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VOJNA SITUACIJA
V Afriki so zavezniške armade od vseh strani stisnile Nemce in Italijane v primeroma majhen koček severne Tunisijske. Tam imajo nacifašisti važni utrdbi Bizerto in Tunis, in ker je pokrajina gorata in vsled tega ugodna za obrambo, je verjetno, da se bodo Nemci in Italijani skušali kar najdalje vzdržavati v tem vogalu Afrike. Zavezniško letalstvo nad Tunisijo in nad Sredozemskim morjem je v veliki premoči in povzroča Nemcem in Italijanom velike izgube.

Na Pacifiku, se zdi, da nameravajo Japonci podvzeti večjo ofenzivo v smeri Avstralije. Japonsko letalstvo je tam postalo aktivno, toda Američani so dosedaj vse napade odvili z velikimi izgubami za napadace.

Na ruski fronti se vrše tu in tam manjši spopadi; večje operacije še vedno ovira pomladno deževje in blato.

ZELO VAŽEN ODLOK

Predsednik Roosevelt je dne

8. aprila izdal odlok, ki je velikanskega pomena za vso delo. Na kratko povedano, vse plače in cene življenjskih potrebi so zamrznjene na višini kot so bile 15. septembra 1942. V nekaterih primerih se morejo določiti celo nižje cene in v nekaterih izrednih primerih, kjer sedanji zasluzki ne zadostujejo za eksistenco, se smejo plače dvigniti do neke določene višine. Menjanja služb zaradi višjih plač so tudi prepovedana, razen v primerih, kjer tako menjava pomaga vojnemu naporu. Predsednik je izjavil, da je bil primoran izdati ta odlok, da se ustavi inflacija in s tem naraščanje državne. Predsednik smatra, da ima pravico izdati tak odlok na podlagi postave, ki jo je kongres sprejel 2. oktobra lanskega leta.

LADJE IN LETALA

Mornariški tajnik Frank Knox je pretekli teden izjavil, da bo ameriška vojna mornarica konci leta 1943 še enkrat močnejša kot je bil kdaj prej. Glede letal pa je dejal, da se bo število napadnih letal v tem letu zvišalo petkratno, število bombnikov pa štirikratno.

APRILSKIE OBLETNICE

Letos dne 6. aprila je minilo dve leti odkar so Nemci napadli Jugoslavijo. Dne 9. aprila je minilo tri leta odkar so Nemci napadli Norveško. Dne 9. aprila je minilo eno leto od kar je padel Bataan, zadnja organizirana ameriška obrambna točka na Filipinih. Toda v letošnjem aprilu beležijo zaveznički že dosedaj v aprilu velike zmage v Afriki in morda bo do nacifašisti do konca tega meseca sploh iztrebljeni iz Afrike. Na Filipinih, na Norveškem in v Jugoslaviji pa še vedno traja vojna med domačimi generali in zavojevalci. Na Ruskem je nemška ofenziva obstala v blatu. Ogenj zavezniških letalcev nad Nemčijo in Italijo pa postaja hujši z vsakim dnem.

ZA SVETOVNI MIR

Državni podtajnik Sumner Welles je pretekli teden v svojem govoru v Quebecu izjavil, da bo morala po tej vojni neka mednarodna organizacija vzdrževati svetovni mir, če treba tu-

POMEMBNA OBLETNICA ROJSTVA

POSLEDICE POTRESOV

Proslava rojstnega dne Thomasa Jeffersona, dne 13. aprila, ima letos širok pomen. Letos 13. aprila je minilo 200 let, kar se je rodil. In letos se posebno čuti, da je v teh časih važno zopet potrditi demokratična načela, ki jih zagovarjal ta veliki ameriški državnik in oboževalec svobode in ki jih kruti sovražnik povsem zanika.

Bill of Rights Sesquicentennial Committee (odbor za proslavo stope desetletnice ustavnih določil o človeških svobodah), katerega je predsednik Roosevelt častni predsednik, je storil vse, da se ta letošnja obletnica spodbudno proslavi. Po

zval je šole širom države, bratske in meščanske organizacije ter cerke vseh ver, naj se udeležijo proslave kot demonstracije ameriške vere v demokratična načela, ki jih je Jefferson proglašal. Governorji in župani so bili pozvani, naj izdajo primerne proglaste. Obe zbornici kongresa sta se udeležili proslave. Aranžirani so bili radioprogrami od obali do obali, ki so naglašali pomen historičnih dokumentov, ki jih je Jefferson spisal ali navdahnal.

Najbolj znamenito delo Jeffersona je bila seveda sestava Izjave Neodvisnosti, ali vsa skupina njegovih spisov—njegovi govorji, knjige in pisma—odsev njegovo vero v dostenjanstvo človeka, v neprekosljivost njegovih naravnih pravic in svobod in njegovo globoko hrepenjenje, da se v Ameriki ustanovi v vzdrži demokratični način življenja.

Jeffersonovo dolgo in dogodkov polno delovanje se lahko deli v štiri periode: njegovo službo v prid ameriški revoluciji, zakonodajne reforme za domorodno državo Virginia, njegovo dvakratno službovanje kot predsednika Združenih držav in mirna leta upokojitve.

Dasi je bil Jefferson sin bogatega veleposestnika, ki je imel prav malo one razredne zavednosti, ki je v onih časih delila posestniško aristokracijo od bolj skromnih kolonistov. Že v mladih letih si je bil prisvojil geslo: "Odpor proti tiranom je poslušnost do Boga." To geslo ga je vodilo, ko se je pridružil kolonialnim revolucionarjem, ki so delali za neodvisnost ameriških kolonij.

V mladosti je že začela njegova velika ljubezen za umetnosti, ki jim je ostal vdan vse življenje. Sam je rekel o sebi:

"Postale so pravljata strast z menoj: matematika, glasba in arhitektura." Bil je spreten vjelinist in njegov novi grad—Monticello—je bil povsem zgrajen po njegovih lastnih načrtih.

Tekom revolucije je sestavil razne pomembne proglaste, ali Izjave Neodvisnosti je njegovo nesmrtno delo. Sestavil jo je kot član odseka petorice, izbrana nega od drugega kontinentalnega Kongresa za sestavo načrta izjave.

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VZROKI ZA SUMNJO

Državni departement v Washingtonu je zelo skeptičen glede pošiljanja živeža in druge materialne pomoči stradajočim narodom, ki so jih zaslužnili

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Kampanjsko poročilo

DRUŠTVĀ ŠT. 21 PRVO

Brat Frank Okoren, prvi glavni podpredsednik ABZ in tajnik društva št. 21, Denver, Colorado, je pri dosegel svojo kvoto v kampanji za prilike 45-te letnice naše organizacije. Toj, prvo je zmagalo v tej kampanji društvo št. 21 v Denverju; skupno imajo pridobljenih 46 točk.



FRANK OKOREN

Bratu Okornu prav prisreno čestitam k temu veselemu uspehu, ki je pokazal pot in smernice vsem drugim, kako se doseže to zmag, ako ima človek dosti dobre volje ter je pripravljen tudi delati za svojo organizacijo. Očitvidno je pokazal iskreno zvestobo in neovrgljivo bratstvo do Ameriške bratske zveze, katere član je že dolgo vrsto let.

Bratu Okornu je pomagal naš glavni poročnik, brat Steve Mauser, ki je tudi član tega društva. Tudi on je pokazal tojainost in zavest, kaj bi moral vsak član storiti ob sedanji kampanji. Še enkrat hvala cema!

Društvo št. 55, Uniontown, Pa., ima že tudi 17 točk; društvo št. 114, Ely, Minn., steje 15½ točke; društvo št. 70, Chicago, Ill., ima 15 točk; na četrtem mestu pa je društvo št. 190, Butte, Mont., ki ima 13 točk. Tu je društvena voditeljica sestra Mary Predovich, društvena tajnica in šesta glavna podpredsednica Ameriške bratske zveze.

Potres, ki se je leta 1862 prijetil v okolici jezera Bajkal v Sibiriji, je povzročil, da se je hipoma ponizala stepa v okrožju 200 kvadratnih milij. Istočasno so iz razpok v zemlji brizgali gejserji vode 20 čevljev visoko v zrak in višje. Potres na Islandiji leta 1896 je formiral nov vrelec vroče vode, ki je brizgal 600 čevljev visoko v zrak.

Leta 1857 je potres v Californiji povzročil, da je začela voda reke Kern teči nazaj, reka Gabriel pa je zapustila svojo staro strugo in si izbrala novo. Potres na Japonskem leta 1891 je razkosal neko jezero; polovica jezerskega dna se je dvignila tako visoko, da se je osušila in ostala suha.

Potresi se mnogokrat prijetijo na morskom dnu, kar povzroči silne valove, ki dostikrat dosegajo obale na eno ali drugo stran in povzročijo velike poplavne. Leta 1868 je tako poplavljena podzemna stepa v zemljah na njegovih lastnih načrtih.

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E PLURIBUS UNUM

Geslo Zedinjenih držav, ki ga vidimo vtisnjeno na denarju in na raznih dokumentih, je "E pluribus unum," latinski izraz, ki bi v slovenščini pomenil: "Iz mnogih eno." To geslo je zelo primerno za našo republiko, ki neče izdajati napadalcev na okupatorje in njihove prijetelje. Narodno mladino Ljubljane dolžijo, da celo pomaga upornikom pri napadih na Italijane in na domače kvizlinge.

Ameriško ljudstvo je sestavljeno iz priseljencev in potomcev priseljencev vseh narodov sveta, toda vsi se smatrajo za Američane. Celo Slovenci, ki spadamo med najmanjše narode sveta, tvorimo majhen delček ameriškega ljudstva. Koliko nas je tu, ne vemo natančno, toda sodimo, da nas je okrog četrte milijona, to je priseljenec v tistih potomcev slovenskih priseljencev, ki se še zavajajo svojega slovenskega pokolenja. Polagoma bomo seveda kot izrazita skupina izginili v velikem ameriškem morju, kadar so pred nami izginile druge službo mlade moške v tistem delu Slovenije, ki so jo zasedli. Časniška agentura Reuter poroča, da je bilo v Tunisiji ujetih več Jugoslovanov, v nemških vojaških uniformah, ki so bili prisiljeni služiti v nemški armadi.

Nemci so v nasprotju z vsemi določbami mednarodnega prava pozvali v nemško vojaško službo mlade moške v tistem delu Slovenije, ki so jo zasedli. Časniška agentura Reuter poroča, da je bilo v Tunisiji ujetih več Jugoslovanov, v nemških vojaških uniformah, ki so bili prisiljeni služiti v nemški armadi.

Danes je Amerika upanje vseh svobodo ljubečih narodov sveta. Ameriški vojaki se danes borijo na vseh svetovnih frontah in na vseh morjih. Borijo se za svobodo, ne samo za svobodo Amerike, ampak tudi za svobodo drugih narodov, ki hrepenijo po nji. Amerika se ne borí za razširitev svojega ozemlja niti ne mara nikakega ljudstva podjarmiti. Amerika hoče živeti v miru in prijateljstvu z vsemi narodi sveta, zato se bori za uničenje mednarodnih gangsterjev, ki hočejo zasuhnjiti vse svobodo ljubeče narode.

V ameriških bojnih silah so danes priseljenci in potomci priseljencev vseh narodov sveta in borijo se za svobodo vseh narodov. V zelo velikem številu so danes zastopani v ameriški vojski tudi Slovani. V vsakem seznamku vojakov najdemo več slovenskih imen. Tudi Slovenci smo, v primeri z našim številom, zelo častno zastopani, ne samo med navadnimi vojaki, ampak tudi med častniki. Saj ima danes sama Ameriška bratska zveza okrog 1600 svojih članov v ameriških bojnih silah. Amerika bolj in bolj nastaja "iz mnogih eno"; med temi mnogimi smo tudi Slovenci in smo ponosni na to.

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SLOVANSKI SVET V TEH ČASIH

VSAK PO SVOJE

Mi, ki živimo v deželi s široko osebno svobodo, kjer nam kljub racioniranju ne manjka niti hrane niti obleke niti nobene druge res potrebne reči, si težko predstavljamo, kako živijo naši rojaki v starem kraju že dve leti pod krvavim bičem zavojevalca. Koliko domov je poganjali, koliko ljudi je pobitih, koliko poslanih na prisilna dela, v koncentracijska taborišča, v večnem strahu pred slično usodo! Koliko jih žaluje za hčerkami in sestrami, ki so bile oddane pohoti sovražne soldateske! Koliko staršev prelivajo solze za otroki, ki so bili odvedeni v tujino, da bodo vzgojeni za nacije! Koliko naših rojakov umira vsled pomanjkanja; koliko jih je sploh še živih?

Naši rojaki v starem kraju so prepuščeni svoji grozni usodi. Njihov jok nas ne dosegne, naše besede, take ali take, jih ne dosegajo. Mi jim ne moremo pomagati niti dejansko niti z nasveti. Sa enkrat moremo samo zbirati fond, s katerim jim bomo skušali vsaj nekaj pomagati. Kako si pomagajo, je odvisno od razmer, v kakršne jih je vrgla usoda.

Mi tukaj pa lahko samo razmišljamo: Kaj bi storil jaz, če bi mi stekli nacifašistični psi zaplenili živino v živila, če bi mi pletile starše poslali v pregnanstvo, če bi mi otroke odpeljali v tujino, če bi moje sestre odvedli v hiše sramote, če bi moji bratje in jaz dobili ukaz, da se prijavimo za službo v nemški armadi ali za priljubljeno delo v nemških tovarnah in rudnikih, da se s tem podaljša sužnost in iztrebljevanje mojega naroda! Kaj bi storil, ne vem. Toda mislim, da bi pobegnil v gozdovih in se pridružil generalom, partizanom, hajdukom, hostarjem, ali kakor koli se že imenujejo tisti uporniki in kakršna koli je njihova preteklost. Hostarji, gerilci in partizani posečki nacifašistične pse, in kdo jih pobija, je moj prijatelj in je dobrotnik človeštva. Če že pride smrt, naj me najde v osvetnem boju, ne pa na verigo prvezanega kužka. Moramo bodo te v gozdovih se skravljati, čete hostarjev edini zdravi del naroda, ki bo dočakal konča vojne in bo prevzel v last osvobojeno Slovenijo. Ne vemo, kako je in kako bi bilo, toda razmišljamo lahko.

Ako bi vam kdo rekel, da se vršijo ali so se vršili hudi boji v severni Afriki za posest kumare, bi se mu smejal. Pa je res tako. Ime pristaniškega mesta Sfax pomeni v slovenščini kumaro. In zdi se, da je postala za Nemce in Italijane ta kumara precej kislá.

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V TEH TEŽKIH DNEH

"Da mi je za zarjo blestečo pogledati in kaj ljubega, dobrega ti povedati v teh težkih dneh, o domovina..." Te besede je pred leti zapisal naš največji sodobni pesnik Oton Župančič. Težki dnevi so bili takrat za našo rodno domovino Slovenijo, toda neprimerno težji so danes. Mi, slovenski Američani, ki čutimo ali vsaj slutimo njen veliko bol, bi tudi žeeli za zastor blesteči pogledati in kaj ljubega, dobrega ji povedati. Predstavljamo si, da je danes ta blesteči zastor na obali Sredozemskega morja, v Afriki, kjer združene armade Američanov, Angležev in Francozov razbijajo gadje gnezdo nacijaštvost. Ta zastor je blesteč vsled silnega ognja stotisočnih izstrelkov. Ko se bo dvignil, bo morda kmalu mogoče pogledati preko Sredozemskega morja v Jugoslavijo, v Slovenijo, in ji povedati nekaj ljubega in dobrega, namreč, da ji prihaja odrešenje.

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V teh dneh preteka dve leti, odkar so nacijaštične počasti od treh stvari navalile na Slovenijo in jo raztrgale. Toda to nemškemu psu, italijanski volkulji in madžarskemu šakalu ni bilo dovolj. Raztrgane dele Slovenije te zveri trpičijo, da čim prej izgine s slovenskih tal zadnja sled slovenskega življenja, da bo tam prostor za Nemce, Italijane in Madžare. Mi, slovenski Američani, krvaveči rodni Sloveniji za enkrat ne moremo dejansko pomagati, če bi še tako radi. Toda, ko se bo "zastor" dvignil, in dvignil se bo pred naraščajočo napadalo silo ameriških, angleških in francoskih armad, ko se bo dvignil, ji bomo mogli nuditi pomoč. V to svrhu slovenska sekcijs Jugoslovenskega pomožnega odbora že zdaj zbira odpomožni fond. Ako še nismo nič prispevali v ta fond, ne odlašajmo z našimi prispevki; ako smo že prispevali, dajmo še, dajmo, da bo bolelo. Potreba bo silno velika in pomoč bo nujna, da ohranimo pri življenju tiste, ki so še živi. In morda bomo mogli našo pomoč poslati prej kot si mislimo. Zato hitimo zbirati in prispevati v odpomožni fond slovenske sekcijs Jugoslovenskega pomožnega odbora!

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V teh težkih dneh, ki jih preživlja naša rodna Slovenija, pa ne bi smeli pozabiti tudi, da bo Slovenija za svoje življenje potrebovala ne samo kruha in obleke, ampak tudi svobodo in združitev vseh svojih delov v avtonomno celoto. Za doseglo tega cilja je na delu naš Slovenski ameriški narodni svet. To predstavništvo je ustavljeni iz slovenskih Američanov, iz ameriških državljanov, in bo kot tako govorilo pri naši vladi v Washingtonu za pravice starokradske Slovenije. Mi smo prepričani, da bo ameriška vlada imela veliko besedo pri bodoči ureditvi Evrope, in, ako se bo vlada Zedinjenih držav zavzela za združeno in neokrnjeno Slovenijo v okviru bodoče povečane Jugoslavije ali kake druge večje demokratične federacije, se bo to izvršilo. Mi bomo torej o tem govorili z našo vlado v Washingtonu potom Slovenškega ameriškega narodnega sveta. V to svrhu pa potrebuje ta organizacija moralne in materialne podpore od nas vseh. Ne bodimo torej skopi s prispevki za Slovenski ameriški narodni svet.

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V boju za poraz nacijaštične počasti so danes štiri svetovne velesile: Zedinjene države, Rusija, Anglija in Kitajska. Da bodo zmagovali, o tem nimamo nikakega dvoma. Toda vojna bo še huda, dolga in draga. Naša republika bo v doglednem času imela deset do enajst milijonov mož pod orožjem. Koik stane vzdrževanje takih armad, koliko njihova oprema in transportacija, tega si sker ne moremo predstavljati. Izdatki so strahotni in za pokrivanje istih potrebuje naša vlada ne samo dohodki od davkov, ampak tudi posojila od svojih državljanov. Ta posojila ji mi dajemo z nakupom vojnih bondov. Prav zdaj je v teku kampanja za prodajo vojnih bondov za vsoto 13 tisoč milijonov dolarjev. Ta denar je potreben za doseglo zmage. Mi seveda hočemo, da Amerika zmaga, v prvi vrsti zaradi Amerike same, zaradi naših sinov, ki služijo v njenih vojnih silah, zaradi naših sestrov, ki služijo v njenih vojnih silah, zaradi naših sinov; v drugi vrsti pa tudi za osvoboditev razmesnjene Slovenije in drugih zasluženih narodov sveta. Zato pa je treba, da k skorajšnji zmagi tudi vsi dejansko pomagamo. Vsi ne moremo iti v boj na aktivno fronto, vse ne moremo biti upošleni v vojnih industrijah ali na farmah, toda vsak izmed nas, ki dela in nekaj zasluži, more vsaj nekaj svojega zaslužka investirati v vojne bonde. To je že o mala žrtev, oziroma ni sploh nikaka žrtev, ker s tem hraniemo denar za nas in naše družine in ker ga investiramo varno in obrestosnosno. Naj bi ne bilo niti enega slovenskega Američana, ki ne bi v tej kampanji investiral nekaj v vojne

bonde ali vsaj v vojne varčevalne znamke. Poskrbimo, da nas v tem oziru ne bo prekosila nobena druga narodnost.

Različne regulacije in omejitve, ki so nam jih prinesli vojni časi, nas včasih dražijo in spravljajo v slabu voljo. Včasih se smilimo sami sebi in si domisljam, da preživljamo težke dni. V resnici pa se civilnemu prebivalstvu Amerike godi neprimerno bolje kot stoterim milijonom ljudi v drugih delih sveta. Godi se nam tudi mnogo bolje kot našim vojakom v aktivni službi. Na to bi morali misliti, kadar nas obhaja slaba volja, in sodelovati bi moralni z našo vladno stoprocentno, z dobro voljo in ponosom. Ne pozabimo tudi včasih pisati našim sorodnikom in prijateljem v vojaški službi. Posebno zdaj pred velikočnimi prazniki. S tem jim bomo nekoliko olajšali težke dni, pa naj bodo v domačih taboriščih ali pa na raznih frontah preko morja.

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Končno, člani Ameriške bratske zveze, ne pozabimo na težke dni, ki jih imajo naši društveni tajniki z nabiranjem novih članov, da dosežejo predpisano kvoto 45 točk in s tem nagrado \$45.00. Pomagajmo jim pri njihovem težkem delu za rast in ugled nasih društov in Ameriške bratske zveze. Ako jim bomo vsi pomagali, bo naša sedanja kampanja pridobivanja novih članov v proslavo 45-letnice Ameriške bratske zveze gotovo uspešna.

VSAK PO SVOJE

(Nadaljevanje s 1. strani)

V legislaturi države Minnesota je bila pred leti sprejeta postava, ki je določevala, da mora biti na vsaki poli državnega pisanega papirja tiskan poziv: "Jejet več surovega masla!" Pretekli teden je legislatura sprosto ukinila tisto postavo, in ni treba praviti zakaj.

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Nekdo, ki piše pod različnimi izmišljenimi imeni v razne liste, pravi, da se ne bi smeli oziратi na osebo, ki piše ali govori, ampak na vsebinsko članka ali govora. To bi bilo imenitno, če bi držalo, pa ne drži. Recimo, da bi mi od nekog prisko razdetje in bi izbleknil največjo državniško modrost. Kdo jo bo poslušal in kdo jo bo upošteval? Nihče. Pa naj predsednik Roosevelt reče kaj sličnega in ves svet bo posluhnih in debatal o tem.

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Ward Bannister v Denverju je svoječasno pisal vojnemu departmantu v Washingtonu, da bi mogel poslati kabogram svetu sinu poročnika Wayne A. Bannistra. Čez nekaj tednov je došel iz Afrike odgovor, da more to storiti le v zelo nujnem primeru in to potom Rdečega križa. Odgovor je podpisal poročnik Wayne A. Bannister.

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V Canadi je bila s prvim aprilom zvišana poštnina za pismata in kartice za en cent prikemadu. William Kinnear v Saskatoonu je vsled tega odpolal božične voščilne kartice za leto 1943 dan poprej, to je 31. marca. Imate prav, Kinnear je bil rojen na Škotskem.

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V Salemu, N. J., je Mrs. Madeline Stephenson v oporoki zapustila vse štiri gumijaste obroče svojega avtomobila sinu Franku. To kaže, da je izmed vseh otrok imela Franka najrajsi.

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Doktor Clarence O. Simpson v St. Louisu trdi, da bo raciniranje mesa dobro in koristno za zobe prebivalstva. Morda bo dobro za zobe, toda kaj bodo rekli želodci?

Podružnica št. 36 JPOSS v Girardu, Ohio, priredi v soboto 22. maja veselico v korist fonda omjenje pomožne organizacije. Veselica se bo vrnila v Slovenskem narodnem domu v Girardu, Ohio.

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Zborovanje federacije društva Ameriške bratske zveze v državi Colorado je naznanjeno za nedeljo 23. maja. Vrnilo se bo v Pueblo, Colo.

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V Chicagu, Ill., se bo v nedeljo 30. maja vrnila velika prireditve v korist slovenske sekcije Jugoslovenskega pomožnega odbora. Program prireditve bo vseboval igro, petje, govor in druge točke. Prostor prireditve: Bohemian - American Hall.

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V Clevelandu, O., je bil dne 10. aprila od avtomobila ubit Andrew Knaus, star 61 let, član društva št. 71 ABZ. Zapušča soprogo, tri sine in dve hčeri. Doma je bil v vasi Ravne pri Blokah v Sloveniji.

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SLOVANSKI SVET V TEH ČASIH

(Nadaljevanje s 1. strani)

Prvo narodno banko v Ameriki predstavljajo ženske nogavice; tako vsaj pravi razširjena ljudska krilatica. Zdaj smo slišali iz Washingtona, da bodo ženske nogavice standardizirane in da bodo močnejše in trpežnejše od dosedanjih. To se vjema in je logično. Ženske v teh časih zaslužijo ali konfiscirajo več denarja kot kdaj prej in potrebujejo zanj močnejše banke.

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Brazilija izmed vseh sestriških republik na ameriškem kontinentu najbolj lojalno in uspešno sodeluje z našo republiko v njenih vojnih naporih. Načeluje ji predsednik Getulio Vargas, ki sam priznava, da je diktator. Pa nismo še čitali niti enega napada nanj in njegovog diktature. Voditelj Kitajcev, general Čiang Kajšek, je tudi diktator, ker menda kaj drugega v obstoječih razmerah sploh ne more biti, in Kitajci se pod njegovim poveljstvom hrabro borijo proti Japoncem ter s tem pomagajo Ameriki in vsem ostalim zaveznirom. Pri tem čisto pozabljamo, da je Kajšek diktator in da so njegovi hrabi Kitajci krivoverni malikovalci, in hvalimo Čiang Kajšeka in njegovo soprogo in poganske Kitajce. Rusi se tudi v sedanji vojni sijajno borijo in so dosedaj likvidirali več Nemančev kov vsi ostali zavezniški skupaj. Toda pri tem je treba hvaliti Kajšekov oči, šariti pri vsaki priliki s komunizmom in vsehčenito mlati po diktatorju Stalini. Prišli so tepeči in mlati, da jih je sam Hitler vesel.

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V javnosti je bilo že mnogo debatiranja, kam naj se pošljene. William Kinnear v Saskatoonu je vsled tega odpolal božične voščilne kartice za leto 1943 dan poprej, to je 31. marca. Imate prav, Kinnear je bil rojen na Škotskem.

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V SLOVANSKE VESTI

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Nemci in Italijani. Državni departmanti je mnenja, da tako pomoč morda več koristi sovražniku kot reyežem, katerim je namenjena.

V ameriški reviji "Newsweek" z dne 12. aprila citamo, da ima Washington zanesljive dokaze od beguncov, da najmanj 40 odstotkov hrane, ki potom Rdečega križa doseže Grčijo, pada v roke okupatorjev, to je Nemcev in Italijanov. Kako se to vrši, ne vemo, toda lahko si mislimo. Zastop-

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Ob 45-letnici zvišane nagrade

Ameriška bratska zveza plačuje zdaj za novo pridobljene člane odraslega mladinskega oddelka spodaj navedene nagrade.

Za člane, zavarovane:
v razredu "D" za \$ 250.00 zavarovalnine, \$ 1.50 nagrade;
v razredu "D" za \$ 500.00 zavarovalnine



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Latest Results in AFU 45th Anniversary Membership Campaign

Lodge 21, Denver, Colo., Goes Over the Top!

Bro. Frank Okoren, First Supreme Vice-President of the AFU and secretary of Lodge No. 21 of Denver, Colo., is the first secretary to obtain the quota of 45 points in this campaign, in fact, they topped the quota by one point. Congratulations to Lodge No. 21 and its agile secretary, Bro. Okoren, for obtaining 46 points!

Now Lodge No. 55 of Uniontown, Pa. moves into first place with 17 points. In second place we find Lodge No. 114 of Ely, Minn. with 15½ points; in third place, Lodge No. 70 of Chicago, Ill. with 15 points; and in fourth place, Lodge No. 190 of Butte, Mont. with 13 points.

We find 120 lodges actively participating in the campaign, however, 60 lodges are still passive in this respect. Let's all get down to work and help the secretaries total up those points. Are you doing your part?

Home Front -- Fraternal Front

Spring is the season of the year when everything awakens after a long winter's rest. So it is with us. The Springtime of the year invigorates us with a new strength, new faith in our American ideals and greater courage with which to bear our burdens, whatever they may be. We look forward this year to seeing the destruction of our enemy and the fulfillment of our hope that peace will soon be declared and victory achieved. This writer is no genius at predictions but by having greater faith in one's ideals and in supporting all actions to bring about our aim for victory and peace, our purpose can and will be achieved. By this we mean by working harder for victory, by pledging to buy more War Bonds, by devoting a little more time to duties for Civilian Defense and by going all out to win this war and the peace to follow.

The AFU members have participated in various campaigns on the home front: salvage campaigns, war loan campaigns, Red Cross campaigns, etc. All Americans are pulling together for the things uppermost in everyone's mind today: Victory and Peace! We have done our part in the past and will continue to do even more in the future for these objectives.

Forward until victory is ours!

On the fraternal front we shall always do our best to keep the flame of brotherhood burning brightly so that our boys and girls in the service can return to the security and haven of America and all her bounties.

We will lend a helping hand to our brother and sisters who made, and are daily making sacrifices so this world will be a better place in which to live.

The AFU is conducting a membership campaign during its 45th year anniversary and all members who enroll a new member are doing their share on the fraternal front by insuring them for all the emergencies of life. In times of illness or death, when help is needed most, the American Fraternal Union stands by ready to lend its ever-helping hand to its unfortunate members. It provides help when it is needed most. Its greatest blessing and service lies in its contribution to the welfare and preservation of the home.

We would like as many persons as possible to enjoy the blessings of our Union. It's up to our members to tell their friends and neighbors about the many benefits our Union has to offer. Help expand the family of the fraternal front by enrolling as many new members as possible during the AFU 45th Anniversary Membership Campaign.

Thought For The Day

In the next few weeks you may be visited by one of the thousands of volunteers who are contributing their time and effort to the Second War Loan Drive. But don't wait for him. Make up your mind now that before this drive is over, you're going to march right down to your nearest bank, post office, or place where they sell War Bonds, and do your duty.

Every cent you put in War Bonds now will help to guarantee plenty of peacetime jobs making peace-living for every one of us.

For your Country's sake—for your own sake—invest all you can!

Buy Your Share in "Our" SUBMARINE CHASER



News of Soldiers



Congratulations, Laddie Debevec, on your promotion to Sergeant. Laddie also has a new mailing address. Friends of his are asked to take notice. Sgt. Ladislav I. Debevec, 35305063

UPS—291st Engr. Combat Battalion
Camp Swift, Texas.

Two brothers, members of Lodge No. 114, AFU of Ely, Minn., are "flying cadets" attending training school. They are Pvt. Frank M. Kalan and Pvt. Stanley F. Kalan. However, they are located in different schools. Friends may write to them at the following addresses:

Pvt. Frank M. Kalan
Northwestern State College
Sq. B.—A.A.F.T.D.
Alva, Oklahoma

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Pvt. Stanley F. Kalan
Ouachita College
Arkadelphia, Arkansas

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Friends of Lt. D. E. Alar of Ely, Minn., may write to him at the following address:

Lt. D. E. Alar
69th O. M. Co.
Camp Adair, Oregon.

GAS LEAKS

With the shortage of skilled labor, many of us have been doing odd jobs for ourselves around the house for which we would ordinarily call a service man.

That's a commendable and patriotic thing to do, but there's one case where we should always call a service man, the Greater Cleveland Safety Council says—when we smell escaping gas. After making sure that no gas valves are open, call the gas company at once. Don't look for the leak yourself, particularly with a lighted match or candle—you'll never find it lying in a hospital bed.

BRIEFS

Branch 2, Cleveland O., of the Slovene Section of the Yugoslav Relief Committee will sponsor a Variety Program, Sunday, April 18, 1943 at the Slovenian National Home on St. Clair Ave. at 7 p. m. The admission will be 50 cents. The program is being held in commemoration of the second anniversary of the attack of the Fascists and Nazis on the old country.

The entire proceeds will go to the Yugoslav Relief Fund. Fellow members, attend this program which promises to be one of the best and by attending, you are helping to contribute to the fund for aiding our starving and unfortunate Slovanes in the old country. Give so that they may live!

We're pretty darned lucky, brother,—when on every street, in almost every home, there's a kid we love who is missing. He's in a foxhole . . . laying "eggs" on Naples . . . eating and sleeping with a lifebelt for a corset. Think of the kid you know, and you get a lump in your throat. "I'd sure like to do something for him . . . want to know that I've done something that will bring him back sooner."

Well, brother, you can! Buying War Bonds might sound like being a little difficult, but what if you had to wade into a Jap machine gun nest? We're lucky, brother, we're still at home. Let's buy all the War Bonds we can. It's the least we can do for our boys!

Just a friendly reminder to all contributors to the Nova Doba: Address all mail to Nova Doba, 6233 St. Clair Ave., Cleveland, O. Write articles on one side of paper only. If typewritten, please double space. Although the deadline for articles is 5 p. m. Monday for long ar-

Idle Chatter

The pony we were to ride this way more often must have been inducted—we've seen neither hide nor hair of him since. Or could the rider be at fault? Be that as it may . . .

Production for victory! The slogan which has combined men and women, materials, machines and methods into a mighty production line is being felt around the world. That is the story of the Pacific Northwest today. Already at work when the first bombs fell on Pearl Harbor, our Northwest braced its feet, worked that much harder. New manpower has poured in—never enough, for it is apparent that saturation point will never be reached.

New products pour from the war factories. The ships we are building are helping to win the battle of the seas. The splashes of the ships, cargo vessels, mine sweepers and the many other types as they roll down the waves, are the splashes which send shudders down the Axis' spines. Shipbuilding is one of the greatest of all war expansions and this industry is contributing a tremendous part in the Northwest's mighty wartime production effort. Old-time shipbuilding methods have been streamlined, shortcuts developed, methods found for expediting materials so work goes on unhampered. The shipyards have drawn thousands of workers—workers from all walks of life. College professors, radio artists, men from the plains—all rubbing shoulders, working in harmony to bring about the ultimate defeat of the Axis.

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ticles, and Tuesday morning for short ones, the editors would appreciate it if you send your copy in earlier. In this way all the work doesn't stack up on the last day before publication. Every article must be personally signed by the contributor. Thank you for your cooperation.

Ernest Palcic, AFU Member Promoted to Syracuse, N. Y. Post



Ernest C. Palcic of Ogdensburg, N. Y., Special Agent in charge of the local office of the New York State Department of Mental Hygiene since June, 1942, has been notified of his promotion May 1st to supervise the Syracuse office.

On the basis of his excellent record in the past and his outstanding showing among all State Hospitals, Mr. Palcic has been chosen for this important promotion to Syracuse.

In that city he will have No. 222, AFU. He remembers the time when Mr. Anton Terbovec, editor, and Mr. Louis M. Kolar, assistant editor of Nova Doba at that time, visited his home at Gowanda, N. Y.

His entire family are members of the AFU.

We join with his many friends in wishing him every success in his new location.

(The mat of the photo was sent to us by Mrs. Edith Drobnic.)

The "Little Corporal" Is Back With News From "Deep In the Heart of Texas"

Fort Crockett, Texas. — It's getting to the tough routine you civilians are undergoing. Even these men over 38 years who are being discharged are taking their final papers and train tickets with reluctance! (Who said that?)

Many Limited Service men have replaced General Service men, releasing the latter for actual front line duty. Eventually our turn will come—then maybe we'll get out of Texas after all!

Several are thinking about going to Yugoslavia and a good friend of this Corporal declared he was going to take plenty of chocolate bars along. This guy is even learning how to talk. In fact in a recent picture he learned what the word "ljubica" meant! Heh! Heh!

Our good friend, Laddie Debevec, formerly printer for Enako, is one of Little Stan's regular correspondents. He's now in Camp Swift, Texas, a Sergeant, and going up. By the way, contrary to recent reports that Little Stan was a

Adamic's T-W Passage Idea Gets Further Acclaim

Louis Adamic's book "Two-Way Passage" is creating greater interest daily in regard to work in the post-war reconstruction problems of the world.

The Two-Way Passage idea was discussed on the broadcast of "One Man's Family" last Sunday. In this program it was stated that his idea is being carefully considered by our government which is making plans to follow it through with certain modifications.

We Slovenian Americans are proud of Louis Adamic and the contributions he is making in regard to the post-war reconstruction of the world.

For a Better Day U.S. WAR BONDS

A pumping station is wrecked by explosives. It was being used by the Nazis to keep the mines free from water. The unwilling workers were mining ore for German war production; factories, locomotives, river boats. Now the mines will be idle for months.

Six shots are heard from the public square. Tomorrow there will be six new graves in the village churchyard; six homes have been ruined—homes that once were as happy as yours.

Keep your homeland free from conquering spoilers.

Work every day and buy War Bonds every pay day.

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AFU 45th Year Anniversary Awards

The American Fraternal Union now pays higher cash awards to all members who enroll new members in the Adult and Juvenile Departments.

The awards are as follows for the Adult Department:

For Plan "D" insured for \$250 death benefit, \$1.50 award;
For Plan "D" insured for \$500 death benefit, \$2.50 award;
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;

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 "JD" for \$1,000 insurance, \$5.00 award;

for Plan "JE" for \$250 insurance, \$1.50 award; for Plan "JF" for \$500 insurance, \$3.00 award; for Plan "JG" 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.

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Ely News Flashes

By Florence D. Startz

Quite often people enter into a project with enthusiasm and a determination to do their best in making it a success. As soon as the going is "up hill" however, they become slackers and act indifferently to their project.

This may be the case with some of you members who have entered the AFU 45th Anniversary Membership Campaign. It's true, the going is "tough" at times but remember that just a little more effort on your part might secure a new member and you'll benefit and so will our Union.

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As you have probably noticed, Lodge 2 and 114, AFU in Ely are among the highest in this campaign. Some of Ely's members do excellent work in our membership campaigns, considering the size of our city of Ely and the number of people already enrolled in the AFU here.

However, it is the same few workers usually, who are active. But alone, these few ambitious members can't make the campaign the success they would like it to be. They need your cooperation. So how about it? Let's re-enter the campaign with more spirit and help make it a smashing success.

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"Dig for Victory" is the slogan for the Victory Garden campaign recently initiated in Ely. I think it will be very successful here because most of the people have access to large garden plots. Awards are being planned to be given for the food raised in this locality. Mr. Louis Zgong, secretary of Lodge No. 1, AFU is a member of the Victory Garden campaign here.

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One of Ely's most industrious lodge workers, Mr. Louis Perushek, has five sons serving in the U. S. Armed Forces; two are overseas. Some record, isn't it? We wish them the best of luck and a safe return home.

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I'd like to take this opportunity of thanking Mr. Joseph Bogdanovich of Eveleth, Minn. who recently sent me some beautiful hand-printed cards as a result of writing this column. This is the first time I ever received such unusual and beautifully-decorated cards and they certainly were a pleasant surprise.

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Until next week, when I hope to see a big jump in our AFU Membership Campaign, this is "so-long" from your Ely correspondent.

What Do You Know About Red Cross Volunteer Nurse's Aides?

By Frances C. Vranicar

Many of you have undoubtedly seen the neat light blue and white uniforms worn by the Red Cross Volunteer Nurse's Aides, and may be interested in knowing more about their work and duties, and how essential these trained Nurse's Aides have become in the present National Emergency.

In order to relieve the very great shortage of professional nurses in practically every community, because so many have gone to take care of our boys in the hospitals at the fighting fronts and training centers, the Nurse's Aide Corps was formed to provide women volunteers who are to serve as assistants to the Registered Nurses in the local hospitals, clinics and health agencies, or with emergency field units. Special training is given during a period of six weeks and consists of 35 hours of class work and 45 hours of practical work in a hospital.

I joined the first group of Red Cross Volunteer Nurse's Aides when it was organized in Joliet in May of last year, and received my training at the local hospital, where I am now assisting every Saturday from 8:00 a. m. to 2:00 p. m. In the beginning most of us were rather dubious as to the work we would do, and the hospitals also considered the venture as an experiment. However, the performance of the first class of Nurse's Aides since it went into service in our community has been so satisfactory that more classes have since been formed and graduated. We now have over 100 trained Nurse's Aides assisting at the two local hospitals and in the medical clinics.

After completing the training, practical and written examinations were given. Having received sufficiently high grades, our class of volunteers was graduated as Nurse's Aides on July 7th at a Solemn Capping Service, when we were awarded our diplomas and presented with Service Caps and Red Cross Volunteer Nurse's Aide Pins.

A service stripe is given upon completion of the first 150 hours of work at a hospital or clinic, and an additional stripe for each 500 hours served thereafter. These stripes are worn on the upper left side of the blue pinafore of the uniform, and it is an ambition of every Nurse's Aide to earn more service stripes. Up to the present time I have nearly 300 hours to my credit and am earning my second stripe.

The disastrous Coconut Grove night club fire in Boston last November clearly demonstrated the valuable assistance rendered by the Red Cross Volunteer Nurse's Aide Corps, which responded immediately after the alarm of the disaster was spread. Within an hour the

disastrous fire had broken out. The Greater Cleveland Safety Council says, because there are so many special trains on the rails. Now is the time, then, for all good drivers to come to the aid of their country by being especially careful at railroad crossings. Stop, look and listen, and you'll be helping Uncle Sam "Keep 'em Rolling for Victory."

Registrar: Age, please.
She: I'm around 30.
Registrar: I can see that, m'am; but how many years is it since you got around it?

Aides were on duty in the emergency wards, assisting while life-saving blood plasma needles were secured; making and remaking hospital beds and stretcher trucks; applying cold compresses to relieve the smarting of seared eyes; comforting and encouraging the patients; giving fluids to those victims whose swollen lips could take the tube, and doing countless other things to relieve the severely-burned patients and make them as comfortable as possible.

According to a statement made by Ella B. Gimmestad, National Assistant Director, Disaster Nursing Service of the Red Cross, "the Nurse's Aides worked long, weary hours, diligently and well, in spite of the horror on all sides."



Quoting from an article in the January issue of the Red Cross Courier, Eleanor Wallace Allen, Chairman of the Volunteer Nurse's Aide Corps, Boston Metropolitan Chapter, wrote:

"Many people have asked me how I was affected by the suffering and honor which I saw all around me. Frankly, at the time, it affected me very slightly. I was conscious only that here was work—work on a far greater scale than I had ever been called upon to face. Yet my one reaction was to do whatever had to be done. If any act of mine could ease a victim's suffering, or help the doctors and nurses who alone could, perhaps, swing the balance from death to life, then nothing they asked was too great or too hard. I know the other Aides felt the same way and gave all they had, without thought of self, as long as they were needed." This, I am sure, voices the feeling of all the Aides serving on that fateful night, and all those of us who feel it not only our duty, but a privilege to try to do what we can to alleviate the pain and suffering of those confined to hospital beds.

We hope to see more of you serving in our ranks!

Richard Smith celebrated his birthday April 3rd and the following guests were present: Kenneth Kostelz, Douglas Hoar, Terrance York, Mary Ann Reka, Mary Ann Bartovich, Louise Kurtzman, Mary Jane Klun, Johanna Novosel—a very delightful time was had by all.

Last Sunday the Ely Municipal Band presented a concert which proved to be most entertaining.

Mrs. Lawrence Golobich and daughter, Lois Ellen, are visiting here with Lois Ellen's grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. John Golobich.

A word to Rose Mary Startz: I read your first letter to the Nova Doba and was glad to see your splendid letter in print. That's the spirit, Rose Mary, keep it up!

School is a busy time of late. Lots of exams are coming up and we are all trying to catch up on our subjects for we haven't much time left in this year's term.

A very joyous and happy Easter to all AFU juveniles, Mrs. Frances Erzen and all the AFU Supreme Board members.

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

Did You Know That

That there are 25 times as many airports in the United States now as there were before the war began?

That the U. S. Agriculture Department has arranged for the award of "certificates of farm war service" to farmers who have pledged to produce their quotas of war crops?

That American troops have nearly three times as many doctors per thousand men as the Axis forces have? So declared Dr. Emerson C. Kelly of Albany, N. Y. at a recent address.

That the new U. S. pennies are out? They are bright and shiny, made of steel, coated with zinc.

That President Monroe had become a major by the time he was 19 years old?

That United States borrowed the point rationing system from the British?

The Indian population of North Carolina, 22,690, is the greatest of any state east of the Mississippi?



- Q. Does an album filled with stamps automatically become a bond that will mature in 10 years?
A. No. It must be exchanged for a bond, and it will bear no interest until it is so exchanged.
- Q. Can payment of a War Savings Bond be made to the receiver or trustee in bankruptcy of the estate of a registered owner?
A. Yes, when bankruptcy or insolvency has been adjudicated and request for payment has been duly executed.
- Q. Can I authorize my employer to set aside portions of my salary each pay day until enough is accumulated to buy a War Savings Bond?

—Frances C. Vranicar
Lodge No. 66, AFU
Joliet, Ill.

ADVICE TO MOTORISTS

Motorists, do you realize there are a couple of blind spots on your car? The Greater Cleveland Safety Council points out that under certain circumstances—the two rear corners of your car may prevent you from seeing approaching cars in your rear view mirror. So, remember your blind spots and be extra careful the next time you decide to pull out of your traffic lane.

To the new pedestrians brought into being by gasoline rationing, the Greater Cleveland Safety Council sends this message:

When you're walking in traffic, be on your toes and don't let your feet kill you!



The arrival of Red Cross comfort supplies for American servicemen is always a big event among U. S. troops overseas, as indicated by the smile on the face of this soldier stationed "somewhere in Australia."

Juvenile Voices



Meat, etc. Ration Stamps:

Getting change in points is something new that came in with meat rationing and may have seemed a little complicated at first. But extensive advance tests convinced OPA that it was necessary to protect the shopper. When you buy cans, the amount in them is carefully controlled, and giving them a point value is relatively easy. But for meats and cheeses, even the most expert butcher can't always cut an exact pound, and you would have trouble paying for the fractions unless changing of stamps was allowed.

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Guard Your Ration Books:

Many persons are losing their ration books. In one Cleveland daily I noticed 52 ads in the "Lost and Found" column where people have placed notices of lost ration books. Guard your ration books carefully. It will save you and your ration board a lot of trouble and unnecessary work.

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U. S. Second War Loan Drive:

The opening guns of the Second War Loan Drive have been fired! Your government needs more money to help win this war. Are you doing all you can by buying more War Bonds? They are the safest investment in the world and by buying more War Bonds you also assure our servicemen of the weapons they need to fight this war for you. Buy more War Bonds today and every day!



NO TOBACCO SHORTAGE:

One thing that won't be rationed is tobacco. According to WPB, after a careful check on the tobacco industry, there is no present danger of a cigarette scarcity. The industry has all the tobacco it needs—both Turkish and domestic. Cigarette manufacturers aren't affected much by labor shortages because they are highly mechanized.

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COLORED FABRICS:

War is casting less brilliant reflections upon the American home scenes with a WPB order reducing the amount of organic dye-stuffs and organic pigments for civilian use. So look for lighter shades in all types of fabrics. Materials will have more white in them than before.

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IT TAKES BOTH:

The nation's men are fighting on the far-flung battlefronts of the world. Fighting for our democracy and to keep actual war from the shores of our America. The rest of us on the home front, in appreciation and in the spirit of comradeship, must do our part. It takes both—taxes and War Bonds—and more War Bonds!

Remember—the longer you keep War Bonds, up to 10 years, the more valuable they become.

WSS 707B

U. S. Treasury Dept.

Idle Chatter

(Continued from page 3)

The production of the Boeing bomber which stands as a symbol of Seattle to the entire Aligned world, a symbol of destruction from the skies to the enemy, has increased to four times the former output. This plane is a product of Seattle, being conceived and designed by Seattle men. Boeing currently is producing more pounds of aircraft per man hour and square foot of space than any other aircraft manufacturer. His famed plane has played an important part in many battles of war, from the re-grand victory at Bismarck sea, the bombing of the battle-sites Scharnhorst and Gneisenau and to the daylight raids on industrial plants in Germany. These large planes are dealing punishing blows directly on the solar plexis of the axis.

Something new in North-east's contribution to the war are the Pacific huts. These are streamlined versions which save space, save time in erection and withstand cold, rain, hiccups and termites. They are used for fighters overseas. Less than a year ago the huts were merely an idea, today they are being turned out so fast that every minute one American soldier is "taken out" on a freezing battlefield and given real shelter" in igloo-like units. The hut houses 15 men, is wired and insulated and has plywood floors. Made mostly of wood, the huts compared with the old steel type make for a tremendous saving in steel. There is a wing of 9300 pounds per hut at the rate of the output estimated monthly saving steel is about 9,000,000 pounds.

And today the great pioneer spirit is surging to the fore. Caravans head north to the great Alaskan highway. Strictly a military road, it links America more closely its golden land in the North. Each caravan is a self-sustaining unit. There are cook wagons, gasoline tank wagons, wagons equipped with machine guns. The trail of '98 brought to date.

From Oklahoma and the middle-west come farmers to Northwest farms. Agricultural colleges are instructing newcomers to ways of western farming. I'm afraid though we've been carefully groomed Western farmers will undergo drastic changes as their way farming, their climatic conditions vary greatly from ours. The moral of the farms will likely be shocked and could voice opinions, no doubt growl. But just another sacrifice of war, so—so.

12. Please find out for certain if my husband is dead as the man I am living with now won't eat or do anything till he noise for sure.

13. I am annoyed to find out that you say Joe is illiterate. You don't know, it is a dirty shame, his father and I were married two months before he was born here.

14. In answer to your letter I have birth to a boy weighing 10 pounds.

15. Since you have changed my little boy to a girl does this make any difference?

16. In accordance with your instructions I have given birth to twins in the enclosed envelope.

Wishes for speedy recovery go out to Mr. John Mehelich, former secretary of No. 162 and to Petty Officer Frank Potocnik, confined to the U. S. Naval Hospital.

With the Spring of the year here we can now peel our "zimski gate" and you have to wear them to appreciate just what that really means. Just ask any defense working gal.

And to you Johnny: now that we have caught that skunk what are you afraid of? Can't took it?

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

Remember Pearl Harbor! Buy U. S. War Bonds and Stamps!

Janko N. Rogelj:

Za njegovo vstajenje

Our unconquerable power of unity and productive genius fused the invincible spirit of moral stamina reflected in the zeal with which we build bombers, guns, ships! Until victory is ours nothing shall distract us, nothing will be permitted to interrupt the work we are carrying on!

We read of pitiful occurrences of soldier boys fighting for days without food or water, their many sleepless nights, of their captures by ruthless enemies. So let's think of more cheery things. If you will lend your ear, I would like to quote actual excerpts from letters written to government officials by wives, mothers and other relatives of boys in service. These are authentic as they were forwarded by a soldier cousin who has access to the letters. You should get a laugh out of them—I did. Give a listen—here we go.

1. When will I get my relief? You say you sent them—what are?

2. My husband has worked one shift for two months and now he has left me and I ain't had no pay since he has gone, or before either.

3. Please send my elopement as I have a four-months old baby and he is my only support and I need all I can get every day to buy him food and keep him in close.

4. Both sides of my parents is poor and I can't expect nothing from them as my mother has been in bed for one year with the same doctor and won't change.

5. Please send my wife's form to fill out.

6. Please send me a letter and tell me if my husband has made application for a wife and one child.

7. I have already wrote the President and I don't hear from you. I will write to Uncle Sam and tell him about you both.

8. I have had no clothing for one year and have been regularly visited by the Clergy.

9. This is my eighth child, what are you going to do about it?

10. I can't get my sick pay. I got sex children, can you tell us why this is.

11. Sor: I am forwarding my marriage cert' and my two children, one is a mistake as you can see.

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prepovedoval, ohranili smo ga do danšnjega dne, do Cvetne nedelje v letu 1943. Ko bo konec vojne, bomo po lepo zamišljeni ideji našega slovenskega pisatelja Lojzeta Adamiča zanesli ta Slovenski dan zopet med naše ljudi v svobodno in rešeno domovino.

Tam za daljnim morjem je ozelenila zopet tužna in ranjena slovenska gruda, ki je plačevala že stoletja velik davek z zemljo, krvjo, revščino in zapostavljanjem. Potisnili so ta narod ob steno in ga plenili noč in dan. Ubup, ubijanje, solze, trpljenje, vse nečloveške in nekršanske strahote tega sveta so še preko tega trpečega in umirajočega naroda. Zopet prihaja vesna, kakor pred dvemi leti, spet sije sonce, zeleni livada, žubori potok in reka, šumi jezer, valovi morje, poje hrib in dol, šesteti gaj, a ne za našega človeka. Naš človek je brez svobode, brez sonca.

Črna, težka noč se boči nad našim človekom onkraj morja, v strtem srcu se že ohlaja zadnje upanje na svetlejšo in toplo bodočnost.

SPLOŠNI TEDENSKI PREGLED

(Nadaljevanje s 1. strani)

di z oboroženo silo. Aktivno so delujejoča v tej organizaciji bo moralna biti tudi Amerika.

WILLKIEJEVA KNJIGA

To je Veliki teden našega človeka, preko Golgate gre njezova pot v boljše in prijetnejše življenje.

Toda, kako daleč je še njegovo vstajenje, kje so čiste in lepe zarje svobodnega sonca?

Vsek dan gledajo za soncem trpeče in medle oči, ki izročajo večernim zarjam tihom bolestno prošnjo za vse one krvne brate in sestre, ki žive v daljni, daljni obljuhjeni deželi, v svobodni in prosti, veliki in radošni Ameriki.

In ti bratje in sestre smo mi, ameriški Slovenci.

Ali ste že čuli v polsnu šepatajoče in proseče besede: Daj, brat, daj; pomagaj, sestra!

Prosi oče, prosi mati; vzdujte brat in joč sestra; vaši prijatelji in znanci pošiljajo vročo željo, da bi jim pomagali.

In mi molčimo.

So li naša srca okamenela? Se je v naših dušah strdila usmiljenost do krvnega brata v Leningradu, je spala dolgo pesnitev o pomanjanju v Leningradu v zimi leta 1941. V eni kitici omenja ameriško pomoč za stradajoče ljudstvo Leningrada s sledičimi besedami: "In celo v Murmansku čakajo za nas ameriški produkti, konzervirano meso, sladkor, surovo maslo, celo sadje, banane. Vrste in vrste so zabojev tega in na vsakem zaboju je zapisano: "Samo za Leningrad."

Z A MORNARICO

Predsednik Roosevelt je predložil kongresu proračun za zvezno vojno mornarico za fiskalno leto 1944. Ta proračun znaša nad 24 tisoč milijonov dolarjev, torej približno toliko kot je stala Ameriko zadnje svetovna vojna.

HITLERJEVO STRAŠILO

Nacifašistični mogotci, ki so že izgubili upanje v svoj zmagom, skušajo s širjenjem izmišljenih vesti napraviti zdražilo med zavezniki, da bi potem v kalnem ribarili. V tem smislu se je dne 4. aprila izrazil pomogni državni tajnik Adolf A. Berle. Dejal je, da velika zgradba reorganiziranega in mirnega sveta bo morala neoporečno sloneti na štirih velikih, svobodljubečih velesilah, ki so: Zedinjene države, Velika Britanija, Rusija in Kitajska. Nobenega vzroka ni, da bi se bali Rusije. Istotako tudi ni nobenega načrta, da bi se po vojni med Rusijo in zapadno Evropo organiziral kakšen blok vmesnih držav. Ideja odbijajočih ali vmesnih držav je danes tako mrtva kot davno izumrla ptičica "dodo." Izjava Mr. Berleja je vzbudila mnogo komentarjev, ker se je nekako splošno smatralo, da Berle ni naklonjen Rusiji. Zdi se, da se vremena jasnijo in Washingtonu.

BOLIVIJA V VOJNI

Južnoameriška republika Bolivijska je od dne 7. aprila officiellno v vojni z državami osišča. Tozadevni odlok je izdal predsednik Enrique Penaranda. Odlok mora še potrditi bolivijski kongres. Bolivijska je že pred meseci pretrgala diplomatske zveze z državami osišča, kar so storile vse ostale ameriške republike z izjemo Argentine.

Ta najnovejši korak Bolivijskega secer dejanskega stanja ne bo dobro izpremenil, ima pa znato moralno vrednost.

JEZIKOV SE UČIJO

Po nekem poročilu iz Londona se Jožef Stalin uči angleščine. V Zedinjenih državah vlada pa veliko zanimanje za učenje ruščine in naš predsednik Henry A. Wallace baje ruščino že priljčno dobro govori. To so ugodna znamenja za sedanost in bodočnost.

UKRAĐENO NAZAJ

Zastopniki Združenih narodov so sklenili, da bo po vojni Nemčija prisiljena dati nazaj plen, ki ga je naropalna podpmarmjenih dežalah. Naciji so iz teh dežel odnesli ali odpeljali vse, kar je imelo zanje kakšno vrednost: denar, vrednostne papirje, umetnine, instrumente znanstvenikov, živilino, tovarniško opremo, prevozna sredstva itd. Cesarski Nemčija ne bo mogla vrniti, bo moralna na domestiti.

USPEŠNA KAMPANJA

Ruska zimska kampanja, ki je trajala 4 meseca in 20 dni, beleži, po poročilu iz Moskve, zelo lepe uspehe. V prvih vrsti je odločno porazila Nemcev pred Stalingradom, nakar jih je potisnila nazaj na nekaterih točkah od 373 do 424 milij. V tej kampanji so Rusi pobili nad 850,000 nemških in drugih osiščnih vojakov, ujeli pa so jih 343,525. To pomeni, da so Nemci in njihovi privesci izgubili na ruski fronti tekom zimske ofenzive nad 1,193,000 vojakov. Dalje navaja poročilo, da so Rusi uničili ali zaplenili 5,090 nemških letal, 9,190 tankov in 20,360 topov. Zaplenili so nadalje 9,835 zakopnih topov, 30,705 strojnih pušk, nad pol-milijona navadnih pušk, 13 milijonov krogel, 123,000 trukov, 190 lokomotiv, 22,000 železniških vozov in 1,825 skladnišč raznih potrebnih. Rusi so osvobodili obširno ozemlje, velike važnosti z ekonomskoga, vojaškega in strategičnega položaja, in so iztrgali Nemcem najvažnejše železniške in vodne komunikacije.

SREBRNI JUBILEJ

Britiška letalska armada ob haja te dni svojo 25-letnico. Ustanovljena je bila v aprilu 1912. Začetki so bili skromni, toda v času vojne leta 1914 se leta 1918 se je britiška letalska sila dobro razvila. Taktatna letala so bila v primeri z današnjimi zelo počasna in primitivna, vendar so v takratnih razmerah odgovarjala svojemu namenu. Ko so leta 1940 nemški letalci prišli nad Anglijo, jih je sprejelo močno in izvežbano britiško letalstvo. Danes povzroča britiško in ameriško letalstvo Nemci mnogo glavobola. V preteklem marcu, na primer, so imeli Nemci samo tri dni pred britiškimi in ameriškimi letalci.

SPANSKA MONARHIJA

Španski diktator Franco baje namerava ustanoviti monarhični sistem v Španiji. Regent kraljevine naj bi bil zaenkrat Franco.

DOPISI

Brooklyn, N. Y. — Tem potom naznanjam članstvu društva Sv. Petra, št. 50 ABZ, da se bo naša četrletna seja vršila v soboto, 17. aprila. Vršila se bo v navadnih prostorih in se bo pričela ob 8. uri zvečer. Na programu seje bodo trimeščni računi in poročila nadzornega odštora. Vsi člani in članice so vabljeni, da se te seje grotovito udeležijo. Bratski pozdrav! — Za društvo št. 50 ABZ:

Valentine Orehek, tajnik.

Pripomba uredništva: Imen posameznih prispevateljev za vojni fond Ameriškega rdečega križa ali za kako drugo slično smatralo, da Berle ni naklonjen Rusiji. Zdi se, da se vremena jasnijo in Washingtonu.

Naša odbora ABZ iz leta 1942. Navede pa se lahko, da je bil nabiralec Valentine Orehek, tajnik društva št. 50 ABZ, in da je za Rdeči križ nakolektal skupno vsoto \$30.00. Nabiralec in prispevatelji zaslužijo zahvalo.

Cleveland, O. — Nesreča nikdar ne počiva, in nikdo ne ve, kdaj pride na vrsto, ko mu počeče ure življenja. Danes si lahko zdrav in čvrst kot hrast, jutri si že med mrtvimi. Zadnjo soboto, t. j. 10. aprila, je šel naš član Andrew Knaus st. na delo, in, ko je hotel preko ceste, kjer je čakališče za bus, ga nek avtomobilist zadene in na mestu ubije. Cigara je bila krivna, ne vem, končno sedaj se ne da njega v življenje pričakati. Dobro pa je opomniti tiste, ki smo še živi, da bodimo pozorni, bodisi pesci ali vozniki. Pokojni br. Knaus in njegova družina je bila ena med najboljšimi plečniki pri društvu, tako, da odkar sem za tajnika pri št. 71 ABZ, niti enkrat ni bil zaostal s platičilom asesmenta. Taki in tako točni člani vplivajo na tajnike društva, ob obdrže urade od leta do leta. Taki člani se zavajajo, da ako ne plačajo svojega asesmenta točno, ga mora tajnik suspendirati, imeti delo z njim; se mu povrhu zameriti, si nakopati novega neprijatelja, ali pa poseči v svoj žep in plačati zanj. S pokojnikom in z ostanimi 60% naših članov pri društvu pa ni bilo treba delati ne prvega ne zadnjega, ker se zavajajo svoje članske dolžnosti. Preostalim sorodnikom pokojnega brata A. Knausa izrekam v imenu društva najiskrenje sožalje; njega pa ohranimo v najlepšem spominu.

Predno zaključim ta dopis, prosim vse člane društva, da plači vsak po 10c poleg rednega asesmenta tisti mesec, ko kaže član umrje, da se plača stroške nastale z umrlim članom. To je bil sklep na letni seji meseca decembra. Člani, ki posiljajo

