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Proglas o ustanovitvi slovenske države pred 40 leti

Točno na današnji dan pred 40 leti — dne 3. maja 1945 — je bila na zborovanju slovenskega parlamenta v sokolski dvorani na Taboru v Ljubljani slovesno proglašena ustanovitev slovenske narodne države. O tem zgodovinskem dogodku bom v naslednjih stvkih na kratko poročal in pri tem naslikal takratni tragični položaj v naši domovini.

Kdor prebira uvodnike v AD se bo lahko spomnil, da sem nedavno na tem mestu proslavljanje konca druge svetovne vojne v celoti zavrgel kot nekaj nepotrebnega in celo škodljivega za mirno in složno mednarodno sožitje. Čim bolj se proslavi v Evropi približujemo, tem bolj se način proslavljanja, zlasti od strani ameriškega predsednika Reagana, komplicira, zapleta in povzroča politične razprtije. Toda svet očitno hoče imeti igro na svetovnem odru, o tem veliko piše, priprave teko naprej in v začetku letošnjega maja se bo teater odprl.

Če že tako mora biti, pa dajmo še mi! Spustimo svoj čolnic na ta val in izberimo tisto, kar se nam Slovencem zdi vredno proslavljati ob štirideseti obletnici konca vojne.

Svetovnopolični razvoj se je v zadnjih letih pred koncem vojne odvijal v smeri, ki je bila za ugodno rešitev slovenskega narodnega vprašanja vse prej kot ugodna. Komunistična linija je postajala dominantna, saj je Amerikanec Davis zapisal, da se uvršča na linijo hitlerizma, kdor zavzema protikomunistične postojanke. Nemški propagandni minister Goebbels pa je dodal: »Ostaja nam samo še protikomunistični konjiček.« Leto 1944 je prineslo abotno konferenco zaveznikov v Teheranu, oduščen je bil Mihajlovič iz vrst zavezniških vojskovedij, londonski radio je iz slovenskih ust (Kuhar) priporočal podreitev domobranske vojske partizanom, rdeča armada je oktobra ustoličila Tita v Beogradu in se približevala Prekmurju.

V Ljubljani, centru slovenske politike, so bile protikomunistične sile med seboj neenotne in celo sprte. Situacija konec 1944 je bila resnično kritična. Tačas so se odgovorni politiki vseh demokratičnih skupin iz vseh delov slovenskega ozemlja, zbrani skoraj izključno v takratni Ljubljanski pokrajini in v sami Ljubljani, akutno zavedeli teže položaja. Z več kot 300 podpisi so odobrili Narodno izjavo in z njo ustanovili (29. oktobra 1944) Narodni odbor za Slovenijo. Ta se je konstituiral in pričel voditi posle narodne politike. Zajemalo ga je zlasti vprašanje, kako slovenske protikomuniste razrešiti obtožbe navidezne kolaboracije in jih privedi v zahodnoevropsko in ameriško politično gibanje in zavezništvo.

V skupnem nastopanju vseh tedanjih demokratičnih političnih strank v Sloveniji v okviru Narodnega odbora je bilo sklenjeno, da se v tajnosti (pod trdo nacistično okupacijo) skličejo v Ljubljano vsi dosegljivi, pred vojno svobodno izvoljeni politični predstavniki naroda na važno zborovanje. Prišli so res zastopniki iz vseh slovenskih pokrajin in sestavili slovenski parlament, kateremu je stal na čelu predsednik NO dr. Joža Basaj (SLS), za predsednika zborovanja je bil izvoljen bivši parlamentarni poslanec Franc Kremžar (oče sedanjega načelnika SLS dr. Marka), za podpredsednika Rudolf Žitnik (JNS),

»Prešernov večer« v Milwaukeeju

Kulturne prireditve v zdomski Sloveniji, predvsem še v Severni Ameriki, se po večini ravnajo po nekem ustaljenem receptu, ki se z leti ni dosti spremenil, v čemer je morda tudi vzrok, zakaj se je obisk pričel tu in tam prekmalu osipati. Vsakdanje razmere so vsaj prvo generacijo povojnih priseljencev prisilile, da so se tudi v izbiri prireditev držali nekega čisto določenega koledarja, medtem, ko je »stara« oziroma predvojna generacija, ob prihodu povojne itak že po večini omagala.

»Prešernov večer« ali, kakor je pisalo na uradnem programu: »Flowers of a Poet's Mind«, ki ga je 2. aprila doživela slovenska skupnost v Milwaukeeju, je bil zato nekaj čisto posebnega, izven kakršnegakoli ustaljenega »koledarja« in gotovo izven vsakega starega »preizkušene-ga recepta« za kulturne prireditve.

Pripravila ga je Izabelle Kralj, da bi s pomočjo poklicnih umetnikov predstavila slovenski in ameriški javnosti v mestu Franceta Prešerna, največjega slovenskega pesnika. Čeprav se je Isabelle s tem spustila na precej tvegana tla (še iz domovine so nam znane pritožbe, da je Prešerna težko tolmačiti v glasbi), je brez dvoma dosegla svoje glavne namene.

Predstavila je našega pesnika v treh umetniških panogah

ter jih povezala s tekstom, ki je celotni program zaokrožal in mu dal tudi za ameriško javnost dojemljiv okvir.

Izreden vtis je napravil glavni recitator, Jim Butchart, ne le z dejstvom, da si je zapomnil in brez težav podajal doslej gotovo nepoznane verze, temveč tudi pravilno sledil zaporedju programa, dasiravno je bil praktično ves čas na odru. Morda je bil njegov Prešeren tu in tam nekoliko preveč »jezen«, toda, če je bila to pomačkljivost, mu je ni zameralo ne slovensko ne ameriško občinstvo, saj so eni kot drugi prvič slišali Prešerna v angleščini.

Pevski del programa sta nosila bariton Richard Kieffer in sopranistka Lee Dougherty. Kieffer je pel po večini poznane Prešernove tekste: Pod oknom, Ukazi, Gerbičev Kam in Vilharjevega Mornarja. Ta-

mu je izzvenel morda malo bolj lirično, kot smo sicer navajeni, vendar je bila izgovarjava tako popolna, da je imel po programu težave dokazati ljudem, da v resnici ni Slovenec. Kieffer je dograjen pevec in milwauški Slovenci naj bi ga ne pozabili.

Doughertyjeva je zapela dve Prešernovi pesmi, ki so v zdomstvu slabo ali sploh nič poznani in sicer »Strunam« in »O, Vrba srečna draga vas domača«, ki ju je uglasbila Breda Šček, v duetu s Karen Carreno pa tudi Vilharjevo »Nezakonska mati«. Tudi njena, Doughertyjeva, izgovarjava je bila zelo dobra, čeprav, zaradi barve glasu, morda manj razločna kot Kiefferjeva.

Tretji aspekt milwauškega Prešernovega večera pa je bil v baletu. Tu si je morda težko misliti, kako bi se dalo Prešerna predstaviti tudi v tej umetniški panogi. Toda, če si je ob Prešernovi ljubezenski zgodbi s Primcovo Julijo, Isabelle Kralj »izposodila« Dvoržakovo glasbo in je torej ostala »Prešernova« predvsem njena koreografija, je pa s prikazom — se pravi, z baletnim prikazom — smrti Matije Čopa v savskih valovih (plesal je Robert Mason iz New Yorka) dokazala ne le izredno domiselnost, da si je za vrhunec večera izbrala prav Čopovo smrt, temveč tudi nedvomno koreografsko sposobnost.

Tudi človek, ki ima le površno mnenje o baletni umetnosti, ni mogel dvomiti, da na tistem napol zatemnjenem odru, brez vsake glasbene spremljave, umira človek, da se v resnici bori za življenje z valovi deroče reke. Ker je temu prizoru sledila še recitacija in glasbena interpretacija Prešernove razklane duše, je tisti »Kam« izzvenel v tragični uvod za tožbo o Vrbi, srečni, dragi vasi domači.

Isabelle Kralj je gotovo dovršena baletna plesalka in ustvarjalka in ne le prijetno dekle, ki »rada pleše«, kot bi morda kdo dejal. Milwaukee in njegova slovenska skupnost imata v njej resno umetnico, o kateri bomo gotovo še slišali. Njen partner, Robert Mason, je s svojo poklicno usposobljenostjo program še bolj obogatil.

Isto domiselnost je koreografinja dokazala tudi z baletom Nezakonska mati, kjer je uporabila Šostakovičevo glasbo.

V tekstu, ki je spremljal program, so bile proti koncu napisane besede, da je po vseh težkih in tragičnih izkušnjah, Slovenija predstavljala edino stalnico Prešernovega življenja in da bi tujim obiskovalcem pokazala vsaj delno pod-

Materinska proslava Slovenske šole pri Mariji Vnebovzeti

CLEVELAND, O. - Že smo v maju, mesecu cvetja in zelenja, pa tudi petja: Ljubi maj, krasni maj, konec zime je sedaj, a smo zopet v mrzlem valu in trepetamo pred slano.

Pred nami je tudi Materinski dan, na katerega se otroci Slovenske šole pri Mariji Vnebovzeti skrbno pripravljajo. Soboto za soboto, pa še ob sredah zvečer se vadijo za igrico: »Divji mož«, a tudi v petju in deklamacijah, vse to pod večjo roko g. Rudija Kneza.

Na Materinski dan 12. ma-

ja, Vas najprej vabimo k Šmarnicam, ki bodo ob 2. uri popoldne v cerkvi Marije Vnebovzete, da počastimo najprej nebeško Mater Marijo, nato pa pridite v Šolsko dvorano. Ob 3. uri se bo odprla zavesa in mladina Vas bo pozdravila s petjem, deklamacijami in igrico.

Napolnimo Šolsko dvorano in pokažimo, da cenimo trud, ki ga otroci vlagajo v učenje materinega jezika! Iskreno Vas vabi tudi

Odbor staršev

za tajnika bivši poslanec Pavle Masič (SLS) in Ivan Tonja (JDS). Zborovanja sta se med odličnimi osebnostmi udeležila tudi ljubljanski škof dr. Gregorij Rožman in poveljnik slov. narodne vojske general Franc Krener. Vse to pod terorjem nemškega Gestapa.

Po uvodnem nagovoru predsednika NO dr. Basaja o potrebi takojšnjega sprejetja zgodovinskih odločitev v tragičnem trenutku narodovega življenja je spregovoril novo izvoljeni predsednik zborovanja Franc Kremžar. Spomnil se je vodilne ideje naroda o ustanovitvi Združene Slovenije, ki naj v tej usodni uri doseže svoje uresničenje z ustanovitvijo svobodne slovenske države. Sledil je referat tedanjega tajnika NO dr. Albina Šmajda, kako je nastala Narodna izjava z dne 29. oktobra 1944, ki jo je imenoval za Majniško deklaracijo najodločnejšo slovensko narodno politično listino, s katero je bil ustanovljen Narodni odbor za Slovenijo, čegar delovanje je na kratko razložil.

Nato je član NO dr. Marijan Zajc prebral besedilo slovesne izjave narodnega predstavništva, ki se začne: »V smislu Atlantske listine in drugih svečanih izjav demokratičnih zaveznikov...

NARODNI ODBOR ZA SLOVENIJO

v odločilni in usodni uri za slovenski narod proglašaja da je za vse ozemlje, na katerem bivajo Slovenci, ustanovljena narodna država Slovenija

kot sestavni del demokratične in federativno urejene Jugoslavije. Narodni odbor za Slovenijo predstavlja slovensko vlado kot začasni najvišji upravni organ za območje narodne države Slovenije.«

Sledijo podrobnejše določbe o slovenski narodni vojski, poziv demokratičnim strankam za sodelovanje, in vsem Slovencem k obči spravi in narodni disciplini. Z zborovanja so bile poslani brzojavke kralju Petru II., predsedniku ZDA Trumanu, premijerju Churchillu in ministru dr. M. Kreku.

L. P.

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— KONCERT —

slovenskega pevskega zbora

Korotan**Sobota, 18. maja 1985**v Slovenskem narodnem domu,
6417 St. Clair Ave., Cleveland, Ohio**Začetek ob 7.30 zvečer Igra Alpski Sekstet**
Vstopnina: \$4.00**»Prešernov večer«...**

(nadaljevanje z 2. str.)

bo te dežete, je Isabelle Kralj vključila v program tudi venček slovenskih narodnih pesmi in kratko folklorno baletno sliko.

Program je zaključila Prešernova Zdravica, najprej v slovenskem originalu, ki ga je lepo podal Lojze Arko iz Chicaga (poleg Kraljeve edini Slovenec med nastopajočimi), za njim pa je zadnjo kitico recital tudi v angleščini Jim Butchart.

Človek si lahko predstavlja, koliko truda je bilo vložena v to prireditev, tudi zato, ker je bilo treba nastopajočim celotno snov podrobno raztolmačiti. Da je bilo to delo uspešno opravljeno, dokazuje reakcija občinstva, ki je domala do zadnjega kotička napolnilo veliko dvorano Pittmanovega gledališča na Alverno collegu.

Isabelle Kralj moremo samo čestitati k temu izrednemu večeru in uspehu, v upanju, da bo poleg svojega poklicnega delovanja našla čas, da slovensko skupnost v Milwaukeeju obogati še za več podobnih večerov. Ob zaključku pa naj zapišemo še poziv drugim našim naselbinam, da povabijo ta izredni ansambel v svojo sredo. Ne bo jim žal!

B.P.

V BLAG SPOMIN**TRETJE OBLETNICE SMRTI NAŠEGA LJUBLJENEGA SOPROGA, OČETA IN STAREGA ATA****Jožef Gerich**

ki je umrl 6. maja 1982.

Solnce naj na trato sije,
kjer počivaš dragi Ti.
Duša pa naj raj uživa,
tam v srečni večnosti.

Žalujoči ostali:

Veronika Gerich — soproga
Joseph, Stanley, Matt in
Steve — sinovi z družinami
in ostalo sorodstvo.

Cleveland, O., 3. maja 1985

Euclidski upokojenci poročajo

No, končno smo se pa le iznebili te krute zime in dočkali tako zaželjeno pomlad!

Na klubovi seji 3. aprila je bilo zopet živahno in zanimivo. Naš odbor poskrbi, da imamo dobre in podučene govornike.

Prva govornica je bila Agnes Pace, ki je upravnica Slovenskega doma za ostarele. Tam so sedaj preuredili pred nedavnim kupljeno sosedno hišo. Hiša je enodružinska z dvema spalnicama. Veliko je namreč starejših ljudi, ki še lahko delno skrbijo sami za sebe, ne marajo pa opravljati težkih del. V omenjeno preurejeno hišo bi sprejeli starejšo zakonsko dvojico ali pa dve ženski, ki bi bili pripravljene, z delno pomočjo, deliti skupno stanovanje po svojih željah. Po potrebi, bi jih pa lahko tudi s hrano oskrbovali iz Doma za ostarele.

Druga govornica je bila Theresa Owen Joek, izučena in uradno potrjena v ustvarjanju telesnega zdravljenja. Govorila je večinoma o hrani, katero starejši ljudje potrebujejo ali se ji morajo izogibati, če hočemo ostati otlporni nadlogam, ki tarejo starejše ljudi.

Jennie Fatur je poročala, da bodo sedaj končno le izboljšali oder in dobili nove zastore pri našem Slovenskem društvenem domu na Recher Ave.

Karolina Lokar pove, da bodo balinali tudi ob sredah in četrtek zvečer. Začeli bodo, ko se bo vreme izboljšalo.

Klubov predsednik Frank

Obvestilo Slovenske pisarne

CLEVELAND, O. — Na več vprašanj glede knjig, ki jih ima Slovenska pisarna na zalogi, sporočamo, da je na predalih razstavljenih več sto knjig, zato je nemogoče vse navesti v enem članku. Zaenkrat navedemo samo nekaj novejših izdaj:

Iz Argentine je dospela pošiljka knjig »Rast v Resnici in Ljubezni«. Vsebuje spise pok. dr. Ignacija Lenčka, ki jih je zbral prof. Alojzij Geržinič in jih po tematiki razdelil v 5 skupin. »Glas Slovenske Kulturne Akcije«, ki izhaja v Argentini, v odlomku tako-le piše o tej knjigi: Bravec dobi s to knjigo obširen pregled vedno aktualnih vprašanj ter jo odloži duhovno bogatejši, potrjen v temeljnih resnicah cerkvenega nauka, opremljen z veljavnimi nagibi za pristno krščansko življenje. Cena vezani knjigi je \$13.-, broš. \$10.-. Po pošti je treba dodati \$1.75 za poštnino in odpravo.

Imamo še vedno na zalogi knjigo »Vojna in revolucija«. Je to roman v 4 delih, spisal Frank Bükvič. Čas romana je med drugo svetovno vojno in revolucijo na Slovenskem. Cena vez. \$25.-, broš. \$20. Po pošti je treba dodati \$1.75.

O knjigi »Prekmurci in Prekmurje« je bilo že precej napisanega in jo tudi imamo

Česen poroča, da pride Slakova godba in pevci v Cleveland v avgustu. V SDD na Recher Ave. bodo imeli Slakovci koncert za upokojence in sicer v sredo, 28. avgusta, popoldne. Vstopnina bo \$5.

Bolnim članom so poslali bodrilne kartice, mi vsi jim pa želimo boljšega zdravja.

Smrt nas je v marcu hudo prizadela. Izgubili smo našega večletnega tajnika Johna Hrovata. Pred kratkim sta se s soprogo povrnila iz sončne Floride, kjer sta bila na kratkih počitnicah. John je dobil srčni infarkt, kateremu

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na zalogi v Slovenski pisarni. Stane \$20, in ker gre ves izkupiček za dobrodelne namene, je v ceno vključena tudi poštnina. Zaradi zgodovinskih opisov iz vsega Prekmurja je knjiga zelo zanimiva predvsem za Prekmurce, poučna pa za vse Slovence, saj jim je Slovenska krajina skoraj najmanj znana.

Slovenska pisarna je ponovno prejela pošiljko »Stalinistična revolucija na Slovenskem«. Pisatelj Stane Kos obravnava delovanje komunistične partije v bivši Jugoslaviji, vse od prve svetovne vojne naprej, do padca gradu Turjaka septembra 1943, ko so se branilci zaradi premoči in zupanju njih častni besedi predali partizanom. Cena knjigi je \$12.-, po pošti \$13.50.

Zelo dokumentirana knjiga »Kočevje, Tito's Bloodiest Crime«, spisal Bora M. Karapandžič, pisana v angleškem jeziku in dokumentarično, opisuje grozodejstva Titove vojske v Kočevju. Zelo poučna knjiga za mlajšo generacijo, ki ne obvlada dovolj slovenščine, da zve za vso resnico, kar sedaj javno zahteva tudi mlajši rod v domovini. Cena je \$8.-, po pošti pa \$9.25.

Nekaj zbirk knjig Družbe sv. Mohorja v Celovcu za leto 1985 in Družbe sv. Mohorja v Gorici ima še nalogi. Celovške stanejo \$21.-, po pošti \$23.-, goriške pa \$18.-, po pošti \$20. Pisarna sprejema tudi za oboje naročnino za l. 1986. Celovške mohorjeve so po \$21.-, goriške po \$18. Sedaj je čas za poravnano naročnino.

Če bi kdo želel seznam in cenik knjig, ki so na zalogi v Slovenski pisarni, naj nam to sporoči. Pisarna je odprta ob torkih, četrtek in sobotah od 10. dopoldne do 1. ure popoldne, po dogovoru pa vsak čas, ali pismeno ali po telefonu.

Dopise in naročila pošiljajte na naslov: Slovenska pisarna, 6304 St. Clair Ave., Cleveland, OH 44103 — tel. (216) 881-9617.

S.P.

Koroški študentje

FOWLER, Kans. - Zopet je prišel čas, da začnemo resno nabirko za koroške študentje, ki bi radi obiskovali Slovensko gimnazijo v Celovcu, pa ne morejo, ker so pač prerevni, da bi plačevali vzdrževalnino v Mohorjevih domovih (room and board).

Kot v preteklih letih, tako bi radi tudi v novem šolskem letu pomagali čim več študentom. Lansko leto smo dali to pomoč 21 študentom (vsakemu po \$500) in daj Bog, da bi lahko to ponovili tudi letos.

Kot sem že večkrat omenil, pomoč iz te zbirke dobijo oni, ki so zavedni Slovenci, dobri katoličani, in revni. Poseben odbor, ki dobro pozna študente in njihove družinske razmere, o vsem tem odloča. Borba, kdo bo dobil študente, je zelo huda. Na eni strani so levčarji, ki silijo študente v svoj dom, tudi zastonj, če je treba. Na drugi strani so Nemci, ki jih hočejo dobiti v nemške šole. V tem pogledu je zelo hudo v Podjurski dolini, ker imajo nemško gimnazijo v Velikovcu, blizu svojih domov in se lahko vozijo v šolo s šol-

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V blag spomin**ČETRTE OBLETNICE****LOUIS JARM**

(ALOJZIJ JARM)

V večno življenje je odšel 5. maja 1981

Sladka nam je misel na Te,
na ljubeči Tvoj nasmeh,
na besede ljubeznive,
ki imel si jih do vseh.
Tvoje roke, ki dobrega toliko
storile,
utrjene sedaj mirno
počivajo,
k Bogu naše prošnje se
dvigajo,
da srečen si zdaj nad
zvezdami.

Žalujoči ostali:

Angela Yarm (rojena Lesjak)
soproga;
Lillian Oman, pastorka,
Milw., Wis.;
Frank Yarm in Fani Omahen,
nečak in nečakinja,
Richmond Hts., O.;
Mili Kajzer, nečakinja,
Solon, O.;
ter ostalo sorodstvo tu in
v Sloveniji.

Richmond Hts., 3. maja 1985.

V blag in ljubeč spomin**OB 7. OBLETNICE SMRTI NAŠEGA LJUBLJENEGA BRATA****Cirila Gostič M.D.**
ki je umrl 24. maja 1978Žalujoči:
Brat in sestri

Cleveland, Ohio, dne 3. maja 1985.

27. OBLETNICE SMRTI NAŠE LJUBLJENE MAME IN STARE MAME**Jožefe Gostič**
ki je umrla 2. maja 1958**BODITE SREČNI V VEČNOSTI**

Otroci in vnuki

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— LEMONT V MAJU —

LEMONT, Ill. — Iz Lemonta se večkrat oglasim, prav je torej, da tudi nekaj napišem o Lemontu. Posebno sedaj, ko nas je pomlad, ki je bila sprva podaljšanje zime, naenkrat pozdravila z vročino. Le redko se tako hitro razcvete pomladanske rože kot so se letos. Najprej zgodnji tulipi, ki se imenujejo vodne lilije, nato rumene narcise, ki jim takoj sledijo hijacinte in končno še bele narcise.

Kdor je imel upanje, da za zimo pride pomlad, je začel zgodaj saditi in sejati, saj je več vrst zelenjave, ki jim slana ne škoduje. Drobne cvetke, ki nas v maju pozdravljajo pod hrasti, so se pokazali dva tedna preje. Le hrast je trmast in ne ozeleni preden pride njegov čas.

Ne vem, kaj bo cvetelo prvo nedeljo v maju, ko začnemo s šmarnicami. Šmarnice so postale priljubljena družinska pobožnost; imamo jih vsako nedeljo v maju ob 2.30 pop.

Drugo nedeljo v maju — 12. maja — je materinski dan. Šmarnice bodo posvečene materam, nato pa sledi program, s katerim bodo mladi izkazali svojo ljubezen in hvaležnost svojim materam.

Lemontu dajejo slovenski značaj tudi šmarnice, ki cvetijo pod smrekami v Baragovem parku in pod hrasti v rožnovenski dolini.

Dne 24. maja obhajamo godovni dan Marije Pomagaj. Krščanski svet se je v stiskah in nevarnostih zatekel k Mariji Pomočnici kristjanov. Pobožnost do Pomočnice kristjanov ima slavno zgodovino, katere ne smemo pozabiti. Znova in znova jo ponavljamo, da zvedo mlajši za zaupanje kristjanov v najtežjih časih v preteklosti.

Pobožnost do Pomočnice kristjanov se je utrdila po zmagi krščanskega brodivja nad turško premočjo v bitki pri Lepantu 7. oktobra 1571. Druga zmaga nad Turki je bila dosežena v bitki pri Dunaju 12. septembra 1683, ko so Turki grozili, da bodo katedralo sv. Štefana spremenili v hlev za konje, s katerimi bodo preplavili Evropo in jo spremenili v turški kontinent. Tedaj je bila ob gorečem zatekanju k Materi božji dosežena, človeško gledano, nepričakovana zmaga nad tedaj najbolj nevarnimi sovražniki krščanstva. Molitev rožnega venca je bilo glavno krščansko orožje v turški nevarnosti.

Izredne Marijine pomoči je bil deležen papež Pij VII. in z njim vse krščansko ljudstvo. Njegovega prednika Pija VI., starega nad 80 let in bolehnega je francoski cesar Napoleon velel zapreti in ga vlačiti iz ječe v ječo, dokler ni po 20 mesecih umrl. Papeštvu so že napovedali konec.

Ko je bil kljub vsem oviram izvoljen papež Pij VII., je bil kmalu tudi on odveden v ujetništvo v Francijo. V Fontainebleu pri Parizu je bil Pij VII. pet let zaprt, docela odtrgan od sveta in od vodstva Cerkve. A zatekel se je k Materi božji in po nekom iz ujetništva sporočil željo, da bi zanj in za vso Cerkev molili k preblazeni Devici Mariji vsi kristjani.

Leta 1814 je popolnoma nepričakovano prišel preobrat. Napoleon, pred katerim je doslej trepetala vsa Evropa, je bil odstavljen in naslednje leto dokončno poslan v ujetništvo. Svoj odstop je moral podpisati v kraju, kamor je dal zapreti papeža in mu ukazal odvzeti prav vse, tudi brevir, knjige in črnilo. Papež Pij VII. pa se je mogel 24. maja 1814 slovesno vrniti v Rim, potem ko je na poti okronal milostno podobo Marije v Savoni. Zmage ni pripisoval sebi, temveč Materi božji. Zato je odredil, naj se vsako leto 24. maja obhaja god Marije Pomočnice kristjanov.

Svetišče Marije Pomagaj na

Euclidski upokojenci poročajo...

(nadaljevanje s str. 3)

je po enem tednu v bolnišnici podlegel.

Soprogi Louise in družini naše globoko sožalje.

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V Lemontu imamo Farčnikov posnetek te podobe Marije Pomagaj. Ker je godovni dan Marije Pomagaj na delavnik 24. maja, bomo obhajali njen patrocinijski v nedeljo, 26. maja — na Binkošti. In one dneve od 24. do 26. maja imamo slovenske duhovne vaje.

Priporočam udeležbo pri Slovenskih duhovnih vajah in pri romarski maši na Binkošti ob 11. uri dopoldne. Posebno želim, da bi se slovenska mladina udeležila te svete maše. V Lemontu ohranjamo slovenske tradicije in gradimo svoje delo v korist ameriških Slovencev na trdni osnovi slovenske duhovne dediščine.

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Koroški študentje...

(nadaljevanje s str. 3)

skimi avtobusi, v tej gimnaziji pa je vse le nemško.

Koroški Slovenci bodo živeli samo tako dolgo, dokler bodo imeli slovensko inteligenco, ki jih bo vodila politično in duhovno. In ta inteligenca pride samo iz Slovenske gimnazije in iz Mohorjevih domov. Zato naša pomoč ni samo »enoletna«, ampak bo rodila sadove v vsej bodočnosti koroških Slovencev. Vidite, dragi ameriški in kanadski Slovenci, kako važna in kritična je naša pomoč.

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Daughter, Sylvia
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Grandchildren, Jack
Albin and Raymond

The (Slovenian) Immigrants

Steve Mohorko

This article is recommended reading particularly for youngsters growing up in this modern age. They may be amazed at the many comforts of life that are enjoyed and taken for granted today, which were not available to most of those growing up in the early period of the twentieth century.

Many life comforts of today were non-existent at that time; others were not within the

reach of the poor immigrants entering the U.S.A. at that time.

—The Author

At the beginning of the 20th century my parents owned and operated a small farm in Styria (Štajersko), which was at that time a province of Austria. This area now is called Slovenia, the northern-most province of Yugoslavia.

This was the era of mass exodus of southern Slavs to the "promised land" America.

Large scale emigration began around the turn of the century, escalating in a few years into a frenzy, like an epidemic.

From village to village shouts could be heard, "Gremo v Ameriko!" (We are going to America!). Strong, healthy young men in great numbers were leaving for the new "land of prosperity" called America. Some were unmarried, but many left behind young wives and children. Every one, of course, left with a promise to return in a year or two with money for a better life. Some did return, but very few with significant amounts of money. Others sent for their families, while some became lost in the turmoil and pitfalls of large cities, never to be heard from again. It took World War I in 1914 to stop the flow of immigrants from Europe to this country.

Tilling a farm with primitive tools and equipment of that era was back-breaking work. Only people with knowledge of farming, strong willpower, and dedication to the land

could eke out a meager living. My father did not have sufficient knowledge, willpower or dedication, nor the patience required. After a few years, he was thoroughly disgusted with the farm.

It was logical, therefore, that the "going to America" bug would get him eventually. It happened in 1906, and there was no changing of his mind. He had all the answers, so to America he went. In 1907 there happened to be a recession, so he returned home, but not with enough money for a better life. Within a year he was again disgusted with the farm, so in 1908 he went back to America and returned in 1910. In the fall of 1911, like on previous occasions, father became increasingly irritable, and provocative, as though he was actually seeking an argument. Finally he blurted out, "I am going back to America."

But this time mother was ready with the challenge, "No, you are not. Enough is enough, either we all go, or

you remain on the farm with your family where you belong." Whatever else she told him when us kids were not around, I don't know, but apparently he was convinced she meant it. For about two weeks he walked around like in a trance, speaking to no one. Then he put the farm up for sale. That surely was the best thing he could have done. He had luck, too. Within six weeks the place was sold.

With the deposit in his pocket, father was in good spirits again. He wrote to the steamship agent for reservations. Reply was the same as in former instances, "If you get additional passengers to travel with you, there will be a discount on the fare for you and your family." Within a short period of time, I am not certain, six or seven men came to travel with us. Thus, our fare was ridiculously low for a family of two adults and five children.

Father may have been a failure as a farmer, but he was quite successful as a salesman or a promoter. He had excellent penmanship and he could write a fine letter either in Slovenian or German. I can readily see him hating to work the farm with primitive methods of that era. I have difficulty, however, understanding how he could leave a young wife and children repeatedly for a trip to a far off land as though he left for a weekend of fishing at a nearby lake.

(To Be Continued)

AMLA Lodge 8 on Goodtime II

AMLA Lodge No. 8 Kras, invites its members and friends to a summer sunset cruise aboard the Goodtime II. The cruise, which is scheduled for Thursday evening, July 18 at 7:00 p.m., will include a guided tour of the historical Cuyahoga River and Cleveland's panoramic North Coast. The cost is \$10.00 per person and includes snacks and musical entertainment. A cash bar will be available and parking is free.

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grandson) along with many neighbors, are third and fourth generation Slovenian-American grape growers. The wine was named "Domovina" to recognize their pride in their ethnic heritage.

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Lausches mark 50th year

by **MADLINE DEBEVEC**

Harold and Antonia Lausche of Richmond Heights celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on April 27. A family dinner was held in their honor. Congratulations and best wishes from family, friends and relatives. American Home joins in sending their regards for continued good health and happiness for many more years!

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Mladi Harmonikarji, "Young Accordionists," under the direction of Rudy Knez will appear in concert on Sunday, May 5 at 3:30 p.m. at St. Vitus auditorium. The group is comprised of 50 talented musicians. They will delight the audience with their accordions, guitars, clarinets and flutes.

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TRAVEL NEWS

Hello from Argentina!

Mary Miklavcic, a long-time subscriber of American Home, recently sent us an attractive postcard from Mendoza, Argentina, where she has been visiting. Quite a few Slovenes settled in this beautiful and mountainous area.

She writes of the disastrous effects from an earthquake, which struck the region January 26 and notes some 16,000 dwellings were totally destroyed and another 24,000 so badly damaged they will have to be razed. The dwellings were mostly of adobe and in general there appears to be much poverty in the area.

Mrs. Miklavcic notes also the negative effects of inflation on Argentine society. The peso is practically worthless and declines in value daily. The average skilled worker earns about 100 to 150 dollars a month.

She notes that from what she has seen, she is even prouder to be an American and suggests that those among us who are so quick to criticize our country should do some travelling around the world and their eyes would soon be opened.

While Mrs. Miklavcic certainly enjoyed her month long visit with her parents and family in Argentina she also writes, "I will be very happy to be home again."

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Sylvia and Jack Banko of Cleveland enjoyed a two week visit to Sanibel Island and Cape Coral, Florida.

They report **Michael Lah**, formerly of Cleveland built his own ship, "The Adria". Mr. Lah is harbor master of the Cape Coral Yacht Club.

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The following greetings arrived from Jensen Beach, Fla.: "Just a friendly hello from our home in Jensen Beach,

Fla. We've been enjoying the winter fishing and golfing -not missing the snow one bit -and thanks to your paper, we're not missing what's going on in Cleveland.

We will leave here soon and make a stop in Nashville, Tenn. to visit our daughter **Connie, Bob** and two grandsons. Then on to Cleveland to meet our newest grandson **Scott James**. He arrived weeks early on April 8th, the fourth son for our daughter **Annette** and proud dad, **Jim**.

Carmen & Lloyd McBrayer

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Bob and Elaine Debevec of Punta Gorda, Florida are presently touring New Zealand. They visited their daughter, **Diane**, an interior designer who is on assignment in Australia.

Bob, former Euclid Law Director, and brother of James, reports, "It's beginning to be the winter season here as the seasons are opposite of ours." They are enjoying the beautiful country.

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Joe Gornick of Euclid again found gratification in his annual winter trip to St. Petersburg, Fla. Joe has the latest demographic statistics of the area so feel free to contact him if you are contemplating settling in the area.

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Rudy and Marie Pivik of Middleburg Heights entertained **Slavko, Slavica and Christina Sovan** of Alsip, Illinois during spring vacation. Rudy and Slavko toured the American Home and chatted with the staff. Mr. Sovan is employed at **SK Products Corp.**, a firm that manufactures furniture made in Slovenia, Yugoslavia and is assembled in five plants throughout the United States.

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Gregorc-Hinko Wedding

Linda Hinko became the bride of **Anthony Gregorc** April 13 at Holy Cross Church in Euclid.

The Rev. Martin J. Scully officiated.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jerome Hinko, 21590 Miller Ave., Euclid. The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Anton Gregorc, 503 Richmond Road, Richmond Hts.

Michelle Hinko of Euclid was her sister's maid of honor with bridesmaids Mary Sheehy of Willowick, Jackie Albanese of Eastlake, Gloria Germano of Mentor and Kim Mazza of Willowby Hills, all cousins of the bride, and Mary Ann and Nada Gregorc, both of Richmond Heights and sisters of the bridegroom. Brianna Baisil of Westlake, cousin of the bride, was flower girl.

Paul Gregorc of Richmond Heights served his brother as



Rt. Rev. Monsignor Louis B. Baznik, right, beams happily on the occasion of his 50th anniversary in the priesthood which was celebrated Sunday, April 28 at St. Vitus Church at a noon Mass. Also enjoying the event are Bishop Edward Pevec (center) and Rev. Joseph Celesnik (who marked his golden year last Sunday).

(Photo by James V. Debevec)

best man. Ushers were John Gregorc of Euclid and Mark Gregorc of Richmond Heights, brothers of the bridegroom, Danny Nagode, Jeff Oberstar and James Bizily, cousin of the bride, all of Mentor, and John Lamovec of Richmond Heights, cousin of the bridegroom. Shawn McDowell of Sandusky, nephew of the bridegroom, was ringbearer.

A reception at Recher Hall in Euclid honored the couple before a wedding trip to Hawaii. They will live in Willoughby Hills.

The bride is a graduate of Euclid High School and Euclid School of Practical Nursing. She is a nurse at Manor Care Nursing Home in Cleveland. Her husband is a graduate of Austintown Fitch High School in Youngstown and is a supervisor at Skrl Tool & Die in Eastlake.

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Sacred Heart May Devotions Begin May 19 in Calif.

Faithful to an old Slovenian tradition, priests in Southern California will hold Slovenian Day Devotions to the Blessed Mother on Sunday, May 19 beginning with a Slovenian Mass at 12:30 p.m. in Sacred Heart Church, Etiwanda, near Fontana.

Father Joseph Mauser of Helena, Montana will assist in the celebration of the Mass.

During the May devotions, information regarding the canonization of Bishop Baraga and Bishop Anton Slomšek will be given.

After the Mass, the litanies of Our Blessed Mother will be held.

After services, a delicious dinner including Slovenian sausages will be served in the parish hall.

Slovenians from all over California and the bordering states and elsewhere are cordially invited to attend. Directions: from San Bernardino Freeway (No. 10) get off on freeway 15 which goes to

Barstow and then in about a mile, get off on Foothill Blvd. Turning right, you are in front of Sacred Heart Church (714-899-1247). There is high speed traffic on Foothill, so carefully turn left into the church parking lot.

Commander E. A. Ryavec of Santa Monica, Calif., cordially invites all readers of the A.H. to attend the services and dinner.

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The American Slovene Club will meet on Monday, May 6th at 7:30 p.m. at Broadview Savings, E. 260 St. and Lake Shore Blvd. There will be election of officers.

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Maria Dimitrijevic, entertainment coordinator of the malls, announces there will be **Nationality Days** at Westgate

Mall, Center Ridge Rd., on May 3, 4, and 5.

The stage is in the middle of the mall, in front of Kresge's. Among the groups performing will be the West Park Button Box Diatonic, Maple Hts. Button Box, Eddie Andres, AMLA Singers, and other nationalities. There will also be a variety of ethnic foods available.

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Leo and Ruth (Maruna) Zupancic, 8910 Orchard Ave., Brooklyn, observed their 50th wedding anniversary March 31 with a celebration at Greenbriar Commons. They married March 2, 1935 in St. Procop Church.

They have a son, Ronald; a daughter, Rita Friedericks; and six grandchildren.

IN LOVING MEMORY

OF OUR PARENTS, GRANDPARENTS, AND GREAT-GRANDPARENTS



MARY TEKAVEC
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ANDREJ TEKAVEC
died May 8, 1955

*Only the memory's left,
Of the happiness we knew,
But the love that kindled memory's torch,
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Sadly missed by:
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Ann Tekavec
Son-in-law — Herbert Murphy
Grandchildren and Great-grandchildren

Memorial Service to Honor Slovenian War Deceased

A memorial service commemorating the 40th anniversary of the Viktring Tragedy (Vetrinjske Tragedije) is scheduled for Sunday, May 26 at 3:00 p.m. in St. John Cathedral, E. 9th St. in downtown Cleveland.

This service is being sponsored by Bishop A. Edward Pevec, vicar of the Eastern region, diocese of Cleveland, Rt. Rev. Msgr. Louis B. Baznik, and five Slovenian parishes in the Cleveland diocese. They are St. Christine (Euclid), SS. Cyril and Methodius (Lorain), St. Lawrence (Newburgh), St. Mary (Collinwood), and St. Vitus (Cleveland).

While the memorial service is primarily to commemorate those who were murdered by the Partisans in Slovenia and Yugoslavia during May/June 1945 those Slovenians and American-Slovenians who also lost their lives during World War II, the Korean War and the Vietnam War will also be honored.

The first meeting organizing this event was held on April 21 in St. Vitus Auditorium. Father Joseph Boznar was the moderator. He explained why

the memorial service was being requested. Approximately 25 persons attended. Each represented an organization or were personally interested in the program. The only previous announcement for the meeting appeared in the April 16 issue of the American Home.

Three subcommittees were formed: Publication/Information, Liturgical, and an "Ad Hoc" (i.e., to complete details such as transportation, parking, etc.).

For those unfamiliar with the Viktring tragedy, a brief explanation follows:

Viktring is a village located in the lower southern section of Carinthia, Austria. Viktring was one of the major locations used as a settlement camp for displaced persons, primarily Slovenian Home Guards (Domobranci), Chetniks, and civilians. It is from this site that approximately 12-to-20,000 of these persons were dispatched by the British Military Government in Austria to Yugoslavia rather than to Italy as had been promised by the British. This dispatchment amounted to a death sentence in

villages/cities such as Teharje, Kranj, Skofja Loka, St. Vid, and Kocevje for many of these persons.

The sheer brutality by the Communist Party and the Partisans was incredible. For example: hanging of a seminarian by his sex organs, crowning of a person's head with barbed wire, chopping off of arms and ears, punching holes in a person's ear(s), gauging out of eyes, and other types of torture. A similar experience in history recently occurred in Cambodia with the attempt to exterminate the Cambodian nation by the Khmer Rouge (Cambodian Communist Party).

A second meeting was scheduled for Thursday, May 2 in St. Vitus Auditorium.

The Cathedral memorial service is an opportunity for all persons of Slovenian background to remember in prayer those who now allow us to enjoy our many freedoms, such as speech and religious practice. And in a small manner, we are able to display a show of appreciation and gratitude for the many deceased faithful.

Stan J. Kuhar

Saturday, May 4

Krofe sale sponsored by St. Vitus Altar Society after 8 a.m. Mass in auditorium.

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A. If you go outside the country for 30 days or more while you're getting checks, your absence from this country may affect your right to benefits. Contact any Social Security office for a copy of the leaflet, "Your Social Security checks - while you are outside the U.S." This will give you more specific information.

Q. Three weeks ago I applied for Social Security disability benefits. How long will it be before I'm notified of a decision on my claim?

A. It generally takes two to three months to process a disability claim. The actual time depends largely on how long it takes to receive medical reports and other information and on whether a special examination or test is needed. After a decision has been made, you will be notified by mail.

Q. I applied for Social Security disability benefits, and now I've been referred to a physician for a special examination. Since my own doctor already sent in several medical reports, why do I need to see this other doctor? Do I have to pay for this examination?

A. Usually, a decision on your disability claim can be based on medical report from your own doctor. But if more medical information is needed, you may be referred to a physician or to a clinic or

other facility for a special examination or test. The Government will pay for this additional evidence and certain travel costs connected to it.

Q. If a worker dies, can his or her children get Social Security survivor benefits?

A. Monthly payments can be made to a deceased worker's unmarried children under 18 (or under 19 if full-time high school students). Benefits continue past that age if an unmarried child is severely disabled before 22 and continues to be disabled.

Q. I will be retiring soon, and I need some information on Medicare. How can I get this information?

A. Contact any Social Security office for information on Medicare.

Q. Does Medicare pay for dental care?

A. Medicare medical insurance can help pay for dental care only if it involved (1) surgery of the jaw or related structures, (2) setting fractures of the jaw or facial bones, or (3) services that would be covered when provided by a doctor. If you need to be hospitalized because of the severity of a dental procedure, Medicare can cover your hospital stay even if the dental care itself is not covered by Medicare.

Q. My mother has been offered a policy which would protect her against hospital and doctor bills if she developed cancer. Both her parents died of cancer. Do you think it's a good idea?

A. We can't advise any person on specific coverage they feel will meet their circumstances. As a general rule, however, the "Guide for Health Insurance for People With Medicare" notes that policies covering a single specified disease are too limited in scope to provide reasonable supplementary Medicare protection.

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Toronto Slovenia Home observes 20th year

Slovenian national homes and cultural centers have played a very important and distinctive role in the history of Slovenia.

When Slovenia obtained her independence after the collapse of the Austro-Hungarian Empire, it stood before a great task of national renewal. In all spheres of its existence there was much to be done. To include the whole nation in this process of renewal, Slovenian national homes and cultural centers provided a widespread education by instituting instructional lectures and seminars on diverse subject areas: from literature and the dramatic arts to social studies and agriculture. Athletics, especially gymnastics were vigorously encouraged and greatly pursued. Cultural center libraries provided literature on any subject.

In a short span of time between the two world wars, Slovenia rose from the ruins of the old Austrian Empire as one of the most advanced nations in Europe. In this regard, Slovenian national homes and cultural centers were greatly responsible for such rapid national renaissance after almost 900 years of Germanization.

After the second World War when Slovenians found themselves in a similar position as refugees, they began organizing again on the same principle. In many foreign countries, they built new national homes and cultural centers as well as churches, religion being an integral part of Slovenian culture. These centers and churches have ushered forth a new responsibility, that is, to preserve our language and Slovenian heritage. The first Slovenian immigrants in Toronto realized this need and as a result, Slovenia Home on Pape Avenue was founded.

According to its recorded history, Toronto's Slovenia Home came into formal existence as an organization on April 3, 1965 at which time the first executive and committee members were elected. During the course of that year, the necessary, physical renovations were completed in the building at 864 Pape Avenue.

The first social function of this newly-founded association took place on December 26, 1965, and on December 31, 1965 Slovenia Home organized its first New Year's Eve celebration, an event which has become an annual festive

tradition for its members and friends alike.

The formal opening of Slovenia Home, however, did not take place until January 29, 1966. In the presence of invited dignitaries from all three levels of government, various ethnic associations, and representatives from numerous Slovenian organizations, Slovenia Home was blessed by Rev. Andrej Prebil, C.M., then the pastor of Our Lady, Help of Christians Parish in Toronto, and by Rev. Alosius Ambrozic, currently a Bishop in the Archdiocese of Toronto.

In foundation of this "Home" quickly spawned a diverse array of cultural and athletic activities. Under the leadership of Nace Krizman "Vrba" emerged as a new chorus, providing a forum for vocal talents. The Slovenian Sports Federation under the direction of Frank Gormek, utilized the hall to provide our zestful youth with training in athletics. Mrs. Nezka Skulj initiated "Biser", a dancing ensemble of Slovenian boys and girls performing traditional folk dances. Various other organizations and associations held their respective monthly and annual business meetings within the warm surroundings of this "Home."

Slovenian women enthusiastically participated in many cooking and sewing courses. Table tennis and chess tournaments were frequently sponsored and well attended. The list goes on and on. From theater presentations to gymnastic displays, from instructional seminars to cultural and social evenings, Slovenia Home has indeed provided Toronto's Slovenian community with a place they can still call "Home."

The Slovenia Home in Toronto, Canada celebrated their 20th anniversary on April 20th with a banquet.

In its program booklet it states, "On this, its 20th anniversary, Slovenia Home beckons its members and friends to create a resurgence in enthusiasm and mutual cooperation, characteristics that have marked its fruitful existence of the last 20 years. May this "Home" truly maintain and uncessingly encourage the preservation of Slovenian cultural heritage for all who pass through its doors."

Translation P. Markeš Jr.

Coming Events Saturday, May 4

Lorain Slovenian Home "Meet the Manager Nite" with Steak Fry and dance. Serving 6-8 p.m., \$10. Call (216) 277-8101 for tickets. Dancing 9-1 by Wayne Golob and his Orchestra. No admission for dance only.

Saturday, May 4

Premiere Performances of Slovenian Music, 8 p.m. at School of Fine Arts Recital Hall, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. Admission \$6.50 (414) 963-4308. Featured also will be Slovenian vocal ensemble "Gallus" under direction of Prof. Leo C. Muskatevc, resident conductor.

Sunday, May 5

St. Francis Parish, 7107 Myron Ave Chicken Dinner, 12:30 - 4 p.m., \$3.25 (advance), \$3.756 at door. Also Flea Market 12:30 - 4 p.m. — Dance 4:30 - 7:30 p.m., disc jockey and records.

Sunday, May 5

Mladi Harmonikarji Concert at St. Vitus Auditorium at 3:30 p.m. Jasmin Ensambel plays for dancing.

Wed., May 8

Mothers Day Luncheon at West Park Slovene Home, 4583 W. 130 St, 1 p.m sponsored by Slovene Womens Union Branch 21. Reservations call 251-5975, 676-9216.

Saturday, May 11

Spring Dance sponsored by Girard Slovenian Home, 1008 North State St., Girard, O. Mahoning Valley Button Box Club 8-9 p.m., followed by Al Hreno Orch from 9 to midnight.

Sunday, May 12

SNPJ Farm Dinner/Picnic. Pork chops, chicken, roast beef or sausage served 1-3 p.m. Ray Polantz music 3:30 - 7:30 p.m. For tickets call 481-0870 or 486-6245.

Friday, May 17

Annual Meeting of Slovene Home for the Aged at Waterloo Hall.

Saturday, May 18

Korotan Concert, Slovenian National Home, St. Clair, beginning at 7:30 p.m. Admission \$4; tickets available at door. Dance music by Alpine Sextet.

Saturday, May 18

Plant Sale — St. Mary's Colliwood, 15519 Holmes Ave.

Saturday, May 25

Waterloo Balinca Club Dinner Dance at Waterloo Workmen's Home.

Sunday, May 26

Memorial service to honor Slovenian war dead, 3:00 p.m. in St. John Cathedral, downtown Cleveland sponsored by five Slovenian parishes in Cleveland. Bishop Pevec main celebrant along with Msgr. Baznik.

Korotan Concert May 18

It's that time of year again. Spring is calling people from their homes into the sunshine of balmy days and the mild coolness of soft evenings. As the blossoms herald the beginning of this season, so too do the many choral groups as they present their spring concerts.

One choral group you certainly should not miss is the Slovenian mixed chorus Korotan. The singers have thrilled audiences throughout Cleveland, as well as many other cities in the United States, Canada, Austria, and Italy. Hearing Korotan sing is as refreshing as the breezes of spring. If you have heard the group perform, you know that to be true. But if you haven't,

come and discover for yourself.

Under the direction of Rudy Knez, the singers of Korotan are presenting a concert of Slovenian songs. The concert will be given on Saturday, May 18 at 7:30 p.m. in the Slovenian National Home, 6417 St. Clair Avenue. The entertainment will continue afterwards as you dance to the music of the Alpine Sextet. Tickets are \$4.00.

Slovenian songs are beautiful. Spring sings the rebirth of nature. The Korotan concert will put the music into the season, a smile on your face, and contentment in your heart.

Mojca Slak

Recipes

CORN FRITTERS

1 16-ounce can whole-kernel corn, drained
1 cup all-purpose flour
1 teaspoon double-acting baking powder
3/4 teaspoon salt
2 eggs
1/4 cup milk
maple-blended syrup or confectioners' sugar

About 30 minutes before serving:

In electric skillet, heat 1/2-inch salad oil to 400°F. In medium bowl, with fork, stir 1 tablespoon salad oil and next 6 ingredients just until blended. Drop batter by heaping tablespoonfuls into hot oil; fry 3 to 5 minutes until browned, turning once. With slotted spoon, remove fritters to paper towels; drain. Serve with syrup or sprinkle with confectioners' sugar. Makes 6 servings.

RYE-CORN FRITTERS:

Prepare as above but substitute 1/2 cup all-purpose

flour and 1/2 cup rye flour for all-purpose flour.

†Or, in heavy saucepan over medium-high heat, heat oil to 400°F. on deep-fat thermometer.

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