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LynnMarie Hrovat Rink saluted at Euclid polka fest

By Linda Cimperman

The United Slovenian Society wants the whole world to know how proud it is of the talent and accomplishments of LynnMarie Hrovat Rink, the first Slovenian female to appear on a Polka Grammy award-winning album.

LynnMarie wrote the music and lyrics to the songs "Button Box Fever," and "Last Night" and as a "featured guest artist" performed on the Polka Grammy award winning album, "I love to Polka" by the Jimmy Sturr Orchestra.

The United Slovenian Society is bringing LynnMarie and her loving supportive husband, Jim, to Cleveland from Nashville Tennessee, where they reside. LynnMarie works for TNN (Television Nashville Network). Recently she was featured on TNN, "Prime Time Country" a Dick Clark Television Production, seen Monday through Friday 9 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. on the Nashville Cable Network.

Just last week LynnMarie performed her two songs, "Button Box Fever" and "Last Night" on "Prime Time Country." LynnMarie's husband is also in the television production profession.

U.S.S. is very proud of LynnMarie Hrovat Rink, and in keeping with the purpose of United Slovenian Society (a non-profit organization made up of a composite of members coming from other Cleveland Slovenian organizations U.S.S. was chartered in the State of Ohio in 1971, but originated from the 1969 committee that was organized to bring the Lojze Slak Ensemble from the Republic of Slovenia to Cleveland.

U.S.S. members volunteer their time and professions "to perpetuate and promote better understanding among American Slovenes and other people, to encourage culture exchanges between the United States and Slovenia, to perform charitable works for the good of the Slovenian and ethnic communities..." Now beginning the celebration of its year-long 25th anniversary festivities, United Slovenian Society invites everyone to attend this special gala celebration and dance in honor of LynnMarie Hrovat Rink, our



LynnMarie Hrovat Rink

first Slovenian female to appear on a Polka Grammy Award Willing Album.

LynnMarie is the youngest daughter of Mr. Lud Hrovat, past president of Maple Heights Slovenian Home and recipient of the 1992 "Maple Heights Man of the Year Award." He is also a retired entrepreneur.

LynnMarie remembers how her mother, Lillian, helped her to get started playing the "Button Box." Her mother passed away in 1982, leaving the care of three sons and three daughters to LynnMarie's father.

LynnMarie's oldest brother is Ludwig, a chef living in California. Next is Kathy, a medical secretary at Marymount Hospital, Next is her brother, Larry, who is an evangelist minister in Denver, Colorado. Then comes brother Leonard who is a dependency counselor and is living in Medina, Ohio. Her sister Karie is a medical secretary at the Cleveland Clinic. All were born and raised in the Cleveland area.

Come and join the fun, feel the excitement, catch the "Button Box Fever" and honor LynnMarie Hrovat on Friday, April 26 at the Slovenian Society Home, 20713 Recher Avenue, Euclid, Ohio. The doors open at 6:00 p.m. Cleveland's own Jeff Pecon and Lou Trebar will provide great music for entertainment and dancing beginning at 7 p.m. They will

be joined by LynnMarie Hrovat Rink and "other music greats."

Tickets are available through the support and assistance of the Polka Hall of Fame, President Fred Kuhar (216) 261-3263, U.S.S. President, John Pestotnik (216) 661-9191.

Mark your calendar and tell your friends, the last Friday in April promises "fun and fever." Hurry and get your tickets today.

Read more about LynnMarie's very unusual life story in future editions of this newspaper, and listen to radio stations that also support Slovenian contemporary, traditional or polka music, such as:

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Dick Russ receives humanitarian award

Channel 8 news-anchor Dick Russ (Richard Hlabse) was in Dallas from March 15 to the 17 to receive an honor from the Interfaith Religious Public Relations Council of America.

Russ wrote, reported and produced a program called "Salvador: Sacrifices of Faith" which recalled the 1980 murders of Catholic missionaries in El Salvador and examined their legacy. He received the national Wilbur Award.

The special program is now being used in social studies and theology courses in several area schools.



Federation of Slovenian Homes Banquet honors 11

The Federation of Slovenian National Homes held their Annual Awards Banquet and program on Sunday, March 17, at the Upper Hall of the Slovenian National Home on St. Clair Avenue in Cleveland.

Each of the nine Slovenian Homes saluted one member of their community. Then they combined their votes to honor a MAIN female and male. The Main Honorees for 1996 are Dorothy Gorjup and George Knaus.

There were approximately 500 persons in attendance on that St. Patrick's Day afternoon.

The honorees for the various halls were Raymond J. Hosta, West Park; Rev. Fr. John M. Kumse, Collinwood; Florence Mirtel, East 80th; William Brletic, Lorain, Sylvia Plymesser, St. Clair; Joseph Stavanja, Euclid; Kenneth W. Kleinhenz, Waterloo; Conrad Kaferle, Maple Heights, and Anne Cecelic, Fairport.

Cecilia V. Dolgan sang the National Anthems. Angela Zabrek and Florence Unetich sang a duet of various songs in the Slovenian language. Suburban Barbershop Quartet entertained with vocal selections in close harmony.

Thanking everyone for their kind wishes of congratulations are, top to bottom: Rev. John M. Kumse, George Knaus, and Sylvia Plymesser, along with St. Clair Slovenian Home President, Robert Hopkins.

(Photos by Bob Mills)

By James V. Debevec

Ohio Gov. George Voinovich is right; we don't need any more gambling in the state; it makes people so sad.

If the do-gooders want to make people happy, they can accomplish this by opening a bunch of bakeries in the state. Did you ever notice that everyone who comes out of Nosan's Bakery is smiling. They're happy anticipating all the good food they'll be consuming.

On the other hand, people leaving gambling establishments usually are in a foul mood, and generally look sour. A few years ago we had the pleasure of attending a convention in Joliet, Illinois. After the business portion was concluded, Pep and Joe Baskovic showed us where the gambling riverboat was docked. The state allows slot machines to be operated on the ship. As we headed down the gangplank I noticed everyone was in an upbeat mood, laughing, literally running to exchange their money for tokens to place in the slots.

We went topside, on deck, hoping for a scenic ride up and down the river. But the ship never left port. They said it was too windy. Can you imagine that — too windy for a ship. Anyhow, upon our return to the lower decks where the machines are located, there were the same droves of people coming up the stairs this time and we couldn't spot a happy face in the bunch.

I remember when Ohio didn't have any lottery and the voters were thinking about permitting it. The then-governor Gilligan (not the same one who shipwrecked his friends on an island — although there were some who thought he had many of the same attributes), told me the money would go directly to the schools. Well, you all know how great our school system has turned out since then.

To all those who want to put slot machines in Ohio to supplement our taxes (or lower them — Ha, Ha — don't

you wish!), forget it. Voinovich is right; be happy — think of freshly baked bread or *potica*; you'll have a smile — and your bread — and everyone will know the smile — means Ohio.

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Ever notice the "mute" button on your remote TV controller? I wonder what it's for. You can turn the sound down by pressing the volume until the sound disappears. So, why do they put the mute button there? Puzzling.

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Monday is April Fool's Day. So in honor of the occasion, here are a few humorous stories.

The first was sent in by John Telich of Euclid, Ohio who received it from his former hockey teammate Ray Prostor of Sedona, Ariz., who in turn received it from his brother Dave:

The farmer was upset by the local car dealer every time he wanted to buy a car. The farmer felt he had been taken on several occasions. One day the car dealer called the farmer and wanted to buy a cow. The farmer attached the following price ticket to the cow:

Basic cow \$500; two-tone exterior \$45; extra stomach \$75; product storage compartment \$60; hay chopper \$120; four spigots (\$10 each) \$40; cowhide upholstery \$125; dual horns \$15; automatic fly swatter \$38; fertilizer attachment \$185. TOTAL: \$1,233.00 (plus tax). *

Wife: I'd like to go and see "Dr. Zhivago."

Husband: Why, what's the matter with you now?

*
Some years ago the Yankees ran into a record-breaking heat wave at their Florida training base. After his workout and shower Yogi Berra waited outside the clubhouse for Joe DiMaggio. Dressed in white slacks, a cream-colored polo shirt and white loafers, he was greeted by a passing female fan. "Hello, Yogi" she said, "You look mighty cool."

"Thanks," Yogi replied, "You don't look too hot yourself."

Slovenian: I just returned from a safari in Africa.

Friend: How was the hunting?

Slovenian: Not bad. I bagged a lion, a leopard, and a potfor.

Friend: What's a potfor?

Slovenian: To cook in.

A Parent's Prayer

O, heavenly Father, make me a better parent. Teach me to understand my children, to listen patiently to what they have to say, and to answer all their questions kindly.

Keep me from interrupting them or contradicting them. Make me as courteous to them as I would have them to me.

Forbid that I should ever laugh at their mistakes, or resort to shame or ridicule when they displease me.

May I never punish them for my own selfish satisfaction or show them my power.

Let me not tempt my child to lie or steal, and guide me hour by hour that I may demonstrate by all I say and do that honestly produces happiness.

Reduce, I pray, the meanness in me. And when I am out of sorts, help me, I Lord, to hold my tongue.

May I never be mindful that my children are children and I should not expect of them the judgment of adults.



100 WORDS MORE OR LESS by John Mercina

Palm Sunday, 1996

Looking at the calendar on the wall of my study, it stared at me and impressed me. After all, this was not a calendar given to the family by a funeral director or even a church. This calendar as given to us by a real estate agent. I observed the same notation on the calendar that was part of the Chamber of Commerce promotion for the city. The third and the fourth calendars also carried the same notation — Palm Sunday — in the space for the date of March 31, 1996.

What a surprise. In our secular society, with separation of church and the state, Palm Sunday sneaked in. No gifts are exchanged, no special sales, as is customary at Christmas and other religious or quasi-religious days — such as Valentine's Day, honoring St. Valentine — if he is still a saint.

To be exact, Palm Sunday appeared on every single calendar, ten in all, that yours truly checked.

How many of us really appreciate this fact and how many of us truly understand the meaning of that day?

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(SINCE SO MANY OF YOU HAVE ASKED FOR IT)



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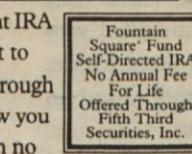
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Defends Domobranci

(Continued from last week)

In Slovenian Karst region there abound sinkholes virtually of the same nature like the sinkholes in our Michigan karst. They are called *brezno* in central Slovenia, or *fojba* in the Primorska region.

At the withdrawal of Domobranci from Slovenia, the Partisans got hold of a hospital train filled with the wounded Domobranci. The procedure was short. The wounded were massacred at the outskirts of Brezarevo brezno in northwestern hills near Ljubljana and their bodies thrown into the pit. Partisans covered the hole with soil and trees, dissimulating the place. In this way the massacre was supposed to be concealed for good. But for

This sinkhole had – just like Michigan sinkholes have – a connection with an underground stream of water forming an ample spring at Podutlik where the hills meet the Ljubljana plain.

A short time after the massacre, the population began to complain that the water of the spring had begun to stink, sometimes coming out dark, mixed with blood and human hair.

The authorities knew the cause of such unnatural occurrence. They knew that it would take a very long time until the water would clear in its natural way. The delay would lead to unavoidable publicity and disclosure of the cause. Also, the water running freely could cause some epidemic. What was to be done?

The story was revealed in the film "For a Real End of the War" shown by Slovenian TV in Ljubljana in 1991

It was the boss of Slovenian communist Gestapo Ivan Macek-Matija who decided. Albert Svetina-Erno was his assistant. In the film he tells the story.

He had been given the task of clearing up the mess. He received the necessary derrick and 60 German POWs from the nearby POW camp.

They emptied the decomposing bodies from the hole and buried them nearby. The fetid job was done. He wanted to return the German POWs from the nearby POW camp.

But his boss: Ivan Macek-Matija rose to the occasion. He would have none of it.

"Are you crazy?" he believed. "Send them to the liquidating brigade at Kocevje!"

Svetilna proceeded accordingly. Those POWs have not been seen since. Dead men tell no tales.

Well, this was the usual fashion of covering Slovenian partisan dark secrets. It was not unique. It was repeated again and again in their revolutionary times. And there are many other gruesome stories of body snatching and so forth; and there are thousands and thousands of other minor and more subtle examples of hiding the truth.

One not unimportant stands out a bit. It is about Ljubljana's bishop Dr. Gregory Rozman, who ended his days as a refugee here in Cleveland. He has been sentenced in absentia to 18 years of hard labor by a partisan "Military Court." The documents for his defense, however, mysteriously disappeared while in possession of the same court.

The experience with the "Hearsay"

Thus, out of partisan-communist perversion of truth, concealment of truth, or destruction of documented proof about partisan mayhem, Slovenian people are bound to hear what Mr. Rucigay calls "hearsay" and dispense them with a certain amount of veracity. For a lot of such hearsay, only the discovered human bones remain as documents.

I had my proper experience about the not-documented hearsay. I repeat here only what I declared under oath on the witness stand before the Royal Court in London. The declaration was taken from my notes compiled immediately after the war.

I had served as interpreter between the British Camp Commandant and Slovenian commander at Vetrinje Camp.

It was from this camp that the Domobranci were delivered to the Partisans.

A couple of days before the hand-over, two young Domobranci, former Partisan deserters, reported to the Camp Commandant.

They asserted that as Partisans they had witnessed a massacre of a group of Allied airmen at the hands of Partisans. The Partisans were fleeing and the airmen were just a burden in their attempted escape. They didn't want to leave the airmen (apparently undesired witnesses of the Partisan "heroic resistance to Nazism" – my observation) to the pursuing Germans. So they shot and killed the entire group and buried them on the spot.

The British Camp commandant sent the two witnesses to Military Intelligence post where they were just ridiculed. They felt humiliated. Afterward, they left the camp with the rest. With all Domobranci gone, Military Intelligence suddenly requested the two witnesses. It was too late.

What happened was at the start of the Trieste crisis. The British must have got wind of *fojbas* – the stinkholes – where Partisans had disposed of their victims. Only then the "hearsay" about massacre of Allied airmen became credible.

(To Be Continued)

United States of America

Muskegon, Michigan

June 12, 1947

OFFICIAL AFFIDAVIT

This is an affidavit, sworn to be the truth by Maurice A. Brash, Captain U.S.A.A.F. Reserve; who was shot down while on a mission over Ljubljana, Yugoslavia on November 19, 1944.

"In November, 1944 I was serving my country as a First Lieutenant with the 79th Fighter Group, 67th Squadron, 12th Air Force. I was pilot of a P-47 Thunderbolt, Attack Dive Bomber, based in Ancona, Italy. While carrying out a reconnaissance mission on the Zalog-Ljubljana line, November 19, 1944, I was shot down by German anti-aircraft fire over Ljubljana. Al (undistinguishable)... and, hands, I parachuted to safety with the Chetnik and Domobranci troops."

This is to certify that Dr. Marsol Valentin did all in His power; at great risks to his life, and the lives of his family and friends to aid me during my distress. He gave me directly or indirectly, and most importantly, security from the Germans, excellent medical care, plentiful amounts of food, and shelter from the cold. His Christian kindness and courageous acts of bravery gave me and my (14) comrades great hope and inspiration to carry on in our struggle to return to our forces. It was through no fault of his or the Chetniks and civilians who helped me that we were captured, for some of them were captured with me and were treated worse than my comrades or myself.

Maurice A. Brash, e.h.
Captain U.S.A.A.F. RESERVE

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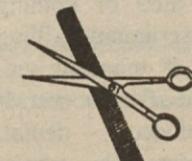
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 13th day of June, 1947 Clara W. Pfennig, Notary Public, Muskegon County, Mich. My commission expires April 9, 1951.

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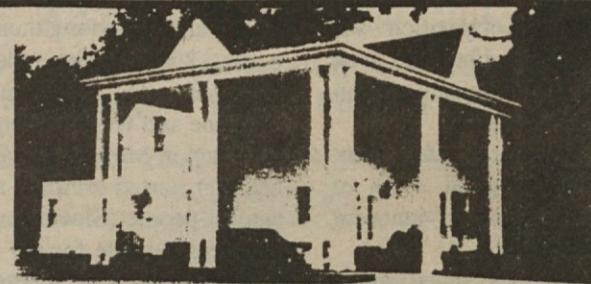
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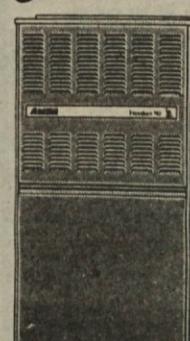
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Domobranci Dialogue

Editor:

My comments to the call for dialogue (AH Feb. 1996) from Mr. John C. Rucigay.

After the tragedy of June, 1945, Slovenian refugees, civilians and military survivors of the war were full of emotions. They were stunned by the enormity of the crime committed by the victors (Communists).

One of the emotions and feelings which we didn't have and didn't show or write about – was the hatred. What the immigrants and a good part of the people in Slovenian do today and will do in the future is to insist in presenting the truth about 1941/45 period.

The story of an intensive, valuable Liberation guerrilla fight presented by the victors is so terribly false. In Slovenia we had a most cruel revolution, which the victors tried to hide under the pretext of a freedom fight. The legitimate self-defense of the opposition was presented at that time and even today as an unwarranted collaboration or worse.

This can't be accepted, ever. The cause, the good name of over ten thousands of innocent victims is involved.

That Partisans saved many Allied Airmen, but not the Domobranci, is no small wonder. Partisans controlled some free territory. This was well known to the Allied command. The airmen did their utmost to land or parachute there. The Allies provided quick rescue, mostly by planes.

Domobranci were operating in the German occupied territory. Germans watched very carefully; the few airmen who landed in their territory were captured and taken to the POW camps. The Partisans worked hard to save the airmen, but risked little by saving them. Domobranci, or the local citizens caught in the act of saving or hiding the Airmen were sub-

ject to extreme penalties including the shooting of hostages.

The well known saying, "My enemy is your enemy..." is out of focus in our case. Our enemies since June, 1941 were the Communists and their helpers. The danger of multiple killings of innocent people, usually with torture was present. The danger from the occupier was there but not imminent.

It is incredible that Mr. Rucigay knows little or nothing about the indiscriminate killing of thousands of innocent victims during and after the war. It is like the Holocaust – denial. The Communist side admits multiple killings during the first phase of the revolution up to July 17, 1942. Up to that date there was not a single victim killed by the opposition!

With Italian collapse in September, 1943, we count more than a thousand victims, all who surrendered to the Communists. Among them were nearly 200 Cetniks, who surrendered to partisans in Grcarice and were consequently executed in Mozelj. The Italians had just started criminal actions against people (Slovenian Partisans) responsible for the killing in Gorica and Trst, without due legal process of more than 1,500 after the war.

In Slovenia some details are now published about the genocide in Babin Rog near Lasko – after the war! Some 8,000 people, mostly Croatians fleeing abroad, were stripped, thrown alive into the mine pits. Cruelty not seen in Europe in a thousand years. These programs were designed by Mr. Mitja Ribicic, ex-high Ozna official and president of SFRJ as "Last military operation of WWII."

I believe Mr. Rucigay, that during his short stay in Croatia and Slovenia, didn't see or hear about the atrocities. The order was to get airmen out without their knowing what was really

happening. If by any chance he would hear or see too much, he would never reach the West again.

Peter Urbanc
Don Mills, Ontario
Canada

Testimonial Dinner

A Testimonial Dinner-Dance will be held by the West Park Slovene Home, 4583 W. 130 St., Cleveland to honor Past President 'Pres' Rudy Jaksa on Saturday, April 20.

Dinner starts at 6:30 p.m. The Eddie Rodick Band will play for dancing from 8 to 12 midnight. Reservations deadline is April 18.

For tickets, \$15.00, call Marie at 433-1941.

St. Mary's Seniors Meet

St. Mary's (Collinwood) Seniors meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 2, in the school cafeteria. Speaker will be Barbara Pennington, Euclid Meridia Coordinator who will speak on "Admission and Discharge."

Refreshments and bingo will follow the meeting.

Welcome back President Dan and Helen Pavsek from their stay in Florida.

Happy Easter to all members.

—Jennie Schultz

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Inventive Sounds by Vinko Globokar

Vinko Globokar is a trombonist, sort of. At least that's the instrument usually in the way when he makes sounds start to happen. But there's no confusing him with Tommy Dorsey.

A composer of what might be called the extreme avant-garde and a performer of remarkable charisma, the 61-year-old French Slovenian brought his wares to LACE in Hollywood two weeks ago for a stimulating, amazing and giddy show.

Mixing a great deal of humor and theater into his compositions, Globokar consistently manages to avoid pretentiousness while joyously seeking far-out, far-flung sounds.

In "Prestop II," which opened the event, he began in a back room alternating mystifying spoken dialogue with trombone crackles. Walking into the performance space, he hovered on muted multiphonics (produced by singing into-and playing the instrument simultaneously); then, taking up drum, cymbals, pistol and whistle, he threatened loud noise with each, only to freeze up in a vocal squeal before impact.

His "RES/AS/EX/-INSPIRER" makes clamorous, urgent business out of inhaling and exhaling sounds produced continuously in both directions, vocally and through the instrument.

Among other tricks to "Exchanges," Globokar substitutes single- and double-reed mouthpieces on the trombone to fashion a kind of musical science-fiction.

"Corporal" found the composer shirtless and using his own body to make music, scratching, clicking teeth, hissing, tapping sternum with compelling verve. The *coup de gras* though, was "Cri des Alps" for alphorn, which became a receptacle for cavernous sostenuto, mumbling comedy and cigar smoke. You had to be there.

Timothy Mangan
Los Angeles Times

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Michel Bernier, French Minister for European Affairs visited Slovénia. With Slovénian representatives he discussed Slovénia's entry into the European Union.

On his 17th birthday, Slovénian skier, Primož Pétérka, took 7th place in the 25th world championship ski jumping in Finland. Samo Gostiša placed 14th, Juré Radelj was 34th, Robert Méglíč 35th, and Urban Franc in 42nd place. Only Matjaž Kladnik failed to qualify.

Slavko Šorn - Avija broke the Slovénian balloon record rising to a height of 10,300 meters (6.4 miles = 33,793 feet). The world record is held by Austrian Joseph Starkbaum who reached 13,670 meters towards heaven on June 8, 1983.

Professor Ěrnéšt Toméč was the leader, ideologist, and organizer of the student Catholic Action in Slovénia before World War II. Born in 1885, he died in 1942.

Church of the Holy Spirit in Črnomelj attracted the attention of archeologists after ancient ruins were uncovered during a reconstruction project. A wall dating from the times of Turkish attacks was exposed. Also further investigations indicate that a civilization existed at that place in the 8th or 9th Century before Christ. Now archeologists are trying to ascertain what was the old name of Črnomelj.

As part of the treaty negotiations between Italy and Slovénia, it is expected that Italy will demand the closing of the Slovénian nuclear power plant in Krka.

Lipa has published a book by Katarina Šalamun-Biadrzycki entitled "Umětníški vzpon Alojza Rébulé" (The Artistic Rise of Alojz Rébula). The book is divided into 4 sections. The first one covers the Forties of the 20th Century. Next come the Fifties, followed by the Sixties. Also included are three novels. Rébula is a very well known Slovénian writer who has been living in the Terst area, the Italian Littoral next to Slovénia.

Euromoney, a financial review, has placed Slovénia 50th among 181 countries of the world. Slovénia was rated 60.49 out of a possible 100 points as a business risk.

Last October Slovénia became a fully legal member of Eurocontrol. This organization is concerned with security of airplanes in flights over Europe.

A pilgrimage to our Lady's Shrine in Lemont, IL, is planned for members of the Slovénian Altar Societies of Cleveland on Saturday and Sunday, August 10th and 11th. Saturday evening at 7:30 there will be a procession with candles followed by the holy sacrifice of the Mass. Pilgrims' Mass will be held Sunday morning at 11:00 with the singing of the Litanies at 2:30 PM. Everyone is invited to make arrangements for the trip through their parish Altar Society.

Internetists will be interested in the Slovénian *Internet Explorer 2.0*. It is intended for Windows 95. It can be reached through the address www.microsoft.com. It can also be reached directly as www.microsoft.com/Slovenija.

A diplomatic academy, the first of its kind in Slovénia, was opened recently. It is a part of the University of Ljubljana.

One of the active political parties, Slovénian Christian Democrats (SKD) is now participating in the Internet.

Transportation of goods between Turkey and Slovénia has been steadily increasing. It has been aided by the recent commercial and economic treaty of co-operation signed by the two countries.

At the 5th international Salon Ambient held in Novi Sad, Svea of Zagorje received 2 citations of "Champion Winner". The awards were 2 gold medals for their kitchen program, Katarina, and Ajda (Buckwheat). The awards came as a result of Seva's marketing access.

Parishioners in Ilirska Bistrica celebrated the restoration of their church, Sv. Jurij Sunday, March 10TH with divine services. Rt. Rev. Msgr. Mátod Pirih, Bishop of Kopér, was the celebrant of festivities.

Karl Kocjančič, president of the Society of Tigers, maintains that the "Tigrovci" defended the threatened Slovénian people during the war and civil war. He was being interviewed by Milan Grégorič for the Saturday supplement of *SLOVÉNÉC*.

In the same supplement, President Izidor Réjc of the SKD, is also quoted as saying that "After seven years of hard labor, we aren't native". He was being interviewed by Vida Kocjan.

Peter Kozina started the first Slovénian shoe factory in Tržič. Kozina died 66 years ago. According to Reporter Manka Krémenské his factory may have been the most up-to-date in Europe at that time.

St. Vitus Christian Mothers celebrate 50th anniversary

The St. Vitus Christian Mothers' Club will be celebrating their 50th Anniversary on Sunday, April 28 at the 9:15 a.m. Mass with Bishop A. Edward Pevec officiating.

Afterwards a Champagne Luncheon will be held at the St. Vitus Auditorium. Please come and celebrate this joyous occasion with us! Reservations are pre-paid. Tickets are \$15.00 per person -- \$25.00 per couple; reservation deadline is Saturday, April 20th.

Please call the following ladies for reservations: Emilee Jenko 261-3427; Karen Matuszewski 391-5907; Marie Azman 881-4376; or Charlotte Taricska 431-6690.

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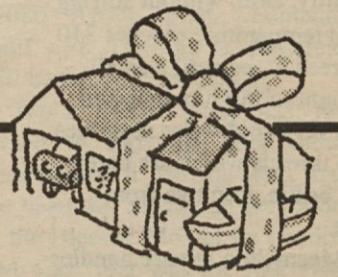
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NEW YORK (NAPS) — From the White House lawn to millions of beribboned baskets in American homes, brightly decorated Easter eggs are colorful reminders of the season.

Delivered by the bunnies, with an artful assist from mother, traditional Easter eggs are a joyful addition to the observance of the holiday. This year let the children join in the fun of making the eggs as well as finding them. And there's an additional bonus for them as the eggs are unearthed — they're as good to eat as they are to look at.

The Bonbon Eggs are made with a no-cook fondant filled with a choice of either a no-cook peanut butter coconut or chocolate candy. Spun sugar for lining the nests is a job for mother or an adventuresome candy maker. It is all fun to make, fun to eat and a really special delight for the children.

Bonbon Easter Eggs

Before starting the recipe, decide whether you want to fill the egg with a peanut butter coconut candy or with a chocolate candy, or whether you want to fill some with peanut butter and some with chocolate.

If you make both candies to use as the centers, you will have leftover candy — a condition that is never a problem when there are children around to eat up the leftovers.

1 recipe No-Cook Fondant
1 recipe Peanut Butter
Coconut Candy
and/or
1 recipe Chocolate Candy
Confectioners Sugar
Frosting

Prepare Fondant, divide into three parts and knead a drop or two of food coloring into each piece, using a different color for each. Chill until ready to form eggs. Prepare Peanut Butter Coconut Candy and/or chocolate Candy; cut each batch into 36 small pieces and shape each into a ball; chill.

Cut each of the three pieces of fondant into 12 pieces. Flatten each piece to $\frac{1}{4}$ -inch thickness with hands. Wrap pieces around candy. If using both candies wrap half the pieces around Peanut Butter Coconut Centers and use the other half around Chocolate Candy. Form each into egg shape. Decorate with Confectioners Sugar Frosting piped through decorating tube. Makes 36 small decorated eggs plus 18 small candies of each type.

NO-COOK FONDANT

*1/3 cup margarine
 1/3 cup light corn syrup
 1 teaspoon vanilla
 1/2 teaspoon salt
 1 pound confectioners sugar, sifted*

Food coloring

Blend margarine, corn syrup, vanilla and salt in large mixing bowl. Add confectioners sugar all at once. Mix together, first with spoon, then kneading. Turn onto board and continue kneading until mixture is well blended and smooth.

PEANUT BUTTER CANDY

*1/4 cup dark corn syrup
 2 teaspoons water
 1-2/3 cups sifted confectioners sugar
 3 tablespoons nonfat dry milk (dry form)
 1/4 teaspoon salt
 1 (3-1/2-ounce) can flaked coconut*

Mix peanut butter and corn syrup. Stir in water. Mix together confectioners sugar, nonfat dry milk and salt. Stir into syrup mixture. Add coconut. Knead until thoroughly blended.

CHOCOLATE CANDY

*1 tablespoon margarine
 1/4 cup light or dark corn syrup
 1 ounce unsweetened chocolate, melted
 1/2 teaspoon vanilla
 1-1/2 cups sifted confectioners sugar
 1/3 cup nonfat dry milk (dry form)*

Mix margarine and corn syrup until well blended. Stir in chocolate and vanilla. Mix confectioners sugar and nonfat dry milk. Gradually add to syrup mixture. Stir, then knead until thoroughly blended.

CONFECTIONERS SUGAR FROSTING

*1/2 cup margarine
 1/2 pound confectioners sugar, sifted
 Food coloring
 Water, if necessary*

Mix margarine and confectioners sugar, beating until smooth. Mix in desired coloring. Press through decorating tube, to make desired shapes. Flowers, leaves, etc. may be shaped several weeks ahead, wrapped in plastic wrap and stored in refrigerator or freezer. If frosting becomes too stiff, blend in a few drops of water.

SPUN SUGAR

*1/3 cup water
 1/4 cup light corn syrup
 1 cup sugar*

Mix together water, corn syrup and sugar in small saucepan. Bring to boil over medium heat, stirring constantly. Boil, without stirring, until temperature reaches 310 degrees F., or until a small amount of mixture dropped into very cold water separates into threads which are hard and brittle. Remove from heat.

Meanwhile, grease handles of 2 wooden spoons. Tape (plastic tape) to table top 12 inches apart, with handles extending over edge of table. To protect floor spread American Home newspapers under spoon handles to cover an area several feet wide. As soon as the syrup mixture is ready, dip fork (preferably 6 prong) into mixture. Shake rapidly back and forth over greased handles (for finer strands shake fork more rapidly) dipping fork and shaking until desired amount of spun sugar accumulates.

Remove strands from handles carefully. Repeat until all syrup mixture is used, working quickly. Shape spun sugar as desired. Use the same day,



Bonbon eggs in a spun sugar nest make an unusual Easter confection. Select your favorite ice cream, serve it with some of the spun sugar and pass the bonbons with coffee later.



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Sister Rosemary Hocevar prepares school leaders

Sister Rosemary A. Hocevar has a mission: preparing leaders for the Catholic schools of tomorrow.

"Catholic education is my passion," she said. "I believe the Catholic schools do a wonderful job. I think they are worth expanding."

Research has shown that the community they build is one that involves the family, that gives people input into the decision-making. I think they give parents the extra added help with raising their children."

Over the last 30 years, she said, the Catholic schools have undergone a major change. Teaching staffs used to be made up mostly of nuns, priests and brothers. Now, only 10 to 15 percent of the staffs are members of religious communities.

"We are training the next generation of lay leaders in the church," she said. The training focuses on administration, recruiting students, finances, legal issues, public relations, caring for the buildings, instilling values and moral training.

The Ursuline nun has had a variety of careers -- teaching high school and chemistry, serving as an assistant principal and principal, overseeing the 27 Catholic high schools in the diocese and, for the last five years, serving as vice president for institutional advancement at Ursuline College in Pepper Pike. But last month, she asked to return to her first love -- teaching teachers.

"My reason for going back into teaching teachers to be principals in Catholic schools is because I believe in the Catholic Schools," she said.

Hocevar grew up in the

Slovenian community near E. 43rd Street and St. Clair Ave in Cleveland, where her mother, Terry Hocevar, still lives and writes a column for the Slovenian fraternal paper, "Our Voice." She said her father, Joseph Hocevar, a tailor at Richmond Brothers Co., took a second job as a cab driver to help pay Catholic school tuition for his five children.

Hocevar entered the convent in 1955 shortly after graduating from Villa Angela Academy.

"When I told my mother I was going to enter the convent, she didn't believe me. 'I'll give you six months,' she said. So here I am. All these years later."

After receiving a bachelor's degree in chemistry and math education from Ursuline in 1960, Hocevar taught at schools in Mentor and in East Cleveland. She also completed her master's degree in chemistry from the University of Notre Dame.

In 1966, she began teaching at Villa Angela. While she was principal from 1970 to 1976, the Villa Angela faculty and staff developed a mission of education based on the development needs of adolescent women. She also was responsible for overseeing construction of a new "open concept" school building in the early 1970s. Last November, she was inducted into the Villa Angela/St. Joseph High School Hall of Fame.

While working on a doctorate in educational administration and organizational development at Kent State University, Hocevar served as an education consultant for high schools around the United States.

"My next area of interest to pursue is how to build effective Catholic school boards," she said. "Most colleges have strong boards, but as you go down into the elementary schools, most of those boards are advisory because of the structure of the church. My goal is to give more power to the people who have a stake in the schools -- the parents and the people in the parish community."

Hocevar, who lives on the Ursuline campus in Pepper Pike, said her interests include reading, walking and rooting for the Oakland Raiders and the Cleveland Indians.

"I've had a great time with my life," she said.

--John P. Coyne
The Plain Dealer

California Slovenian May Devotions

Slovenian May devotions will be held this year on Sunday, April 28 at St. Joseph's Church, 17080 Arrow Blvd., Fontana, Calif. Fr. Timothy L. Jernejcic will be the main celebrant.

While Father Snoj has returned to Slovenia after these many years, it was his wish that the beautiful Slovenian Devotion to the Blessed Mother be continued. Last year was the first year without Fr. Snoj, and the May devotion has continued successfully. However, due to scheduling problems, the May devotions will be held the last Sunday in April.

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Accordion wizard Lou Trebar has entertained for many years, either playing solo or as part of the famous Johnny Pecon, Joey Miskulin and now Jeff Pecon orchestras. Slovenian music and Lou Trebar are synonymous.

On Friday at the outside stage will be Eddie Vallus II Band and the Bob Matasy Orchestra from Youngstown, Ohio.

In the Culkar Building will be Joe Fedorchak and Bob Turcola orchestra alternating.

In the International Tent will be the Puget Sound Button Box Group all the way from Seattle.

On Saturday, alternating from noon until 8 p.m. will be the Don Lipovac Orchestra from Kansas City, and the Joe Fedorchak Orchestra. From 8 p.m. until midnight enjoy Cleveland's Jeff Pecon Orchestra with Lou Trebar.

On the outside stage, alternating, from noon until 8 p.m. are the Johnnie Zibert Orchestra from Girard, Kans., and the Jake Zagger Orchestra from West Middlesex. From 8 p.m. until midnight you'll enjoy the sounds of the Don Wojtila Orchestra from

Cleveland.

On Sunday, alternating in the Culkar Building from noon until 8 p.m. until 1 a.m. will be the Bob Turcola and Don Wojtila orchestras.

Plus many other name bands and groups will be playing in the International Tent.

By popular demand there will be a Polka Mass on Sunday at 10 a.m. with Father George Balasko, who originated the Polka Mass more than 20 years ago. Sam Pugliano Orchestra featuring Fred Gregorich, the original Polka Mass band, will provide the music.

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Events

Sat., March 30

Spring Polka Party Dance at Slovenian National Home, 6417 St. Clair featuring Joe Toreskie and the Casuals and Lake Erie Button Box Ensemble, and a surprise group. Tickets \$6 available at SNH office 361-5115, Polka Hall of Fame 261-3263, or at the door. Doors open 6, dance at 7. Food and drinks available. Secured parking behind hall.

Sunday, March 31

Holmes Ave. Pensioners Club Dinner-Dance at the Collinwood Slovenian Home, 15810 Holmes Ave. Music by Dan Peters Orchestra. Donation \$12. For tickets call 943-3784 or 531-2088.

Sunday, March 31

St. Vitus Mother's Club Annual Palm Sunday Dinner featuring roast pork, sauerkraut, mashed potatoes, applesauce and cake. Tickets \$9 for adults, \$4.50 for children. For tickets call 431-1470 or 431-5290.

Saturday, April 13

Jadran Singing Society Spring Concert Dinner-Dance, Slovenian Workmen's Home. Dinner 5-6:30; Program 7 p.m.; Dancing following. Tickets call 481-3187.

Sunday, April 14

Bicentennial Button box Bash — 20 bands — 2 choruses — noon to 9 p.m. presented by Circle 2 Slovenian Junior Chorus at Slovenian Society Home in Euclid, Ohio.

Sunday, April 21

St. Clair Pensioners Annual Chicken & Pork Dinner at St. Clair Slovenian National Home, 6417 St. Clair Ave. Serving 1 p.m. Social until 5. For tickets call Stan 391-9761 or Ed at 486-0818.

Wednesday, May 1

St. Joseph Lodge No. 169 KSKJ special meeting to vote on possible sale of lodge picnic grounds. Meeting at Slovenian Home on Holmes Ave., Cleveland, 7 p.m.

Sunday, May 5

Slovenian American National Art Guild Annual Artists and Crafts Show & Sale at Slovenian Society Home, Recher Ave., Euclid, from 11-5 p.m.

Sunday, June 9

St. Mary's Slovenian School picnic at Slovenska Pristava in Harpersfield, OH. Mass at noon, followed by dinner and dancing.

1896 Julia Kamber 1996



Julia Kamber passed away Friday, March 22, 1996 at the Slovene Home for the Aged on Neff Road in Cleveland, Ohio.

On Sunday, Feb. 11, 1996 Julia Kamber celebrated her 100th birthday with her entire family, relatives and friends.

Julia was born in Tersin, a suburb of Ljubljana, Slovenia, the daughter of Margaret and Valentine Kaucic. She migrated to the United States in November of 1911 to live with her aunt. There she worked in several factories.

When Julia reached the age of 18, she married Frank Penko Sr., and they had two sons, Frank Penko Jr., who has passed away, and John Penko.

After her first husband passed away, she remarried to Joseph Kamber, and they raised two daughters, Margaret Kamber (deceased), and Irene Pasalaqua.

On January 1, 1939, Mrs. Kamber became a member of SSPZ Lodge 120, Cleveland. When SSPZ merged with SNPJ she became a member of SNPJ Lodge 5, Cleveland and was presently a 57-year member. She also belongs to the Maccabees.

In 1933, Julia and Joe went into business and operated the Silver Bar located at 5925 St. Clair Avenue, which they operated for 35 years.

Mr. Kamber has since passed away.

Mrs. Kamber had four children, 15 grandchildren, 26 great-grandchildren, and now 2 great-grandchildren. Mrs. Kamber also had many relatives in Slovenia, Australia, Croatia and Canada.

Her son John and Ann Penko, daughter Irene and Dom Pasalaqua, Helen Penko, (daughter-in-law), were proud of their wonderful family matriarch, Julia Kamber.

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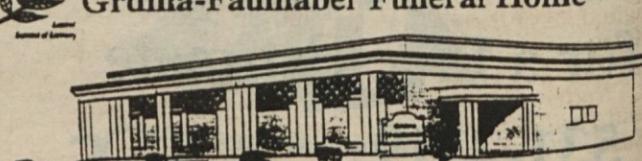
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Thanks to Eleanor H. Molley of Willoughby Hills, Ohio who submitted quite a few pages of filler material to be used in the American Home. Here is the first one, we thought would be of interest to our readers whose ancestors or they themselves came to America and gazed with awe at the Statue of Liberty.

Lady Liberty

Men of wisdom struggled and dreamed, to create your beauty.

TORCH BEARER: who lights the way, for all who have ever fought for Freedoms, Glorious Light.

You have brought hope to the one lost and forsaken of homelands.

For the ones escaping the horrors and atrocities of war, the first glimpse of your towering frame, brought peace, rest, and calm.

To the starving and afflicted, your sight rekindled within empty bodies and spirits: a renewed spark of life and zeal.

For the men and women seeking creative fulfillment for the future of this world, your torch extended high to light the way for their inventive dreams; creating high and lofty achievements.

And to the ones of faith who sought freedom in worship, and to inspire that nation to take as its motto: *In God We Trust*, you gave a special optimism and deep understanding, of many peoples blending in harmony together regardless of race, creed or color.

For you lady liberty, are many things to many peoples of the world, but you will always lead the way for Freedom and Justice for All.

EASTER FAVORITES

Hopping New Holiday Videos

(NAPS)—Hopping down the bunny trail this Easter season are some fun-filled new videos that are perfect for tucking into children's baskets.



An egg-citing video adventure with Alvin and the Chipmunks makes an egg-cellent addition to a basket of colorful Easter eggs and jelly beans.

The Best of Roger Rabbit from Disney animators and Steven Spielberg is sure to bring a smile on Easter morning. It features the three original Roger Rabbit Maroon Cartoons, previously shown in theaters—Tummy Trouble, Roller Coaster Rabbit and Trail Mix-Up.

The Easter Chipmunk is a hilarious, musical romp starring Alvin and the Chipmunks in a new and "egg-citing" adventure.

Look for these and 12 other videos, all priced at less than \$15, in the Disney Easter collection at stores everywhere.

Krofe Sale

St. Mary's Collinwood Altar Society will sponsor a Krofi and Bake Sale on Saturday, March 30 in the school cafeteria beginning at 9 a.m.

One friend in a lifetime is much; two are many; three are hardly possible.

—Henry Adams

Enjoys paper

Enjoy all the news and interesting articles, stories, etc. I'm so happy I've kept getting the paper after my "Mom" Mrs. Frances Klein passed away. May God bless you all for keeping up the good work.

Sincerely,
Franny Kristoff
Parkman, Ohio

Freedom Edition

Because Cleveland is celebrating its 200th birthday this year, the American Home newspaper will join along and publish a *Special Edition* dated July 4th (as we have been doing for the last few years).

This Freedom Issue will be dedicated to all Slovenian pioneers who came to Cleveland at the turn of the century or the turn of the half century (1950s). Write down your recollections of the experiences you have encountered so there will be a record of our Slovenian's wonderful contribution to America.

Please help us out and help our interesting Slovenian heritage become known by sending in your recollections now. Absolute, final deadline is June 1.

Remember, the American Home newspaper is collected as permanent records in the Western Reserve Historical Society and four other scholarly places. We want our presence known and not swept under the rug with the spilt stew from the so-called melting pot.

The paper will be printed on heavy paper, and done in red, white, and blue as in the past. But you know your own experiences best. We are counting on you! Get busy and jog your memory, or talk to your grandparents and get them to tell you what it was like to be a stranger in a foreign country. We're anxious to hear about it.

As you can surmise we are not only looking for knowledge about Cleveland Slovenians, but those who came to other parts of the country — and other countries as well.

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After a winter of eating store-bought vegetables, it's an absolute delight to have your first satisfying crunch from the spring garden. And more often than not, it's a radish.

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You can even plant the seeds as late as mid-July and enjoy them as a fall crop.

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Lettuce just loves cool weather. It's the perfect crop for April. You can plant it as soon as you can work the soil.

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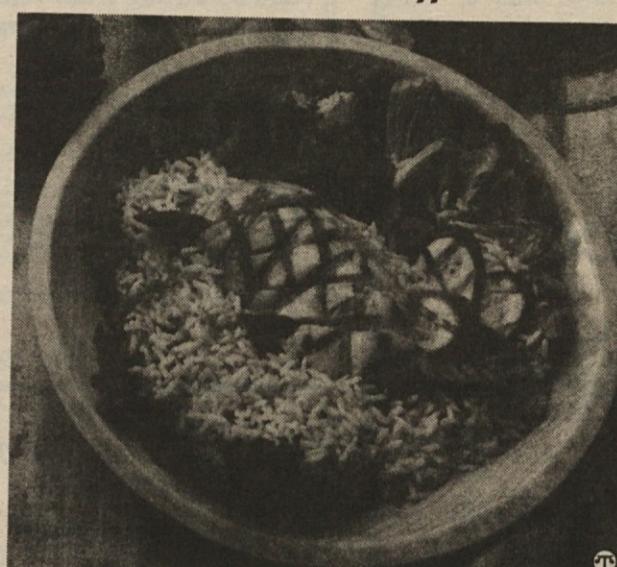
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A Salad With A Difference



Warmer weather means lighter food, flavorful dishes that are quick and easy to fix. This grilled chicken salad uses nutritious green vegetables, such as zucchini, snow peas, peppers and artichoke hearts in bite-size pieces.

(NAPS)—When is a salad not a salad? When it's a colorful palette of your favorite taste sensations, colorfully arranged to please the eye, and served in bite-size portions to please the palate.

This quick and easy salad is packed with vitamin-rich vegetables and is low in fat. A perfect meal for those who want to get in shape or stay in shape.

The rice portion can be cooked ahead of time to speed up preparation. Cook some extra rice while you're at it, since rice can be used in many warm weather salad dishes.

Dress this crispy nutritious salad with your favorite bottled dressing.

Grilled Chicken Salad

¾ pound boned and skinned chicken breast
½ teaspoon salt
½ teaspoon ground black pepper
1½ cups diagonally sliced zucchini
3 cups cooked rice, cooled to room temperature
1 14-ounce can artichoke hearts,

drained
¾ cup fresh snow peas, blanched*
½ medium-size red pepper, cut into 1-inch cubes
½ cup light Italian salad dressing

1 teaspoon chopped fresh basil leaves
Lettuce leaves

Season chicken with salt and black pepper. Grill or broil chicken breast. Add zucchini during last five minutes of grilling or broiling. Cover and chill chicken and zucchini; cut chicken into ¾-inch cubes. Combine rice, chicken, zucchini, artichokes, snow peas and red pepper in large bowl. Blend dressing and basil in small bowl. Pour over salad; toss lightly. Serve on lettuce leaves.

Makes 4 servings.

*Substitute frozen snow peas, thawed, for fresh snow peas, if desired.

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E&W's 160 jobs moves to Eastlake

A Mentor, Ohio company that employs 160 people is moving to the Conrail property it is purchasing in Eastlake, Ohio.

If E&W Services Inc. fulfills its expectations of adding 40 jobs, it would rank as one of Eastlake's top five manufacturers, said Martine Divito, the city's economic development coordinator.

John Chiappetta, president and owner of E&W Services, said the company will use 10 to 12 acres of its new site, on the west side of Erie Rd., near the Willoughby line, and sell the other 17 as it develops an industrial park.

E&W, which has been located in Mentor since 1971, is a precision sheet-metal fabricator. It supplies Fortune 500 companies with electronic chassis for personal computer boards. It now occupies four buildings on Enterprise Drive in Mentor.

Chiappetta said he is closing on property he acquired from the Conrail at an auction in December. He said the company will build new quarters in Eastlake within two years.

"The land site is more suitable for us than anything we can put together anywhere else," he said. "the things we've seen in Mentor

just don't suit our needs."

Chiappetta said Mentor officials were unaware of his plans.

Chiappetta also liked the opportunity to develop his own industrial park. "I'm talking to some very large users who will probably occupy the rest" of the site, he said.

E&W Services will invest \$4.5 million to \$5 million in con-

structing one or more buildings and another \$5 million in equipment, Chiappetta said.

The company will occupy 150,000 square feet of building space at first, up from the 125,000 it owns in Mentor. He said that could be expanded to 200,000 square feet within two years.

"We're growing, so we'll bring 200 jobs to Eastlake," Chiappetta said.

He would not disclose the size of the privately held company's payroll, but he added that in Mentor, E&W was a "large contributor to the city, as far as income tax."

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Jennie Gustincic turns 90

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To mark the occasion, her family gathered at St. Christine's Church where she received a special blessing and warm wishes from the congregation.

Afterwards, a party in her honor was held at the Hofbrau Haus. Her children, Lilian Braun, Irene Lanese and David Gustincic, and their families helped Mrs. Gustincic celebrate the festive occasion.

The guest list included Myra Gustincic from Winston-Salem, Donna and Rick Thiernau from Chicago, James Petricig from Palm Beach, Daniel and Greta Petricig from Cleveland, Peggy Gringa from Boston, Kenneth Petricig from New York, Robert and Kathy Lanese from Cleveland, Richard and Michelle Lanese from Cleveland, Lisa Gustincic from Raleigh, Amy Gustincic from San Francisco and Ruthann and Tom Yuhas from Los Angeles.

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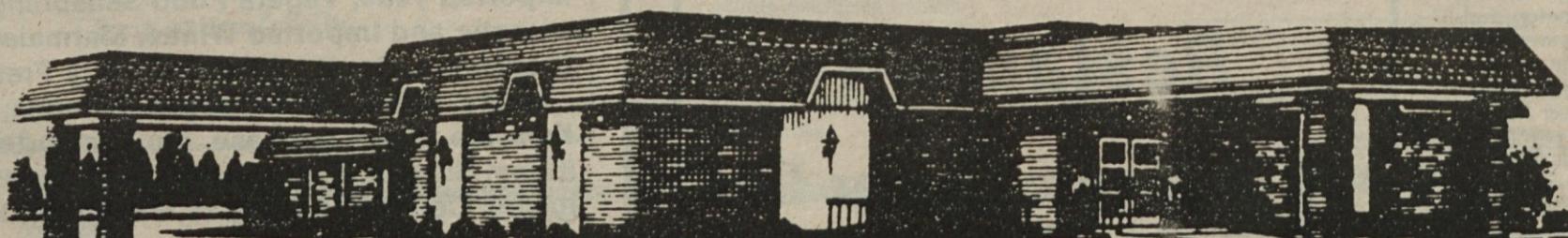
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Love Those Easter Lilies

Each year as Easter approaches, pots of white lilies begin appearing in greenhouses, florist shops, garden stores, and even supermarkets, convenient, and drug stores.

Shoppers are captivated by the lily's sweet fragrance and its' trumpet-shaped white flowers that herald the approach of spring. Azaleas, hydrangeas, chrysanthemums, tulips, hyacinths, pocket-book plants, and cineraria, are oth-

ers that catch the eye.

Most of these plants brighten the house well into spring then wither, and are usually discarded. However, some of the plants can be grown the year round as houseplants or planted in the garden.

Various forms of the Easter lily are commercially grown, most having been developed from the species *Lilium longiflorum*, which is native to Taiwan.

Bermuda was the first region

to grow the lilies in any quantity. For years it had the world market all to itself. However, in the early 20th century, disaster struck. A serious plant disease threatened to cause the lily's extinction. Luckily, new types were developed that were disease-resistant, and the tradition was saved.

In the home, the Easter lily prefers very bright, indirect light. Keep the plant out of cold or hot drafts. The soil should be kept evenly moist, not wet or dry. Naturally, never allow the plant to stand in water! Fertilize once a month with a general purpose, soluble house plant food.

After blossoming has

ceased, cut off the faded flowers. Though commonly thought of as a greenhouse plant, even in the Cleveland area the plants can be planted outside, after the threat of frost is over in the spring. Plant them in a protected spot and they will bloom year after year.



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VESTI IZ SLOVENIJE



Pretekli teden se je v Pragi mudil ameriški državni sekretar Warren Christopher in sicer na konferenci, ki so se ga udeležili predstavniki držav Srednje in Vzhodne Evrope, ki se zanimajo za eventuelno članstvo v Natu. Med navzočimi predstavniki je bil tudi slovenski zunanj minister Zoran Thaler. Christopher je dejal, da ZDA podpirajo širitev Nata na Vzhod in da bodo krepile sodelovanje v okviru programa Partnerstvo za mir. ZDA bodo še naprej podpirale demokracijo in razvoj tržnega gospodarstva na območju Srednje in Vzhodne Evrope, je še povedal Christopher. Rusija je zelo kritična do možne širitve Nata proti vzhodu.

IZJAVA DRUŽBE SLOVENECK

Poprejšnjo sredo so elektronski in tiskani mediji v Sloveniji posredovali informacije v zvezi z nekaterimi novinarji, zaposlenimi pri družbi Slovenec. Naslednji dan, pretekli četrtek, je vodstvo družbe Slovenec objavilo oz. sprejelo naslednjo izjavu. Tekst je posredovan v celoti, ker so mnogi naročniki AD naročeni vsaj na sobotno številko Slovence.

»Dne 19. 3. 1996 je bila izrečena začasna odstranitev z dela trem časnikarjem Slovence, in sicer: Mateji Komel Snoj, urednici kulturne redakcije, Ivu Žajdalu, časnikarju, in Marcelu Koprolu, časnikarju. Poudarjam, da so omenjeni še vedno v rednem delovnem razmerju pri družbi Slovenec, o njihovi odgovornosti pa bodo odločali ustrezni organi.

Omenjeni časnikarji so v konkurenčnih časnikih (Nova revija, Dan, Dnevnik) objavili avtorske prispevke, s tem pa so po mnenju upravljalcu družbe kršili konkurenčno klavzulo.

Po določbi 7. člena zakona o delovnih razmerjih med trajanjem delovnega razmerja delavec ne sme za svoj ali tuj račun opravljati del in sklepati posle, ki spadajo v delovno področje ali dejavnost organizacije ali delodajalca, kjer so redno zaposleni, če bi to lahko vplivalo na njune interese. Upravljalci menijo, da je v tem primeru šlo prav za to in hkrati trdijo, da so v zadevi postopali popolnoma zakonito ter da bo v nadalnjem postopku dana možnost argumentacije v skladu s predpisi.

Upravljalci družbe Slovenec so po naključju ugotovili, da se je v družbi med drugim pripravljal konkurenčni časopis, saj so v računalnikih našli vnešena in lektorirana besedila številnih avtorskih prispevkov (predvsem omenjenih časnikarjev), kar dokazuje, da so se sporna besedila vnašala in lektorirala med delovnim časom na opremi in v prostorih časnika Slovenec, kar v dopisu z dne 19. 3. 1996 priznava tudi eden od vpleteneih časnikarjev.

Glede vročanja sklepov o začasni odstranitvi omenjenim časnikarjem, je treba poudariti, da je vročitev izvršila pravnica družbe Slovenec ob vsakdanji prisotnosti receptorja podjetja RIVAL, ki za družbo opravlja fizično in tehnično varovanje stavbe. Res je, da je bil prisoten tudi dežurni nadzornik, ki opravlja redne obhode podjetij, omenjena oseba pa je imela za posom ra-

diski oddajnik, kar so »velike oči« zamenjale za strelno orožje.«

Vodstvo družbe Slovenec

Med omenjenimi novinarji je Ivo Žajdalu v zadnjih letih objavil ogromno število dopisov, ki so se večinoma nanašali na dogodek med in po 2. vojni in posredoval zelo veliko podatkov, ki so bili pod prejšnjim rezimom v Sloveniji zamolčani in prikriti. V tem času je bilo več njegovih dopisov ponatisnjene v AD. Nekaj člankov izpod peresa Marcela Koprola je tudi bilo posredovanih bralcem AD. V kolikor se bo zadeva, ki se zdi zelo resna, razčiščevala, bodo sledila dodatna poročila oz. ponatisi.

Brezposelnost velik problem v Sloveniji — Tudi številne druge gospodarske težave

Podatke v zvezi z zaposlenostjo oziroma brezposelnostjo je objavil zavod za zaposlovanje. Podatki sicer veljajo za konec novembra, vendar niso nič spodbudni. Tako je bilo do novembra lani zaposlenih oz. »delovno aktivnih« 749.512 prebivalcev. V gospodarstvu jih je bilo 441.734, kar je 3,5 % manj kot leto prej, v negospodarstvu pa 147.025 ali 1,7 odstotka več kot leto prej. Zasebniki so zaposlovali 51.607, to je pa kar 23,3 odstotka več kot leto prej, samozaposlenih pa je bilo 109.146 oseb.

Stopnja registrirane brezposelnosti je bila do novembra lani 14,4-odstotna. Največja brezposelnost je v Mariboru (22,8%), sledita Murska Sobota (18,7) in Sevnica (15,9). V Ljubljani je brezposelnost 11,4-odstotna, v Kranju pa 12,7-odstotna.

V zadnjih tednih sta bili dve večji stavki, ki sta odmevali v javnosti. Stavkali nekaj dni so poklicni novinarji RTV Slovenije, pretekli četrtek pa so začeli stavkati zdravnički in zobozdravnički, ki so člani sindikata Fides. Daljša pogajanja z vlado niso uspela.

Agonija mariborskega podjetja Tam se nadaljuje. Pretekli teden je o njem razpravljal parlament. Razmere v podjetju so dosegle takšno stopnjo, da je predsednik uprave Tama Janez Lah zaradi groženj celo zbežal v tujino. Dejal je, da se ni več počutil varnega v Sloveniji. Pretekli teden je bil razrešen in je Tam dobil začasno upravno vodstvo.

Litostroj, Tovarna turbin iz Ljubljane, pa baje ni uspel v razpisu za izdelavo elektrostrojne opreme za hidroelektrarno Soteska na Savi Bohinjki. Naročilo bo dobilo avstrijsko podjetje Koessler.

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Zalostna vest —

G. Frank Mihelin, lastnik znane Mihelinove potovalne agencije na St. Clair Ave., je prejel žalostno vest, da mu je 23. marca na Bizejškem v Sloveniji preminul brat Benjamin. Pogreb je bil včeraj, 27. marca. R.I.P.

Ronald Šega zopet poletel —

Član posadke ameriške vesoljske ladje Atlantis, ki trenutno obkrožuje zemeljsko oblo, je zopet slovenski ameriški astronaut dr. Ronald Šega. Atlantis se je združil z rusko vesoljsko postajo Mir. Na Miru bo za naslednjih pet mesecev ostala astronautka dr. Shannon Lucid. Med poletom so se pojavile razne manjše težave, kot običajno, Atlantis bo pa pristal v naslednjih dneh. To je drugič, da je dr. Šega poletel v vesolje. Posadki želimo srečen pristanek.

Novi grobovi

Julia Kamber

Dne 22. marca je v Slovenskem domu za ostarele umrla Julia Kamber, ki je pretekli mesec praznovala svoj 100. rojstni dan, rojena Kavčič v Sloveniji, od koder je prišla v ZDA pred prvo svetovno vojno, vdova po Franku Penku in Josephu Kamber, mati Johna, Irene Pasalaqua ter že pok. Franka in Margaret, 15-krat staru mati, 26-krat prastara mati, 2-krat praprastara mati, z možem Josephom lastovala in vodila Silver Bar na E. 60 St. in St. Clair Ave. 35 let, do leta 1968, ko sta gostilno prodala, članica SNPJ in Macabees. Pogreb je bil 27. marca iz Zak zavoda na St. Clair Ave. s sv. mašo v cerkvi sv. Vida in pokopom na Kalvarije pokopališču.

Jean Kastelic

Umrla je Jean Kastelic, rojena Campa, žena Johna, mati Leonarda, 1-krat staru mati, hčerka Aloysiusa Champa in Ivane, roj. Zajc (oba že pok.), sestra Mary Estanich, Pauline

(dalje na str. 20)

Tabor DSPB vabi —

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Prireditve lepo uspele —

Pretekli konec tedna je bil tudi za naše razmere kar precej natrpan. Pretekli petek zvečer je v polno zasedeni dvorani SDD na Waterloo Rd. nastopal z odličnim koncertom Ribniški orkester iz Ljubljane. Naslednji večer, v SND na St. Clair Ave., je bil tradicionalni Primorski večer, na katerem so oktetovci zopet krasno peli. Udeležba je bila zelo dobra, z lepim številom gostov tako iz Toronto kot Pittsburgha. V nedeljo popoldne pa je Lilija v dobesedno zasedeni dvorani Slovenskega doma na Holmes Avenue uprizorila v očitno polno zadovoljstvo navzočih veseloligo Trojčki. Iskrene čestitke vsem nastopajočim in vsem, ki so te prireditve pravili.

Obvestilo —

Prepozno za notranje strani smo prejeli iz Toronto sporočilo, da bo letni občni zbor Kanadskega slov. kongresa v soboto, 20. aprila, ob 2h pop., v prostorih Slov. starostnega doma Lipa na 52 Neilson Dr. v Torontu.

Obiskala sta nas —

Pretekli petek sta se oglasila pri AD ing. Franc Ložar in Srečko Rovšek, oba zaposlena pri RTV Slovenija, to sicer v tehnični službi. Bila sta v ZDA za nabavo opreme za oddajanje, v Clevelandu pa ima g. Rovšek sorodstvo, ki ga je obiskal. Zanimala sta se za našo sicer bistveno drugačno opremo, povedala pa, da bo v ZDA nabavljena oprema postavljena že pravočasno za uporabo med obiskom papeža v Sloveniji. Rekla sta, da je ameriška tovrstna oprema še vedno najboljša na svetu.

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Na pepelnico sredo smo začeli 40 dnevni postni čas. Število 40 je v svetem pismu simbolično in sveto, ker ga je posvetil Bog v zgodovini odrešenja. Prav posebej z Mojzesovim bivanjem pri Bogu in s Kristusovim postom v puščavi. Za Mojzesa so bili to največji dnevi življenja, dnevi božje bližine, notranjih razsvetljenj, spoznavanja božjih načrtov za ves narod in prihodnja pokolenja. Tako so postali to veliki dnevi judovske, krščanske in svetovne zgodovine, ki je v mnogočem razsvetljena prav s temi navidihi.

Za Kristusa so bili ti dnevi samote v puščavi, ko je bil tako prežaren od polnosti božanstva in Očetove bližine, da ni ne jedel ne spal, gotovo najlepši in najslajši v zemeljskem bivanju. Takrat se je mogel kot človek povsem predajati ljubezni troedinega Boga, po čemer je že kot otrok hrepenel in v življenju pogosto uresničeval v celonočnih molitvah.

Naravno je, da je zato 40 dni prešlo v krščansko izročilo in da ima za vsakega velik in včasih kar usoden pomen. To je vsakokratni postni čas med pepelnico in veliko nočjo, štiridesetanski post.

Ime budi v nas različne spomine in predstave na stroge stare poste, na spokorne navade, na razne omejitve porok in zabav, prepoved plesov in podobno. Vse to poznamo iz verske in kulturne zgodovine in smo ob tem polni občudovanja in priznanja, včasih pa tudi morda obžalovanja. Obenem se oziramo v našo sedanjost in jo skušamo iskreno razumeti in živeti po potrebah, spodbudah in možnostih svojega časa in okolja.

Osnovna misel teh dni ni post, ampak božja bližina in obnova našega življenja v polnosti božje resnice in božjih načrtov z nami. V tem času moramo bolj doumeti, da je Bog naš Oče in Priatelj, vsa Resnica in Dobrota. Da le Bog lahko povsem osmisli človekovo življenje ter nam da moč in trdnost tudi v preizkušnjah in zapletenih križiščih življenjskega potovanja. Vse bližnje in daljne cilje, posebno najglobla stremljenja, moramo pretehtati v luči čiste vesti, to je božje govorice v razodetu Besede in srca.

Za vse to je treba časa, zbranosti, volje in moči. To je naporno delo, ki mu vsi radi ubežimo, v svojo in tujo škodo. In tisti, ki hočejo z ljudmi manipulirati, vedno odvračajo človeka od zbranosti in merjenja samega sebe in dogajanja v luči globlje resnice. To je verjetno največja rana propadajoče kultura, ki ji daje osnovni ton potrošnja.

Kristjani se z Bogom predvsem srečamo v krstu, ko se zrasteamo s Kristusom in božjim ljudstvom, in to dopolnimo z zavestno vero in predanostjo. Tako je naših 40 dni predvsem življenje iz krsta, obnavljanje krstnega prerojenja in rast v Kristusu.

Ker pa se z grehi vsak izmed nas Bogu izneveri, postavlja pregrade ljubezni in okrne v mlačnosti, zato je teh 40 dni tudi čas spokornosti, popravljanja z dobrimi deli, obnavljanja v molitvi. Tako v osebnem kot občestvenem življenju; v notranjem, a tudi zunanjem in javnem. Tako nas vabi in spodbuja Cerkev, naša mati.

Naših 40 dni naj bo za nas lepih, osrečujejočih. Naj nas osvabajo suženjstva strastem in ljudem, družbi in njenemu pritisku ter nas pripeljejo v svobodo božjih otrok in miru. V polnosti Kristusovega vstajenja v zemeljske in večne velike noči.

—dr—

Duhovno življenje (marec 1977)

Družabni večer Tabora DSPB...

CLEVELAND, O. — Rezervirajte si sobotni večer, 13. aprila, za v Slovenski dom v Collinwoodu. Taborjani se pač držimo tradicije. Vsako leto prirejamo družabni večer na predvečer Bele nedelje, in tako bo tudi letos.

Ta družabni večer ima svoj pomen. Druži še iz vojnih časov stare znance na pomenek. Pomenik o vojnih časih, o vseh težavah, ki smo jih morali prebroditi, kako smo se rešili izdaje, kje in kako so nastale naše družine, kako živijo naši otroci, kaj vemo o starih znancih, ki jih je vedno manj...

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Mejačevemu atu!

CLEVELAND, O. — V spomin mi prihaja leseno Spittalsko mesto in sosednja baraka z veliko številko »9«, ki je po takratnem mojem mnenju nekako pripadal »učiteljicam«. Če že ne drugače je bilo to soditi po prometu na sprednjih vratih. Učiteljica Marica prihaja ven, Mija gre notri, za njo Fani in tako bi se imena vrstila, ker učiteljic je bilo v deveti baraki kar lepo število. Ako pa si ves ta promet zgrešil pri vratih, si lahko videl veliko življenja na oknih, ko so prav te otresale krpe, ali pa so morda celo metale ven »stenice«, katere so pod novim gospodnijstvom prišle na dan. Verjetno so potem prav te živalice iskale novi dom v enajsti

baraki.

Začudil sem se, da so prav iz te barake prihajali ven člani Kosmove Mejačeve družine in še nekaj drugih. Stane Mejačev še ni hodil sam, ker je bil premajhen, vsakdo v taborišču je pa vedel, da je bil fantič rojen v Vetrinju. Že takrat me je pretresla misel, kako mora biti hudo za vse te družine z malimi otročiči, s tako omejeno hrano?

Kljub temu, da sva bila takorekoč soseda, se z Mejačevim atom v taborišču nisva spoznala, pač pa prav kmalu, ko se je družine s Floride preselila v Cleveland.

Kar hitro so se prilagodili novemu okolju. Čim se je družina nekoliko ustalila, se je Mejačev ata lotil, da postavi nov dom, kar je bil takrat gotovo eden med prvimi, ki se je odločil za tak korak. Vedel je, da će mu dobrski Bog nakloni zdravja, bo vse težave premostil, saj dela se ni nikdar ustrasil.

Mejačev ata je bil in trdno stal, kot zaveden Slovenec. Radi tega svojega neomajenega stališča, so ga že v stari Jugoslaviji vtaknili v zapor, kot še mnogo drugih, ki so pokazali popolno ljubezen samo slovenskemu narodu.

Sam je rad povedal, kako je že doma rad sodeloval pri raznih prosvetnih društvi, zato se je tudi po prihodu v Cleveland kmalu pridružil dramat-

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Fr. John Lavrih

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Še posebno veselje je imel Mejačev ata za igre, ki so prikazale preprostost in pa seveda tudi težave kmečkega življenja. Tudi sam je nekajkrat pokazal svoj talent, kot dober igralec. Prijetno je bilo z njim delati, istočasno pa smo tudi drugi bogateli z njegovim znamenjem.

Posebno lepe spomine je imel še od doma, na razne nastope Fantovskih odsekov, kako je prvi v povorki, fant v narodni noši, jahal na konju in s slovensko zastavo. Večkrat si je želel, da bi nekaj podobnega lahko prikazali tudi tukaj v tujem svetu. Prav to tudi dosegel s parkratnimi nastopi na Slovenski pristavi.

Lahko je bilo razbrati tisto tih zadovoljstvo in ponos, ne samo na njegovem obrazu, pač pa na množici veselih ljudi, ki so zadovoljno spremljali take nastope. Pa je bil le Mejačev ata duša tega, da je tudi na Slovenski pristavi, tako kot nekoč doma, na čelu povorke fant v narodni noši jahal na konju s slovensko zastavo in nas brez besed popeljal nazaj v slovensko vas. Mirno smo lahko rekli z g. Kremžarjem, ki je spisal »Slovenija v svetu«:

»Kjer sin je moj;
kjer dom je Tvoj;
tam je Slovenija!«

Ljubezen do Slovenije in njene lepote je pa tudi globoko vtišnil v srca svojih otrok. Vsi so bili in so še vključeni na en ali drugi način v kulturnem udejstvovanju. Mejačev ata pa je bil tudi tisti, ki je pred mnogimi leti prvi pričel pri sv. Vidu delati butarice za cvetno nedeljo, potem pa učil tudi druge. Vedno je stal ob strani hčerkki Bernardki, ki je kot voditeljica plesne skupine Kres, v tolikih nastopih prikazala lepe slovenske šege in navade, vanj pa položila ne samo telesne gibi, pač pa tudi slovensko dušo.

Mejačev ata se je poslovil od nas. Nastala je ponovna vrzel, kot za vsakim delovnim kulturnikom, a vrste se redčijo. Kako visoko je bil ata cenjen in spoštan, so pokazali tako številni prijatelji, ki so se prišli od njega poslovit in mu zaželeli, da bi ga dobrski Bog bogato poplačal za vse dobro, kar je naredil.

Mejačevi mami in družini pa iskreno sožalje.

Tebi Jaka

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Sele pred nedavnim je dobil č.g. Dolšina fotografijo semenišča in teološke fakultete z rektorjem Odarjem v sredi njegovih poslušalcev. Piše: »Nekateri še živi semeniščniki bodo hitro prepoznali sebe in druge, ko bodo sliko videli. Število je majhno. Bilo pa bi večje, če bi njihovi sošolci ne bili pobiti v Turjaku in drugod po Sloveniji.« Rev. Dolšina omenja, da je bil fotograf sedaj že pok. stolni župnik v Ljubljani Tone Smerkolj. Takole dodaja imena, ki jih pozna, od leve na desno: Jeretina/N.N./Gaber/N.N./Jamrovič/Gorenc/Šešek/Kladnik/Janežič/Dolšina(stoje)/pelat Odar/Ilc(stoje)/Kavalar/Pečnik/Reven/Lovše/Gosar/Boljka/Zorko/Vidic/N.N. Rev. Dolšina pripomija: »Seznam ni popolen, saj je že več kot 50 let, odkar smo se slikali.«

Msgr. Louisu Bazniku v hvaležen spomin

DULUTH, Minn. - Nepričakovano je prišel. Pripeljal se je z vojaškim jeepom na dvorišče Benediktinskega samostana v Pragli (pri Padovi) in kar naenkrat potrkal na vrata učilnice v prvem nadstropju. Prelat je predaval cerkveno pravo. Potrkal je in vstopil. V vojaški uniformi se nam je visoki oficir zdel še višji in tako prikupen. Po kratkih pozdravnih besedah je na hitro razložil namen njegovega prihoda. Povedal je, da je iz Amerike. Tako je bil v službi kaplana pri Sv. Lovrencu v Clevelandu. Fara se je odločila, da bo prisločila na pomoč bogoslovcem, ki so bili daleč od doma.

Videli so, da mladim fantom ni bilo dano, da bi vzeli kaj na pot v svet. Ni bilo časa. Benediktinski opat nam je dal eno krilo opatije, obdane s prelepo ravnino z obširnimi in bogatimi kmetijami. Farani opatije so zvedeli za naše stanje in vsako jutro pripeljali v samostan svežega kruha in mleka. Kar oddahnili smo se po zajtrku.

Farani Sv. Lovrenca so vedeli za to; vedeli pa so tudi, da semeniščniki nimajo nič drugega. Potrebovali smo obleke, čevljev, perila, mila in še kaj. Hitro so zbrali pošiljko različnega blaga in jo poslali v Padovo na naslov kurata g. Baznika. Ta je dostavil blago v samostan do prelata Odarja in semeniščnikov.

Po prisrčnem pogovoru in naši topli, čeprav kratki zahvali, se je naš dobrotnik poslovil in hitro zginil za vogalom samostana.

Za nas se je pa začel praznik. Prelat Odar nam je dal »prosto« tisto popoldne. Odpirali smo škatle in drug družemu primerjali obleke. Tudi prelat je dobil eno »boljšo« novo obleko. Kar samo se mu je smejalo, ko je videl, da je tudi mera »ta prava«.

Do takrat smo nosili delavske uniforme, lahke, temno plave obleke, ki so nam jih dali naši sosedje spodaj v tovarni za kolesa. Vsi smo bili enaki (med enakimi). Tudi naš profesor Odar je tako nosil.

Zdaj se je pa obrnilo. Profesor Odar se je kar postavil v novi obleki in bolj zgledal univerzitetni profesor kot kdaj poprej. Še predaval je bolj samozavestno.

Še isti dan se je zahvalil faranom sv. Lovrenca v Clevelandu; v svojem in našem imenu. Nobeden od nas ni pozabil tega obiska in pozornosti amerikanskih Slovencev.

Poleg dr. Odarja so pozneje predavali tudi dr. Kraljič, dr. Ahčin, dr. Vodopivec, dr. Lenček, dr. Truhlar. Ti so se nam pridružili pozneje. Bili smo majhna pa vendarle vesela skupina, ki je pozneje dobila dom v Bixnu v severni Italiji in še pozneje v Argentini. Papec Pij XII. je potrdil to begunko semenišče, za katerega je tako ljubeznivo skrbel vsa poznejša leta naš škof dr. Gregorij Rožman, ko je nabiral po svetu dobrotnike za to semenišče.

Msgr. Baznik in farani Sv. Lovrenca so nam ostali v lepem spominu. Bog jim je prav gotovo bogato poplačal.

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CLEVELAND, O. - Kosilo Slovenske šole pri sv. Vidu 18. februarja je lepo uspelo. Prav lepo se zahvaljujemo vsem, ki so pomagali pri pripravi kosila, dvorane in vseh drugih podrobnosti. Vsako delo in vsaka pomoč je bila zelo upoštevana.

Najlepša hvala gospa Pepci Tominc, gospom Mariji Cugelj, Mariji Marolt, Štefi Zamljan in gospo Ivanki Pretnar, za nesobično pomoč v kuhinji. Gospa Lindi Plečnik, ki je nosila najtežje in najodgovornejše delo pri organiziranju in pripravi tega kosila, pa naj Bog obilo poplača. Pri zahvali bi radi vključili tudi go. in g. Don Slogar, ki sta poživila vso družabnost z njuno prelepoglasbo. Prisrčna hvala Orlando Bakery, ki nam vsako leto podari ves kruh. Končno pa hvala tudi vam vsem, ki ste se kosila udeležili in s tem podprli našo solo. »Bog lonaj!«

Posebej bi se radi zahvalili naslednjim dobrotnikom, ki so se ob tej priložnosti spomnili Slovenske šole s posebnimi darovi: g. Jožetu Želletu, ge. in g. Rudi Kolariču, ge. in g. Franku Šega, družini Oblak, družini Jakomin, ge. Mary Marinko kakor tudi J.F.S.

Dobitke za tombolo so darovali sledeči dobrotniki: družina Edi Mejač, Bonfoey Co., Travelmax Inc., - Boris in Sue Mušič, g. Janez Sršen, Shelia Drug Store, Patria Imports, in Kollander World Travel. Vsem tem in tudi neimenovanim darovalcem smo iz srca hvaležni.

Vaše sodelovanje nas veseli in nas spodbuja, ko vidimo, da podpirate naše prizadevanje, ko se trudimo, da bi Slovenska šola še naprej gojila učenje slovenskega jezika in mladini posredovala našo dediščino, grajeno na podlagi krščanske vere. Iskrena hvala!

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CLEVELAND, O. - Drobčinčar še živi in kadar ni ameriškega obraza se še nasmeha držim. Precejšnje število mojih priateljev in dobrih znancev, ducat mlajših od mene, je že odšlo v večnost, mene pa Bog še na zemlji drži. Ne vem, če zato, da se življenja veselim, ali da pokoro za 'šavrasta' leta naredim.

V zadnjem mojem dopisu, 30. marca lansko leto, sem dal ponatisniti Štirinajst starčkovih blagrov. Bralcu so jih lepo sprejeli, za nekatere pa so izveneli, kot da se od pisanja, morda celo od življenja za vselej poslavljam. Če je kdo od bralcev misil, da sem že med pokojnimi in zato pomolil očenaš za pokoj moji grešni duši, naj tisto molitev prekliče, in naj zaprosi v nebesa k Sv. Petru, naj se v knjigo piše meni v dobro za takrat, ko jo bom res primahal pred nebeška vrata.

Ko smo se v lanskem poletju pred cerkvijo srečevali, so me nekateri smehljajoče pa začudeno povpraševali: »Kaj Janez, ti s palico? Se mar norčuješ ali jo res potrebuješ?«

Kaj naj bi zdravim pravil o mojem revmatizmu (spondylosis) — saj vsak pošten človek mora imeti nekaj te dobrote.

Pojasnjujem radovednežem: »Jaz tega zakriviljenega kreplavca nujno ne potrebujem, nosim ga s seboj, ker se farovškega 'kužeta' bojim. Včasih me prav čudno, nezaupljivo gleda.«

Pa mi pravijo: »Tega psa se ti res ni treba batiti, tako milo gleda kakor ovca. Ima tudi že leta in polno mero revmatizma, prav kakor ti. Kar prijatelja si bodita.«

Oprostite mi, prosim, preveč sem sam o sebi pisal. Lastna hvala, cena mala, pravi pregovor.

V naši župniji imamo pohvale vredno poročevalko go. Marico Lavriša. Je zmožna pisanja in vedno lepo seznanja bralcev, kaj se in kaj se bo še v župniji (fari) dogajalo. Upam, da ne bo zamere, če za čas zlezem v njen zelnik — samo toliko pač, da bom še jaz povabil verno ljudstvo v našo cerkev Marije Vnebovzete na praznov.

vanje Gospodovega vstajenja.

Kot otrok — komaj se še spominjam, da sem enkrat bil — sem se najbolj veselil Velikonočnih praznikov, a to samo zato, ker sem vedel, da dobim velikonočno darilo. Za darilo je poskrbela moja krstna botra — bila je stara mati škofa dr. F. Perkota — in sicer iz testa izrezanega, pečenega petelina, napičenega s kovanci in obloženega s tremi pomarančami. Na prigovarjanje mame sem dal pomaranče njej in dala jih je v omaro z obleko rekoč, da bo žegen in vsa oblike in perilo bo imelo celo leto duh po pomarančah.

Po dveh tednih sem pomaranče spet dobil. Kakšne? Na pol gnile. Jokal sem. Danes, ne tukaj in ne tam ne pomenijo pomaranče nič.

Sedaj se za te praznike veselim, poleg vseh lepot in dobrote, lepega petja in potrkavanja zvonov. Za lepo petje, kakor skrbi že več let nazaj, bo tudi letos poskrbel naš organist g. Rudi Knez, v zvoniku pa je 'bas' g. Jože Cerer, ki mu je 'štorklja' pred prazniki prinesla nadvse lepo darilice, fantka, prvorodenčka. Starša sta ga tako vesela, da se njima kar smeje in sta fantka po dobrem tednu starosti (mladosti) v cerkev prinesla. Ganljivo je bilo videti, ko je očka nesel otročička, ko sta šla mama in ata k sv. obhajilu.

Staršema, Jožici in Jožetu, čestitamo in želimo mladi družnici božjega žegna.

Pa ne pozabi, Jože, če se fantek rodi, oče prijateljem cigare deli. Bom jaz med prijatelji, no, tega pa ne vem.

Kdor le more, naj pride k Gospodovemu vstajenju v cerkev Marije Vnebovzete. Ali pa vsaj k sv. maši ob deseti uri poslušat petje in vriskanje zvonov.

Vsem želim vsega dobrega za te lepe praznike, vsega, kar potrebujeta duša in telo.

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NEW YORK, NY - V dosedanjih kroniških zapisih sem že ugotovljal: Medtem, ko nam število aktivnih faranov fare sv. Cirila upada, se nam številčnost srenja njujorških Slovencev veča.

Ob nastopu Slovenskega okteteta 7. marca zvečer se je spet potrdila ta moja trditev. V dvomljivem večernem vremenu sem se s prijateljem Ernestom Pavšičem vozil iz Ridgewooda proti Sv. Cirilu na Osmi v spodnjem, južnem delu New Yorka. Matjaž Kovačič, slovenski generalni konzul v New Yorku, nas je vabil na koncert Slovenskega okteteta.

Strah je mene in Ernesta mučil, ko sva preštevala stalne nedeljske obiskovalce naše cerkvice na Osmi, da bo udeležba ob naši razpršenosti in ob takem vremenu, morda kar porazna. In, hvala Bogu, moreta sva se. Preveč sva mislila kot farana sv. Cirila in nekam premalo kot pripadnika slovenske njujorške srenje. Ta se nam povečuje, odkar je Slovenija postala samostojna država. In ti novi slovenski prišleki na ameriška tla niso kot oni, ki so prišli v Ameriko »s trebuhom za kruhom« pred in po prvi svetovni vojni. Prav tako niso taki, kot so bili oni, ki so prišli po drugi svetovni vojni kot politični in gospodarski ubežniki. Ti, zadnji novi, so ali diplomatski predstavniki slovenske države ali pa gospodarski posredniki v mednarodni trgovini med Slovenijo in ZDA.

Po zaslugu našega sedanjega župnika, p. Krizologa, in kon-

zula g. Kovačiča smo farani sv. Cirila in vsi njujorški Slovenci zadnja leta deležni kulturnega bogatenja s strani slovenske domovine. Tako je trenutno v naši dvorani, mali umetniški galeriji, razstava ljubljanskega slikarja Žarka Vrezeca. Njena otvoritev je bila povezana z nastopom igralca ljubljanske Dramе, Iveta Bana.

Prejšnja razstava je bila o delih farana sv. Cirila Mira Zupančiča. Že dolgo se trudi priti do svoje umetniške potrditve, tako na tujem kot v domovini.

Slovenski oktet je na večer 7. marca, ob 7.30, v naši farni cerkvi po 45 letih svojega umetniškega delovanja po domovini in po svetu s svojim koncertom zaključil svoje umetniško pevko uspešno življenje. In ta nastop je bil v letu, ko se fara sv. Cirila pripravlja na praznovanje 80. obletnice svoje ustanovitve in v času, ko se farani borimo, da naprej ostanemo živi v slovenskem narodnem življenju.

Spominska misel mi gre v neko leto, ki je bilo pred več kot 40 leti, ko je Slovenski oktet prišel v svoji prvi sestavi, z opernim pevcem Janezom Lipuškom in umetniškim voditeljem V. Voduškom.

Takrat je oktet obiskaval naročeno. V New Yorku je imel le snemanje za svojo prvo ploščo. Jaz sem bil takrat pri tem snemanju. Obljubili so mi, da pridejo pet Slovencem, če jih zberem, ko pridejo pred odhodom spet v New York. V dvorani salona v Ridgewoodu

sem zbral za to priliko Slovence vseh plati. Bilo nas je precej nad 200. Vendar voznika, ki sta šla v mesto po pevce, sta pripeljala samo Tone Kozlevčarja in Ognjanoviča ter Voduška in Bogdana Pogačnika.

Ob vsem mojem začetnem razočaranju, kakor tudi vseh zbranih, sta Kozlevčar s svojim solo nastopom in Pogačnik s svojim nagovorom zadowoljivo rešila razpoloženje tega večera. To je bilo v času, ko sta nam ravno umrla oba tukajšnja zabora, Slovan in Domovina.

Oktet sem pozneje poslušal ob njegovem nastopu v Carnegie Hallu, nazadnje pa kar na Osmi pri Sv. Cirilu 1989. leta, ko nam je še župnikoval kmalu potem umrli p. Robert Mavovec.

Ob tem spominu sem šel na zadnji koncert Slovenskega okteteta. Ob napovedanem času je nam zbranim v cerkvi, bila je kar čedno posedena, župnik p. Krizolog najavil prihod pevcev. Po glasovih so se razvrstili pred oltarjem. Župnik jim je izrekel poseben pozdrav. Za njim je prišla k govorilnemu pultu gdč. Alenka Bržulja, ki je predstavila program, od pesmi do pesmi. Teh je bil deset v prvem in deset v drugem delu. Kar ena pesem več kot na njihovem poslovilnem večeru 20. februarja v Cankarjevem domu v Ljubljani.

Reči moram, da je bil to res njihov veliki zadnji pevski uspeh v mali cerkvi slovenski na tujem, pred maloštevilno, toda dobro slovensko publiko. Za nas je bilo to posebno doživetje. Močno pa je bilo občuteno, da je bilo tako tudi za vse pevce tega slovitega okteteta.



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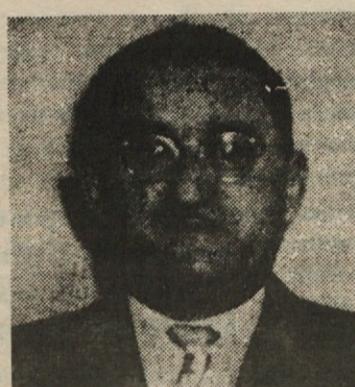
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dne 25. aprila 1974

Kako smo srčno Te ljubili,
prezgodaj smo Te izgubili;
preljubi oče Ti,
naj Ti večna luč gori.

Lepa nam je misel na Te,
na prijazni Tvoj nasmeħ,
na besede ljubenive,
ki imel si jih do vseh.

ob 36. obletnici smrti naše ljubljene mame
in stare mame



ANNA PAJK

ki nas je za vedno zapustila
in se preselila v večno bivališče
dne 10. januarja 1960

Sprejmi od nas, Gospod,
molitve in darila,
pokaži mil obraz,
pokojni daj hladila.
Gospod, daruj ji mir,
naj večna luč ji sveti;
ker si dobrote vir,
uziva raj naj sveti.

Žalujoči: Francis Paik, duhovnik, in Edward Pike, sinova
Edward ml., Gregory in Michael, vnuki
Anne Marie, Sue Ann in Sharon, vnučkinje
MENTOR, OHIO, 28. marca 1996.

PAVLE BORŠNIK

Nova italijanska ofenziva

Vsem, ki smo doživljali drugo svetovno vojno na slovenskih tleh, je za vselej ostala v spominu tudi italijanska ofenziva poleti 1942.

Partizanske akcije so se tisto poletje razmahnile do take mere, da se je italijanska okupacijska oblast čutila dolžno nekaj ukreniti proti njim, čeprav so se na podeželju že tudi pojavile prve edinice Vaških straž, spontano organizirane skupine domačinov, ki so se po svoji najboljši moči uprli komunističnemu nasilju.

Teror ubijalskih edinic partizanske vojske je tisto poletje dosegel takšno silovitost, da so bili celi predeli Dolenjske, Suhe krajine in Notranjske na

milost in nemilost prepričeni usodi, padali pa so tudi ljudje v sami Ljubljani.

Ofenziva, ki jo je sprožila italijanska vojska, naj bi ozemlje takoimenovane Ljubljanske pokrajine očistila partizanskih enot. Rezultat pa je bil popolnoma drugačen. Razen morda fašističnih bataljonov, sestavljenih po večini iz napol kriminalnih elementov, Italijani niso kazali nobenega navdušenja za preganjanje partizanov po slovenskih gozdovih. Ponujala se jim je vse bolj enostavna rešitev: zagorele so slovenske vasi, ljudje pa so romali na Rab, v eno najhujših koncentracijskih taborišč takratne Evrope.

Perry, Ohio

Požiganje, ubijanje in preganjanje Slovencev je bilo tolikšno, da je vzbudilo ogorčenje in žalost celo med samimi Italijani, kot priča mons. Pietro Brignoli, vojni kurat 2. polka Sardinskih grenadirjev, ki je bil intenzivno udeležen v tej ofenzivi.

Brignoli je zapustil pretresljiv dnevnik, v katerem opisuje dogajanja na slovenskih tleh med to italijansko ofenzivo. Pod naslovom »Sveta maša za moje ustreljence« (Santa messa per i miei fucilati), opisuje divjanje italijanske soldateske v vojni proti »ribellom«, kjer se je vsakodnevna akcija navadno končala z ustrelitvijo večjega ali manjšega števila slovenskih kmetov, ki niso imeli z »ribelli« nobenega opravka in katerih edina krivda je bila, da so živelni na ozemlju, preko katerega so se ti »ribelli« premikali.

Zdaj pa je nova generacija Italijanov sprožila novo ofenzivo proti Slovencem. Gre za preiskavo zločinov, ki so bili ob koncu druge svetovne vojne zgrešeni na Tržaškem nad tamkajšnjimi fašisti, katere so komunistični zmagovalci v precejšnji meri pobili in zmetali v pozname kraške »fojbe«.

Italijansko pravosodno ministrstvo je obnovilo preiskavo teh dogodkov in menda že tudi sestavilo seznam oseb, ki naj bi nosile odgovornosti za ta dejanja. Na seznamu naj bi bili Slovenci, Hrvati in tudi Italijani, po vsej priliki komunisti.

Čeprav je en namen sedanje preiskave brez dvoma spraviti v zadrgo današnjo slovensko vlado in vso Slovenijo, ter tako vreči še eno poleno pred njena prizadevanja za vstop v Evropsko skupnost (EZ), je jasno, da preiskava sama po sebi ni neupravičena, ker zgrešena dejanja spadajo v kategorijo vojnih zločinov, ti pa v smislu obstoječih zakonov nikoli ne zastarajo. Možnost kazenskega preganjanja odgovornih ljudi torej ni ugasnila.

Postavlja pa se drugo vprašanje: kako je mogoče, da jugoslovanske oblasti (in slovenske same), v mesecih in letih po drugi svetovni vojni, ko so s tako ihti pokončavale domače »vojne zločince«, niso zahtevale izročitve in sojenja enega samega Italijana, odgovornega za vse strahote, ki jih je italijanska vojska zgrešila nad prebivalstvom t.i. Ljubljanske pokrajine v času od 6.

BARAGOVI DNEVI 1996**Shod katoličanov iz Kanade, ZDA in Slovenije**

TORONTO, Kan. — Baragovi dnevi se vsako leto prirejajo po različnih krajih Severne Amerike. Tako se oživlja spomni na svetniškega škofa F. Barage in pospešuje proces za kanonicacijo.

Letos bomo praznovali Baragove dneve 31. avgusta in 1. septembra v Torontu. Voditelj praznovanja bo nadškof dr. Alojzij Ambrožič in torontska nadškofija v sodelovanju s slovenskimi župnijami Brezmadežne v Etobicoke, Marije Pomagaj v Torontu in sv. Gregorija Velikega v Hamiltonu, Ontario.

— Splošni pregled praznovanja —

SOBOTA, 31. avgusta 1996

6. zv.: Maša (slovenska) pri Brezmadežni, Brown's Line
Glavni celebrant: nadškof dr. Alojzij Ambrožič
Pridigar: Rev. Tone Zrnec
Somaševalci: vsi duhovniki, ki to želijo

Sprejem:

V dvorani župnije Brezmadežne, Brown's Line
Koncert zbara Gallus iz Koroške (v slovenščini)
Družabna prireditev, okrepčilo

NEDELJA, 1. septembra 1996

3. pop.: Maša (angleška) v katedrali sv. Mihaela v Torontu
Celebrant in pridigar: nadškof dr. Alojzij Ambrožič
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5.30 pop.: Se prične družabna prireditev v župnijski dvorani Brezmadežne na Brown's Line
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Vsi ste dobrodošli, saj je to lepa priložnost za prijazno srečanje in globlje spoznanje velikega Slovenca ameriške celine, svetniškega škofa Barage.

aprila 1941 do 8. septembra 1943, da o zločinskem preganjanju primorskih Slovencev vse od leta 1919 niti ne govorimo?

Kako je mogoče, da se je nova slovenska oblast šele zdaj, ko visi nad njo italijanska sodna akcija, zganila in - baje - pričela pripravljati nekakšno Belo knjigo, ki naj bi navedla vsaj najhujše zločine italijanske soldateske na slovenskih tleh med drugo svetovno vojno?

Zakaj smo Slovenci takšni obupni zamudniki v zadevah, ki se nanašajo na našo narodno usodo, v medsebojnih prepirih pa tako smrtno odločni in neustavljeni? Italija s svojo vlado na čelu, protestira radi nekaj desetih hiš, ki naj bi bile odvzete njenim »esulom« na slovenski obali, Slovenija pa molči o stotinah pogorišč

po Dolenjski in Notranjski, o stotinah nedolžnih žrtev, talcev, na Rabu umrlih in v Gornarsu preganjanjih?

Vseeno: bolje pozno kot nikoli. Zahtevati pa moramo, da bo italijanska oblast z isto doslednostjo, s katero zahteva razčiščenje vprašanja kraških fojb, reševala tudi slovensko pritožbo in zahtevo po zadodčenju za vse nad našimi ljudmi zgrešene zločine med italijansko okupacijo slovenskih ozemelj, od leta 1919 naprej.

Ni še znan obseg slovenske proti-akcije v tem vprašanju, morda pa bi kazalo, da ljudje med nami, ki so bili sami žrtve ali priče italijanske ofenzive leta 1942, zapišejo svoje spomine na tiste dni, da bi se eventualno vključili v matična prizadevanja na tem področju. Slovenija je, navsezadnje, ena sama. Po rodu in krvi smo tudi mi njen del, njeni usoda je tudi naša usoda.

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(Op. ur. AD: Pogovor je izšel v Slovencu 18. marca, pravila ga je Marjeta Simunič.)

• Gospod veleposlanik, ali lahko že natančneje napoveste datum slovensko-hrvaškega vrha? Kako potekajo priprave nanj?

Točnega datuma še ne morem napovedati, najverjetneje pa bo do obiska prišlo v drugi polovici aprila. Vse je namreč odvisno od obveznosti na obeh straneh in seveda okoliščin, ki jih ni mogoče napovedati.

Obisk bo namenjen predvsem pogovoru o nerešenih dvostranskih vprašanjih, ne nazadnje pa tudi zunanjepolitičnim vprašanjem, predvsem tistim, ki so povezana z vključevanjem obeh držav v evropske povezovalne procese.

Vsekakor pa naj bi srečanje pomenilo predvsem dosego vnaprejšnjega soglasja o nekaterih vprašanjih, ki naj bi jih

bilo mogoče rešiti v obojestransko zadovoljstvo, kar bi spodbudilo napredok v stikih med državama. Sicer pa intenzivno potekajo sestanki na ravni ministrstev kot priprava na srečanje vladnih predstavnikov.

Tako se bosta že 22. marca sešla zunanjia ministra obeh držav, dejavno pa je tudi sodelovanje parlamentov oziroma njihovih odborov. Že v začetku aprila naj bi bilo v Zagrebu srečanje gospodarskih odborov obeh parlamentov. 16. aprila pa naj bi se v Ljubljani sešla predsednika obeh parlamentov Vlatko Pavletič in Jožef Školc.

Vse te dejavnosti naj bi pred obiskom hrvaškega predsednika v Sloveniji skušale približati medsebojna stališča in ustvariti ozračje zaupanja.

• Zaradi svežnja znanih nerešenih vprašanj, kot so na primer Piranski zaliv, dolg Ljubljanske banke, premožensko-pravne zadeve, dvostranski stiki niso prav spodbudni. Kot kaže, je morda najspodbudnejša točka povečano gospodarsko sodelovanje.

O gospodarskem sodelovanju imate prav. Zato bi najprej nekaj besed namenil tistem, kar je med našima državama spodbudno. Tu je še pose-

bej dejavna prav Slovenija, saj je svoje trgovanje s Hrvaško povečala za 18 odstotkov v primerjavi z lanskim letom in ustvarila presežek v vrednosti 300 milijonov dolarjev. Hrvaška je svojo menjavo s Slovenijo letos povečala za okoli 15 odstotkov, skupna menjava med državama pa znaša 1 miliardo in 450 milijonov dolarjev.

Presežek v korist Slovenije je predvsem posledica izvoza njenih končnih izdelkov in njihove kakovosti, medtem ko hrvaški izvoz temelji predvsem na nafti in naftnih derivatih. Pri tem naj poudarim tudi to, da je hrvaški trg bolj odprt kot slovenski. Vsi tudi pričakujemo, da bo urejanje razmer na kriznih žariščih tako pozitivna znamenja še bolj spodbudilo, pri čemer želim še posebej poudariti razvoj turizma, saj so Slovenci zelo zvesti obiskovalci predvsem naših obmorskih krajev, Hrvatje pa zlasti v zadnjem času čedalje bolj množično obiskujejo vaša smučišča.

• Kaj pa tista vprašanja, ki še vedno onemogočajo izboljšanje dvostranskega razmerja, pri čemer je za Slovenijo gotovo najpomembnejši Piranski zaliv?

Za Slovence je vprašanje

Piranskega zaliva eno od najpomembnejših, zato najprej nekaj o tem. Kot prvo želim poudariti, da Hrvaška glede tega vprašanja ne želi ustvarjati težav ne doma in ne zunajne. Zato Sloveniji ponuja največ, kar je še mogoče zagovarjati na pravnih temeljih. Pognujamo torej več kot dve tretjini Piranskega zaliva oziroma vztrajamo pri delitvi Piranskega zaliva in pri ugodnem režimu plovbe do odprtega morja.

To se nam zdi zelo velikopotezno, ne glede na to, da ima Hrvaška veliko morja. Eno je namreč vprašanje lastninske suverenosti, drugo pa omogočanje uporabe ali koncesij, o čemer se je mogoče dogovoriti. V tej luči presojam tudi zadnji dogodek v zvezi s hrvaškimi ribiči, ki ste ga poimenovali kot izgred. Vprašanje je namreč, ali je šlo za izgred ali ne, saj je to odvisno od tega, kje je morska meja. Po naših podatkih ladji nista bili v slovenskih ozemeljskih vodah. Mi iz tega nismo želeli delati težav, kar pomeni, da je treba čim prej določiti mejo in pri tem upoštevati mednarodno pravo.

Zavzemamo se torej za načelno rešitev vprašanja v duhu dobrosodskega razmerja, pri čemer ne želimo poseči niti v milimeter tujega. Zdi pa se, da takšno naše stališče ni dovolj navzoče v zavesti slovenske javnosti. Dobivam namreč vtipis, da slovenska občila svojo

javnost glede teh vprašanj enostransko seznanjajo, nekatera pa celo tendenciozno.

Dovolj je pogledati nekatere časnike, pri čemer imam v mislih tudi nekatere njihove sodelavce iz Hrvaške, ki tudi tamkajšnje razmere prikazujejo pristransko, pri čemer sporočajo predvsem stališča opozicije, ki pristransko kritizira razmere, opozarja predvsem na slabosti in ne prikaže niti najmanjše pozitivne zadeve.

• Kaj pa dolg Ljubljanske banke do hrvaških varčevalcev, ki najbolj razburja vašo javnost?

Pri vprašanju Ljubljanske banke bi rad poudaril, da mi je žal, da neka zadeva, ki je jasná, še ni rešena. Gre za obveznost banke do zasebnih varčevalcev, kar je v vsaki drugi državi nedvoumna. Dolga do zasebnikov se ne da mešati niti z državnim interesom niti z načinom, kako je banka razpolagala s tem denarjem.

Naše stališče je, da mora biti ta težava rešena tako, kot se je rešilo vprašanje dolga do slovenskih varčevalcev. Kljub vsemu je šlo takrat za enotno državo, v kateri so Hrvatje zaupali Ljubljanski banki, zdaj pa se čutijo prevarani. Ta občutek je še toliko močnejši zato, ker so ostali brez svojega denarja v najhujšem času oziroma v času vojne.

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Miljenko Žagar, hrvaški poslanik v Sloveniji

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ga predstavnika slovenske države, češ da banka zasebnikom ne dolguje nič, ker je bil menda denar porabljen za potrebe hrvaškega gospodarstva. Pri tem moram poudariti, da ta izjava ne temelji na nobenem podatku oziroma dokazu. Pri tem naj še opozorim, da ni brez pomena spomniti, da je Ljubljanska banka na Hrvaškem leta in leta dobro poslovala, da pa hkrati v Sloveniji ni bilo niti ene same hrvaške banke. Kljub vsemu želim, da bi tako kot to vprašanje rešili tudi druga.

• Mislite na zaplet, ki je nastal pri plačevanju prispevkov za hrvaške upokojence?

Da, radi bi rešili tudi vprašanje plačila prispevkov za zdravstveno zavarovanje hrvaških upokojencev, pri čemer obe strani zelo težko usklajujeta dolg, kjer prihaja do različnih vsot, Slovenija pa tudi ne želi privoliti v plačilo obresti za čas, ko svojih obveznosti ni redno poravnava.

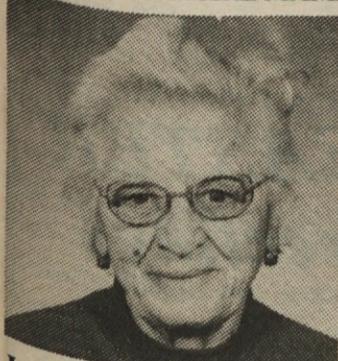
Vsekakor se mi tudi zdi, da so Slovenci taki: z njimi se je mogoče dogovoriti vse, ko pa je vprašanje denar, je vse dobre volje konec.

• V Sloveniji živi in dela precej Hrvatov. Kako kot veleposlanik presojate njihovo počutje pri nas?

V Sloveniji živi 45.000 Hrvatov. Na žalost pa moram povedati, da se počutijo čedalje bolj negotovo. Da se ne bi počutili preveč odrinjeno in kot tujek, se želijo asimilirati. Menim, da Slovenci, ki živijo na Hrvaškem, podobnih težav nimajo.

Razumem sicer bojazen Slovencev pred tem, da bi bila zarađi drugih narodov, ki živijo pri vas, ogrožena vaša narodna samobitnost, vendar sem prepričan, da želijo biti Hrvati.

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Jennie Satej Mohorčič
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tje lojalni samostojni slovenski državi, da pa bi si žeeli manj pritiskov pri svoji želji, da ohranijo svojo narodno identitet.

Posebna težava je pri tistih Hrvatih, ki delajo v Sloveniji, svoje družine oziroma otroke pa imajo na Hrvaškem. Ti otroci niso — tako kot na primer v Nemčiji — upravičeni do otroškega dodatka. Tudi pri tem sicer razumem Slovenijo, vendar razumem tudi to, da tako ravnanje ustvarja nelagodje.

Na težave opozarjajo tudi tisti naši državljanji, ki prek Slovenije uvažajo na Hrvaško. Plačevati morajo carinske pristojbine, kar ustvarja slabo razpoloženje, saj je treba vedeti, da gre pri tem predvsem za tiste hrvaške državljanje, ki delajo v tujini, zlasti v Nemčiji. Gotovo gre v nekaterih primerih tudi za zlorabe, vendar pa teh ne smemo jemati kot pravilo.

Tudi pri življenjskih vprašanjih, ki zadevajo preproste ljudi, obstaja še vedno odprt prostor, ki bi ga lahko državi za boljše dvostransko razumevanje dogovorno uredili.

• Gotovo spremljate približevanje Slovenije Evropski zvezi in pri tem zaplete z Italijo. Kako bo Ljubljana uredila sporna vprašanja z Rimom, bo gotovo precedens tudi za Zagreb. Kakor presojate ta zaplet?

Gre za rimske in osimske sporazum, pri čemer naj poudarim, da Slovenija ravna pri tem načelno oziroma v skladu s tem, da je treba dogovore spoštovati. Pozivanje na razpad Jugoslavije, ki je te dogovore sklenila, ne pomeni nič. Natančno se je namreč ob sklenitvi teh dogovorov vedenlo, na katere subjekte se nanašajo. Zato Hrvaška podpira dosedanje slovensko državo, je pa prepričana, da je za ureditev podrobnosti vedno odprt prostor, seveda v skladu z veljavnimi dogovori.

• Bi žeeli še kaj sporočiti našim bralecem?

Rad bi dodal, da pri svojem delu v Sloveniji nimam nobenih težav. Tukaj sem našel tudi veliko prijateljev. Kot ljubitelj umetnosti rad obiskujem predvsem koncerte in likovne prireditve. Zato me veseli, da je prav kulturno sodelovanje med državama zelo živahno. Pogovor za vaš časnik pa bi želel skleniti s poudarkom, da si Hrvaška želi vsestransko poglobiti razvoj stikov s svojo severno sosedo, pri čemer bo to koristilo Sloveniji takoj v dvostranskem razmerju kot tudi v mednarodnem smislu. Kdor je proti temu, ne zastopa interesov lastne države.



— Družina odpri si na stezaj! — Dvojno praznovanje v Hamiltonu, Kanada

LJUBLJANA — Ob velikem kanadskem jezeru Ontario, v mestu železarn kakor naše Jesenice, je zelo dejavna slovenska župnija sv. Gregorija Velikega. To je v mestu Hamilton, ki nekako povezuje Toronto z najbolj južnim delom Kanade, mestom Sv. Katarina (St. Catherines), kjer je prav tako lepo število naših rojakov.

V nedeljo, 11. februarja, so naši rojaki najprej povsem napolnili veliko župnijsko cerkev. Z mogočnim mašnim slavljem ob 50-letnici duhovništva Ivana Dobrščka, ki že nad 25 let deluje v tej župniji, so se ljudje zahvalili Bogu za dar »dobrega pastirja«, ki obiskuje in združuje svoje ljudstvo.

Poleg domačih pevcev, govornikov in recitatorjev so sodelovali še mnogi gostje: hamiltonski škop Anton Tonos, slovenski in kanadski salezijanski provincial ter večje število slovenskih in kanadskih duhovnikov.

Sledila je zelo bogata in dobro pripravljena akademija ob slovenskem kulturnem prazniku.

Poleg cerkvenega mešanega pevskega zboru so posebej nastopili člani moškega zobra Majolka, ki praznuje 30-letnico obstoja. Ob papeževem obisku Slovenije bodo tudi oni med nami. Imeli bodo koncerte v Črenšovcih, Mariboru, Jaršah, Metliku, na Rakovniku v Ljubljani, v Sevnici in še kje.

Plesalci mladinske folklorne skupine Soča

pod vodstvom Davida Antolina so pričarali Štajersko in zaslužili dolgo plaskanje. V vesel pesmi in glasbe pa je stopilo še praznično voščilo zlatomašniku Ivanu Dobrščku, ki ga je poslal slovenski veleposlanik v Kanadi Marijan Majcen. S prirčno besedo je nakazal temeljne slavljenčeve poteze in se mu v imenu Republike Slovenije zahvalil za velik prispevek pri ohranjanju slovenske besede ob Ontarijskem jezeru.

Sledilo je skupno praznično kosilo za okoli 450 rojakov. Vse so pripravili slovenske žene in možje, mladi pa so prijazno stregli. Vmes ni manjkalo petja, glasbe, zdravje. Po tudi ne novih kulturnih podvigov: mlada umetnica Slovenska Tanja Rihar je predstavila prvence svojih izdelkov, s katerimi bo okrasila veliko župnijsko dvorano. Gre za posebne umetniške stvaritve, ki bodo ponazorile slovenske pokrajine, in so sestavljene iz reljefa iz lesa, podob in simbolov.

Vsekakor je treba dati našim rojakom v Hamiltonu pod vodstvom župnika Franca Slobodnika vse priznanje; težko bi bilo pri nas doma pripraviti tako bogato slavje.

Pa še to: slavljenec duhovnik Ivan Dobršček je določil, da gre ves dobiček tega slavlja v dobrodelne namene.

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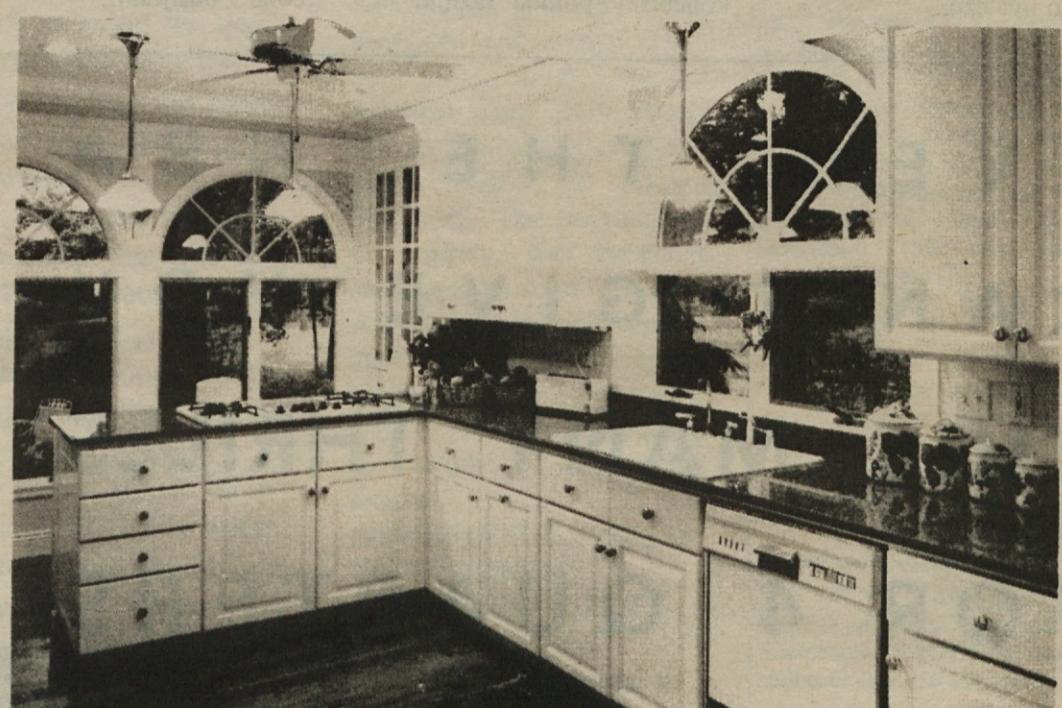
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10. marca v cerkveni dvorani sv. Vida je razviden iz poročila predsednice Marice Lavriševe, ki je v AD že objavila zahvalo ter istočasno v pismu tole sporočila za sodelujoče in številne pionirje MZA na severnoameriškem kontinentu:

»Dan je bil lep in sončen. Po cestah je bilo malo snega, ki se je tajal. Po zaslugu cvetličarja, ki vsako leto daruje nekaj cvetja za vase po mizah, smo tudi letos dobili cvetje. Razdelila sem ga zjutraj po vaza in mizah, da je bil kar lep pogled, ko so vstopili v dvorano. Zadaj so bile pripravljene mize za stojnice. Najprej lepo založena z ročnimi deli, nato maček v žaklu, ki je imel zgodne obiskovalce; zatem razno cvetje, še največ rožmarina. Zadnja stojnica je bila za pecivo in rezance.

Ko so ljudje prihajali, so morali mimo teh stojnic in so se ustavljalni ter iskali, kaj bi jim bolj koristilo. Vsaka stojnica je nudila obiskovalcem kar precej izbire, tako da je bil končen rezultat prav lep.

Kosilo je bilo skrbno priprav-

Ijeno; delitev je šla hitro naprej, da so bili vsi veseli, oni v kuhinji, kot oni pri oknu. V nedeljo je bilo kar precej delavcev in delavk, ki so svoje delo vestno vršili.

Nekaj sodelavk je zbolelo, a hvala Bogu, je vse dobro steklo. Za Ameriško Domovino sem tudi napisala zahvalo, kar bo verjetno že v četrtek objavljeno.

Prilagam seznam za 30 sv. maš. Dar zanje v \$300 sem od dala g. Knezu. Iskreno sem se zvečer Bogu zahvalila za vse milosti, ki smo jih bili deležni v tem dnevu.

Prilagam desetak in prosim za sv. maš za vse delavce in darovalce. Naj jim Bog povrne s svojim blagoslovom, kar pa tudi objavite, da bodo videli, da smo hvaležni.

V ponedeljek, 11. marca, smo imeli sestanek, na katerem nas je bil 12. Naredili smo pospravo in pregled, kako je kosilo potekalo in kaj v bodoče izboljšati. Prebrala sem navzočim Vaša pisma, Sonjina in oglasili so se tudi oo. Mujdrica, Podgrajšek in Lisjak. Za piknik imamo že štiri dobitke. Smo še pustili odprtvo do naslednjega sestanka. Veliko dobre volje je bilo, ko smo gledali v bodočnost naših prireditev.

Končne številke Vam bo sporočil g. Štefan Marolt. So pa zares lepe. Zvedela sem zanje v torek, 12. t.m. zvečer.

Želim Vam prav lepe pomladne dni in Vas v imenu vseh sodelujočih lepo pozdravljam. Marica.« (19. marec 1996)

Do poletnega piknika MZA Cleveland v juliju in MZA Milwaukee isti mesec, je štiri dolge mesece. V tem času se bodo verjetno oglasili lahko mnogi sodelavci in sodelavke iz drugih koncev ZD in Kanade s svojimi darovi. Naj Bog vsem sodelujočim vsako žrtev stotero povrne in vrednost njih darov obilno pomnoži!

Blagajnik Štefan Marolt spo-

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\$200 je darovala Zofi Kosem, od tega za Karmeličanke \$50 in \$150 za misijone, kjer je najbolj potrebno.

Po \$150 predsednica Marica Lavriša za bogoslovsko akcijo in Matt ter Stani Grdadolnik, od tega \$100 za vzdrževanje bogoslovca Jožeta Gregorič in \$50 kot dar za Petra Končana na Rakovniku.

\$120 družina Mirota in Mari Celestina, za lačne v misijonih.

Po \$100 so dodali sledeči:

Ga. Cilka Tominc; Francka Hočevard, kjer je najbolj potrebno; Jože in Zalka Likozar; ga. Frances Kosem, od tega \$50 za lačne v misijonih in \$50 za Karmeličanke v Sori; Polde in Ivanka Pretnar, kjer je najbolj potrebno, na Madagaskar ali za avto v Ruando; Vili in Rela Zadnikar. Skupaj \$600.

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Po \$40 sta dali ge. Antonija Rozman in Rezka Klemen.

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Po \$25 sta dali družini Jože Koren ter Viktor in Minka Kmetič.

Po \$20: Ana Tomc; družina Antonia Vegel; ge. Mary Vavpotič, Katica Drew, Ivanka Volčjak in Avgust Dragar. Neimenovani \$16 in ga. Karolina Kucher \$15. Po \$10 so darovali Neimenovana za o. Mujdrico; Anton Lavriša ml.; ge. Francka Androjna, Minka Slak in Francka Kristan. Cirila Kermavner \$9; ga. Lindic \$5; neimenovana \$2 in dva neimenovana, vsak po \$1.00.

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