



Vsem poštovanim sodelavcem, dopisnikom, oglaševalcem, naročnikom in podpornikom, posebej pa še celotnemu odboru za ohranjanje lista Ameriška Domovina in vsem njegovim sodelavcem želimo blagoslovljeno, srečno, zdravo in uspešno polno novo leto.

Carter profi državi palestinskih Arabcev

Ko se zavzema za pravico palestinskih Arabcev do lastne države, Carter sodi, da bi naj to ne bila neodvisna država.

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Predsednik ZDA Jimmy Carter je ponovno v preteklih mesecih govoril o pravici palestinskih Arabcev, zlasti tudi beguncev, do lastne domovine. Kako si to predstavlja in zamišlja, ni povedal nikdar jasno. Preteklo sredo na razgovoru s televizijskimi poročevalci je dal o tem jasnejši odgovor.

Palestinski Arabci naj bi dobili svojo domovino na zahodnem bregu reke Jordan in na področju Gaze, toda to bi naj ne bila neodvisna država, ampak samoupravno ozemlje, povezano na nek način ali z Izraelom ali z Jordanijo.

Carter je dejal, da je zahteva Beginja, da ostanejo izraelske čete na ozemlju ob Jordanu in v Gazi, stvarna, da pa je Begin vendar dovolj prožen za nadaljevanje pogajanj in za njihov morebitni uspešen zaključek. ZDA bodo sprejele vsak sporazum, ki bo dosežen pri teh pogajanjih.

Egiptski predsednik Sadat je včeraj obžaloval Carterjevo izjavo o arabski palestinski državi, ker da bo zavlekla pogajanja in dosego sporazuma med Arabci in Izraelom.

Nov načelnik glavnega odbora demokratske stranke

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Predsednik Carter je imenoval novega načelnika glavnega odbora demokratske stranke, znanega politika v Teksasu Johna White, namestnika poljedelskega tajnika.

Nasledil bo odstopivšega Kennetha Curtisa, bivšega guvernerja države Maine. Imenovanje mora potrditi glavni strankni odbor, ki se bo sestel do začetka pomladi.

Vremenski prerok

Delno oblačno z verjetnostjo naletavanja snega danes in jutri. Najvišja temperatura danes 35 F (2 C).

Novi grobovi

Frank Kalan

Včeraj je nenadno umrl na svojem domu v Girardu, Ohio, 63 let stari Frank Kalan, doma v Pevnem pri Skofji Loki v Sloveniji, mož Ane, roj. Sušnik, oče Franka, Lojzeta, Janeza, Jurija in Jožeta, enkrat stari oče, brat Cike Tominc (Cleveland), Katarine (Slov.) in pok. Petra. Čas pogreba še ni določen.

Louis Lovka

V Euclid General bo nišnici je umrl 62 let stari Louis Lovka s 440 E. 146 St., ki je preje živel v senklerskem naselju, mož Irene, roj. Kruzynski, oče Mrs. Peter (Dorothy) Tushar, Mrs.

Grmenje ob obali eksplozije metana!

Dr. Thomas Gold s Cornell univerze misli, da prihaja morda grmenje, ki so ga slišali nedavno ob vzhodni obali, od eksplozije metana, uhajajočega iz zemeljskih gub pod morjem.

ITHACA, N.Y. — Ko so izločili možnost, da bi grmenje ob vzhodni obali, ki so ga slišali 2. in 15. decembra 1977 vzdolž atlantske obale, mogla povzročiti nadzvočna letala, ker je bilo premočno, je dr. Thomas Gold, direktor radijskega in vesoljskega raziskovalnega središča na Cornell univerzi, opozoril na možnost eksplozije plina metan, ki bi naj uhajal izpod morja vzdolž zemeljskih gub in se zbiral nad ozračjem.

Metan je sestavljen iz ogljika in vodika. Po sodbi dr. T. Golda prihaja ta plin z izbruhom in potem uhajanja skozi razpoke v zemeljski skorji v glavnem iz notranjosti zemlje. Najdemo ga v vseh živih bitjih, v ozračju in v usedlinah, kameninah, ki so nastale potom usedanja na dnu morij.

Donzel (Theresa) Dempsey, 5-krat stari oče, sin pok. Louisa in Frances I. ovka, brat pok. Anthonyja, Edwarda (in Philipa). Pokojnik je bil rojen v Clevelandu, bil veteran druge svetovne vojne, zaposlen skozi 34 let pri General Electric Co. in zadnjih 5 let pri Premier Electric Co. Pogreb bo iz Zeletovega pogrebnega zavoda na E. 152 St. jutri ob 9.15, v cerkev sv. Jeroma ob 10., nato na pokopališče Vernih duš.

Mario Soares sestavlja novo vlado Portugalske



LIZBONA, Port. — Predsednik republike Antonio Ramalho Eanes je izročil po posvetu z vodniki strank sestavo nove vlade Mariu Soaresu, vodniku socialistične stranke, ki je moral s svojo vlado odstopiti 8. decembra, ko je v parlamentu dobil nezaupnico.

Manjši primanjkljaj v zunanji trgovini ZDA

WASHINGTON, D.C. — ZDA so imele v preteklem novembru v zunanji trgovini 2,08 milijonov dolarjev primanjkljaja namram 3,1 milijonov v oktobru. Celotni primanjkljaj za vse leto 1977 računajo, da bo okoli 27 milijonov dolarjev.

CARTER V VARŠAVI

Predsednik ZDA Jimmy Carter je sinoči priletel v glavno mesto Poljske, kjer so ga sprejeli z vsemi častmi njeni vodniki. Jutri bo od tam poletel v Iran in dalje v Indijo ter se preko Savdske Arabije, Francije in Belgije 6. januarja vrnil domov v ZDA.

VARŠAVA, Polj. — Predsednik Jimmy Carter je priletel sinoči sem na svoji 9-dnevni poti, tekom katere bo obiskal šest držav. Ob svojem prihodu je poudaril stare vezi med Poljsko in ZDA in govoril o človekovih pravicah. Na letališču pri Varšavi, kjer je njegovo letalo pristalo ob 10.20 zvečer, so ga pričakali in sprejeli vodniki Poljske z Edvardom Gierekom na čelu. To je prvi obisk predsednika Carterja v kaki komunistični državi.

Ameriške goste so pozdravljale ameriške in poljske zastave, vojaška godba je zaigrala ameriško himno, napisali pa so proglasili prijateljstvo med ljudstvi Poljske in ZDA. Predsednik Carter je ob svojem prihodu dejal:

„To je svet, kjer so stari ideološki napisi izgubili svoj pomen, v katerem so temeljni cilji prijateljstva, mir, pravičnost, človeške pravice in svoboda posameznika bolj kot kdajkoli. Odnosi se menjajo med severom in jugom, med vzhodom in zahodom, toda vezi med Poljsko in ZDA so stare in močne.“

Poljski vodnik Edvard Gierek je dejal, da „prihaja Carterjev obisk v času, ko je detenta važna za vse človeštvo in za ves svet ter pozivlja razgovor med državami in budi upanje narodov“.

Obisk predsednika ZDA na Poljskem so sprejeli z zadovoljstvom poleg uradnih vodnikov



države tudi predstavniki vseh drugih skupin in struj v življenju Poljske. Predsednika Carterja so spremljali njegova žena Rosalynn, državni tajnik Vance in posebni svetovalec za narodno varnost Zbigniew Brzezinski, ki je poljskega rodu. Ameriški gostje so se peljali po sprejemu na letališču v avtihu do znane barocne palače Vilanov 5 milj južno od Varšave, kjer bodo prebivali, dokler ne bodo jutri odleteli v Iran.

Predsednik Carter bo imel danes tiskovno konferenco v Varšavi, na katero so poleg ameriških časnikarjev povabljeni tudi poljski. Ameriški predsednik se bo pogovarjal s poljskimi vodniki o gospodarskem in kulturnem sodelovanju med obema deželama, pa tudi na splošno o odnosih med Zahodom in Vzhodom. Poljski vodnik Gierek bi rad zglajeval odnose med Washingtonom in Moskvo, ker je z obema v dobrih odnosih, četudi je Poljska članica sovjetske vojaške zveze.

Predsednik Carter bo s svojo skupino odletel jutri iz Varšave v Iran, od tam pa v Indijo, kjer je bila letošnjo pomlad obnovljena demokracija in kjer je prišla na vlado ZDA bolj priznana skupina. Iz Indije bo Carter letel v Savdsko Arabijo, kjer bo s kraljem Kaledom razpravljal o položaju na Srednjem vzhodu in o oskrbi z oljem, pa nato nadaljeval pot v Francijo, od koder bo obiskal še Belgijo in se 6. januarja 1978 vrnil domov.

Zdravstveno zavarovanje bo predloženo Kongresu sredi prihodnjega leta

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Predsednik Carter je izrazil prepričanje, da bo Kongres izglasoval energetskega program, ki mu bo sprejemljiv in ga bo mogel podpisati. Glavna težava odobritvi tega programa je v Senatu, ki je v tem vprašanju razklan, med tem ko je Predstavniški dom predsednikov program skrajno v celoti odobril še v avgustu.

Predlog za splošno zdravstveno zavarovanje, ki ga je Carter obljubil tekom volivne borbe, je bil odložen in ga bo predsednik poslal v Kongres sredi prihodnjega leta. Carter je priznal, da ni upanja, da bi Kongres ta nje-

Iz Clevelanda in okolice

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Seja—

Društvo Lilija ima v torek, 3. januarja, ob 8. zvečer člansko sejo v Slovenskem domu na Holmes Avenue.

Japonska bo kupila v ZDA vojaška letala za 4.57 milijonov

TOKIO, Jap. — Japonska vlada je sklenila kupiti v ZDA 100 F15 lovskih letal in 45 F3C letal za nadziranje morij v pogledu sovražnikovih podmornic. Sklep mora potrditi parlament. Letala bodo skupno stala 4.57 milijonov dolarjev in jih bodo Japonski predvidoma začeli dobavljati v aprilu 1978.

gov predlog obdelal in izglasoval že v letu 1978, to se bo zgodilo kvečjemu leta 1979.

Na splošno Carter pričakuje, da bo prihodnje leto gospodarstvo uspešno rastlo in da se bo brezposelnost nekaj zmanjšala, inflacija pa se bo vsem sodeč držala nekje okoli 6%.

LETO, KI GRE V ZATON, ODPIRA VRATA V NOV, DRUGAČEN SVET

Ob pogledu na potek in razvoj dogodkov leta 1977 lahko čisto mirno ugotovimo, da je položaj v svetu precej drugačen kot v prejšnjih letih. Veselo božično oznanilo o miru ljudem na zemlji se je ob tem Božiču spremenilo iz zgoj priložnosti želje v stvarnost, ki ima več izgledov na uspeh kot kdajkoli v preteklih dolgih letih našega časa, in to na samem mestu, kjer je bilo to oznanilo nekdanj razglašeno, v Sveti deželi.

Seveda je do resničnega in trdnega miru še dolga pot, ker so na Srednjem vzhodu odnosi med tamkajšnjimi narodi močno zapleteni, s krvavim nasiljem zastrupljeni in z rivaliteto veseleli na tem svetovno pomembnem prostoru komplicirani. Tu je namreč poleg obstoja suverene izraelske državnosti in spor zamačano tudi arabsko olje, dostop do njega in nadzor nad njim. Radi tega je reševanje problemov na Srednjem vzhodu izredno težavno in prav to je tudi razlog, da se v 30 letih obstoja Izraela položaj ni boljšal, pač pa vedno poslabševal do stalne in ostre vojne napetosti.

V potekajočem letu smo skoraj tik pred Božičem bili pričča nenadni spremembi. Z zgodovinsko odločitvijo egiptovskega predsednika Sadata, da obišče Jeruzalem, se je začela uresničevati druga polovica angleške poslanice na Sveto noč, ki govori o ljudeh

dobre volje. Ta dobra volja se je vidno manifestirala v izjavah voditeljev obeh držav, ko je Anvar Sadat stopil na izraelska tla: „Ne več vojne, nikoli več!“ Četudi se bo pri delovanju te dobre volje pojavilo sto zaprek in tisoče hudih besed, nova doba v razvoju na Srednjem vzhodu se nič več ne more vrniti v staro, nevzdržno situacijo. O treh vodilnih ljudeh dobre volje, ki poganjajo mirovno kolesje, ameriškega predsedniku Carterju, egiptovskemu predsedniku Sadatu in izraelskemu predsedniku vlade Beginu, so listi s poudarkom naglasili, da so vsi trije globoko verni možje, ki v treh različnih verzijah priznavajo in častijo istega Boga. Slava Bogu na višavah in mir ljudem na zemlji, ki so dobre volje! Nov duh se je pojavil v odnosih med narodi, o katerem si pred letom dni še sanjati nismo upali.

Tudi po drugih predelih Zemlje se ta duh uveljavlja, leto 1977 nam to resnico zgovorno potrjuje. Predeja so bili podpisali dogovor o varnosti v Evropi l. 1975 v Helsinkih, so na pritisk Zahoda komunistični partnerji pristali na tretjo košarico sporazumov, ki govori o spoštovanju človekovih pravic. Ne komunisti, ne svobodni svet niso takrat verjeli, da bo iz te košarice prišlo kaj pozitivnega in dobrega, misleci, da je bilo to dodano zgolj zaradi lepše-

ga. Pa je januarja 1977 ameriški predsednik povzdignil svoj glas v vmesitvenem nagovoru z izjavo, da morajo človekove pravice postati osrednje svetovne politične aktivnosti. Tudi tokrat je javnost mislila, da so lepe besede in je njihovo tehtnost in pomen globoko podcenjevala. Vendar je neutilitarno dejstvo, da je od tedaj dalje spoštovanje človekovih pravic v ospredju svetovne politike, o čemer zgovorno pričla konferenca v Beogradu, kakor tudi dejstvo, da nihče ne bo nikoli vedel, koliko človeške mizerije je bilo odstranjeno in celo življenj rešenih zaradi pritiska Amerike na vlado po svetu, da bodo diplomatski odnosi z Ameriko odvisni od njihovega spoštovanja človeškega dostojanstva pri njihovih lastnih državljanih. To je zapisal eden najodličnejših časnikarjev naših dni James Reston v listu The New York Times.

Val človečnosti je v tej ali oni obliki zajel vso zemljo v tako vidnem obsegu, da je celo Sovjetska zveza začutila novi veter, pa naj je zapihal iz evrokomunizma ali konference v Beogradu ali od kod drugod; prisilil jo je v defenzivo, s tem pa dosegel velik uspeh. Sapa novega duha je leta 1977 odpirala dotedanjo izolacijo komunistične Kitajske ob spoznanju, da je doba artarkije ali samozadostnosti ali dominacije močnejšega

nač šibkejšim dokončno prešla; spoznala je, da jo ne bo protiameriška in protijaponska politika pripeljala nikamor. In se je v tem letu pobotala z obema in sedaj podpira ameriško-japonske dogovore o varnosti vzhodno-azijskega prostora. Svet se počasi, pa vidno spreminja.

Za to priča Indija s svojim povratkom preteklo pomlad k demokraciji in človečnosti, o kateri je sanjal Mahatma Gandhi. Priča razvoj v Evropi, ki je še pred letom dni grozila, da bo zavrgla zmerne politične smeri in voditelje v Angliji, Franciji, Zahodni Nemčiji, Italiji, Spaniji in Portugalu in se vrgla v nevarne skrajnosti, a se je ob koncu leta vrnila k zmernim voditeljem srednje poti.

In v naši stari domovini je novi duh človečnosti in sodelovanja prisilil oblastnike, da so odprli vrata ječe takim disidentom, kot sta Mihajlo Mihajlov in Franc Miklavčič, kar dokazuje, da se tudi tam ne morejo upirati novemu razvoju. Nekaj je v zraku, nek element dvoma v pravilnost starega, preteklega, neko priznanje, da se svet spreminja v prihod nove dobe prilagoditve in sporazumevanja.

Leto, ki gre v zaton, je odprlo vrata v nov, drugačen svet. To je velika reč! Če pa bodo narodi in države v novem letu ta vrata prestopili, bomo povedali čez eno leto.

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Nekaj o slovenskem položaju ob koncu leta 1977

Večji del slovenskega naroda živi v SR Sloveniji, eni od republik SFRJ Jugoslavije, del slovenskega narodnega ozemlja je ostal v Italiji, del v Avstriji in del v Madžarski.

Naši rojaki v SR Sloveniji v materialnem pogledu ne živijo sicer ravno v blagostanju, toda na splošno je njihovo življenje dosti dobro in v primeri z razmerami v drugih republikah SFRJ kar udobno. Kljub komunističnemu redu so Slovenci ostali pridni in vztrajni delavci vsaj tedaj, kadar delajo izključno za sebe. Seveda so tudi v Sloveniji področja, kjer vladata revščina in stiska. Med ta spadajo Kozjansko, Slovenske gorice, del Slovenske krajine, Suha krajina in Breginj, v manjši meri Bela krajina in odročni deli Notranjske.

Politična svoboda v SR Sloveniji je omejena na Komunistično partijo in na njeno množično organizacijo Socialistično zvezo delovnega ljudstva. Sodnika Franca Miklavčiča so obsodili v zapor, ker je objavil v tržaškem časopisu svoj članek in v njem drugače razlagal Osvobodilno fronto, kot jo uradno razlaga režim, ter podpril stališča Edija Kocbeka. Poleg tega so ga obtožili delovanja proti obtožencem redu tudi zato, ker je v svojem osebnem dnevniku zapisoval svoje misli, ki niso v skladu z uradnimi nazori.

Tudi verski in kulturna svoboda sta omejeni, četudi bolj po postopanju oblasti kot po črki zakonov.

Slovenci v Italiji in Avstriji uživajo v političnem pogledu več svobode kot njihovi rojaki v matični domovini, imajo pa težave pri ohranjanju svoje narodnosti, svoje narodne dediščine in pri svojem kulturnem delu. Trpijo tudi zapostavljanje pri svojih gospodarskih naporih. Slovenci na Madžarskem uživajo narodne manjšinske pravice, politične svobode pa imajo še manj kot njihovi rojaki v SR Sloveniji.

Položaj Slovencev v Italiji se je izenačil, ker je londonski sporazum, ki je jamčil posebne pravice za Slovence na Tržaškem, izgubil veljavo po podpisu pogodbe med Italijo in Jugoslavijo v Osimu in po njeni odobritvi letos. Pravice slovenske narodne manjšine v Italiji naj bi bile določene in zajamčene poleg z državno ustavo še s posebnim loženim zakonom. Doslej tega vprašanja kljub Osimu nista začela reševati ne država in ne dežela. Slovenci v Italiji so odločni vztrajati v svojih zahtevah po uzakoničenju svojih pravic. Na splošno moremo reči, da Slovenci v Italiji ne trpijo kakega resničnega zatiranja.

Položaj Slovencev na Koroškem je težavnejši. Lani jeseni so jih prečevali in jim na temelju tega preštevanja, četudi so ga Slovenci bojkotirali, dali pravico uporabe slovenskega jezika in postavili nekaj ducatov slovenskih krajevskih pisov. Slovensko narodno ozemlje so skrčili na korajz eno tretjino stvarnega, kot je bilo priznано v prvem desetletju po drugi svetovni vojni v času britanske zasedbe in še nekaj let po njej.

Koroški Slovenci tako tolmačenja člena 7 avstrijske državne pogodbe zahtevajo in vztrajajo v svojih zahtevah po popolnem priznanju svojih narodnih pravic. Celovec in Dunaj se tem zahtevam upirata kljub glasni podpori, ki jo nudita slovenski narodni manjšini na Koroškem Ljubljana in Beograd.

Zdi se le, da je ta podpora na žalost res bolj "glasna" kot pa stvarna. Obe glavni organizaciji koroških Slovencev na nevarno teh stavljata vse na Ljubljano in na Beograd ter pri tem pozabljata, da koristi komunističnega režima v Ljubljani in v Beogradu niso vedno in v celoti istovetne s koristimi koroških Slovencev.

Slovenci smo raztreseni po vsem svetu. Kakih 80.000 jih dela in živi v Zahodni Nemčiji in drugih državah svobodne Evrope. Prenekateri so vzeli k sebi svoje družine in se verjetno ne bodo nikdar več vrnili domov. Celo tisti, ki bi se radi vrnili, se premisljuje, ko vidijo, da ne morejo dobiti zanesljive in odgovarjajoče zaposlitve.

Slovenske naselbine v naši deželi in v Kanadi se starajo, zanimanje v njih za slovenske stvari peša, ko staro odmirajo, mladi pa se uživajo globlje in globlje v novo družbo in se postopno vanjo utaplja. Nekdaj bogato kulturno življenje je začelo omagovati, prireditve so postale že redke, ko jih je bilo nekdanj kar po več na isti dan, da človek ni vedel, kam bi šel. To velja tudi za glavna slovenska središča v ZDA in v Kanadi.

Slovenske fane so večji del postale že pred leti dvojezične in slovenski del v njih bolj in bolj slabi, ko mladi rod jezik svojih staršev že slabo razume, še slabše in redkeje pa govori. Vse to je naravni razvoj, ki ga nihče ne more preprečiti, možno ga je le zadrževati in usmerjati.

Naš list je za enkrat srečno prebil težave, v katerih

se je znašel lani. Prihodnje leto bo dopolnil 80 let rednega izhajanja, torej res lepo dobo. Je najstarejši slovenski dnevnik na vsem svetu, ki pa bo mogel svoje delo nadaljevati le, če bo užival tudi v prihodnje enako trdno podporo. Delo za ohranitev Ameriške Domovine se mora nadaljevati, se mora razviti v nekaj stalnega, če naj se ta res čaruni še v bodočih letih!

Vsem prijateljem AD srečno in uspehov polno novo leto!

BESEDA IZ NARODA

OB SMRTI DR. FRANCA BLATNIKA, SDB



Cleveland, O. — Ko boste brali te-le vrstice, bo truplo rajnega dr. Franca Blatnika, znanega salezijanskega duhovnika, že položeno v grob v Petersonu, N.J. Ko nastajajo tele vrstice, nam v Clevelandu še ni kaj več znanega o njegovih poslednjih življenjskih trenutkih; niti ne kaj o njegovem pogrebu v torek po letošnjem božiču, tj. 27. decembra 1977, in da so se, kolikor je znano, iz Clevelanda odpeljali na njegov pogreb salezijanski duhovnik - tačasni gost v župnišću pri Sv. Vidu, father Jožef Simčič in dva najožja prijatelja rajnega rojaka Lojze Jarem in Franc Staniša iz Geneve, Ohio. Zato nam trenutno ne preostaja drugega, kot da v spomin rajnega za danes podamo vsaj življenjski okvir njegovega dela.

Rajni Franca Blatnik, bivši ravnatelj osrednjega slovenskega salezijanskega zavoda na Rakovniku v Ljubljani, doktor bogoslovja od leta 1927, se je rodil 30. januarja 1899 v vasi Kojško, župnija sv. Križa v Boštajnu ob Savi, ordiniran za duhovnika je bil 10. julija 1927.

Njegov oče je bil mal zemljiški posestnik in lastnik majhnega vinograda pod Topolovcem (nekdo božja pot). V domači ljudski šoli je trgal hlače s poznejšim p. Stankom Dobovškom, misijonarjem Družbe S. J., in Johano Zimmermannom iz župnije sv. Lovrence. Vsi trije so bili zgledni oltarni strežniki župniku Kerinu in kaplanu Omanhu.

Mladi Francelj je bil zelo nadarjen. Župnik Kerin je očeta nagovarjal, naj bi ga dal "študirati". Mati so mu zgodaj umrli, menda leta 1911. V poznejših letih se jih je spominjal samo toliko, da so bili na mrtvaškem odru čisto beli.

Ker v družini ni bilo sredstev za šolanje, so dali Francelja učiti krojaštva k "mežnarju" Horvatu v Telčah, župnija Škočan na Dolenskem. Ze v tem času pa je mladi fant gojil željo, postati duhovnik. Da se mu je ta uresničila, k temu mu je največ pripomogla slovenska Družba salezijancev, katera je imela blizu njegovega rodnega kraja, tj. na Radni, svoj vzgojni zavod. Ta ga je poslal v Veržej na Štajerskem, kjer se je bil spoprijateljil s takratnim tamkajšnjim poljskim salezijancem-klerikom, poznejšim poljskim kardinalom Hlondom.

Francelj je v Veržeju opravil (privatno) nižjo gimnazijo, peti gimnazijski razred je opravil v Krakovu, veliko maturo pa je opravil doma na klasični gimnaziji v Mariboru.

Salezijanski noviciat je opravil v Veržeju, bogoslovje pa v osrednjem salezijanskem zavodu v Turinu v Italiji; tam je

doktoriral. V duhovnika je bil posvečen 10. julija 1927. Prvo mašno Glogijo je pel v Boštajnu, ponovil pa jo je na Jakobovo "žegnanje" na Telčah, to je v kraju, kjer se je v mladih letih učil krojaštva. Pri ponovljeni novi maši mu je pridigal takratni škocijanski kaplan father Julius Slapšak, ki živi danes kot upokojenec v župnišću pri Sv. Vidu.

Po novi maši je mladi gospod nekaj časa študiral na ljubljanski univerzi klasične jezike (latinščino in grščino), obenem pa opravljal odgovorno dušnopastirsko delo najprej med zemanarjeno in zapuščenno mladino na Kodeljevem v Ljubljani, kjer si je Salezijanska družba leta 1919 postavila Mladinski dom, pozneje pa na Rakovniku, kjer je bil zadnja leta pred svojim begunstvom tudi profesor na takratni tamkajšnji 2. državni realni gimnaziji v Ljubljani. Istočasno pa je bil, kot že omenjeno, vrhovni predstojnik rakovniške salezijanske hiše.

Med drugo svetovno vojsko kot tudi med komunistično revolucijo v naši domovini je rajni dr. Blatnik storil ogromno dobrega, posebno še najprej za begunce, ki so prifežali s Stajerskega v Ljubljano, pozneje pa za po Nemcih izgnane Slovence v Srbijo in na Hrvaško. Leta 1942 so ga laške okupacijske oblasti prijele in zaprle, pa mu je uspelo izmazati se iz njihovih krempeljev.

Po sovjetski zmagi na jugoslovanskih tleh se je umaknil v politično begunstvo, najprej v Avstrijo, od tam pozneje v Rim v Italijo, nazadnje pa v ZDA. Nekaj časa je misijonaril tudi med revnim prebivalstvom na Porto Rico, dokler se ni leta 1962 za stalno naselil v salezijanskem zavodu v Petersonu, N.J., kjer je vsa leta, dokler so mu telesne moči dopuščale, poučeval na tamkajšnji salezijanski srednješolski tehnični šoli.

Rajni dr. Blatnik je bil neugnan delavec na vseh mogočih življenjskih področjih. Bil je povsod zraven, kjer je bilo treba pomagati. V svojem taboriščnem, rimskem in ameriškem življenjskem obdobju je zlasti tudi veliko pisal v Ameriški Domovino in druge slovenske liste, medtem ko je bil prej v svojih begunskih listih organiziral vrsto ciklostiranih slovenskih listov. Imel je tudi gotovo toliko kot najbrž nihče drugi med nami korespondence. V življenjski nevarnosti je bil tolikokrat kot nihče drugi med nami, sicer pa je bil tudi parkrat na smrt obsojen, pa se je vedno izmazal. Ljubezem do Boga in do svojega naroda ga je vedno gnala in gnala... Napisati njegov dokončni življenjepis ne bo lahko. Potreben pa je že danes ter bo postajal vedno bolj. Ne dvomim, da se bo prej ali slej dobil med tolikimi njegovimi zvestimi gojenci hvaležni učenci, ki bo to delo opravil rajnkemu v spomin in zahvalo, narodu pa v pričevanje resnice in pravice.

Naj počiva gospod doktor v božjem miru med nami, nekdo pa naj dobi svoje poslednje bivališče na tem svetu v domači zemlji, ki je storil vse zanjo, da bi jo zlasti rešil brezbožnega komunizma.

Janez Sever

Počitnice - 1978 - na Koroškem

CLEVELAND, O. — Bilo je že nekaj člankov v Ameriški Domovini, da je Mohorjeva družba z ravnateljem msgr. dr. Janezom Hornboeckom povabila slovensko mladino iz Amerike in Kanade na kratke počitnice na Koroško. Glavni namen teh počitnic bi bil, da bi si naša mladina od blizu ogledala zibelko slovenstva, spoznala nje zgodovino in kulturo ter se tudi jezično spopolnila v slovenščini. Počitnice bi trajale 4 tedne, od sredine julija do sredine avgusta. Otroci bi stanovali in imeli vso oskrbo v Mohorjevem dijaškem domu in bili v stalnem spremstvu odgovornih odraslih. Z otroci gredo lahko tudi odrasli. Cena za prevoz, stanovanje in hrano bi znašala okrog 750 dolarjev na osebo.

Ker moramo dati odgovor v Celovec do konca januarja, naprošamo vse, ki bi želeli poslati svoje otroke na Koroško ali pa sami iti tja, da se prijavijo vsaj do 15. januarja. S prijavo naj polože tudi predplačilo 50 dolarjev. Za pojasnila in prijave se lahko obrnete na enega od sledečih: Rudi Knez (481-3155), Jože Lah (943-2089), Nada Kokal (257-3341, Mentor), Bernard Lavriša (481-3768).

Za letos bi zbrali skupino največ do 110 ljudi, od teh 40-50 iz Clevelanda, ostale pa iz Chicagoa, New Yorka, Washingtona in Kanade.

Priljubljeni odbor

O, še bomo igrali!

CLEVELAND, O. — Ta in oni med nami se je že bal ali pa se še boji, da bo slovenska odrska beseda med nami skoraj onemela. Pa ni tako! Verjemi mi, da ni! Slovenska odrska beseda med nami je še živa; pa še kako! Res je sicer, da starejši naš rod ni več tako živahen, kot je bil prva leta po prihodu v to deželo, zato se pa naši najmlajši od leta do leta odrsko vedno bolj uveljavljajo. Rad bi vas tozadevno spomnil samo na zadnji dve naši slovenski šolski mlaklavževanji. Tako pri Sv. Vidu kot pri Mariji Vnebovzeti sta naši sobotni slovenski šoli letos dali vsaka po eno dobro naštudirano odrsko delo. Pri Sv. Vidu smo imeli priložnost videti izvirno slovensko igrice s petjem in plesom, katero sta napisali in naučili učiteljci ge. Silva Saverčič in Breda Lončar. Collingwoodška šola pa je s svojo mladino vprizoritvi v režiji g. Rudija Kneza dr. J. Gržinčiča opereto "Miklavž prihaja". Obe vprizoritvi sta v zadovoljstvo mladine in njenih staršev ter druge publike lepo uspeli; slovensko mladino pa navdušili za svoje odrsko dramatsko uveljavljanje.

Slovensko dramatsko društvo Lilija vabi clevelandske in okoliške rojakine in rojake za družbo sobote, 7. januarja 1978, zvečer v Slovenski dom na Holmes Ave. k igri "Svoje glavoček". Starejšim med nami je to prijetno odrsko delo dobro znano, saj nas spremlja že vsa leta od begunskih taborišč po Evropi pa vse do danes v tej deželi. Vselej privabi odrsko publiko. Drugo soboto pa jo bo še prav posebno, ker jo bomo imeli priložnost videti v prizoritvi našega najmlajšega že tu rojenega slovenskega rodu. Le režija je v rokah g. Janeza Hauptmana, ki ve, kako se taki stvari najbolje služiti in zna mlade navdušiti za dobro stvar.

Rojakinje in rojaki, razloga imamo dovolj, da drugo soboto zvečer pridemo res v kar se da velikem številu v Slovenski dom na Holmes Ave. k odrski predstavi zares idealne naše slovenske mladine!

Janez Sever

Slovenski športni klub vabi na "Zimski večer"

CLEVELAND, O. — V soboto, 14. januarja, prireja Slovenski športni klub svoj letni zimski ples v Slovenskem domu na Holmes Avenue. Vstopnice so v predprodaji po \$5.50, pri vratih pa bodo po \$6. Upravičujejo do okusne domače večerje in plesa, za katerega bodo igrali Veseli Slovenci.

Za vstopnice se obračajte na Toma Lobeta, tel. 432-0792, Tonjya Lvarisho, tel. 481-3768, ali na Franka Jančarja, tel. 391-6782.

Vključite se v krog slovenske športno navdahnjene mladine! Pridite med vesel, mlad slovenski rod in veselite se z njim. Začetek ob sedmih zvečer.

Na svidenje!

T. L.

Zapoznala voščila s Koroške

KAPLA OB DRAVI, Avstr. — Za božične praznike in za novo leto 1978 želim vsem mojim clevelandskim prijateljem in znanecem obilo božjega blagoslova, zdravja in dobre volje. Vseh se rad in hvaležno spominjam ter obenem obujam spomine na moje obiske pri Vas.

Na žalost meni primanjkuje zdravja. Novembra sem bil skoraj tri tedne v bolnici zaradi srca, ki ni hotelo več prav biti. Najtrž sem preveč delal, ker imam sedaj še drugo faro — St. Janž, kjer je deloval nepozabni g. župnik Jože Vošnjak.

Zdravniki so ugotovili, da je moja srčna slabost najbrže prihajala od mandeljnov in zato sem jih dal operirati. Čakam, da se bo počutje zboljšalo. Rad bi bil letos zopet prišel med Vas, pa ni bilo mogoče zaradi tega velikega dela.

Se enkrat Vam želim ljubege in dobrega zdravja ter Vas iskreno pozdravljam.

Franč Hudl, župnik

Decembrska prosvetna ura pri Sv. Cirilu

NEW YORK, N.Y. — Zgodaj je začelo deževati. Napovedali so dež, poledico in sneg. Nebo je bilo temno in silen veter je skoraj preprečil uporabo dežnika. Radijski napovedovalci so svrtili ljudi, da ostanejo doma, ker so poti pomrzle, gladke in nevarne.

Babnikovci so že razmišljali, kam bodo s klobasami, golažom in zeljem, ki so jih pripravili za uro. Ob takem vremenu ni mogoče nikdo računati z bogve kakšno udeležbo, zlasti ker prihajajo naši farani večinoma z avtomobilji iz oddaljenih krajev tih držav.

Pa je bilo drugače, kakor smo pričakovali, da bo. Prosvetarji so napolnili cerkev in po maši dvorano, kakor da bi bilo zunaj najlepše vreme. Ko so prihajali v cerkev, se mi je zdelo, da brem na njihovih licih kljubovanje in ponos, kljubovali so vremenju, ponosni so bili, da so prišli. občutek sem imel, da so nas najoddaljenejši hoteli vprašati: "Ste mislili, da nas ne bo, pa smo prišli!" Res smo jih bili veseli. Prišli so Pfeiferjevi iz New Windsora, Stalzerji iz Danberya, Burgerji iz Centereacha, Langi iz New Rochella, J. Stelzerjeva iz Freeporta — vsi oddaljeni več kakor 50 milj od cerkve — Grilli iz Passaica in Puci iz Caldwellla, po mnenju nekoga sami "Volksdeutscherji", v resnici pa najbolj zavedni Slovenci ljub priimkom nemškega izvora. Med njimi je bilo seveda tudi nekaj "Slovencev", na primer naš farmar Stojan iz Peconica, Delak in Kamin iz Park Placa, Serjak iz Kearny itd. Imenoma sem jih navedel zato, da jim dam zgodščeno za neumestno žalitev. Kakor bodo vzkipeli naši Locani,

Hafnerji, Zihlerli, Thalerji, Trilerji, Wolgemuthi, Logondri ali naši Sorčani Pfeiferji, Freilih, Kemperli, Jensterli itd., če bi jim nekdo zabrusil, da so Volksdeutscherji! Ko so Ljubljančani s slovenskimi imeni nemškutarili v stari Avstriji, so ti bili Slovenci in so to ostali tudi pod Hitlerjem! Zato jih je zabolelo, da si jih je nekdo upal imenovati Volksdeutscherje.

Tisti otroci, ki so nastopili, so morali biti v dvorani že ob 9. uri. Otroke so naučile matere doma, pred mašo so pa imeli edino vajo. Kakršni so starši, takšni so otroci — korajžni, bistri in ponosni; ponosni na svoje starše in svoj rod. Tako jih vzgajamo! Bog nam tega ne bo zameril!

Takoj po maši so Babniki premraženim prosvetarjem postregli s toplo kavo in piškoti. Po uvodnih besedah je cerkveni zbor pod vodstvom organista F. Kostanjskega zapel dve božični pesmi "Prišla je noč" in "Poslušajte vsi ljudje". Precej pevcev in pevk je manjkalo, eni niso mogli priti, drugi so pa ostali med poslušalci. To ni prav!

Odprl se je oder in tam sta klečala dva mala Klesina, predstavljajoča Marijo in Jožefa, ob jaslicah, v katerih je ležal mali Jezus, in Marinka Zupančič je zapela pesem "O, sveta noč" (O Holy Night), ki jo je prevedel iz angleščine v slovenščino naš župnik p. Richard. Na klavirju jo je spremljal organist. Ta je tudi spremljal njena otroka Andrejčka in Inge, ki sta takoj za mamjo zapela "Sveta noč". Andrejček hodi v prvi razred, Inge bo pa morala še dve leti čakati, da bo šla v šolo. Oba imata posluš in korajžo po mami, ki je izvrstna pevka.

Nato so nastopili otroci. Ze prej so se v kleti hitro opravili v angleščke. Bili so res ljubki, nekateri so imeli prav izvirne kostume. Vodila jih je Marija Burgarjeva, na klavirju jih je pa spremljal J. Zupan, ko so zapeli pesem "Tam stoji en hlevček".

Otroci so ostali kar na odru, medtem ko so Pucovi bratje deklamirali pesem "Betlehemska gospa" in Klesinovi "Pri jaslicah".

Prvi del so zaključili Pucovi bratje Gaber, Miha in Bernard. Vsa izmed njih je zaigral na klavirju eno božično pesem. Kakor vedno so tudi tokrat do-ko igrali.

Otroke so nagradili poslušalci z daljšim ploskanjem. To so otroci tudi zaslužili, še bolj pa seveda njihove mamice, ki so jih učile in pripravljale za nastop.

V božičnem duhu je bil tudi drugi del sporeda.

Lucy Ješevar je recitala "Svetonočno romanje", pesem primorske pesmice L. Sorli, S. Kregar pa prijetno zgodbo iz Brooklyna pod naslovom "Božično drevo v Brooklynu". Sestavek smo odstopil AD v objavo. Med odmorom smo podpisali božične karte za tri slovenske škofo, ki so nas pred leti obiskali in nabrali \$48 za sv. maše za žive in mrtve prosvetarje.

Ura nas je vpeljala v lepo božično dobo. Dal Bog, da bi nam ta prinesla mir in veselje srca! Vsem bralcem AD želijo newyorskli prosvetarji vsjo srečo v novem letu.

Dr. Zdravko Kalan

Casaroli pride v New York

VATIKAN. — Tiskovni glasnik apostolskega sedeža je potrdil novice, da bo nadškof Casaroli sredi januarja prihodnjega leta odpotoval v New York. Na sedežu organizacije Združenih narodov ob 23. januarja govoril na vsakoletnem dnevu miru. Sodeloval pa bo tudi pri ekumenem bogoslužju za mir, ki ga pripravlja stalna delegacija apostolskega sedeža pri organizaciji ZN.

MISIJSKA SREČANJA IN POMENKI

383. V božičnem duhu in razpoloženju.

se te tedne srečujejo misijon-
ski pionirji z vseh koncev. Med
njimi je naša misijonarka iz
Afrike, ki piše: "Kmalu bom
spet prepevali tisto staro, a ved-
no lepo pesem: 'Sveta noč, bla-
žena noč...' Da Vam svetonoč-
nega razpoloženja ničesar ne bi
kažilo in da bi Vam bili božični
prazniki vir veselja, miru in sre-
če, Vam in vsej MZA iz vsega
srca vošči ter želi srečno in za-
dovoljno novo leto s. Mojca Kar-
ničnik iz Zaira" Bobnar - črnc
na božični karti oznanja veselo
oznanilo.

Iz Rwande se oglašja usmiljen-
ka Vida Gerkmann, hvaležna za
dar 150 dolarjev, ki jih je pre-
jela za lani ob delitvi MZA po-
moči. Dela veliko med otroci, ki
so povečini podhranjeni, med-
tem ko se med nami vrtijo tiso-
či preobjedenih in razvajenih,
ki se v svojo lastno škodo debe-
lijo.

Sestri Šteho iz Južne Afrike
se oglašata istočasno s s. Vin-
cent Novak z dobrimi željami
vsem sodelujočim. Hvaležni sta
za pomoč in prosita, da to v
MSIP objavimo. Molijo posebej
onevno za vse družine, ki so da-
rove poslale preko MZA. V pet-
kovih AD redno, čeprav pozno, z
veseljem čitajo poročila o naših
na terenu in v zaledju.

Iz Anglije se je oglasila s. Te-
rezija Žužek, ki se bo spet vrni-
la za dve leti v Jemen. Se zdi,
da se ji je pozdravila zlomljene
koleni.

Če vam vsem praznike vo-
ščam, o. Stanko Rozman, iz Indije
in o. Conrađine Resnik, ki ji peša-
jo oči. Iz domovine s. Ivanka
Pokovec zagotavlja molitev za
vso MZA in posebej njene stare
znanke in ZD.

Zambijski misijonarji
so poslali svoje misijonske po-
ročila "IZ SVETONOČNE ZAMBIJE"
in o. Rozman še lastno pisno
zahvale za pomoč MZA tudi le-
tošnje leto. Vsi voščijo blago-
slovljene praznike in molijo za
vse, ki "molijo in delajo za mi-
sijone."

Takole o. Stanko Rozman piše
o svojem povratku v Zambijo:
"Septemrska številka SZ je
omenila med drugim tudi to, da
sem bil na pot 7 letih nazaj v mi-
sijon.

Z veseljem sem se vrnil. Kljub
temu, da sem se povsod, kjer
sem bil (Kanada, Brezje, Spo-
kane, Seattle) dobro počutil, me
je notranji glas vabil v misij-
ne, tako da nisem mogel ostati
nikjer drugje. Kdo ve, kaj mi
božja Previdnost pripravlja in
zakaj mi je ohranjala željo po
delu v misijonu.

7 let sem imel le medle stike
z zambijskim misijonom. Pred-
vsem sem se posvetil študiju.
Od časa do časa sem dobil kak-
šno pismo od misijonarjev in
SZ. Obiski misijonarjev so osv-
ževali moj poklic.

Med odsotnostjo se je marsikaj spremenilo.

Opaziti je napredek v državi
sami in tudi v delu misijonar-
jev. Prej so ljudje mnogo stvari
dobivali od države, včasih tudi
od misijonarjev. Sedaj je več
delovnih mest, plače so se iz-
boljšale, zato se od župljanov
zahteva večja pomoč pri vzdr-
ževanju župnije. P. Tomažin mi
je povedal, kako so pred leti
prišli k njemu pred Božičem ne-
kateri verniki in ga prosili za
božično darilo. 'Prejšnji pater
nam je dal za Božič.' Odvrnil
jim je: 'Jaz sem ubog, nimam
darov.' Kar verjeti niso mogli.
Zdaj država in Cerkev bolj na-
glašata, da si morajo ljudje sa-
mi pomagati.

Obenem z ekonomskim razvo-
jem se razvija tudi čut odgovor-
nosti. Duhovniki bolj skrbne za
duhovno rast kristjanov. Zdi se
mi, da so ljudje bolj sprejemljivi
kot pred 7 leti, obenem so pa
tudi bolj kritični. Duhovna la-
kota raste. Nejasna želja po Bo-
gu je velika. To vidimo tudi v

povečanem številu bogoslovcev.
Pred leti jih je bilo 25, letos jih
je okrog 80. Pričakujemo jih še
več v prihodnjih letih. Sedanje
semenišče v Mpimi, kjer je br.
Jože Rovtar ekonom, je pre-
majhno. Hrvaški brat Dilber Ni-
ja preureja dominikanski samo-
stan v Lusaki za bogoslovce viš-
jih letnikov.

Med našimi misijonarji se je
povečala zavest poklicanosti in
predanosti misijonu. Pred leti
smo upali, da se bomo zasedrali
v zambijskem misijonu, sedaj
lahko rečemo, da smo ustaljeni.
Jezuisti zambijski provincial
in lusaški nadškof sta našim za-
upala važne postojanke.

P. Kokalj je bil imenovan za župnika

v centru Lusake, kjer naj bi
pomagal ravnovesju v medna-
rodni skupnosti, ki se zbira v
cerkvi sv. Ignacija. Med drugim
je uvedel liturgijo, ki je bolj
prilagojena domačinom. Za njim
je 10 let delal v Materu, kjer je
poleg nove, čudovite cerkve, ut-
rdil vernike v duhovnem pog-
ledu.

O. Janez Mlakar se je prilju-
bil ljudem v župniji sv. Kizita.
Ob cerkvi je postavil temelje za
župnijsko dvorano, ki jo zdaj, v
njegovi odsotnosti, dograjujejo.
Lepo se razvijajo tudi krščanska
občestva, ki jih je organiziral s
pomočjo laiških voditeljev.

P. Radko Rudež, naš prvi
zambijski misijonar, je v pre-
teklin letih postavil tri cerkvi-
ce, severno od Lusake. Vsako
hvali njegovo znanje jezikov.
Ko sem ga s p. Marijanom Še-
fom obiskal v dolini Katondwe,
sem spoznal, da njegovo znanje
izvira iz ljubezni do Afričanov.
Veliko se zanje žrtvuje in moli.
Misel, da hoče umreti v misij-
onu, ga ne zapusti.

Br. Jože Rovtar in g. Lojze
Podgrajšek delujeta v bogoslov-
ju, priljubljena med dijaki in
profesorji. Laiški misijonarki
Kristina Mlakar in Barica Rous
se pozhrtvovalno in uspešno u-
deležujejo v svojem poklicu.

P. Jože Grošelj in g. Janez
Mudriča sta trenutno v Kanadi.
O. Jože se bo vrnil v Zambijo
čez dve leti, g. Janez pa nekoli-
ko pozneje.

Pričakujemo še kak poklic iz
vrst slovenskih minoritov, da
o. Miha Drevenšek ne bo sam.
Veliko spodbudnega slišim o
p. Mihi, nisva pa se še srečala.
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Škerlj, O.S.U., ko se je na poti
v Rim in Kanado ustavila v Lu-
saki. Z najboljšimi željami smo
se od nje poslovili 5. novembra
za 15 mesecev.

V Chelstonu (Lusaka) živim s p. Tomažinom.

Med tretjo probacijo v Rimu
ga je jezuisti vrhovni predsto-
jnik, p. Pedro Arrupe, povabil,
naj ima svoje zadnje zaobljube
v kapelici, kjer je sv. Ignacij
delal, molil in umrl. S tem mu
je izrazil zaupanje in priznanje
za njegovo delo. Pred 4 leti je
lusaški nadškof prosil provinci-
ala, naj o. Tomažina pošlje v lu-
saško župnijo Chelston, kjer je
pred leti deloval p. Rudež. Žup-
nija se je močno povečala, nu-
jno je potrebna nova cerkev. Ta
je zdaj dograjena in bo posve-
čena te dni. P. Lovro se zelo tru-
di za duhovno poglobitev župni-
je. Poleg tega z nadškofom de-
lata načrt za zgraditev romar-
ske cerkve v Lusaki.

Ob p. Tomažinu se vživljam
v pastoralno delo, študiram do-
mači jezik in se pripravljam na
odhod na svojo misijonsko po-
stojanko. Vaš Stanko Rozman."

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dini Katerini Mlakar in Ba-

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v Mpini, kjer deluje br. Rovtar.
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Some of the basement halls in the western part of the Palace were explored and surveyed in the mid 19th century by V. Andric, a local architect and the first person to be officially entrusted with the preservation

of monuments in Split. The clearing of the basement area began after the liberation of Split in 1946.

The Cathedral was dedicated to our Lady of the Ascension and to the Martyrs St. Domnius, St. Anastasia, St. Kozma and St. Damjan. The statues of gods and the Emperors sarcophagas were removed from the Cathedral and have never been found. The bones of the Martyrs St. Domnius the first residential Bishop, and the bones of St. Anastasius a worker and dyer born in Aquilea, were brought from the ruined Basilica.

St. Domnius had been beheaded in 304, and St. Anastasius drowned in the river Jadar with a stone weight around his neck.

The population of Split is about 200,000. The water supply (good) comes from the Roman Aqueduct from the 3rd century.

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Next morning Sunday, July 31 some of the group attended Mass before breakfast at St. Frank's Church built in the 13th century.

Then on a short shopping tour along a narrow cobblestone street next to the outer Palace wall. At Hrvojeva streets were all domestic articles for sale: leather, jewelry, artistic woodwork, knit, and crocheted table cloths, and a vegetable market nearby.

We continued our tour and went to Omis, Island Brac, and up to the Rocky Biovoka Mountains to Brela the beginning of the Makarska Riviera, where we partook of a delicious luncheon.

As we proceed on the highway, another grand view, to Mokosica, Dubrovnik Bay, Port of Koros and to our overnight stop in Dubrovnik.

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MOCNIK, ROSEMARY — Daughter of Donald L. and Patricia A. (nee Larko), sister of Donald, Marie, Joseph, Frances, Jeanne, Thomas and Elizabeth, granddaughter of Anne and the late Emery Larko and Mrs. Mary Marinko and the late Frank Mocnik. Residence in South Euclid.

DELCHIN, JOSEPH SR. — Husband of Maria (nee Marinic), father of Maria, Joseph Jr. and Nerina. Grandfather of 2, brother of the deceased Anton and Frank.

BLOCHER, FRED — Husband of Norma (nee Belay), father of Susan Armillie and Karen, grandfather of 1, brother of Bertha, Olga Meloy and Gustave Blocherer. Residence 13718 Eaglesmere Ave.

BURKHOLDER, FLORA L. (nee Gebeau) — Wife of Dean, mother of Robert, grandmother of 2, sister of Charles (Cal.), Ida Hanusosky, Pearl Woodford and Francis Ely. Residence at 1402 Larchmont Rd.

BERGOCH, AGNES (nee Fatur) — Mother of Raymond and Frances, grandmother of 6, great-grandmother of 2. Sister of Joseph and Elizabeth Vrabec (Slovenija). Residence at 1197 E. 61 St.

BAYUK, SOPHIE (nee Kaucic) — Wife of William A., mother of Carole Corrigan and William (Pa.), grandmother of 4, sister of Mary Prebevec, Josephine Latessa and Louis Bayuk. Residence at 1207 E. 175 St.

MOONEY, JULIA M. (Pearl) — Wife of Richard J. Sr., mother of Richard J. and William. Grandmother of 12 and great grandmother of 10, sister of Alice Struna, Christine Bolden and Josephine Oberstar.

RIHTAR, FRANK SR. — Husband of Kristina (nee Cezar), father of Frank Jr., Milan, Joseph, John, Mike, Stan, Margaret, Magdaline and the late Mary. Grandfather of 7, brother of Paula Rihtar, Maria Staric and Katarina Srsen. Residence E. 63 St.

PHILLIS, CHARLES T. — Husband of Mildred (nee Marchant), father of Jane Sweigert, Charles E., James, Richard and Terry, grandfather of 12, great-grandfather of 10. Brother of Isabelle Bliss and deceased Jack, Emma and Mary Hankey. Residence 21 Surrey Lane, Euclid Beach Park.

ARBEZNIK, JOSEPHINE C. — Wife of the late Anthony, mother of Leo Arbeznik and Eileen Gustin, grandmother of 8 and great grandmother of 2. Sister of Rose Skebe, Alice Hribar and the late Frank, Joseph Turk and Julia Peame. Residence Mentor Way Villa Nursing Home.

SMICKLAS, JOSEPH SR. — Husband of Anna, father of Joseph F. Jr., Msgr. Nicholas X. Smicklas and grandfather of 4. Brother of the late Thomas, John and Nicholas. Residence in Euclid.

GOLE, GERTRUDE (nee Okorn) (formerly Suponic) — Widow of Adolph, mother of Mary Benarick (Pa.), Michael, Edmond, Joseph, Frank, Suponic, Dorothy Bugonwicz, Theresa Laforet, grandmother and great grandmother. Former residence at 722 E. 160 St.

Photo Recall of 1977



DOLGAN'S NEW BOOK: Robert Dolgan, center, autograph his new book about Frankie Yankovic for Euclid Mayor Tony Sustarsic. Watching with interest is his wife Cecelia (Valencic) Dolgan, the extraordinary and beautiful singer. Dolgan premiered his book at the 3rd annual Slovenian night, May 14 at CSU. (Photos by Jim Debevec.)



On Sunday, May 22, the Slovenian Women's Union Branch No. 41 honored Albina Mrsnik as the Mother of the Year. The banquet followed a 12:00 noon Mass at St. Mary's in Collinwood, with a fantastic talk given by Father John Vovko. The sumptuous meal was at Waterloo Hall. Pictured above in front row, left to right, are Jane Kaplan, secretary-treasurer of branch 41, Mrs. Albina Mrsnik, and lodge president, Madeline Debevec. In the back row are John Mrsnik, and Rosemary Toth, children of Mrs. Mrsnik. (Photo by Jim Debevec.)

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The Banished People

by
STAN J. KUJAR

"For Karel, so that the past will not be forgotten in the future."

PART I

The mother and her son were walking toward the front sidewalk as the sun was beginning to creep through a broken cloud. The mother was carrying a large yellow broom and a fragile rake; her son was carrying a cracked green dust pan and a worn-out brown paper bag.

One behind another they looked like a parade with the mother acting as the grand marshal. Her son wouldn't fit the part: working wasn't his idea of having a good time.

The mother finally planted her tree-trunk like legs by the curb of the sidewalk and began to sweep fiercely, like an oncoming locomotive train.

She lifted her robust head, casting a panoramic view of the front yard until she narrowed her vision on a long, thin body. It was her son. He was slouching his body against a small peach tree.

She stood in awe, thinking how this two-legged creature could call himself her son. Had she had a choice when he was born, knowing then what she now knew about him, she would have immediately exchanged him for another boy. Or a girl. Or, as she saw it, for anyone else but him. She even remembered how he once had the audacity to call himself her only loving son. She held a low opinion of him.

"Can't you do something useful?" she asked him.

"I'm thinking," he said in a listless tone. "Specifically, whether or not the realm of being can transcend the laws of universal reality."

"Aw, shut your mouth," she muttered to herself. "You're a babbling cabbage head."

His mother, Mrs. Cann, Mrs. Jane Cann, to be exact, couldn't remember the last time when her son, Matthew, did an honest day's work. Neither could he: He regarded himself as an intellectual. A philosopher. She considered him as a parasite. A vagabond.

"You see," he said in a haughty voice, "the greatest men in history were thinkers. Aristotle. Plato. Voltaire. Hume. Aquinas. They provided. They nourished hungry minds."

"I suppose," she said, mimicking his haughty voice, "that Hitler and Mussolini are on your top ten list of favorites?"

"No, not really; but they had something to say. Even Marx had something to contribute to the world."

"That's what I figure you'd say," she said in a disgusting tone; and she began to wonder what he would do with the rest of his life since it was already 1950 and he had passed up any opportunity in the big war that had just occurred in the world. Even if he had stumbled on an opportunity from the big war he wouldn't have had enough sense to know a good thing when he saw one, she thought to herself.

She saw him in the same mold as her late husband: behind the fragile body was the mind of a lawyer, always probing and inquiring, using words to his own advantage until the words could be understood only by himself and his kind.

Matthew had been blessed by his mother's skill for organization but lacking her sense of

discipline; his father's intelligence but lacking his tact and shrewdness. She understood him in this manner. It was herself that she didn't at times understand.

She heard the sound of a rambling car close to her house. She maneuvered her head toward the sound of the car and saw a purple four-door Plymouth Chrysler. The car pulled in a driveway across the street from her house.

She recognized the person sitting in the driver's seat. As plain as a clear day in May the white collar around the black shirt revealed the driver as a priest. She always thought that priests wore their collars forward so that they would have a jump on people who weren't quite sure of who or what priests were. They were thoroughly trained in these matters, she concluded to herself.

She also saw five other people in the car: a man, a woman, two small girls and a small boy.

It was them. She was sure of it. She had read about them in the newspapers and heard about them over the radio. Even her neighbors spoke about them. But here they were, in living color, looking as normal as any other group of people. In fact, when they stepped out of the car, Mrs. Cann thought they looked like any other American family even though their clothes were a bit baggy.

"It has got to be them," she said to her son. "The ones they call the balonies."

"You mean begunci," her son replied.

"Balonies, begunci. It's all the same to me. They're all coming from one place. I've read about them. Leaving that country called Yugoslavia. Slovaks."

Her son began to shake his head as if his intelligence had been insulted.

"You mean Slovenians. Slovaks live in Czechoslovakia. Slovenians live in Yugoslavia."

"You know damn well what I mean or don't mean," she said forcefully. "And there'll be more of them! Thousands and thousands more. More mouths to feed. More clothes to give 'em. More..."

"More renters?"

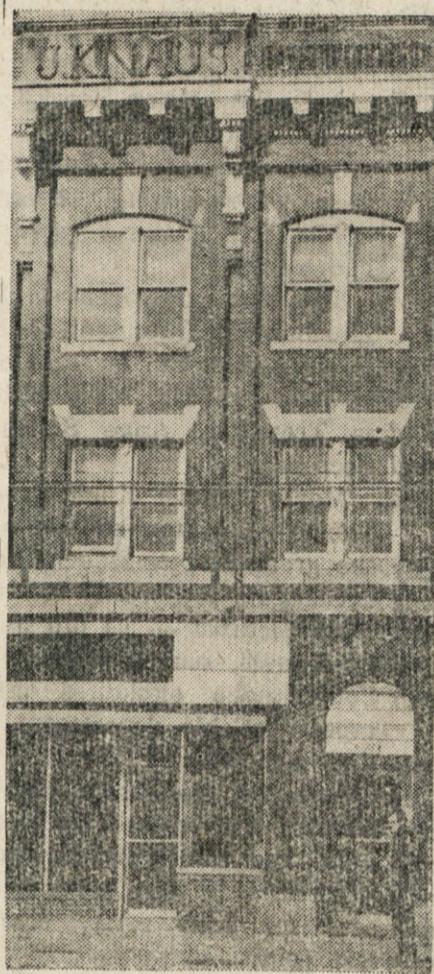
"Yes, more renters." When Mrs. Cann's husband passed away he left her nothing but three houses. She rented two of these houses to anyone who could afford her rent.

The priest waved at Mrs. Cann and he motioned the five other people to cross the street and meet Mrs. Cann. Her eyes bulged forward like two large eggs. She thought that this event was a dream. She rubbed her eyes and knew that it was not.

She knew this priest and why he had brought these people to meet her. She also knew that he could speak their baloney language and that he knew their baloney customs and ways. In fact she thought the priest was a bit foreign himself because he was still practicing a religion that was over two thousand years old. Two thousand years!

When Mrs. Cann saw them approaching her, she cringed at the thought of actually being introduced to these balonies, begunci or whatever they were called. She was sure that the priest had something up his sleeve; she didn't want any part of his grand design.

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Knaus Building, 6127 St. Clair was completely destroyed by a \$100,000 fire which lasted from 12:40 to 6 a.m. Christmas morning.

ST. CLAIR LANDMARK BURNED

by FRANK ZUPANCIC

An early morning fire ravaged the Knaus Building at 6127 St. Clair Ave. Fourteen pieces of fire equipment responded to the Christmas blaze that forced 20 residents to flee to the streets.

Anton's Leather Shop which was located in the ill-fated building was completely gutted.

The three floor edifice was built about 1908 as an addition to the Knaus Hall Building, 6131 St. Clair which was constructed in 1904 and was only slightly damaged.

Previous to Anton's Leather Shop, the State Liquor Store had been a tenant. In the early 1900's the Anton Grdina Furniture and Funeral Home and later the Grdina Hardware had used the 6127 St. Clair edifice as their place of business.

Today, Thursday, Dec. 29, a wrecking crew began demolishing the ruins as another landmark building will disappear from the St. Clair skyline.

Slovenian Sports Club Winter Dance Jan. 14

On Saturday, January 14, the Slovenian Sports Club (SSK) will hold its annual winter dance at the Slovenian Home on Holmes Ave.

Admission price is \$5.50 pre-sale and \$6.00 at the door. This price includes a delicious down-home Slovenian dinner with music afterwards provided by Duke Marsic and his orchestra.

This post holiday event will get everyone prepared for the long winter ahead. So make plans to attend and join your old friends at this annual event.

For pre-sale tickets, please contact Tom Lobe (432-0792), Tony Lavrish (481-3768), or Frank Jancar (391-6782).

So treat yourself to a good time and have a good meal and an evening full of enjoyment on January 14 at 7:00 at the Slovenian Home on Holmes Ave. Hope to see you there!

A YEAR IN THE LIFE OF THE AMERICAN HOME

by JOHN AND JEAN
WENZEL

Phoenix, Ariz. — Highlights of news stories in the American Home this year:

The birthday story of Louis J. Pirc who was born in Novo mesto in July, 1888, is very significant that he was chosen by the good Lord to serve the Slovenian people in the new country. The year 1888 is also significant because a huge 1888 was posted on the top of the East Ohio Gas Co. on 61st and St. Clair, past the Penn R.R. tracks and it was just in line with the Ameriška Domovina establishment. It took a few years before he adjusted himself to the task of conducting the principles of a news media to his people and country when he became the editor of the Cleveland America, and his father-in-law Edward Kalish as manager. He was very active and the result was that many worthwhile projects were realized and established. And they are still highly regarded in this new era. His Democratic spirit urged him on to fulfill and carry out his plan for the people, to obtain citizenship papers by establishing a citizenship school.

Almost half of his life was spent so that many thousands of pioneers were able and proud to become citizens of their new country.

The energetic Mr. Louis J. Pirc was called by the good Lord for his reward on June 29, 1939 some five days before his next birthday, leaving son Louis and daughter Mildred Gray. The funeral Mass was at the St. Vitus church Monday, July 3, 1939 and he was buried in Calvary cemetery.

Then with clear guidance of the principles that gave confidence and merit to the readers of the Ameriška Domovina, was honorably and vigorously carried on by the late Mr. James Debevec, who in 1919 in the world war era, purchased the holdings of Edward Kalish, and

renamed the paper Ameriška Domovina with the late Pirc and Debevec as co-editors. In the meantime since these editors were called by the good Lord the historical Ameriška Domovina is now vigorously being carried on in all the respects from the very beginning by the very diligent and capable James Debevec and also much support from wife Madeline Debevec in the Memo column.

It is with great pleasure to know that the honorable Frank J. Lausche inducted Louis J. Pirc in the Slovenian Hall of Fame which was very deserving — on May 15, 1976. We hope that the same procedure will be honored to the late James Debevec Sr. And probably follow through with our first councilman John L. Mihelich who got the green light and realistic support for the 23rd Ward candidacy from the Ameriška Domovina.

The movement of being a citizen by Louis Pirc was very impressive. Many thousands of pioneers were able and proud to become citizens. I know my Dad was, and that relieved my busy mother, brother Frank, and sister Stephanie from seeking their own paper. I and brothers Joe, Albert, Louis, William, Anthony, and sister Jean were born in Cleveland.

We deem that Louis J. Pirc was the guiding star that was very fundamental, when on Saturday, May 15, Bicentennial 1976 when the Honorable Frank J. Lausche and Mayor of Cleveland Ralph J. Perk solemnly unveiled the Slovenian Bicentennial Plaque, and blessed by the pastor of St. Vitus Church, Rev. Edward Pevec and Msgr. Louis Baznik. The plaque with the two passages from Dr. Joseph Felician book showing the Slovenian influence in the writing of the Declaration of Independence. And the Honorable Frank J. Lausche's revived

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Memo... From Madeline

by
Madeline
Debevec

If Mr. and Mrs. John Jevitz of Joliet, Illinois are walking a bit taller these days it's understandable. Their 17-year-old granddaughter, Sally Ann Christensen, has been named Miss Siesta Key (Fla) for 1978. She was one of 18 competitors. She was crowned during the Miss Siesta Key Pageant recently at the Country Club of Sarasota. The Nov. 24 edition of Siesta Key Pelican features a large photograph of the attractive high school senior wearing her new crown.

Sally is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Stuart C. Christensen. The mother is Christensen. The mother is the former Jeri Ann Jevitz. The Christensens moved to Siesta Key 2½ years ago from Twin Oaks in Joliet.

Sally's aunt and uncle, Reno and Dorothy Jevitz Sartori, returned to Joliet this week from a visit in Florida with the Christensens.

The Sartori's plan to retire in March and move to Sarasota.

Congratulations!

Adults anxious to learn the Slovenian language will be glad to hear that Mayfield Schools, Adult Community Education Division, is offering both beginning and intermediate Slovenian classes starting January 9. Mrs. Breda Loncar co-author of the Slovenian Language Manuals will instruct.

Slovenian classes were full in the Fall Program and we expect both classes to be popular during the Winter Session, said the Director Joseph S. Bokar. The course goal is to stimulate the study of Slovenian and help students in simple conversation, reading and writing. The courses in Mayfield are for begin-

ners. Mrs. Loncar is internationally known for her teaching methods. The program is in its 6th year in Mayfield.

Classes will be held on either Monday or Tuesdays from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. at Mayfield High School. Non-district residents are encouraged to enroll at no extra charge. This is a 10-week program and the fee is \$14.

Mail registration is being accepted now. Personal registration will be held from Jan. 3 through 6th from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and evening registration is January 3, 4 and 5th from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. at the Mayfield Board of Education, 784 S.O.M. Center Road, Mayfield, O. 44143. For a free brochure or further information, call 442-2200, Ext. 303.

Joan Rossman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond E. Rossman, was married to Thomas S. Sims, son of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Sims, on Saturday, Nov. 19, at 10:30 a.m. at Holy Cross Church, Euclid. Bishop Clarence G. Issenmann performed the marriage ceremony.

Matron of honor was Carole Price, the bride's sister, and Charles Sims, the bridegroom's brother, was best man.

The attendants were Christine Foster and Marilyn Bartucci, the bride's sisters, Norma Sims, the bridegroom's sister, Isabel Marsh, Beverly Gillen, Diane Cowling, and JoAnn DiLuzio.

Ushers were Ken Sims, the bridegroom's cousin, Ray Rossman, the bride's brother, Tony Jelenic, Jerry Bielek, Bill Paris, Ed Kirchner, and Tom Gottermeyer.

They honeymooned for three days in Toronto, were home for Thanksgiving, and then went to Florida for two weeks, visiting Disney World, and cruising to the Bahamas.

The newlyweds are residing in Euclid. The bride attended the University of Dayton. Mr. Sims is a graduate of St. Louis University.

Miss Rossman is the granddaughter of Christine Verbie. Congratulations!

There will be a 50th Anniversary Celebration of Lodge Christ the King No. 22 K.S. (Continued on Page 6)

Dawn Choral Group Sings Happy 10th Year

by MARY BOSTIAN

Nov. 27, 1977 was the Dawn Choral Group's 10th Anniversary. It was celebrated with a concert at the Slovenian Society Home on Recher Ave. in Euclid.

This was a very happy day for the female singers. Their concert was well attended and enjoyed by all.

It will be nice to have some new voices join this group and will be appreciated by all.

It was a very hard 10 years — and we all must help and give the Dawn Choral Group much courage. We must appreciate the work they are doing for our culture. This group is the only one of its kind.

They blend the Fraternal Spirit with musical Spirit.

Their Director is Mr. Frank Zupan. The Pianist is Donna Welshhons, and also assisting them was Jeff Pecon orchestra.

After the program, it was dancing and it was quite an evening. Jeff Pecon is a young orchestra. It's a pleasure to dance to his variety of music.

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THANKS A MILLION says Mr. John Cech, president of the Slovene Home for the Aged (second from right) as he shakes hands with John Fekete. Mr. Fekete shot a deer and donated it for a banquet, the proceeds of which went to the Slovene Home for the Aged. The event took place on Sunday, Feb. 20 at Slovenian Home on Holmes Ave., and was sponsored by Fr. Victor N. Tomc and St. Mary's (Collinwood) various organizations. Also seen in the picture (from left to right) are Miss Jean Krizman, Slovene Home for Aged Board member, Mr. John Petric, who helped organize the event, Fekete, Mrs. John Fekete, and hunting partner, Mr. Frank Urancar who donated the drinks. At right is Mr. Fred Krizman, past president and now active board member of the old age home. Fr. Tomc announced \$5,000 was raised toward a new wing of 50 beds. (Photo by Jim Debevec)

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GREAT SLOVENIANS — Enjoying the evening at Cleveland State University's "Slovenian Night" or "Slovenski Večer" are (from left to right) famed artist Erika Zulic, Euclid's Mayor Tony Sustarsic, artists Justine Skok, and Fran Bezdek. The artists belong to the Slovenian National Art Guild which had a gallery exhibition on the CSU grounds. Fran Bezdek is president of the National Art Guild.

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speech a decade or so ago, in their years in Cleveland.

the U.S. Senate where he explained to his fellow Senators how Slovenians were always democratic people.

This historical plaque will live and inspire all Slovenian people now and in future generations with the spirit in God we trust, freedom, and righteousness to all.

It is very gratifying to know that the cause for canonization of Bishop Frederick Baraga is on the move earnestly with many cities and states and abroad being added to the cause and purpose of the Cleveland Slovenians offering prayers, Masses, moving pictures and visits to Bishop Baraga's Holy land, where he faithfully preached to the Indians the works of God and His commandments. This activity has been going on for many years, and as the good book says, "patience is a virtue." And the Slovenian people are blessed with it, and are united with prayers. And with the good Lord willing, it may occur soon.

The installation of Benedictine Father Bonaventure Bandi by Pueblo Bishop Charles A. Busiwell, in May 1976, the Blessed Virgin's month, was an extremely happy one, both for him and the Bandi family, and the people they came in contact with, for instance the many parishioners of St. Vitus, St. Mary's, St. Lawrence, St. Christine and others in Cleveland and other cities and states. He was very fervent in his studies on religion and other logical and useful studies. And was also especially interested in camping and equestrian sports. He was also vigorous in any kind of work, from labor to becoming a superintendent of a small manufacturing plant in Cleveland. And then on to Prefect at the Abby school. He also pursued studies in administration and counseling. Directed the Abby Glee Club and was the organizer of the Gregorian Chant choir. He earned a Masters degree in American literature. After he became the fifth Abbot of Benedictine Holy Cross Abby and The Abby School in Canon City, Colo. He was very sincere when he said these words, "I am very optimistic and enthusiastic about the future of the Abby School, as well as the monastery and its work." He also said, "I can envision this becoming the finest Catholic boarding school in the West." A very sincere expression of faith. We are glad to relate that it was good to have the Bandi family reside some of

Rev. Msgr. B. J. Ponikvar — and some recollections.

When he came to be pastor at St. Vitus he was newly ordained, was very spry and active, enjoyed playing ball, etc. He was strict on religion and on the behavior of the children. When he received complaints about the rowdies causing trouble after school hours, he did not spare the rod, but took a whip in hand and soon discipline was in order. He also was concerned about his parishioners by warning them when they crossed the streets that they should always look, first to the left and then to the right, thereby preventing injury or even death.

He foresaw and was extremely diligent to have a new church built, that would be larger for the comfort and convenience of the parishioners and clergy. And at times which is natural, would ask for contributions and sometimes, which is also natural, people would grumble because here and there, there were some lean years.

Do not recall the year, or if the Rev. Bishop Schrembs blessed the corner stone on 61st and Glass Ave., nevertheless, a very large crowd was there for this holy event, in spite of being a very cold and bitter November day. It was very evident that no one wanted to miss the historic event. From then on, a most beautiful church was soon erected to the joy of everyone. It was not easy; it took years. But Msgr. B. J. Ponikvar followed through and on the completion of the edifice, everyone from near and far were astounded. Later on, Msgr. Louis Baznik was appointed to serve and carry on, and to fulfill and sustain the progress.

Thenceforth, he diligently continued to do what was best for keeping faith in the Catholic Church. He also reached out for good improvements when and where needed at all times.

Fortunately, St. Vitus church was again Blessed when the Rev. Edward Pevec was then appointed Rector, as he is at present, carrying on to maintain the hard earned progress. The Mass that Father Pevec offered for the sick was very meaningful and delightful, when so many received the Sacrament of Anointing of the sick, when under ordinary circumstances would not receive the Sacrament.

This reminds the writer that at times some people would fear the last rites, and yours truly

FAVORITE RECIPES

SWEET AND SOUR PORK

1 1/2 lb. boneless pork cut into 1" cubes
1/2 c barbecue sauce
1/4 c vinegar
1 can (1 lb. 4 oz.) pineapple chunks drained
Salt and pepper
1/2 c syrup from pineapple
1 T cornstarch
1 green pepper cut in strips
Serve with rice.

Brown pork in skillet. Add other ingredients, place in casserole and cook 35 min. in 350° oven. Add pineapple and green pepper, cook ten min. longer. Serve with rice.

SWEET POTATOES ORHU

Sliced cooked sweet potatoes
pineapple tidbits
Miniature marshmallows
Bananas cut diagonally into 1" pieces
Brown sugar
Almonds or macadamia nuts

Bake 1/2 hour in 350° oven, then place marshmallows and nuts over top. Keep in oven until lightly browned.

HAWAIIAN MOOD COOKIES

1/2 c butter
3 oz. cream cheese
1 t vanilla
1 c sugar
1/2 teas salt
1/2 c chopped maraschino cherries
2 eggs
2 1/4 c flour
1 teas baking soda
2 teas. baking powder
1 c crushed pineapple, drained

1 c chopped nuts
Blend together margarine, cream cheese, vanilla and sugar. Mix well, add eggs, one at a time, beating well after each. Add dry ingredients. Mix well. Stir in pineapple, cherries, and nuts. Drop by teaspoon on foil. Bake in 350/ oven 15 min. (Four dozen cookies).

Dorothy Urbancich, Euclid, Ohio

was also somewhat reluctant, but when the Rev. Matt A. Jager, God Bless him, anointed our Dad who was seriously ill, thereafter lived some 40 years longer.

Churches are a fifty-fifty obligation. And there is just and real cooperation. Then it will be a good or real salvation.

It is very nice to hear church bells ring. In the early morning, noon, and evening.

The cheerful chimes are truly a lovely blessing.

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Enjoys reading A. H.

Editor:
My Mom and Dad have been subscribers to the paper for as long as I can remember and they have been married 53 years. They are Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Humar of Holmes Ave. My husband enjoys reading the Friday section, so here is our subscription.

Mrs. Vera Osolin, Novelty, Ohio

Kennick loses suit

The Ohio Supreme Court recently dismissed the appeal of a Wickliffe lawyer who claimed The Plain Dealer violated his freedom of speech.

The court ruled unanimously that no constitutional issue was involved when William J. Kennick, 2675 Rockefeller Rd. was not allowed to place unedited political advertisements.

One ad submitted by Kennick in his 1974 campaign against Rep. Charles A. Vadnik, D-22, attacked the congressman for voting approval of military aid for Israel. In it, Kennick vowed he would not be a rubber stamp for the Jewish lobby in Washington.

Kennick, 77, charged in common pleas and appellate courts that his First Amendment rights were violated and the free election process was at stake.

An earlier court ruling in the case said The Plain Dealer "not only was under no obligation to publish appellant's advertisements, but in fact, had a constitutional right to determine their contents."

Kennick said he will ask the court for a rehearing. "The law is that even a private newspaper cannot use its freedom of speech in such a way as to kill an important institution such as freedom of elections," he said.

"By refusing such an ad, they deprive the voters of their freedom of choice to select their candidates as provided in the Constitution. Rejection of my ad interfered with the free election process."

Kennick said he ran for Congress four times, twice in the 20th District. He was elected to Cleveland City Council in 1933 and served one term.

His suit sought \$206,500. Kennick, a former attorney referee for the Ohio Bureau of Unemployment Compensation, filed Briefs and argued his own case. The Plain Dealer was represented by Baker, Hostetler and Patterson.

St. Philip Seniors party

by BILL HRASTER
On Tuesday, December 13th, the Senior Citizens Social Club of St. Phillip Neri Church, at 82nd and St. Clair held their 2nd Annual Christmas Dinner and Party at the Mell-O-Lounge 7508 St. Clair Ave. The group of 50 enjoyed a delicious buffet prepared by Helen Sonsky and Anne Skully.

Gifts were exchanged—while they were singing Christmas carols, etc. A great time was had by all.

The club's President is Ann Zaucha. Vice President is John Pavlik. Chairman of the Board is John Brodnik. Mary Shifra is Treasurer. Ange Smith is Secretary.

Mayor Dennis Kucinich and Tonia Grdina stopped in to wish the group Happy Holidays and exchange a few words and took some pictures — as did Jerry Krakowski, our new Clerk of Courts who explained many aspects of his department for their benefit.

Inspector Geither of the 6th District also stopped by to say hello and also provided extra protection in and around our area for their safety coming and going.

All in all — a good time was had by all, and Bill Hraster really enjoys having this group, as many know him and have been friends with him ever since he was a youth.

Good Health

Editor:
There is nothing better than good health.

And that is our wish to all of you.

Also a very Merry Christmas to you and your staff and contributors and the readers of the American Home and then wind up with a delightful Healthy and Happy New Year.

Mr. and Mrs. John Wenzel

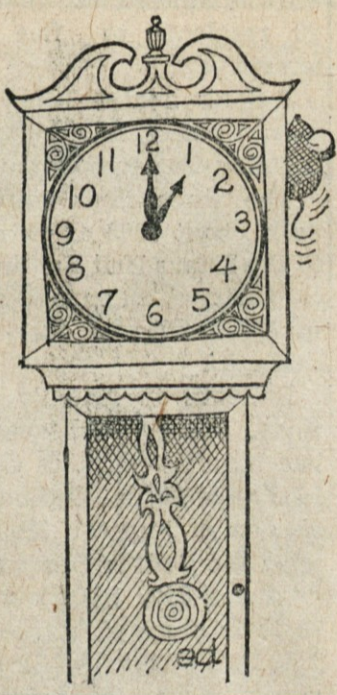
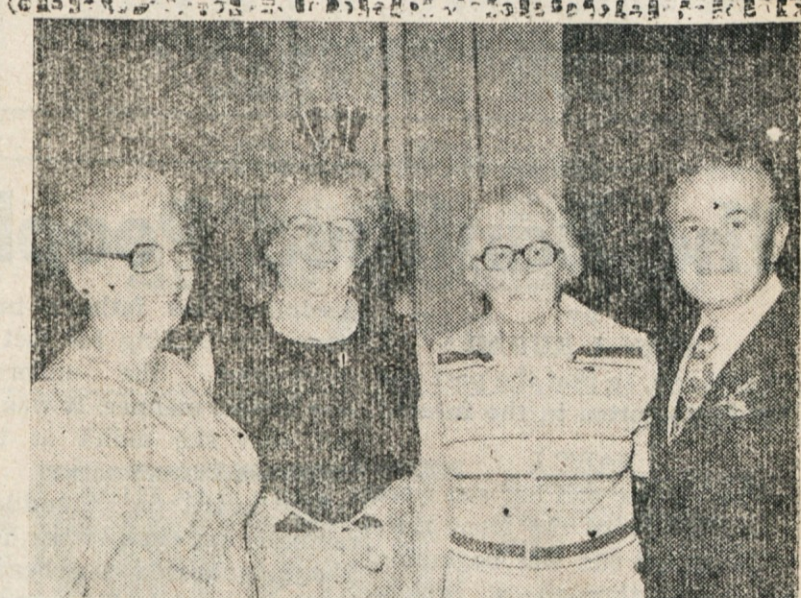


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50-YEAR MEMBER HONORED — Mary Dolenc receives congratulations for her 50 years in AMLA from Bertha Walden, Eleanor Pavy, and AMLA president John Susnik.



COUNTY COMMISSIONER George V. Voinovich (right) and his wife, Janet (left center) along with their children chat with Mrs. Connie Schulz (center) at the Ohio KSKJ Day Picnic held Aug. 7, at St. Joseph's picnic area on White Rd. in Willoughby Hills. Everyone pictured here belong to Our Lady of Fatima lodge No. 255, Jo Trunk is the secretary. (Photo by Jim Debevec.)

MEMO FROM MADELINE

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Cherokee Ave., and Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Bischof of 13118 Bennington Ave., West Park. Congratulations!

Lillian Dolence was recently honored at Richmond Heights General Hospital for 10 years of service at a Registered Nurse.

Fifty needy children had a happy Christmas, thanks to more than 200 employees of Drenik Beverage Distributing Co. The children were taken on a shopping spree for a complete winter wardrobe, and treated to a fun-filled lunch. Besides this, the family of each child had a wonderful Christmas dinner, compliments of the Drenik Co.

The fulfillment of the idea would not have been possible without the help of the company president, Mrs. Helen Drenik Godfrey.

Steve and Alice Opalich of Cape Coral, Florida, flew into Cleveland to spend Christmas with their family and friends. Their daughter and son-in-law Dorothy and Tom Bryan of Richmond Heights, Ohio and their sons Ted and Brad were on the return flight to Florida with them.

Also accompanying the Opalichs were their grandchildren Dave Leskovec, 1853 Drenik Dr. Wickliffe, on the birth of a clan will celebrate grandma Opalich's birthday, New Year's Day at The Cape Coral Yacht and Country Club.

Happy birthday to a truly warm and wonderful person!

Lynn M. Princic, a student at Baldwin-Wallace College has pledged Alpha Gamma Delta their sons Ted and Brad were on the return flight to Florida with them.

Congratulations to Marge and Dave Leskovec, 1853 Drenik Dr. Wickliffe, on the birth of a clan will celebrate grandma Opalich's birthday, New Year's Day at The Cape Coral Yacht and Country Club.

Congratulations!

Birthday Greetings to: Alice Opalich, Jan. 1. Pauline Burya — Jan. 2.

From all their family and friends.

Ken Krsolovic is the Sports Editor of The Lakelander, the Lakeland Community College newspaper. Mary Beth Martinic and Donna M. Suponic are reporters.

John (Footloose) Hovecar of Addison Rd., is on a Florida group tour. He departed Monday, Dec. 26 after observing the birth Nov. 18 at Deaconess Hospital to John J. and Nancy Bischof, 5384 Hauserman Rd., Parma, Ohio. Their first child.

Grandparents are Marie and Wishing a Healthy and Happy New Year to all!

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ENJOYING THE GOLDEN Jubilee party for Clairwoods Lodge No. 40 AMLA are: left to right, Stan Zamlen, Mary Jo Zamlen, chairman, Robert Dolgan (M.C.), Jo Taucher (Vice President), Ciika Dolgan (singer extraordinaire), Frances Paulin (President), and AMLA president John Susnik. (Photos by Jim Debevec.)