in v Sloveniji. Nemci so premagali partizanske čete pri Otočju in so zavzeli pristanišče Senj. 40 milju žužec od Reke. Nemci so tudi okupirali otok Hvar, južno od Splita. Po devetdnevnih hudih bojih so se moralni partizani umakniti iz mesta Tuže v vzhodni Bosni, toda iztrgali so Nemcem važno postojanko Mrkonjičgrad blizu Jajca. Partizani so pretrgali železniško progo, ki veže Sarajevo z Jadranom in so utrdili svoje pozicije v Kalinovicu, 25 milij južno od Sarajeva.

Revija "Time," daturana 31. januarja, poroča, da zaveznički in severni Afriki tesno Italiji in severni Afriki tesno. Kolona je bila na delu v Jugosloviji, je vzbudilo silen val.

NEKAJ O GENERALIH MARŠALA TITA

Tri leta trajajoči odpor Titovih partizanov v Jugoslaviji je pred kratkim doživel pojavljanje v priznanje s strani strokovnjaka, od katerega je bilo to pač najmanj pričakovati—namreč od diktatorja Francisco Fran-

co. Stvar je namreč ta, da so najbolj znani Titovi generali dovršili svoje vojaško šolanje v borbi s Francom, na španskih tleh, kjer so si pridobili ono znanje, katero zdaj uporabljajo v boju z Nemci s toljim uspehom, da so privezali na Balkan nemško armado, ki šteje morda 200,000 mož, ali pa celo še več.

Poznanje osebnosti teh visokih komandantov jugoslovenske partizanske armade je važno, ker nam daje možnost, da ocenimo duh, ki vlada v tej borbeni sili.

Dobro se spominjam generala Kosta Nagja, ki zdaj poveljuje prvemu bosanskemu koru in daje povelja častnikom, ki so bili prej njegovi predstojniki. Bil je namreč podčastnik v starejšem jugoslovenskem armadi, toda njegovo vedenje nikakor ni bilo podčastniško. To vam je bil občutljiv in vljuden mož, z zamislimenim nasmeškom okoli ustnic. Zdaj mu je najbrže nekaj več kot trideset let.

Zadnjic sem videl Kosta Nagja v La Garriga blizu Barcelone, leta 1939, v času zmesnjave, ko smo člani internacion-

Mnoga nas je, ki ne moremo obleciti vojaških uniform in iti na fronto. Lahko pa pošljemo v boj proti sovražnikom Amerike naše dolarme, uniformirane v vojnih bondih Zedinjenih držav.

nalne brigade čakali na odhod iz Španije, in sicer na predlog španske republikanske vlade same. Zadnja slika, ki mi je ostala v spominu od njega, mi kaže Nagja stoječega pokonci na nekem pobočju, s cigaretom v svojih tenkih ustnicah, dobro počesanega in z uniformo v redu. Poveljeval je na hitro zbrani jugoslovenski brigadi, ki je nosila ime bataljon, a je imela moštva komaj za dobro stotnino in nobene strojne puške. Tačat so nas napadali italijanski tanki in nam grozili, da nas odrežejo. Nagj se jim je postavil po robu in je rešil vse sku-

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POMEN NAŠIH ORGANIZACIJ

Pomen naših bratskih podpornih organizacij je v teh izrednih časih večji kot navadno mislimo. Te organizacije so bile ustanovljene za medsebojno podporo članov in od njih odvisnih oseb. To humanitarno delo vršijo zdaj kot od začetka, in sicer v zvišani meri. Pri današnji veliki zapostostenosti članov, ne samo moških, ampak tudi ženskih, je več nevarnosti za ponesrečje, poškodbe in izvrpanja kot jih je bilo kdaj prej. Mnogi starejši člani so dandanes v sledi vojnih razmer uposleni pri napornejših delih kot v normalnih časih in so vsled tega bolj izpostavljeni normalnim boleznim. Z ozirom na to je bolj važno kot kdaj prej, da se lojalno držimo naših podpornih organizacij in da vpišemo vanje vse naše priatelje zavarovalnikev značaja in starosti, ki še niso tako zavarovani.

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Različna kulturna in športna društva med ameriškimi Slovenci so vsled vojnih razmer skoraj prenehala poslovanje. Nekatera bodo morda po vojni oživelja, druga ne bodo. Za enkrat pa je skoro vsa društvena aktivnost med ameriškimi Slovenci omejena na podpornih društva. Ta društva nas držijo skupaj bolj kot kaj drugega in morda bodo prav ta društva nekakor korenina, iz katere se bo po vojni razvilo med nami nekaj obnovljenega kulturnega in splošnega družabnega življenja. Vsi vemo in priznavamo tudi, da so se le na pobudo in z dejansko podporo naših bratskih organizacij razvile odpomožne akcije za naše starokrajske rojake. Brez te podpore in te potrebe bi bilo dvomljivo, da bi mogli v tem oziru kaj pomembnega pokazati.

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Ameriški Slovenci smo izmed vseh priseljenih narodnosti najbolj številno organizirani v podpornih organizacijah. To nam je v korist in kredit, obenem pa je v korist in izdatno pomoč naši domovini Ameriki v teh vojnih časih. Glasila naših podpornih organizacij dosegajo neprimereno več naših rojakov v tej deželi kot jih dosegajo šamostojni listi. To se naj ne smatra za kako omašljavanje slednjih, ampak le za konstatiranje dejstev. Med rojaki, ki jih dosegajo glasila naših organizacij, jih je tudi neko nedoločeno število, ki ne obvladajo dovolj angleščine, da bi mogli inteligenčno slediti poročilom in nasvetom običajnih ameriških listov. Vladne oblasti se tega dobro zavedajo, zato računajo na lojalno pomoč naših listov glede odredb in kampanj vojnega časa. In z zadoščenjem lahko konstatiramo, da vsi slovenski listi v Ameriki, brez izjeme, store v tem oziru, kar jim je mogoče. Največ pa store glasila naših organizacij, enostavno zato, ker dosežejo največ čitateljev.

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Ne prihaja nam na misel, da bi se s tem ponašali, ker smatramo, da je to naša dolžnost kot stoprocentnih Američanov. Vredno pa je to poudariti, da se bodo člani Ameriške bratske zveze zavedali važnosti njihove organizacije, ne samo zanje, ampak za našo republiko v splošnem.

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Zdaj je v teku kampanja za četrto vojno posojilo Zedinjenih držav. Vlada potrebuje štirinajst tisoč milijonov dolarjev za vzdrževanje naših vojnih sil. Ta denar bo vladni posodil ameriško ljudstvo, in sicer ga bo posodil na dobre obresti. K tej vsoti moramo tudi člani Ameriške bratske zveze prispevati naš časten del. Finančni odsek glavnega odbora je v tem oziru že govoril. Zdaj morajo govoriti naša krajevna društva, ki imajo odvečno gotovino v svojih blagajnah, in sicer govoriti z investiranjem take gotovine v vojne bonde. Dalje naj bi se odzvali vsi posamezni člani, ki imajo kak dolar na razpolago. Vsak prihranek naj bi investiral v vojne bonde. Taka investicija ni samo patriotska, ampak tudi pametna z gospodarskega stališča. Vsi ne moremo obleči vojaških uniform in iti na fronto; vsi pa lahko oblečemo v vojaške uniforme naše dolarje in jih pošljemo v boj proti steklemu nacifašizmu.

Ivan Zorman:

SLOVENSKI AMERIKANCI

Ziviljenje trdo je kovalo sreco slovensko in razum, izbičalo iz duš nam plahost, vžgalo nam ponos, pogum, in na nas medrosti naučilo: da ni naslov največja čast, da pridna dian in bistra glava uspehom daje čast in slast.

Prebil nam je udar spoznanja nekdajnih temnih sil zapah, razigral suženjske verige, odkril svobodnih cest razmah. Hitimo v mrzljiva tržica, v gozdove, k plavžem, na polje — povod Slovenci za nagrade človeka vredne se bore.

VSAK PO SVOJE

(Nadaljevanje s 1. strani)

V Great Fallsu, Montana, se je 70-letna vdova Ella J. Rhone zatekla na policijo za pomoč, češ, da jo vsako noč nadleguje podlasica ter jo v spanju grize po obrazu in rokah. Ženske marsikaj grize, ampak navadno bolj mlade.

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V mestu Santiago na Cubi, kjer je loterija postavno dovoljena, je Martinez Aspuru dobil v razprodajo več sto loterijskih listkov ali srečk. Prodajal jih je od hiše in je pri vsaki prodani srečki zasluzil majhen komišen. Nazadnje mu je ostala samo ena srečka, katere nikar ni mogel spraviti v denar. Bil je nevoljen, ker je ceno neprodane srečke moral sam trpeti. Toda nevolja ga je minila, ko je bil naznanjen izid žreba, in je njegova neprodana srečka zadela glavni dobitek sto tisoč dolarjev.

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Prijatelj Cahej pravi, da bo najbolj zanimiva konferenca sodobnosti takrat, ko se bodo v Berlinu sešli ameriški general Eisenhower, ruski general Vatutin in diktator Hitler. "Tiste dneva duša mi čaka, tiste noči . . ." je zapisal naš pesnik.

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V nekem obmorskom okrožju Švedske so farmerjem povzročale veliko škodo morske ptice tonovke, ki so v ogromnih jatah gnezdale v bližnjem skalovju. Ker je tonovke postavno prepovedano streljati, so se farmerji skušali iznenediti ptičje nadloge s tem, da so jajca tonovk razbijali na gnezdih. Toda to se ni obneslo. Tonovke so enostavno legle in valile nova jajca. Drugo sezono so se farmerji poslužili drugačnega sistema. Jajca tonovk so trdo skuhali, nakar so jih položili nazaj v gnezda. Tonovke prevare niso opazile in so skrbno valile kuhanja jajca, seveda brez uspeha. Končno so se ptice naveličale neuspešnega dela in so zapustile začaranu vališča.

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Usmrtilitev Mussolinijevega zeta grofa Cianija v Veroni dokazuje Hitlerjevo desperativnost v zadnjem štadiju njegove moči. Če tako postopek s svojimi bivšimi sodelavci, kako bo postopal še s tistimi, ki niso nikdar bili odločno na njegovi strani, če jih bo mogel doseči, ko se bo Nemčija pričela rušiti zares. Nekateri Američani sodijo, da se ne bo pomicjal porušiti tudi samega Vatikana. V svoji knjigi "Mein Kampf" je objabil, da v primeru poraza Nemčije bo slednja skušala potegniti s seboj v propast kar največ ostale Evrope.

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Ko je na večer 17. januarja zvezni zakladniški tajnik Henry Morgenthau s posebnim radijskim programom otvoril kampanjo za četrto vojno posojilo, je vedoma ali nevedoma pripel lep šopek jugoslovanskim partizanom. V radijskem dialogu je zagotovil ameriškega vojaka, da bo vojna dobljena takrat, ko bo vsak izmed nas smatral zmago nad sovražnikom "za najvažnejšo stvar v njegovem življenju, kakor je to najvažnejša stvar za Ruse, za jugoslovanske partizane in za Kitajce, ki morajo izkopavati svoje žene in otroke iz razvalin svojih domov." Tako priznanje junaštva jugoslovanskih partizan je član kabine izrek avdijenc 50 ali več milijonov Američanov. Priznanje tistim, ki ga zaslužijo.

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Raziskovalci indijanske zgodovine pravijo, da so se razni rodovi ameriških Indijancev pred prihodom belih priseljencev in še potem skoro neprestano bojevali med seboj. Kljub temu so nam izročili deželo popolnoma brez dolga. Mi pa smo v dveh letih vojne prigospodarili

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(Nadaljevanje s 1. strani)

dvestotisoč milijonov dolarjev dolga.

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Vsak, ki se je že kdaj preveč intimno bratil z bokali in kozarci, ve, da je pijanost huda bolezna. In še hujša je zato, ker se pjanec nikomur ne smili, in redki so prijatelji, ki bi pjanca lojalno spremili na njegov zavedeni poti domov. V večjih mestih se dostikrat zgodi, da pjanec bolnika, ki se motovili po cestah, pobere policijski voz in ga odpelje v zapor. Tam grešni bolnik prespi noč, kakor more, drugi dan pa mu policijski sodnik naloži denarno kazen in ga odpusti s primerno pridigo. Tako postopamo z bolniki-pijanci pri nas. V Rusiji delajo drugače. Tam tudi odpeljejo na pijači bolnega državljanina na policijsko postajo, kjer ga lepo okopljajo, zakrpojajo, če je kaj poškodovan, nasitijo, nakar ga spravijo v snažno posteljo. Drugi dan mu ne delajo pridig, niti mu ne naložijo denarne globe; samo račun mu predložijo. Ozdravljeni bolnik mora plačati za večerjo, kopelj, prenočišče in zdravniško oskrbo; to je vse. Pa pravi kdo, da Rusi niso civilizirani ljudje!

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MIGLJAJ S KOLOM

Naša republika in Velika Britanija sta pretekli teden nazznili prvi gospodarski pritisk na Španijo: ustavili sta ji posilje gasolina. To je miglaj s kolom, da naj diktator Franco odpoklicuje španske "prostovoljce", ki se na strani Nemcov borijo na ruski fronti, da naj prepreči nadaljnjo nacistično propagando v Španiji in da naj ne začne več Hitlerja z važnimi surovinami za nadaljevanje vojne. Tako Zedinjenim državam kot Veliki Britaniji je postal Francovo slepomišenje z Nemčijo preveč izvajalno.

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VZROK ZAKASNITVE

Državni departmet v Washingtonu je imel že pred meseci na rokah podatke o brutalnem postopanju Japoncev z ameriškimi in angleškimi vojnimi ujetniki, toda jih je odlašal dati v javnost prej v upanju, da bo apel za boljše postopanje kaj izdal. Končno je postalno jasno, da so Japonci zverine, ki se ne ozirajo in se ne bodo ozirali na nikake mednarodne dolobe. Za rešitev ujetnih ameriških vojakov in interniranih ameriških civilistov je malo upanja, da bi ostali pri življenu do konca vojne. Niti potom neutralnega rdečega križa ni mogoče dobiti poročilo o postopanju Japoncev z omenjenimi ujetniki niti poročilo, če dobivajo nujne potrebščine, ki so jim pošljane iz Amerike. Vojška klika, ki kontrolira Japonsko, ne poznajo nikakega človeškega čuta in nikakega odgovornosti.

A. J. T.

SLOVENESKE VESTI

(Nadaljevanje s 1. strani)

V Clevelandu, O., je umrla Marija Jenc, stara 66 let, članica društva št. 103 ABZ. Njen mož je umrl že pred 11 leti in pokojnica zapušča tu samo eno svakinjo. Doma je bila iz Urškega sela pri Novem mestu in njen dekliško ime je bilo Vidmar.

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Revija "Nation," datirana 20. januarja, vsebuje zanimive podatke o jugoslovanski zamejni vlad in njenem predstavništvu v Washingtonu. Rojaki, katere zanimajo ti problemi, naj bi si nabavali omenjeno izdajo; izvod stane samo 15 centov.

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Jacob Novak iz Barbertonja, član društva št. 44 ABZ in soprog blagajničarke omenjenega društva, se je moral dne 27. januarja podvigne že drugi operaciji za golšo. V primeru, da ga želi kak sobrat ali prijatelj obiskati, ga najde na naslovu: Cleveland Clinic, E. 93rd St. (Room 333), Cleveland, Ohio.

Najbolj varna in najbolj pametna investicija naših prihankov je v vojnih bondih Zedinjenih držav. Lastoviti vojne bonde je pametno in obenem pa

AMERISKE IZGUBE

Urad za vojne informacije v Washingtonu je podal poročilo, da so izgube v vseh naših vojnih silah od začetka vojne do 25. januarja letos znašale 142.239. Od teh je 32.662 mrtvih, 47.123 ranjenih, 32.699 pogrešanih, in 29.805 vojnih ujetnikov. V vojem ujetništvu je umrl 1.933 vojakov, večinoma v krajih, ki so okupirani po Japonsku.

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POSET RUSKE FRONTE

Ameriški general Donald H. Connolly, ki poveljuje ameriški oskrbovalni bazi v Perzijskem zalivu, odkoder se odpremlja materialna pomoč Rusiji, je nedavno zaključil pettedensko turbo po ruskih bojiščih. V spremstvu ameriških vojaških oskrbovalnih in komunikacijskih ekspertov je posetil Leningrad, Stalingrad, Kijev, kraje zapadno do Moskve, Orla, Kurska in Žitomira in okrožje jugozapadno do Žitomira. General Connolly poroča, da kamor koli je došpel, so ga Rusi vprašali, kaj

slavlj, in odgovora ni bilo nobenega. Dabčević, Nagj in mnogo drugih je prispevalo v Jugoslavijo preko različnih križ in stranpotov, po polomu Francije, in njihova domovina je zdaj večna, da more razpolagati s temi veteranji iz španske vojne. Pri La Garriga sem bil tudi zadnjč skupaj s tretjim Titom, generalom Ločo Popovićem, ki je poveljnik druge divizije Ljudske osvobodilne vojske. Imela sva skupne prijatelje iz krogov pisateljev in njihova jedka ironija nam je ustvarila mnogo skoraj veselih trenotkov. Popović je bil poveljnik artillerije brez topov, in je stal na straži na potu iz Barcelone in La Garriga. Ko je priselil do njega italijanska fašistična ambulanca in ga je vozile vprašali, kje se nahaja divizijska bolnica, se jim je Popović kratko malo ponudil, da jih spremini. Takrat je privadel s seboj dva bolna italijanska častnika in njih spremstvo, ki

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AMPLIFYING THE VOICE OF THE ENGLISH SPEAKING MEMBERS

Nova Doba



WITH APPRECIATION TO ALL SCRIBES OF THE NOVA DOBA

Your editor thinks it's about time that we give some recognition to the faithful contributors to the Nova Doba English Section for the past year. This is the 15th anniversary year of the English pages of our official organ and at this time I would like to express my appreciation to all who have helped make it an interesting news sheet since I have been here.

We mention first the regular columnists of our paper who have contributed news of lodge doings for the past year. They are: Florence D. Startz, whose column "Washington News Flashes" formerly "Ely News Flashes" has appeared in every issue since its inception except Christmas week when Uncle Sam's postman delayed the article due to the heavy Christmas mail. Mary G. Balint is well known for her column, "Out Enumclaw Way," John and Adalyne Cecelic carry on the "Napredrek Notes" to which John Tanko formerly contributed, Mary and John Laurich contribute to the "News of Collinwood Boosters," John Gottlieb is the one who brings us news of the "Chicago AFU Liberty Bell Bowling League," Catherine Krall and Mary Lunka share honors for their "Betsy Ross News and Views," and Jennie Millosin and Mary Zlogar keep you informed about the "Cardinal Highlights," and lately Tommy Turk in "A Bit o' This n That." Then we have the "Juvenile Voices" column kept alive by Margaret M. Startz and other juveniles.

Other members and lodge secretaries who have contributed from time to time are Katherine Penica, Anton Okolish, Emily Kodelja, Mary Predovich, Anton Krapenc, F. J. Kress, Agnes Jurecic, Dorothy Rossa, Rose Mary Rossa, Joseph Milkovich, Cyril Rovansek, Mary Shetina, John L. Jevitz, Frank Vranichar, Frank Krusich, Ludwig Vidrick, Dorothy Strnisha, Matt Anzelc, Mary Zurga, and others whose names I can't recall off hand.

Last but not least, we have our soldier and sailor members whose articles and letters rank among the best liked according to the opinions expressed by many members. Among these are "The Little Corporal" known to all readers as "Little Stan" Pechaver, former English editor of Nova Doba; Pfc. Steve Babich, Pvt. Louis Verch, Pvt. Joseph Banich, Pvt. Joseph Drenik and others who write from time to time.

To all the above-mentioned and to any whose names we may have overlooked, we say, "Thanks much for your interest and contributions to the English Section of the Nova Doba. We hope you shall continue to write and keep the English Page readers informed of your lodge and its members' doings."

Since many of the older lodges have numerous young members who read only the English Section we wish to inform these lodge secretaries that when sending an article in Slovenian they can request that it be translated into English. Also, any English article can be translated into Slovenian if so requested. Any secretary wishing a translation should state this request when submitting his or her article providing it isn't too lengthy.

The Nova Doba is your official organ and its pages are open to any member who wishes to inform us of his lodge activities or its members. Up to the present we have done well considering that many of our lodge affairs were curtailed due to the war. We can continue to do well if everyone keeps on cooperating in the future as they have in the past.

Again, we thank all of you who make these pages interesting reading to all. We look with pride on the past 15 years of our English Section and hope that after the war we shall again be able to devote more space to our juvenile activities, our lodge affairs and general news about our members. Until then we shall continue to publish the articles sent to us from our government to help bring the day of victory and peace closer.

News of Export Majestics, No. 218, AFU

Export, Pa. — At our last regular meeting in December we held election of officers for 1944. By unanimous vote it was decided to keep the same officers as in 1943. The officers for 1944 are as follows: Wm. Koch, president; Della Calderer, vice-president; B. J. Marcelio, secretary; Mary Biesuz, recording secretary, and Marie Belien, treasurer.

WHERE THE FUEL GOES

FARMERS in the Corn Belt used over one billion gallons of gasoline and kerosene in their tractors last year.

Bert J. Marcelio, Sec'y Lodge No. 218, AFU Export, Pa.

Lodge 85, AFU Loses Two Pioneer Members

Aurora, Minn. — Our Lodge No. 85, AFU, during the past few weeks, lost two active and long-time members. On Dec. 29, 1943 death took the pioneer and co-founder of the former JSKJ and founder of our lodge, Matt Levstik. His policy certificate number was 208 which means that he was one of the first members of our organization. He was a good and faithful member of our lodge and the American Fraternal Union to the last. Burial services were held Jan. 3, 1944 at the cemetery in Aurora. The lodge presented a wreath as a last farewell. The deceased was born in 1870 in Sodrazica, Ribnica at Dolenjsko. Surviving him are his widow and three daughters. May he ever be remembered and to his family we extend our sincere sympathy.

Less than a week after Matt Levstik's funeral, on Jan. 9th the undersigned received the news that another member of our lodge passed away, Brother Steve Paulisich. He also was a co-founder of the former JSKJ, now the American Fraternal Union. His policy number was 255. He was a good member of our lodge which he often represented at our conventions. He had been ill for many years. The deceased lived in Pineville, three miles from Aurora. Funeral services were held Jan. 12th at the cemetery at Biwabik, Minn. The lodge presented a wreath as a last farewell. Surviving him are his widow, four sons and two daughters. He was born in 1870 at Dolenjsko.

BRIEFS

The Ohio Federation of AFU Lodges will hold a meeting on Sunday, Feb. 6, 1944 at the Slovenian National Home, (lower hall), on St. Clair Ave., Cleveland, O. at 10 a.m. promptly.

All Ohio AFU lodge federation representatives are requested to attend this important meeting.

Mr. Jacob Novak of Barber-ton, Ohio, underwent an operation at the Cleveland Clinic where he is now recuperating. He is the husband of Mrs. Anna Novak, treasurer of St. Martin's Lodge No. 44, AFU of Barber-ton, Ohio.

Fellow AFU members in Cleveland are requested to visit him at Cleveland Clinic in Room 333. How about it, members? Let's cheer Mr. Novak up a little.

News of AFU Yanks



Two Ely, Minn. AFU Yanks who would like to hear from members are Placid R. Goulet and David Goulet both having the same address while navy students at:

AS, U.S.N.T.S., NTU, V-12
Pioneer Hall, Rm. 1035
Univ. of Minnesota
Minneapolis 14, Minn.

May his memory live long among us and to his survivors we offer our sincere sympathy in the name of the lodge.

Matt Anzelc, Sec'y
Lodge No. 85, AFU
Aurora, Minn.

Lodge 120, AFU Plans Interesting and Entertaining Meeting

Ely, Minn. — All members of Lodge No. 120, AFU are notified that our regular meeting date has been changed to every SECOND Thursday of the month at 7 p.m.

All members whose initials are from A to H are requested to bring an apron or a towel to be given as gifts at the next meeting. The usual games will be played and lunch will be served. We would like to see all members at this meeting for a good time is in store for all who attend.

Since this is the AFU Convention year it is a good time to discuss the by-laws and changes that should be made. Therefore, if any member has any suggestions, please come and tell us about them at the meeting.

The ladies who are on the refreshment committee are requested to be there at least a half an hour earlier.

Rose Svetich, Sec'y
Lodge No. 120, AFU
Ely, Minn.

Let Falling Bombs Lie

Bangkok, capital of Japanese-dominated Thailand, was bombed by Allied planes last week. Following the bombing, the Bangkok broadcast, an urgent appeal to the Thais not to take bombs home with them as curios.

"It may sometimes take as long as three days before they explode," the broadcast said.

Health Is a Victory

By F. J. Arch, M. D.
Supreme Medical Examiner

Hope for the conclusion of at least one phase of the war is uppermost in the hearts of all Americans. Health for every civilian on the home front during this year is an essential prerequisite for this conclusion. Without good health the average person falls behind as a producer in any line of work. The battle for production continues to play a crucial part in the struggle for ultimate victory over an enemy that depends upon slaves to keep their war machine running.

As we enter the new year the shortage of medical and nursing personnel is acute and will become more acute. This makes the guarding of one's health the patriotic duty of everyone especially by taking every precaution against avoidable illness. The common cold, gripe and influenza are scourges of the winter and early spring months, and every effort should be made by the individual to keep from catching or spreading them. Any one of these respiratory infections can, if neglected, lead to pneumonia, still a potential killer despite the splendid strides of medical science in treating it.

Tuberculosis is also a scourge of wartime. There is a definite increase in the number of active cases. This is understandable at a time such as we are now living through. As a public health measure surveys of tuberculosis should be made especially in industry. The object of such a survey is first, to discover tuberculosis for obvious reasons, and, secondly, to initiate measures to protect the public from the most dangerous and practically the only source of infection, the active, open case of tuberculosis.

Diphtheria is another disease of the cold winter months, and children, unless immunized, are particularly susceptible to its attack. In the existing emergency the lay citizenship should take the responsibility for promoting immunization programs. The importance of immunization should be brought to the attention of every household. Local health authorities will help to immunize all children especially those below five years of age.

Avoiding fatigue, getting enough rest, eating nutritious meals, wearing clothing suitable to the weather, good personal hygiene are elemental health rules which if followed will provide stout resistance against disease. Those who contract illnesses should heed the advice of their physicians until recovery has been fully achieved.

DID YOU KNOW THAT—

Gas masks were introduced by the Allies in World War I after the use of chlorine gas in the first gas attack by the Germans in Ypres, April, 1915.

Out Enumclaw Way

By Mary G. Balint

Hey Marička, what are you doing and why the scowl?

Aw heck, Ma, I'm reading Shakespeare.

Shakespeare? Kaj vraga je pa tist?

It's mental drudgery—oh, pardon me, I mean, oh I'm trying to get an idea.

Idea? Pa zakaj?

Za moj dopis za Novo Dobo. Ya? Ta Shakespeare, kaj pa on piše?

Oh, Ma, it is said it is still true that a man cannot pretend to good education who does not know his Shakespeare.

Oh, boš pa ti napisala Shakespeare za Novo Dobo?

No, Ma, I was just trying to get an idea—

Idea? Pa zakaj?

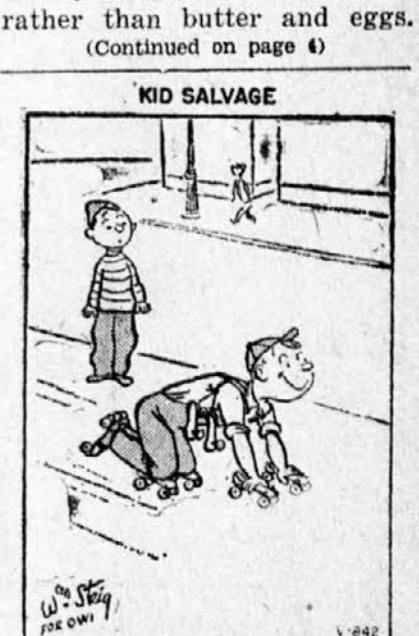
Okay, Ma, never mind, so we will skip Shakespeare and just do some lazy thinking about, oh let's see, Indians maybe and elections and butter and eggs and women and fraternalism and unity and—

Folks really don't change much from generation to generation. Have you noticed how the important people insist on taking the first seat in a pew and then making other folks crawl over them to reach a seat?

About this habit a witty priest preached a sermon of how in the early days folks were in danger of being killed by Indians. The man of the family carried his gun and carefully sat it beside the pew. Of course, he had to have the outside seat, so he could grab his gun when he heard the war cry of the Indians. But in this civilized day and age we do not have to fear Indians—. And oh, yes, have you noticed that these choice seat grabbers are for the most part those important folk that are a bit on the heavyweight side?

Spring elections are on their way which means the usual bit of mud slinging. Someone brought up the question of Slav votes. One well-known editor said, "Why the Slavs have only a few hundred votes in the entire state." When asked whom he thought had the most votes Slavs or Italians, why he just smiled with cynicism and said, "The Italians, of course." When told there were twice as many Slavs in the state he just guffawed. The census figures at the public library soon convinced our friend he was way off on his racial groups. Why Enumclaw alone has more than "a few hundred."

Since women of America are reputed to be the chief buyers it is of some significance that "black markets" have been mostly in gasoline and liquor rather than butter and eggs. (Continued on page 4)



This is Your "Battle Flag" HERE AT HOME



Display your colors now!

DURING this 4th War Loan Drive you are again asked to do something extra to help smash the Axis. Your part is to invest in at least one extra hundred dollar Bond. But don't stop there if you can do more. For remember—no matter how many Bonds you buy—no matter what denominations they are—you get back on maturity \$4 for every \$3 you invest. And that's on the word of Uncle Sam, creator of the safest investment the world has ever known.

So before you look into your wallet—LOOK INTO YOUR HEART. Your company, the place where you work, has been given a quota to meet in this 4th War Loan Drive. Do your part to help meet this quota. And remember, millions of America's fighters are waiting for your answer, your pledge that you are backing them to the limit.

Let's All BACK THE ATTACK!

* This is an official U. S. Treasury advertisement—prepared under the auspices of Treasury Department and War Advertising Council.

In 1805 Robert Fulton proved the possibility of a torpedo to destroy ships by exploding a large charge of gunpowder under water against the hull. The first workable self-propelled torpedo is credited to Robert Whitehead, an English engineer.

The first practicable submarine was designed in 1800 by the American, Robert Fulton.

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WASHINGTON NEWS FLASHES

By Florence D. Startz

Methinks the song most appropriate to be sung in our Nation's Capital this week is "June in January." The thermometer has soared; maybe this is to balance the surprise storms we had a few weeks ago. At any rate, today is just perfect for celebrating the "big affair" in Washington. I'm speaking of the "President's Birthday Ball." In the city are many screen personalities who are helping to brighten the celebration. The celebrities are busy making appearances at hospitals and canteens to bring a little cheer to sick war vets and their fighting buddies. The "March of Dimes" is going "great guns" according to the thousands of dimes pouring into the White House from all parts of the country.

The Fourth War Loan drive is coming along just fine in Washington. Here in the city, the sale of bonds was spurred on after the story of the Japanese atrocities was made known to the public. Out in Municipal Wharf is a two-million dollar American Merchant vessel, a Liberty ship, used in connection with the drive. Thousands of visitors have purchased bonds at the war bond booths aboard the ship.

In 1943, people in the District of Columbia donated three times as much blood to the blood banks than they did in 1942. And this year we'll beat that! While we're on the subject, we can't overlook the following little incident that took

Doctor: "Your husband must have absolute quiet. Here is a sleeping powder."

Lady: "When do I give it to him?"

Doctor: "You don't give it to him. You take it yourself."

In the Yugoslav Liberation Front, Communists and diverse non-Communists are working together; and after two years

The Battle for the Balkans

A ROUND TABLE

Louis Adamic — Louis Dolivet — Josef Hanc — Sava N. Kosanovich
Bogdan Raditsa — Gaetano Salvemini — Victor Sharenoff
Rustem Vambery — Basil Vlavianos — J. Alvarez Del Vayo

(Continuation)

Dolivet—Mr. Raditsa, how can the Balkans get out of the grasp of these reactionary forces? Bogdan Raditsa—There is only one way. The old slogan, "The Balkans for the Balkan people," must be rejuvenated into a formula for a Balkan community of free Balkan nations. This community must be a link between the West and Russia and not an attempt to isolate Russia behind a series of buffer states erected against Russia. The Balkans must realize the global sense of this war; that we must achieve a free world in cooperation with the three major powers in the free world—Russia, Great Britain and the United States.

The masses of the Balkan peoples want liberation from corrupt ruling classes at home. They want to become federated in a free community of Balkan nations.

You must take into account the enormous pro-Russian feeling throughout the Balkans. It is inspired by the Russian people's resistance. The reports now arriving from the Balkans say there are two currents of feeling—one pro-Russian and the other pro-American (I mean pro-Anglo-American). We must effect a unity between those two currents. That unity can be achieved only if the Balkan peoples are free. The pro-Russian feeling must be respected because that is the sentiment of the peasant people and the peasant in the Balkans is the common man of the future.

Salvemini—I am not a representative of anything.

del Vayo—I anyhow consider Salvemini a representative of democracy. But my first point is the unanimity with which every one of you, without exception, has reacted—and reacted spontaneously and vigorously—against the idea of the cordon sanitaire. This is important because maybe this is not a problem for historians only but for politicians. It is not a problem of the past but it may become a problem of the future, should certain conservative influences among the United Nations try to get the upper hand.

Adamic—For some time now I have been trying to imagine—on the basis of partial but unquestionably authentic information I have received—what is going on inside Yugoslavia, especially inside Yugoslavia heads. I am a partisan of the Partisans and their Liberation Front, which seems to me a most significant movement. In it I find more political maturity than almost anywhere else. Those Yugoslavs in the Liberation Front, which I believe includes a majority of the population, know what they want and what they don't want—and their bloody faces are turned toward the future.

In the Yugoslav Liberation Front, Communists and diverse non-Communists are working together; and after two years

(To be continued)

A pinch of salt is greatly improved by dropping it into a Stein of beer.

"We Are Buying Extra War Bonds—Are You?"



GEORGE WOLFE A.S.M.C.
FOR O.W.I.
CHARTER MEMBERS OF THE "CLEAN YOUR PLATE CLUB".

Cash Awards

The American Fraternal Union pays awards for newly-enrolled members in both departments. They are as follows:

The awards are as follows for the Adult Department:

For Plan "D" insured for \$ 250 death benefit, \$ 1.50 award;
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For Plan "D" insured for \$ 1,000 death benefit, \$ 5.00 award;
For Plan "D" insured for \$ 1,500 death benefit, \$ 7.00 award;
For Plan "D" insured for \$ 2,000 death benefit, \$ 9.00 award;
For Plan "D" insured for \$ 3,000 death benefit, \$ 12.00 award;
For Plan "E" and "F" insured for \$ 250 death benefit, \$ 2.00 award;
For Plan "E" and "F" insured for \$ 500 death benefit, \$ 3.00 award;
For Plan "E" and "F" insured for \$ 1,000 death benefit, \$ 6.00 award;
For Plan "E" and "F" insured for \$ 1,500 death benefit, \$ 10.00 award;
For Plan "E" and "F" insured for \$ 2,000 death benefit, \$ 12.00 award;
For Plan "E" and "F" insured for \$ 3,000 death benefit, \$ 18.00 award.

Awards for enrolling new juvenile members:

For Plan "JA" \$1.00 award; for Plan "JB" \$3.00 award; for Plan "JC" for \$500 insurance, \$3.00 award; for Plan "JC" for \$1,000 insurance, \$5.00 award; for Plan "JD" for \$250 insurance, \$1.50 award; for Plan "JD" for \$500 insurance, \$3.00 award; for Plan "JD" for \$1,000 insurance, \$5.00 award.

All members who enroll new members in the adult or juvenile departments of the American Fraternal Union are entitled to these awards. The awards will be paid when the new members have paid six months dues.

OUT ENUMCLAW WAY

(Continued from page 3)

The fact is that women have been accustomed to rationing all their lives. Every good housekeeper rations the food she places before her family. Adjustments in their budgets

and menus to meet the present shortages haven't been too difficult and women have in general, we are proud to say, observed ration rules. Don't think that women haven't been offered opportunities to break the rules. For the most part though, their integrity and sense of justice met these overtures with a quiet negative. "I'll buy only what rationing stamps provide for and no more."

Some time ago we told you of the "Ex-Darling Club" formed by soldiers in Africa.

The idea is catching and now we hear of the feminine orders being organized. In New Guinea where American nurses and Red Cross workers are stationed and separated from their loved ones the ladies have formed the "Lonely Order of Guinea Hens." Membership requirements are that the girl must be "honest to God in love with her guy" and she must be "tracking fair and no fooling."

The insignia of the order shows a lonely guinea hen looking longingly at planes flying over mountain tops.

"Point Snorkers" is the new order of army airmen in Tunisia.

To qualify for this club you must have a mustache seen easily at a distance of 100 feet. Once inducted into the club, a member cannot remove the "cookie duster" except on order from the high command or if the members is leaving for the United States. An Algerian five-franc note, suitably inscribed is each member's membership card.

For forty-five years now, our American Fraternal Union has had the proud privilege to serve thousands of people. Years of planning and hundreds of thousands of dollars have gone into it. It has served in days of illness, disability and old age. It has extended a helping hand and words of sympathy in times of death.

Today we see a greater need for fraternity in action than ever before. Today we are chal-

laged to practice what we preach. Now we have a natural opportunity to ease home-sickness among the boys in uniform and to render solace and comfort to the families at home.

In its service to humanity not in the sense of insurance alone but in sociability and friendship we find no system but the fraternal system can serve so well. Our own American Fraternal Union has paved the way for many life-long friendships. It rides high in spirit and strives for high ideals. It is one of the better things that make this world a better place to live in. When among friends never, never forget our American Fraternal Union.

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And so we come to the last item on our program—unity. Our bid for that goes to the "Fable of the Bee."

The Fable of the Bee

Said a wise old bee at the close of the day, "This colony business doesn't pay. I put my honey in that old hive, that others may eat and live and thrive; and I do more work in a day, by gee, than some of the fellows do in three. I toil and worry and save and hoard, and all I get is my room and board. It's me for a hive I can run myself, and me for the sweets of my hard-earned pelf."

So the old bee flew to a meadow lone, and started a business all his own. He gave no thought to the buzzing clan, but all intent on his selfish plan he lived the life of a hermit free—"Ah, this is great," said the wise old bee.

But the summer waned and the days grew drear, and the lone bee wailed as he dropped a tear; for the varmints gobbled his little store and his wax

played out and his heart was sore, so he winged his way to the old home stand, and got his meals at the Helping Hand.

Alone our work is of little worth; together we are the lords of earth; so, it's all for each and it's each for all—united we stand, divided we fall.—"The Egg Basket."

Goodbye.

Mary Balint, Sec'y
Lodge No. 162, AFU
Enumclaw, Wash.



Buy More War Bonds!

Here is how you War Bond dollar is spent. Nineteen cents goes for aircraft, 12 cents for ordnance and signal equipment, 10 cents for navy and army ships, four cents for merchant ships, 11 cents for miscellaneous munitions, 14 cents for war construction, 25 cents for pay, food and travel. Five cents goes for non-war uses. Your sons, brothers, husbands, fathers and friends share directly in all these expenditures. Their very safety depends upon the mountains of supplies you send them. Let's all back the attack with extra War Bonds!

Dehydrated Cranberries:

If and when you try it and it turns out to be good, thank the armed forces for a new one in dehydrated foods soon to be available to housewives—dried cranberries. An ounce of them makes a pound and a half of cranberry sauce.

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No Double-Breasted Suits in Sight Yet:

Men addicted to double-breasted suits who have been hopeful that WPB would soon go all the way and restore vests to them, as it has restored cuffs to pants and patch pockets to coats, are doomed to disappointment. Much as Washington would like to relieve the vestless anguish, it has decided against lifting that particular style restriction until such time as the mills can find more weavers. The shortage exists labor to operate looms, not cotton and wool supplies. In the three months ending September 30 last, production slumped off over 200 million yards, compared with the preceding three months.



Amateur Shoe Repairman, Please Note:

If there's an amateur shoe repairman about the house here's a piece of information for him. OPA has established retail ceiling prices on repair heels sold for attaching to home. Now, whether bought at a five-and-ten-cent store or a hardware store, you should pay more than 10 to 15 cents per pair, depending upon size.

F. L.



Pvt. Olin W. Dennis, 25, Delmar, Md., was shot through the leg by a sniper at Alcatraz, Africa. He has been in the Halloran Hospital for over six months because of a bone infection. He is buying Bonds regularly.

Sgt. Edwin Johnson, 27, Long Island City, N. Y., suffered shrapnel wounds in throat and neck when a Stuka bombed an ammunition truck he was driving in Sicily. He couldn't speak for two months but has since appeared at Bond rallies.

Pvt. James C. McNally, 36, New York City, suffered a fractured leg when his supply truck hit a road mine in Algeria. That's all he remembers. He has a brother in the Signal Corps. His wife works, buys Bonds regularly.



Pvt. Arthur Bevis, 22, Bascom, Fla., went through African campaign without a scratch but in Sicily one of his buddies stepped on a mine. Bevis' leg was amputated, shrapnel partially buried his fingers. He wears the Purple Heart, buys Bonds regularly.



Pvt. Benjamin Ayscue, 26, Henderson, N. C., received compound fracture of leg and other injuries in Sicilian campaign when his truck ran over a mine. Ayscue has brother in the army, is married and has one child. Family buys Bonds regularly.

AFU Yank Writes From South Sea Islands

Hello Members: After a little persuasion on my part I finally decided to drop a few lines to the Nova Doba. First of all I wish to thank Mr. Terbovec and Mrs. Erzen for their wonderful Christmas card which I received today via Pleasanton, Calif. As you can see for yourself I've done a lot of travelling since coming to the Navy. First it was Farragut, Idaho, then in succession Pleasanton, Calif., Treasure Island, Calif., then the voyage across the blue Pacific to Navy 181. From there, through the process of elimination and drafting, I was assigned to the Third Amphibious Force for duty. To serve with the Flag of the Third Amphibious is indeed an honor for me. As a barber (which happens to be my duty) I have the honor to be right next to some of our great Admirals and other great military men.

The South Sea Islands are very beautiful indeed—when you see them in a movie. I'm still looking for that gorgeous creature with the sarong that is so often associated with the beauties of the South Seas. But so far I have had no luck. Some of the fellows who have been here for twenty months or more tell me that my search is in vain. (How well I know it!)

Since coming to this historic island, I had the luck of finding my own brother, Lt. Frank Slavec, who was stationed only two miles from my camp. The joy of seeing him again cannot be put into words. It's something one must feel inside of himself. The very first thing he wanted to know was: "How's mom and dad, and sis?" They are the only ones back home now from once a good-sized family of eight. It was hard to tell him anything. All I could remember was the hug and kiss my mother gave me when I left home and her sobbing words: "If you see Joe or Frank, give them my love!" Well here I was standing in front of Frank trying to think how to give him my mother's love. Yes, it's a funny thing, one must feel it before he can understand it.

We saw each other quite a bit the following week and celebrated New Year's Day together. Here's something: When Frank and I were still a couple of carefree, fun-loving boys, we always managed to celebrate New Year's at the Slovenian Home in Denver, Colo. It made no difference where we were at, whether he was away in school or if I had to work night shift, that one night was ours and it was always at the Slovenian Home. That was the place where we could mingle with the older folks and sing the beautiful Slovenian folk songs. Now we found each other on this history-making isle and once again celebrated New Year's together. I must say it wasn't the same but nevertheless it was a great night.

A few more nights together and then his orders came to return to the States for a well-deserved rest. I never saw a happier bunch of men than those fliers were that night. All I could hear Frank say was: "Oh boy, to see my wife, my son whom I've never seen yet, mother, dad and sis!" Yes sir, he certainly was happy. Our parting was brief and sincere. With a lump in my throat I said, "Alright, you big lug, now go and give my love to mom." With this we parted.

Lately the mail is finally catching up with me and to my surprise, I'm getting quite a bit of fan mail for which I'm indeed thankful. But the story is this: Just today I received a letter which read: I'm 16, have blond hair, blue eyes, weigh 110 lbs, and so on. Now that's all very fine and I'm sure glad to

hear from folks and I want them to continue to write and send me their pictures for pin-ups. Now that we can't get the Esquire, they will have priority. In all fairness to those who write to me, I must tell them, through the Nova Doba, that I'm 26 years old, five-nine, 160 lbs, black wavy hair, brown eyes, and have been happily married for three years and am the father of a very cute daughter, 16 months old. She was a member of the Juvenile Department of the AFU since the day she was born. Hope the mail doesn't stop now! I wonder how much longer I'm going to wait before I get a copy of the Nova Doba? I sure miss it. (Ed. Note: A copy is sent to you each week, Vic, but I suppose you'll get 5 or 6 at a time like most of the boys out in the Pacific.)

If it were possible, I would write in Slovenian to please some of the older folks but the censor says nothing doing. I don't blame him, he's having a hard enough time reading my poor English, let alone, Slovenian.

In conclusion I wish to send greetings to all my friends and members of the AFU.

A thought: Fellows and gals, if you feel like spending some money, buy a War Bond! That's spending where it counts!

Victor Slavec, F2C

Staff Commander

Third Amphibious Force
c/o Fleet Post Office
San Francisco, Calif.

DID YOU KNOW THAT—

Red lenses in special pilots' goggles eliminate the waiting period formerly spent conditioning eyes for night flying.

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Stephano Brothers have developed a new cigarette paper which sheds water and permits smoking in the rain. This tasteless, odorless paper was designed to withstand all the climatic conditions encountered by our armed forces, who will receive the entire output for the duration. It is claimed that this paper enables cigarettes to retain their freshness.

Individual high bowlers were Louis Andreasich, 206, Louis Dolmovich, 190, and Joseph Gomilar, 189. Three-game high were Louis Dolmovich with 558, Louis Andreasich, 555, and Joseph Gomilar, 464.

This coming Friday we shall bowl as follows: Gottlieb Flor-

ists against the Fox River Hotel team and the Hujan Tavern team against Maryton Cafe. Good luck to all!

Standings Jan. 28, 1944:

	W	L
Gottlieb Florists	31	20
Maryton Cafe	28	24
Hujan Tavern	23	28
Fox River Hotel	21	30
John Gottlieb, Sec'y		
Chicago AFU Liberty Bell		
Bowling League		



Chicago AFU Liberty Bell Bowling League

IT TAKES WOOD TO BUILD STEEL SHIPS

First tool used in building a new ship for Uncle Sam's Navy or merchant fleet is a woodsman's axe in a forest perhaps a thousand miles from the sea. For shipyards must have lumber and plenty of it at every step of a steel ship's construction, from the fashioning of the model to its slide down its wooden way.

There's some wood on the steel ship when she's afloat, too, in cabins and rooms above decks. A Liberty ship, for example, carries 10,000 feet of plywood paneling. In addition, well over half a million feet of lumber are needed at the shipyard for her construction.

—Ships Magazine

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JUVENILE VOICES

Ely, Minn.—Hello Juveniles: When I last wrote from Superior, Wis. as I told you I spent my Christmas vacation as the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Milton Coombs. They had a lovely tree and everything that goes with Christmas, Santa Claus and all. I wish to thank the Coombs family for my enjoyable visit.

My cousin, Stanley Grahek, surprised his parents by coming home on a furlough right on Christmas day. He serves with the U. S. Fleet and has seen several tough battles.

My other cousins, Virginia Golobich, Placid and David Goulet were also home for the holidays.

Mother sent my sister, Florence, in Washington, D. C. an AFU calendar. She wrote that she hung it on the wall of her room and that she is very proud of it. Everyone who comes into her room wants to know about it and Florence proudly tells them that it is the calendar of the American Fraternal Union, a fraternal benefit organization. She says many of them are surprised when she tells them of the benefits the AFU has to offer to its members.

I miss Florence especially when it is time to play the piano. When she was at home she helped me with my piano lessons and we often played duets. I'll bet Florence misses her piano now.

Mr. Robert S. Merhar is now head auditor at Carbondale, Ill. Mr. Merhar was recently awarded the armed service forces citation for meritorious service.

Lt. William N. Bom of the Naval Reserves is home on furlough after two years of service in the Pacific war zone.

In conclusion I would like to wish Florence a very happy birthday and hope she will long remember her birthday in Washington, D. C.

Margaret M. Startz (Age: 14)
Lodge No. 1, AFU
Ely, Minn.

Združeni odbor južno-slovanskih Amerikan-cев na delu

Veliki val navdušenja za edinstvo, ki je zajel Slovane širok sveta v njihovi osvobodilni borbi proti fašističnim osvaljalcem, je našel svoj konkretni izraz v novo-organiziranem Odboru južno-slovanskih Amerikanov. Ta odbor je bil osnovan 19. junija, 1943, v Pittsburghu, Pa., kot Združeni odbor ameriških Hrvatov, Srbov in Slovencev, a pozneje, 7. avgusta, je bil na sestanku v Clevelandu, katerem so prisostvovali tudi predstavniki bolgarskih in madžarskih Amerikanov, ta odbor razširjen v toliko, da je vključeval tudi Bolgare in Madžorce in se je odslej imenoval "Združeni odbor južno-slovanskih Amerikanov." Ta odbor je danes aktiven centrala

v te vrste delovanju neizbežni, ker je včasih od točnosti do stave gotovih vesti odvisna uspešnost našega delovanja.

Osebje v uradu je številno omemojeno ter razdeljeno tako, da je moč vršiti mnoge dolžnosti in naloge Odbora. Tako v začetku je delal predsednik Adamič sam s pomočjo ene tajnice ter je bil često primoran, da je pomagal z rutinskim delom v uradu, kot z naslavljajnjem kuvert in pisanjem stotin pisem v raznih jezikih. Mnogi naši vrli pomorščaki so pomagali brezplačno z raznim mehaničnim delom, kot z razpošljjanjem literature, pisanjem naslovov, itd.

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V samem začetku je bil glavni posel urada, da se po eni strani izdaja "Buletin," a po drugi vzpostavi zveze z najvažnejšimi osebnostmi v ameriški javnosti, tisku in radiju. Koliko vrednosti je bilo to delo odbora je razvidno iz dejstva, da so ameriški časnikarji in radijski komentatorji, kateri so do tedaj, z redkimi izjemami, poveličavali kvizilng Mihajlovića, pričeli bolj in bolj upoštevati in prikazovati resnično stanje v Jugoslaviji ter podprtati veliko vlogo Narodne osvobodilne vojske pod poveljstvom maršala Tita. Nobenega dvoma ni, da je bila spremembja posledica neumornega delovanja Odbora in se posebno njegovega uglednega predsednika, Luisa Adamiča. Poznejši razvoj dogodkov v Jugoslaviji in konference v Moskvi in Teheranu potrjuje pravilnost te analize.

S hitrim razvitjem našega odbora je bilo kmalu očitno, da postaja ta odbor središče vseh naprednih demokratskih južno-slovanskih struj med priseljenec, ter v politični imigraciji in to ne samo v Združenih državah, pač pa širok svetu.

Tako n. pr. Združeni odbor obdržava zveze z Južnoslovenskim odborom dr. Borisa Furlana v Londonu, z liberalnimi elementi našega jugoslovenskega naroda v Mehiki, Cubi, Urugauju, Chili, kot tudi v Avstraliji ter Novi Zelandiji. Kolikor pa se tiče Združenih držav, so se v mnogih krajih pričeli ustavljati krajevni južnoslovenski odbori, kot v San Franciscu, St. Louisu, Milwaukee, itd.

Že pri prvih podvzetih korakih delovanja odbora je bilo očitno, da bodo nastali čezdolžni večji stroški, ako bo hotel Združeni odbor izvestil program elektrosvetovnega sestanka ter ga spremeniti v plodonosno delo. Samo izdajanje "Buletina" stane petnajststo dolarjev za vsako izdajo, katera izide v okrog 30,000 izvodov. Dozajdaj je izhajal po enkrat na mesec, oddajdaj pa bo izšel pogosteje, če mogoče tedensko. Potreba obdržavanja stikov s pravki ameriškega javnega mišljenja in z našim narodom v tej deželi ter v drugih delih sveta je združena z velikimi stroški, o katerih ni potreben govoriti podrobno, ker je to pač samoobsebni razumljivo, posebno, če se vzame v poštev, da je treba pogosto potovati v oddaljena sredista. Brzoznavni, telefonski in drugi postranski stroški se enako od meseca do meseca večajo ter so

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Najvažnejši del delovanja urada je obveščanje ameriške javnosti in tukajšnjih jugoslovenskih naselbin o dogodkih v starem kraju. Treba je tudi skrbeti za propagiranje resnice o plemeniti borbi Osvobodilnega ljudskega gibanja, ki danes zajema celo Jugoslavijo in kaže se je pričelo širiti tudi na Bolgarskem. O tej borbi je bilo razsejanih mnogo laži s strani kormpiran in diskreditiranih včerajnjih "gospodarjev" Jugoslavije. Pobiranje te strupene propagande, katere cilj je bil pocepljenje ali razvajanje naroda tukaj, vzame enako veliko dela in truda. Odbor je točno rešil vprašanje te strani delovanje s tem, da je najel posebno tiskovnega ravnatelja, katerega dolžnost je, da zavira liste ozir. južno-slovenski tisk s publicitetom materijalom, ter da pomaga Mr. Adamiču z urejanjem "Buletina" ter raznih pamfletov.

Tako torej izgleda danes delovanje našega urada, kateri se trudi da ojača svojo delavnost in obenem poskrbi, da se udejstvijo cilji Odbora v čim večji meri v novem letu 1944. Stroški urada sedaj znašajo približno tri tisoč dolarjev mesečno, od tega vsega delovanje s tem, da je naša ljudstvo stalno briga zato, da se zborejo sredstva za nadaljevanje odborovega dela. Potrebno je, da se poleg moralne podpore, ki jo izrekajo razne skupine, skuša na raznih koncertih ter drugih priredbah vedno imeti pred očmi dejstvo, da mora imeti Odbor finančno podporo za nadaljevanje svojega delovanja in radi tega naj gre po možnosti del čistega pribitka raznih priraditev med južnimi Slovani v sklad Odbora.

Vsi stroški so kriti z dobrotljivimi prispevkami naroda. Razumljivo je, da z razvojem in večanjem delovanja rastejo tudi stroški, radi česar je potreben, da se naše ljudstvo stalno briga zato, da se zborejo sredstva za nadaljevanje odborovega dela. Potrebno je, da se poleg moralne podpore, ki jo izrekajo razne skupine, skuša na raznih koncertih ter drugih priredbah vedno imeti pred očmi dejstvo, da mora imeti Odbor finančno podporo za nadaljevanje svojega delovanja in radi tega naj gre po možnosti del čistega pribitka raznih priraditev med južnimi Slovani v sklad Odbora. Slednji južni Sloven v Ameriki naj pomni, da je ena glavni naši naši naši hrabri borci v stari domovini in spričajo tega dejstva je vsak materialni doprinesek ali prispevek direkten doprinos in v pomoč borbi naše slavne Osvobodilne vojske, ki je pod vodstvom maršala Tita. — Združeni odbor J. S. A.

Battle in Yugoslavia: Shaded Portions Represent the Territory Which Is Partly Or Completely Controlled by the Yugoslav National Liberation

Poročilo o shodu v Pittsburghu

Mnogo se je pisalo o tem shodu, zato čutim, da je treba vsaj na kratko poročati zaradi onih rojakov, ki se niso radi enega ali drugega razloga mogli udeležiti zgodovinske manifestacije Slovencev v Zapadni Pennsylvaniji.

V prvi vrsti je treba priznati, da je to bila prva večja politična demonstracija v naši veliki okolici, odkar se je pričela druga svetovna vojna. In ker je to bila resna narodna stvar, se je pričakovalo da jo bomo vzeli vsi resno k srcu. Navzoč so dali jasen dokaz in odgovor, da razumejo nalogo in dolžnosti, katere kot ameriški državljan moramo izvrševati, da se porazi fašistično Nemčijo in militarično Japonsko.

Udeležba v zanimanju za govore sta bila naravnost izvrstna. Lepo je bilo gledati po dvorani, ker je bil ženski spol dobro zastopan. Naše zavedne Slovence niso hotele zamuditi te izredne priložnosti, saj se danes borijo ženske, kakor se niso nikdar prej v zgodovini. Na primer, ruske žene in dekleta so na fronti, naše slovenske žene in dekleta pa opravljajo partizanske službe ravno tako junashko kot moški. Sploh se mora reči, da je bil na shodu zbran cvet Slovencev in Slovencov iz Zapadne Pennsylvanije, kar bo vsem ostalo dolgo v lepem spominu.

Zlatko Balokovič, predst. Hrvatskega kongresa, je naglašal, da 20. stoletje zahteva gotove spremembe in enakopravnost zatiranim masam, da bomo to tudi doživel, če bo vladala slova in razumevanje med narodi, med političnimi skupinami. Posebno pa je svaril, da se ne smemo ozirati na rdeče strašilo in komunističnega pečata, ker fašisti smatrajo vsakega demokrata, ki deluje za poraz Hitlerjeve Nemčije in Japonske, za rogatega komunista.

Srb Markovič je menda najbolj jasno razložil sestav Osvobodilne fronte. Podčrtal je, da Srbi želijo mirno živeti z brati Hrvati in Slovenci. Tega pa ni dopuščala stara srbska vladarska klika. Markovič pozna Tita Brozoviča osebno, kakor tudi mnoge druge člane nove začasne vlade. Osebno sta mu poznana tudi Josip Vidmar in Boris Kidrič, voditelj slovenske Osvobodilne fronte. Mnogi izmed teh so vstali kot delavci, brez univerzitetne izobrazbe. Toda potrebno izobrazbo in skušnje so dobili skoro vse v zloglasni glavnjači, kjer so utrdili svoja prepričanje in sposobnosti.

Etbín Kristan, predstnik SANS, nam je podal poročilo o glavnih korakih, katere je on kot predst. SANS storil. Navzoči so mu posvetili posebno pažnjo. V dvorani je vladala grobna tišina. Vsaka njegova beseda je padla na srca, ki so gorela za stvar, za katero se borijo naši svetovno znani partizani pod praporom Osvobodilne fronte. Kristan je razložil v podrobnosti, da so ljudje sami pričeli organizirati odpor, ko so videli, da je vojaška sila Jugoslavije po par dneh skrahiralata tragično, da so partizani bili že od samega pričetka opravljeni do priznanja, katero smo dajali izdajalcu Mihajloviču in četniki. Njegov govor je odstranil vsak dvom, če je kdo sploh dvolil, da so partizani in Osvobodilna fronta tista sila, ki nam daje upanje, da bodo osvobodili vse okupirano ozemlje. Kristan je tudi poudaril, da izvršni odbor SANS dosledno izvaja sklep clevelandskega kongresa, da je bila vsaka poteca in akcija SANS doslej pravilna in do skrajnosti previdna, da so torej očitki od strani malenkostne Fotičeve skupine neutemljeni.

Janko Rogelj, direktor JPO-SS je poročal o notranjem sta-

nju v Sloveniji in apeliral za gmotno pomoč sestranskim narodom. Naglasil je, da je sedaj politični položaj v Jugoslaviji kristalno čist in da vsled tega moramo pospešiti naše akcije. On je razložil zvezne in simpatije, katere kažejo ameriški vladni krogi napram partizanom in ljudstvu, da so krogi v Washingtonu v tesni zvezi in da jim stalno pošiljajo radijska poročila in pozdrave v znak priznanja za velike žrtve in uspehe, katere Jugoslovani doprinašajo za zmago Združenih narodov.

Pravo razpoloženje shoda se mora soditi tudi po količini demarnih prostovoljnih prispevkov. Kolekt je prvič znašala \$452.00. Dr. Arch, predsednik shoda, pa je hotel doseči sveto \$500.00, zato je ponovno apeliral, da se zbere še \$48.00. No, in navzoči so spet rađevalje poslegli v žepu in zasukali številko po svoje. Prispevali so \$84.00, kar pomeni, da je skupna kolekt znašala \$537.06. Za tako lep dar pa se moramo zahvaliti zlasti federaciji društva SNPJ, podružnicam SANS in odboru Slov. doma v Pittsburghu in vsem ostalim organizacijam, ki so se odzvale s primernim prispevkom za dobro stvar. Posamezni seveda zaslužijo vse spoštovanje, ker so ne samo prispevali gmotno, ampak dali razumeti, da so za SANS in Osvobodilno fronto dušo in srečem, da bodo delovali enotno za osvoboditev Jugoslavije in ostalih podjarmljivih narodov.

Dr. F. J. Arch, predsednik shoda.

DOPISI

Aurora, Minn. — Naše društvo Sv. Jožefa, št. 85 ABZ, je v teku par tednov izgubilo kar dva dobra in dolgoletna člana. Dne 29. decembra 1943 je smrt pobrala pionirja in soustanovitelja bivše JSKJ in ustanovitelja našega društva št. 85 ABZ (prej JSKJ) Matta Levstika. Njegove certifikatne številke je bila 208, kar znači, da je bil eden najbolj zgodnjih članov naše organizacije. Ostal je dober in zvest član društva in Ameriške bratske zveze do zadnjega diha. Pokopali smo ga dne 3. januarja 1944 na pokopališču v Aurora. Društvo mu je poklonilo venec v zadnjem pozdravu. Pokojnik je bil rojen leta 1870 v Sodačici pri Ribnici na Dolenjskem. Tu zapušča soprog in tri hčere. Naj mu bo ohranjen blag spomin, njegovim sorodnikom pa bodi izraženo iskreno sožalje.

Torej v imenu pripravljalnega odbora, federacije društva SNPJ in podružnic SANS, ki so sklicale shod, se vsem najtopljej zahvaljujemo.

Na shodu je bila sprejeta rezolucija in sicer soglasno. Jedro iste je bilo že prej odobreno na federacijskih sejah ABZ in SNPJ. Ista bo priobčena v vseh listih, ki so naklonjeni ciljem tega gibanja.

Za skupni odbor:
Fran Oblak.

RESOLUCIJA

Soglasno sprejeta na shodu v Pittsburghu dne 23. januarja 1944:

Mi ameriški državljan slovenskega porekla iz Zapadne Pennsylvanije, zbrani na shodu v Pittsburghu, Pa., dne 23. januarja 1944, častno izjavljamo, da bomo odslej še bolj odločno delovali za ameriški vojni program. Naš največji doprinos bo prihajal v obliki vojne proizvodnje, nakupovanju v ojnih bondov in sorazmerno tudi na aktivni vojni fronti, kjer se naši sinovi in hčerke že borijo za zmago Združenih narodov.

Zavedajoči se, da je edinstvo v Združenih državah glavni predpogoj za uspešno izvajanje vojnega programa in uspešno invazijo Europe, zato bomo z vsemi močmi podpirali Louisa Adamiča in Združeni odbor južno-slovenskih Amerikancev in Slovensko-ameriški narodni svet, da dosežemo popolno edinstvo med južno-slovenskimi izseljeniki, da bomo dajali najstajnjajše vzglede edinstvu in podporo našemu vrhovnemu veljniku, Franklinu Rooseveltu, katerega zunanja politika je dovedla do tesnega sodelovanja med glavnimi zaveznički, Združenimi državami, Anglijo, Sovjetsko Unijo in Kitajsko.

Ker je neoporečno dejstvo, da so Združene države "Arsenal demokracije," želimo, da se pospeši pošiljanje vojnega mate-

rialia na podlagi "Lend-Lease" pogovor vsem aktivnim zavezničkim. Rayno tako želimo, da se tukaj vključi tudi Osvobodilna fronta v Jugoslaviji, kjer partizanske in redne armade nujno potrebujejo moderne vojnega oružja, da se pospešijo nihov udarci in čimprej osvoboditi vse okupirano ozemlje v Jugoslaviji. Pozdrav!

Matija Pogorelc.

Girard, O. — Seja postojanke št. 79 SANS se je vršila 15. januarja in na isti je bil izvoljen za leto 1944 sledči odbor: Louis Blazich, predsednik; Joseph Piškar, podpredsednik; Frank Rezek, tajnik; Matt Kogovšek, blagajnik; Joseph Lavrenčič, zapisnik. Na seji je bilo sklenjeno, da se bodo v bojoče prostovoljne prispevki pobirali kot dosedaj. Slovenci smo v Girardu precej raztreseni, zato smo izvolili osem zastopnikov, ki so: Frank Prevec in John Rovan za Avon Park in McKinley Heights; Anton Selak in Math Zauber za Smithsonian St.; Joseph Laurencich in Math Zadnikar za Gordon in Stambaugh Sts.; Louis Mostar in Math Kogovšek za Townsend Ave. in Churchill Rd.

Seje so se bili udeležili tudi trije rojaki iz Clevelanda, nameč Primoz Kogoj, Mary Kogoj in Frank Oglar. Rojak Kogoj nas je v navdušenem govoru pozival k nadaljnemu pozdravljanju delu v pomoč našim nesrečnim bratom in sestram v starem kraju. Sklenjeno je bilo, da naša postojanka enkrat v bližnji bodočnosti priredi shod. Tajniku Frank Rezku je bilo naročeno, da do prihodnje seje preskrbi dva govornika. Na prihodnji seji bo tudi določeno, kdaj se bo shod vršil. Pozdrav vsem!

Math Kogovšek.

Chisholm, Minn. — Danes se v tem letu prvič oglašam v Novi Dobi, zato je že povsem otepel, da nas bo še v bodoči razveseljava s svojo zanimivo in zabavno kolono "Vsek po svoje" in z drugimi, za sedanje čase važnimi članki. Vsi, ki smo živi, se moramo vedno učiti, vsi pa potrebujemo tudi nekaj razvedrila v trpkim vsakdanjosti. K sklepnu, četudi je že malo pozno (pa pravijo, da je bolje pozno kot nikoli), želim vsemu članstvu Ameriške bratske zveze srečno novo leto.

Frances Lukanich,

članica društva št. 150 ABZ.

sodelujejo z jugoslovanskimi partizani. Nedavno so bili Nemci izvedeli, da se je v Zagreb vtipotapljal tisoč partizanov, z namenom napada. Gestapo je torej odredila 14-urno preiskavo od hiš do hiš. Tekom preiskeve so patrulje nemški vojaki smele ustreli vsako osebo, ki se je prikazala na cesti. Marshal Tito je postal nujen apel zavezničkim letalom v Italijo za pomoč in kmalu potem so že brnili roji zavezničkih letal nad Zagrebom. To je Nemci primoralo, da so odredili alarm proti letalskemu napadu, in v zmeščavi, ki je sledila, so ušli večinoma vsi partizani, ki so se bili vtipotaplili v Zagreb.

Ista revija tudi poroča, da so partizani blizu Lipovca v zaledju Bosni napadli nemško transportno kolono, obstojejo iz 400 vozil, ki je vozila ojačenja Nemcem. Pobili so mnogo nemških vojakov, nakar so se umaknili v bubre. Prej pa so padlim nemškim vojakom pobrali čevljave za lašino porabo. Pomanjkanje obuvala med partizanski mičetami je občutno.

Revija "Time" tudi beleži neko poročilo iz Kaira, da ima maršal Tito do 236,000 bojevnikov, četudi niso vsi v akcijah istočasno. Članek zaključuje z mnenjem, da je Tito še nadalje uspešen ali če se bo vsaj

pisateljica Litten popisuje, kaj je vse prestal njen sin Hans Litten, ki je bil pet let zaprt v koncentracijskem taborišču, kjer se je končno v obupu obešil, ker ni mogel več prenašati duševnega in telesnega mučenja, ki so si ga izmišljevali po besneli naciji. Omenjeni je bil po poklicu odvetnik in je zagovarjal delavske stranke, ki so se upirale nacijskemu režimu; zato je bil poslan v koncentracijsko taborišče. Po prečitanju omenjene knjige imam več razumevanja, zakaj je potrebno, da branimo našo demokracijo pred vsemi sovražnimi silami, in da v to svrhu nobena žrtva prevelika. Ako bi v tej vojni Nemčija zmagala, ne bi bilo več za živeti na svetu. Zato je naša dolžnost, da damo vladu Združenih držav na razpolago vse, kar moremo, in ji pomagamo, da skupaj s svojimi zaveznicami za vedno uniči nacifašizem, to najstrupenejšo golazen v družini človeške družbe.

Letošnje leto je konvenčno leto in priporočljivo je, da bi nekoliko razpravljalo tudi o izboljšanju pravil na naših sejih. Vsaka članica, ki ima kako priporočilo glede tega, je vabljena, da pride z njim na dan na seji.

Clanice, ki so v odboru za okrepčila, so prošene, da pridejo v zborovalne prostore vsaj pol ure pred začetkom seje. Sestrski pozdrav in na svidenje!

— Za društvo št. 120 ABZ:

Rose Svetich, tajnica.

Finleyville, Pa. — Društvo Sv. Frančiška, št. 148 ABZ, predre društveno veselico v soboto 5. februarja. Veselica se bo vršila v S. N. Domu v Hackettu, Pa., in čisti dobiček iste je namenjen društveni blagajni. Za postrežbo bo poskrbel pripravljalni odbor in za ples bo igrala dobro znana in priljubljena Martinčekova godba iz Canonsburga. Vsi člani in članice ter vsi drugi rojaki in rojakinje, ki bivajo v tem okrožju, so vabljene, da posejijo to našo veselico v soboto 5. februarja. Za društvo št. 148 ABZ:

Frank Pernishek, predsednik.

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GRADNJA LADIJ

Odbor za vojno produkcijo v Washingtonu naznana, da je bilo leta 1943 v Združenih državah zgrajenih 568 vojnih ladij raznih tipov. Med temi sta dve veliki vojni ladji po 45.000 ton, 11 križark, 15 matičnih ladij za letala, 50 stražnih ladij, 128 rusilsk, 306 spremjevalk za rusilke in 56 podmornic. Za leto 1944 je v načrtu zgradnja 50% več vojni letu.

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