

DRUŠTVENE IN DRUGE SLOVENSKE VESTI

Novo angleško poslujoče društvo "Sentinels," ki je iz glavnega urada dobilo številko 236, je bilo ustanovljeno v naselbini Strabane, Pa. Odbor društva je sledeči: Anthony Balsama, Box 14, 104 Latimer Ave., predsednik; Stanley Progar, Box 245, 2 Latimer Ave., tajnik; Edward Mikec, Box 237, 460 Chartiers St., blagajnik. Društvo zboruje vsako četrto nedeljo v mesecu ob dveh popoldne.

Kandidatov za delegatstvo na letošnji mladinski konvenciji je dosedaj prijavljenih 101; za delegatstvo na atletični konferenci pa 86.

Pomladno veselico priredi društvo št. 140 JSKJ v Morleyu, Colo., v soboto 8. aprila zvečer. Prostor prireditve: Motor Park pri Morleyu.

Stiranjstvo obletnico ustanovitev bo proslavilo društvo št. 155 JSKJ v Blaine, Ohio, z veselico, ki se bo vršila v nedeljo 9. aprila.

Na Velikonočno nedeljo, to je 9. aprila, se bo vršila plesna večerica društva št. 233 JSKJ v Ludlowu, Colo. Prostor prireditve: "85 Highway Club." Pričetek ob 8. uri zvečer.

V Starkvillu, Colo., se bo v nedeljo 9. aprila vršila pomladna veselica društva št. 84 JSKJ. Veselica se bo vršila v prostorih Charlesa Defillippa in se bo pričela ob 3. uri popoldne.

Slovensko dramsko društvo "Ivan Cankar" v Clevelandu, Ohio, bo v nedeljo 9. aprila popoldne vprizorilo zanimivo igrano "Amerikanec na Trški gori." Čisti dobiček prireditve je namenjen ljubljanskemu odboru za nabavo spomenika pokojnemu slovenskemu pisatelju dr. Ivanu Lahu, ki je preminil pred letom dni. Poročilo se nam, da se bo omenjene prireditve udeležil tudi dr. Louis Adamič, popularni ameriški pisatelj.

V Slovenskem domu v Hackettu, Pa., se bo v soboto 15. aprila vršila pomladna veselica društva št. 148 JSKJ s sedežem v Finleyville, Pa. Pričetek veselice je določen za 8. uro zvečer.

Petinsitiridesetletnico ustanovitve je dne 2. aprila proslavila najstarejša slovenska bratska podpornica organizacija, KSKJ, s sedežem v Jolietu, Ill. Bratski organizaciji naše čestitke!

Brski večkratni glavni odbor JSKJ, sobrat John Movern, je po daljšem bolehanju preminil dne 27. marca v Duluthu, Minn. Pri pogrebu, ki se je vršil dne 1. aprila v Evelethu, Minn., je zastopal J. S. K. Jednoto sobrat Frank Tomsich, Jr., pomožni glavni tajnik.

Pokojni Anton Mladič, o katerem smo pretekli teden poročali, da je umrl v Algonquinu, Ill., je bil ustanovnik in prvi glavni predsednik bratske SSPZ.

Zanimiva opereta v dyeh delu, in sicer v slovenščini in angleščini, bo izvajana v soboto 15. aprila v Slovenskem domu v Sharonu, Pa. Pričetek je naznanjen za 8. uro zvečer. (Dolje na 3. strani.)

RAZNO IZ AMERIKE IN INOZEMSTVA

ALI BO STAVKA?
Pogajanja med zastopniki United Mine Workers unije in zastopniki operatorjev, ki trajajo že tri tedne, niso prinesla rezultata do 1. aprila, ko je potekla stara pogodba. Ako bo posledica tega stavka, kar je pričakovati, bo prizadela okrog 338.000 premogarjev na poljih mehkega premoga.

SODNIK DOUGLAS
Za člana vrhovnega sodišča Zedinjenih držav je bil imenovan in potrjen William O. Douglas, star 40 let in progresivnih nazorov. Novi sodnik je zavzel mesto, izpraznjeno po L. Brandeisu, ki je zaradi visoke starosti stopil v pokoj. Nekateri menijo, da utegne Douglas postati predsedniški kandidat demokratske stranke v letu 1940. Kot predsedniški kandidat bi seveda moral resignirati kot sodnik vrhovnega sodišča, kot je leta 1916 storil Charles E. Hughes. Kot znano, je Hughesa porazil Wilson. Predsednik Hoover je leta 1930 imenoval Hughesa za predsednika vrhovnega sodišča, katero mesto zavzema še zdaj.

VAŽNA POZICIJA
Predsednik Roosevelt je imenoval za generalnega kontrolorja bivšega senatorja iz države New Hampshire, F. H. Browna, odločnega newdealerja. Generalni kontrolor zavzema eno najbolj vplivnih mest v federalni vladi. Njegov termin traja 15 let. Odstaviti ga more le kongres, toda samo za važen prestopok.

POSPLOSENI DAVKI
Zvezno vrhovno sodišče je pretekli teden podalo važno odločbo, ki pomeni, da bodo v bodoče podvržene dohodninskemu davku tudi osebe v federalnih in državnih službah, če njihovi dohodki dosegaajo predpisano višino. Dosedaj so bili taki za služki prosti dohodninskega davka po odločbi, ki jo je pred leti podalo vrhovno sodišče.

PROMETNE NESREČE
V koliziji, ki se je 30. marca pripetila na newyorški podzemeljski železnici, je bilo ranjenih 243 oseb. Ubit ni bil nihče in resno ranjenih je bilo le 14 oseb. Nesreča se je zgodila, ko je spredaj vozeči vlak vsled neke neprimljive obzora na progi in ga je drugi vlak trčil od zadaj. V Vicksburgu, Miss., je utonilo 14 oseb, ko se je podrl most preko Clear Creek, katerega je izpodjedla naraščajoča voda.

PROTI LOTERIJAM
V Los Angelesu so federalne oblasti pričele s obširno preiskavo, nanašajočo se na prodajo srečk za irsko loterijo, poznano pod imenom Irish Sweepstakes. Loterije vseh vrst so v Zedinjenih državah prepovedane in celo lastovanje loterijske srečke se lahko kaznuje z globo tisoč dolarjev in dvehletnim zaporom. Baje se v južni Californiji prodaja letno za 8 do 9 milijonov dolarjev srečk irske loterije. Oblasti bodo najprej skušale najti prodajalce, ki razpečavajo te loterijske srečke.

VARNOST NA CESTI
Narodni varnostni koncil naznanja, da sta izmed vseh večjih mest v Zedinjenih državah v (Dolje na 4. strani)

PRIČE DAVNIH DNI

Zvezni tajnik notranjih zadev Harold Ickes bo skušal od kongresa dobiti potrebno vsoto za nakup 5000 akrov gozda v Redwood Mountain distriktu v Californiji. Ta gozdni kompleks naj bi bil dodan Sequoia National Parku in s tem ohranjen bodočim rodovom. Omenjeni narodni park obsega 604 kvadratne milje in vsebuje sloveča californijska "velika drevesa" (Sequoia gigantea). Prej omenjeni gozdni kompleksi, ki je blizu Sequoia narodnega parka, se tudi ponasa za istovrstnimi drevesi, pa je zdaj še privatna lastnina. Bila bi nepopravljiva škoda, če bi kakšna lesna družba posekala dotični gozd.

Sekvoje (sequoia) so znamenite vsled svoje velikosti in starosti, pa tudi zaradi tega, ker jih je najti samo še v Californiji. Mnogo jih je že uničila sekira, toda javnost se je vendar še pravočasno zadržala, da je odkupila najvažnejše še stoječe komplekse teh gozdov in jih spremeni v narodne parke ali gozdne rezervacije.

Nekatera teh dreves so od tri do štiri tisoč let stara, torej so rastle na svojih prostorih že tisočletja pred našim časostevom. Ko so Egiptčani gradili svoje ogromne piramide, so bila nekatera teh dreves stara že lepa stoletja, in so močna in zdrava še danes. Dobijo se sicer tu in tam na svetu posamezna drevesa, o katerih sodijo, da so še starejša od californijskih sekvoj, toda so zelo redka. Tu pa so jih skupaj precej obsežni gozdovi. Seveda so med njimi tudi mlajša drevesa, ki svoje starosti ne merijo na tisočletja, toda to na stvari nič ne izpremeni. Drevesa zrastejo 300 in več čevljev visoko in debela nekaterih merijo v premeru 35 do 40 čevljev; obseg debel pa seveda meri trikrat toliko kot premer.

Druga znamenitost sekvoj je, da pripadajo vrsti dreves, kakršna so rastle na tem planetu pred milijoni let; to dokazujejo izkopanine. Vse druge drevesne vrste, ki rasto danes na svetu, so, po mnenju znanstvenikov, poznejšega izvora, le sekvoje so bile pred milijoni let prav take kot so danes. Te velike sekvoje rastejo dandanes samo na zapadni strani Sierra Nevada gorovja v Californiji, in sicer v nadmorski višini od pet do sedem tisoč čevljev.

Nižje ob morskimi obali, tudi v Californiji, raste druga vrsta sekvoj, ki se imenujejo Sequoia sempervirens ali Redwood. Tudi te sekvoje dosežejo izredno visokost, obsežnost in starost, vendar ne dosegaajo svojih sester, ki rasto višje v gorovju. Zaradi lepote, trpežnosti in lahko obdelovalnega lesa je bilo mnogo teh nižinskih sekvoj uničenih, vendar jih je še precej ostalo v narodnih parkih ali gozdnih rezervacijah, in se zato ni bati, da bi bila vrsta uničena. Značilno je, da te sekvoje uspevajo le tam, kjer jih dosega vlažni morski zrak. Tekom zadnjega desetletja so s sajenjem teh sekvoj poskušali tudi na vzhodni obali Zedinjenih držav in baje so se poskušali dobro obnesli.

Obe vrsti sekvoj sta v bližnjem sorodstvu med seboj in obe imata domovinsko pravico v Californiji. Sekvoje se štejejo med iglasto drevje in njihovo listje ali igličevje je najbolj podobno cipresinemu. Te vrste drevje je jako trdoživ in ga niti ogenj v vseh slučajih ne uniči. Temu se (Dolje na 4. strani)

VERA V VSTAJENJE

Českoslovaška ni mrtva, bila je živa pokopana in bo prav gotovo vstala, ko pride njen dan! Tej veri in temu upanju je dala izraza ogromna manifestacija, ki se je preteklo nedeljo popoldne vršila v mestnem avditoriju v Clevelandu, Ohio. Obširni avditorij je bil skoro popolnoma zaseden, kar pomeni, da se je zborovanja udeležilo blizu 10.000 oseb. Po večini so bili pač navzoči Čehi. Slovaki in Ukrajinci, pa tudi druge narodnosti, vključno Američane, so pokazali, da se zgražajo nad najnovejšim nacijskim zločinom: razkosanjem českoslovaške republike. Tudi clevelandski Slovenci so bili na shodu častno zastopani, kar znači, da čutijo z bratskim českoslovaškim narodom in da z njim vred brezpogojno verujejo v končno zmago demokracije.

Glavna govornika na shodu sta bila dr. Edvard Beneš, bivši predsednik českoslovaške republike in sedaj profesor na chicški univerzi, in Fiorello H. LaGuardia, župan največjega ameriškega mesta, New Yorka. V imenu mesta Clevelanda je oba pozdravil clevelandski župan Burton, ki je obenem izrazil trdno vero, da bo potlačena Českoslovaška zopet vstala ter vzporedno z ameriško in drugimi demokracijami sveta zopet delovala za idejo bratstva in človečanstva. Dr. Beneš je govoril zmerno, previdno, toda prepričljivo, skoro proforsorsko, ter je podal jasno, v mnogih ozirom tragično sliko razmer, s katerimi se je imela in se ima boriti demokracija. Med drugim je dejal, da diktatorski režimi niso mogli ob svoji strani gledati gospodarsko napredujoče in demokratične českoslovaške republike, zato so jo pomandrali. Župan La Guardia je bil v svojih izjavah mnogo bolj svoboden in izrazit. Šestkrat ponavljano burno ploskanje je dokazovalo, da govori vsem zborovalcem iz srca. Dejaj je, da vlada Zedinjenih držav ne priznava uničenja českoslovaške republike in tako tudi on vztraja, da je Českoslovaška še živa, četrto so jo nemški nacija ugrabili ali "kidnapali."

Zborovanje se je pričelo z ameriško himno, kateri je sledila českoslovaška himna "Kde domov muji." Českoslovaška zastava, ki je stala na odru poleg ameriške zastave, je navidežno vztrepetala (morda je bil le efekt luči), kakor bi tudi ona zaskrbnjeno vprašala: "Kje dom je moj?" In v tem primeru bi bil logičen odgovor: "Za enkrat v največji demokratični deželi sveta, v Zedinjenih državah!"

Rojstvo českoslovaške republike je bilo pred dobrih 20 leti v Zedinjenih državah in kot znamenja kažejo, se bo tukaj tudi vršilo delo za njeno zopetno vstajenje. V to vstajenje verujemo ne samo Čehi, Slovaki, Ukrajinci in drugi Slovani, ampak tudi vsi Američani in drugi narodi, ki verujejo v končno zmago demokracije, poštenja, pravice in človečanstva.

POMLADNI KRESOVI

Predno ozelenijo vrbe, ki so v tem oziru med prvimi drevesi spomladaj, zaplamtijo po javnih parkih in pravnih vrtovih kresovi zlatca dežja. Te grmiče, ki poženejo zlato rumeno zvončasto cvetje predno ozelenijo, imenujejo v angleščini Yellow Bells, botanično ime zanje pa je Forsythia. Domovina teh lepih, (Dolje na 4. strani)

BOGASTVO PODZEMLJA

Kadar razmišljamo o bogastvu pod zemljo, se najprej domislamo zlata, srebra, platine in dragih kamenov. V resnici pa to ni največje bogastvo, ki ga za človeka hrani zemlja v svojem osrčju. Mnogo važnejše rudnine so železo, baker, premog in v nekoliko manjšem pomenu še nekatere druge. Brez zlata, srebra in dragih kamenov bi prilično izhajali, ne mogli pa bi izhajati brez železa, bakra in premoga, razen če bi iznašli zanje kaka izdatna nadomestila.

Nadaljna dragocena rudnina, brez katere bi današnja industrija in transportacija skoro obstala na mrtvi točki, je olje. Posebno bi se to poznalo v Ameriki, kjer bi obstalo na cestah okrog 25 milijonov avtomobilov, če bi naenkrat zmanjkalo gasolina. Glavni produkt surovega olja, kakršno se pridobiva iz zemlje, je gasolin. Sicer se iz surovega olja pridobivajo še nekatere drugi produkti, toda gasolin je vsekakor najvažnejši.

Gasolin predstavlja pogonsko silo ne samo za avtomobile, ampak tudi za mnoge industrijske in poljedelske stroje, za ladje in vlake, za letala in za različno vojno opremo. Današnji industrijski in prometni sistem je tako prikrojen, da bi silno ohromel, če bi se naenkrat posušili oljni vrelci. To velja posebno za Zedinjene države, v veliki meri pa tudi za ostali svet.

Naša republika je srečna, da ima surovega olja v obilici. Res je, da so tisočeri oljni vrelci že izčrpani, toda okrog 345.000 oljnih vrelcev je še vedno aktivnih. Ti vrelci so raztreseni v 22 državah naše Unije. Poleg tega imamo večje število bogatih oljnih rezerv, katerih se ne izkorišča. Vlada hrani te zaloge olja za primer potrebe. V Zedinjenih državah se producira vse olje za domačo porabo, poleg tega pa se ga tudi ogromne množine izvažajo. Ležišča olja pa niso samo pod suho zemljo, ampak tudi pod morjem. Ponekod, posebno ob californijski obali, se ti podmorski oljni vrelci že deloma izkoriščajo.

Zanimivo je, da dostikrat hodimo ali se vozimo nad oljnimi "žilami" tudi v državah, ki nimajo naravnih oljnih vrelcev. Na velikanske razdalje so namreč napeljavane in položene par čevljev globoko v zemljo železne cevi, po katerih se pretaka surovo olje od oljnih vrelcev do čistilnic, od tam pa v rezervoarje velikih mest ali pristanišč. Mnogo olja seveda prevoziyo tudi vlaki in parniki.

Ko sedemo v avtomobil, da združimo po vsakdanjih opravkih v domačem mestu ali na obisk v sosedno mesto ali celo v sosedno državo, pač redkokdaj pomislimo, kje je bila nepojmljiva narava skupaj spravila silo, ki poganja avtomobil. Znanstveniki pravijo, da je surovo olje produkt rastlinstva in živalstva, ki je živelo na zemlji pred mnogimi milijoni let. Naravne katastrofe so to rastlinstvo in živalstvo spravile pod zemljo in tam se je iz tega v silno dolgih dobah izcedilo olje. Morda so bile te zaloge olja milijone let pod zemljo sedanjih držav Oklahome, Texasa, Californija, Kansas, Wyoming, Ohio, Arkansas ali Pennsylvania. Povprečnega avtomobilista vse to seveda ne briga in, če začne njegov avtomobil pešati, ga enostavno zapelje na eno stotisočerihih gasolinskih postaj, kjer dobi sveže pogonske sile. (Dolje na 3. strani)

ODMEVI IZ RODNIH KRAJEV

PRESERNOV DOM
Rojstna hiša pesnika Francea Prešerna v Vrbi na Gorenjskem je bila od dosedanjih lastnikov odkupljena in bo izpremenjena v nekaj Prešernov muzej. Ribičevi družini, od katere je bila hiša odkupljena, je bil vezidan in oddan v last nov kmečki dom. Za odkup, ureditev in opremo Prešernove rojstne hiše potreben denar je bil zbran potom prispevkov šolskih otrok, zasebnikov in javnih oblasti.

VOJVODA VAJDA
Na Vrtači pri Semicu je v starosti 74 let umrl znani veleposelnik in starosta tamonjskega Sokola, Janko Ogulin, pravnik vojvode Vajde, junaka Bele Krajine. Janko Ogulin se je bil že v mladih letih izselil v Ameriko, od koder se je čez dolga leta vrnil v domovino z bogatimi življenjskimi izkuštvami. Na Vrtači pri Semicu je kupil prijazne gradič, kjer je vzorno gospodaril. Kot inteligentni kmetovalec in požrtvovalni društveni delavec je bil med prebivalstvom zelo popularen.

RADI PREUZITKA
V Ajdovcu pri Žužemberku je bil aretiran in odveden v novo-meske zapore Alojz Jazbinšek, ki je priznal, da je zakrivil smrt priletne preužitkarice Marije Kečeljeve. Stara žena se je bila podala na senik po otavo za živino in, ko je bila vrhu dolge lestve, je Jazbinšek lestvo izpodmaknil, da je žena padla in si pri padcu razbila lobanjo. Kečeljeva je bila pred leti od dala posestvo neki svoji mladi sorodnici, ki se je pozneje poročila z omenjenim Jazbinškom. Stara žena si je izgovorila pri meren preužitev in tega se je Jazbinšek zdaj hotel rešiti.

POZIGALCI NA DELU
V Gerdini pri Ptujju je v pozni noči začelo goreti domovanje posestnika Jerneja Lamprete in ogenj se je tako hitro širil, da se je družina komaj rešila iz goreče hiše. Gospodar, ki je planil nazaj v gorečo hišo, da bi rešil nekaj prihranjenega denarja, je dobil take hude opekline, da so ga morali odpeljati v ptujsko bolnišnico. Skoro istočasno je tam v bližini pogorela vinčarija posestnika Antona Novaka. Ljudstvo je pričano, da je oba požara povzročila zlobna roka.

KIP RUDARJA
V palači mednarodnega urada dela v Zenevi bo nameščen kip rudarja iz Hrvaškega Zagorja, najrevnejše, a zelo romantične hrvaške pokrajine. Kip je izdelal znani zagrebški kipar Anton Augustinčič.

SAM SE JE SODIL
Blizu Babinčev pri Ljutomeru se je končal z elektriko Jožef Zemljčič iz Illova, da se izogne kazni, ker je svojemu zetu v prepiru odsekal nos, pozneje pa mu še zažgal hišo nad glavo. Samomorilec je ponoči splezal na električni daljnovod in položil glavo na žice. Električni tok je moža takoj ubil, kratki stik pa je povzročil, da je bil za par minut ves Ljutomer v temi.

MALI UCENJAK
V Pridjemu v maglajskem srezu je v vsej vasi najbolj (Dolje na 3. strani)

VSAK PO SVOJE

Vse nas, ki smo se priselili v to deželo iz stare Evrope, spomni velikonočni teden na pirhe, kolače in druge delikatese sezone. Obenem pa nas spomni tudi na hren in pelinovec, ki prav za prav nista nikaki delikatesi, vendar sta pe stari tradiciji spadala na velikonočni bill of fare. Danes se zdi, da stara Evropa obhaja velikonočno sezono skoro izključno v znamenju hrena in pelinovca. Diktatorji stržejo hren pod nos tisti revni demokraciji, ki se za silo eksistira, in pelinovec je postal narodna pi-jaca večine slovanskih narodov; posebno veliko čašo ga je usoda natočila bratskemu českoslovaškomu narodu.

V tej deželi predstavljajo nekak simbol velikonočne sezone zajci in piščanci. Kako so ti plašljivi prišli do take odličnosti v naši republiki, ne pove nobena pratika. Prav za prav bi bolj spadali v državni grb Anglije, odkar je nekdanji junaki angleški lev postal taka mevža.

Polagama se je pričelo tudi v Ameriki jasnit in na visokih mestih poudarjati, da je Hitler razkosal Českoslovaško z vednostjo in tihih odobravanjem angleškega ministrskega predsednika Chamberlaina in francoskega premierja Daladierja. Oba državnika sta samo slugi privilegiranih stanov v Angliji oziroma Franciji, Českoslovaška jima je bila preveč poštena in preveč demokratična. Po njih-nih željah naj bi se Nemčija kar raztegnila na vzhod do ruske meje, kakor naj bi napadla Rusijo. Nemčija in Rusija naj bi v medsebojnem boju izkrvaveli, Anglija in Francija pa bi se okoristili. Ampak ta račun se zna obrniti. Neki vzhodni pijani Hitler bo morda pustil na o-grambo pripravljene ruskega medveda v miru in se bo obrnil na zapad. Angleško-francosko izdajstvo se zna kruto maščevati.

Mussolini in Hitler sta nad dve leti pomagala razbijati Španijo, toda kapitala za njeno obnovo ji ne bosta dala, ker ga nimata. Čeho krvave orgije bodo plačali drugi, predvsem nesrečni Španci sami.

Srbi so pol tisočletja prekljnili izdajstvo Vuka Brankoviča, ki je povzročilo poraz na Kosovem polju in jim prineslo petstoletno turško sužnost. Kdo ve, če ne bodo Čehi na sličan način častili spomin slovaškega separatista Jožefa Tise, ki je prodal Čeha v nemško sužnost, Slovače pa v popolno nemško odvisnost! Mi ne sodimo, samo ugibamo, strmimo in se čudimo. Nismo mi krivi, če nam uide trpla beseda: govori jo odpor proti krivici, ki se godi demokraciji in Slovanom.

V naši lepi ameriški slovenščini imamo znatno število zelo zanimivih izrazov, kot na primer: onemogla podpora, brezposelna zavarovalnica, srnjakov banket, kokašja večerja itd. Izrazi so dvoumni, toda ker smo odprtih glav, jih pravilno razumemo, namreč, da podpora ni onemogla, da zavarovalnica ni brezposelna in da večerje in banketi niso pripravljene za kokoši in srnjake.

Kljub nastopu pomladi v deželi še vedno regira flu. Zdjaj bi bil pa že čas, da bi se v listih za- (Dolje na 4. strani)

DOPISI

(Nadaljevanje z 2. strani)

rhodnja konvencija smatrala, da je točka 43 potrebna izpremembe, jo bo pa napravila. Do kratkega pa naj ostane, kakršna je. — Pozdrav vsem glavnim odbornikom in vsemu članstvu S. K. Jednote!

Frank Vozel, delegat 15. redne konvencije.

McIntyre, Pa. — Članstvu društva "Vilhar," št. 207 JSKJ, poročam, da je bilo na seji 12. marca sklenjeno, prestaviti prihodnjo konvencijo za en teden, in sicer zaradi velikonocnega praznika. Čeja v aprilu se bo torej vršila tretjo nedeljo, to je 16. aprila (ne 9. aprila). Ta izprememba je bila samo za mesec april. Zaprav se bodo seje vršile zopet po starem, to je vsako drugo nedeljo v mesecu. Bratski pozdrav! — Za društvo št. 207 JSKJ.

Joseph Kastelic, tajnik.

East Helena, Mont. — Na zadnji seji društva Sv. Alojzija, št. 3 JSKJ, mi je bilo naročeno, da bom glasila pozovem vse članstvo, da se gotovo udeležijo prihodnje seje, ki se bo vršila na večer 12. aprila. Ali omenjeni seji nismo razpravljali o programu za zabavo mladinskega oddelka, katero nameravamo prirediti 27. maja letos. Pridite na sejo, da se o vsem pogovorimo in da se potem prične z delom. Bratski pozdrav! — Za društvo št. 43 JSKJ.

Louis Smith, tajnik.

Omaha, Neb. — Po daljšem času se spodobilo, da se tudi iz naše Naborke kdo oglasi. Živi smo še, toda delavske razmere so bolj slabe, rekli bi le nekako normalne. Smrt s svojo kopo pa tudi nam ne prizanaša; izgnali smo kar tri člane JSKJ v enem mesecu.

17. februarja je umrl Anton Cepuran, star komaj 24 let. Za njim žalujejo: Mary Cepuran, mati, Joe Cepuran, brat, ter Anne Car, Mary Cerovski, Rose Cepuran, sestre. — Dne 10. marca je po dolgi bolezni umrla Katarina Pezdirtz, stara 66 let. Za njo žalujejo: Andy, Joe, George in Leo Pezdirtz, sinovi, Rose Kelso in Lillian Kostec, hčeri. — Dne 17. marca pa je po tridnevni bolezni umrla Katarina Šutej, stara 70 let. Za njo žalujejo: Mihael Šutej, soprog; James, George in John Šutej, sinovi; Mary Hrbolčić, Anna Šrek, Margaret Blankenship, Katherine Dober, Rose Branoff, Helen Brady in Frances Šutej, hčere; Frank Simčić, brat.

Naj bo pokojnikom, ki so bili položeni k večnemu počitku na kopalnišču v So. Omaha, ohranjen blag spomin, žalujem o čim bolj na naj bo v imenu društva izraženo iskreno sožalje.

Taki slučaj, ki se ponavljajo od časa do časa, nas opozarjajo, kako potrebno je, da se človek pravočasno zavaruje pri dobri podporni organizaciji, kot je naša JSKJ. Smrt pobira mlade in stare in bolezen in nesreča prav tako lahko zadene mladega kot starega. Bolniška podpora, opekaška podpora, odškodnina pri smrtnosti so za delavske družine velikega pomena, kadar pride v hišo bolezen ali smrt. Skrbimo torej, da bodo vsi člani naših družin zavarovani in tudi da bodo asessenti pravočasno plačevali.

Na naše člane tudi apeliramo, da dajo vpisati vse svoje nedolžne otroke v mladinski oddelki, istotako naj nagovorijo svoj prijatelj in v znanje, da stotisočkratno zdravniška preiskava nove člane mladinskega oddelka ni potrebna, torej z vpisom otroka ne dajo težko ali stroškov. Najmo tudi pri našem društvu pokazati, da hočemo nekaj prirediti k uspehu te kampanje!

Bratski pozdrav! — Za društvo Sv. Stefana, št. 11 JSKJ: John Urek, tajnik.

Enumclaw, Wash. — Članstvo društva "Bratje svobode," št. 162 JSKJ, obveščam, da je bilo na seji 21. marca sklenjeno, da se bodo v bodoče naše seje vršile vsako tretjo nedeljo v mesecu. Seje se bodo vršile v "Krain" dvorani in se bodo pričele ob 2. uri popoldne. Ta določba velja za nedoločen čas oziroma do preklica. Člani in članice naj bi se v obilem številu udeležili prihodnje seje v nedeljo 16. aprila. Treba je, da se nekoliko pogovorimo o tekoči kampanji, kajti spodobilo bi se, da bi bilo tudi naše društvo zastopano na mladinski konvenciji ali na atletski konferenci po svojem delegatu. Dalje se moramo pogovoriti, če bomo v tem poletju priredili kak piknik ali kako drugo zabavo, da nam prinese kakšno dohodke za blagajno, ki je zdaj precej suha. Vsak član in članica naj pride na sejo in tam pove svoje mnenje. Na ta način se bo vse najboljše ukrenilo in bosta v društvu vladala mir in bratstvo. Sestrski pozdrav! — Za društvo št. 162 JSKJ.

Mary Krainick, tajnica.

Barberton, O. — Kar se tiče iniciativnega predloga društva št. 42, da se naj bi spremenila točka 43 v naših pravilih v toliko, da bi lahko bil izvoljen delegat tudi tak član, kateri ni zavarovan v vseh skladih, sem istega mnenja kot sestra Mary Bernick od društva št. 144. Kot ona, tako tudi jaz priporočam, da društvo št. 42 umakne svoj iniciativni predlog, ter takoj nato stavi novega, v katerem naj zahteva, da se naj iz točke 43 črta besedilo: "Delegatov morajo biti izvoljeni edino le člani, ki so zavarovani v vseh skladih." Res je, da ako pravila zahtevajo od vsakega člana enake dolžnosti, ne glede na to, v katerih skladih so zavarovani, bi mu morale dati tudi pravico, da kot delegat zastopa svoje društvo. Resnica je tudi, da imamo člane in članice, kateri, ne glede na to da niso zavarovani v vseh skladih ali samo za smrtnost, so zelo aktivni pri društvenih in tudi društvenih uradnih opravilih. To zaupanje in lastne izkušnje. V kolikor se jaz spominjam, smo imeli pred leti tudi sedanjim podobne določbe. Delegatov je mogel biti izvoljen le enakopravni član. Neenakopravni so bili tisti, ki so bili zavarovani samo za smrtnost. Kdaj so se iste določbe odpravile, ne vem. Vem le toliko, da takih določb nismo imeli v pravilih od dne 1. januarja 1925 do dne 1. januarja 1937. Kdo je delegat in kaj je njegova dolžnost? Delegat je zastopnik društva na konvenciji. Točka 49 mu nalaga dolžnost tam predložiti želje in zahteve svojega društva in iste zagovarjati in da dela za napredek članstva in J. S. K. Jednote. Ako že doma pri svojem društvu kot član in v dosti slučajih kot uradnik dela za napredek članstva in Jednote, ne glede na to, da ni zavarovan v vseh skladih, zakaj tega ne bi mogel delati na konvenciji? Pravila zahtevajo, da je le tisti lahko kandidat oz. delegat, kateri se udeležuje seji društva pred konvencijo, ker to je najboljši dokaz, da se zanima za dosti za društvo in Jednoto. Pravilno je torej sklepanje, da tisti, ki se za dosti ne zanima že doma za članstvo in Jednoto, ne bi bil primeren za delegata. Jednota pa nikakor ni vstanja že potom pravil izbirati in določati kdo izmed članstva pri društvu je najbolj zmožen zastopati društvo. To ve najbolje društvo samo. Ako torej vidi društvo v gotovemu članu, ki je mogoče ob enem tudi uradnik društva in kot tak najboljše pozna tudi želje društva, najbolj zmožno osebo biti delegat njihov društva, zakaj ga naj ne bi smelo izvoliti, ako ni zavarovan v vseh skladih. Ni sicer verjetno ali mogoče pa je, da se zna zgoditi, da v kakemu

društvu ne bode noben zavarovan v vseh skladih, in, ako jih je kaj, ne bi hoteli prevzeti kandidature ali ne bi bili zmožni biti delegati. Na primer ako niso državljani. Tako društvo bi znalo biti nezastopano na konvenciji po lastnemu delegatu, ne glede na to, da je mogoče drugače zelo aktivno v vseh oziirih in ima več kot zadostno število članstva. Kar pa se tiče dopisa brata Johna Mramorja od društva št. 42, se mi zdi, da je šel nekam predaleč, ko je zapisal, da skuša glavni odbor vedoma ali nevedoma krati pravice in enakopravnost članstva JSKJ. Najbrž bode ravno nasprotno, ker njegova v dopisu izražena neveljavo proti izjavi glavnega odbora in proti komentarju glavnega tajnika zadosti jasno kaže, da po njegovem mnenju naj ne bi smel glavni odbor ali kdo izmed glavnih odbornikov kaj priporočati ali svetovati, med ko naj bi on in mi drugi to smeli storiti. Glavni porotniki (ica) niso glavni odborniki. To omenjam zato, da ne bode kdo mislil, da tudi sam sebe zagovarjam.

Anton Okolish, preds. gl. por. odbora JSKJ

S pola. — Tu v Duluthu, Minn., se še vedno v bolnišnici ali blizu iste držim, zato sem videl pogreb pokojnega sobrata Johna Moverna dne 1. aprila le od daleč. Kot sem čul, so bili pogrebniški večinoma iz Iron Range in člani JSKJ. Po objavi obredih v Duluthu, je bilo truplo pokojnika odpeljano v Eveleth, kjer se je izvršil pogreb. Pokojnik je bil večkratni bivši glavni odbornik JSKJ in njegovega pogreba se je v imenu glavnega odbora JSKJ udeležil Frank Tomsich, Jr., pomožni glavni tajnik.

Ravno, ko to pišem, sem izvedel žalostno novico, da je v Chisholmu umrla soproga mnogim rojakom in sobratom znanega Johna Lamutha. Podrobnosti še nimam, zato omenjam samo na kratko. Sobrata Lamutha poznam skoraj pol stoletja; pred 46 leti sva včasih delala skupaj v rudniku, seveda, takrat še oba mlada in močna.

V St. Mary bolnišnici v Duluthu leži že nekaj dni Ignace Korevc, stari naseljenec v Soudanu, Minn. Mož je star že nad 80 let, padel je na ledu in se takó močno poškodoval, da je bila potrebna operacija. Nekdo me je poklical k njemu, ko sem šel mimo bolniške sobe, češ, da tam leži nekdo, ki ne zna angleščine in da je menda Čehoslovak. Stopil sem tja in pronašel, da leži z nogo v obkladkih v potesli omenjeni Korevc iz Soudana. Skrajja je bil še močno zmeden, polagoma sva se pa le dogovorila kako in kaj. Bil je v strahu, kje da je, toda ko sem mu povedal, da je v varni in poštenu bolnišnici St. Mary, mu je zelo odleglo. Po mojem posredovanju je tudi dobil svojo sobo in požirek brandya, katerega si je zaželel. Da-li je mož pri kakem društvu ali ne, nisem mogel izvedeti; vem le, da je star vdovec in pečlar. Pisal sem torej v Soudan po informacije. Tako se vrtil naše življenje.

Matija Pogorelec.

Youngstown, O. — Tem potom pozivam članstvo društva Sv. Antona, št. 108 JSKJ, da se kar mogoče polnoštevilno udeležijo prihodnje redne seje, ki se bo vršila v nedeljo 16. aprila popoldne. Naše društvo se je spet pridružilo federaciji društev JSKJ v državi Ohio in zdaj je treba, da postanemo aktivni. Izvoliti moramo dva zastopnika, ki se bosta udeležila prihodnjega zborovanja federacije. Poleg tega bodo na dnevnem redu še druge zadeve, katere bo treba rešiti. Saj je na vsaki seji nekaj novega za reševati.

Pri tej priliki naj omenim, da je naše društvo razmotrivalo o iniciativnem predlogu društva št. 42 ter je sklenilo, da istega ne odobrava in ne podpira.

Po prihodnji seji bomo imeli

nekoliko zabave, kakor po navadi. Malo okrepčila nikomur ne škoduje in sobrat Joe Umeck tako imenitno zaškrilati na harmoniko, da marsikomu dvigne pete od tal. Torej, da se vidimo na seji 16. aprila. Še pred tem pa želim vsem veselo veliko noč in mnogo prirov! — Za društvo št. 108 JSKJ:

Karl Rogel, tajnik.

DRUŠTVENE IN DRUGE SLOVENSKE VESTI

(Nadaljevanje s 1. strani)

Prihodnje zborovanje federacije društev JSKJ v državi Colorado se bo vršilo v nedeljo 23. aprila v novem Slovenskem domu v Pueblu, Colo., in se bo pričelo ob 9. uri popoldne. Na predvečer, to je v soboto 22. aprila, se bo v istih prostorih vršila plesna veselica.

Velika tekma kegljačev JSKJ iz raznih držav se bo vršila v nedeljo 23. aprila v Clevelandu, Ohio.

Federacija društev JSKJ v zapadni Pennsylvaniji bo zborovala v nedeljo 30. aprila v naselbinu Claridge, Pa.

Prireditel domače zabave v proslavo 13-letnice ustanovitve naznanja društvo št. 170 JSKJ v Chicagu, Ill., za soboto 13. maja. Vršila se bo na 2294 Blue Island Ave.

Petindvajsetletnico ustanovitve bo proslavilo društvo št. 116 JSKJ v Delmontu, Pa., z veselico, katero priredi v nedeljo 14. maja. Veselica bo ob enem proslava Materinskega dne.

Piknik za nedeljo 28. maja naznanja društvo št. 99 JSKJ v Moon Runu, Pa.

Pri društvu št. 11 v Omahi, Neb., so tokom enega meseca umrli trije člani, namreč Anton Cepuran, star 24 let, Katarina Pezdirtz, stara 66 let, in Katarina Šutej, stara 70 let.

Milvauski tehnik "Jugoslovanski Odzov" naznanja, da bo v bodoče izhajal le po dvakrat na mesec.

BOGASTVO PODZEMLJA

(Nadaljevanje s 1. strani)

Kljub federalnemu in državnim davkom, ki so naloženi na gorivo, je v Zedinjenih državah isti cenejši kot menda v kateri koli drugi deželi sveta. Posebno drag je v evropskih državah, čemur so vzrok visoki davki, deloma pa tudi dejstvo, da je treba večino goriva importirati od drugih. V Evropi imata izdatne oljne vrelce le Rusija in Rumunija. Zedinjene države producirajo 60% vse svetovne porabe goriva. Izdatne oljne vrelce imajo poleg Zedinjenih držav še Colombia, Venezuela, Mehika, Kanada, Peru, Poljska, Japonska, Java, Borneo in Sumatra.

ODMEVI IZ RODNIH KRAJEV

(Nadaljevanje s 1. strani)

pismen eden izmed najmlajših. To je Salih Grabić, ki je star komaj 7 let. Sloves najbolj pisemenega vaščana je užival prej njegov oče, ki pa je že umrl, in je zdaj sloves pismenosti podedoval njegov sinčić, katerega je oče naučil čitati in pisati po neki stari knjigi. Mali Salih ima v vasi veliko veljavo. Vsi se zatekajo k njemu, da jim čita novine in uradne razglase, piše pa jim tudi vsakovrstna pisma. Na svojo slavo je Salih zelo ponosen, a za leto dni mlajši njegov bratec tudi komaj čaka, da bi postal vsaj pomočnik vaškega pismouka.

ZAČARANI ZAKLADI

Ciganski začarani zakladi so bili že v raznih pokrajinah predmet razprav pri sodišču in veli-

kega razburjenja med prebivalstvom. Zdaj ima sodišče v Osijeku v svojih zapisih cigana Dušana Nikolića iz Čepine, ki je več kmetov ogoljufal za velike zneske s ciganskim začaranim zakladom, zakopanim v nekem gozdu. Obtožnica navaja, da je premeteni cigan Dušan od mnogih kmetov dobil na račun "začaranega" zaklada velike vsote. Nekega kmeta iz Širokega polja je sploh spravil ob vso njegovo posest. Ta lahkoverni kmet mu je dajal tisoče, a ko mu je gotovine zmanjkalo, je prodajal svojo živino in potem oral za oralom od svoje posesti, da bi postal lastnik velike vrelce bankovcev, zakopane v nekem gozdu, od katere je seveda samo med skrivnostnimi ceremonijami videl zgoraj nekaj bankovcev. Cigani so ga prepričali, da je vrelca polna stotakov in tisočakov, a da jih oni sami ne morejo prevzeti v last, ker je nad njo prekletstvo ciganske rodbine. Ko je kmet premetenemu ciganu izročil vse, kar je imel, je vrelce sicer med čudnimi ceremonijami odkopal in prevzel, a pozneje je ugotovil, da je bilo nekaj bankovcev samo zgoraj, dočim je vso ostalo vsebino obilne vrelce tvoril navaden časopisni papir.

JUNAŠKA ŽENA

V Jadru pri Loznici je umrla Ivana Terzićeva, ki je dosegla v srbski vojski čin narednika, a se je že prej z velikim junaštvom udeleževala med četniki pod vodstvom Koste Pečanca. Ta junaška žena je umrla kot skromna vaška starka, spoštovana od vsega okoliša. Ivana je že v svoji mladosti pomagala na razne načine četniški akciji v Južni Srbiji. Četnikom je služila kot kurir, pozneje pa se je tudi borila v četniških vrstah. V četniški obleki, oborožena, se je v prvem letu svetovne vojne javila poveljniku polka, ki je vodil borbo na Kurjačici, ter ga prosila naj jo uvrsti med vojake. Ker je bila že na fronti, je tam tudi ostala ter postala članica aktivne vojske. Dobila je čin kaplarja in hrabro se je borila na Ceru, Mačkovem Kamnu, Rudniku in na drugih postojankah. Pri Skadru je postala podnarednik, v krvavih bitkah pri Bitolju pa je dosegla naredniški čin. V teh bitkah je bila hudo ranjena in z drugimi rekonvalescenti je bila nekaj mesecev v Franciji. Potem se je spet vrnila na fronto, vztrajala do osvobodjenja ter se s svojim polkom vrnila v osvobojeno domovino. Sam pokojni kralj Aleksander je odredil, da so ji nakazali malo pokojnino.

MODROST IZ KADI

Po vsej Slavoniji je znan 72-letni stari Peter Floreli, ki živi v vasi Lisini v daruvarskem okraju ter uživa sloves zanesljivega vedeževalca. Starec že 38 let ni zapustil hišice, v kateri stanuje, in bi bil ljudje nanj že davno pozabili, če ga ne bi bila ljudska domišljija, podprta od praznovanja, povzdignila med vedeževalce. Stari Peter ima večer za večerom mnogo obiskovalcev, katerim prorokuje bodočnost s pomočjo zvezd in odseva meseca v veliki kadi vode. Ta kad je postavljena na dvorišču pred njegovim stanovanjem in stari sedi ob njej ure in ure ter nekaj mrmra, kar si po svoje tolmačijo praznoverni posetniki.

NEMSKA NESTRPNOST

"Koroški Slovenec" objavlja: Zadrage, gostilne, trgovine in obrtniška podjetja v našem delu dežele so nosile na svojih splošnih poleg nemškega tudi slovenski napis. Sedaj pa je dobila n. pr. slovenska posojilnica in hranilnica v Bistrici na Zili od beljaškega okrajnega glavarstva poziv, naj odstrani slovenski napis, "ker je na podlagi telefonskega odloka deželne vlade

od 12. 1. 1939 na poziv notranjega ministra napis v slovenskem jeziku prepovedan." Posojilnični načelnik je dobil nalog, naj napis tekom 3 dni odstrani in o tem obvesti okrajno glavarstvo. — Proti odloku je Slovenska prosvetna zveza vložila priliz na deželno vlado in pravi v njem med drugim: "Slovenski napisi na poslopih niso nikaka svojevrednost in še manj kljubovanja, marveč izza desetletij priznana kulturna pravica slovenske narodne družine. Sprememba nazivov slovenskih posojilnic bi bila hkrati protipostavna, ker priznava zadržni zakon samo registrirani naziv."

IZSELJEVANJE

Po podatkih izseljenskega komisariata v Zagrebu se je v preteklem letu gibalo izseljevanje prebivalstva Jugoslavije takole: V evropske države se je izselilo okrog 16.000 oseb in sicer: v Francijo 9.600, v Nemčijo 2.600, v CSR 730, v Romunijo 500, v Avstrijo 360, v Albanijo 260, v Belgijo 200 itd. Čez morje je šlo 5.000 oseb in sicer v USA 2.400, v Kanado 1.000, v Argentino 840, v Avstralijo 450, v Novo Zelandijo 140, v Chile 50, Urugvaj 50, Južno Afriko 50, v Brazilijo 40 itd. Isti čas pa se je vrnilo iz tujine v domovino okrog 6.000 oseb. Čisti odtok izseljenstva iz naša torej okrog 15.000 oseb, ki so v gotovi meri razbremenile domačo borzo dela. Dotok izseljenjskih prihrank je narasel in iznaša kakih 40 milijonov več kakor prejšnja leta krize. Posebno dobro so se znašli izseljenci zadnji čas v državah Južne Amerike, zlasti v Boliviji, ki je za jugoslovanski svet postala nova Californija. Izseljenci, ki so že pred 20 leti prišli v Bolivijo, so dosegli zavidanja vredne uspehe. Večina njih je iz Dalmacije, z otoka Hvara.

ZA SKROMNE LJUDI

V Gornjem Šeheru pri Banjički je blizu obale reke Vrbasa več precej močnih žrnelnih vrelcev. Nekaj vrelcev je na običajnem zemljišču, kjer že urejajo kopališče, dva vrelca pa sta na posesti dveh revnih občanov. Občina je obema dovolila ureditev malih primitivnih kopališč. Salko Melić, posestnik enega vrelca, je zgradil iz kamešina in lesa skromno hišico, ki ima dva prostora. V enem stanuje sam, drugi večji prostor pa je kopališče. V njem je velika kad, ki ima dotok iz vrelca. Za pol dinarja se ljudje poslužujejo tega zdravilnega kopališča. Salkov sosed Hamzija pa je svoje zdravilno kopališče še bolj preprosto uredil. Nad vrelcem je precej velika votlina, njen vhod je malo oklesal, napravil vrata in to je kopališče. Tudi tam je cena pol dinarja. Skromna cena obeh zdravilnih kopališč preživlja dve rodbini.

SAMOVOLJNI SODNIKI

Neko noč v preteklem oktobru so vaščani v vasi Prugovcu pri Bjelovaru navalili v hišo Mihe Topolovčana in ga prisilili k priznanju, da je svojemu sosedu kradel zelje. Miha se je iz početka branil, toda vaška porota ga je zvezala in pretepala, dokler se ni vdal in priznal. Eden izmed sosedov je vodil zapisnik, drugi ga je zasliseval, tretji pretepala, dokler ni sromak ves obnemogel. Po priznanju so ga izpustili. Naslednji dan je bila zadeva prijavljena orožnikom, ki so aretirali samovoljnega sodnika Jurja Prilika in še 36 vaščanov. Zdaj se bo pred sodiščem v Bjelovaru vršila velika razprava, za katero vlada splošno zanimanje.

SREČANJE Z VOLKOVI

Redko kdaj se pojavijo volkovi blizu večjih krajev Srema, ono noč pa jih je srečal gostilničar Salopek, ki se je z nekaterimi svojimi prijatelji vozil z avtomobilom iz Rume v Novi Sad. Pet volkov je naskočilo avtomobil in ko je gostilničar stre-

ljal z revolverjem, a ni zadel, so volkovi še nekaj kilometrov dirjali za avtomobilom. Ko se je avtomobil približal Kamenici, so volkovi zaostali. Gostilničar se je nameraval še ponoči vrniti v Rumo, a zaradi volkov je rajši ostal v Novem Sadu.

KONGRES INVALIDOV

Kongres ruskih vojnih invalidov emigrantov je bil te dni v Beogradu v ruskem invalidskem domu. Organizacija šteje blizu 7000 članov in je med njimi 272 generalov in admiralov. V Jugoslaviji živi 2347 ruskih invalidov in približno toliko jih je tudi v Bolgariji. Na kongresu so odborniki naglašali, da so ruski invalidi v Jugoslaviji najbolj oskrbljeni. Organizacija ruskih vojnih invalidov je bila ustanovljena leta 1920 v Carigradu, upravlja organizacije pa je začela pred 15 leti delovati v Beogradu.

TOVARISA OSLEPARIL

Okrožno sodišče je obsodilo na poldrugo leto robije in trajno izgubo častnih državljanskih pravic bivšega izseljenca Mateja Matića iz Obrovca, ki je nad svojim rojakom in tovarišem Stepanom Kujundžićem v Argentini zagrešil grd zločin. Kujundžić, ki je nepismen, si je pri težkem delu v Argentini leta in leta pritrgoval od ust, da bi poslal kaj denarja domov svoji družini. Naprosil je rojaka Matića, naj namestu njegove pošilja denar. Matić pa je denar pošiljal svoji ženi. Do leta 1932 je bil Kujundžić trdno prepričan, da je vse v redu, takrat pa se je vrnil iz stare domovine neki izseljenec, ki je Kujundžiću očital, zakaj je popolnoma pozabil na ženo in otroke. Kujundžiću je bilo takoj jasno, da ga je Matić osleparil. Matić pa se je medtem že neznanom sam izgubil in Kujundžić se je s svojimi zadnjimi prihranki napotil domov ter sleparja ovidil. Matića so s tiralcami iskali po Južni in Severni Ameriki, zdaj pa so ga našli v domačem kraju. Revnega rojaka je osleparil v treh letih v jugoslovanskem denarju za preko 30.000 din. Pred sodiščem se je slepar delal nevednega in zatrjeval, da je tudi sam nepismen. Našli pa so njegova pisma in tudi nakazila poneverjenega denarja.

ZDRAVILNE RASTLINE

Iz Jugoslavije se vsako leto izvozi znatne količine zdravilnih rastlin, predvsem bolhača, žajblja, lipovega cvetja in kamilice. Največ teh rastlin se izvažajo v Nemčijo.

NENAČAKA ZAOBLJUBA

Nikčević, Striković in Perović so tri znane, stare črnogorske rodbine ali bratstva, ki prebivajo o okolici Nikšića. Nekdaj te rodbine niso bile v sorodstvu, pozneje pa je prišlo v navado, da so se člani treh rodbin ženili in možili med seboj. Zdaj so poglavarji treh bratstev sklenili, da se temu napravi konec. V vasi Stubici so se člani vseh treh rodbin zbrali v cerkvi in po končanem obredu je najstarejši član Nikčevićeve družine slovesno zaprisegel člane in članice vseh treh rodbin, da se ne smejo več med seboj ženiti in možiti. Kdor bi to storil, bo javno proglašen za odpadnika in izobčenca.

ZANIMIV DOKUMENT

Na Cetinju je hotelir Aleksander Zlatarov lastnik zanimivega zgodovinskega dokumenta. To je ferman turškega sultana Selima II, Bajazitovega sina. Ferman je bil leta 1513, poslan dubrovniški republiki, napisan pa je v staroslovensčini. V fermanu zatrjuje sultan dubrovniški republik, da je ne bo nikdar napadel, ker jo smatra za svojo zaveznico in prijateljico. Zanimiv zgodovinski dokument je že dolgo last Zlatarove rodbine in sedanji lastnik niti ne ve, kako je do tega prišlo.

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SEZONSKE MISLI

Nastopajoča pomlad vzbudi v naravi splošen nemir. Tudi misli postanejo nemirne in begajo sem ter tja, da je nemogoče jih za delj časa osredotočiti na isti predmet ali idejo. Zdj se pasejo po zelenih tratah, kjer so zažareli prvi cvetovi nunka in so zazvonili prvi zvončki pozdrav pomladi, zdaj sledijo drobnim pticam, ki še nekako boječe uglašajo strune za pomladni koncert, zdaj begajo za belimi oblaki, ki se komodno sprehajajo po sinjem nebu, zdaj prisluškujejo zvonkemu smehu in veselju vriskom mladine.

Neugane, kakor so, se spustijo v sivo preteklost in razglabljajo, kdaj je človeštvo začelo obhajati nastop pomladi kot praznik vstajenja. Da je bilo to že v davnih poganskih časih, dokazuje že samo ime Easter, kar je angleška označba za veliko noč. Označba izhaja iz imena Eastre, saksonske boginje svetlobe in pomladi, katere praznik so obhajali v aprilu. Zgodovina navaja tudi razne druge narode, ki so s posebnimi svečanostmi obhajali praznik nastopa pomladi, in mnogi današnji velikonočni običaji imajo baje začetek v poganskih časih. Krščanstvo je v teku časa nadomestilo te pomladne praznike s praznikom vstajenja svojega mesije.

Misli se tudi rade poigravajo z velikonočnimi spomini iz naših otroških let. Ti spomini so lepi, kakor so bili lepi domači kraji, pomlad, mladost, pirihi, nove obleke, cerkvene slavnosti, otroške zabave itd. Vse tako se neizbrisno vtisne v doživetna mlada srca.

Gibčne misli nato preskočijo desetletja in se zagledajo v današnje Slovenijo v okvirju in izven okvirja mlade Jugoslavije in zameglijo se jim oči. Pomlad sicer tudi tam prihaja v deželo, toda skozi njen smehljaj se reži grozeči obraz diktature, od severa in od juga. In drhteče srce vsakega, ki slovensko čuti, si zaželi s pesnikom Otonom Zupančičem: "Da mi je za zarjo blestečo pogledati in kaj ljubega, dobrega ti povedati v teh težkih dneh, o domovina..." Toda megla grozečih diktatur je zakrila blesteče zarje, oko ne vidi ničesar ljubega in dobrega, ampak sluti le sužnost in gorje.

Samo malo višje na severu pomlad ni prinesla vstajenja, ampak pokop. Kakšna bo velika noč naših nesrečnih bratov Čehov! Oropani so vsega, pritisnjeni na tla, pokopana je njihova neodvisnost in svoboda. Zarje vstajenja ni videti nikjer, saj se grobišče širi in širi ter grozi izpremeniti vso srednjo Evropo v eno samo veliko Kalvarijo, posejano s kljukastimi križi.

Trudne in težke se vračajo naše misli preko Atlantika in razjasnijo se šele, ko jim zavihra v pozdrav zvezdnata zastava svobode. Seveda tudi tu ni vse tako, kot bi želeli, mnogo je brezposelnosti, mnogo negotovosti in tu in tam tudi pomanjkanja. Res pa je tudi, da skušajo oblasti temu od pomoči kot vedo in znajo. Načini zdravljenja gospodarske krize morda marsikje niso bili pravi, delale so se in se še delajo napake, toda vsaj dobra volja je tu in tudi sredstva so na razpolago. Na to zamoremo postaviti upanje, da se bodo razmere stalno izboljševale.

Kljub znatni gospodarski neurejenosti dežele pa lahko trdimo, da spadamo med najsvobodnejša ljudstva na svetu. Sije nam svetlo sonce svobode in demokracije in zvezdnata zastava štiti nas in naše družine, naše imetje, naše ustanove in naše človeške pravice. Ni neposredne nevarnosti, da bi sovražni letalci z bombami razdejali naša mesta, ni se nam treba bati, da bi sovražna vojska zasedla našo deželo, kot smo nedavno videli v Evropi in kakršni primeri se še lahko vsak čas ponovijo. Zajamčena nam je osebna svoboda, kakor tudi svoboda političnega in verskega prepričanja, zborovanja, govora in tiska. Tudi naše ožje gospodarske in kulturne ustanove, katere vodimo delno ali popolnoma v našem jeziku, ki ni uradni jezik te dežele, so varne in upoštevane. In pri vsem tem smo, dasi priseljenci, enakopravni in svobodni državljani velike demokratične republike.

Dobro je, da se včasih zmislimo na vse navedeno, ker to nam bo olajšalo tiste neizogibne neprilike in težave, katere nam prinaša vsakdanje življenje, in bomo obenem začeli bolj ceniti in upoštevati ugodnosti, ki smo jih deležni. V takem razpoloženju bo naše življenje boljše in postali bomo boljši državljani te svobodne republike. Le v njej in z njo je naša eksistenca in bodočnost, le tu moremo doprinesiti svoj del, četudi samo majhen del, za njen napredek, za poglobitev bratstva in tolerance in za ohranitev božanskega ognja demokracije. Nam, ki v naši J. S. K. Jednoti prakticiramo bratstvo, toleranco in široko demokracijo, to ne bo težko ali tuje. Pomnimo, da morda bo ravno plamteči kres ameriške demokracije tista sila, ki bo vzbudila k zopetnemu vstajenju pokopane demokracije in spet pričarala v mrzli svet pomladne sape človečanstva.

V tej veri in v tem upanju si medsebojno voščimo veselo veliko noč in veselo pomlad!

A. J. Terbovec:

Posladkani davki

Davki so naša najbolj vsenarodna institucija, ker najdejo nas vedno in povsod, od zibel do groba. Posebno prirčni so tako zvani prodajni ali nakupni davki, ki so vpeljani že v večini držav naše Unije. Za to zalego bo menda nakupni davek boljši izraz kot prodajni davek, ker ga mora plačati tisti, ki kupuje.

Nakupni davek v državi Ohio znaša tri procenote ali tri cente od dolarja. Od 10 do 40 centov en cent, od 40 do 70 centov dva centa, od 70 centov do dolarja pa tri cente. Plačuje se v gotovini in prodajalec mora v potrdilo tega plačila kupcu pokazati in pred njegovim cenjenim nosom raztrgati odgovarjajočo znamko oziroma znak. To nekako sliči neizgovorjeni zafrcaciji: Tukaj je šel tvoj cent in nikoli več ga ne boš videl in prodajna znamka ne bo nikoli več cela, kakor ni nikoli več cel pisar, ki ga razbijajo na ciganski ohceti pod krivo brezo!

Saj se kot dober državljani ne pritožujem čez ta davek. Država potrebuje denar za šole, za podporo starih ljudi in za sto drugih izdatkov, nekaj mora pa tudi ostati za graft in političarje. Bog jim daj zdravje, da ne bo še za bolnišnice kakih naklad! Vsekakor je način nakupnega davka v državi Ohio nekoliko robat, primitiven in brez finese. Sicer ne boli toliko kot puljenje zob, vendar bi pa dejal, da nekako sliči britju s skrhano britvijo. Zato mislim, da napravim tudi temu odgovarjajoč obraz, kadar odrinem tisti cent ali dva.

Po zapadu je to britje oziroma plačevanje nakupnega davka urejeno na finejši način. Seveda ne morem govoriti o vsem obširnem zapadu, ampak le o državah Washington, Utah in Colorado, kjer sem imel preteklo poletje v tem oziru nekaj izkušenj.

Nakupni davek v omenjenih državah znaša le dva procenta in je že zaradi tega pohlevnejši od ohijskega. Druga posebnost je, da se tam ne plača od 10-centnega in 40-centnega nakupa enaka višina davka, ampak se od deset-centnega nakupa plača le dve desetinki centa, od 40 centov nakupa osem desetink centa, od pol dolarja cent itd. To pa je mogoče le, ker ti tam izmenjajo cent v pol pesti kovanege aluminijevega drobiža. V državi Utah, na primer, dobiš za cent deset malih aluminijevih kovancev, ki jih imenujejo mills. V državi Washington ti razdobjo cent v pet "tokens." Nekaj podobnega je, če se ne motim, tudi v državi Colorado. So pa tudi večje denominacije tega davčnega denarja, toda vse so nižje vrednosti kot U. S. rdeči cent. Ta davčni denar je deloma okrogel, deloma voglat, deloma z luknjami v sredi, deloma brez njih.

Meni je splošno kar sapo je malo, ko mi je prodajalec iz centa nasula kar pol pesti svetlega drobiža. Po par malih nakupih sem se naenkrat počutil bogatega in samozavestnega, kajti žep mi je bil poln drobiža. Seveda rednih kalorij je imel ta denar prilično toliko kot slehda nezabljena solate. Pri nadaljnjih ekspedicijah v trgovine, restavracije in salune sem se seveda skušal iznebiti teh davčnih plev, ki so mi razganjale žep. Pa je šlo od začetka precej nerodno, ker sem se v vsaki omenjeni državi mudil le malo časa in pisem mogel zapopasti valute novega denarja. Končno sem se začel posluževati greenhornske taktike, ki se je vselej obnesla. Kadar koli me je prodajalec vprašala za toliko in toliko "tokens" ali "mills," sem jim ponudil peršice aluminijevega drobiža, pa si je sama izbirala, kolikor je hotela. In to je vselej povzročilo kolikor toliko dobrovoljnega smeha na obeh straneh.

Tako sem na zapadu tudi najbolj neprijetljeno državljansko dolžnost, plačevanje davkov, izvrševal z nasmehom, zakar sem bil deležen ne samo običajnega "thank you," ampak tudi sončnega nasmeha. Pa naj reče kdo, da naš zapad ni idealna kontra! Celo plačevanje davkov je tam posladkano s smehom!

VSAK PO SVOJE

(Nadaljevanje s 1. strani)

blesteli naslovi: "Onemogla in brezposelna flu."

Na razstavi psov v Clevelandu, Ohio, je dobil prvo nagrado pes Schloss, ki je bil importiran iz Nemčije. Iz tega bi se dalo sklepati, da iz Nemčije prihajajo najboljši oziroma najbolj pasji psi. Čehi bi se najbrž strinjali s to domnevo.

Starokrajški listi poročajo, da je v Sremu umrl 116-letni Marko Dimitrijević, ki da si je s pridnostjo in varčnostjo pridobil lepo premoženje. Če je človek 116 let priden in varčen, se mora že nekaj poznati.

Mussolini je danes morda edini prijatelj Jugoslavije, kakor se to čudno sliši. Ne zato, ker jo ima rad, ampak zato, ker se boji Hitlerja na Jadran. Mala Jugoslavija ni nevarna Italiji, toda velika Nemčija na vzhodni obali Jadrana bi bila vse kaj drugega. Tako morda Mussolinijev strah pred Hitlerjem reši Jugoslavijo slične usode kot je zadela Češko-slovaško.

Zvezde pri društvu "Zvezda," št. 170 JSKJ, v Chicagu, Ill., prav gotovo niso praznoverne. Priredile bodo namreč domačo zabavo v praznovanju 13-letnice v soboto 13. maja. Puncice so prepričane, da 13 ni nesrečna, ampak srečna številka, in prav imajo. Ta republika se je ustanovila s 13 državami in v njeni prvi zastavi je bilo 13 rdečih in belih prog in 13 zvezd. Številko držav in zvezd se je v teku časa zvišalo na 48, toda zastava s 13 rdečimi in belimi progami še vedno ponosno vihra nad to deželo, ki jo v današnjih razburkanih svetovnih razmerah, pri vseh nedostatkih, vendar lahko štejemo za najsvobodnejšo deželo na svetu.

Katarina Velika, 21-letna mačka vrtnarja v Garfieldovem parku v Chicagu, je te dni postala srečna mati dvestotiridesetih mačice. Če bi bila Katarina nemška ali italijanska državljanka, bi jo gotovo Hitler oziroma Mussolini stavila za vzgled vsem patriotičnim materam.

Pevsko nadarjeni ljudje so se včasih v velikem številu podajali v Evropo učiti se petja. V novejšem času pa je popularnost evropskih pevskih šol močno padla v Zedinjenih državah; v Evropi trenirani pevci baje preveč skozi nas pojejo. To je verjetno in razumljivo, ker dandanes v Evropi že skoro nihče več ne sme ust odpreti. Samo diplomati še smejo kavkati.

V deželo prihaja mlada Vesna s polnim narječjem čvetja in petja, poroča se o stalnem izboljševanju gospodarskih razmer, organizirano delavstvo skuša poravnati svoje medsebojne spore, velikonočni pirihi in kolači obetajo dobro letino kot po navadi, Amerika je še vedno ločena od Evrope s 3000 milj širokim Atlantikom in zvezdnata zastava štiti našo svobodo in mir. V vsem tem je polne beharje vzrokov za sončno razpoloženje, ki se spodobijo za sezono.

A. J. T.

PRICE DAVNIH DNI

(Nadaljevanje s 1. strani)

ima najbrž zahvaliti, da se je ohranilo na svetu milijone let.

V vseh delih civiliziranega sveta skušajo dandanes ohraniti kar mogoče nepoškodovane spomenike davnih časov, kot stare piramide in templje v Egiptu in Centralni Ameriki, stare gradove in Evropi ter orodja in okraske davnih narodov. Toda vse te reči so mrtve starine, medtem ko so californijske sekvoje živa bitja, ki so živele in rastle pred tisočletji in žive in rasto danes. Mlado drevo ima lahko vsak, ki ima primeren košček sveta za to, stoletja starih dreves pa ne morejo imeti v svojih parkih niti največji bogatini, če niso že prej rastle tam. Nekateri bolj znana drevesa, kot hrasti, lipe, kostanji, orehi itd., tudi tu in tam žive po več stoletij, in mi se čudimo njihovim starostim. Toda z večstoletno starostjo se morejo ponašati samo californijske sekvoje.

Prav je torej, da nam naše oblasti ohranijo kar največ teh živih prič davnih tisočletij, katere bodo morda občudovali še znaninci čez tisoč ali več tisoč let. Morda bo takrat na svetu popolnoma drugačna civilizacija kot je danes, morda bodo ljudje govorili drugačen jezik, toda californijske sekvoje bodo ostale take in tiste, le še nekoliko večje in debelejške kot so danes.

RAZNO IZ AMERIKE IN INOZEMSTVA

(Nadaljevanje s 1. strani)

letu 1938 najbolj zvišali prometno varnost mesti Cleveland, Ohio, in Milwaukee, Wis. Obe mesti stojita v tem oziru na prvem mestu. Izmed manjših mest pa je dobilo prvo nagrado za ozir na prometno varnost mesto Providence v državi Rhode Island. Mesto Milwaukee je že sedemč doseglo prvo vrsto glede prometne varnosti, mesto Cleveland pa šele prvič.

ARGENTINSKI NACIJI

Vlada republike Argentine je začela preiskovati, koliko je resnice v poročilih, ki so jih prinesli nekateri listi v Buenos Airesu, da nemški nacijski vodijo v provinci Patagoniji agitacijo, da se slednja proglasi za kolonijo Nemčije.

FRANCIJA IN RUMUNIJA

Med Francijo in Rumunijo je bila pretekli teden podpisana trgovinska pogodba, s katero se Francija obvezuje kupiti od Rumunije letno določene količine žita, olja in lesa. Rumunija pa bo kupovala od Francije avtomobile, letala, lekarniške izdelke, harve in druge industrijske produkte. Ta pogodba naj bi bila nekak protitež trgovinski pogodbi, katero je nedavno z Rumunijo sklenila Nemčija.

SLOVAŠKO-MADŽARSKA

POGAJANJA

V nedavnih bojih so Madžari zasedli nekaj slovaškega obmejnega ozemlja. Slovaki so baje pripravljene prepustiti dotično ozemlje Madžarom, toda pod pogojem, da jim Madžarska vrne drugi komad ozemlja, ki je bil v preteklem novembru prisojen Madžarski, toda vsebuje večina slovaško prebivalstva. Nemčija, ki se je na poziv slovaškega predsednika Tise proglasila za protektorico Slovaške, ne kaže nikake volje, da bi branila pravice Slovakov.

ZA NOVO ČESKOSLOVAŠKO

Čehi in Slovaki, živeči v Severni in Južni Ameriki, se nameravajo organizirati za delovanje za zopetno vpostavljenje češkoslovaške republike. Tozadevni načrti so že v delu.

FRANCOSKO-ITALIJANSKI SPOR

Napetost, ki že dalje časa obstoja med Francijo in Italijo, se je pretekli teden poostрила. Mussolini je v bojevitim govoru nekako splošno označil teritorialne in gospodarske zah-

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za člana, ki se zavaruje za \$2,000.00 smrtnine, \$6.00 nagrada
za člana, ki se zavaruje za \$3,000.00 smrtnine, \$8.00 nagrada
Za novopridobljene člane mladinskega oddelka pa so predlagane sledeče nagrade:

za člana starega načrta "JA" — \$0.50;
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za člana novega načrta "JC", s \$500.00 zavarovalnino — \$2.00;
za člana novega načrta "JC" s \$1,000.00 zavarovalnino — \$3.00.

Vse te nagrade so izplačljive šele potem, ko so bili za član plačani trije mesečni asesmenti.

teve, katere ima Italija napram Franciji, francoski premir Dardier pa je nekaj dni nato izjavil, da Francija ne bo nikomur odstopila niti pedi ozemlja in niti koščeka svojih pravic, pripravljen pa je za pogajanja na podlagi pogodbe iz leta 1935. Prihodnjo besedo ima Mussolini.

ITALIJA ZASEDE ALBANIJU?

Iz Pariza poročajo, da pripravljajo italijanske čete te zasesti kraljevino Albanijo, znači, da hoče Italija dobiti po postojanko na vzhodni obali Jadrana. V Albaniji, ki je južna sosedja Jugoslaviji, imela Italija že zdaj odločen vpliv, dasi ji nominalno kralj Zog. Albanija meri nad 10,000 kvadratnih milj, šteje okrog enega milijona bivalcev, ki so po večini muslimani. Ako so poročila resna, bo Albanija postala protektorat Italije, kot je na primer Španska protektorat Nemčije. Zog da je Mussolini postal sumen na Hitlerja in hoče mesarjenju Evrope tudi on biti kakšno kost.

ANGLIJA ISČE ZAVEZNIKE

V Angliji se pojavljajo znamenja resnejšega odpora proti Hitlerjevemu agresivnosti. Za enkrat ima Anglija na svoji strani samo Francijo, ker male države ne zaupajo več niti Angliji niti Franciji in se vsled tega ne dajo privabiti v nikako zvezo proti Hitlerju. Obe omenjeni državi zdaj snubita Poljsko, da se jima pridruži. Pretekli teden je angleški ministrski predsednik izjavil v poslanski zbornici, da bosta tako Anglija kot Francija nudila Poljski vojaško pomoč, če bi bila Poljska prisiljena braniti svoje ozemlje proti Nemčiji. V slično zvezo proti Hitlerju skuša Anglija dobiti Rumunijo; koliko uspeha bo imela tu, je težko reči.

TUDI KRALJI NISO IZVZETI

Avtomobilske nesreče ne rešpektirajo niti kraljev. Dne 4. aprila je bil v avtomobilski nesreči ubit kralj Iraka (Iraq) v Mozapotamiji, star 27 let. Kralj Ghazi ibn Feisal, ki je bil navdušen avtomobilist, je trčil s svojim avtomobilom v drog obcestne svetilke v Bagdadu, glavnem mestu Iraka, in je pri tem dobil tako težke poškodbe, da jim je podlegel. Njegov naslednik bo triletni prestolonaslednik Emier Feisal. Kraljevina Irak šteje okrog tri milijone prebivalcev in je bila pred svetovno vojno del Turcije.

STEVILO GLEDALISK

V začetku tega leta je bilo na vsem svetu 92,816 gledaliških filmske predstave, medtem ko leta 1938 je bilo 66,362 opremljenih za zvočno filmske predstave. V Zedinjenih državah je bilo 16,228 filmskih gledališč, opremljena za zvočne filme.



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Current Thought

DEADLINE EXTENDED

Good news emanated from the home office in Ely, Minn. last week with the announcement that the deadline for filing candidacies to the juvenile convention-athletic conference campaign has been extended another month; to April 30th.

The article written by our supreme secretary and published in the Nova Doba last week must have been heartening to many members of eligible age, for without the announcement, juvenile members and adult members aspiring to become delegates would have been left behind, unless they already had entered the race.

Another month left in which to enter the race for delegateship, which, has for its reward a free round-trip by rail, with spending money thrown in for good measure.

There will be some who will enter their names as candidates this month because they do not wish to be left out of the delegate picture. Given another month in which to change their mind to become candidates is like catching the last train, when arriving at the station ten minutes later than the train's schedule for departure. A stroke of good fortune delayed the train, while a generous supreme board decided to wait patiently another 30 days for eligible members to make up their minds and avail themselves of the golden opportunity.

The rules are simple: In order to enter as juvenile candidate, the member must be at least 12 years old, in Minnesota 10, and must not reach the 18th year before August 1st. The juvenile candidate must have been a member of the junior department prior to January 1, 1939.

For the athletic conference, all adult members between 16 and 35 years of age are eligible, provided they have been members before January 1, 1939.

The SSCU asks that candidates enroll new members during the campaign, which will terminate on June 30th. Each district, and there are 28 for the duration of the campaign, is entitled to at least two juvenile delegates, who have enrolled the largest number of new juveniles, but not less than 20 each. And each candidate who enrolls 40 new juveniles automatically qualifies as delegate. This means that the next two juveniles with the highest number of credits, but not less than 20, also are entitled to become delegates.

For the athletic conference, each district will be entitled to one delegate, the one who has the highest amount of new insurance to his credit, but not less than \$5,000.00. A candidate who has \$10,000.00 worth of new insurance to his credit automatically qualifies as delegate, and each district may have as many delegates who qualify automatically as there are candidates who each have \$10,000.00 worth of new insurance to their credit. And more. The next candidate who has the highest amount of new insurance to his credit, less than \$10,000.00 but more than \$5,000.00, too, qualifies as delegate.

The rules are simple, and the rewards generous. Each delegate for the athletic conference will be given \$4.00 a day for expense money while traveling and during his stay in Ely. Each juvenile delegate will be given \$2.00 a day expense money while traveling, and free room and board during his stay in Ely.

Claridge Unit 40 Crowned Duckpin Champion as 35 Teams Bowl in SSCU Tourney

Santo Vlah, 54-year-old, Surprises With 3 Championships

Amidst the cheering of frenzied supporters that shook the rafters of Pittsburgh's Lawrence Recreation Alleys, Claridge, Pa., lodge No. 40 varsity team took undisputed right to the title of national SSCU duckpin champions for 1939. Led by Nick Jakovic, captain, the team made good its boast that it would annex the title on Sunday, April 2, and go home with the plaque, medals and cash prizes, by compiling games of 727, 732 and 911 for a total of 2370.

Never a serious threat during the four previous SSCU duckpin tournaments, the 1939 Claridge team turned out to be a real dark horse. The defending champion, Pittsburgher lodge, 196, of Pittsburgh was the first to congratulate the new champions, and when presentation of prizes were made, John Antlogar, captain of last year's team turned over the plaque to the Claridge captain Nick Jakovic.

The alleys were loaded with bowlers and spectators. Some 35 teams bowled in the tournament. Plenty of backslapping and handshaking through the endless milling crowd, while tournament officials, L. P. Boberg, chairman, and Paul J. Oblock, second supreme vice-president, and F. Yearm wallowed through the entries, issuing orders to team captains, and keeping records.

Pittsburgh's lodge 26 took second honors in the men's team division with a score of 2268.

In the ladies' division, lodge

182 of Pittsburgh took first place in the team events with a score of 1801; while the ladies of lodge 40 of Claridge came second with 1477. Frances Balkovec, defending team captain, presented the ladies' plaque to Mrs. Anna Labas, captain of lodge 182.

And now for the big surprise. Fifty-four-year-old Santo Vlah, of Pittsburgh's lodge 26, suddenly remembered last Sunday that at one time he, too, was 30 years younger. So he bowled like a lad of 24 in the pink of condi-

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With Betsy Ross

Cleveland, O. — All members of Betsy Ross lodge, No. 186, SSCU are requested to attend in full numbers the regular monthly meeting to be held on Monday evening, April 10, at the Slovene Workmen's Home on Waterloo Rd. Meeting is scheduled to begin promptly at 7:30 p. m.

A very good attendance greeted the last meeting, and I am looking forward for a repetition next Monday. Entertainment will follow the order of business. Members may also bring along their friends.

We are making good progress on the present membership campaign. Be sure to come to our next meeting and get acquainted with the newly-admitted members.

Inasmuch as the time of the year calls for cessation of indoor activities, Betsy Ross lodge already is making plans for outdoor activities, such as a softball team, in athletics; dances and outings in the field of entertainment. All members who wish to participate on the softball team are requested to get in touch with the athletic supervisor as soon as possible. Also, those, who plan on entering the fifth national SSCU tenpin tournament, must submit their entry at the lodge meeting at the very latest.

Don't forget that our Tournament Dance, to be held on Saturday evening, April 22, at Twilight Ballroom, will be the featured entertainment in connection with the tenpin tournament proper.

John P. Lunka, Sec'y

BRIEFS

Officers elected to lead Sentinels lodge, No. 236, latest English-conducted unit to join the SSCU circle, are: Anthony Balsama, president; Stanley Progar, secretary; Edward Mikec, treasurer.

List of candidates and elected delegates to the third biennial juvenile convention and second athletic conference are published on page 7 of this issue. There are 101 candidates for the juvenile convention and 86 for the athletic conference.

In Starkville, Colo, lodge 84, SSCU will hold a Spring Dance on Sunday, April 9, at the hall of Charles Defillipi, commencing at 3 p. m.

In Cleveland, O., Slovene dramatic club Ivan Cankar will present a play "Amerikanec na Trski gor" (An American on Trska Gora), the proceeds of which will be used for a monument to Dr. Ivan Lah, Slovene writer. The play will be given in the auditorium of the Slovene National Home on St. Clair Ave.

On March 27th, former SSCU supreme officer John Movern of Duluth, Minn., passed into the great beyond after a protracted illness. Present at the funeral on April 1, in Eveleth, Minn., was assistant supreme secretary Frank Tomsich, who represented the SSCU.

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New E.-S. Unit Organized in Strabane

Campaign Child Named "Strabane Sentinels"

By Stan Progar



Stan Progar

Strabane, Pa. — Showing the same spirit and enthusiasm that has made Strabane SSCU conscious, members of the Bratska Sloga lodge and eight new applicants met at the Strabane Home Sunday, March 26 and culminated a special meeting with the formation of a new English-speaking lodge. The new lodge, a direct result of the present new membership campaign, was named very appropriately, the Strabane Sentinels and will become unit number 236 of the South Slavonic Catholic Union.

The turn-out was very encouraging indeed. Beside the eight new members, most of the younger members enrolled during the campaign were present along with Frank Mikec and Martin Zager, spiritual advisors of the Sentinels. From the old rank were the following: Henry Mikec, John Terschell, Eddie Mikec, Frank Rosmon, John Budvic and your reporter. All took very active parts in the building and showed a bright outlook for the future.

The high spirits of the new members became evident early Sunday morning and continued throughout the day. They were informed to be at the writer's home at eleven a.m. to undergo the medical examination and every one came bright and early. As each one left after his examination was completed, his passing remark was, "see you at two." Without fail, two sharp found all the applicants at the

appointed place ready to go. Patiently waiting for the gavel beat that would start the ball rolling for the yet to be born Sentinels.

Sentinels' Personnel

A very orderly and responsive group faced the writer as he informed those assembled as to the reason for the gathering and read Brother Zbasnik's recent letter. Everybody readily accepted the responsibilities they were taking upon themselves and then faced the business before them. The name "Sentinels" was chosen from the group that included Goodfellows, Generals and New Dealers. For the meeting day, every fourth Sunday of the month at two p.m. at the Slovene Home was made official. The officers for the balance of the year will be: Anthony Balsama, president; Henry Mikec, vice-president; Stan Progar, secretary; Eddie Mikec, treasurer; John Terschell, recording secretary, John Cadez president of the auditing committee with Frank Watassek and Thomas Hayes, assisting. Doctor James E. Wilson, examiner for the Bratska Sloga lodge was also chosen to fill the same tasks for the newly formed Sentinels.

Over The Top

After all business had been completed, the new unit "Sentinels" received three rousing cheers and the members promised faithfully that the mark set earlier in the campaign would be surpassed. Every indication that the goal of fifty new adults will be passed has been shown. To date, twenty-one adults were enrolled and John

Colorado Sunshine

Denver, Colo. — For the benefit of those members of Colorado Sunshine lodge, No. 201, SSCU who are unfamiliar with the changes in officers and meetings of our lodge, the following information is given: Meetings are held every fourth Thursday of the month at the Slovene Hall on 4464 Washington St. Please attend, and also please pay your assessments either at the meeting or at the home of secretary Geo. Hranach, 4650 Franklin St. Assessments may also be paid at the home of treasurer Margaret Smole, 4683 Franklin St. who has taken the place of Albert Maring, resigned.

One point I wish to emphasize, and this is it: There shall be no more collection of assessments from house to house, by the secretary; either the members pay assessments at the meeting or at the home of the secretary and treasurer, on time, or else face suspension.

Our next meeting date falls on April 27, starting at 7 p. m. All members are requested to attend and bring along some new ideas with which to improve our lodge. With good attendances, we can make Colorado Sunshine lodge really shine and not just drag along through a fog, as we necessarily must with only a handful of members present. Meetings take place only once a month, and for this reason each member should make it a point to be present. Extend your co-operation to the officers for they alone cannot be expected to accomplish the goal made possible only through the combined efforts of component members.

Geo. Hranach, Sec'y

Note to G. W.'s

Cleveland, O. — On Tuesday, April 18, members of George Washington lodge, No. 180, SSCU will hold their regular monthly meeting, in the old building of the Slovene National Home, room No. 3. Final plans for tenpin participation in the SSCU tournament will be made at this meeting.

All fellows who are interested in joining our lodge's softball team should report to me at the meeting. We will sponsor a softball team this year, and enter the local SSCU softball league.

As to the present membership campaign: The George Washington lodge never has taken a back seat in any membership campaign. The present juvenile convention-athletic conference drive is no exception. Present goal of the G. W.'s is to send a delegate, and with the proper co-operation, I know that we shall reach this goal, for certainly we want to see a representative from our lodge present at the most important athletic conference.

John F. Kardell, Pres.

Budvic promises to have more present within the next meeting day. Also two, new members, members of one day's standing (Sunday March 26th) Roman Rybarski and Thomas Hayes both promised that before many days have passed, they too would be admitting applicants for membership. Which all proves that the Strabane Sentinels were mighty lucky in its present membership drive. The quality of the new members is tops. More reasons why the drive is expected to go over the top. Don't say we didn't warn you.

Candidates Into Jubilant 3 Month "Over the Top" Drive; Campaign Spirit Envelops All in Enthusiasm!

By Little Stan, Publicity-Campaign Director



Little Stan

Ely, Minn.—List of candidates entered in the contest to become delegates to the third juvenile convention and second athletic conference swelled to new high figures over week-end as an impressive wave of enthusiasm swept the realms of the SSCU throughout the country.

In the home office, Little Stan conferred with Bro. Anton Zbasnik, our supreme secretary, who impressively showed that the campaign spirit was enthusiastically catching on; that old records may be shattered if every candidate goes out into the drive with the determined idea in mind to qualify as delegate regardless how stiff the competition.

He showed your publicity director a letter from Mrs. Mary Bodack, secretary of lodge 182, Pittsburgh, who has entered the contest to become delegate to the athletic conference. Said Mrs. Bodack: "...we intend to put our heart and soul into trying to qualify our candidates as delegates. After the duckpin tournament is over, watch us go to work with a bang!"

The list of candidates swelled to 101 for the juvenile convention; 81 for the athletic conference! Imagine 182 in all! What an impressive figure if the entire group would qualify! And when time for distribution of credit for the success of the joint affairs comes around, you can be certain, that every bit will rest upon your shoulders!

From Strabane, Pa. came welcome news, and along with it a prediction that Bro. Stan Progar would qualify as the second delegate to the athletic conference before many days passed. For organized in Strabane, Pa. was the new SSCU lodge, SENTINELS, No. 236. Instrumental and largely responsible for the new organization was Bro. Stanley Progar, who it is almost certain will be on that train when it leaves for Minnesota's wilderness country the latter part of July.

Scanning the vast districts included in the campaign field, it was revealed to Little Stan that only three out of the entire group have not yet entered a candidate for the athletic conference. They are: Districts No. 1; 19; and 28.

Included in this issue of Nova Doba is a report from Bro. Zbasnik showing the complete list of candidates in every district. The report gives you the names of the candidates; their lodge, city, and state. You are urged to study the list carefully with the view in mind to see how you fit into the picture. Watch in particular the district in which you are a candidate. Perhaps you are more fortunate in that there isn't much competition. Perhaps you are the only candidate in the district. Maybe you have only one or two competitors. If such is the case, that should provide an added incentive for you to make the grade. If competition is keen, step right out and get in there. You have three more months to work; to qualify! LET'S MOVE RIGHT ALONG! LET'S GO TO TOWN!

Time is flying by with amazing rapidity. Soon the campaign drive will be over, and in no time at all the joint juvenile convention and athletic conference will be upon us. Even now committees are being organized here to take care of preliminary arrangements. WE WANT YOU HERE! YOU'VE GOT TO BE HERE BECAUSE YOU KNOW HOW IT IS: — THE BIGGER THE GANG, THE MORE FUN FOR ALL!

The first of April, you all know, was April Fool's Day. When people wake up in the morning, they hear brother, sister, and friend tell them a sensational yarn, only to find out later that it was April Fool.

Here in Ely, generating for a whole month, were active preparations to honor one of our leading SSCU figures. He was to celebrate his fiftieth birthday on April 3, but because Saturday was more of an ideal day, his many friends surprised him at a real party and it was not April Fool, either.

The honored and esteemed gentleman thusly honored was none other than our supreme secretary Bro. Anton Zbasnik, who received one of the most thrilling and pleasant surprises in his life at the Mantel home Saturday. Strict confidentiality shrouded the preliminary plans. And the big affair was destined to come off without a hitch. Little Stan is writing this preliminary sketch in advance of the party so the news won't be too old by the time you read this. But following up next week will be the complete story of the surprise party. Look for it and Little Stan will try to describe vividly every reaction, every point of the affair which pays homage to our distinguished guest who has done so much for our SSCU!

Easter is almost upon us. Next week, the Arrowhead Girls embark for Cleveland to participate in the National SSCU Bowling tournament. Little Stan will be the chauffeur. Riding with him will be four of the team members; taking the train will be two. We'll all get there, so be prepared for this crowd who will journey on a 2,000-mile round trip to be with you on this happy occasion! Bro. Zbasnik promised a special message for you all, will send it down with his courier, Little Stan — who I assure you makes a good carrier pigeon!

The Easter parade is upon us. Style shows and the like grand feeling all the time. It made it very nice too when Little Stan received a pretty Easter card from Florence Dorothy Startz of Lodge No. 129. You know her, she's the young lady who writes all those interesting and fine things for the juvenile page! It was nice Florence, thanks a million!

And now Little Stan has to get into his little limousine for a short jaunt to Virginia on a business trip. So don't forget, let's move along in this campaign of campaigns. LET'S GO TO TOWN!

Stan Pechaver
No. 2 SSCU

Claridge Unit 40 Crowned Duckpin Champion

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tion, and when the smoke cleared Santo Vlah and John Celan, another senior member of lodge 26, had rolled the high double of 1005 to take the doubles championship.

And more surprises. Santo Vlah continued to bowl like a real champion and in the singles event connected for the high score of 528 and with it the singles championship. Who is Santo Vlah? Several spectators asked at the alleys. Very few knew him, but at the tournament banquet Sunday evening, when prizes were awarded, out came smiling 54-year-old Santo Vlah to claim the all events championship with a combined score of 1549.

Santo Vlah received three medals out of a total of nine awarded to the champions in the men's division. All of which goes to show that a man is just as young as he wants to be. And that our SSCU tournaments attract young and elders alike.

Second prize in the men's doubles went to Merlock and Shusher of Export, Pa., lodge 57. The pair rolled a 998. John Utzman of lodge 40 took second honors in singles with a 506 score.

At the banquet Sunday evening, Mary L. Bodack was crowned unofficial champion chairlady, and her assistants were given honorable mention. Novelties in the form of little paper colored hats greeted the diners as they sat at their tables, and once the delicious meal was served, surprise souvenir packages were distributed. Vida Kumse of Lorain, O., daughter of supreme trustee chairman, John Kumse, blushed at the sight of her prize, while her two sisters and the remaining two members of the team looked on. And more novelties. Balloons were distributed, and prizes given to those whose lungs were strong enough to make the first exploding noises.

Doubles championship in the ladies' division were won by Mrs. S. Eulert and Mrs. M. Golobic, of lodge 182, Pittsburgh, with a total of 701. Second prize went to Ann Mihalceic and Jennie Mozin, Center, Pa., lodge 221, who collected a 659 series. Mrs. Anna Labas of 182 was crowned singles champion with 439, and her combined score of 1271 gave this lodge 182 member from Pittsburgh the all events crown. Frances Rizzardi, of Claridge, took second honors in singles with 380.

The tournament proper and the banquet were chuck full of excitement. News filtered thru the regular channels that present during the entire day was a member of 40 years' standing. He is Frank Golob, member of lodge 12, who joined the SSCU on April 12, 1899.

Dr. F. J. Arch, supreme medical examiner, Paul J. Oblock, second supreme vice-president, and Louis M. Kolar, athletic commissioner, spoke on the present juvenile convention-athletic conference membership drive at the banquet. L. P. Boberg presided.

Lodge 207

McIntyre, Pa. — Members of lodge "Vilhar," No. 207, SSCU are hereby notified that at the March 12th meeting it was decided to postpone for one week the April meeting because of Easter holidays. The meeting in April therefore will fall on the third Sunday, that is April 16 (and not April 9). This change holds good only during the month of April, and for the months following the meetings again will be held on the second Sunday of the month.

Joseph Kastelic, Sec'y

Fraternal Week

Our members are hereby notified that the National Fraternal Congress of America, of which the SSCU is a member, has adopted the following resolution, calling for the observance of fraternal week from May 8th to 14th:

"WHEREAS, This is a war-torn world, besieged by universal strife and unrest of every description threatening the very foundations of our democracies, and

"WHEREAS, Countless subversive 'isms' are being advanced on every side as pretended panaceas for world-wide ills and are bringing us only nearer to the ultimate chaos, and

"WHEREAS, It is our sacred obligation as fraternalists to bring those principles to which we have dedicated our lives, properly exemplified, before the world, in some countries of which the true fraternal spirit has been so frequently forgotten, and

"WHEREAS, The way into the hearts of the people with our message of brotherhood is best gained by a conclusive evidence of unanimity of thought and action;

"THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Executive Committee of the National Fraternal Congress of America urges the chief executives of all fraternal organizations of the land to join together into one great peaceful army to make the week of May 8th to 14th the once more FRATERNAL WEEK. That at least one day of that week, in even the smallest of villages, be devoted to the unselfish consecration of those fundamental ideals which can make us all, regardless of race or creed, true brothers for eternity."

Sport Flashbacks

By Stan Progar

(Continuation)

Future Opponents

Scanning the list of future hopes to meet Louis, we must sadly report that they are assuming the aspects of a rare gem. In other words, few can boast that they stand a ghost of a chance with Joe. That is, they hold a slim chance until the actual fight. Then they become just another boy who did not train properly and continually. But of all the hopefuls, this corner believes that Two Ton Tony Galento enjoys a slight edge but could not put up a good fight with the champion. No one can. And no one will until the time when age itself will deliver the knockout blow to Joe. And if Joe continues to train as he does now and the white boys train in their manner, that time is a long way off.

In the past few weeks the sport scribes of Pittsburgh and New York have been shouting the praises of one Billy Conn of the smokey city. He has the best chance of defeating Louis — so they say. Yes he has if and when he makes up his mind to train and keep his fighting machine in constant trim. He's young and still unspoiled, but if Billy and his manager, John Ray realize the importance of skipping the high spots in the social whirl and steering clear of Joe Louis for a few more years, then Billy stands a good chance of doing what all fighters dream of but can't do.

She No's Her Way

Shovel Operator: So your daughter is going around the world this summer alone. Is she prepared for the journey?

Contractor: Well, she can say "NO" in twelve languages!

Concert A Success

Cleveland, O. — The Yugoslav Slovene Club of the International Institute presented the Friends of the Music Symphony Orchestra on Saturday, March 25. This orchestra was organized in 1933 by Mr. C. S. Metcalf, director of the orchestra, to help high school graduates retain their interest in music.

Jeanette Perdan-Juttner, soprano, sang "Voice and the Flute," by John Densmore. She wore a black chiffon evening gown and was presented with a bouquet of flowers.

Anetta Werwage, pianist, rendered "Fantasy for Piano and Orchestra," by Liszt. The number pertained to gypsies, living on the outskirts of the village. Liszt is known as the greatest national composer Hungary ever had. Miss Werwage, too, was presented with a bouquet of flowers.

Once a story "Man in the Iron Mask" was very popular, but now it is almost forgotten. The opera "Raymond" was based on the story of "Man in the Iron Mask," written by A. Thomas, French composer. From this opera the orchestra played "Overture to Raymond."

The orchestra also presented "Tales of the Vienna Woods," by Johann Strauss, who was born in 1825 and died in 1899. "The Dance Macabre," also played by the orchestra, was written by C. Saint-Saens. This piece was very fascinating, as one heard the strange tones of Death tuning his fiddle. Soon came the rattling of bones with the xylophone giving the effect.

Louis E. Grdina, baritone, sang the "Prologue to Pagliacci," written by R. Leoncavallo. Mr. Grdina also sang a Slovene number. Independent Singing Club Zarja male chorus rendered a fine piece entitled "U Boj" from the Croatian opera "Nikola Subic Zrinjski." This song refers to a battle in which the Croatian patriots, under the leadership of Zrinjski, battle against the Turks. Faced with death they still keep fighting rather than give up to the loss of personal and nationalistic freedom. Josephine Milavec, Frank Plut and Louis Belle did well in singing with the chorus.

The entire performance was well attended, and Mr. C. S. Metcalf, well applauded. May the Friends of Music Symphony Orchestra continue their marvelous work.

Elsie M. Desmond
No. 173, SSCU

Lodge 43

East Helena, Mont. — At the last meeting of lodge "Sv. Alojzija," No. 43, SSCU I was instructed to call our members' attention through this medium, to our next meeting, scheduled for the evening of April 12, and to urge their presence. At this meeting we will discuss details of a program to entertain members of the juvenile department. Tentative plans call the entertainment to take place on May 27, 1939. Come to the meeting, members, and let us talk over this idea and then begin with the work.

Louis Smith, Sec'y

Lodge 78

Salida, Colo. — All members of lodge No. 78, SSCU are hereby notified that the regular monthly meeting will take place on April 16, in St. Louis Hall, starting at 10:00 a.m. Please be present in full numbers to discuss unfinished business.

Joe Kochman, Treas.

Sudbury Sam gave his Scotch lassies a marshmallow the other night and she powdered her nose with it before she ate it.

Did You Know That...

By Anna Prosen, Lodge 173

Shakespeare's theater, the Globe, was built in 1599, and was burned in 1613 from a fire caused by the discharge of "cannon" in a presentation of the play of Henry VIII?

The First Chinese Parliament, representing four hundred million people, assembled April, 1913 with Yuan Shih Kai as president of the "Republic of China"?

General John J. Pershing and his staff upon arriving in France in June of 1917, promptly made a formal visit to the tomb of Lafayette, placing there a tribute of flowers and speaking these historic words, "Lafayette, we are here"?

Iridium, a metal of the platinum group, is used for tips of fountain pens, and for standard length bars when used with platinum?

At present there are about six million Indians in North America, Mexico and Central America. There are 300,000 in U. S.; the few Indians who have left their tribes in the U. S. pay taxes but have no right to hold political rights?

Oklahoma has more Indians than any other state in the Union?

The Ice Plant, a creeping plant bearing white flowers, received its name from its glistening leaves?

Elias Horne Jr., inventor of the sewing machine, fought during the Civil War in the Union Army as a private, after which he established a manufacturing plant in Bridgeport, Connecticut?

Among the earliest hospitals was the Hotel Dieu in Paris, the first hospital in France and the oldest in existence today, dating from the sixth century. The first American hospital founded upon English methods was the Pennsylvania Hospital, Phila., established in 1730 with Benjamin Franklin as clerk?

The stocking-frame was invented in 1589 by Lee, and completed by the addition of Jeremiah Strutt's invention for rib-stick in 1758. Circular and flat frames by which seamless hosiery is obtained have been invented by French, German, Belgian, English and American manufacturers?

Hornpipe, a lively dance, popular among sailors, was so called because it was originally accompanied on a reed pipe having horn fittings at either end?

The Koosac Tunnel, a famous tunnel through the Hoosac mountains in Massachusetts, about five miles long, was opened in 1875 and cost about eighteen million dollars?

Center Ramblers

Members of lodge Center Ramblers, No. 221, SSCU, are requested to attend in full numbers the next meeting which will be held Easter Sunday, April 9 at 2:30 p.m. At this time our fifth national duckpin tournament is gone, but not forgotten, and we all begin to prepare for the happy ole trip to the tenpin tournament of the SSCU in Cleveland. If you're blue, and want to forget your troubles, Cleveland, is the place you want to go. You'll meet many good old friends and new ones. Let's get those tenpin balls rolling down the alleys. What do you say, Mish?

In conclusion I want to remind all our friends and neighboring lodges to keep open May 13 for the Center Ramblers Spring Dance.

Frances Mozina, Sec'y

BRIEFS

(Continued from page 5)

Martin Regina, former president of lodge No. 40, SSCU of Claridge, Pa., is confined in a Philadelphia hospital, recuperating from a leg injury. He is employed as aeronautic engineer in Philadelphia.

The KSKJ (Grand Carniolian Slovene Catholic Union) observed its 45th anniversary on Sunday, April 2. Organized in Joliet, Ill., the KSKJ maintains its home office in the same city. The KSKJ enjoys the distinction of being the first Slovene fraternal to expand its efforts on a nation-wide scale. May it continue to enjoy national prominence for the future among the nation's fraternalists.

All members who plan on entering the fifth national SSCU tenpin tournament, scheduled for Saturday and Sunday, April 22 and 23, in Cleveland, O., are requested to designate the day they wish to bowl. On Saturday, April 22, bowling will be limited to afternoon hours only, and unless entries specify Saturday bowling, arrangements will be made for Sunday bowling only.

In Morley, Colo., lodge 140, SSCU will hold a dance on Saturday, April 8, in Motor Park in Morley.

Lodge 233, SSCU of Ludlow, Colo., will hold a dance on Sunday, April 9, at "85 Highway Club," starting at 8 p. m.

Lodge 148, SSCU of Finleyville, Pa., will hold a Spring Dance on Saturday, April 15, in the Slovene Home of Hackett, Pa., starting at 8 p. m.

Western Pennsylvania Federation of SSCU lodges will hold a meeting in Claridge, Pa., on Sunday, April 30, starting at 10 a. m.

Colorado Federation of SSCU lodges will meet on Sunday, April 23, in the new Slovene Home in Pueblo, Colo. Meeting will start at 9 a. m. On Saturday, April 22, a dance will be held in the same hall.

Fourteenth anniversary of lodge 155, SSCU of Blaine, O. will be observed by its members with a dance on Sunday, April 9, in the SNPJ hall of Blaine.

In Barberton, O., Ohio Federation of SSCU lodges will meet on Sunday, May 7, in lodge Domovina Hall, starting at 10 a. m.

In Struthers, O., Cardinals lodge, No. 229, SSCU will hold a dance on Saturday, May 6, in the Croatian Hall. Music will be furnished by Joe Umeck and his orchestra.

On May 13th, lodge 170, SSCU of Chicago, Ill., will observe its 13th anniversary with a dance at Mary Kovacic's hall on 2294 Blue Island Ave.

Conemaugh News

Conemaugh, Pa. — Two members of lodge No. 36, SSCU have gained prominence recently. Miss Daniella Vidmar was selected as Johnstown's glamour girl, and was presented to the public on the stage of State Theatre. She is very popular (and very lovely, too).

Frank Rovanssek, a well known amateur boxer around these parts, won the 160-pound open championship by a technical knockout over Joe Savoy in the Southern Pennsylvania Amateur Boxing Tournament. The bout was held at York, Pa., on March 27th.

Tommy Turk

Blood and Battle Field

A World War Chronicle

By IVAN MATIČIĆ

From the Slovene by

VALENTINE OREHEK

(Continuation)

The soldiers are taking possession of outfits, blankets, tents, arms, food and the civilians take the live stock. The officers not to be outdone lay violent hands upon army safes and drive automobile loads of goods and food home. Wholesale stealing is the order and everybody does it with the cry, "Zivela svoboda!" (hail liberty!)

Past graves that have sprung up like mushrooms overnight moves the Austrian army in flight; past Osavje, St. Mark, over the Dobra dobera plain, over Pajti Ridge and St. Gabriel. With saddened faces the liberated masses gaze on these tragic monuments. On and on in long vistas stretch the moving lines of men. Emancipated, they rush through lands that have attained freedom. On they hurry, past the loaded columns, past mud-caked cannon. And among them struggle the sisters of the Red Cross, co-workers from the military clerks, horses blinded in the wars. On along the Vipava valley, through Postojna, Planina, toward Croatia, toward Ljubljana toils this gigantic human and animal concourse.

A Hungarian regiment still bound together and in fighting trim is stopped on its march at Ubec by the new national guard and told to disarm. Its Magyar colonel steps up to the men that have checked the progress of his regiment and shouts enraged, "What do you want? Are you gathering material for the Italians? Fought! You gave arms to the Italian prisoners and they'll kill you with them yet! Do you think perchance that you are collecting these for yourself, for your own nation? If it was so I'd gladly give it all to you without a murmur. But these lands here will never be yours! However, the Italians will not get the arms and outfits of my men! I know that I won't get to Croatia with them but still I don't care to lose them here and be killed with them in the future! So no one will get them!" With this he orders his regiment to the outskirts of the village and commands it to throw its arms and effects in a heap and to destroy them at once. When this is done he collects his men and marches away.

After him comes a Magyar-Slovak regiment, which, stopping at Rakaka is broken up by the rebelling of its men. The moment this happens the men break all bounds and gaining entrance into the officers' quarters set those worthless off at a run and demolish everything in sight. Next they give their attention to the autos of the divisional staff and in less time than it takes to tell leave them total wrecks. This same thing is occurring wherever the armies are breaking up. And there is no end nor limit to them. On and on they pour out of Furlan and Gorica into Tržič, and thru Gemon and Pontebio. The army is immense, its flow endless, impossible almost of end. But in Italy whole armies still wait to assemble and before they can do so the Italians envelop them to the number of 300,000 men together with all their staffs and 5,000 cannon.

The Austro-Hungarian nation is collapsing. No one sheds a tear in consequence, instead it is reason for rejoicing. The frightful war is ended; a war that has raged for four long years and

months, and the fetters that have bound the people fall away and are replaced by a timely peace.

Our regiment does not stand idle, has heaped up loads of captured weapons, outfits, ammunition, food, automobiles, cannon, dry goods and stock, and with an orderliness and vast collection. Whatever is not seen by the regiment is taken by hangers-on who pick the leftovers clean. Even a sorry old nag or a disreputable dog come remains.

Restless and clamorous days now follow; days made deafening and confused with the shouting and co-mingling masses. Days of drunken hilarity and joyousness come and go; the distance between Austrian factions spreads and the factions fall apart from one another. After them all slinks the wary and watchful enemy.

It is at this juncture that the detachment of Italians comes into view. It comes in armored cars and blinding guns are belied by the flags of truce they carry. The city awakes immediately to this new sight and everyone turns out to meet the Italian in sympathy and in fact joyful at this development and alongside the incoming enemy, pushing down Yugoslav standards and replacing them with their own country's. An hour later an Italian division enters the city and assumes peremptory occupation.

English Literature

By Elsie M. Desmond, No. 173, SSCU, Cleveland, Ohio

A scholar, literary man and philosopher, King Alfred is known for all of these. He lived in 840-901.

He translated into Old English the works of scholars and philosophers in order that the people might have enlightenment. People never heard of "Latin" a language" until Alfred's time.

He translated Bede's Ecclesiastical History, Boethius' Consolations of Philosophy and St. Augustine's Soliloquies.

In the Anglo-Saxon Chronicle, the history of English recorded for about two centuries and a half after Alfred's reign. Literature was making little progress in the period of the earlier part of the Chronicle. The pages of this history contain some examples of early poetry, the Battle of Maldon and the Battle of Brunanbush (937).

The poem "The Grave" is one of the best pieces of literature in this period.

REWARDS IN CASH

The regular cash awards for enrolling new members remain in effect throughout the SSCU's gigantic juvenile convention and athletic conference membership campaign. Which means that candidates who aspire to become delegates to the second athletic conference are entitled to the following cash awards, in addition to the round trip railroad fare to Ely, Minn. and return and four dollars a day expense allowance:

For New Members Enrolled in the Adult Department:

\$8.00 for each \$3,000 death benefit;
\$6.00 for each \$2,000 death benefit;
\$5.00 for each \$1,500 death benefit;
\$4.00 for each \$1,000 death benefit;
\$2.00 for each \$ 500 death benefit;
\$1.25 for each \$ 250 death benefit;

For New Members Enrolled in the Juvenile Department:

\$3.00 for each \$1,000 death benefit in plan "JC";
\$2.00 for each \$ 500 death benefit in plan "JC";
\$2.00 for each enrollment in plan "JB";
\$0.50 for each enrollment in plan "JA".

The foregoing cash awards are payable after three assessments have been collected from the newly enrolled member.

NAT'L SSCU TENPIN TOURNAMENT

For Championships of the SSCU to be held

APRIL 22 & 23, 1939, IN CLEVELAND

ST. CLAIR-EDDY ALLEYS, 12320 ST. CLAIR AVE.

Our SSCU is offering the following cash prizes:

For Men		For Women	
1st prize	\$30.00	1st prize	\$20.00
2nd prize	\$15.00	2nd prize	\$10.00
Team Champs	10.00	Team Champs	5.00
Doubles	7.50	Doubles	5.00
Singles	5.00	Singles	5.00
All Events	7.50	All Events	7.50

Entry fee is \$1.00 a member for each event in the men's division; and 85 cents for event in the ladies' division.

Entries Close April 10, 1939

All entry blanks accompanied by entry fees should be forwarded to athletic commissioner Louis M. Kolar, 6233 St. Clair Ave., Cleveland, O. For entry blanks write to Louis M. Kolar.

Unless entries designate a preference to bowl one or two events on Saturday, April 22, and the balance on Sunday, April 23, arrangements shall be made to include such entry for Sunday only. This means that those who are entered in all three events and who wish to bowl on Sunday only will have to roll the entire nine games in one day.

Imena kandidatov za delegate

na tretjo mladinsko konvencijo in drugo atletično konferenco

Names of Candidates for Delegates

to the Third Juvenile Convention and Second Athletic Conference

Za mladinsko konvencijo: For Juvenile Convention:	Za atletično konferenco: For Athletic Conference:
Okraj — 1 — District	Se nobeden.
Mary Kaucic (53)	None as yet.
Robert Palcic (222)	
Okraj — 2 — District	Max Fink (36)
Louis Omar (36)	
Okraj — 3 — District	Francis Snelor (26)
Francis Arch (26)	Joseph W. Matichich (26)
Isabella Arch (26)	Frances Balkovec (26)
Robert Jurgel (26)	Mary L. Bodaack (182)
Albin Sever (26)	
Anna Poslusney (182)	
Okraj — 4 — District	John Bratkovich (40)
Mary Bobnar (183)	Rudolph Yerina (40)
Anna Petermell (154)	
John W. Supancic (40)	
Okraj — 5 — District	Patrick Melio (125)
Amelia Miheleic (125)	Mario Cocovitch (125)
Eugene C. Melissa (125)	Anton Dolence (185)
Frances Prah (55)	John Prah (55)
Frank Stepich (55)	
Okraj — 6 — District	Rudolph Kuznik (138)
Louis Kuznik (138)	Ralph Kovacic (138)
Victor Scarton (138)	Louis Drobnick (35)
Okraj — 7 — District	F. J. Progar (228)
Helen Knafelic (221)	William Stavor (228)
James Peternel (221)	Rudy Progar (228)
Antonia Cvetan (31)	Joseph J. Yohman (228)
Hugh M. Kovarik (33)	Mary Oblack (221)
	Robert Yearm (221)
	Edward Hudale (31)
Okraj — 8 — District	Edward Mikec (149)
Veronica Barbic (149)	Stanley Progar (149)
Jacqueline Schimmel (232)	Mary Milavec (75)
Mary F. Pernishek (148)	John Zitzko Jr. (75)
James Bradach (149)	Julia Milavec (75)
Okraj — 9 — District	Lillian Rudolf (37)
Stanislav Rudolf (37)	
Joseph Rudolf (37)	
Okraj — 10 — District	John F. Kardell (180)
George Kovitch (186)	Joseph Birk (173)
Henry Kovitch (186)	Anna Prosen (173)
Elsie Desmond (173)	Albert Jelerich (185)
John Kapelj Jr. (71)	Frank Korosec (186)
	Anton Drenik (71)
Okraj — 11 — District	Cecilia Seme (132)
Frank Tanko (132)	George Kellope Jr. (132)
Joseph Seme (132)	John Strukely (6)
Frank Levar (132)	Louis Sustersic (155)
Frank Jere (6)	
Okraj — 12 — District	Steve R. Babich (229)
Amelia Klancar (44)	Frank Mekina (44)
George De Lost (229)	Frank Vlasich (229)
Okraj — 13 — District	Frank Zakrajsek (165)
Joseph Banich (45)	
Okraj — 14 — District	Henry Adamich (66)
Albert Adamich (66)	
Frances Musich (66)	
Okraj — 15 — District	Frank Rode (94)
Erwin A. Harey (170)	Anton Krapenc (70)
Frank Novak (94)	Mildred Vogrich (124)
Joseph Oblak (70)	Anton Stanovnik (94)
Elizabeth Strauss (124)	
Jennie Simenc (211)	
Okraj — 16 — District	Joseph Strauss (9)
Katherine Besner (9)	Anton Mersnik (225)
Eleanor Lange (225)	Anthony Kalisek (225)
Milan Peich (225)	Anna Wesendorf (82)
Leopold Kolar (82)	Frank Kestner (9)
Marion Pogorelec (225)	Joseph Schmetz (9)
John Kestner (9)	Joseph Matichich (82)
Anna Spehar (9)	
Edward A. Bernik (144)	
Okraj — 17 — District	Joseph Kovach (1) Elected
Matthew Banovetz (1) Elected	Joseph Milkovich (114)
Roselina Mantel (1) Elected	Frank Tomsich Jr. (1)
Margaret Lambert (114)	
Rose Koprivnik (1)	
Okraj — 18 — District	Louis Pecheh (2)
Louis Rebol, Jr. (2)	Frances Seme (2)
Robert Champa (184)	Angela Grahek (184)
Okraj — 19 — District	Se nobeden.
Amelia Korosec (120) Elected	None as yet.
Justine Korent (200)	
John Korosec (120)	
Okraj — 20 — District	Olga Pleshe (150)
Frank Ambrozich (30)	Andrew Boyvutz (30)
Rose Sterle (30)	Rose Globokar (230)
Jeanette Amestadi (30)	
Angeline Rudolf (30)	
Albin Zalokar (30)	
Vera Pagliacciti (30)	
Thomas Racchini (30)	
Goldie Miklaich (150)	
Dorothy Kochevar (230)	
Okraj — 21 — District	John Pucel (85)
Dolores Muhvich (133)	Jennie Koritnik (133)
Margaret Bradach (85)	
Okraj — 22 — District	Joseph Laurich (25)
Carolyn Kern (54)	
Anna Laurich (25)	
Okraj — 23 — District	Emil Zebre (28)
Charles Brodarich (11)	
Joe Kropusek Jr. (28)	
Elsie Strauss (134)	
Okraj — 24 — District	Joseph Yershin Jr. (15)
Rachel Merhar (15)	John Muhich (42)
Theresa Rupar (42)	
Okraj — 25 — District	Chas. H. Chitwood (201)
Joseph Brezinski (21)	Joseph Mishmash (201)
Louis Shray (21)	
Helen Okoren (21)	
William Mausar (21)	
Mary Ambrozich (21)	
Okraj — 26 — District	Louise Logar (233)
Jacob Prunk (84)	Nicholas Krmpotich (140)
Elizabeth Trojak (84)	Ernest Prian (118)
Jennie Logar (233)	George Paulich (101)
Clara M. Prian (118)	John Koss, Jr. (168)
Joe Koss (140)	Henry Valencich (34)
Angeline Yakopich (168)	
Okraj — 27 — District	John Stankovich (105)
Anna Gornick (190) Elected	Mary Ann Smith (43)
Irene Spehar (190) Elected	Lillian Cebuli (88)
Dorothy Predovich (190) Elected	Mrs. Mary Predovich (190)
Marie Stimac (88)	Ann Crawley (190)
Louis J. Smith (43)	
Mary Petritz (190)	
Dorothy Ponach (190)	
Rose Banovetz (88)	
Okraj — 28 — District	Se nobeden.
Olga Udovich (176)	None as yet.
John Chacada (162)	
Mladinskij—Juveniles 101	Atletičnih—Athletic 86

ANTON ZBASNIK, glavni tajnik—Supreme Secretary

Professor Little Stan Inaugurates Juvenile Honor Roll!

By Little Stan, Campaign
Publicity Director

Ely, Minn. — Picture a national SSCU classroom with juveniles from every state in the Union in which our organization has branches in attendance. There are many smiling happy faces. The door opens and a tall stately young professor comes strolling in. He's got spectacles on his nose, a smile on his face as he says: "Good morning, my children!"

"Good morning, Professor," they chorus in unison.

And a tiny squeaky voice, a little late, chimes up from the rear, "We ain't your children, we're papa's and mama's." Everybody laughs, and so does Little Stan, for he is none other than the professor. Heh Heh.

But unlike other instructors, Professor Little Stan does not call for opening of books. He calls Eddie Poklar's band to the front, has them play a swing number! And do the children love it! Some guy told Little Stan to teach with swing! I reckon it helps.

When the sizzling number is over, Little Stan points to prize pupils who have qualified as delegates to the third juvenile convention. Taking the honor roll is Miss Amelia Korosec of Lodge No. 120, Ely, Minn., who has qualified for her third convention in six years! Then we have those fine looking young ladies from Western Sisters lodge in Butte, Montana who have already qualified: Dorothy Predovich, Anne Gornick and Irene Spehar. Next on the list they tell me are: Mary Petritz who will come to her second convention, and a newcomer in Miss Dorothy Ponach. Five in all. Back to Ely again where we learn that Matt Banovetz, a grandson of one of our first charter members and supreme officers, a member of Lodge No. 1 has also made the grade. Poklar's band strikes up the tune, "There's gonna be a Hot Time in the Old Town Tonight." — in honor of those who will enjoy wonderful vacations as guests of our SSCU'ers in Ely, Minnesota.

Professor Little Stan has other plaudits also. First he asks: "How many of you other candidates and members would like to make this same trip with... expenses paid?" A shout of unanimous agreement to the idea follows!

He urges all the youngsters to talk to their daddies and mothers when they go home, to try hard to enlist their help in making the grade. For the young students will be in safe hands, and will have a wonderful time. When they come home to their parents, you can be sure that they will be more than willing to help out with the chores. And a happy smile will prevail when they think of that wonderful time in Ely.

There is much enthusiasm, and classmates buzz together over the excitement of the trip. Professor Stan feels the juveniles will learn a fine lesson in geography without opening any books. For experience helps you to better understand and absorb book knowledge!

Amelia Korosec, our star pupil, will now sing a Slovene number accompanied by Poklar's band. She is greatly applauded and is called upon for encore.

Now coming to the Juvenile Honor Roll for March!

Star No. 1 goes to each of the following contributors to Nova Doba. Remember, when you have six stars, your place on the honor roll gives you a sweet prize. If you miss once, you

drop off, and have to start all over again.

We'll take them in order: Helen Prokop, age 10, of Lodge No. 90 in New York City had a sweet story about "The Poor Girl." This is her first letter, and she looks like she's going to stick right on and win a distinguished place on the Honor Roll of the SSCU.

Rose Koprivnik of Lodge No. 1, and this is also her first letter, elaborates on the beauty that awaits successful delegates. Edith Petrich of No. 30 in Chisholm is grateful for the dollar she received for her last article. She reports she received fine valentines.

Elsie Mary Desmond of No. 173 certainly had an interesting chronology of world events over the past year. Nice stuff, Elsie! From Morley, Colorado, Agnes Klobas, member of Lodge No. 140 tells us of school activities. Her sister was a delegate in 1937, remember?

Josephine Cerne of lodge No. 44, Barberton, Ohio, tells us that Sister Klancer is a candidate to become delegate to the convention. Her thoughts of the forthcoming convention are tops.

From Colorado's snow frolic town, Aspen, Miss Ella M. Gregerich talks of the world's largest ski court. Applauds Janiko N. Rogelj's and Mr. Terbovec's articles in the Slovene section. Bro. Rogelj and Bro. Terbovec are members of the supreme board. And she extends an invitation to Bro. Terbovec which even Little Stan might some day, accept.

Veima Tekavec of Lodge No. 78, Salida, Colorado, had a nice story titled "Lost." Bertha Krall of Lodge No. 26, Pittsburgh had her fifth letter published. Wintertown and an ice cream party were items of interest.

And a newcomer from Tower, Minn., Lodge No. 5, in Irene Pavlich, who certainly came through with a masterpiece. A couple of those words Little Stan had to look up in the dictionary himself. Her dad was a delegate to the Cleveland SSCU convention in 1936, and all members of the family are enrolled in the SSCU.

Violet Widgay of Lodge No. 89, Gowanda, New York anticipates the coming of that beautiful spring, submitted also a basketball story, "Don't Give Up Until The Finish," — a title which every candidate to the juvenile convention should adhere to!

Charlie Chadez of Oak Creek, Colorado, Lodge No. 21 submits his first letter. He is learning to ski, and if he can qualify to the juvenile convention he'll see Little Stan; if he doesn't — when he gets richer. You bet, we'll have a real heart to heart talk!

Fređa V. Lah, lodge No. 29, Coraopolis, Pa., writes of events in her community, tells of the weather, and a fine masquerade dance. She urges that Mary Vidmar and Ann Usenik hitch on and write interesting letters about the home town!

Dependable Lillian Brezovec of Lodge No. 36, Conemaugh, Pa., comes through with some dandy jokes. Giggle giggle, — that's Little Stan's gurgles!

Always a booster, Florence Dorothy Startz of lodge No. 129, writes another fine article. Does she boost Little Stan's stock or does she! Little Stan felt like a bashful rose when he read all the plaudits. His face — pleasingly pink.

Her sister, Margaret Mary Startz is following in her footsteps all right, and has turned in a fine piece of writing!

And lastly from one of our

first delegates, Miss Irene Spehar of Western Sisters lodge, Butte, Montana. She is proud and thankful and happy at being elected delegate to the third convention! She urges everyone to do their share to be elected. More people makes for more fun you know!

Fine work! Keep it up now every month, and win yourself a niche carved in the SSCU Hall of Fame! Work hard to become delegates and Little Stan will see you on the adult page! OK! Turn me over!

Contributions From Junior Members

ELY, MINN.

DEAR EDITOR AND JUVENILES: I want to thank you very much for the dollar award I received for my last letter sent in to the Nova Doba. I also want to thank Anne Gornick and Irene Pavlich. You girls both sent in such splendid letters. Fine. Keep it up girls!

At last Ely is coming to the front, right at the heels of Butte, Montana. Ely has now, one, the very first candidate who has qualified as delegate to the Athletic Conference, and this is Mr. Joseph Kovach. He has a grocery store right across from our house. He is a splendid young business man. He has two sweet little girls and a beautiful wife. We also have two juvenile delegates, Amelia Korosec and Mathew R. Banovetz.

Amelia Korosec is elected delegate now for the third time. I think this is a wonderful record. I want to congratulate the above Ely delegates. Ely SSCU members are very proud of being first in the race for the athletic conference campaign and second in the juvenile campaign.

Anne Prosen, I read the article about you in the Nova Doba and I think your outstanding achievements show that you work hard and I know that along with myself many of us SSCU members are very proud of you. We are very proud of you. We are glad you are so talented in so many different ways. I want to congratulate you Anne Prosen, and I hope you reach the goal you are now working for and be here in Ely in August as a delegate to the athletic conference.

Last Sunday, March 19, it was Mr. Joseph Zallar's birthday and my friend Jennie Zallar made her father's birthday cake. It certainly turned out swell. Jennie is a born cook and a good dressmaker. We were asked over to Zallar's house and believe me, the cake was delicious. Mr. and Mrs. Zallar and Jennie are so very nice to me. I want to thank them for all they did for me. Zallars have a big, ponderous lemon tree and it has two large lemons growing on it. It is a beautiful tree.

My dad's sister, Mrs. Molly Golobich, was elected as delegate to the Slovenian-Croatian Convention to be held in Calumet, Michigan on April 27. She will represent St. Anne Lodge, No. 11 of Ely. My aunt Molly was born there at Calumet, Michigan, so was my dad. I want to congratulate my aunt, and I hope she will have a nice trip. All of the Golobich family are members of the SSCU.

Gloria Terbovec is starting something new, an autographed blouse. That is, she is having all her friends autograph it and then she embroders the names on. I am proud of having been asked to write my name on a piece of paper clearly and fairly large and send it to her. You see, Gloria can transfer it to her blouse by means of carbon paper. It will mean a lot of work and patience, but it will be well worth the work and time. It will be something anyone should be proud of and proud to wear. It will be a very precious souvenir of friendship.

On March 12, our Girl Scout troop entertained our mothers and friends at an afternoon dessert bridge party at the Community Center. We are working on the Hostess badge now. We had St. Patrick decorations at the party.

I suppose you juveniles don't know that Elsie Desmond is assistant editor of her school paper which is a responsible position. She wouldn't tell about it herself so I thought I would tell you juveniles. I want to congratulate her for being assistant editor and also for being an honor student.

Since I wrote last, Justine Korent and I played together for the Slovene Women's Union No. 23. We enjoyed playing for them very much. There was a large crowd.

Louis M. Kolar, I received your letter today. I understand. I thank you very much. Your wonderful inspiration has kindled a flame in me which will slowly burn and inspire me to go on.

Florence Dorothy Startz (Age: 14) No. 129, SSCU

DENVER, COLORADO

DEAR EDITOR: This is my first letter to the Nova Doba. I have been reading most of the juvenile letters which were sent in by other members and I think that they are very interesting.

Ge! The months sure go by fast. Just think Easter is already over. I guess everyone is wishing for summer to come along, at least I am.

Now that the campaign is in full swing some members are working very hard to make this campaign a great success. Remember that it is our duty to make our lodge grow. Work and enthusiasm will do the trick. Although I am not taking part in this campaign, I do wish the delegates and also those who are trying to be delegates good luck.

We sure have fine weather here in

Denver. It's so warm just like summer. Well, I think that I'll be closing with best of luck to all.

Rose Platt (Age: 13) No. 21, SSCU

OAK CREEK, COLO.

DEAR EDITOR: Colds, headaches, sore throats accompanied with sneezing, sniffing and coughing have visited almost every person in this community. Failure of the students to come to school because of this cause urged the doctors to inquire if the schools could be closed. This has not been done as yet.

The tournament games were staged at Craig this year. Our boys didn't do as well as was expected of them. They all felt so weak and weary because of this epidemic that it was difficult for them to play.

In our literature class we are now reading that fascinating and interesting novel "A Tale of Two Cities." It is one of the most popular works of Charles Dickens. In World History we are studying the unification of England and France.

It is a topic of interest which is a connecting link to our present day affairs. In Biology we are now taking up the plant and animal kingdom. Dissection is done frequently by the pupils and also other types of experimenting.

Because of our appreciation of receiving an Annual last year and of the tremendous joy we received glancing through its pages, they are now publishing another. It is to be a larger and even better Annual than that of the previous year, and we are looking forward to receiving it soon. As years roll by we still have an Annual which we can open and memories of school days will come rolling back as page after page is turned.

I hope this letter will prove to be interesting for the letters of the other juveniles certainly interest me.

Anna Bell Chadez (Age: 15) No. 21 SSCU

SAN FRANCISCO, CAL.

DEAR EDITOR: Well, at last comes an opportunity to write to the paper, I finally got through to the bottom of my homework papers, thus my chance to write this letter.

Yesterday I finally went to our Golden Gate International Exposition. You've probably heard it mentioned quite a bit by people who intended to visit it. These people are really going to enjoy it! They have the most beautiful scenery that I've ever seen! In the daytime we enjoyed the beautiful lakes surrounded by the loveliest flowers, Japanese Buildings, and Chinese, Hawaiian, and New Zealand exhibits, among others.

In the evening, the most interesting thing, to us, was just sitting and looking at the wonderful lighting effects in the Court of the Pacific. They were truly marvelous!

At any time, there are many free exhibition buildings, such as the Illinois Building, Hall of the Western States, etc. Then there is the Gateway where the children and the grown-ups for that matter, can thoroughly enjoy themselves. There are many concessions and musical shows.

For those interested in nature and beauty, may I recommend the Pacific Basin Area. As we stand by the lake or sit in one of the Japanese Buildings, we watch the rippling waters stream under the picturesque bridges, and see the lovely purple, white, and multi-colored flowers bordering the lake. We see the terraced Oriental gardens, with their weeping-willow trees, shrubs, lawns, and pretty flowers.

The service on the ferries and with-in the fair grounds is really remarkable. There are many roller chair operators to take you wherever you want to go for a reasonable price. There are the courteous, neat and informative guides to show the way to the visitor and direct lost children to safety. The vendors, guides, roller chair operators, and cashiers are all trained to treat their customers with the utmost courtesy.

The Hall of Science is probably one of the most educational exhibits I have seen so far. It shows the functions of the human body and explains and diagnoses various kinds of illnesses. Also very interesting are the electrical, educational (schools, colleges), homes and gardens and communication exhibits.

When you get hungry, aside from the hot-dog and popcorn stands, there are the numerous little restaurants. For chocolate and a few other beverages, by all means visit the Ghirardelli Chocolate Building for the grandest chocolate you ever tasted!

Well, I shall close now.

Very sincerely,

Gloria H. Terbovec, No. 141, SSCU

STRABANE, PA.

DEAR EDITOR AND JUVENILES:

I am very sorry I did not write last month. Spring is here and the weather is getting warmer. With spring here it isn't very long till the final exams come, so we better be prepared for them.

On March 4, my girl friend and I went to get a blank filled for a new member. While we were walking she asked me if I'm getting dressed in the evening and I told her if I have a place to go and she smiled. While we were on our way home a friend told me that Mrs. Zigman wanted to see me, so we stopped in at her kitchen. We waited a while but no one came so we went out. In front of the hall the doors were opened so we peeped in. We saw her in there so we went in. I looked around and saw women and lots to eat. It looked as if they were getting ready for something. She

started to tell me about fine times and always she started to laugh. Then she finally told me. She told me they were going to have a surprise party for my mother to celebrate her 15th wedding anniversary this evening. During the week Mr. Zigman went out to Verona, Pa. to tell Mr. and Mrs. Rok Cesar to come on Saturday. They came just as we finished supper that evening. They said they were going soon. In the evening I told my brothers because none of us knew anything. We went down to the hall. Later in the evening Mr. Zigman came over and after a little conversation managed to get my parents to go to the hall. When they came we surprised them. Boy, what a sight. My mother was crying and my father was laughing. Mr. Ludnic played and everyone was happy including my mother even though she cried at the beginning. Singing also took place. There was everything to eat and plenty of it so I don't think anyone was hungry. Later in the evening they opened the gifts. There surely were some beautiful gifts. When all of them were opened there was one more left; it was addressed from the old country and several Italian stamps on it. It was wrapped up in paper and paper. My mother was going to give out by that time she had the paper taken off. There was a little package. She opened it up and there was a little rubber doll and a harmonica. We were here till early next morning. That day we kept on talking about this and that; what happened the day before. My mother wants to thank everybody or being so kind to remember her on that day.

I guess that will be all for this time so I'll sign off until next time.

Veronica Barbic No. 149 SSCU

LOUISVILLE, COLO.

DEAR EDITOR:

This is my first letter to the Nova Doba, although I have been reading the interesting articles sent in by the members for a long time.

Just how I became a member of the SSCU was a surprise to me. One day while visiting my uncle in Lafayette, Mr. Okoren from Denver was out trying to get members and he got my dad into joining, my brother and myself as members of our SSCU. It was all done so fast that I could hardly believe one could become a member so quick.

This year I am in the seventh grade in the Louisville Junior High. This grade is in the high school building and I live only three houses away from it. Our classes take up at 8:30 a. m. and we are dismissed an hour at noon, then we return at 1:00 p. m. and go until 2:50 p. m. The class periods last 55 min. This new schedule was made last year because of lack of room in the building; the high school takes up the same time we do, but they are dismissed at 3:20 p. m.

A new high school is being built at present, and it is a distance of 6 blocks from our home.

The cost is estimated to be \$90,000. It was started sometime in December and we hope it will be completed in September in time for us to enter it in the fall. My sister's class hopes to have the honor of being the first to graduate from it. This building we now occupy has been condemned by health officers, and no plays or commencement exercises are held in it. They are held in the Redmen Hall.

This semester I am taking seven subjects, while last semester I had eight. The boys have one-half a year of Industrial Art and the girls have one-half a year of Home Economics. I have made several useful things in Industrial Art this year.

Every Friday during the last half hour in the afternoon, the 7th and 8th graders have a social hour; we have to go down into the gym and dance. There several teachers instruct us in how to follow and lead a partner in dancing.

This town has a population of 1,800. There are only a few Slovene families but there are many French and Italians living here. Denver is only a distance of 23 miles from Louisville. Because of this short distance we attend many Slovene dances which are held in the Slovene Home.

Rudy Slavec (Age: 13) No. 21, SSCU

KLEIN, MONTANA

DEAR EDITOR:

Although this is my first letter to the Nova Doba, it certainly isn't going to be my last. I have been planning to write for a long time and have finally gotten around to it. There seems to be quite an increase in the amount of writers for this section and I certainly hope the good work continues as I enjoy reading all letters.

Well, I'm certainly glad spring is here at last as I didn't have so much fun this winter. The reason is that there wasn't enough snow at one time to go skiing or sled riding.

I am a freshman and have a great deal more fun in high school than I did other years. I guess I talk more now and make more noise as we don't have grades for conduct.

Now, with warm weather here I can go bicycle riding which I think is a lot of fun. Also these days I am having a lot of fun playing basketball.

I now have my name on a pen pal page in a comic book, and I am receiving letters from just about everywhere. Some of my hobbies are reading, writing letters, and drawing. I can't think of anything else to write for my first letter but hope to have more to tell you next time.

RADIOVOJ REHAR:

SEMISIRIS

ROMAN

A šel jo je tudi Asarhadan. Jedka bolečina mu je presunila srce in najrajši bi bil izdrl bodale, planil proti Abusirisu in ga umoril. Toda zavedal se je, da bi bilo s tem konec njegovega življenja in vseh velikih načrtov. Zato je premagal srd in bolečino ter navidezno mirno in vdano pozdravil zmagovalca.

Tedaj so se med divjim vzklikanjem množice pridruživ na planjavo piramid tudi že Abusirisovi konjeniki, sami mladi, orjaški vojščaki, cvet Atlantide. Za njimi so prihajala krčeva slonov z bojovníki na hrbtih; sledile so dolge vrste skupaj zvezanih ujetnikov in čete pešcev. Ob pogledu na utrjene, sestradane in zamazane rdečepolte ujetnike, ki so stopali dalje sklonjenih glav in hrbtov kakor klavna živina, so pričele množice vreščati in tuliti. Najrajše bi bile planile nanje kakor zveri in jih žive raztrgale na kose. Vendar so se zadovoljile s psovskimi in sirovimi govotipi ter z užitkom, ki jim ga je povzročalo njihovo telesno in duševno trpljenje.

Samo Aftagad je strmel vanje tiho, vse pogreznjeno. Kljub vsej svoji plitvi in lahkomišljeni mladosti je razumel, da so ti ljudje, ki jih semisirske množice psujejo in pljujejo nanje, sorodniki njegovega azteškega ljudstva, daljnja kri njegove krvi. In prvič je razumel besede Asarhadanove, ki mu jih je tolikokrat govoril, besede o krutosti in oblastiželjnosti Atlantov, zatiravcev ljudstev vsega znanega sveta. Iz tega spoznanja mu je resla nova volja in nenadoma ga je prevzela želja, da bi planil pred faraona faranov, ga udaril s pestjo in obraz ter mu zaklical:

"S kakšno pravico uničuješ svobodo rdečepolnih ljudstev? S kakšno pravico mučiš moje brate? Izpusti jih! Dovolj jim, da se vrnejo v svojo domovino k svojim materam, ženam in ljubimcem, ki koprne po njih! Vrne neodvisnost mojemu azteškemu narodu in mojemu očetu Ilmagadu!"

Potem se je zagrebel v nove misli: "Čemu tratim čas v Semisiru? Čemu poveličujem s svojo navzočnostjo še sam njegovo kruto veličino? Ali smo mi res manj vredni ko Atlant? Vsi smo otroci Najvišjega, vsi smo ljudje, četudi kože različne barve."

"Sedaj te razumem."

"Ker vidiš z lastnimi očmi sovraštvo Semisiru do vseh, ki niso njihovega rodu," je odvrnil Asarhadan. "A bojim se, da še vedno ne vidiš vsega. Po cesti ženejo le Inke, ki so po krvi bratje tvojega ljudstva, toda nekdo so gnali tako tvoje lastne prednike in med njimi tvojega očeta, kralja kraljev. Iztrgali so ga iz rok dedu, vzgajali ga po svoji volji v vazala in ga šele potem spet izpustili, da se je v njihovem, ne v svojem imenu in v imenu svojega ljudstva vrnil v deželo večernih gora."

"Tudi tega sem se spomnil. Tudi tega se zavedam," je vzkliknil Aftagad. "Od tega trenutka dalje sem tvoj zaveznik za življenje in smrt."

"Hvala ti! Potreboval te bom."

Asarhadanove nadaljnjše besede je prekinil grd prizor. Orjaški inški ujetnik, čisto častnik, se je predvrnil, da se je prepirljivo ozrl v faraonovo spremstvo. Telesna straža je opazila ta njegov pogled, navalila nanj in ga prebodla, razsekala in raztrgala na kose kakor besna zver svoj plen. V velikih kurkih je brizgala kri mučenega naokoli in pordečila cesto. Množica pa je tulila krvičljivo in zmagoslavno kakor krčeva divjakov.

Aftagad in Asarhadan sta prebledela, nato pa jima je planila nenadoma vsa kri v lica. Stisnila sta pesti in zobe.

"To je njihova kultura, moriti zvezane ljudi..." je siknil Asarhadan.

Za izmučenimi ujetniki so prikoralale čete pešcev. Tudi ti so bili trudni, oznojeni in zaprašeni, vendar so burno pozdravljali faraona faranov, njegovo spremstvo, vojsko in ljudstvo.

Sprejema na planjavi piramid je bilo konec. Semis Ofiris je stopil v nosilnico, za njima so dvignili Abusirisa, Semisa Isisa, Ofirijo, Tutalisa in ostalo spremstvo. Tudi Asarhadan in Aftagad sta morala z njimi, dasi bi bila ostala rajša sama in šla peš nazaj v mesto.

Ogromno ljudsko valovje se je polagoma stekalo nazaj v reko, ki je usmerjala svoj tek proti Semisiru. Godci so igrali zmagoslavne pesmi, vojščaki so peli, meščani vzklikali in kričali, se gnetli, prepirali, šalili in smejali. Samo manjša dvorna četa je ostala na obrežju, da zadržuje razovarjanje galej in spravljanje plena. Za njo se je gnetlo tudi nekaj radovednežev, večinoma žensk, ki so se naslajale nad jokom in tuljenjem suženj, ki so jih zmagovalci pripeljali s seboj in jih odganjali v mesto kakor živino. Nekateri so bile popolnoma gole in so sramežljivo z rokami zakrivala dele svojih teles. Moški so zbijali sirove šale, ženske so se histerično hihitale. Proti domu so se napotili šele pod večer, pa tudi še ne vsi. Med tistimi, ki so vztrajali najdlje, sta bila tudi Savaagak in Buramak...

Na dvoru Semisa Ofirisa je bila razkošna zabava, proslava zmage nad Inki, ki se je udeleževalo tam zunaj za oči in ušesa dvor tudi vse prebivalstvo srca sveta. V dvornih dvoranah so plesale faraonove in obredne plesavke, igrali godci na harpe in druga glasbila, peli peveci in opojne pijače so se razlile po tleh. Blizajla se je noč divjih bakanalij.

Asarhadan in Aftagad sta se udeleževala proslave zmage z bolečino v duši. Asarhadan je trpel zaradi Ofirije. Vedel je, da se blizajo najusodnejši trenutki njene zaroke z Abusirisom. Ves večer je skušal, približati se kraljici svojega srca, a bila je vedno v bližini slavljenega zmagovalca nad Inki, kateremu se ni hotel klanjati in se je ogibal srečanja z njim. Aftagad je pa mislil na inške ujetnike in na smrt mladega rdečepoltega junaka. V njegovo dotlej skoraj otroško lahkomišelnost duši so se odpirale neslutene globine in iz njih je vstajalo nenadno dozoretje, čudežno spoznanje stvari in reči, ki so mu bile tuje in daljne.

"Kdo jim daje pravico?" se je spraševal, "da uničujejo svobodo tujih ljudstev? Po kakšni postavi izjemajo milijone, da se kopljejo v bogastvu in uživanju, v razvratu? Zakaj je moj oče, kralj kraljev, podložen faraonu semisirskega? Zakaj mu mora pošiljati odkupnino? Zakaj se poti in trudi moje ljudstvo za to požrešno, brezsrčno družbo pijavk? In čemu sem pripeljal Semisu Ofirisu svojo sestro?"

(Dalje prihodnjič)

Janko N. Rogelj:

Ne zanima se več



J. N. Rogelj

Kako razmolični in čudni so ljudje. Skoro neverjetno je, da bi človek pozabil na mladostna fantovska leta, na prijetno in srčno vasio, na mnoga in sladka doživljanja, na svojo drago in ljubljeno dekle, na brate in sestre; a kdo bi še verjel, da more pozabiti človek v Ameriki na svojo mater in očeta! In vendar je vse mogoče na tem svetu.

Rekel bi, da je to mogoče pričuenemu materialistu, ki hoče zatrepi v sebi vse, kar je bilo lepega in srečnega v mladostnem doživljanju stare domovine. Morebiti je to mogoče pri človeku, ki si je iz radovednosti in fircbe spremenil misljenje, da bi bolj imponiral drugim ljudem, ki same sebe vprašujejo: "Kaj sem in zakaj sem to postal?" Morebiti! Toda njih srca ne niso tako pokvarjena, kakor so pokvarjeni njihovi obrazi in fablonski izrazi in besede, katere česna, kadar stresejo svojo namršljeno filozofijo. Da bi se vsaj enkrat pogledali v ogledalo, da bi vedeli, kdo stoji pred njimi.

Toda slučaj, katerega vam hočem crisati, je vse nekaj drugega. Moj prijatelj Frank, ki živi v Ameriki že četrto leto, je postal tak čvrst fant, da ga mu ni par v čeli vasi. Da bi ga ti videl, kako se smejati s polnimi usti zdravilni zob, samo kreneni to kmaleko zdravje puhti iz nje ga...

On gleda skozi okno na cesto tako živo in zamišljeno, da mu tudi jaz sletim z mojim pogledom. Umakne pogled iz ceste in pravi:

"Ti, Janko, si že katerikoli videl, kako se naklada žito na parnike. Pogled naš nedeljski jutranji list, Sakrabolt, prav tisto ladjo so fotografirali, na kateri jaz vodim vse stroje za nakladanje. Vidiš, za tem kolesom stojim, moj sodelavec stoji na tem koncu, da pazi na korita, po katerih spolzi žito v ladjo."

Kaže mi slike ter pripoveduje in opisuje vse operacije, ki jih mora napraviti, da spravijo železniški voz žito v ladjo. Tako navdušeno govori, da je kar zanimivo njegovo opisovanje. Toda jaz sem prišel v njegovo hišo, da mu povem novice iz domače vasi. Zato nadaljujem:

"Majša sestra mi je naročila, da misli priti na svetovno razstavo v New York. Potem bi prišla na obisk tudi k tebi, ker ti te tako rada videla po dolgih letih. Lepo dekle je sedaj, de nar imas, da leže pride tebe pogledat, kakor ti njo..."

Prijatelj Frank ne posluša dosti, kaj mu pripovedujem. Lista po nedeljskem časopisu; že je našel pravo stran časopisa, ter kaže:

"Ti, tukaj pogled! Sapraviš, če bi ga ti videl, kako teče. Ne zaženeš tako žoge, da bi je on ne udaril. Potem pa leti, kot bi ga ognjena strela nesa. To je moj sin, ki hodi v kolegiji. Ves, saj je majhen kot jaz, ampak teče, da se kadi za njim..."

Oba gledava časopis. Pod sliko čitara inena žogometnih igralcev, med njimi je tudi ime njegovega sina. Med tem on priklina z glavo ter grize zoboblec. — Cigareta mu ni ugajala, še do polovice jo ni pokadil.

"Lepega in korenjastega fanta imaš," pohvalim sina.

"Veš, sedaj bi ga radi tudi pri nogometni igri. Sam profesor je prišel prosit za dovoljenje. Preveč je nevarna tista igra. Lansko leto so dvema kosti polomili. Nak, ne bom ga dal; če se podpisem, potem bom sam plačeval zdravnike," pripoveduje in odmajuje z glavo.

ta v Ameriko. Tragedija se je pričela v tem, da je bil oče premlad, da bi odstopil kmetijo starejšemu sinu, a ta starejši sin še "premlad," da bi se ženil. Torej vzrok te poznane in vskladane tragedije v naši starokrajski vasi je bil ta, da je bil oče premlad, in tako tudi sin je bil premlad.

Tako je pred pet in dvajsetimi leti odšel v Ameriko moj prijatelj Frank, evet naše vasi, korenjak naših fantov in ideal naših zaljubljenih deklet. Odšel je v tujino, izgubil se je, kakor da ga je domača vas zanesla med grobove na vaško pokopališče.

"Kaj nimaš ognja?" povprašuje Frank.

"Imam v suknji."

Stopim do stola, kamor sem položil mojo suknjo, da si poiščem vžgalice. Med tem že Frank ponuja ogenj, s katerim si je prižgal svojo cigareto.

"Frank," pričujem z zanimanjem pripovedovati, "vrnil sem se iz Jugoslavije pred par meseci. Tudi pri vas sem se oglašil, prav v vaši hiši sem bil. Mica mi je naročila, da naj te pozdravim, kakor tudi ženo in vse otroke..."

Moj prijatelj ne kaže kaj dosti zanimanja za moje pripovedovanje. Prestreže mi besedo: "Sam sem doma. Žena in otroci so šli v mesto. Iz, saprabolt, da bi ti videl moje otroke. Taki so kot risi."

Povedal je s takim naglasom, da so se zasvetile njegove oči.

"Veš, Frank," nadaljujem, "tudi brat Janes je iz otroka postal tak čvrst fant, da ga mu ni par v čeli vasi. Da bi ga ti videl, kako se smejati s polnimi usti zdravilni zob, samo kreneni to kmaleko zdravje puhti iz nje ga..."

On gleda skozi okno na cesto tako živo in zamišljeno, da mu tudi jaz sletim z mojim pogledom. Umakne pogled iz ceste in pravi:

"Ti, Janko, si že katerikoli videl, kako se naklada žito na parnike. Pogled naš nedeljski jutranji list, Sakrabolt, prav tisto ladjo so fotografirali, na kateri jaz vodim vse stroje za nakladanje. Vidiš, za tem kolesom stojim, moj sodelavec stoji na tem koncu, da pazi na korita, po katerih spolzi žito v ladjo."

Kaže mi slike ter pripoveduje in opisuje vse operacije, ki jih mora napraviti, da spravijo železniški voz žito v ladjo. Tako navdušeno govori, da je kar zanimivo njegovo opisovanje. Toda jaz sem prišel v njegovo hišo, da mu povem novice iz domače vasi. Zato nadaljujem:

"Majša sestra mi je naročila, da misli priti na svetovno razstavo v New York. Potem bi prišla na obisk tudi k tebi, ker ti te tako rada videla po dolgih letih. Lepo dekle je sedaj, de nar imas, da leže pride tebe pogledat, kakor ti njo..."

Prijatelj Frank ne posluša dosti, kaj mu pripovedujem. Lista po nedeljskem časopisu; že je našel pravo stran časopisa, ter kaže:

"Ti, tukaj pogled! Sapraviš, če bi ga ti videl, kako teče. Ne zaženeš tako žoge, da bi je on ne udaril. Potem pa leti, kot bi ga ognjena strela nesa. To je moj sin, ki hodi v kolegiji. Ves, saj je majhen kot jaz, ampak teče, da se kadi za njim..."

Oba gledava časopis. Pod sliko čitara inena žogometnih igralcev, med njimi je tudi ime njegovega sina. Med tem on priklina z glavo ter grize zoboblec. — Cigareta mu ni ugajala, še do polovice jo ni pokadil.

"Lepega in korenjastega fanta imaš," pohvalim sina.

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Se nekaj išče v časopisu, pa kar ne more najti. Zelo modro se drži, čelo se mu gubandi, z zobmi stiska zoboblec. Tiste lepe in žive oči, katere so z magnetično silo motile hrepenec in ljubeznjive vaške mladence, sedaj s počasnimi utripi iščejo prostor, kjer bi se ustale. Toda njegove oči so še vedno jasne, svetle in žive.

"Frank," ga ogovarjam, "prijatelj Kolesček je še vedno enak, prav to piče tak, kot sva ga midva zapustila. Še vedno vozari s konji, poka z bičem in potrpašje po totaku. Prav tako se smeje na en zob, ki je bil tak velik, da daje tisto nepozabljivo karakteristiko njegovemu smehu. Kaj bi bil on, če ne bi imel tistega zoba?"

On še vedno lista po časopisu. Nagloma stopi v kuhinjo ter prinese še nekaj priloge nedeljskega časopisa.

Kar sem mu povedal od prijatelja Kolesčka, ga prav nič ne zanima. Zato sem premišljeval, kaj bi mu povedal, da bi obudil v njem trohico zanimanja na polno vas.

"Ti," mi pravi, "pojdi z menoj v klet, ti pokažem mojo zalogo. Saprabolt, le pojdi z menoj!"

Po stopnicah stopiva v snažno klet, kjer je vsaka stvar tako lično in v redu spravljena. Razkazuje mi hrastove deske ter opisuje od kakšne vrste hrasta so bile odžagane. Različne vrste lesa je tam naložen; Jesen, gaber, oreh, mecesen, smreka, borovce, itd. Razkaže mi zalogo ovsa, iži in pšenice, s katero kmeti domače zajce. S ponosom mi pripoveduje, kako rad zabaja v klet, da preklada les in deske, katere hrani za poznejše čase. Kakor bi govoril iz njegove prvi lezni trgovci, tako resno prihajajo besede iz njegovih ust.

"Frank," mu pritrjujem, "še veš, kako smo hodili po hrastovih deblu ter jih vozili na žago. To so bili časi, ko sva sečela na vozu, a konji so vlekli težke vozove. Takih konj ni bilo daleč na okoli, kakor so bili vaši konji."

Mislil sem, da mu obadim spomin na tiste čase, da pričeva pogovor o domači vasi, njenih ljudeh in navadah. Njega ne zanima to. Povabi me, da greva na vrt, kjer ima nekako dvoranico, v kateri je napravil stanovanj za domače zajce. Pripoveduje mi, koliko ima zajcev za plemje, koliko mladičev, in koliko mladih še pričakuje v par tednih.

Nato greva zopet v hišo. Ponudim mu cigareto, toda jo odkloni. Skoro ne vem več, kaj bi se pogovarjal z mojim prijateljem, ki je postal pravi čudak. Prišel sem k njemu, da bi me in izpraševal o novostih iz Slovenije, toda on ne kaže nobenega zanimanja za vse, kar je zapustil v domovini. Iščem v mojih mislih nekaj, kar bi vendar moralo zanimati. Na misel pride njegov oče in mati. Zato poiskam sita takole:

"Frank, ko sem bil v vaši hiši, kjer si bil ti rojen, kako sem pogrešil tvojega očeta. Se spomniš, kako vesel in korajžen je bil tvoj oče; za vsako besedo je imel humoristični odgovor, da smo se smejali brez prestanka. In kako izvrstno je znala pogovor razpletati tvoja mati. To so bili časi našega življenja."

Tudi to ga ne gane. Postaja pa namiren. Zopet išče nekaj po časopisu. Z iskanjem hoče odgnati vsak spomin ož sebe.

"Ja, ja," naglašuje, "vojska bo kmalu. Hitler ne bo čelne zažulil, čeprav jim je vzel Krkonoše. Če bo vojska v Evropi, bo dosti dela v Ameriki. Takrat bo manjkalo delavcev na WPA v Ameriki. Saprabolt, še bo prilika, da napravimo denar za naše čase."

Domov pride žena, za njo otroci. Predstavi me kot svojega prijatelja, ki je prišel v njegovo mesto po opravkih. Ne omeni prav nič, da sem bil v Sloveniji

ter da mu prinisam novice o njegovih sorodnikih. Predstavi mi sina, katerega slika je v nedeljskem časopisu. Z zavestjo in ponosom ga gleda. Poglej ostale otroke, ki se prišli domov. O vsakemu pove, kam hodi v šolo in kako se uči.

Sedaj govori sam ozi, kako je delal po pivovarnah, kako se danj naldada žito na ladje na michiganskem jezeru. Govori o hitrici, da bi jaz ne imel pri sebi govoriti o domači vasi in Sloveniji. Žena poseže v besedo ter mu pomaga reševati pripovedovanje, kjer se on ne more spomniti kakšnih imen ali pravega časa, kdaj se je zgodilo.

Jaz samo poslušam in prihajam do spoznanja, da je najtolsje, ako se poslovim. Iz prijateljevega obraza spoznavam, da bi bil tudi on menda zelo zadovoljen, ako bi kaj kmalu odšel iz hiše.

Vstanem, sežem po suknji, da se poslovim. Sin mi pomaga obliči suknjo. Žena me prigrvarja, da naj še ostanem. Prijatelj Frank menda nevede odpre usta, pa mu pada zoboblec na tla. Njegov obraz je sedaj vse drugačen, ker nima v ustih zoboblec. Njegova brada je zelo nemirna. Čuden vtis napravlja njegov obraz. Njegove oči so zastale, kar steklene se mi zdijo, vsaj za hip, toda čez to stekleno površino njegovih oči priteče — solza.

Poslovili smo se skoro molče. Spremlil me je do obcestnega hodnika ter gledal za menoj, dokler nisem zavil v stransko ulico.

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do te misli?" — "Ker ste mi nili hrbet, sire. Svojim sorodnikom ga niste še nikoli pokazali. Napoleon je bil nad tem odgovorom tako presenečen, da je nasmehnil in mu dal poro.

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