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VOJNA SITUACIJA

Ruska ofenziva se vali nevzhodno naprej, osvobodila je vzhodno mesto Kirovograd v zahodnem delu Ukrajini in mnogo manjših mest v vasi, bliža se nevarno Rumuniji in je napredovala 36 milj preko stare rusko-polske meje. V Italiji so ameriške, angleške in canadske čete zavzale nekaj strategičnih vasi, napredovanje zavezničev pa je počasno. Na Pansku se vršijo raztreseni boji na morju, v zraku in na otokih. Letalski napadi zavezničev na letalnicu in na od nje zasedene trake se nadaljujejo skoro brez prestanka.

PULJ BOMBARDIRAN
Veliko število ameriških letalnic trdno je v začetku tega bombardiralo važno pristaniško mesto Pulj (Pola) v Istrici. Letalski bombe so razobilile pristaniških in železniških naprav v Pulju, ki je za poslovno v njihovih bojih zaveznikov, posebno v jugoslovanskimi partizani.

SMRT NE IZBIRA
Hocni preteklega tedna je na tem domu v Palo Alto, California, za srčno hibo umrl Herbert Hoover, soprog predsednika Zedinjenih držav. Stara je bila 68 let.

NAČILSKI SOPOTNIKI

Slovena velika porota v Washingtonu je obtožila 30 oseb, 28 dnevnikov in dve ženski, sodelovali z naciono Nemčijo in zavzeli svrhu podnetenja revolucije. Svoje zarotniško delo največ vršili potom knjig, cirkularjev. Med njih je več, katerih dejovanje je bilo izvirkano v knjigi "Underworld," katere vplivni simpatizatorji nacijnskih doktrin s preprečili. To se jim ni izstala že v osmih izdajah, danes morda še v nadalj-

PROHIBICIJA STRASI
poslanski zbornici kongresni so vloženi predlog kongresni, predvsem iz South Caroline, postavno prepove izdelava in prodaja pijač, ki vsebujejo pol procenta alkohola. Bilo je v interesu večje slovenske produkcije, ki je naj bi veljala za čas vojne demobilizacije vojske. Posebni odsek kongresni je pričel z zasliševanjem začinkov in nasprotnikov vojske. Oben stranki sta tako v kongresu kot izgradnja ladij.

GRADNJA LADIJ
Slovenske ladijedelnice so v letu 1942. ali toliko kot je petina tonaž 19 milijonov ton, je dva in polkrat toliko kot je ladij sveta v začetku. (Dalje na 2. strani)

DOGODKI IN RAZVOJI SODOBNOSTI

Važni dogodki se v sedanjih časih vrstijo s tako brzino in v tolikem številu, da jim moremo le v malih meri slediti ter da nimamo časa ali volje, da bi razmišljali o pomembnosti istih. In dostikrat se razvijajo dogodki v smerni in na način, ki ga povprečno javno mnenje nikoli pričakovalo. O tem je bil nedavno na uredniški strani lista New York Times pričeben zanimiv članek, ki ga z ozirom na prostor ne moremo v celoti priobčiti. Pisec tam navaja, da za časa zadnje svetovne vojne nihče ni pričakoval uspešne levičarske revolucije v Rusiji. Eksperti na desni in levni so izključevali tako možnost. Vendar nepričakovano se je zgodilo. Avtor omenjenega članka nato pokaže na razvoj v Jugoslaviji, kjer so se okoli maršala Tita združili v osvobodilni vojski v glavnem Hrvati in Slovenci, dasi je partizansko gibanje od vsega početka podpirala Rusija. Srbi so pravoslavni kot so Rusi in so bili slednjim vedno bližji kot Slovenci in Hrvati, vendar se je primeroma le malo Srbov pridružilo od Rusije protežiranim partizanom. Avtor meni, da je v nasprotju z navadno logiko; vendar je tako.

V svojem letosnjem novoletnem govoru se Hitler ni več ponatal z nemškimi zmagami, kot je velik Roosevelt v ameriški administraciji. Vsakdo čuti, da je on tisti, ki zares dela politiko, in vsakdo se vrašuje, kaj bo on misil, kadar se pojavi nov problem, in vsakdo je mnenja, da nobena stvar ni definitivno rešena, dokler je on ne dobro.

Celo taki ljudje, ki, kot jaz, mislimo, da je Churchill zagrešil ogromne, gorostasne napake, in niti začel ni pravilno razumevati bistva vojne, ker njegova misel romana vedno le nazaj k starim veličinam preteklosti mesta v bodočnosti, kjer bi morali ustvariti nove tradicije, celo taki ljudje so mu nehoteli naklonjeni, in ta naklonjenost še vedno raste. To ni le radij tega, ker je hraber in polnogline sile, katere ni mogoče ustaviti. Niti, ker je zares veliki Anglež, politično najbrže največji od Gladstona naprej. To je pred vsem radi tega, ker čutimo vsi, na levi in na desni, da je to tak mož, kot bi mi vsi želeli, da zunanjji svet smatra za tip angleškega značaja.

(Dalje na 2. strani)

DELO ŽENSK V RUSIJI

V Zedinjenih državah so v sledojih vojnih zahtev uposlitve žensk v najrazličnejših industrijskih nekaj navadnega in samoumevnega. Nikdar niso bile ženske v tej deželi v tolikem številu uposlene pri delih, ki so se v normalnih časih smatrala za moška, kot sedaj.

V še veliko večji meri pa so ženske uposlene v industrijskih v Rusiji. Že leta 1929 so ženske predstavljale nad 27 odstotkov delavcev v industrijskih v letu 1937 že nad 39 odstotkov in v letu 1939 nad 41 odstotkov. Značilno je, da so ženske v Rusiji uposlene tudi v težkih industrijskih delih, ki jih je bilo iz Zedinjenih držav poslano v Kovinske industrije. Istega leta je bilo v Rusiji že 140,000 ženskih inženirjev in tehnikov. V vojnem času se je

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SLOVENSKE VESTI

Zborovanje vseh odborov Slovenskega ameriškega narodnega sveta, ki se je vrnilo 8. januarja v hotel Shermer v Chicagu, se je zaključilo v lepem soglasju. Zborovanje se je udeležilo okrog 40 pravomočnih odbornikov. Poročila članov izvrševalnega odbora so bila vzeta na znanje in predlagana zaupnica članom izvrševalnega odbora za njegovo delo, je bilo sprejeti soglasno. Na zborovanju je bilo zastopanih sedem slovenskih publikacij.

(Dalje na 5. strani)

POTREBNA CENZURA

BALKAN SE RAZVIJA V VULKAN

V vojnem času je potrebna neka cenzura za poročila v časopisih, revijah in publikacijah vseh vrst, da sovražnik iz istih ne dobi podatkov, ki bi mu mogli koristiti. Zato je bil takoj v začetku vojne ustanovljen cenzurni urad, Office of Censorship, v Washingtonu. Ta urad sestavlja navodila, po katerih naj se uredniki ali izdajatelji publikacij ravnajo, da ne izdajo sovražniku informacij, katerih bi se mogel poslužiti v našo škodo. To je protekcija za deželo in za našo vojne sile.

Značilno je na naš demokratično republiko, da je ta cenzura prostovoljna. Cenzurni urad samo izda navodila in apelira na urednike in izdajatelje publikacij, da jih upoštevajo.

Vsek pričetek je potem sam svoj censor. Ako je v kaki zadnji v dvomu, kako storiti, je prešen, da se osebno, pismeno ali telegrafično obrne na cenzurni urad. Značilno je, da se časopisi oziroma publikacije držijo teh navodil brez pritiska. Cenzurni urad je že večkrat javno pohvalili njihovo lojalnost.

Navodila, ki jih uredništva publikacij od časa do časa dobivajo od cenzurnega urada iz Washingtona, se po razmerah izpreminjajo. Vlada želi, da občinstvo dobi o poteku vojne in kar je z njim v zvezi toliko informacij, kolikor je v skladu z vojnimi operacijami in da jih bodo s čim najmanjšo zamudijo. Informacije, katere vojnim načinom Amerike in Združenim narodov ne morejo škodovati, gredo v javnost brez zadržka.

Nova navodila, ki so bila uredništvtom poslana v preteklem decembru, so v mnogih oziroh omiljena. Na primer, prejšnje restrikcije glede poročil o ameriški vojni produkciji so odpravljene. Producija je tako velika, da sovražnik ne more iz poročil o isti dobiti ničesar druguge kot hud glavobol. V veljavni oziroma publikacij, ki je v skladu z vojnimi operacijami in da jih bodo s čim najmanjšo zamudijo. Napredovanje ruskih armad, uspehi Titovi partizanov v Jugoslaviji in sodelovanje zaveznikov in letalcev s partizani so resna znamenja na nebu, ki prepričujejo Bolgare, da Hitlerjeva zvezda zahaja in da bi bilo silnega pomena za Bolgarijo, če bi se mogla pravočasno izviti iz nacijskega objema in zaveznosti. Bolgarsko ljudstvo je naklonjen Rusiji in Bolgarijo je spravil v Hitlerjev tabor kralj Boris, ki je padel od roke napadala v preteklem avgustu. Nikakega droma ni, da bi se Bolgarija rajši danes kot jutri iznebila Hitlerjevega zaveznštva, toda izgledi so slabti. V Bolgariji je polno nemškega vojaštva in vse strategične civilne in vojaške pozicije kontrolirajo Nemci. Ako bi Bolgarija skušala izstopiti iz vojne, bi jo najbrž čakala takrat ali še hujša usoda kot je zadeba Italije.

Po londonskem poročilu United Press, datiranem 3. januarja, je armadni tribunal Ljudske osvobodilne armade v Jugoslaviji obsođil na smrt terorista Marka Bačića, ki je priobravnavi priznal, da je pobil 40 oseb. Priznal je tudi, da je bil član teroristične tolpe hrvaških ustašev, ki so 19. julija 1941 masakrali 1,500 Srbov. Obravnava proti Bačiću je bila javna in se je vrnila v osvobojenem dalmatinskem mestu Bujogu, kjer je Bačić bival. Tam je bila tudi smrtna obsođba kriminalca izvedena.

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NEMŠKI UJETNIKI

Znani ameriški vojni poročalec Ernie Pyle, katerega dnevna poročila priobčuje okrog 200 ameriških časopisov, se mudi zadnje čase med našimi vojaki v Italiji. Nedavno je poročal svoje vtise o ujetih nemških vojakih, katerih začasna taborišča v zaledju je bil obiskal. V slednjem naj bodo navedeni nekateri značilni izčrpki iz njegovega poročila:

Nemški ujetniki teh dni so na splošno precej drobne vrste. Večinoma so zelo mladi. Mnogi nosijo še poletne uniforme in poletno perilo. Nemška zimska uniforma je sivkasto zelenja in videti posebno vojaška. Ujetniki so mnogo bolj zgornji in zdravji kot so bili svoječasno. Le posamezni, posebno zakrnjeni ujetniki so trmati in nečejo govoriti. Drugi se čutijo tako sproščene, ker je zanje vojna končana, da kar govorijo in govorijo.

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Radijska postaja Svobodna Jugoslavija poroča, da partizani oblegajo močno nemško garnizon.

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VSAK PO SVOJE

Zmotiti se je človeško; zmoto priznati je pa gentlemansko. Prvega je dosti na svetu, drugoga pa malo. Revija "Time," ki ima okrog dva milijona čitalcev, je vzorno urejevana in zanesljiva. Vsak priobčeni članek je prej pregledan od najmanj šestih odgovornih oseb. Kljub temu je včasih v reviji kako poročilo netočno ali napačno, kar uvedništvo lista, če je opozorenje, pošteno prizna. Včasih revija še kakšne izrazite originalne in popravljene kozle priobči v posebnih kolonih, da se zmotljivost uvedništva ne pozabi. Seveda, vsa uvedništva niso tako. Poznamo uvedništve, ki ne priznajo storjene napake, pa če jim je prinešena na krožniku in z notarskim potrdilom. Vaš uvedništvo je reviji "Time" hvaležen za odkritost, in to v lastno protekcijo. Kako bi njemu samemu včasih ne ušla kaka napaka, če uide šestim osebam!

Zdaj je soglasno. Kot je bilo poročano iz Washingtona, je za novo leto tudi predsednik Roosevelt pestoval flu. Zdaj smo vse ene misli in krv in najbrž tudi enakega pridušanja.

Mnogi ljudje misljijo, da je flu moderna bolezna, pa so v zmoti. Imel jo je že pokojni ruski pisatelj Lev Tolstoj; to se zdi, on je ni imel, ampak je pisal o njih v svoji znameniti knjigi "Vojna in mir." Flu je imela Ana Pavlova, dvorna danska ruska carica leta 1865. To kaže, da je bila flu že takrat prav tako predzračna kot je danes in se ni nikogar ženiral, ker se je vtihotapila celo na carski dvor. Danes ima samo novo obleko oziroma novo ime. Leta 1805 se je imenovala hribo. Zlobna bitja imajo sploh navado, da si izpreminjajo imena. Na primer, Hitlerjevo originalno ime je bilo Schickelgruber.

Kadar mislimo na bojujočo se Slovenijo oziroma Jugoslavijo, smo v skrbih zanjo, obenem pa smo ponosni nanjo. Junaštvo tega malega in prej skoro nepočitnega narodiča občuje ves svet. O veliki Franciji in o koloniji bogati Holandski se neprimerno manj sliši kot o malih Slovenijah oziroma Jugoslaviji. In za to se imamo zahtevali jugoslovanskim partizanom. Največji in najmanjši slovanski narod sta danes na mapi kot še nikdar prej.

V nekem malem mestu na ameriškem zapadu so svoječasno tlakovali mestne ceste z zavrnim kamenjem in gruščem iz bližnjega rudnika. Čez desetletja pa so pronašli, da dolični material vsebuje mnogo zlata, nakar so ceste raztrgali in odpremili rudo v cistilnico. Z izkupičkom za tako pridobljeno zlato so mestni očetje plačali za novo moderno tlakovanje cest in jim je ostal še lep denar v blagajni. Podobna potrata se te čase vrši na otoku Guadalecanalu, kjer ameriške konstrukcijske čete gradijo barake, mostove in ograje iz najfinjšega mahoganijevega in rožnega lesa. Na otoku namreč rasto veliki gozdovi omenjenega drevja. V Zedinjenih državah bi bil dolični les vreden milijone dolarjev.

Po nedavnom poročilu iz Španije je Mussolini spet umrl. Pravijo, da troživa mačka ima devet življenj, in Mussolini pa se mačke.

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Janko N. Rogelj,
gl. predsednik ABZ:

Četrto vojno posojilo

Iz zakladniškega departmента v Washingtonu sem prejel pismo, katero je bilo priobčeno v zadnji številki Nove Dobe. Pismo je bilo naslovljeno na glavnega predsednika Ameriške bratske zveze, odnosno na našo bratsko podporno organizacijo, torej na vse člane in članice ABZ.

Ameriška vlada pozira in presi vse svoje državljanе, da se odzvajo v urah potrebe in preiskušnje s svojim patriotičnim odgovorom: odgovorijo naj s svojo imovino, s svojimi dobarji in z zvestnim sodelovanjem pri nabiranju potrebnih dolarjev.

Člani Ameriške bratske zveze, državljanji velike in gospodljubne ameriške republike, in nekdaj rodni sinavi in hčere potepante in umirajoče Slovenije, imamo danes dvojno dolžnost in predpravico, da se odzovemo vojnemu klicu na domači fronti.

Počnjam Ameriki!

Na vsih kontinentih, morjih in v zraku, ki obkrožuje naš svet, bije se naša slavna in zmagovala ameriška vojska. Cudotvorne in nepopisljive vojne uspehe piše ta ameriška vojna sila v zgodovinsko knjigo Združenih držav ameriških. Priborila si je tako sijajen in viden zalet v sovražne falange, da se ji odpirajo pota do zmagovalja in končne zmage. V tem mogočnem zaletu ne bomo zapustili naše vojake, ampak bomo z vsemi našimi silami in močmi pohiteli na pomoč, da bo njih zmaga tudi naša začeljena zmaga nad sovragom, ki tepta demokracijo in svobodo miroljubnih narodov.

Počnjam Sloveniji!

Naši rodni bratje in sestre v redni zemlji bjejo istega sovražnika. Svobodna Amerika jim nudi pomoč. Če ponagamo Ameriki, pomagamo svojim ljudem v domovini.

Dne 18. januarja se prične kampanja za četrto vojno posojilo. Bratje in sestre, vsi na delo, vsi na pomoč! V 22 državah posluje Ameriška bratska zveza. V vsaki naselbini bo organiziran odbor ali odbori; pridružite se tem delavcem!

Na vaših društvenih sejah se pogovorite, koliko vojnih bonov lahko kupite z denarjem, katerega imate v društveni blagajni. Denar, ki je v blagajni ali na banki, je mrtev za našo ameriško vojsko. Stric Sam rabi sedaj vaš denar, posodite ga takoj. To je danes najboljša investicija, boljše ni nikjer na svetu. Ko govoriti vse sreč za zmago Amerike, naj vaši dolarji glasno odgovarjajo, da vas bo čula tista dobra v gospodljubni Ameriki, ki vas je sprejela za svoje državljanе. Sedaj je čas, da pokažemo svojo hvaležnost in zavest.

Hranimo denar!

Vedno ne bo tako, kakor je danes. Komur denar danes preostaja, naj ga hrani. Prav za prav, vsak naj hrani za boljše čase, ki pridejo po tej vojni. Bolj bomo hraniли, manj inflacije bomo doživeli. Naš denar bo obdržal svojo vrednost. Prihranjen denar v varni in zahestivi investiciji strica Samu—bo naš največji in zvesti prijatelj po končani vojni.

V imenu glavnega odbora Ameriške bratske zveze in v imenu bratstva vas pozivam in prosim, da se odzovete klicu ameriške vlade v Washingtonu. Čitali ste pismo W. C. FitzGibbonsa, načelnika Združenih narodnosti sekcij divizije vojnih finanč, zato boste gotovo razumeli namen in potrebo tega četrtega vojnega posojila. Ta namen in potrebo culite tudi v vašem srcu, kjer je toliko skrb in želja za vašim sinom, možem, bratom ali prijateljem, ki danes stoji v vrstah oborožene ameriške sile. Naši člani-vojaki tudi pričakujemo, da jih bomo podprli na domači fronti.

Naša podpora organizacija ima lepo ameriško ime: Ameriška bratska zveza. One je ameriška, je bratska in tudi skupna, kadar je pomoč potrebna Ameriki.

Daj, brat, daj; pomagaj, sestra!

Simon Gregorčič:

Vstajenje Slovanstva

Kdo on je, ki vstaja čez veke na dan? On, kteri ga zbulil iz grobnih je tmin, Kdo ta je junak velikanski? za dela ga slavna je zbulil, Poglejte v obraz mu, obraz vam je in svet se svetlobi njegovih vrlin znan: in delom velikim bo čudil.

Te narod je—narod slovanski!

Mi, bratje, pa z delom pripravljajmo zdaj to silno slovansko mogočnost, in z duhom proroškim nazdravljajmo zdaj:

Na slavno slovansko bodočnost!

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REVIZIJA KNJIG IN LETNA SEJA GL. ODBORA

Revizija knjig in računov glavnega tajnika, glavnega blagajnika in upravnika uradnega glasila se prične v glavnem uradu, Ely, Minnesota, dne 9. februarja 1944, ob 9. uri dopoldne.

Letno zborovanje glavnega odbora se prične 14. februarja 1944, ob 9. uri dopoldne, istotako v glavnem uradu Zveze.

Društvo in posamezniki, ki želijo kako stvar predložiti glavnemu odboru, naj poskrbijo, da bodo dopisi v rokah glavnega tajnika ne pozneje kot 10. februarja 1944.

Podpisi na prošnjah posameznih članov morajo biti potrjeni od društvenih tajnikov, dopisi društev pa morajo biti podpisani od predsednika in tajnika društva.

Z bratskim pozdravom,

JANKO N. ROGELJ, glavni predsednik;

ANTON ZBASNÍK, glavni tajnik.

VSAK PO SVOJE

(Nadaljevanje s 1. strani)

Pokojni filmski igralec John Barrymore je zapustil psa Guisa, ki je z njim in tudi pozneje z novim gospodarjem Deckerjem večkrat nastopil v filmih. Nedavno pa je bila neka bivša Gusova vloga poverjena nekemu drugemu psu. To se je Guš tako za malo zdelo, da je izvršil samorod pod karom cestne železnice v Hollywoodu. Tako je rešil svoj pasji ponos. Igralci so občutljivi in zamerljivi, pa čeprav so pasje vere.

Neki ameriški vojni reporter poroča iz Italije, da so Nemci v boju za posest neke gore pogonili po pobočju gore čredo ovac, da so sprožile tam nastavljenje mine. Kmalu zanj pa je prišla druga čreda ovac, v katerih pa so zavezniški vojaki spoznali Nemce, ogrnjene z ovčjimi kožuhimi, in so jih seveda primerjalni sprejeli. Volkovi v ovčjih oblačilih so dobili svoje placi.

V teh vojnih časih je mnogo trpkosti in gremkobe na svetu; celo pri nas v Ameriki, ki se leži že za najsrečnejšo vseh dežel. Prijatelj Cahey pravi, da mu je najslašje spominje pustilo združenje flu in kašla z medom! Zdravljenje je bilo sladko, dokler ni nekje čital, da mora čebela izprazniti več kot tri milijone cvetnih čas, predno nabere en funt medu. Potem pa so se mu smilile čebele in je pozabil na flu.

Pretekla božična sezona nam je pustila cele gozdove zelenih smrečic in drugih božičnih dreves, ki se zdaj dolgočasijo po praznih stavbiščih kot tiste nešpametne device, katerim je olja v leščerbah zmanjkalno. Spekulanti, ki so skušali na hiši obogatiti s prodajo božičnih dreves, so že pred sezono umetno razširili govorice, da bo zaradi vojne božičnih dreves primanjkovalo, nakar so prav oderuško navili cene. Za vsak čevelj višine drevesca dolar ali več. Veliko število slavnega občinstva pa je prišlo do prepiranja, da božična drevesa niso neobhodno potrebna niti za zmago na bojnih frontah niti za mir ljudem na zemlji, in je špekulantom obrnilo hrbot. Tako so oderuhom ostali celi gozdovi smrečic, borovcev in jelk, katerih ni mogoče prihraniti za prihodnjo sezono kot božične karote, kravate ali cigare. Kupujoče občinstvo je pokazalo, da se pusti izkorističati in vleči samo do goote moje.

Slovenski značaj mesta Cleveland v državi Ohio je bil ponovno poudarjen, ko je nedavno mestna zbornica izvolila za svojega predsednika Mihaela M. Lukaca, ki je ruskega porekla. Župan mesta, kot znano, je v Clevelandu rojen Slovenc Frank J. Lausche. Tako sta malo Slovenija in velika Rusija dali milijonskemu ameriškemu mestu Clevelandu dva najvišja reprezentanta mestne vlade.

oblast s tem, da bi se odrekel tej pravici.

Seveda, njegove zmote so velikanske. Njegovo razumevanje za gospodarske probleme je tako malo. Prepričan sem, da razume manj o indijskem problemu kot katerikoli angleški premier do Disraelija naprej. Ni mu dano videti, s kakšnim velikanskim korakom se britanski imperij pomika proti zahodu. In, akoravno je velik parlamentarec, je vendar v svojem bistvu preveč aristokrat, da bi razumel, kaj parlamentarizem pomeni.

Njegova duša je duša volilca, ki misli v pestrih prispolbah in noče razmotriti o neprjetnih dejstvih. On, ki tako sijajno govorji, je vedno v nevarnosti, da ne bo razumel argumentov svojih nasprotnikov. Odliko se tako bliskovito hitro, da se mu pripieti, da šele potem začne iskati vzrokov, zato se je odločil tako in ne drugače. Njegovo razumevanje je odprt konkretnim stvarjem, ne pa abstraktним. On razume Bevina, ne pa Trade-Unionizem, Morrisona, ne pa Labor stranko, Sidnay Webba, a ne socializma, Stalina, ne pa boljševizma.

Dvomim, da je imela Anglija, tako velikega političnega vodjo, morda z izjemo Lloyd Georgea, v sedanjih časih. Ako delate zanj, boste vedno spoznali, da morete storiti najmanj 20% več kot ste bili misili. Toda on vam bo dal tudi vedno najmanj 20% več hvale kot je zasluzite.

On močno sovraži, toda obenem je dober in zvest prijatelj. Nekaj čudovitega je v tem njegove hrabrosti, ki noče nikdar odnehati in popustiti, tako da ste ponosni, da ste v njegovi armadi. Kajti vsakomur je jasno, dokler se bo boril pod njegovim praporom, ne bo nikdar in nikoli prišlo v postopek, da bi se udali ali odnehati. On bo vedno nadaljeval boj, dokler bo le še mogel držati meč v roki.

Ko je prišla novica o njegovi bolezni, so radi tega vsi, socialisti in toriji, komunisti in liberalci, zadrževali sapo in molili svoje bogove naj mu priznajo. Seveda, noben človek ni nenadomestljiv—to je ravno temelj demokracije. Vendar pa želim z vsem poudarkom povedati Amerikancem, da jaz, socialist skrajne leve, ki z vsem svojim srcem želim, da bi bil Churchill o prilikl prihodnjih splošnih, volitev vendar enkrat popolnoma porazen, kljub vsemu temu s ponosom priznavam, da je bil on tisti vodja krmkar, katerega je potrebovala Velika Britanija v tej vojni.

Leta 1940 nas je pozival naj se tolažimo v tej veliki krizi s tem, da bo zgodovina nekoč potrdila, da je bila to največja ura naše zgodovine. Upam, da smo se odzvali njegovemu pozivu. Sigurnem sem, da lahko režemo o Churchillu, da je bila to njegova največja ura. Z nadvešenjem, strastjo in odločnostjo je dal vse svoje najboljše, da bi Britanija živila in bila svobodna, da bi se jo mogočno dosegli teda nikdar prekosi. Znal je vlti jekla v srca vsega naroda, in mu dati moči, da se reši.

Z izrekom rimskega plemstva moremo reči, da je Churchill zaslužen mož za svojo domovino. — (Napisal Harold J. Laski za Overseas News Agency.)

DOGODKI IN RAZVOJI SODOBNOSTI

(Nadaljevanje s 1. strani)

V listih in na radiju je zadnje čase mnogo razprav o rusko-poljskem vprašanju. Poljska je po zadnji svetovni vojni dobila velik kos popolnoma ruskega ali pretežno ruskega ozemlja. Deloma je to ozemlje dobila s pristankom mirovne konference, deloma pa si ga je Anglijo je že dve leti v svobodna izmenjava dalo. Kar je velike koristi na vojne napore. To je sprostitev našega cilja je poraz nacifašizma. In vse kaže, da je bilo med zavezniški doseženo popolno soglasje v vseh glavnih točkah na konferenci v Teheranu.

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ENGLISH SECTION OF Nova Doba

AMPLIFYING THE VOICE OF THE ENGLISH SPEAKING MEMBERS

Official Organ
of the

American Fraternal Union.

"LET'S ALL BACK THE ATTACK"

On Jan. 18, 1944 the United States will launch its Fourth War Loan drive. This drive is scheduled from Jan. 18 to Feb. 15 and the goal is \$14,000,000,000.

Every American knows what his duty is in a U. S. war loan drive. Every American fully realizes that the cost of victory will be high — in money and lost lives. All of us can't be on the fighting fronts but we can do our share on the home front by enlisting our dollars — in U. S. War Bonds.

We are invading and it is said that the second front is due to open soon. This means our fighting men need more equipment, more food and more ammunition. Our Allies also need our help. We who are safe back here at home certainly can afford to help pay the cost of victory with our dollars when our boys are paying for it with their lives.

Thomas Jefferson once said, "The ground of liberty must be gained by inches." Were he alive today he would probably add, "The ground of liberty must also be won by your willingness to do your utmost during America's War Loan drives."

We know that all American Fraternal Union members will respond just as willingly as they did during the other three war loan drives. Our AFU lodges also buy bonds with the surplus money in their treasury. Our Union has bought thousands of dollars worth of War Bonds and plans to buy more during this coming drive. This proves that AFU members, lodges and the Union as a whole are totally behind America and her struggle for victory and peace.

Make your dollars, fighting dollars by turning them into War Bonds! Show our boys that we are behind them 100 per cent! Buy an extra War Bond and help bring the day of victory and peace nearer! Put your money in the safest investment in the world — U. S. War Bonds!

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

Invasion comes high — in blood and in money. Part of the cost must be paid with human life. That means a deep and lasting hurt for many and many an American family.

Part of the cost must be paid in cash — this January. And now that the Fourth War Loan drive is here it is time to pay for the cost of invasion.

We'll do it because of our fighting men who depend upon us. We'll do it because a U. S. War Bond is the safest investment in the world. We'll do it because we are Americans all!

INSIDE THE AXIS**Crete Guerrillas Pin Down German Troops**

Guerrilla activities on the island of Crete are keeping 30,000 German troops on combat duty, the French Brazzaville radio reported recently in quoting a dispatch published in the Swiss newspaper Courrier de Geneve. The broadcast said that a patriot force of 1,500 men, aided by hundreds of British soldiers who were unable to escape when the island fell, was battling the Germans.

The broadcast said the Swiss newspaper article identified the leader of the patriot army as Greek General Mendakis.

DID YOU KNOW THAT? Alaska is regarded as the healthiest of all the war fronts. No body lice, tetanus, malaria or bed bugs are found there.

She's An Ensign Now

Vice Admiral Russel R. Waesche, Commandant of the U. S. Coast Guard, congratulates Maxine B. Neal, of Chattanooga, Tenn., on the ensign's stripe on her sleeve. She completed her officer's indoctrination at the U. S. Coast Guard Academy at New London, Conn., early in November. Miss Neal first worked in the Admiral's office as a yeoman third class. She still works there, but as a commissioned officer.

News of AFU Yanks

Mrs. Josephine Bokal of Cleveland, O. received a very interesting letter from her husband, Henry L. Bokal, who is stationed somewhere in England. He has been in England for the past three months and one day while playing soccer baseball, a strange fellow came up to him and told him his best friend and neighbor was stationed nearby. A few days later Pvt. Stanley Kozar and Henry Bokal met. They spent the evening at Henry's camp, went to the P. X., a USO show and talked about the good times they had together back in Cleveland. He said they were the two happiest fellows on earth. They hadn't seen each other for 13 months so you can imagine how glad they were to meet. Stan Kozar had already been in North Africa and Italy.

Henry Bokal was a drummer in the "Blue Jacket's Orchestra" led by Tony Malavasic. He is now a mechanic in the Armored Force. Stanley serves in the infantry.

Incidentally, S/Sgt. Tony Malavasic, the orchestra leader, is also stationed somewhere in England. Tony is a tail gunner in the Army Air Force.

Henry's wife adds: "I wonder if the boys have become accustomed to riding on the left hand side of the street and drinking tea instead of coffee."

Thanks for the interesting letter, Mrs. Bokal. We're glad to hear about the boys and how they are doing.

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Pfc. Joseph Pelan writes to thank the Nova Doba editors for their Christmas greeting. He says he receives the Nova Doba pretty regularly and enjoys it very much. "I have lost one of my Slovenian buddies, Pfc. Frank Sterle," he writes, "and I wish I was home to celebrate Christmas with my parents and friends, instead of celebrating in the jungles and (This is where the censor stepped in, Pfc. Joe, so we'll have to draw our own conclusions as to what you wanted to say.)" Joseph wishes all the AFU members a happy New Year. His friends may write to him at the following address:

Pfc. Joseph A. Pelan
Co. B, 148th Inf.
A.P.O. 3 c/o Postmaster
San Francisco, Calif.

★ ★

Pvt. Stan Barba of Cleveland writes this week from somewhere in Italy. "Just writing a few lines while the shells and everything else is flying overhead. It's plenty hot and I'm not kidding. However I'm fine and dandy. I have a new address now and hope the Nova Doba will reach me here. Tell all my AFU friends I said hello. I haven't had a letter in a long time but I suppose it's due to my change of address. I hope to receive some letters soon."

Friends of Pvt. Stan are asked to note his new address:

Pvt. Stan Barba
ASN 35510358
Hq. Btry. 18 F. A. Brigade
APO 464 c/o Postmaster
New York, N. Y.

**"March of Dimes"**

JOIN THE MARCH OF DIMES
FIGHT INFANTILE PARALYSIS
JANUARY 14-31

Give So That Others May Live!

The eleventh annual "March of Dimes," the annual campaign which is America's answer to the dreadful infantile paralysis disease officially opens Jan. 14th and runs through Jan. 31st. Some cities have already launched their "March of Dimes" drive. The drive commemorates President Roosevelt's birthday.

The National Foundation has helped numerous cases and the money you donate to this worthy cause will help lower the percentage of helpless victims of this disease.

America's children are the happiest and healthiest in the world. Help keep them playing and singing in a healthy America by giving to this fund to prevent this disease from spreading. You have been asked to give for various welfare funds but this is one of the most necessary ones of them all. We should do all we can to fight this home front battle against paralysis. Donate generously and have the satisfaction of knowing that you helped someone to a healthy, happy life by your contribution. Join the "March of Dimes" today!

F. J. E.

Napredok Notes

Euclid, Ohio.—The Napredok Lodge No. 132, AFU will hold its regular monthly meeting this Friday, Jan. 14, 1944 at the Slovene Society Home on Recher Ave. at 7:30 p. m. All members are cordially invited to attend. The installation of officers for 1944 will be held at that time. So come one, come all! Fraternal regards.

Adalyne Cecelic, Treasurer

Lodge No. 190, AFU Meeting Notice

Butte, Mont. — The regular meeting of the Western Sisters Lodge No. 190, AFU will be held Jan. 20, 1944 at 7:30 p. m. in the Slavonic American Hall.

At this time the installation of officers will be held. The following members will be installed: Kate Pezdark, president; Mary Flanigan, vice-president; Mary Predovich, secretary; Ann Leskovar, recording secretary; Angela Stepar, treasurer, and Matilda Dunstar, Mary Starich and Josephine Campbell, trustees.

Let's all start the New Year right by attending this first meeting of 1944. At the December meeting, members decided to levy a special assessment of 50 cents for every adult member, without exception, for the year of 1944. This levy is to be paid in January or February, not later.

Now a word about members who are in arrears with their dues. Please pay your dues every month regularly. Don't let the secretary be after you continually to pay your dues; they must be paid so why not pay them on time.

In conclusion I wish all members a happy New Year. Fraternal regards.

Mary Predovich, Sec'y
Lodge No. 190, AFU
Butte, Mont.

PHYSICAL FITNESS OF COLLEGE MEN IMPROVES

The general physical fitness of American college men has improved under war conditions if the men studied by the department of physical education at Syracuse University are typical.

The average physical fitness score at the university this year shows a 23-point improvement over last year. This year's score of 114.2 is five points higher than the best for any year during which the fitness record has been kept.

Out of every hundred men tested this year 88 are as healthy or healthier than the average of those tested last year, the college records show.

The physical fitness rating is essentially an indication of strength. Final averages consist of scores made on tests of arm, leg and back power, hand grip and lung capacity.

—Science Service

Betsy Ross Lodge News and Views**Servicemen's News:**

Brother Frank P. Krall was home for the Christmas season on a furlough. He enjoyed his stay very much and wishes everyone a very happy New Year.

Brother John Jevnikar came home unexpectedly and we were very glad to see him.

Another member, Morris Debenak, also spent a Christmas furlough with his family and friends.

Now I'll close by wishing all a happy New Year and with the hope that 1944 will bring better things for all of us.

* Fraternally,
Catherine Krall, Sec'y
Lodge No. 186, AFU
Cleveland, Ohio

From the Home Office of A. F. U.**NOTICE OF AUDIT AND ANNUAL MEETING OF SUPREME BOARD**

Notice is hereby given that the semi-annual audit of the books and accounts of the supreme secretary, supreme treasurer and manager of the official publication will commence in the Home Office, Ely, Minnesota, February 9, 1944, at 9:00 A. M.

The Supreme Board will convene in annual session in the Home Office February 14, 1944, at 9:00 A. M.

All communications, whether from lodges or individual members, addressed to the Supreme Board for consideration, should be in the hands of the supreme secretary not later than February 10, 1944.

Signatures on petitions from individual members must be attested to by the lodge secretaries, communications from subordinate lodges must be signed by the president and secretary.

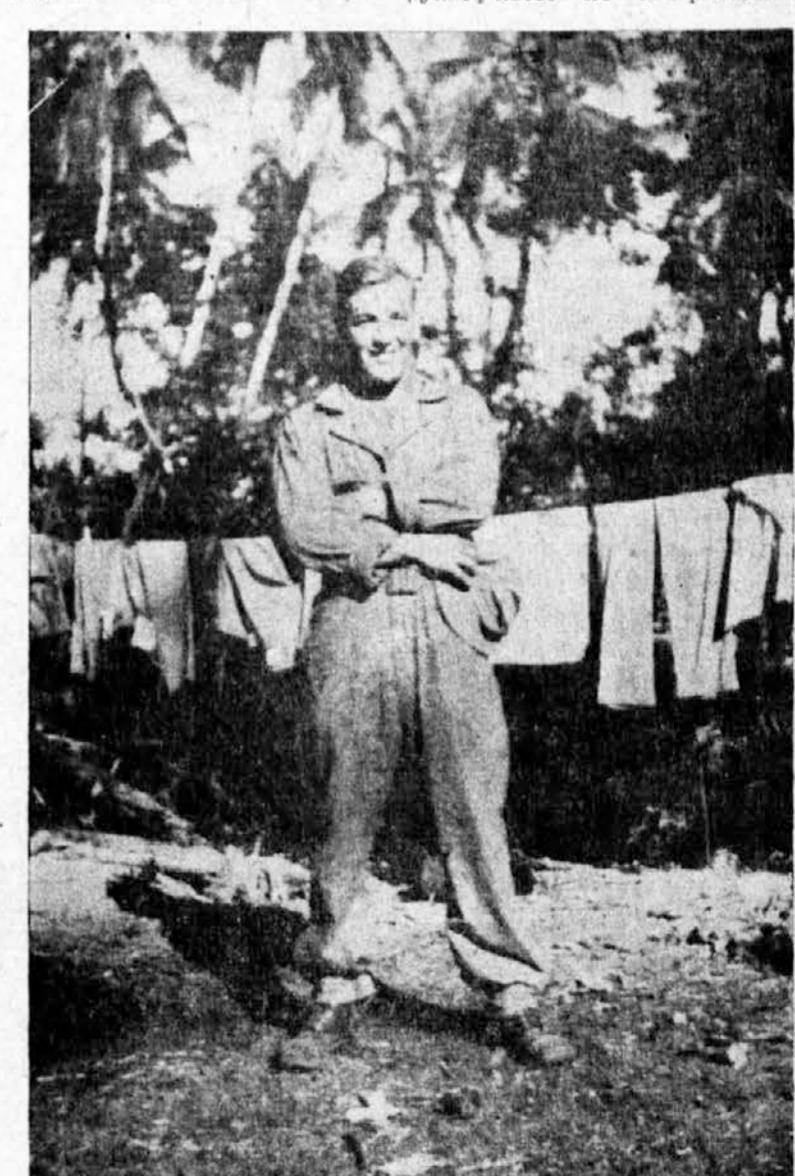
Fraternally,

JANKO N. ROGELJ, Supreme President;
ANTON ZBASNIK, Supreme Secretary.

Soldier Frank Okolish Does Own Wash In South Pacific

The mornings in the average American family begin, of course, with the ringing of the alarm clock. It is mother who is usually the first one to respond while the rest of the family at the sound of it turn over in bed to get an extra wink of sleep. Soon, all too soon, a pleasant smell from the kitchen starts to penetrate every room in the house, followed with the call from mother announcing that it is time to get up. If the family is large, different sounds are then heard. One starts to yawn loudly, another groans, stretching his or her arms. The call from the kitchen is of necessity and because of tardiness of this or that one usually repeated, each time more loudly and more insistently.

But they get along somehow just the same, as the picture below shows. The smiling soldier is none other than Frank Okolish, a soldier-member of St. Martin's Lodge No. 44 AFU of Barberton, Ohio. He must now, somewhere in the jungle on an island in the South Pacific, not only find all that is needed to dress in the morning or at any time during the night, and that in a hurry, but he must also wash all that he is wearing. The picture shows him just after he completed his



Soon bedlam begins. One of the children can't find their wash and that is the reason for his broad smile. "For eight months I did not see a person dressed in civilian clothes," he writes. Yes, he was in the engagements with the Japs, but so far he came out without a scratch, so he said. He likes to read the Nova Doba, especially the articles written by Florence D. Startz. The boys there also liked the story, "Love in Slovenia," by Louis Adamic.

Anton Okolish, Chairman Supreme Judiciary Committee, AFU.

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Waukegan, Ill. Ladies

Active in War Work

Time certainly is passing fast even in war time. The Slovene National Auxiliary will celebrate its second anniversary with a program on Sunday, January 16th at 3:00 p. m. in the large hall of the home.

At this anniversary program "Red Bar" awards are to be presented to 17 ladies of our group by Mr. Harold McArthur, chairman of the Red Cross production division. Each member qualifying for this award, has given more than 288 hours of her time to the Red Cross, in one year's time. Top producer of the Auxiliary is Mrs. Joseph Stefancic, with more than 1000 hours to her credit. Leading the knitting division is Mrs. Josephine Kozina with 608 hours of production.

Others who will receive the bars are: Mrs. Anna Krainc, Jennie Skerbec, Mary Kink, Anna Jankouskas, Frances Ogrin, Frances Music, Mary Novak, Gertrude Podboy, Jennie Miller, Marion Jelovsek, Mary Lukancic, Frances Slobe, Justine Kirn, Anna Stulginskis and Albina L. Furlan.

On the program will be some interesting movies. The admission will be 30 cents, the tickets can be secured from members now, or at the ticket office of the hall on Jan. 16th.

Doctor Prof: "It is because the hair had a 20 year start on the whiskers."

Guy: "Look here, it ain't sanitary to have a hog pen right under the house that way."

Farmer: "Well, I dunno. I ain't lost a hog for ten years."

money. We hope to do the same in the future, we do not expect any special recognition for it, however, you folks of Waukegan and North Chicago will make us very happy if you will remember our anniversary and come to our program. Remember that all our income is always spent to "Help to Win the War Effort." The more effort, the sooner we shall have Victory.

Albina L. Furlan

Surgery Heals the Scars of War

In the wards of Walter Reed, Bushnell, Valley Forge, O'Reilly and Letterman General Hospitals, where the Army's plastic surgery cases are treated, one can see spectacular and reassuring accomplishments of war medicine. New surgical techniques and refinements of old ones now being developed at these centers, coupled with a War Department program that is training large number of plastic surgeons, will give America's wounded the best plastic surgery in the world. That is why, in this war, far fewer veterans will have the disfiguring scars and crippling deformities which made so many of the vets of the last war a burden to society and to themselves.

An officer who lost his left ear in a Jeep accident was recently discharged with a new, living ear fashioned by army surgeons. A flap of skin was lifted on his scalp just behind where the ear had been. Then cartilage from a rib was cut and bent into the rough shape of an ear, and inserted under the skin flap. A month later, the flap, already a pretty good imitation of an ear, was raised into position. Skin taken from his abdomen was used to build up the back of the newly made ear and fill in the part of the scalp from which the flap was taken. Today it is not easy to tell which of his ears he was born with. Moreover his full hearing was restored when the surgeon made an opening into the ear canal that had been closed by scar tissue contractions.

Much of the credit for the triumphs of plastic surgery being wrought in army hospitals at home really belongs to the medical officers on the battlefronts. Plastic surgery begins in the field, where our wounded receive superb emergency care from medical officers who have been taught how to treat wounds so that disfigurement is reduced and subsequent hospital care is shortened. Today medical officers serving in the front lines not only save lives but also conserve as much of each wounded man's own precious skin tissue as possible.

The Army's plastic surgeons toil unremittingly to carry out their share of the government's program for the wounded. That program has as its objective the returning of every wounded mother's son to civil life, whenever possible, in a condition which will permit him to take his place in society to compete without handicap in the strenuous economic struggle ahead.

—Hygeia

A BIT O' THIS 'N THAT—

By Tommy Turk

Hello Everybody! Still keeping those New Year resolutions? Or haven't you made any? The AFU calendars for 1944 certainly are handy, what with those recipes and timely hints for the home maker. If anyone hasn't received theirs, just drop a line to the secretary and he'll mail one pronto. Speaking of mail reminds me of the Christmas mail rush; I was an extra mail-carrier at that time and I never realized how hard a mailman works. He certainly earns his money. I can now understand why one mailman, who, becoming very tired of the same old monotonous routine, suddenly went berserk and scattered the mail far and wide over a field! I remembered it especially one bitterly cold and windy day; the pack seemed twice as heavy and I was always slipping and falling, scattering the mail hither and yon, then trying to pick it up with fingers numb with cold! It still gives me the shivers!

I earned a nice spot of cash and needed a new trombone, I asked mother and father if I could buy another one with the money I earned; of course, they said yes and there was never a greater thrill than the one I had when I paid the dealer with the money I got for lugging that fifty-pound pouch around!

I play in John Potokar's Orchestra, two and sometimes three nights a week; Mr. Potokar is a Slovene and he is also a member of our Lodge No. 36, AFU. His son Johnny, is a musician in the Navy. Prior to enlisting in the Navy he played with a big name band in New York and other parts of the country.

Mr. Louis Rovansek, a well-known Slovene and one of our lodge members, too, is a member of the East Coehema Borough Council which held a meeting recently and appointed my father as borough treasurer. That means there are now two Slovene representatives in the front lines not only save lives but also conserve as much of each wounded man's own precious skin tissue as possible.

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It has been pointed out, with malicious pleasure, that the Hellcat can easily be mistaken for the Wildcat, and that the Japanese must have received some very unpleasant surprises when the new fighter first appeared.

—Scientific American earned an honorary commission as Lt. General and I'm still thankful that my friends bought their bonds from me; I most sincerely hope they and their friends will do so again. Won't you all call me. Thank you."

That's a challenge, Mother! I hope you top the list again! So, what do you say, folks? Wanna help? So long now, everybody!

Father: Well, whatta ya want—a pension?

Cash Awards

The American Fraternal Union pays awards for newly-enrolled members in both departments. They are as follows:

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 For Plan "D" insured for \$250 death benefit, \$1.50 award;
 For Plan "D" insured for \$500 death benefit, \$2.50 award;
 For Plan "D" insured for \$1,000 death benefit, \$5.00 award;
 For Plan "D" insured for \$1,500 death benefit, \$7.00 award;
 For Plan "D" insured for \$2,000 death benefit, \$9.00 award;
 For Plan "D" insured for \$3,000 death benefit, \$12.00 award;
 For Plan "E" and "F" insured for \$250 death benefit, \$2.00 award;
 For Plan "E" and "F" insured for \$500 death benefit, \$3.00 award;
 For Plan "E" and "F" insured for \$1,000 death benefit, \$6.00 award;
 For Plan "E" and "F" insured for \$1,500 death benefit, \$10.00 award;
 For Plan "E" and "F" insured for \$2,000 death benefit, \$12.00 award;
 For Plan "E" and "F" insured for \$3,000 death benefit, \$18.00 award.
 Awards for enrolling new juvenile members:
 For Plan "JA" \$1.00 award; for Plan "JB" \$3.00 award; for Plan "JC" for \$500 insurance, \$3.00 award; for Plan "JC" for \$1,000 insurance, \$5.00 award; for Plan "JD" for \$250 insurance, \$1.50 award; for Plan "JD" for \$500 insurance, \$3.00 award; for Plan "JD" for \$1,000 insurance, \$5.00 award.

All members who enroll new members in the adult or juvenile departments of the American Fraternal Union are entitled to these awards. The awards will be paid when the new members have paid six months dues.

The Hellcat

The United States Navy now has the two finest shipboard fighters in the world; one is the Grumman Hellcat, the other is the Vought Corsair.

The design of the Hellcat, which succeeds and surpasses the Wildcat, came from a happy combination of the practical knowledge of fighting pilots and the great engineering skill of the Grumman engineers. In fact, that is the way all combat airplanes should be designed. No government, however well informed, no group of engineers, however skilled, can build effectively without tapping the knowledge of pilots who have actually fought.

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Another method has been for the Gestapo to publish fake editions of the underground newspapers, using familiar type and anti-Nazi headlines to attract readers and then misleading the readers with false information buried in the stories.

Recently the British radio broadcast to occupied France a statement by the French Committee of National Liberation warning the people against the latest trick being used by the Nazis—the circulation of a false story that a man named "Fernet," represented as a "delegate-general" of the FCNL, had come to France.

"This is a new ruse on the part of the enemy, intended to bring patriots into the hands of the instigators," said the broadcast. "We point out the danger involved in conforming to instructions given by so-called clan-destine tracts signed 'Fernet.' These tracts are published by the Gestapo."

Ed: Sir, I—er—I've been going with your daughter now for eight years and—

Father: Well, whatta ya want—a pension?



Women's Cheap Shoes to Be Made Point-Free:

The Office of Price Administration announced that during the two-week period, Jan. 1-29, shoe dealers will be allowed to sell ration-free, 15 per cent of their stocks of women's shoes—provided they are sold at \$3 or less a pair.

The allowable percentage of ration-free sales will be based on the dealers' September inventory report to OPA. If more than the \$3 top price is charged, ration stamps must be collected, OPA said.

Shoes for Overseas:

If you buy a pair of shoes to send overseas, and you have the shipping done by the store, OPA rules that you don't have to turn over a ration stamp. But if you mail them yourself, you have to turn in a stamp. In case you lack the stamp, you can get one for the transaction from your local board if you present proper evidence as to where the shoes are going.

Bread "Staff of Life" in Armed Forces:

When the World War II son of yours and his World War I dad eventually get to sitting around comparing notes, junior will contend that the backbone of the army food is no longer beans, but bread. Where the army senior's day seemed to serve beans for every meal but breakfast, almost every day beans are nowadays the fare, only four or five times a month. This army get enriched bread at least twice daily, usually three, and each soldier averages at least three slices per sitting. To be sure the bread is always good, army laboratories test all flour sent to army posts by baking a sample loaf out of every carload of flour.

More Raisins:

More raisins for home use have been promised by the War Food Administration. More than a million pounds of seedless muscats from the 1942-43 crop will be released from government stocks soon.

Less "Cooties":

"Cooties" (body lice) are the disease carriers and plagues of soldiers in this war that were in the first World War. Agricultural researchers, developing new insecticides, developed one that kills cooties quickly. Soldiers place their clothes in a bag, put a small phial of it inside, and break the phial when their heel.

Let's All Back the Attack!

This is 1944! The War Loan Drive is scheduled for this month. What will you do to make it a victory year? The goal is—Victory! The time is—Europe! The responsibility is yours! Buy more War Bonds! Let's all back the attack!

F. J. F.

He: "You know you look like Helen Brown."

She: "Yes, I know but I look worse in green."

Sam: "Did you hear about the predicament the local fire pole sitter was in?"

Tom: "No."

Sam: "His wife died and had to sit at half-mast."



The Battle for the Balkans

A ROUND TABLE

Louis Adamic — Louis Dolivet — Josef Hanc — Sava N. Kosanovich
Bogdan Raditsa — Gaetano Salvemini — Victor Sharenkoff
Rustem Vambery — Basil Vlavianos — J. Alvarez Del Vayo

Essential Findings

1. For many years the word "Balkans" has been used derogatively with the implication of corruption, disorder and anarchy. In reality the Balkan peoples have set amazing examples of heroic battle for the principles of freedom and independence. Therefore a redefinition of the term "Balkan" in the sense of its real meaning, is necessary.

2. The overwhelming majority of the Balkan peoples were and are in favor of truly democratic regimes but up to now they have been oppressed by tyrannical minorities who have often received help from outside powers.

3. The most important pro-United Nations forces in the Balkans are the various liberation and underground movements, composed of men of all shades of political conviction. Without distinction of race or nationality they are fighting not only against the Axis and satellite regimes but for the freedom of the Balkans and for social transformation in line with the interests of the majority of the people.

4. The liberation movements and armies are composed of peasants, workers and intellectuals and include various kinds of political forces, ranging from democratic and socialist groups to Communists.

5. The liberation movements are opposed to any cordon sanitaire directed against Soviet Russia or any other power. They want, on the contrary, the full cooperation of all the United Nations powers, on a basis of equality.

6. All the territories taken over by the Axis and satellite regimes must be returned to the peoples to whom they belong; and the fate of those areas which are contested must be decided in accordance with the free will of the majority of the people residing there before the Axis aggression and in conformity with democratic principles.

Since boundary disputes can be peacefully settled only by democratic governments it is vitally important to the United Nations that such governments be set up to deal with these as well as manifold other issues.

THE BATTLE FOR THE BALKANS

Louis Dolivet—The Balkans will undoubtedly play an important role in any peace settlement on the European Continent. I wish Mr. Kosanovich would start the ball rolling.

Sava N. Kosanovich—Yugoslavia is the most interesting part of the Balkans. I believe the fact that Yugoslavia has been fighting the occupation for more than two years is the

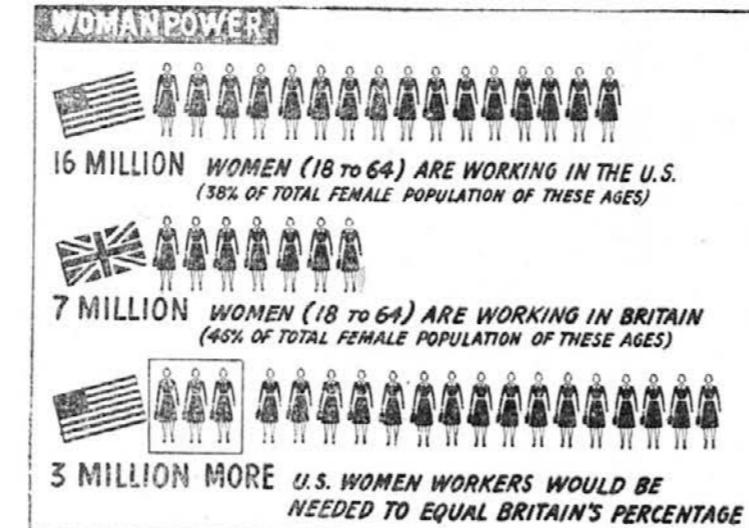
ROUND TABLE NO. 20

From inside and outside the Balkans powerful Allied forces are closing in on the Axis armies. Almost daily inside the Balkans the splendid guerrilla and partisan groups are striking at the enemy with a courage and determination unsur-

"BACK ME UP, BUDDIE!"



BACK
THE
ATTACK
BUY MORE BONDS



WASHINGTON NEWS FLASHES

By Florence D. Startz

Our Nation's Capital went day that I meet an AFU member "all out" for New Year's eve here in Washington, D. C. and celebrated in a big way.

Earlier in the evening when I was busy making resolutions with a group of government girls in my room, I was called to the phone. When I answered he said, "You don't know me, but does Washington News Flash mean anything to you?" I asked who was calling but the person seemed to prefer being a Mr. X. The longer the conversation continued the more puzzled I became, especially when he began to talk of the FBI building in which I work and as if he had worked there for some time. But, no, he didn't work for the FBI either. In vain I tried to find where he received my address and phone number. If he didn't work for the FBI he was certainly a super sleuth in my estimation. At least one thing I learned during the conversation and that was that he was a member of the AFU. I'm quite certain he belongs to Lodge No. 30 of Uniontown, Pa.

Later that evening I met Mr. X in person and he introduced himself as John Prah of Uniontown. I knew the last name was familiar—then I remembered that I had met his cousin, Frances Prah, at an AFU Convention in 1939. John comes from a real AFU family. At present he is employed by the Navy Department in Washington. He is quite a personality. How did he know so much about the FBI—it seems he knew a few fellows who work for the FBI. Mr. Prah seems rather shy of publicity but as the above is all "good" I'm sure he won't mind. And it isn't every-

Pour in pencils, pens, erasers, And work that is confidential, Be sure to add good character For that is quite essential.

Dose heavily with finger- prints,

Bake under a Washington sky,

The result will serve a nation

And is known as "Miss FBI."

Chicago AFU Liberty Bell Bowling League

Chicago, Ill.—The bowling session held Friday, Jan 7, went along quite well, two against one. The Gottlieb Florists won two games and Hujan Taverns won one. Spolar's Fox River Hotel team won two and Golko's Maryton Cafe team, one. The best individual high bowlers were Bill Dolmovich with 197, Louis Dolmovich 189, and Joseph Gomilar 184. Three-game high were Louis Dolmovich 556, Joseph Fajfar 504, and Andrew Stopar 501. Stopar bowled the same number of pins in every game, 167, which is something that doesn't happen very often. He is the first bowler in our league to have done this. Another unusual event was that Joe Oblak bowled over pins number 6 and 7 which usually only expert bowlers can do.

Standings to Date

	W	L
Gottlieb Florists	25	17
Maryton Cafe	23	19
Hujan Tavern	20	21
Fox River Hotel	17	25

This coming Friday we will bowl according to the following schedule: Maryton Cafe against Hujan Tavern, Gottlieb Florists against Fox River Hotel. What do you say, which team will win?

Regards,

John Gottlieb, Sec'y
Chicago AFU Liberty Bell
Bowling League
Chicago, Ill.

(To be continued)

NEMŠKI UJETNIKI

(Nadaljevanje s 1. strani)

Med ujetniki je mnogo Avstrijev in Poljakov. Nekateri, ki niso Poljaki, insistirajo, da so, upajoči, da bomo lepše postopali z njimi. Toda naši vojaki, ki jih izprašujejo, dobro obvladajo nemščino in takoj vedo, kdo je Nemec in kdo ni. Nemški častniki dobro vedo, da mi postopamo z vojnimi ujetniki pošteno in človeško, toda nedvomno natvezajo vojakom strahotne storiče o našem postopanju z ujetniki, da bi tako preprečili dezertacije. Mnogi ujetniki so od začetka vidno v strahu, kaj bomo počeli z njimi.

Veliko nemških vojakov, ujetih v Italiji je še prepričanih, da bo Nemčija zmagala. To je, do časa, ko so ujeti. Ko so transferirani v ozadje in vidijo ob potih naše ogromne zaloge vojnih potrebsčin, so presenečeni in začnejo izgubljati verō v nemško zmago. Nekateri bolj občutljivi se v resnicu zjokajo, ko vidijo, kaj imamo pripravljeno za poraz Nemčije. Ob času, ko so ujetniki privedeni prav v ozadje, jih je že do 75% v dvomu, da bo Nemčija zmaga. Ta proporcija dvoma naravnoma dalje v ozadje priredo.

BALKAN SE RAZVIJE V VULKAN

(Nadaljevanje s 1. strani)

nizijo v Novem mestu na Dolenskem. Hudi boji med Nemci in jugoslovenskimi partizani so se pretekli teden vršili za posest mesta Banja Luka v Bosni. Po zadnjih poročilih so partizani že skoraj osvojili mesto. Nemško trditev, da so nacija izazvali mesto Jajce v Bosni, označa maršal Tito za nerešljivo; Nemci so od omenjenega mesta oddaljeni še okrog 50 milj.

Nekateri listi in radijski komentatorji imajo navado, da po svoje obračajo depeše, ki so bile izmenjane med zastopniki različnih držav. Tako so nedavno tudi po svoje obračali novoletne čestitke med Božidarom Puričem, premierjem jugoslovenske zamejne vlade, in maršalom Stalinom. Londonsko poročilo United Pressa, datirano 4. januarja, javlja, da je maršal Stalin poslal Božidaru Puriču brzojavko sledče vsebine:

"Prosim, da sprejmete mojo zahvalo za vaše tople pozdrave in želje, poslane meni in sovjetsku ljudstvu za novo leto.

"Jaz sem prepričan, da 1944 bo leto novih zmag za Združeno narode in da ni več daleč trenutek, ko bo jugoslovensko ljudstvo doseglo svojo osvoboditev iz jarma Hitlerjeve tiranije."

Iz navedene vsebine Stalinove brzojavke je razvidno, da je novoletne pozdrave in voščila poslal maršalu Stalinu in ruskemu ljudstvu Božidar Purič, niso prizanale tudi Hitlerjeve vojske v glavnemu stanu, kancelarski palači, ki je bila simbol nacističkega pôdviga. Neki očividec, ki je dospel na Švedsko, je povедal, da je tri četrtine Hitlerjeve palace porušene. Pod palaco so bila zgrajena velika in izredno močna zaklonišča proti bombe napadom. Da li so dočlena zaklonišča dosegle bombe, ni znano.

NEMSKE IZGUBE
Polkovnik František Moračev, načelnik českoslovaške inteligenčne službe v Londonu, računa, da so Nemci v tej vojni izgubili najmanj šest milijonov vojakov, ubitih, ranjenih in ujetih. Pred enim letom je skupno na nemška vojska sila štela okrog 6,400,000 mož; njihove izgube od takrat znašajo približno dva in pol milijona mož.

Najboljše nemške rezerve so izčrpane in med vojaštvom je vedno več starih mož in prav mladih fantov. Nemci so prisilili v vojsko službo tudi mnogi vojaki, kajiblje predstavljalji,

vojno silo kralja Petra izven go mladih mož iz zasedenih krajev, Poljakov, Čehov, Francovcov iz Alzacije in Slovencev. To potrjujejo tudi poročila o nemških ujetnikih na ruski in talijanski fronti, med katerimi se dobijo Poljaki, Čehi, Franci in Sloveni.

OSVOBOJEN GUMIJ

Eden najhujših materialnih udarcev za Združenje države je bil, ko so Japoneci z zasedbo obširnih ozemelj v južnem Pacifiku osvojili praktično vse tamkajšje plantaže gumijevca. Situacijo je rešil umetni gumij in deloma tudi varčevanje z obstoječimi zalogami naravnega guma. Kdaj bodo gumijeve plantaže na Pacifiku spet osvobojene, je za enkrat še problematično. Vsekakor, začetek je bil že storjen. Ko so ameriške čete nedavno zavzemele pristavki in sicer v New Guinei, je prišla v posest zavezničev, 300 akrov obsegajoča plantažu gumijevcev. Ni dosti, nekaj je pa le.

Slovenski ameriški narodni svet

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31. DECEMBER 1943

Bilanca v banki (\$17,743.90) in

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Podružek:

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2 SANS, Chicago, Ill. \$ 300.00

6 " Ely, Minn. 21.75

8 " West Newton, Pa. 13.40

9 " Wilcox, Pa. 6.55

10 " Canton, O. 24.00

12 " W. Alliquippa, Pa. 48.25

15 " Springfield, Ill. 8.36

22 " Midway, Pa. 11.00

24 " Virden, Ill. 6.73

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