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St. Petersburg, Russia.—Kollander Travel group enjoys Baltic Sea cruise, sights and sunny weather outside the Hermitage Museum, St. Petersburg Square. (Photo by Cecilia Dolgan.)

Front row: Evelyn Palsa, Irma Hudovernig (Costa Cruises English-speaking hostess), Florence Zalokar, Gloria Kozel, Dorothy Janovac, Gloria Dibbin. Back row: Don Schmidt, Johana Schmidt, Fred Kuhar, Sr., Bob Dolgan, Steve Janovac.

## Cruising the Sunny Baltic Sea

By Cecilia V. Dolgan

Years ago when I heard of friends going on a Baltic cruise, I had visions of Eric the Red with horned, steel helmet at the bow of a wooden ship, bucking stormy, gray waves, and ominous cloudy weather.

In 1999, an equally mistaken impression regarding a trip to the Baltic was made: Someone asked, "Aren't you afraid to go there with the war going on in Kosovo?" To some folks Balkans and Baltic is the same.

Well, those thoughts were dissipated quickly, on a cruise package planned by Kollander World Travel. This past summer, my husband Bob and I escorted the tour group on a two week trip, including the 10-day Baltic cruise, which stopped in seven countries in northern Europe. It was one of the top-notch vacations ever. The Costa Allegra ship with 800 passengers aboard covered 2,805 nautical miles. Best of all, the weather was sunny and around 80 degrees each day, unseasonably warm for early September.

**Day 1** - The Kiel Canal, largest shipping waterway in Europe. The ship was enough of a novelty that people on land gathered at intersections along the canal and waved. The Canal through Germany, connects the North Sea and the Baltic Sea.

**Day 2** - Gdansk (Danzig), Poland. The amber

(gemstone) capital was a typical Hanseatic treaty country with German architecture. We were warned to look out for gypsies. It was good advice, as some gypsies approached a member of the sightseeing tour, who walked with the help of a cane. A policeman alertly ordered the gypsies to disburse. Memorable sight: Oldest working crane in Europe, from the 15th century.

Favorite beer: Zywiec. - No relation to Fred Ziwich.

**Day 3** - Tallinn, Estonia. This charming, medieval town has beautiful St. Nicholas Orthodox Cathedral, and Toompah Castle. The town is in good condition and easily walkable. Some members of the tour group ate at the Maharajah Indian restaurant to try something different, while some of us climbed the hill to the castle.

Favorite beer: Saku.

**Day 4** - St. Petersburg, Russia. A brass quintet on the pier greeted the ship, playing the "Triumphal March" from the opera Aida. The ship arrived on a Monday, when the Hermitage Museum is usually closed, but the cruise passengers were allowed in. What a treat! The art collections are awesome and the mammoth buildings are extraordinary. The economy is not so good with college graduates hawking souvenirs to the tourists.

Did not find a favorite beer; tried free samples of vodka.

**Day 5** - Helsinki, Finland. Lovely Esplanade - tree lined avenue - graces the center of town. Stopped in the Colorado Bar and Grill, which has great decorations from U.S. west, and the collectibles fill every inch of the place, including a mounted buffalo head. A unique, attractive memorial to composer Sibelius looks like silver organ pipes.

Best beer: Koff

**Day 6** - Stockholm, Sweden. The reception halls where Nobel prizes are awarded are opulent and immense. One ballroom has walls covered entirely with gold mosaic glass. We viewed a wooden ship built in 1628, Vasa which sank on its maiden voyage and was raised 333 years later, almost intact.

American restaurants are everywhere, so for once we stopped at a Swedish TGI-Fridays, with a great view of a city park. Swedish folk dancers came to the dock and danced as the ship prepared to depart.

Favorite beer: Pripps.

**Day 7** - At sea. The Costa Allegra passed under the second largest suspension bridge in the world, which connects two Danish islands. The span has a very modern design. The ship celebrated the Millennium early, with a New Year's Eve party complete with streamers and noisemakers.

**Day 8** - Copenhagen, Denmark. The famous Little Mermaid and the bear family (Continued on page 6)

## Slovenian Sports Club Hosts Mardi Gras 2000

LEMONT, IL — The Slovenian Sports Club of Chicago a not-for-profit organization will host *Mardi Gras 2000*, a Cajun and Zydeco dance party on Saturday, Feb. 26 at the Slovenian Cultural Center in Lemont.

The event will feature the music of two Midwest groups: the Midway Ramblers Cajun Band, known for traditional Cajun sounds, and Big Nick & the Cymecos, performing a mix of Zydeco, rock and R&B tunes.

Before the music gets underway, dance instructor Louie Stallone of Chicago will introduce the crowd to the Cajun 2-step, waltz and other basic dance steps.

In addition to participating in the dance lesson, partygoers can sample a variety of authentic Louisiana foods including jambalaya, red beans & rice, gumbo, alligator sausage and blackened chicken Po'Boys. Pat O'Brien Hurricanes — the drinks made famous in New Orleans' French Quarter — will also be served.

The Mardi Gras theme party will also include door prizes, beads, doubloons, costumes, and masks.

"This is the Slovenian Sports Club's third Mardi Gras party, and it promises to be our best yet," said Chairperson Dale Trinko,

founder of the Club and a member of the Slovenian Cultural Center. "Throughout the year, the Cultural Center celebrates the music and customs of Slovenia, including traditional polka-waltz melodies. But during Mardi Gras, we borrow heavily from our New Orleans compatriots to create a lively carnival atmosphere.

Trinko said, "It's a great way for friends and families to come together, and, as they say in New Orleans — "Laissez Les Bon Temps Rouler" — Let the good times roll.

Doors open at 6 p.m. Dance instruction and music start at 6:30. Tickets are available in advance for \$12.50 each, or they may be purchased at the door for \$15. (Part of the proceeds will benefit the Slovenian Cultural Center.)

The Center is located on the grounds of St. Mary's Seminary, adjacent to Cog Hill Golf Course, just West of Route 83, at 14252 Main St., in Lemont.

For more information about the Mardi Gras festival, contact Dale Trinko at 773/779-1655.

[The Slovenian Cultural Center, honors the history and people of Slovenia, provides a forum for area Slovenians to gather and celebrate their heritage.]

## 7000 Slovenians in Bethlehem

Bethlehem, PA is the home of 7,000 Slovenians who have emigrated to the USA prior to World War I. Now that we are in the world Slovene community by virtue of recognizing ourselves as Slovene and not "Wend/Windish," and by virtue of the fact that we are a sister city to Murska Sobota, we urge all Slovenes with a Bethlehem connection to say hello.

We are now very active and have made ties with the Prekmurje Slovenes in the

Chicago area. We will be visiting Steelton, PA and Tony Flaynick's group, along with the Bridgeport, CT, and Anton Malenšek.

Our group has made a number of visits to Prekmurje and have had a number of groups from Slovenia join us in Bethlehem over the past three years. Will be nice to hear from our dispersed family on our 80th anniversary of the Prekmurje leaving Hungary.

Best to all,

--Stephen C. Antics, Jr.

Many men climb to considerable heights by remaining on the level.

To err is human; to blame it on someone else is even more human.



Last week I read a headline, "Mother Nature unleashes hazardous snow-storm on east coast." Now why do they do that? Why do they say *Mother* Nature? All mothers I know are kind and gentle and loving who take pride in nurturing their children and baking poticas and strudels for them.

When there is a hurricane, or tornado or flooding, or volcano eruption, they always report *Mother* Nature is at it again.

From that we can assume that *Mother* Nature is some kind of maniacal monster going out of her way to destroy or injure her offspring and their (her) possessions.

Why don't they blame something else like just plain "nature," or "forces of physics?" Why blame something sacred like a mother?

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You have heard of Son of Paleface, Son of Frankenstein, and Sons of the Pioneers. Well, polka master Eddie Habat should take advantage of this time-honored practice and re-do his Polka Hall of Fame award-winning song called "Jack on St. Clair Polka," which took top honors on Saturday, Nov. 27 at the Awards Show XII.

He could call his new hit, "Son of Jack on St. Clair Polka," and subtitle it, "Marchin' Along with Jim's Journal." The Jack on St. Clair Polka was composed by Matt Hoyer who used an old Austrian military march

for melodic lines. Habat could update it a bit and use an *American* military march for melody such as the ever-popular ditty sung by all military personnel as they glide along in precise formation, which was turned into a hit song a few years ago by Vaughn Monroe, taken from the movie Battleground," called "Sound Off."

Let's see, we need one guy with a good voice, possibly we could tap a fellow with likes both the military and polkas - I know - Rudy Flis. He could sing, "I read a good article from the left." Then the chorus could respond, "You're right."

In the background we would hear these soldiers or Marines marching along, "clump, clump, clump" hollering, "Left two, three-four. - Left two, three-four."

"Sound off. One, two, three, four. - One two, -- three, four. - clump, clump, clump."

"I read a good article about Bob Mills."

"You're right."

"I read a good article by Rudy Flis."

"You're right."

"I read a good article by John Mercina."

"You're right."

"I read a good walk down Mlakar's Memory Lane."

"You're right."

"Joe Glinsek's remembering Collinwood."

"You're right."

"I read a good article by Jim's Journal"

"You're mistaken."

"Sound off - One, two, three-fourths, three-four!"

We have to persuade Eddie Habat out of retirement so he can make one more hit and get the world jumping again. After all who else but the guy who recorded, "Go-Man-Go



## 100 WORDS MORE OR LESS

by John Mercina

### "THE CASTLE"

Have you seen the above movie? If the answer is "NO", you just may wish to rent a video and spend an enjoyable winter evening in seeing this Australian movie, made in 1999. It is rated "R" simply because of the use of a few words that everyone in your family has heard before. The movie is a comedy/drama, about a family named Kerrigan, and their immediate neighbors, who are about to lose their home due to a need for an airport expansion. By the use of an Australian equivalent of an American eminent domain, this loving and happy family, which is quite satisfied with life under high tension wires and airport noise, is about to be evicted from a house which is their home and their castle. This family's simple lifestyle also includes a place in the country, also located under high tension wires, next to a muddy pond. They named this place "Bonny Doon".

I will not tell you the rest of the story because this movie is definitely one you should see.

Comments: John Mercina, P.O. Box 99251, Cleveland, Ohio 44199

## The Forgotten Polka Great

By Rudy Flis



How beautiful the Polka Mass Corpus Christi Parish celebrated on January 22, 2000. The Orcades Band made real harmony of our faith and of our heritage at Mass. And then it was our dinner-dance, and again, these gentlemen performers of the Orcades did a superb job. What a fun evening it was, friends, good food, an all-around warm evening of enjoyment.

A good thing too. When it was over, the parking lot and our cars were covered with snow, and nobody cared. It was that kind of night.

In the Jan. 20th issue of American Home, on page 5, was an article by Tony Petkovsek, titled, "Top 25 polka artists of the 20th century." It was an interesting article and covered much territory.

Hoyer, Lausche, Vadanis, Pecon-Trebar, Habat, Bass and the Polka King, Frankie Yankovic, are just a few of the polka greats mentioned.

But the pioneers, Matt Hoyer and Dr. William Lausche will someday have company. The pioneer who dreamed, worked, endured and never gave up, and was

rewarded when he celebrated the world's first Polka Mass, is pioneer "Fr. George Balasko" affectionately known as the "Polka Priest."

And you know what? He's a musician also, a banjo player. Fits right in, don't you think.

Fr. George Balasko, with the great band "The Orcades" will celebrate Mass in the month of June, at Our Lady of Lourdes Shrine in Euclid, Ohio. It will be a Wednesday afternoon, about 5 p.m. the exact date is not fixed, but keep reading this paper and we'll let you know.

Oh, yes, I promise, no snow at this coming Polka Mass.

Would you be surprised if I told you I feel Fr. George Balasko is a forgotten jewel in our polka community? Pioneers are hard to come by and should not be overlooked.

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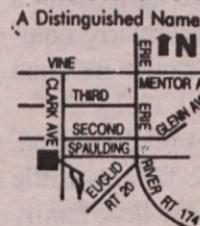
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# TO YOUR HEALTH AND LONGEVITY

By Frederick E. Krizman,  
L.L.D.

## CREATIVITY

Creativity does not end with aging. Remarks like "He/she are too old to do anything," is nonsense.

History is replete with stories about the aged that have demonstrated ideas about their accomplishments of things they started in their golden years. Ideas and accomplishments tell the story of things they thought they could never do.

George Burns told a story of what he was able to do even though he had reached his 97th birthday. He was still able to entertain as a stand-up comic.

Creativity and a working mind does not stop as we grow older. The elderly have been known to discover talents they were unaware of. Depending on energy and not some physical handicap, the elderly blossom into artists and develop skills not

(Continued)

thought possible. Singing, dancing, writing poems, novels and commercials suddenly have the elderly demonstrate new-found talents.

Playing the role model for younger persons brings forth a new lifestyle and enjoyable satisfaction.

Studies of behavioral research indicate brain cells respond to exercise in the same manner that physical exercise develops other parts of the body. Do something you enjoy, something that really makes you happy, whether it is storytelling, singing, telling jokes, or writing articles for a local newspaper. Don't forget humor is a great creative power.

Grandma Moses started painting even though she never used a paint brush until her later years. There are many other things elderly are able to do, like take a course in photography if you

enjoy taking snapshots. You can become the family photographer or make a film history of your home-town.

Don't quit just because of your age. Whatever you do, once you start, don't quit. Let your age be your inspiration to others to bring light to an entirely new field you never thought possible. You may become a Nobel Prize winner and have a whole new lifestyle.

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** What Fred says is true. Another excellent area the elderly can pursue is the Internet. People have said to me, "I'm too old to learn how to use the computer." To that I say "Nonsense."

Just don't try to learn everything in one week. Take a year to learn the computer. Once you do, you will have an entire WORLD of friends and information awaiting your input. You will be so busy you will not know where the time went.

## Speaking of Presidential Candidates

Editor,

During this hype of presidential candidates' debates and what-nots, I thought I might put my two cents worth of personal evaluation of the individuals who would like to be the next occupant of the White House. Hoping this will entice some of the readers of this fine newspaper to respond either in agreement or disagreement. After all, it's our sacred privilege and duty as citizens of this great country to be a part of the 'mold' of our nation. Who knows, maybe we just might be an example of democracy to our fellow Slovenians in the new republic.

**Gov. George Bush —**

His father, the president, was stubborn to recognize the new republic of Slovenia, while junior still doesn't know the difference between Slovakia and Slovenia (Must run in the family.)

**Sen. John McCain —**

Too good to be true.

**Sen. Orrin Hatch —**

Being a good senator does not necessarily mean he will be a good president.

**Steve Forbes —**



The prefix *Mach*, used to describe supersonic speed, was named for Ernst Mach, a Czech-born Austrian physicist who contributed to the study of sound.

A sensible man who also shows his concern about the harm that the "abortion-rights" have done to this nation.

**Ambassador Alan Keyes —**

The most courageous candidate of them all when it comes to defending the "sanctity of life," even with the chance of losing the race (I'm sorry to say), because of the conviction he has about reversing the Roe vs. Wade ruling. It's about time we forget the color of a man's skin and see and hear what his morality is about.

**Gary Bauer —**

Another anti-abortion person who does not keep silent when a chance arrives to speak up in defense of the unborn who are slaughtered in numbers far greater than the wars of Korea, Vietnam, Bosnia and Kosovo all put together.

**Pat Buchanan —**

Except for a couple of errors that the news media blew up out of proportion, instead of giving him a fair chance to make clear of what he really meant, this man is what America needs and should lead us in the new millennium. He also is a

## Candidates

strong anti-abortion person and always was.

**Donald Trump —**

ARE YOU KIDDING?

**Al Gore —**

In the past years he was always seen standing in back of Bill Clinton, bopping his head in agreement like Howdy Doody. Why expect anything different.

**Bill Bradley —**

Pro-abortion... but, anyone would be better than Clinton.

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In regards to the highly publicized race for the Senate in New York - Flip a coin. Either way we all lose. Both candidates are "pro-choice" (to murder the unborn).

**Mayor Rudolph Giuliani —**

(Note to - New Yorkers) He is supposedly a Catholic, but advances the right to abortion.

**Hillary Clinton —**

As that old song goes: "If you don't know me by now?"

GOOD LUCK, AMERICA!

**Frank P. Cerar**  
*Cleveland, Ohio*

## VALENTINE'S DAY FACTS & FANCIES

### Today's Valentines

#### Take The Internet Super Highway To Romance

(NAPS)—Here are a few lovely facts about Valentine's Day past and present you may cherish at any time:

Some historians say Valentine's Day is for the birds. That is, they trace it to an old English belief that birds choose their mates on February 14.

Another story says Saint Valentine was a priest in Third Century Rome. When the emperor forbade young men to marry, believing bachelors made better soldiers, Valentine secretly presided over their nuptials anyway.

The custom of sending romantic messages on Valentine's Day may have begun in the 1500s, but the first commercially-printed Valentine's Day cards didn't appear until the 1800s.

Today, many Americans express their ardor over the Internet. You can even get a customizable, interactive Valentine's Day CD-ROM.

The Valentine Greets features include:

- **Interactive Chocolates:** A heart-shaped box of candy takes you through all the sweet features found on the CD. The recipient even gets an actual box of real chocolates.

- **Free advice:** Amusing answers from a special set of twin sisters.

- **Love IQ:** This simple (really simple) 24-question quiz can help you rate your love potential.

- **Make a date:** This humorous game lets you set friends up on interactive blind dates. It even predicts how the evening will end.

- **Romance Writer's Block:** Cre-



Cupid, it appears, has exchanged his arrows for a mouse as the modern Valentine goes on line and interactive.

ate your own inspired poetry or prose by arranging a selection of Valentine's Day-related words.

- **Mush Movies:** Find opinions on more than a dozen movies that focus on the theme of love. The reviewers include the "movie store worker," the "hip chick," the "frustrated producer" and the "witty couple."

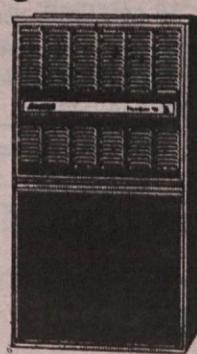
- **Puzzling Love:** This is a trio of drag and drop puzzles based on romantic images. The animated results, solvers say, are well worth the effort.

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By Ray Mlakar

Let's start off with a couple of jokes. Are you ready? I hear **Eda Kovach** laughing and I have not even told it yet. Wait for the punch line Eda.

After church services, a little boy told the pastor, "When I grow up, I'm going to give you some money." "Well, thank you," the pastor said, but "why?" The little boy replied, "Because my daddy says you're one of the poorest preachers we ever had."

Ready for number two? A wife invited some people to dinner. At the table, she turned to their six-year-old daughter and said, "Would you like to say the blessing?" "I wouldn't know what to say," the girl replied. "Just say the prayer you hear Mommy say," the lady explained.

The daughter bowed her head and said, "Lord, why on earth did I invite all these people to dinner?"

Thanks to my brother Frankie in Erie, PA for these jokes.

Well, let's go back to Annunciation for one of my few last recollections. It seemed that as we eased into the higher grades, 5th and 6th, the nuns never failed to give us homework. Bless their little hearts. Aside from the regular home work, she said, "As your religious assignment, be sure to listen to Bishop Fulton Sheen on the radio and listen to his sermon; you will be asked about it Monday morning."

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Well, Ray did his homework on Friday night in order to make the weekend free, so to speak, and on that fall weekend, we were going out to Madison, Ohio to pick grapes for my aunt and uncle who had over 10 acres of grapes to be picked.

We went early and dad dropped us kids off on the corner of Hubbard Road to attend Mass at Immaculate Mary Catholic Church and afterwards cousin Johnny picked us up to take us to the farm. We got home late Sunday night after picking grapes from dawn to dusk and Ray forgot all about the radio program and Bishop Sheen.

Monday was the day of reckoning and the first thing Sister said was, "Ray, you were not at the 9 a.m. Mass, the Children's Mass. Where were you?"

Saying I was in North Madison picking grapes went over like a lead balloon. She asked if I went to Mass at all? "Yes Sister, dad dropped us off for the 8 a.m. Mass at Immaculate Mary Church in Madison. "Well," she said, "you should have been at Annunciation Church at the 9 a.m. Mass, which is expressly said for children, before picking grapes. She didn't know it, but "Pa" did not see it like that. On my way going to school that morning, I asked some of the kids what

Bishop Sheen said in his Sunday's program, but none would tell me. Guess they liked to see me in trouble.

As luck would have it, Sister asked me first what Bishop Sheen's sermon pertained to. I couldn't lie... I said I asked some of the kids going to school this morning, but no one would tell me. She said, "Ray, you are something else. You think more of grapes than you do of God, and now you are saying that you do not even listen to Bishop Sheen's radio program. - I bet the Mass you did attend in Madison was not even a children's Mass.

"Oh, I think it was Sister. I seen some farm kids in the pews."

"Watch my lips," Sister said... in the future have your family plan the so-called grape picking on some other day than Sunday... understand? Am I speaking your language?"

"Yes Sister," I said although I knew she was not speaking our language; we speak Slovenia. I didn't tell Pa about what Sister said about picking grapes for Pa would be ticked off and tell Sister that if we did not go as a family to the cousin's to pick grapes, there may just not be enough wine available for the priest to say Mass. Just between me and my readers, I know that God did not mind that I attended Mass at another church than Annunciation.

But back to Bishop Sheen. I can honestly say that as I grew older, especially when he was on TV, his sermons were even more dramatic. He would swirl around before the camera with his long black cape, edged in lavender. If you recall, he always started out his sermons with a joke to capture his audience's attention.

The one time he told the story about how Jesus said that when we die, we will turn to dust, just like when we were born. He went on to say that one little boy came running from his bedroom and told his mom, "I looked under my bed and there is a lot of dust there so someone must be either coming or going." From that point on, the viewers were hooked for he really got the point across. It goes without saying we could certainly use a few more Bishop Sheen's in today's world, for just maybe, some of us could be saved.

Well, the light is getting dim and it is time for Ray to say "Good Nite." *Lahko noc* May the Good Lord bless and watch over you, and may Bishop Sheen keep us on the right track.

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# Kids Games

By Joe Glinsek

There were games for every occasion and every season, and kids knew them by instinct.

Our school playground had space for sandlot baseball, but clay or mud-lot would have been a more accurate description, and I was in my teens before a backstop was built. With permission and hard work there was ice-skating and hockey.

The young priests at St. Mary's allowed us to build an earthen dam around a large rectangle of the playground, and persuaded the local fire department to flood the space in winter. The water froze quickly and made a pretty fair ice rink most of the winter, though it required frequent shoveling. Through the efforts of Fr. Victor Tomc, a new young priest in our parish, an outdoor basketball court was built in the mid-1940s.

Some games were invented especially for bad weather at certain times of the year. The game known as "stick in the mud" was reserved for the wet, muddy days of early spring in Collinwood, and now seems ludicrous. The equipment was a square stake, pointed at both ends. Gloves would have been useful, but were always at home. A few

"sensible" kids wore four-buckle rubber galoshes. The exact rules elude me, but one kid threw the stake far into the swampy playground, hoping to stick it upright in the mud. His partner ran to a designated spot before the stick landed. If both succeeded, the next team plodded through the muck for the stake and gave it back for another turn. If not, they retrieved their own stake and gave it to the other team. Sound stupid? It was. And the results were predictable.

We would "catch hell" when we got home with runny noses, chapped hands cracked bloody knuckles, and caked with mud from head to toe. But we had a great time in the process.

Our kid's credo proclaimed that "outside was always better than inside. Collinwood kids never stayed in the house unless they were forbidden to go outside - that was the *ultimate* punishment.

If we were blessed with a dry spell in the spring, it was time to spin our "tops." No, not a nervous ailment; tops were small wooden cone-shaped toys with a metal tip. You wound a string tightly up the cone, and with the end looped around your little finger, threw the top with a side-arm motion to a firm surface on the ground. Properly done, it spun rapidly on the metal tip until its energy was spent. Sound exciting? Well, we thought it was skillful fun, and dreamed up other variations that could be played by spinning the top.

Marbles was another springtime game, and the local newspaper sponsored tournaments at local schoolyards. The glass balls from  $\frac{1}{2}$  to  $\frac{3}{4}$  inch diameter had names like "cat's eye," "mibs," and "clearys." The bigger ones were called "shooters." Some were beautifully hued with swirling designs inside transparent colors. The smallest were made of fired clay painted in solid colors, and were considered "real cheesy."

The basic game had two players, each lining up an equal number of marbles in the center of a large ring scribed on a flat dirt surface. They took turns from the ring's edge, firing their shooter from a clenched thumb and forefinger by flicking the thumb as a spring-loaded catapult.

The idea was to fire your marble along the ground the

knock another out of the ring, then it became yours. If your shooter stayed in the ring, you continued shooting from there. If not, you shot from anywhere on the ring's edge until you missed. Then the next player had his turn and so on, until all the marbles were out of the ring. If you played "for keeps," you were putting up your batch of marbles and gambling that you could knock out more than you put in.

There were other marble games with names like "poison" or "spinsies." Shallow holes were dug in the pattern of a "Domino five," and the object was to shoot into each hole from corner to corner, until you made it into the center hole. Thumb down on the edge of a hole, you spread your fingers and traced an arc in the dust from which you would shoot. If you tried to gain a tiny bit of ground, there were cried of "no hunching."

What I remember about playing marbles, was scrubbing the knuckles of my shooting hand. After hours of grinding your knuckles in the dirt, a scrub brush and "Lava" soap removed most of the dirt along with some of your skin.

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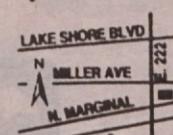
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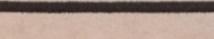
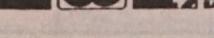
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There is no question the Slovenian language is the most important element which defines the cultural identity of the Slovenian people. Despite centuries of foreign domination and a relatively small number of people who understand it, Slovenian remains a rich and vital language.

On Wednesday, February 9, Dr. Vladimir J. Rus will present a lecture on the history and development of the Slovenian language. His discussion will include an overview of the main features that helped determine the nature of the Slovenian Literary Language and the factors which influenced its survival.

The event, which is free and open to the public, will take place at 7 p.m. in the lower hall of the Slovenian Society Home, 20713 Recher Avenue in Euclid, Ohio. A coffee and strudel social will follow the lecture.

Dr. Rus, in addition to being a founding trustee of the Slovenian American Heritage Foundation, is the President of the Cleveland-Ljubljana Sister Cities Committee. He is also currently serving on the State of Ohio Humanities Committee.

Dr. Rus was born in Rijeka, Croatia and came to the United States in 1951 after living in Trieste, Italy. He holds a Doctorate Degree in Political Science from the University of Trieste, Masters Degree in Slavic Languages from the University of Michigan, and Masters Degree in Political Science from Case Western Reserve University.

Dr. Rus has taught the Russian language at the high school level and at Case Western Reserve University. He also taught introductory courses in Slovenian Language at Cleveland State University.

## Slovenia Seeks Removal of Yugoslav Insignia from UN

Bosnia-Herzegovina, Croatia, Macedonia and Slovenia have initiated a diplomatic action which should lead to the passage of a resolution in the UN General Assembly that will eliminate the "frozen" place of the former Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia from the United Nations.

According to certain diplomatic circles on East River, four of the Yugoslav successor states want to put an end to the unclear status of this long non-existent state, which still has its plate and flag at the United Nations building.

The objective of this proposal is to avoid having the current Federal Republic of Yugoslavia appear in the UN as the direct successor of the former Yugoslavia. The resolution will demand that the government in Belgrade submit a request for UN membership if it wants to participate in this organiza-

tion's work. Milošević's regime has exploited the UN's indecisiveness for too long by having a Yugoslav chargé d'affaires work in the UN. The only concession the UN made on this mark was to prevent the Yugoslav delegation from participating in the work of the General Assembly. Right now Ambassador Vladislav Jovanović has only a plate with his name on it in front of him, rather than one with the name of the state he represents.

The Croatian and Bosnian ambassadors already requested the UN Secretariat remove the insignia of this non-existent state in 1992, but they were unsuccessful. They were told that the UN Charter does not foresee such a situation.

At the proposal of the UN Security Council, the General Assembly decided to keep the seat of the former Yugoslav in the UN empty.

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**Baltic Cruise...**

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statues were in the harbor within walking distance of the ship. On a visit to the city center, loads of people were shopping on pedestrian-only streets. There were street performers at every corner from hip-hop to mines. Tivoli Park is an entertainment center with plenty to see and do.

Three ladies from our tour group, Evelyn Palsa, Gloria Dibbin, and Gloria Kozelj rode an elephant bareback. Lunch at Groftens restaurant was excellent.

Favorite beer: Tuborg.

**Day 9** - At sea. - The ship entered the North Sea, around northern Denmark, and the water as more turbulent than the Baltic. We enjoyed the third gala evening on ship with special dessert served: Tiramisu. It was so rich and delicious, some people could not eat all of it, and others had two.

**Day 10** - Amsterdam, Netherlands. All places of interest in the city were easily reached by walking. A person can follow the streetcar tracks, and see many notable sights along the way. A word of caution though, watch out for streetcars, then jump out of the way of a bicycle. Bicycles with cell phones are the favorite transportation. A visit to the great VanGough museum has three floors of the artist's work.

Our tour group caught a glimpse - and that was all that was necessary - of the notorious red-light district on our way to a canal ride. The canal excursion included dinner - Thai food, super if you like super hot.

Favorite beer: Heineken.

Costa Allegra ship rating is: Magnifico. Party atmosphere. We met a very competent, friendly English-speaking hostess aboard, Irma Hudovernig, from Klagenfurt, Austria. Yes, she definitely has Slovenian ancestors, and the name was originally Hudovernik. She joined in the Sing-along-with-Cilka reception in the disco and was surprised when everyone belted out a few Slovenian folk songs, and was impressed when everyone stood up and sang the Star Spangled Banner. The Vietnamese lounge attendant loved the music and gave everyone a hug.

Good music for dancing and listening aboard the Costa Allegra was scheduled every evening in the Flamenco ballroom and Murano Lounge. There were many daily activities, and invigorating morning walks on the outdoor decks. This was only the second cruise for my husband and me, and hopefully not the last, because it beats riding buses from place to place.

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Once again Špela Pretnar was a winner, this time in the Alpine skiers meet in Bavaria. She was the fastest in both slalom courses. The 26-year old star had her 40th win in Berchtesgaden. At the same time Matjaž Vrhovnik, a 27-year old from Ljubljana, took third place in the Mont Blanc in France. Another Slovenian skier to be reckoned with is Mitja Kunc. Slovenian skiing is well represented on a world scale.

More deaths than births in Pri-morje bewails *Novi Glas*. That means a dying nation, which does not bode well especially for a small nation.

*Delo* conferred the title of Personality of 1999 to the Reverend Mark Ivan Rupnik, a Jesuit priest and artist. This theologian was in charge of restoring the chapel, Redemptoris Mater, in the Vatican. The inlaid mosaic work took three years to complete. In addition Reverend Rupnik will be presented with the prestigious Prešeren Award on February 8. Academician Janez Bernik, president of the Slovenian Academy of Arts and Sciences, proposed the candidate. At the same function Svetlana Makarović will be honored for her poetry work.

Vipava Valley has had 12 golden jubilarian priests. Father Anton Melinc was the thirteenth. He died Christmas Eve last year. He was pastor in Rencah. May he rest in peace!

Jolka Milic is a prolific translator of Slovenian poetry, mostly into the Italian language. She also has translated Italian poems into Slovenian. Born in Sežana, she continues writing and translating.

Another poet and writer is Andrej Čebokli born in Kred near Kobarid. His book was kept in manuscript form for 60 years. About two thirds consists of reminiscences and diaries of World War One.

**Coming Events****Friday, Feb. 4**

Dance at West Park Slovenian Home, 4583 W. 130 St., Cleveland 7:30 - 11:30 p.m., featuring Dan Peters.

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Ski Windham, New York. For info. call Ivan Kamin 718 424-2711.

**Wednesday, Feb. 9**

Lecture "Slovenian Literary Language" by Dr. Vladimir J. Rus, 7 p.m. at Slovenian Society Home (lower hall), 20713 Recher Ave., Euclid, Ohio. Sponsored by Slovenian American Heritage Foundation.

**Friday, Feb. 11**

Dance at West Park Slovenian Home, 4583 W. 130 St., Cleveland 7:30 - 11:30 p.m., featuring Wayne Tomsic.

**Sunday, Feb. 13**

Slovenian Mission Circle sponsors annual chicken roast-beef dinner in St. Vitus Auditorium from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Adults \$10, children \$5. Tickets at parish office.

**Sunday, Feb. 13**

St. Christine Parish, E. 222 St., Euclid, Ohio spaghetti dinner in school cafeteria serving from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Adults \$5, children \$2. Benefit 8th grade field trip to Columbus, OH.

**Sunday, Feb. 20**

Slovenian School of St. Vitus Benefit Dinner featuring soup, roast pork or roasted chicken from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in St. Vitus Auditorium. Adults \$10.

**Saturday, Feb. 26**

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## Death Notices

### FRANK L. GRDINA

Frank L. Grdina, a retired Ohio Bell Telephone Co. employee who had been a Jesuit priest and principal of St. Ignatius High School, died Friday, January 28, 2000 at St. Vincent Charity Hospital. He was 68.

Mr. Grdina graduated from St. Ignatius High School in 1949 and entered the Society of Jesus, the Jesuit order. He earned a bachelor's degree from Xavier University and a master's degree from Loyola University.

He taught at St. Xavier High School in Cincinnati and, after ordination in 1962, returned to his alma mater, where he was a history and theology teacher, assistant principal and principal.

He left the priesthood in 1970 and married Jean Camell, a former nun with the Sisters of the Humility of Mary. She died three years ago.

After leaving St. Ignatius, he taught history at Dyke College and worked in marketing at Ohio Bell until he retired in 1989, when his health declined.

He died of complications of a spinal cord tumor. He was in a wheelchair for 19 years.

"He was special, never once complained," said his sister Madeleine Znidarsic. "His doctor even said that if he complained, he'd feel better. To talk to him over the phone, you'd never know he was in a wheelchair."

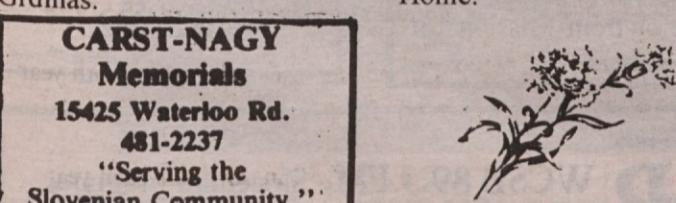
He was popular with the staff at the Regina Health Center, where he spent two years. "He was an outstanding man, very close to the Lord and astute around people," said Sister Xavier of the health center.

As a child, he helped his grandfather produce home movies from photos taken of people in the old Slovenian neighborhood.

He was always interested in Grdina family history and traced the family tree eight generations to 1790. After publishing the family tree in 1992, he organized a reunion attended by more than 300 Grdinas.

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Another sister, Marie A. Ogrinc, also survives.

Services were at 9 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 1 at St. Paul Catholic Church, 1231 Chardon Road, Cleveland.

Arrangements were by Fortuna Funeral Home in Cleveland.

Donations may be sent to the Detroit Province of the Society of Jesus, 7303 W. Seven Milke Rd., Detroit, MI 48221-2121.

—Dell M. Mosley  
*The Plain Dealer*

### DANIEL PRIJATEL

Services for Daniel Prijatel of East 66th Street were held Monday, January 31st at St. Vitus church.

Daniel was born Feb. 7, 1954, the son of Edward (deceased) and Mary (nee Dominak); brother of Edward, Judy (George) Kuharick, and Jane (Jim) Graves; uncle of seven and great-uncle of one.

Dan was employed as a Machinist at Superior Die Cast.

Burial was in Calvary Cemetery.

Donations to a charity of your choice.

Zele Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

### VIDA T. SCHMIDT

Vida T. Schmidt (nee Bijek), retired research librarian from Gould (formerly Clevite) and retired owner-operator of Bijek's Tavern in Cleveland.

Wife of Frank (deceased); daughter of Anton and Elizabeth (both deceased); sister of the following deceased: Melanie Reese, Josephine Dorsey, Elizabeth Grdina, and Antoinette Bijek; aunt of Roger Dorsey (wife Patricia) of Hambden, Betty Grdina of Silver Spring MD; Tonia Grdina (husband Terry Hinkel) of Cody, WY, and Gina Grdina (husband Bill Bauer) of Westminster, MD; great aunt of Kelly and John Dorsey (both of Hambden) and Alexander Bauer of MD.

Services on Monday, Jan. 31 with 9:30 a.m. Mass at St. John Vianney Church. Interment Calvary Cemetery.

Arrangements by the Grdina-Faulhaber Funeral Home.

### FRANK A. LIPOLD SR.

Frank A. Lipold Sr., 73, of Euclid, Ohio, passed away on January 25, 2000.

Mr. Lipold was born on January 30, 1926. He lived in Euclid for 40 years. He was a Draftsman for 38 years with Fisher Body Plant in Euclid.

He was a Cubmaster with Troop 161 for four years; a member of St. Felicitas Church for 40 years and belonged to AMLA.

Mr. Lipold is survived by his wife of 46 years Marie E. (nee Baird); son Frank A. Jr. (wife Lori) of Willoughby Hills; grandchildren Jessica Marie, Jill Victoria, Maureen Therese, Colleen Rose, Frank A. IV; brothers Albin, and William; sisters Lucy Glavac, and Ann Fratianni.

His brother Anthony and parents Frank and Frances Lipold, are deceased.

Friends were received at The Dan Cosic Funeral Home, 28890 Chardon Rd., Willoughby Hills on Thursday and Friday, Jan. 27 and 28th.

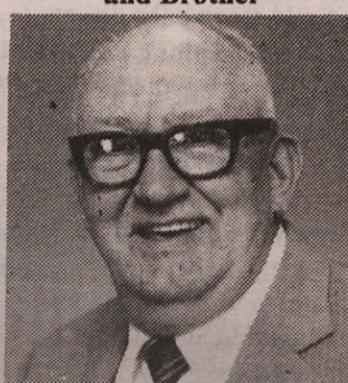
Mass of the Resurrection was held Saturday, January 29 at St. Felicitas Church at 10 a.m., with Rev. Richard Bober, pastor, officiating. Burial in All Souls Cemetery, Chardon, Ohio.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions to the Slovene Home for the Aged or a charity of your choice.



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twins Anton Vincent and

Andrej Joseph Vogel,

grandsons;

Joseph V. Vogel Sr.

son-in-law;

2 sisters and brother in Canada; remaining relatives in

Canada and Slovenia

### LEO JEVEC

Leo Jevec, 94, passed away on January 29, 2000.

Funeral Mass was Wednesday, February 2 in St. Vitus Church at 10 a.m.

He was the husband of Ernestine (nee Perše); father of Lt. Col Robert J. Jevec (retired), and Betty Lee Gorgon (Robert (dec.); grandfather of Lee Ann, Robert N. Gorgon and Tanja Jevec; brother of Frančiška (Fani) Boben, (Stanko (dec.), and the following deceased John and "Lina" Jevec; ) Jeve; uncle of Stanka and Jože Boben; great uncle of Jana.

Born in Leadville, Colorado, he worked at Momart Steel Co. as a steel gauger. He was a school guard for St. Vitus for 7 years.

He belonged to SNPJ #576 Spartans and Macabees and St. Clair Pensioners.

Friends were received at the Zak Funeral Home.

### Krofe Sale

St. Vitus Altar Society will have their monthly krofe sale on Saturday, Feb. 5 at 8 a.m. in the St. Vitus Social Room. Noodles are also available.

### Donation

Thanks to Progressive Slovene Women of America #3 who gave a donation of \$20.00 to the Ameriška Domovina.

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### Shrine Novena

The first Novena of the new millennium at Our Lady of Lourdes Shrine, Chardon Road, Euclid, Ohio will be held from Thursday, Feb. 3 through Friday, Feb. 11.

The Novena will be conducted by the Rev. Scott Haig, SSS, the Associate Pastor of St. Paschal Baylon Church. The evening service will begin with the Rosary at 7 p.m., followed by celebration of Mass, homily, and Novena prayers.

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(By Maryann Kaifesh Beveridge)

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### Ingredients:

- 6-8 potatoes
- 2 lbs ground beef
- 1 cup chopped onion
- 1 tsp garlic
- 2 cans Franco-American beef gravy
- 1/4 tsp. black pepper
- Pinch of thyme
- Pinch of rosemary

### Directions:

Cook meat until brown along with the onions and garlic. Drain off the fat. Add the gravy and spices, simmer, uncovered for about 30 minutes or until thick.

While the meat is simmering, boil potatoes to mash. Put meat mixture into baking dish. Top with mashed potatoes. Bake at 375° for about 20 minutes or until lightly browned.

--Kim Ann Kaifesh  
*Our Family Recipes*

## Easy Beef Stew

This is Linda's recipe, and is another of those that you throw together and throw into the oven. Serves a group, and is great for leftovers, too.

### Ingredients:

- 3 lbs beef, cubed
- 5-6 potatoes, peeled and cubed
- 1 lb carrots, peeled and sliced
- 2 chopped onions
- Chopped celery
- 1 can tomato soup
- 1 can cream of celery soup
- 1 can consommé

### Directions:

Mix all ingredients in an oven-proof pan and bake, covered at 350 for 2 1/4 hours.

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## Valentine Jokes



Knock, knock.

Who's there?

a.) Willoughby.

Willoughby who?

Willoughby my valentine?

b.) Cantaloupe.

Cantaloupe who?

Cantaloupe tonight. Perhaps tomorrow.

c.) Romeo.

Romeo who?

Romeo wasn't built in a day.

d.) Juliet.

Juliet, who?

Juliet ate all the heart-shaped candy.

e.) Boo.

Boo who?

Don't cry. I'm still your valentine.

--Bob Debevec

### Renewed subscriber

I am mailing in my new subscription. Years ago I received the 'Domovina' when I lived in St. Clair area.

When I was a girl of 11, I lived in Newburgh. I helped Dr. Perko's sister deliver the paper. My mother taught me to read Slovenian and now I still write to my cousin in Celje, Slovenia and to his son Dr. Matjaz Lesjak.

I visited them in 1973 and regret I haven't gone there more often.

Thanks for the opportunity to again subscribe and to the American Home patriot for subsidizing the \$15 so I could receive the discount.

--Josephine Suhadolnik  
Euclid, Ohio

### Krofe Sale

On Saturday, Feb. 5, St. Mary (Holmes Ave.) Altar Society will have a krofe sale in the school cafeteria beginning at 8:30 p.m.

### Spaghetti Dinner

St. Christine Parish in Euclid, Ohio will hold a Spaghetti Dinner on Sunday, Feb. 13 in the school cafeteria. Serving is from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Adults \$5, children \$2.

Benefit for 8th graders field trip to Columbus, OH.

### Donation

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- Never leave small children in a room where a wood stove is in use.

Wood stove users should dispose of ashes in metal containers with tight-fitting lids and set the container only on a noncombustible surface. Never dispose of ashes in a trash container.

The use of portable heaters requires an even greater commitment to safety. Because the heaters are portable, great care must be taken to ensure they do not block the exit from a room or come in contact with something that will burn.

Kerosene heaters are designed to use only 1-K "water clear" kerosene as fuel. Care must be exercised to insure that gasoline is never accidentally placed into the heater's fuel tank.

Most fires involving electric heaters are caused by the heater being placed too close to furniture, draperies or bedding.

Install a smoke detector on each level of your home and outside each sleeping area.

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## — Vesti iz Slovenije —

Dimitrij Rupel zopet slovenski zunanji minister – Glasovanje v parlamentu 55 za in 13 proti

Včeraj je državni zbor na tajnem glasovanju podprt kandidaturo Dimitrija Rupla za novega zunanjega ministra. Rupel se je po prisegi zahvalil za izkazano podporo in dejal, da se že veseli nadaljnje sodelovanja, poroča današnji *Delo fax*.

"Rupel je na predstavitev uvrstil med prednostne naloge zunanje politike vključitve v EU in NATO, večjo odprtost za sodelovanje z ZDA in njihovih naložb ter večje odpiranje do Nemčije, Francije, Velike Britanije in Nizozemske, ki bodo odločale o naslednjem krogu širitve NATA. Poselna skrb po njegovem velja odnosom z vsemi sosednjimi državami, zlasti z Italijo in Hrvaško; kar zadeva sporazum o obmejnem prometu in sodelovanju s slednjo, je Rupel menil, da bo treba, če ne bo dosežen konsenz, predlagati manjše popravke."

Še vedno ni opaziti nobenih ugibanj o tem, kdo naj bi bil Ruplov naslednik v ZDA.

**Odločitve o združitvi SLS in SKD še ni – SKD in SDS pa že intenzivno oblikujejo sodelovanje na jesenskih volitvah**

Ta teden je najvišji organ SLS na seji ugotovil, da je vse pripravljeno za združitev s SKD, pri slednji so pa, kot kaže, zdaj bolj zadržani. V torek je npr. dejala glavna tajnica SKD Hilda Tovšak, da sta stranki dalj časa enotni o tem, da imata enake prednostne naloge. "Vendar se resnična pripravljenost kaže v dejanjih. Mi smo jasno in glasno povedali, kaj menimo, da je dobro za Slovenijo, na strani SLS pa je, da se odloči."

SKD in SDS delata s polno paro pri oblikovanju njih koalicije Slovenija za skupen nastop na volitvah. Koalicija ta teden

snuje svoj strateški svet, ki se bo ukvarjal s koaličiškim programom, najprej volilnim, nato vladnim. Hkrati tečejo pogovori o skupnih kandidatih za jesenske parlamentarne volitve. Ti naj bi bili izbrani v enakopravnem razmerju. Če bi se jim pridružila SLS, bi tudi zanjo veljalo enakopravno načelo kandidiranja.

### Razpravljanje o spremembni volilnega sistema se ne bo kmalu končalo

Današnji *Delo fax* poroča, da sta stranki LDS in SDS enotni vsaj v tem, da bo težko doseči v parlamentu dvotretjinsko večino o tem, kakšni naj bi bili volilni okraji za izvedbo volitev po dvokrožnem volilnem sistemu. Spor med LDS in SDS je v prvi vrsti o tem, kdo naj bi okraje oblikoval. V LDS menijo, da bi oblikovali nekakšno zunanj strokovno komisijo, v SDS so pa mnenja, da bi jih oblikoval sam parlament. LDS namerava v marcu zahtevati izredno sejo parlamenta, ki bi se ukvarjala z zakonskim osnutkom, katerega je LDS predložila. Generalni sekretar Gregor Golobič je dejal: "Če bodo naš zakon zavrnili tisti, ki prisegajo na večinski volilni sistem, bo za LDS zgodba 'večinski sistem' zaključena." Zadeva ima svoje posledice še pri ravnanju SLS, v kateri baje vedno bolj računajo na uporabo tudi za letosne volitve dosedanjega volilnega sistema.

### Odprtje častnega konzulata v Vancouveru

Slovenska vlada je izdala ukrep o odprtju častnega konzulata v Vancouveru, Kanada. Za častnega konzula je bil imenovan dr. Branko Palčič.

### Vrednost tolarja vedno manjša

V zadnjih tednih pada vrednost tolarja. Včerajšnja tečajnica Banke Slovenije kaže, da 1 ameriški dolar prinese 204,36 SIT, kanadski pa 140,54.



**KOVINSKI STEBRIČKI PRED HIŠO LJUBLJANSKIH MARINCEV** – Po novem 40 kovinskih stebričkov preprečuje, da bi kdo zapeljal avtomobil pred stavbo na Vrtači 11 v Ljubljani. V njej stanujejo marinci, ki varujejo ameriško veleposlaništvo. Američani so v začetku decembra lani postavili na pločnik pred hišo velika jeklena korita, ki naj bi jih varovala pred morebitnimi avtobombami in drugimi nevarnostmi. S tem so prekršili mestni odlok, povzročili nejevoljo pri bližnjih prebivalcih, saj so jim odvzeli večje število parkirišč in povzročili manjši zaplet v slovensko-ameriških odnosih. Spor je bil razrešen, ko so bila sporna korita umaknjena za ograjo na dvorišče in s postavljivo kovinskimi stebričkov na pločnik. Stroške za stebričke je prevzela mestna občina Ljubljana.

## Iz Clevelandia in okolice

### Sestanek –

Dramsko društvo Lilija ima svoj redni mesečni sestanek v ponedeljek, 7. februarja, ob pol osmih zvečer, v Slovenskem domu na Holmes Ave. Članstvo je naprošeno, da se sestanka udeleži v čim večjem številu. Govora bo o Liliji in pustni zabavi.

### Predavanje dr. V. Rusa –

V sredo, 9. februarja, bo o zgodovini slovenskega literarnega jezika govoril dr. Vladimir Rus. Javnost je vabljena v spodnjo dvorano SDD na Recherjevi ulici v Euclidu ob 7h zv. Predavanju in diskusiji bo sledilo družabno srečanje z luhkim okrepčilom. Ta večer sponzorira Slovenian American Heritage Foundation. Vstopnine ni.

### Prodaja krofov in peciva –

To soboto ima prodajo peciva Oltarno društvo pri Mariji Vnebovzetji in to dopoldne v šolski dvorani.

Prav tako ima to soboto svojo mesečno prodajo krofov in domačih rezancev Oltarno društvo pri Sv. Vidu, sicer v družabni sobi ob običajnem času.

Pomagajte prizadevnim članicam z vašim obiskom!

### Novi grobovi

#### John Rajk st.

Umrl je 59 let stari John Rajk st., mož Amalije, roj. Jursic, oče Johna ml. in Vlaste, 4-krat stari oče, brat Josephine, Marije in Antoinette. Pogreb bo v soboto v oskrbi Želetovega zavoda s sv. mašo pop. ob 12.30 v cerkvi Marije Vnebovzetje in pokopom na Vernih duš pokopališču. Ure kropljenja bodo jutri, v petek, pop. od 2. do 4. in zv. od 7. do 9.

#### Frank L. Grdina

Dne 28. januarja je v bolnišnici St. Vincent Charity za rakom umrl 68 let stari Frank L. Grdina, rojen v Clevelandu, vdovec po pred tremi leti umrli Jean, roj. Cannell, sin Franca in Mary, r. Sveti (oba že pok.), vnuk Antona Grdina, brat Marie A. Ogrinc in Madeline Znidarsic, 17-krat stric in 18-krat prastric, l. 1949 graduiral iz višje šole sv. Ignacijja, posvečen v duhovnika-jezuita l. 1962, bil učitelj in nato ravnatelj šole sv. Ignacija v 60-ih letih, duhovniški poklic zapustil in se poročil, nato bil profesor zgodovine na Dyke Co. (dalje na str. 15)

### Misijonsko kosilo –

Letno kosilo Misijonske znamkarske akcije (MZA) bo v nedeljo, 13. februarja, v šolskem avditoriju pri Sv. Vidu. Cena kosila za odrasle je \$10, za otroke \$5. Serviranje bo od 11. dop. do 1.30 pop. Nakaznice za kosilo dobite v župnijski pisarni, pri članih MZA, na voljo bodo tudi pri vhodu v dvorano. Več v MSIP na str. 16.

### Preminula sta –

Iz Milwaukeeja je prišlo sporočilo, da sta tamkaj pretekli teden umrla 91 let stari Lojze Galič, ki je bil dolga leta dopisnik Ameriške Domovine (gl. str. 10), iin Jože Ornik. Oba pokojna sta bila aktivna člana SKD Triglav. R.I.P.

### Občna zborna –

To nedeljo pop. ob dveh bo v prizidku Slovenskega narodnega doma na St. Clairju občni zbor. Naslednjo nedeljo, torej 13. februarja, bo imel občni zbor s pričetkom ob 2h, Slovenski društveni dom na Recherjevi ulici v Euclidu. Lastniki certifikatov in zastopniki družev-lastnikov certifikatov, so lepo vabljeni na udeležbo.

### Kosilo Slovenske šole –

Kosilo Slovenske šole pri Sv. Vidu bo v nedeljo, 20. februarja, v avditoriju pri Sv. Vidu in s serviranjem od 11. dop. do 1. pop. Cena kosila za odrasle je \$10.

### Tudi preko e-maila –

V angleškem delu AD ponavlja lastnik e-mail naslov lista. Možno je pošiljati po tem naslovu tudi dopise in krajše vesti za slovenski del. Le v angleščini omenite, da je dopis za slovenski del. Naslov je:

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### Spominski darovi –

Ga. Marie Oblak, Cleveland, O., je darovala \$20 v podporo listu, v spomin moža Johna V. Oblaka. \$20 je prav tako poklonila Sylvia Močnik, Cleveland, v spomin staršev Franca in Louise Močnik. Ga. Milena Zaper je darovala \$20, v spomin moža Johna. G. Arnold Pristernik, Rockaway, N.J., je pa daroval \$30, v spomin žene Elene. Vsem najlepša hvala!

### V tiskovni sklad –

G. John Kamin, Middle Village, NY, je daroval \$70 v podporo AD. Hvala lepa za podporo in naklonjenost!

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## Svetovni slovenski kongres in slovenska prihodnost

Pogostoma slišimo z raznih koncev, da so nad Svetovnim slovenskim kongresom (SSK) po začetnem navdušenju junija 1991, z odhodom nekaterih znanih soustavljiteljev v politiko, drugih pa v privatnost, mnogi pravzaprav razočarani, saj si kongres ni pridobil mesta, ki bi mu v slovenski družbi doma in po svetu pripadalo. Tudi v nas samih zaznavamo kanček takega občutka.

SSK je prvenstveno društvo slovenske civilne družbe. Aktivna civilna družba, z vsemi svojimi dejavnostmi, od politično (nestrankarsko) usmerjenih, preko kulturnih, športnih, verskih do vrtičarskih društev ali združenj, je v demokratični državi sine qua non, brez nje demokracije ni. Za civilno društvo je potrebna primerna pravna oblika legitimnosti ciljev ter finančna in politična neodvisnost od države in političnih strank. Po teh kriterijih bi mogli reči, da pri nas ni mnogo resničnih civilnih združenj. Mnogi so namreč financirana do neke mere ali pa v celoti iz državnega proračuna, pri čemer veljajo kriteriji vsa-kokratne oblasti. Na ta način je njihova samostojnost in neodvisnost bolj ali manj ogrožena. Normalno pa je, da civilna društva sodelujejo tako med seboj, kot tudi z državo in s političnimi strankami, kadar gre za skupno dobro.

Ker je za sedaj pri nas državno financiranje civilnih združenj bolj izjema kot pravilo, bi morali uradi in oblastne institucije imeti jasne in javno dostopne kriterije pri odločanju o dedelitvi ali zavrnitvi proračunskega dendarja. To velja tudi za področje delovanja SSK.

V pripravah na občni zbor v naslednjem letu (tj. letu 2000, op. ur. AD) bo potrebno še posebej razmislieti o virih našega financiranja. Kolikor bo v okviru prenovljenega statuta dana možnost za vključitev nekaterih pridobitvenih dejavnosti, bomo morali po naših konferencah po svetu, skupaj s Slovensko konferenco, ki je že naredila nekaj začetnih korakov v to smer, začeti z zbiranjem uresničljivih idej za izpeljavo teh finančnih možnosti.

**Dr. Jože Bernik**

Predsednik, Svetovnega slovenskega kongresa  
*Glasilo*, 4/1999, letnik IV

V SSK je včlanjen tudi Ameriški slovenski kongres/American Slovene Congress, predsednik je dr. Silvester Lango iz New Yorka. V Kanadi je to Kanadski slovenski kongres/Canadian Slovenian Congress, predsednik je dr. France Habjan. Kanadski slovenski kongres bo imel letni občni zbor v soboto, 1. aprila, pop. ob 5h, v dvorani župnije Brezmadežne na 739 Browns Line v Torontu, slavnostni govornik bo dr. France Arhar, guverner Banke Slovenije.

Ur. AD

## Lojze Galič preminul



LOJZE GALIČ ob 90. rojstnem dnevnu

Obveščeni smo, da je preteklo soboto, 30. januarja, v Milwaukeeju v 92. letu starosti preminul bivši večletni dopisnik Ameriške Domovine Lojze Galič. Ljubljancan po rodu – rodil se je 4. decembra 1908 – je Lojze Galič po 2. svetovni vojni Slovenijo zapustil in po nekajletnem bivanju v begunskih taboriščih se je prišel v ZDA ter postal ponosen ameriški državljan. Naselil se je v Milwaukeeju. Naselil je tam svojo živiljenjsko partnerico Frances, ki je pa preminula 25. februarja 1994. Kmalu je postal aktiven pri milwauškem Slovenskem kulturnem društvu Triglav, pri katerega je bil tajnik, igralec in režiser, pred leti je bil slovenski napovedovalec pri Ivancičevi ameriško-slovenski radijski oddaji na postaji WMIL. Bil je dalj časa tajnik Jugoslovanskega Sokolskega društva "Bratstvo". In, kot se gotovo spominjali naši dolgoletni bralci, postal je redni dopisnik tega lista. Ponovil bi besede, ki sem jih zapisal ob poročilu Lojzetovega 90. rojstnega dne: "...izkazal se je tudi z vedno prijaznimi besedami ob vsakem poslanem članku ter bil z ženo Frances prijeten gostitelj ob mojem obisku Milwaukeeja pred že tolikimi leti". Ur. AD

Tinka Cvajnar Vombergar

Euclid, Ohio

## Dvojna krivica

Ta članek je izšel v nedavni številke reviji Nova Zaveza marca lani v Ljubljani, v rubriki "Življenje in spomini ljudi, ki so bili pregnani v izseljenstvo", posredujemo ga še našim bralcem.

Ur. AD

Doma sem iz Preske pri Medvodah. Moje ime je Tinka Cvajnar, poročena Vombergar, po domače Kosova.

Doma smo imeli največjo kmetijo v Preski. Poleg tega pa še eno hišo za štiri družine, sodobno, ki jo je moj ata Alojzij Cvajnar-Kos dal zgraditi malo pred vojno. Naše hiše in drugo posestvo – gozdovi, njive in travniki so bili najlepši in z vso ljubeznijo oskrbovani.

Moj ata in mama sta bila zelo delavna in dobra gospodarja, tako da smo srečno in veselo živelj vse do začetka druge svetovne vojne. Moli in delaj je bilo naše geslo. Tudi otroke Lojzko, Ivana, Slavko in mene so poštene in skrbno vzgojili. Prišla pa je vojna in z njo vse bridkosti, skribi in žalost.

V začetku leta 1942, ko se je pojavila OF, je moj

ata podpiral partizane, ker smo mislili, da se bojujejo resnično za narod. Kmalu pa je spoznal, da je OF samo krinka. Ko so začeli pobijati naše poštene in zavedne ljudi, jim nismo mogli več verjeti.

Od takrat naprej smo postali tarča zanje. Začeli so nam krasti živino, prašiče in živež ter obleko in denar, tako da smo večkrat ostali brez vsega in so nam morali priskočiti na pomoč sosedje. Toliko strahu sem preživel, da mi še danes škoduje.

Tudi ob koncu vojne nismo mislili bežati, pa so domobranci našli v nekem bunkerju spisek ljudi za likvidacijo. Za nas, Cvajnarjevo družino, je pisalo, da moramo biti likvidirani vsi do zadnjega člena. To nam je dalo misliti in tako smo se odločili za dolgo pot v neznano begunstvo. Odločitev so vzpostavljale tudi reke beguncev iz Dolenjske in Ljubljane, ki so šle tudi skozi našo vas.

Pri nas so se ustavili neki ljudje iz Ljubljane in so prepričali ata, da se je podal s težkim srcem z vso družino na pot. Neki

gospod je dejal, da partizani po Dolenjskem pobijajo vse od kraja, kdor je bil proti njim in je ostal doma, tudi otroke. Mama pa so rekli: "Če je tako, nam zdaj nič drugega ne kaže, kot da gremo tudi mi." In šli smo. Menili smo, da ti gospodje iz Ljubljane že vedo, kaj je prav, ko se ukvarjajo s politiko.

### Zaplenjeno in razgrabljen premoženje

Po vojni je nova oblast vse podprtavila in naša imovina je bila izpostavljena samo še izkorisčanju in uničevanju. Tako smo izgubili vse, kar so naši predniki in moj ata s trudem in znojem s časom spravili skupaj.

Poleg tega smo doživeli še eno tragedijo. Ubili so nam edinega sina oziroma brata Ivana, ki je bil zelo kratek čas pri domobrancih v Škofji Loki. Revež ni hotel v nemško vojsko in se je devet mesecev skrival na podstrešju, kjer je imel skrivališče skrbno zamaskirano. Pred tem so ga partizani vabili v svoje vrste, pa mu je ata rekel: "Ivan, tja pa že ne boš hodil, da boš nedolžne ljudi pobijal in kradel."

Ivan pa se je po nekem času naveličal čepeti na podstrešju in živeti v večnem strahu. Ko se je nekoga dne pri naši hisi ustavila domobranska patrulja, jih je Ivan v svojem skrivališču slišal in se odločil. Prišel je po stopnicha v vežo in dejal: "Fantje, jaz sem tukaj in grem z vami." Tako je bil Ivan dobré pol leta domobranec.

Po vojni so ga Angleži vrnili in poslan je bil v Škofijo Loko. Tam je bil nekaj dni zaprt v gradu brez hrane in žegen, ker mu partizani še vode niso pustili piti. Ubili so ga z nekaterimi drugimi domobranci v gozdu nad Škofjo Loko. Danes je tam oskrbovano grobišče in sorodniki jim prižigajo lučke. Ubili so ga iz same hudobije, laži in hinavščine.

Ivan je bil zelo dobrega srca. Vsak človek se mu je smilil. Večkrat je skrivaj vzel doma kruh, ga skril za predpasnik in nesel tistim, ki ga doma dosti niso imeli. In prav tisti, ki jim je nosil kruh in druge dobre, so ga potem kot vrjenjega domobranca najbolj mučili in končno je od njih dobil še strel v tilnik.

Sosed Ivan Bizant je bil partizan. Naš Ivan se je nekoč v boju s partizani srečal z njim. Po naključju mu je "prišel na strel". Z velikim zadovoljstvom nam je povedal, da je povesil puško in ni streljal nanj.

### Grenki spomini na dom

Drugi smo zdaj že več kot 50 let razsejani po svetu. Doma še nisem bila (dalje na str. 11)

# Izpod zvona sv. Marije Vnebovzete

CLEVELAND, O. - Toliko lepih ur smo preživel pod našim zvonom, da je prav, da to tudi povemo.

Kot da je čutil Nebeški Oče, da si želimo belo pregrinjalo za ta veliki božični praznik, nam je nasul snega dva dni pred svetim dnevom, kar smo veselo pozdravili. Sveti večer je! V veselem pričakovanju smo hiteli proti cerkvi.

V cerkvi je bilo temno, le okrog jaslic in na božičnih drevesih so gorele male lučke, ki ne dajejo dosti svetlobe. Pevci so prepevali božične pesmi, in ko so začeli peti *Sveta noč*, so prišli ministrantje iz zakristije. Mala deklica, iz Slovenske šole, je kot angelček nesla malega Jezusa v spremstvu dveh dečkov – angelčkov s svečkami, in g. župnik. G. župnik je položil Ježuška v jasli in blagoslovil jaslice. Zagorele so vse luči, res slovesno, v zvoniku pa so potrkavali. Kako lepa je bila ta božična noč!

Od starega leta smo se lepo poslovili in vsak po svoje je vstopil v Novo leto 2000. Bog nam daj milosti, da bomo prav preživeli to leto!

Na prvo januarsko nedeljo je imelo Oltarno društvo sv. mašo v zahvalo in za blagoslov v Novem letu. Popoldne, po uri molitve, litanijah ter blagoslovu, je bil sestanek združen z občnim zborom v šolski dvorani. Ostal je stari odbor še za to leto, kar so vse navzoče z veseljem sprejele. Poznalo se je, da je več članic bolnih, ko ni bila prav lepa udeležba. G. župnik nam je dal korajžo, saj delamo za blagor bližnjega pod Marijinim varstvom.

Kljub vsem dogodivščinam, smo že v drugem

mesecu in to nedeljo bomo zopet prosile varstva in zdravja vsem bolnikom. Ne pozabite, drage sestre, da bodo popoldne molitve pred Najsvetijšim, nato pa blagoslov, potem še kratek sestanek v šolski sobi za sestanke.

To soboto (5. feb.) bomo pa zopet delale krofe in ste vsi, ki berete te vrstice, lepo povabljeni, da se pripravite stalnim odjemalcem tega dobrega peciva. Pridite in kupite, to seveda v dopoldanskem času. Prav lep pozdrav vsem!

Lavriševa

## Dvojna krivica

(nadaljevanje s str. 10)

od leta 1945, ko smo zapustili svoj dom. Ne morem iti. Imam preveč grenačkih spominov in žalosti.

Zdaj živim v Ameriki in se imam še kar dobro. Z možem imava tri otroke – dve hčerki dvojčici in sina. Konec avgusta lani (tj. leto 1998) je moj sin hotel videti deželo svojih staršev in sorodnikov. Zelo je bil navdušen nad lepoto Slovenije, ki jo je prvič videl v družbi svoje žene Dane. Z video kamero je posnel vse "naše hiše" in gozdove ter drugo zemljo.

Nisem mogla verjeti, da sta naši hiši tako zapančeni. Nekoč sta bili eni najlepših v Preski. Danes pa sta tako uničeni, da sem samo jokala. V hišah živijo zdaj drugi ljudje. Veliko naše zemlje je že pozidane, gozdovi posekani, samo grmovje in drobna drevesa rastejo. V gozdu skoraj ni drevesa primerne debelosti. Moj ata je skrbno varoval svoje gozdove in je imel najdebelejše smreke v njih. Če je potreboval les, ga je raje kupil drugje, samo da

ni v svojem sekalu. Danes pa je v našem gozdu veliko odlagališče odpadkov, kjer je polno muh in druga mrčesa. To pač ne dela časti občini Medvode in okolju.

### Vrnite nam ukradeno

Na pristojnem mestu smo pravočasno vložili prošnjo za vrnitev ukradenega premoženja, vendar se do zdaj še ni nič premaknilo z mrtve točke. Kakor slišim, so nekateri dobili vsaj nekaj vrnjenega, za nas pa nočejmo niti slišati ali pa nas odpravijo s praznimi oblubami. Videti je, kot da čakajo, da bomo vsi pomrli. Vendar imamo še svoje otroke in ti bodo zahivali, da dobijo vse vrnjeno. Nekoč se bo to uresničilo. Vsaka krivica se maščuje že sama po sebi. Božji mlini meljejo počasi, a zanesljivo.

Moja družina ni storila nikomur nobene krivice, le veliko dobrega. Poobeno moja pokojna mama. Ko je mama pred leti obiskala svojo rodno vas in je videela vse razdejanje, je čez eno leto od žalosti umrla v ZDA. Prav tako mojata. Toliko se je mučil in garal vse življenje, sedanje stanje pa ga je spravilo v prezgodnji grob. Če je moja družina storila kakšnemu človeku krivico, naj mi piše na moj naslov.

Kot ameriška državljanica bom še naprej uveljavljala vrnitev svojega premoženja, tudi na pristojnem uradu ameriške vlade. Do zdaj so še vsakomur odgovorili in se zavezeli za njegove pravice.

Pozdrav vsem, ki se nas še spominjajo.

## Z AMERIŠKO DOMOVINO STE VEDNO NA TEKOČEM

### V BLAG SPOMIN

7. obletnice smrti naše  
drage mame, stare mame  
in prastare mame



**Jožefa Štepec**  
ki je umrla 6. februarja 1993.

*V miru božjem zdaj počivaj,  
draga, nepozabna nam;  
v nebesih rajsko srečo uživaj  
do snidenja na vekomaj.*

Žalujoci:

Tone, sin, z družino  
Pepca, Mara, Vida in Ani,  
hčere, z družinami  
in ostalo sorodstvo v ZDA,  
Kanadi in Sloveniji.

Cleveland, Ohio, 3. februar 2000.

### POČIVAJTA V MIRU IN VEČNA LUČ NAJ VAMA SVETI

#### ŽALUJOČI:

Joži Meglič, Lenka Mišmaš in Franc  
hčerki in sin z družinami



1894 - 1960



1907 - 1998

### Kristalni kelih iz Rogaške za Janeza Pavla II.



Rim – Papež Janez Pavel II. je bil nadve vesel kristalnega kelija iz Rogaške, ki so mu ga v sredo dopoldne na avdienci v vatikanski dvorani Pavla VI. izročili v spomin na njegov drugi obisk v Sloveniji in razglasitev škofa Antona Martina Slomška za blaženega. Kelih z gravirano podobo blaženega Slomška so izdelali v poslovni enoti Rogaške Crystala v Kozjem, pri delu pa je sodelovalo več kot trideset največjih slovenskih strokovnjakov. Poleg generalnega direktorja Rogaške Davorina Škrinjariča in obeh oblikovalcev, Francijana Černelča in Jožeta Božička, je bila na avdienci pri papeževem obisku pri slovenski vladi. Navzoč je bil tudi slovenski veleposlanik pri Svetsem sedežu dr. Karl Bonatti, ki mu gre zasluga za zamisel o spominskem kelihu. T. H.

Preslikano v celoti iz DELA, 20 januarja 2000

### Krekova banka uresničila načrte

**Maribor** (Delo fax, 27. jan.) – Krekova banka je v preteklem letu uresničila svoje načrte, tudi letos pa ostaja zvesta svoji dolgoročni strategiji, kar pomeni, da bo ostala samostojna, srednje velika, vseslovenska, univerzalna in uspešna banka, je med drugim povedal predsednik uprave mag. Aleš Žajdela na včerajnjem ponovoletnem srečanju s poslovnimi partnerji v Mariboru.

Lani je banka povečala nominalni obseg poslovanja za 7,2 milijarde tolarjev, kar je za 14 odstotkov. Bilančna vsota banke je konec leta presegla 58 milijard tolarjev. V Krekovi banki so imeli lani za 15 odstotkov več tolariskih in za 17 odstotkov več deviznih vlog nebančnega sektorja, pravne osebe pa so povečale svoje vloge za 18 odstotkov. Lani so dodelili za 17 odstotkov več posojil prebivalstvu.

Po besedah Žajdele je banka lani izdala za 65 odstotkov več tolariskih ter deviznih poroštev in akreditivov: za 10,8 milijarde jih je bilo. Obseg poslovanja s tujino so povečali za polovico in je presegel vrednost 39 milijard tolarjev. S svojimi štirinajstimi poslovalnicami (lani so jo odprli še na Ptaju) so zdaj prisotni po vsej Sloveniji. Imajo 208 zaposlenih, lani pa so občutno znižali tudi delež operativnih stroškov, ki znašajo zdaj 3,2 odstotka povprečne aktive.

"Zadovoljni smo tudi z doseženim skupnim dobičkom, ki znaša po nerevidiranih podatkih 541 milijonov tolarjev. To smo dosegli kljub temu, da smo popravili vrednosti in rezervacije v večjem obsegu kot leto poprej. Posebne rezervacije za bilančno aktivo smo povečali s 3,6 odstotka brutto aktive na 5,4 odstotka, kar v skupnem znesku pomeni povečanje z 1,4 milijarde tolarjev, to pa je za 74 odstotkov več kot v letu 1998," je še dejal Žajdela.

Majda Struc

### V NEPOZABEN SPOMIN FRANC IN ANA KAMIN

#### 10. OBLETNICA



umrl 10. jan. 1990

#### 33. OBLETNICA



umrla 14. jan. 1967

*Gospod, daruj jim mir,  
naj večna luč jim sveti;  
ker si dobrote vir,  
uživajo raj naj sveti.*

#### Žalujoci:

Sin — Ivan z družino, New York  
Hčerke — Ani (sestra Bernardka)  
Marija, Jožeta z družinami (Cleveland, O.)  
In ostalo sorodstvo v Clevelandu, Sloveniji  
ter Urugvaju.

## Boj za izseljensko pogačo

**Ljubljana** – "Z olajšanjem lahko končno sporočim, da smo oddajo rešili. Pogajanja in iskanje možnosti za preživetje so bila prav zdaj, ko smo obhajali 12-letnico programa, dolga in izčrpavajoča," sporoča po elektronski pošti **Mirko Vasle** v imenu sodelavcev slovenske radijske oddaje v Buenos Airesu v Argentini. Zadovoljen, da je peščici prostovoljnih sodelavcev uspelo znova zagotoviti možnosti za ohranjanje slovenske identitete nekje "na koncu sveta" ...

Nezavidljive finančne težave pestijo urednico časopisa *Glas Slovenije* iz Sydneja **Stanko Gregorič**. S komaj verjetno vztrajnostjo pripravlja pester in aktuelen štirinajstdnevnik v slovenščini, ki ga je – skupaj z obilico drugih pomembnih informacij – mogoče najti tudi na spletni strani Stičišče avstralskih Slovencov.

Organizator, oblikovalec in založnik teh strani **Florjan Auser** pa se je letos lotil še obsežnega televizijskega projekta Snowy Mountains Scheme o Slovencih, ki so pomagali graditi avstralski gigantski energetski sistem, in pravne rednih tedenskih televizijskih oddaj v slovenščini.

V podobnem, to je zagnatem finančnem položaju iščejo možnosti za preživetje še druge revije, časopisi ali oddaje, pa ne le daleč čez lužo ali v sosednjih državah.

Pred kratkim je na pragu 50-letnice pomenljivo, s fotografijo sončnega mraka na naslovni, napovedal svoj konec *Slovenski izseljenski koledar*. Enaka usoda naj bi čakala še dve preostali, sicer uveljavljeni

publikaciji, četrtletno revijo *Slovenija* v angleščini in mesečnik *Rodna gruda*, kajti, smo slišali za nameček vsemu temu, tudi Slovenska izseljenska matica (SIM) je tik pred "finančnim zlomom".

Vendar v tem primeru ne gre za brezup zaradi siceršnjega pomanjkanja denarja za to področje. Stvari so se tako zapletle, da bo SIM, kot so napovedali, tožila **Mihailo Logar**, državno sekretarko Urada za Slovence v zamejstvu in po svetu, "ker na omenjenem uradu zavestno in brez razlogov ne izpolnjujejo pogodb o financiranju SIM".

Urad jim namreč še pred koncem leta ni nakazal mesečnih prispevkov od septembra dalje, čeprav na SIM zagotavlja, da v celoti izpolnjujejo pogodbene obveznosti. Nakopičen primanjkljaj jim vse bolj one-mogoča delovanje.

Poleg tega pa Slovenska izseljenska matica, enako kot Svetovni slovenski kongres in Društvo Slovenija v svetu, v proračunu znova nima samostojne postavke, ki naj bi bila trdnejše jamstvo za delovni okvir 2000, kot "skupna vreča", iz katere po presoji deli denar omenjeni vladni urad, z "domicilom" na zunanjem ministrstvu. Pri tem je treba vedeti, da gre za različne vire, ki so namenjeni plačam, in druge za kulturne in ostale programe.

V zvezi z denarjem, ki naj bi ga bili deležni iz proračuna, je vodstvo SIM skupaj s SSK in Društvom Slovenija v svetu podpisalo predlog k omenjenemu dokumentu, s katerim naj bi z izrecnim zagotovilom državne sekretarke, odgovorne za Slovence v zamejstvu in po svetu, vsaka zase za-

gotovili samostojne postavke, pri čemer bi na SIM prejeli za 23 odstotkov manj denarja, SSK za 46 odstotkov več in Društvo Slovenija v svetu za 35 odstotkov več.

Znane so neskončne polemike o tem, da sta ob SIM preostali dve organizaciji v podrejenem položaju, in ni skrivnost, da med njimi ni bilo simpatij. Navsezadnje je marsikatera pobuda nastala zato, da bi "svoji lahko nagovarjali svoje po svoje". Vendar je zanimivo, da so se v tem primeru vse tri enotno potegovale za samostojne proračunske postavke.

Kako se bo stvar razpletla, bodo pokazale parlamentarne razprave. Že nekaj let se zgodba ponavlja tako, da si omenjene institucije z amandmaj le izbrijo samostojne proračunske postavke. Vendar bo vedno težje krpanje nečesa, kar že dolgo terja tehtnejši premislek.

Nihče ne dvomi, da je sodelovanje s Slovenci po svetu ne le pomembno, ampak nujno. Tako imamo pravcato gnečo najraznovrstnejših inštitucij, od civilnih društev in združenj, vladnega urada, parlamentarnih komisij ali odborov do znanstvenoraziskovalnih ustanov. Nimamo pa ustrezone zakonodaje, ne kriterijev in merit za ocenjevanje predlogov in dejavnosti organizacij, ki "gojijo stike" s Slovenci po svetu.

Seveda ni narobe, da vsak, ki "navezuje stike, pomaga ohranjati slovensko identiteto", kakor ve in zna, išče svoj prostor pod soncem. Vse "v imenu demokracije".

Toda ali v tem "gozdu" sploh še naznavamo "drevsa"? Predvsem pa, je komu mar, zakaj postajajo Slovenci po svetu, ki jim redko kdo resnično prisluhne, vse bolj nezadovoljni, naveličani tega, da se spomimo nanje takrat, ko jih potrebujemo, in manj ob vsem drugem, kar je zanje v njihovem okolju življenjsko pomembno?

Delo, 27. dec. 1999

### BRALCI

AMERIŠKE DOMOVINE!  
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### MALI OGLASI

#### VARSTVO OTROK

Iščemo osebo, po možnosti slovensko govorečo, ki ne kadi in bi bila pripravljena paziti 3 majhne otroke na našem domu dva dneva in pol na teden. Če ste zainteresirani, prosimo poklicite na tel. štev. 216-691-1945, in pustite sporočilo.

## Cerkev in dolina miru

**Ljubljana** – Tema prvega letošnjega klubskega večera na sedežu društva novinarjev je bila odnos med Cerkvio in mediji, gost dr. **Ivan Štuhec**, uvodničarka **Ranka Ivelja** z ljubljanskega *Dnevnika*, pogovor je povezovala **Sonja Merljak** z *Dela*.

Ranka Ivelja je na primeru komentarja iz *Družine* o znanih dogodkih glede sklepanja prvega mednarodnega sporazuma med Slovenijo in Svetim sedežem utemeljila mnenje, da tudi cerkvena stran včasih reagira tko, kot ponavadi očita drugim: torej z diskreditacijo, v konkretnem primeru vodje katedre za mednarodno pravo Boruta Bohteta ali bivšega ustavnega sodnika Matevža Kriščica.

V odgovoru je Ivan Štuhec med drugim povedal, da je v aktualni zgodbi o besedilu sporazuma pogresal "drugi glas". Po njegovem bi bilo korektno vprašati še druge strokovnjake, za katere je bilo znano, da imajo drugačno mnenje o besedilu in o samem sporazumu, medtem ko se je v prvih desetih dnevih medijse obravnavate sporazuma bolj ali manj slišal le en glas.

Štuhec je med drugim povedal, da je do objave izjave dr. Lovra Šurma na nacionalni televiziji prišlo šele po posredovanju dr. Antona Stresa, potem ko je posnetek na televiziji čkal štiri dni.

Zadrege novinarjev pri iskanju sogovornikov v Cerkevi ali zunaj nje je Štuhec deloma pripisal tudi objektivnim razlogom, v prvi vrsti pomanjkanju kompetentnih ljudi s tega področja. Ker slovensko pravo ne izobražuje tudi o tem, je v Sloveniji malo mednarodnih pravnikov in takih, ki razumejo, kaj je Sveti sedež, kakšni so njegovi odnosi v mednarodnem pravu, kaj pomeni sklepanje sporazumov z njim in podobno. Tako so se morali v zadnjih desetih letih pravniki

po Štuhecu "silom prilike" učiti o tem področju.

Sicer pa tudi s tem, kar ima Cerkev, Štuhec ni povsem zadovoljen. Slovenska škofovска konferenca je stara deset let, njen tiskovni urad šele nekaj let in po Štuhecu Cerkev marsičesa še nima in marsikaj bo še morala postopoma profesionalizirati.

Po Štuhecu pa stvar vendarle ni "zelo dramatična". Po njegovih besedah v zadnjih mesecih ni "apriornih napadov na Cerkev kar tako", zato ni razlogov, da bi lahko govorili o "frontah" med Cerkvio in mediji.

Od nekaterih ocen pa Cerkev ne bo odstopila. Tako se Cerkev ne strinja s šolsko zakonodajo, saj je prepopoved konfesionalnih dejavnosti v šolah po Štuhecu proti vsem mednarodnim pravilom in tega nikjer drugje ni mogoče najti. Cerkev že leta govori, da se ne strinja s šolsko zakonodajo – ugovor zoper 72. člen zakona po Štuhecu že dve leti čaka na ustavnem sodišču – in če bo treba, bo to govorila še desetletja.

Po Štuhecu gre za interno slovensko problematiko: na področju šolstva pač ni nacionalnega konsenza in dokler bo neka politična skupina lahko diktirala svojo ideologijo v šolskem sistemu, ga po njegovem tudi ne bo.

Glede burnega odziva, ki ga je v predvidenem sporazu med Slovenijo in Svetim sedežem doživel t.i. šolski člen, je Štuhec zagotovil, da se Sveti sedež še nikoli ni vmešal v reformacijo interne zakonodajo kakšne države.

Naslednjo večjo temo po sporazu je odprl dr. Andrej Berden s tezo, da si RKC hoče izboriti privilegiran status. Pri dokazovanju je poleg ostalega (po njegovem mnenju denimo prevelika zastopanost RKC v medijih, še posebej pa to velja za posebne oddaje

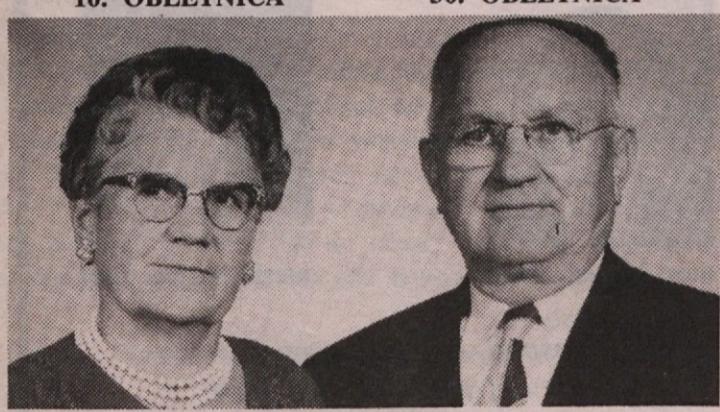
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### V NEPOZABEN SPOMIN

Anton in Antonia Novak

10. OBLETNICA

30. OBLETNICA



Umrla 3. februarja 1990.

Umrl 15. novembra 1970.

*Večna luč naj njima sveti;  
naj počivata v miru.*

Žalujoci:

Hčerki: Mary Petric

Olga Campbell, z družinama  
vnuki in pravnuki ter ostalo sorodstvo.

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zagotovo udeleže.*

*Na tej seji se bo volilo o spremembah  
v predpisih.*

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## Rehabilitacija Draže Mihajlovića

V splošnem ozračju, ki je nastopilo v Sloveniji pojeni osamosvojiti, je bilo poleg zmede in negotovosti mogoče nedvoumno zaznati samo eno: vse, kar je bilo "srbsko", je bilo naenkrat zavrneno, kritizirano, obsojano ali vsaj prezro.

Tudi naslednja leta, ko so se stvari vsaj delno razčistile, niso prinesla kakšne bistvene spremembe v tem osnovnem odnosu Slovencev do bratov z one strani Drine. Zato ne presenetljivo, da je v to razpoloženje, kot strela z jasnegata, udarila najnovejša knjiga, ki obravnava medvojna dogajanja v Sloveniji in Jugoslaviji in ki pravzaprav do kraja rehabilitira samega nosilca ideje, ki je za Slovence že v njegovem času in kasneje predstavljal vse, kar naj bi bilo srbstvo: Dražo Mihajlovića.

Knjigo je napisal dr. Aleksander Bajt, prominenten član današnje slovenske in ljubljanske družbe, poznan ekonom in pravnik, direktor Ekonomskega inštituta na ljubljanski Pravni fakulteti. Šok je bil popoln in knjiga je bila takoj razprodana, čeprav obsegata 1345 strani in nikakor ni lahko branje.

Še težji je pravzaprav prikaz te knjige in naslednji sestavek je samo skromen poizkus v tej smeri. Gre namreč v resnici za dve knjigi: v eni opisuje Bajt osebna doživljanja in razmišljjanja v vojnem času, v drugi pa navaja podatke in ugotovitve, do katerih

### V BLAG SPOMIN

NAŠE LJUBLJENE SESTRE  
IN TETE,  
NIKOLI POZABLJENE

**Micke (Mary) Ivec**  
ob sedmi obletnici smrti



Umrla je 3. februarja 1993

Srčno ljubljena nam Micka, šla prezgodaj si od nas. Dobra, skrbna si nam bila, kako brez Tebe je dolg čas. Spomin na Te je naš zaklad, saj vsak od nas Te imel je rad. Žalujoči ostali:  
Angela Hutar — sestra Nečaki in nečakinje v Ameriki in Sloveniji, ter ostalo sorodstvo.

se je prikopal med preučevanjem domače in tujne dokumentacije o medvojnih dogajanjih in posebej o konfrontaciji med Dražo Mihajlovićem, nosilcem takratne politike kraljeve jugoslovanske vlade in komunistične partije, revolucionarno udarno silo, ki je brezobzirno strla ne le tisto politiko, temveč tudi Mihajlovića samega.

V luči te popolne zmage komunistične partije v letu 1945 izzveni Bajtova osnova ugotovitev, da je "komunistična partija (med 2. svetovno vojno) nad slovenskim narodom (in ostalimi južno - slovanskimi narodi) zagrešila najstrašnejši zločin, ki si ga je mogoče zamisliti", kot tromba jerihonska, ki je zrušila celoten konstrukt komunističnega medvojnega "herojstva".

Dr. Aleksander Bajt, nekdanji Sandi ali Saša Bajt, ljubljanski študent, katerega se nekateri spominjamod od "skavtov", drugi morda z univerze, se je v vrtincu vojnega dogajanja takoj zavedel osnovnega spoznanja, da moramo kot narod vztrajati na vrednotah, ki so nam bile izročene, ne pa se oprijemati revolucionarnih, prekucuskih idej, ki jih je veter zanesel med nas iz tujine.

Za razliko od ostalih pa je tudi kmalu spoznal, da so razmere, ki so nastale s tujo okupacijo Slovenije, naklonjene prav tistim prekucuskim idejam in da je učinkovit odpor mogoč samo v naslanjanju na sile, ki so slovenskim narodom interesom pravzaprav dedno nenaklonjene odnosno — sovražne.

Spet v nasprotju z drugimi je Bajt v tej dilemi našel svojo pot, ki se mu je zdela edino logična: da se prebije do zaveznikov, ki so takrat že stali na italijanskih tleh, in tam po svoje prispeva k odrešenju Slovenije in Jugoslavije.

Zato je po kapitulaciji Italije, konec septembra 1943, zapustil Ljubljano ter se podal na italijanski jug z namenom, da prekorači fronto in se pridruži Anglo-Američanom. To mu seveda ni uspelo, ker so bili Nemci takrat že premočni in so povsem obvladovali frontno zaledje.

Uspelo pa mu jih je preselepi o svojih namerah in dovolili so mu, da se vrne najprej v Rim in kasneje v Ljubljano, to spomladi leta 1944, kamor je prišel tik pred tisto zadnjo mobilizacijo, ko so se letniki 23, 24 in 25 morali odločiti, ali za nemško delavsko or-

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ganizacijo "Todt", ali za domobrance.

Ker mu ne eno ne drugo ni odgovarjalo, se je spet odločil za "svojo" možnost — prostovoljno delo v Nemčiji, kamor so tik pred tem odpeljali tudi njegovo dekle. V Nemčiji sta se res spet našla in nekaj časa skupno tavala po razbiti Evropi. Potem sta spet izgubila stik in Bajt se je preko Poljske, Madžarske in Vojvodine pojabil v takrat že osvobojenem Beogradu. Od tam se je vrnil v Ljubljano kot — pevec v Beogradu ustanovljenega "Partizanskega pevskega zbora Srečko Kosovel".

To bi bil kratek opis njegovega beganja po Evropi, ki predstavlja en del njegovih spominov. Opis se bere domala kot Karl Mayeve dogodivščine, posebej še, ker je Bajt po vojni očividno obiskal vse kraje v južni Italiji, kjer se je potikal in skrival pred Nemci, dostikrat celo s pomočjo naklonjenih Italijanov.

Vendar je to samo okvir za zgoščeno notranjo pripoved, se pravi za tkm. "Bermanov dosje", v katerem je podana vsa tragična zgodba dvojnega propada kraljeve Jugoslavije, tistega leta 1941 in drugega na pomlad leta 1945. Ta del zaokroža dr. Bajt z ugotovitvijo, da je bil Dražo Mihajlović borec proti okupatorju, Tito pa boljševiški zločinec.

Ko se je Sandi Bajt ob koncu vojne pojabil v Ljubljani v partizanski uniformi, so "vodilni" ljudje ljubljanske OZNE in partie takoj

ugotovili, da z njim "ni vse v redu", vendar mu niso vedeli kaj očitati, posebej še, ker je v svoji zgodbi navajal, kako se je v zadnjih mesecih vojne na Poljskem srečaval s poljskimi partizani, pa tudi z rdečarmejci, in vsi so mu tudi pomagali, da se je slednjič le vrnil v domovino.

Bajt pa z velikim zadostenjem ugotavlja, da OZNA, ki je bila takrat za vse praktične namene "vsevedna", ni nikdar odkrila njegove "Bermanove" identitete, ki bi ga leta 1945, pa tudi še mnogo kasneje, v Ljubljani, kljub partizanski uniformi, nedvomno pokopala.

Ko je namreč zabredel v nemške mreže za fronto v južni Italiji in se je izkopal iz njih z zlagano zgodbo o študentu, ki se je vračal iz Neaplja in nekako "zašel", se je v še zasedenem Rimu, s posredovanjem p. Prešerna, seznanil s krogom nekdanjega poveljnika slovenske Mihajlovićeve ile-

gale, majorja Novaka, in celo sodeloval v tem krogu, dokler se ni odločil, da se vrne v Ljubljano. V času sodelovanja z Novakom se je gibal pod imenom "Berman" in odtod tudi

naslov knjige "Bermanov dosje".

Da dr. Bajt piše daljšo knjigo v Ljubljani v zadnjih letih ni bila skrivnost. Toda vsi so bili prepričani, da piše nekakšno analizo slovenskega gospodarstva obenem z napotki za prihodnost, zlasti potem, ko je Slovenija krenila po samostojni poti. Nobenega suma tudi ni vzbudilo dejstvo, ki se zdi očitno, namreč, da je Bajt nekoč po vojni še enkrat obiskal vse kraje v Italiji, kjer se je klatil leta 1943, ker si je sicer nemogoče zamisliti skoraj filmsko podrobne opise pokrajine južno od Neaplja, se pravi zaledja fronte leta 1943.

Poleg teh osebnih opazovanj, mu je povojni položaj na ljubljanski univerzi omogočal dostop do britanskih arhivov, že po osamosvojitvi pa tudi do beografskih, kjer je našel bogato dokumentacijo, ki osvetljuje medvojna dogajanja in komunistično revolucijo na Balkanu.

Takoreč mimogrede zapisa Bajt tudi svojo tretjo ugotovitev, da je bil partizanski tkm. "narodno osvobodilni boj" nepotreben, ker bi bila Jugoslavija os

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## LEMONTSKI ODMEVI

Dva Marijina praznika imamo v februarju: prvi je svečica, ki se sicer v bogoslužju imenuje praznik Gospodovega darovanja, v tradiciji pa je Marijin praznik, ker so v preteklosti ta praznik imenovali Marijino očiščevanje. Marija je po tedanji judovski postavljena rojstvu prišla k "očiščevanju".

Evangelij nam pove, da je takrat starček Simeon vzel Jezusa v roke in navedal, da je "Luč v razsvetljenje vseh narodov". Na te besede se naslanja obred blagosavljanja sveč. Kakor pričgana sveča presveti temo, tako naj tudi luč Svetega Duha, nevidni ogenj, presveti in razsvetljuje naša srca. Blagoslovljeno svečo prižigamo ob raznih domačih praznikih, ob bolniku, ko prejema sv. obhajilo. Tudi pri umirajočih naj bi gorela blagoslovena sveča.

Drugi Marijin praznik meseca je 11. februarja, ko obhajamo spomin Marijinega prikazovanja v Lurdum Bernardki Soubirous od 11. februarja do 16. julija 1858. Tudi pri lemontski lurski vožlini se mnogi radi zbirajo in molijo tako ob nedeljah kot med tednom. Med njimi je molitvena skupina, ki se zbira vsako nedeljo popoldne. V zimskih mesecih se zberejo k molitvi v cerkvi.

Po koledarju je letos prestopno leto, ko mesec februar šteje 29 dni in tisti, ki so rojeni 29. februarja, morejo slaviti rojstni dan samo vsako četrto leto.

Od sobratov ta mesec obhaja rojstni dan p. David Šrumpf, rojen 7. februarja 1964. Godovnjak meseca pa je p. Blaž Chemazar, predstojnik slovenskega Lemonta. Goduje 3. februar.

Rajni sobratje: p. Pascal Esser, 3. februar 1937; p. Aleksander Urankar, 9. februar 1958; p. Alfonz Miklavčič, 10. februar 1931; br. Fidelis Jagodic, 23. februar 1934; p. Bonaventura Sovinsky, 27. februar 1930. Naj jim sveti večna Luč!

"Zakaj zopet objavljate imena sobratov, ki so šli pred nami v večnost?" Odgovora pravzaprav ne bi bilo treba, ker je že splošno znano: mi se vsak dan spominjamo naših rajnih sobratov, dobrotnikov, sorednikov in rajnih naročnikov "Ave Maria". Naj bi bila dana prilika tudi ostalim, da bi se z nami spominjali naših rajnih sobratov.

Med našimi naročniki in dobrotniki je sedaj več stoletnikov: Frances Barman je dosegla že 103 leta, Ljudmila Lekan pa 101. Gotovo so še druge stoletnice in stoletniki – radi bi jih predstavili.

Cerkev Marije Pomagaj je bila tudi za letošnje božične praznike lepo okrašena. Prav tako pročelje samostana. Tudi jaslice so bile lepo izdelane. Pred prazniki je snežilo, da je bilo za božič belo in precej mrzlo. Nato je nastopila odjuga in se zadrževala čez novoletna praznovanja.

Na sveti večer je bila ob devetih sv. maša v angleškem jeziku kot polnočnica za tiste, ki redno obiskujejo nedeljsko jutranjo mašo, njihove družine in prijatelje. Ob pol polnoči je lemontski zbor pod vodstvom Janeza Arka pričel z izvajanjem pribljujnih slovenskih božičnih pesmi. Pri orglah je bil Filip Arko. Med sv. mašo je zbor ob spremljavi orgel in goodalnega orkestra izvajal latinsko Missa seraphica, slovenskega skladatelja, frančiškana p. Hugolina Sattnerja (1851-1934).



Skladbo je p. Hugolin posvetil sv. Frančišku Asiškemu, ki ga mnogokrat imenujejo Serafinski, zato Missa seraphica – serafskmaša. Obisk obeh maš je bil primeren, kakor je bilo pričakovati za božič.

Novo leto smo preživeli mirno, čeprav je bilo veliko govorjenja, kaj vse bi lahko bilo. Upamo, da so ga mirno preživeli tudi rojaki vsepovsod. Vreme je bilo zelo milo. Spomnili smo se lanskega novega leta, ko nam je namelo snega in je obenem pritisnil hud mraz.

Po odredbi ameriške škofovsko konference letos je novo leto ni bil zapovedan praznik. Nekateri so si, razumljivo, to "vzeli k srcu", ostali doma in se odpočili, čeprav so bile v mnogih cerkvah sv. maše kot ob nedeljah in velikih praznikih.

Šolske sestre sv. Frančiška Kristusa Kralja na Mt. Assisi v Lemontu so zopet izgubile eno od sester. Na god sv. Janeza Evangelista, 27. decembra 1999, je Bog poklical k sebi sestro Mary Rose Ovca, OSF. Rojena je bila 9. oktobra 1914 v Domžalah na Gorenjskem. Pri krstu so ji dali ime Marija z godovno patrono Marijo, Kraljico sv. rožnega venca.

Po prvi svetovni vojni, ko so se mnogi Slovenci odpravljali na pot v Ameriko, se jim je pridružila tudi družina Ovca. Naselili so se v New Yorku, kjer je Marija obiskovala katoliško šolo. Ker bi rada postala redovnica, ji je p. Aleksander Urankar, tedenji župnik slovenske župnije sv. Cirila v New Yorku svetoval, naj zaprosi za sprejem pri Slovenskih Šolskih Sestrach v Lemontu.

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## Rehabilitacija Draže Mihajlovića

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vobojena tudi brez njega in se tudi socializmu ne bi mogla izogniti, saj bi ji ga vasilila zmagovala Sovjetska zveza. Komunisti, piše Bajt, so narodnoosvobodilni boj izrabili kot krinko, pod katero so izvedli boljševizacijo Jugoslavije in večina žrtev, ki je padla v tem boju, ni padla na oltar "domovine" temveč na oltar – revolucije.

Če se zdaj vrnemo k Mihajloviču: Bajt ne skuša zanikati znanih očitkov, da je tudi Mihajlovič občasno sodeloval z Nemci. Njemu se zdi tako sodelovanje naravno in razumljivo in kot potrditev ter teorije navaja dejstvo, da se je tudi Tito v marcu leta 1943, ko so se pojavile govorice o možnem zavezniškem izkrcajanju v Dalmaciji, s čemer bi bila resno ogrožena njegova revolucija, zatekel k Nemcem in skušal z njimi dosegči dogovor, ki bi predvideval nič več in nič manj kot skupen odpor izkrčujom, čim se zahodnim zaveznikom.

Poleg tega, trdi Bajt, so se komunisti s svojim zločinskim nastopom proti narodom Jugoslavije izključili iz njihove skupnosti in je bil zato upravičen vsakršen nastop proti njim.

Mihajlovič, z druge strani, je imel samo en namen: boriti se proti okupatorju. Ta namen je tragično potrdil v času, ko je Rdeča armija stopila na jugoslovanska tla in so nje-

gov odredi v Srbiji v sistem prvem, naivnem navdušenju upali in pričakovali, da jih bo podprla.

Če torej sprejmemo Bajtovo hipotezo, da je predstavljal komunizem največjo nesrečo za slovenski narod (kot je trdil tudi škof dr. Gregorij Rožman), potem je bila legitimna in moralno opravičljiva vsaka akcija proti njemu.

V vprašanju odnosa Slovencev do Mihajloviča med vojno, Bajt ni preveč zgovoren. Navsezadnje, sam ni nikdar vstopil v njegove odrede, čeprav je imel dvakrat priložnost, da se jim pridruži. Po drugi strani pa je racionalno ugotovil, da je s padcem kraljeve Jugoslavije med Slovenci pričela usihati tudi vera vanjo, da so torej zametki bodoče slovenske neodvisnosti pognali že leta 1941, in da je bilo posledično obsojeno na neuspeh tudi kakšnokoli prizadevanje za obnovo kraljeve Jugoslavije.

Vse to se na prvi pogled zdi protislovno in avtentični aktivisti Mihajlovičevega gibanja v Sloveniji bi mu morda lahko celo odrekali pripadnost temu gibanju in ga uvrstili med tiste ljudi, ki so po vsem, kar se je v Sloveniji zgodilo, šele v zadnjem trenutku "odkrili" ne le Mihajloviča, temveč tudi kralja in Jugoslavijo samo.

Toda dejstvo ostaja, da je Bajt v bistvu pravilno ocenjeval nastali položaj in da za pripadnost neki ideji med vojno ni bila potrebna dejanska udeležba v akcijah na terenu. Po svoje, seveda, pa je Bajtova filozofija tudi nekakšna predhodnica razpoloženja, ki je zajelo Slovenijo po osamosvojitvi in jo v precejšnji meri zjema še danes.

Prva naklada Bajtove knjige je bila razprodana že v nekaj tednih. Pripravljena naj bi bila druga izdaja, preučuje pa se tudi možnost, da bi bila knjiga, v okrajšani obliki, prevedena v angleščino. Kot taka bi morala biti poslana na vse danes odločajoče zahodne forume. Mihajlovič je namreč samo ena prvih žrtv zmotnega ravnanja zahodnih odločevalcev in nainvne sprejemanja vsega, kar jih je levičarska propaganda ponujala med 2. svetovno vojno, pa tudi, kar jih ponuja še danes.

## Cerkev in dolina miru

(nadaljevanje s str. 12)

na nacionalni televiziji) opisal o njegovem "pravno in ustavno nevzdržno" sklepanje sporazuma s Svetim sedežem, ko naj bi na istem teritoriju z istimi državljeni nastopila dva mednarodna subjekta in med sabo sklenila mednarodni sporazum o položaju domačega pravnega subjekta.

V "obrambo" sklepanja sporazuma je Štuhec odgovoril z medvprašanji, ali so potem takem tudi vsi drugi sporazumi Svetega sedeža nezakoniti, zastopanstvo RKC na nacionalni televizijski pa utemeljil s tem, da tudi njeni člani plačujejo davke in financirajo nacionalno televizijo. Po njegovih besedah bi kot privilegiranost lahko šteli tudi dejstvo, da ima med verskimi skupnostmi samo RKC Teološko fakulteto, pa vendar Cerkev nikomur ne preprečuje, da ustanovi svojo, kot tudi nikogar ne ovira, da ne bi nastopil nacionalki ali drugi.

Dejan Pušenjak  
DELO, 20. jan. 2000



**Prof. Matjaž Klemenčič**  
z mariborskimi bratoma (na sliki desno) skupno s predstavnikom Mohorjeve založbe mag. Hanžem Filipičem) je napisal izredno zanimivo in obširno go o župniku Juriju Trunku, ki je kot predsednik Narodnega sveta za Rožigrad v času plebiscita zelo pomembno vlogo. Rodil se je pri Zavrniku v Bačah, za mirovno konferenco leta 1919 v Parizu je bil izvedenec jugoslovenske vlade za Koroško, po plebiscitu pa je leta 1921 politično emigriral v ZDA, kjer je leta 1973 umrl v 103. življenjskem letu. Klemenčičeva knjiga je izšla pri Mohorjevi založbi Celovec. Več o njej pa na naslednjem NT.

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Istrska zemlja v jesenskih dneh vselej zažari v neki posebni, malodane zamaknjeni lepoti. Poletna pripeka pomeni le še oddaljen spomin, narava se umirja in zna, kljub mnogim sušnim dnem, na skopo odmerjenih rodovitnih legah bogato poplačati še tako mukotrpo delo kmetovalcev.

Tudi ljudje se umirjajo in se osredotočajo na spravilo pridelka v shrambe in na kletarjenje; vinski mošt, posebno tisti, ki priteče iz stisnjene bohotnih grozdih jagod sorte refošk, ravnov v teh zgodnjih oktobrskih dneh pridno vre in zemljine sokove, posrkane iz rumeno rjave lapornate prsti (na posameznih kraških otočkih iz rdeče zemlje, terra rossa), spreminja v značilno krepčilno temno rubinasto vino istega imena.

V Slovenski Istri si na majhnem ozemlju podajata roko Sredozemlje in kraški celinski dinarski svet, vonj po soli se meša z omamno svežino, ki jo burja vsakokrat prinese od borovcev in brinja z višav nad Kraškim robom ali Steno, kot pravijo domačini. V tej prastari kulturni krajini so usedline preteklosti neraždržno povezane z ljudmi, ki vztrajajo in kljubujejo v boju z naravo ter se veselijo sadov jeseni, čeprav je po samotnih vasicah slišati vse manj in manj otroškega joka. Vendar se bodo nekdanji srečni časi zagoto-

vo povrnili v te nepozabne kraje, treba je le verjeti, zaupati in videti daleč naprej v prihodnost našega naroda.

Danes želim napisati nekaj vrstic o Kubedu, malo znanem in vendar ob glavnih istrski cesti ležečem kraju, ki sem ga doživljal še na posebej mikaven način, saj sem se v ta kraški otoček sredi flišnih tal spuščal z višavja na zahodu, iz smeri Sv. Antona.

Že med spustom v dolino proti glavni cesti, ki povezuje zgornje porečje in izvir Rijane z Gračičem ter Sočergo v slovenskem in Buzetom v hrvaškem delu Istre, sem presenečen ugotovil, da je pogled na Kubed iz te smeri res nekaj posebnega: na severu se nad zavojem doline dviga vzpetina z značilnim imenom Krašča (torej že toponom tega 272 metrov visokega hriba naznanja, da gre za kraška tla v siceršnjem drugačnem okolju), na zahodu kraljuje hrib Varda (nekateri etimologi prav takšno ime pri nas povezujejo s Kelti oziroma z njihovim pastirstvom in živinorejo) in nad samo vasjo Grad.

Torej že ljudska imena vzpetin naznanjajo, da je v teh krajih življenje vzkliklo že davno, zelo davno. Konkretnih poročil o arheoloških najdbah je malo, vendar lahko z gotovostjo domnevamo, da je prvotno stal na mogočni skalni ploščadi Gradu prazgodovinski kaštelir, to je gradišče, utr-

jeno bivališče predslovenskih prebivalcev Istre - Histrov, po jeziku zelo verjetno sorodnih severnojadranškim, padanskim in morda vzhodnoalpskim Venetom.

V leti 1927/1928 so domačini našli na polju pred Kubedom glinene žare z ostanki sežganih človeških kosti in odlomek oljenke (glilene svetilke, pri kateri so morali stenj vtakniti v nalito olivno olje, če so si hoteli z njo svetiti), izkopanine pa so nato prišle v tržaški muzej - videti je, da je šlo za rimske dobo.

Ko sem hodil po polju južno od Gradu, sem se seveda spomnil na to zanimivo navedbo iz strokovne literature, ki je logična, saj domnevno najdbiše rimske grobov leži ob stari cesti, ki je vodila od Kopra in Rijane proti Buzetu, verjetno ob eni izmed prvotnih vojaških cest, ki so jih bili zgradili Rimljani v času Republike v 2. stoletju pred Kristom in ki so vzdolž njih prodirali na Histrski polotok.

Žal so ti najstarejši in vendar tako prelomni časi Kubeda premalo raziskani in tudi srednjeveška zgodovina ni videti nič bolj zgovorna.

Sama značilna staroslovenska imena sicer lepo dokazujojo, da so se naši neposredni predniki zgodaj in trdno zasidrali na tem vitalnem prehodu med Sredozemljem, Alpami in Balkanskim polotokom, nedvomno najkasneje v začetku 9. stoletja, v kolikor ne že prej, saj to nazorno kažejo še starejši literarni viri in tudi arheološke najdbe.

Vsekakor da veliko misliti že ljudsko ime kraja Kubed, namreč Čubed, ki naj bi pomenilo mogočne kamnite sklade pod vzpeti-

no Grad; tu mora iti za zelo staro slovensko prisotnost, verjetno že od 7. stoletja naprej.

Pri vasi poznamo še druga zanimiva vodna imena, ki označujejo studenca Ždevke in Mišnik ter hudojni potok Rakovec. Podobne toponime najdemo kjer koli na starem slovenskem poselitvenem ozemlju in zato naj ne bi presečali tudi v celinskem zaledju Slovenske Istre.

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"Vse to je zdaj le še preteklost," ugotavljam in se pri tem zavem, da zdaj praktično ni ničesar več, kar bi lahko vsaj približno pričaralo nekdanjo imenitnost kraja. Tihotni Kubed oblika pojemanje popoldansko jesensko sonce in po glavni cesti se tu in tam zasliši ropotanje motornih vozil. Zasanjano in otožno istrsko krajino prežema vonj po borovi smoli, ki ga prinaša vetrič od severa. Še sem bom vračal v ta čudoviti kotiček slovenskih tal in verjetno se mi bo vsakokrat zazdelo, da

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## NOVI GROBOVI

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llege, zadnja zaposlitev je bila pri Ohio Bell, ko ga jebolezen 1. 1989 prisilila, da se je upokojil. Pogreb je bil 1. februarja v oskrbi Fortunovega zavoda s sv. mašo v cerkvi sv. Pavla na Chardon Rd. s pokopom na Sv. Križa pokopališču. Priporočeni so darovi v pokojnikov spomin Detroit Province of the Society of Jesus, 7303 W. Seven Mile Rd., Detroit, MI 48221.

Leo Jevec

Dne 29. januarja je umrl 94 let stari Leo Jevec, rojen v Leadville, Colo., mož Ernestine, roj. Perše, oče podpolk. v pokolu Roberta in Betty Lee Gorgon, brat Frančiške Boben ter že pok. Johna in Karoline, 3-krat stari oče, stric Stanka in Joži Boben, prastric Jane, član SNPJ št. 576, Maccabees in Kluba upokojencev na St. Clairju. Pogreb je bil 2. februarja v oskrbi Zak zavoda s sv. mašo v cerkvi sv. Vida in pokopom na Vernih duš pokopališču.

Daniel Prijatel

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Jennie M. Severovich

Dne 25. januarja je na svojem domu na Richmond Hts. nenadno umrla 74 let stara Jennie M. Severovich, rojena Damelio, zena Thomasa G., mati Thomasa, 3-krat stara mati, sestra Angele Mason, Tonyja, Dorothy Novenic ter že pok. Anthonyja, Catherine in Therese Balic, teta. Pogreb je bil 28. januarja v oskrbi Cosicevega zavoda na 28890 Chardon Rd., Willoughby Hills, se pokopom na pokopališču Knollwood.

## V BLAG SPOMIN



Matthew Balazek

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dragi, nepozabni nam,  
v nebesih rajsko srečo uživaj,  
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