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Ameriška bratska zveza je samo bratska podpora organizacija brez vsakih drugih primes, in kot tako uspeva.
 Ohranimo jo tako!

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DRUŠTVENE IN DRUGE SLOVENSKE VESTI

Zednjene države so zdaj oficielno in faktično v vojni z Japonsko, Nemčijo in Italijo. Omenjene tri države so napovedale vojno Ameriki in naši republike. Jim je od svoje strani tudi napovedala točno vrnila. Vojna je sedaj svetovna vojna v pravem pomenu besede. Od tujih dnevnih zvestav ne bo klonil red vsem besi sveta!

V Exportu, Pa., in sicer v prostorij Antona Kovačiča, se bo v soboto 20. decembra zvečer vršila božičnica z Miklavževim obdarovanjem članov mladinskega oddelka društva št. 138 ABZ. Na prireditve so vabljeni tudi odrasli člani in članice.

Skupno božičico za člane svojih mladinskih oddelkov, kateri tudi za odrasle člane, priredi vseh pet k raznim slovenskim podpornim organizacijam spadajočih društev v Gowandi, N.Y., v soboto 20. decembra zvečer. V skupini teh društev sta tudi dve društvi ABZ. Prireditve se bo vršila v Slovenskem domu.

V Evelethu, Minn., se bo v nedeljo 21. decembra vršila božičnica za člane mladinskega oddelka društva št. 25 ABZ. Na programu bodo filmske slike in Miklavževi obdarovanje otrok. Prireditve bo v Slovenski narodni dvorani na Pierce St. in se prične ob pol dveh popoldne.

Slovenska mladinska šola S.N. Doma v Clevelandu, Ohio, priredi v nedeljo 21. decembra popoldne božičnico v auditoriju Slovenskega narodnega doma na St. Clair Ave. Na programu bodo deklamacije, petje in igra "Šola v nebesih." Po igri bo Miklavž razdelil darila učencem in drugim. Zvečer bo ples in prosta zabava.

V Slovenskem domu v Sharunu, Pa., se bo v sredo 24. decembra zvečer ob 8. uri vršila božičnica z bogatim programom. Čisti dobiček prireditve je namenjen fondu Jugoslovenskega pomožnega odbora, slovenska sekcijska.

Stirideselsettnico ustanovitev bo proslavilo društvo št. 26 ABZ v Pittsburghu, Pa., z banketom, katerega priredi v nedeljo 28. decembra zvečer v Slovenskem domu na 57. cesti. Slavnostni govornik na prireditvi bo glavni tajnik Anton Zbašnik.

Federacija društev Ameriške bratske zveze v zapadni Pensylvaniji bo zborovala v nedeljo 28. decembra v Pittsburghu, Pa.

Na Silvestro, to je 31. decembra zvečer, se bosta v Elyu, Minn., vršili dve veliki zabavni prireditvi, kateri priredi lokal št. 6, Jugoslovenskega pomožnega odbora. Ena teh prireditve bo v Community Bldg., druga pa v J. N. Domu. Čisti dobiček teh prireditiv bo oddan Ameriškemu rdečemu križu.

V Johnstownu, Pa. so se poročili: Adolph Glavach in Carrie Rose, ter Stanley Klučevšek in Rosie Vrhovšek. Stanley je bil nedavno odpuščen iz ameriške armade, kamor je bil poklican med prvimi vpoklicanci.

V Denverju, Colo., je 25. novembra umrla Agnes Sadar, članica društva št. 21 ABZ. Pólojnjica je prišla v Ameriko leta 1889, in sicer v Cleveland, (Dalje na 4. strani)

SEZONSKA RASTLINE

Vsi večji ameriški prazniki prinese v ospredje gotovo vrsto rastlin. Tako so na primer, za Veliko noč v modi bele lilije, za praznik Neodvisnosti vrtnice, za Zahvalni dan krizanteme, za Božič pa smrečje, poinsetije, božje drevce ali holly, teloh ali božične rože in omela.

Božičnih dreves, katera predstavljajo večinoma raznih vrst smreke, jelke in borovci, se v Zedinjenih državah porabi na milijone. Ta božična drevesa prihajajo večinoma iz naših severnih držav.

Se mnogo več kot božičnih dreves pa se v Zedinjenih državah v božični sezoni porabi znanih božičnih vencev. Kamor kolikor se obrnete, vas pozdravi božični venec. Ti venci so večinoma spleteti iz večjih ali listja rastline, ki smo jih v starem kraju imenovali božje dreve. Rastlina je včasi drevesasta, včasih grmičasta in je vedno zelen. Listi so trdi in večinoma bodičasti. V starem kraju so veje te rastline prišle včasih v poštev za cvetenonedeljske butrate. Botaniško ime te rastline je Ilex aquifolium. Angleška ozroma ameriška označba za to rastlino pa je holly.

Ameriški holly, ki se botanično imenuje Ilex opaca, se deli v mnogo podvrst ter raste divji po naših vzhodnih in srednjezapadnih državah, pa tudi na jugu in jugozapadu. Največ hollya za božične vence prihaja iz Kalifornije, kjer raste kot gošto grmovje po drugače nerodovitnih peščenih gricih. Razne vrste hollya najdemo tudi po naših parkih in vrtovih. Te vrste hollya so drevesničari vzgojili iz divjih vrst, ki rasto po gozdovih. Po državah vzhoda v srednjem zapadu prinaša holly drevesničarjem lepe dohodke. V božični sezoni se porezane veje te vedno zelenne rastline prilečno dobro prodajo, še več dohodkov pa prinašajo mlade, v drevesnicah vzgojene rastline, ki jih ljudje kupujejo za svoje vrtove. Te rastline so vedno zeleni in po zimi navadno okrašene z lepimi rdečimi jagodami, ki so prijazne za pogled, obenem pa privabljajo tudi ptice. Nekateri gospodarji v božični sezoni kar ta na vrtu rastoča zeleno drevesca okrasijo in proglasijo za božična drevesa.

V Južni Ameriki raste neka vrsta hollya, ki ga domačini imenujejo mate. Listje te rastline rabijo domačini za čaj, Indijanci pa so nekdaj posušeno listje "mateja" pušili kot tobak. V Ameriki se za božične okraske rabi tudi pmela, ki je znana pod imenom mistletoe. Ta vedno zelena rastlina je zaledava in raste kot taka na debilih in debelejših vejah jablan, hrastov in še nekaterih drugih dreves. V Sloveniji smo našadi omelo naši na mokljah, jablanah in hrastih. Iz lepljivih jagod omele so otroci delali ptičji lim.

Veliki žarno rdeči cveti po injeti, pravi ali naslikani, nas v božični sezoni pozdravljajo od vseposvod. Te rastline se pri nas goje le v rastlinjakih, ker naše zime ne prenesejo. V naših južnih državah pa rasto vse leto na prostem. Domovinska dežela po injeti je Mehika, od koder je bila k nam importirana.

Rastlina, ki se v Ameriki imenuje Christmas rose, botanično pa Helleborus niger, je evropskega izvora, dasi ima tudi v

Bodimo pripravljeni!

Naša svobodna in draga domovina je v vojni proti ubijalcem svobode, bratstva in človečanstva. Zavratno je bila napadena. Zdaj se bije boj za pravico in demokracijo vsega sveta. Naša domovina Amerika je stopila na branik z vso svojo močno silo, zastavila je vse, bogastvo in življenje, da resi s krvjo pridobljeno svobodo svojega naroda ter narodov vsega sveta. To je boj na življenje in smrt.

Bodimo pripravljeni, bratje in sestre Ameriške bratske zveze! Naj ne bo samo naša dolžnost, da doprinašamo žrtve, to naj bo naša predpravica, da pomagamo z našim delom in imetjem—vsak čas in vse povsodi. Izpovejmo se, da visoko cenimo našo svobodo in željeni način življenja. Naj ne bo med nami omahljica v teh težkih časih, ko je pomoč slehernega izmed nas neprecenljiva in potrebnata. Stojmo trdno in zavedno v najbolj temnih dneh naše ameriške republike, kajti po naporih našega prizadevanja in trdne volje bo vedno sijalo sonce svobode nam in našim potomcem.

Dajte in pomagajte, učite in prosite, da niti eden izmed nas ne zamudi največje in najdragocenije prilike v svojem življenju, ko je potreba braniti najsvetejše v razumu, moči, lepoti in mladosti—vojo in mojo svobodo!

Janko N. Rogelj,
 gl. predsednik ABZ.

BOŽIČNA POŠTA

Federalni poštni departement apelira na občinstvo, da v tej predbožični sezoni upošteva nekatera vpreosta pravila, ki bo pospešila dostavo poštnih pošiljk in olajšala delo poštnega dela. Pomniti je treba, da se v predbožični sezoni dvigne poštni promet za povprečno 200 odstotkov. To pomeni, da ima poštna uprava na rokah trikrat toliko dela kot običajno.

V prvi vrsti priporoča poštni departement, da se vse božične pošiljke odpošiljejo kolikor močno zgodaj pred praznikom; to velja za kartice, pisma in zavitke za božičnimi darili.

Naslovni na pošiljkah naj bodo pisani razločno, bodisi s pisanim strojem ali s tinto. Na pisnih in zavitkih naj bo razločno naveden naslov naslovnika in odpošiljalca. Naslov odpošiljalca naj bo v levem gornjem vogalu pisma ali zavitka, znamke, potrebne za poštnino, pa naj bodo v desnem gornjem vogalu. To so navidezno malenkostne določbe, toda za poštne uslužence, ki imajo opraviti z milijoni pošiljk, pomeni veliko izgubo časa, če morajo iskati znamke po vsem teritoriju pošiljke in če morajo studirati, kateri naslov se tiče odpošiljalca in katere naslovnika.

V primeru, da je odpošiljalec pozen in se boji, da pošiljka ne bo dospela v roke prejemnika pred božičem, se zamore, poseb-

SOSEDA NA ZAPADU

Naša sosedna na zapadu je Japonska. Res, da je med Zedinjenimi državami in Japonsko okrog 6 tisoč milij Pacifičnega oceana, toda kljub temu je Japonska zelo važna soseda. To izvirok, ker hoče biti po Hitlerjevemu vrgledu absolutna vladarica na Pacifik in Daljnem Vzhodu. Amerika ima v Pacifiku važna posestva, kot na primer Havaj, dalje so vsaj začasno še v njenem varstvu Filipini, in velikega pomena zanje je trgovina s Kitajsko in Vzhodno Indijo. Od tam dobiva Amerika več važnih surovin. Kontrola Japonske na Pacifik in na azijski celini nikakor ni v gospodarskem in političnem soglasju z Zedinjenimi državami.

Japonska sama je priljčno majhna dežela, sestoječa iz petih večjih in kakih 600 manjših otokov, blizu azijske celine oziroma Kitajske. Meri okrog 147.000 kvadratnih milij in šteje okrog 65 milijonov prebivalcev. S Korejo in nekaterimi drugimi posestvi, ki si jih je pozneje na en ali drugi način pridobil, pa meri okrog 260.000 kvadratnih milij, ali približno toliko kot naša država Texas, in šteje okrog 90 milijonov prebivalcev. Dežela je gosto naseljena in velik del ozemlja je nepripraven za obdelovanje. V deželi tudi manjka raznih surovin za industrijo, kot olja, železa itd. Japonska mora importirati precej živil za svoje številno prebivalstvo in različne surovine za svojo industrijo. Njen glavni izvoz tvorijo svinja in raznovrstni industrijski izdelki. Do nedavnega časa je bila Amerika najboljša odjemalka njene svile in drugih izdelkov ter ji je v zameno pridelala olje, železo, bombaž itd. Zaradi agresivnega nastopanja Japonske je zadnje čase trgovina med Zedinjenimi državami in Japonsko popolnoma ustavljena. V Japonskem gospodarstvu se to zelo počna, posebno še vsled tega, ker njena vojna s Kitajsko, ki traja že peto leto, silno je zavrela.

Uradni naziv Japonske je Dai Nippon, kar pomeni po našem "Velika dežela vzhajajočega sonca." Tudi njena zastava kaže sliko vzhajajočega sonca. Nominelni vladar Japonske je cesar Hirohito, ki ga podaniki smatrajo za neke vrste božanstvo. Po starosti legendi, kateri vsaj preprosto ljudstvo veruje, je japonski cesar otrok ali potomec sonca in lune v 124. letu. Začetnik dinastije ozimskega potopila italijanske vojske in ladje. Tako smo enkrat lansko imeno mož izjemoma in z velikimi težavami posrečilo dobiti dovoljenje za njeno vrnitev v Ljubljano. Pokojnine, ki so se v Ljubljani izplačevali osebam, bivajočim v neposredni bližini mestna, ki se je zasedli Nemci, čeprav že pol leta, a nihče ne more ponje. Draginja je tako, da plača državnih nameščencev komaj zadostuje za hrano in za kurjavo.

Italijanske oblasti imajo dela čez glavo z ljubljanskim univerzitetom mladino, ki več časa posveča patriotskemu delovanju, kakor pa učenju, in vsako priljubljeno izkorisča za vprizarjanje nemirov in izgredov. Mnogi ljubljanski dijaki so zapleteni v tržaško veleizdajniško gibanje. Večje število mnogih obljubljajočih mladine se nikdar ni vrnilo iz Srbije in Bosne, kjer so bile njihove vojaške edinice ob izbruhu vojne. Z velikimi zamudami in po mnogih ovinkih prihajajo vesti o smrti tega in drugega pogrešanca v borbah na strani srbskih četnikov. V italianoščini potopila italijanske vojske in ladje Gorizia, Pola in Zara, ki so vse imele popačena jugoslovanska imena. Pred par tedni pa je avstralska križarka Sydney v Pacifiku potopila oborožen nemški tovorni parnik Steiermark. Zasutnjena Spodnja Štajerska je bila s tem vsaj nekoliko maščevana.

Nemci so nedavno bombastično sporočili svetovni javnosti, da so na ruski fronti ujeli sina ruskega zunanjega komisarja Vjačeslava Molotova. Ko so Molotov povedali to novico, se je nasmehnil in dejal, da bi bilo poročilo lahko resnično, če bi on sproščil kakega sina.

V Clevelandu imamo tednik, katerega urednika v resnicu zavidi. List izhaja ob četrtekih in, kadar je v četrtek praznik, list tisti teden sploh ne izide. Izšel ni na Zahvalni dan, izšel ne bo na Božič in izšel ne bo na Novo leto. V manj kot dveh mesecih tri tedne počitnic, ali ni to idealno? Pri nas pa mora list iziti in dan prej ali en dan posneje, če je v sredo praznik. Ledeni sreda v letu si smem vzeti za praznik in list suspendirati. Pravimo, da smo bratje, toda počitnicah si že nismo.

Neka nemška podmornica je pred dnevi na Atlantiku potopila angleški parnik, namenjen v Ameriko, natovoren s škotskim whiskeyjem. Mi bi rekli, da je tudi to nekoliko pomagal, da je bila v kongresu napoved vojne Nemčiji odobrena v 70 minutah.

V listih čitamo, da se v Trstu

RAZMERE V LJUBLJANI IN OKOLICI

Dopisniški urad jugoslovenskega poslaništva v Washingtonu pošilja spodaj navedene vesti iz Ljubljane in okolice, povzete iz poročila nekega očiščnika:

Nemci so zasedli mnoge kraje na Gorenjskem, ki leže ob desnem bregu Save. Meja med nemškimi in italijanskimi zasedenimi kraji je tako zastražena, da je prehod nemogoč. Pretrgava je vsaka zveza med obema deloma Slovenije. Ljubljanski hišni posestnik, ki ga je vojna zavlekla v žalost, je v Ljubljano. Ostal je brez sredstev, kajti na jenemine mu čez mejo ni mogoče poslati. Slično je zena nekega ljubljanskega inženirja, ki jo je zasedba presenetila blizu Domžal, moralna tam čakati vse do oktobra, ko se je jenemenu mož izjemoma in z velikimi težavami posrečilo dobiti dovoljenje za njeno vrnitev v Ljubljano. Pokojnine, ki so se v Ljubljani izplačevali osebam, bivajočim v neposredni bližini mestna, ki se je zasedli Nemci, čeprav že pol leta, a nihče ne more ponje. Draginja je tako, da plača državnih nameščencev komaj zadostuje za hrano in za kurjavo.

Državne oblasti imajo dela čez glavo z ljubljanskim univerzitetom, člena Akademije znanosti v Ljubljani. Oba sta si pridobila nevenljive zasluge za razvoj slovenske pravne znanosti in za vzgojo slovenskega pravniškega naraščaja.

Dr. Matija Dolenc, ki smo žalostno vesti o njegovi smrti prejeli že pred meseci, je bil učenjak svetovnega slovenskega običajnega pravca. Med mnogimi njegovimi deli, knjigami in znanstvenimi publikacijami naj omenimo samo njegove izčrpne "Zgodovino slovenskega prava" ter prevod Novakovićeve izdaje "Dušanovega zakonika."

Pred kratkim je prišla vest, da je premiunil dr. Rado Kušec, predavatelj cerkvenega prava na univerzi v Ljubljani. Pokojnik je prišel v Ljubljano, da se kontrolira vojaška klika. Kabinet je odgovoren samo cesarju,

Janko N. Rogelj:

Domovina

Dve domovini imamo. Eno onkraj morja, zavito v črno tančico gorja, solza, krvi in trpljenju. Imamo drugo domovino, ovečnačeno s svobodo, z bratstvom, z lepoto in s človečanstvom. Kako globoka in brezobrežna je ta silna razlika.

Božič je tu! V slahernemu in z med nas se je zganilo nepojasneni, močno in izrazito sočutje do prve in mladostne domovine onkraj morja. Vse polno rastnosti spominov vre iz čutečega sreca na one sončne dni našega mladega in brezkrbnega življenja. Lepo je bilo. Oh, to so samo še sanje, prav lepe in čiste sanje iz davnih, davnih dni. Ah, da le ni prišla skrb, ki je vse trpljenje našega življenja!

Pozabimo! Pač ne moremo. Kri ni voda! Vsi smo podobni pisateľju Stritarju, ki je zapisal sledče besede:

"Kdor je čul v svojih otročjih letih doma blažene glasove božičnega zvona, naj biva onkraj morja, na drugem koncu sveta, naj mu bo otrplo srce v žalostnih izkušnjah življenja: ko mu pride sveti večer, tedaj se mu zbuditi teh glasov spomin; zdi se mu, da mu zopet done, kakor so mu nekdaj doneli v daljni domovini, v srečni mladosti, ki je tako daleč, tako daleč za njim."

Naša rojstna domovina je daleč za nami. Skoro pozabili smo na njo. Kdo ne bi pozabil na njo v deželi medu in mleka, v obljubljeni deželi preko morja. Mačeho Avstrijo smo mrzili, nevesto Jugoslavijo so nam komaj predstavili. Kdo nam more zameriti, ako smo otopeni, pozabili in pozabili. Taki smo danes; razmire so nas našle prav take, kakršni smo: Ameriški Slovenci, narod, ki se razlikuje od Slovencev onkraj morja. Živimo svoje tipično ameriško življenje, v zagonu za ameriške razmere, dogodek in življenje. Amerika nas je objela, Amerika nas je priklenila na sebe, Amerika nas je osamosvojila. Čutimo, da smo del te velike rdeče, zemlje, ki je bila zaščitnica bolnih in razočaranih duš leta in leta. Njeni adoptirani otroci smo, polni hvaležnosti in sreče, da smo še svobodni pod zvezdnato zastavo velike in silne ameriške republike. Z velikim razumevanjem spoštujemo izraz ameriške demokracije, ljubimo njeno veliko svobodo, v kateri se gibljemo in živimo ob slovenski pesmi in besedi. Kje na svetu bi imeli toliko predpravice, prostoti in prilike do svojega naravnega udejstvovanja? Zato pa smo ob tej prisrčni goštoljubnosti postali tudi oboževatelji širokogrudne ameriške naklonjenosti.

Amerika je naša! Mi smo tudi njeni!

Poleg nas so odrasli naši otroci, rojeni Amerikanici. Kako srečna sta oče in mati, ko gledata svoje otroke, ki so bili rojeni v deželi izobilja. Kdo ne želi svojemu otroku boljšega življenja, kot ga je doživil sam. Amerika ima vse pogoje in obilnosti, pripravljene za one, ki se potrdijo do dela in izobrazbe. Tako je! Naši otroci so deležni vsega, kar ima Amerika. To je njih rodna zemlja, a naša velika in dobra zaščitnica, sedaj naša skupna domovina.

Vsi imamo radi to zemljo, zato smo postali državljanji te prostrane dežele od New Yorka do San Francisca, od Canade do Texasa in Floride.

Da, ameriški državljanji smo. Prestopljeno in slovensko smo prisegli svojo zvestobo tej božati in širni Ameriki. Prisegli?



J. N. ROGELJ

Samo za dobre in sončne čase? Ne! Prisegli smo tudi, da smo pripravljeni braniti nam izročeno svobodo in prostost.

Amerika nas kliče, da, kliče nas naša domovina. Obljuba dela dolg, velik dolg, ki ga mi dolgujemo gospodljubnosti naše domovine, Amerike. S pomnoženo zavestjo in silo moramo odgovoriti, da bo odjeknilo preko slovenskih naselbin v Ameriki. Prav vsi: mi in naši otroci.

Amerika je v vojni, to je tudi naša stootstotna zadeva. Kot ameriški državljanji ne bomo delili naše moči in naša dela, mi imamo sedaj samo eno domovino, in ta je Amerika, ki se je postavila na branik vseh počašenih narodov, med katerimi je tudi rodna domovina onkraj morja.

To je naša srečna in svetla prilika, da s stootstotno pomočjo Ameriki, pomagamo tudi našim bratom in sestram v domovini. Ne cepite vaših simpatij, vašo pomoč in vaše delo; kot ameriški državljanji bomo pomagali le Ameriki. Zmagoslavna Amerika bo gorovila za naš narod onkraj morja, le potom njene besede moremo doseči nekaj. Vsako drugo vmešavanje bo v nesoglasju z ameriškimi težnjami in boji v bodoče.

Božič, praznik miru in sprave, praznik rojstva in novega življenja, praznik svetlobe in lepot, praznik globokega upanja in sladkih spominov, bo storil tudi v slovenske hiše preko prostrane in svobodne Amerike.

Skoro čisto smo pozabili tebe, prva domovina onkraj morja. Krivda ni naša.. Naša nova domovina nas je opomnila, da je šla vojna grozota preko vas ter se pri vas tudi ustavila. Naše simpatije so z vami, bratje in sestre, a nemagljiva in človečanska Amerika, naša sedanja domovina, je zastavila svoje bogastvo in sile, da vam vrne svobodo in prostost. Ne moremo vam direktno pomagati, ker nismo več podaniki rodne domovine, ampak vse svoje moči, želje in hotenie bomo ponudili naši sedanji domovini, Zdrženim državam ameriškim, da doprinesemo svoj skromni slovenski del na altar Svobode. Naša nujna potreba je, da rešimo svojo domovino, ki je danes v vojni s tistimi, ki so pre-gazili vas domovino.

Božič gre skozi težke in mračne dni, groznejšega menda ne pomni zgodovina. Težko nam je, kdo čutimo vašo bolest, težko nam je, ko padajo mlada ameriška življenja. Toda obupali ne bomo, ob božičnem premisljevanju se bomo vzdignili kot plamen preko neba ter zanesli mehko in čisto misel v srca vseh, ki trpijo in se borijo za najsvetješi ideal človečanstva, — za Svobodo srca in razuma, narodov in življenja.

Kri ni voda! Kri Amerikanec je nasičen in prepojen s Svobodo. Zmaga je na strani Amerike, Rusije, Kitajske in Anglije, ki se borijo za svobo-dovo vsega sveta.

DOPISI

Hermine, Pa. — Člani in članice društva "Veseli slavček," št. 154 ABZ, so vabljeni, da se kar mogoče polnoštevilno udeležijo glavne ali letne seje, ki se bo vršila v nedeljo 21. decembra. Bil sem zdaj štiri meseci odšten iz naselbine, na prihodnji seji se pa spet vidimo. Kot sem slišal je moj namestnik, brat podpredsednik, tekom moje odsotnosti zelo dobro vodil društvo, zato priporočam, da ga na prihodnji seji dvignemo za eno saržo. Bratje in sestre, ne pozabite tudi, da bomo po seji imeli prijateljsko zabavo. Biše kaj napisal, pa nas je sobrat urednik nedavno prosil, da bi bili vsaj v tem predbožičnem času kar mogoče kratki z dopisi. Videl sem zadnjo izdajo. Nove Dobe, kako je bila natrpana z dopisi, in če mora urednik vse da tudi primerne primake. To-

tiste dopise prepisati oziroma na novo sestaviti kot mojega, se mi kar malo smili. Da moj dopis ne bo predolg, ga končam kar takoj.

Frank Vozel.

Braddock, Pa. — O kakšnem posebnem napredku ne morem pisati, niti glede društva št. 31 ABZ, niti glede federacije. Sicer pri društvu ravno ne nazajujemo, to se pravi na članstvu. Glede mojega žepa pa ne morem pisati o napredku, ker me je zadnji meseč potegnil kar za tri mesece asesmenta. Take so tajnikove sladkosti, in mislim, da jih ne bo konec, dokler tege sladkega posla ne oddam drugemu. Na letni seji bo ta prilika.

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SEZONSKIE MISLI

Božična sezona na svoj poseben način kliče na pozornico že v davnih časih zamišljeno idejo bratstva. Bratstvo v širšem smislu pomeni, da se ljudje medsebojno spodbujemo, da smatramo soljudi za sebi enake, da si medsebojno pomagamo in da svojemu bližnjemu, ki je v širšem pomenu vsak človek, ne storimo, kar ne bi želeli, da nam stori kdo drugi. Tako bratstvo so že pred tisočletji propagirali plemeniti ljudje, na primer Buda in Konfucij, ki sta živelka nekako sredi šestega stoletja pred našim časoštrevom, in, ko se je rodilo krščanstvo, je temeljilo na sličnih idejah bratstva med ljudmi.

Ako se bo kdaj v praksi med ljudmi uresničilo tako bratstvo, bo svet postal paradiž. Žal, da je danes na svetu tako malo ali morda še manj bratstva, kakor ga je bilo za časa Konfucija. Vojne strahote dosegajo zdaj več svet. Vse vojne so bile odločno zanikanje bratstva, toda moderne vojne so v tem oziru še posebno temeljite, ker niso omejene na vojne fronte, ampak se razlivajo preko dežel in kontinentov ter na en ali drugi način segajo v vsako mesto in vas, v vsako hišo, v vsako družino. Milijone ljudi je pregnanih iz njihovih domačij, milijone civilnega prebivalstva je bilo pobitega, milijoni so umrli vsled trpljenja in pomanjkanja in nadaljnji milijoni polagoma umirajo. Na velikem delu tega planeta so bili zadušeni vsi vidni plameni bratstva v strahotni temi tiranije in suženjstva.

Toda ideja bratstva tli v sreih plemenitih ljudi in se bo polagoma spet razširila v plamene, ki bodo pregnali smrtno temo. Ideja bratstva ni mrtva, kakor niso mrtve življenjske koli, ki tekom mrzle zime počivajo globoko pod snegom, ob dihu pomladni pa planejo na dan in s pestrim cvetjem naznanjajo, da je premagana zimska noč in tiranija.

Nam je dobra usoda naklonila srečo, da smo dosegaj mirno živel v deželi sonca, kjer so bili pogoji za preovit bratstva in prijateljstva. In še vedno se gibljemo v soncu svobode, kakrsne ni nikjer drugje na svetu, dasi zdaj tudi proti tej deželi pada grozeča senca vojne. Naše predstraže na Pacifiku že žrtvujejo dragoceno življenja za obrambo našega sončnega sija, da seneca vojne ne doseže ameriškega kontinenta. Mi smo prepričani, da bodo uspešne. Toda pomagati jim moramo od tukaj z vzdrževanjem visoke morale, s produkcijo in s financami. Sploh ne sme biti za nas nobena žrtev prevelika za ohranitev svobode in ameriškega sistema življenja. Pomnimo, da če bi padla ameriška demokracija, bi z njo padlo vse, kar je za nas dobrega in življenja vrednega na svetu. V svobodi te dežele bodo lahko nemoteno žareli kresovi bratstva, in, ko bo prišel čas, bo plamen teh švignil tudi tja, kjer danes vlada strahotna tema tiranije in suženjstva.

Naša republika je danes v vojni, toda materialno za enkrat še nismo toliko prizadeti, da bi bilo vredno resnih pritožb. Vse povprečne udobnosti si lahko privoščimo in sezonska voščila in darila se bodo izmenjavala skoro kakor po navadi. Zato bi bilo priporočljivo, da ameriški Slovenci v tej sezoni ne pozabimo popolnoma naših zaščitnikov in trpečih bratov in sester v starem kraju. Vemo sicer, da jim za enkrat ne moremo poslati božičnih daril, da jim ne moremo poslati pomoči v nikaki obliki, toda prišel bo čas, ko bo tako pomoč možno na en ali drugi način poslati. Pomišlimo, v kakem stanju bodo tisti naši ljudje, ki bodo preživelvi strašno dobo sovražne okupacije: podhranjeni, brez obleke, bolni in onemogli! In v kakšnem stanju bodo še stotisoč tistih naših ljudi, ki se bodo vrnili iz koncentracijskih taborišč, iz pregnanstva v Srbiji, v Nemčiji in drugod! Njihovi domovi, ce jih bodo še našli, bodo izropani vsega, sami bodo izmučeni, duševno stuti, sestradanji in brez sredstev. Ali se nam ne bodo smilili ti reveži, ki so vendar kri naše krv!

Tu in tam se poudarja, da bodo ameriški Slovenci že poslali denarno pomoč tem revežem, kadar jo bo mogoče poslati, toda vsak jo bo poslal svojim lastnim sorodnikom. Ni dvoma, da bo vsak ameriški Slovenec, ki ima količaj srca in sredstev, skušal po vojni denarno pomagati svojem v starem kraju. To je prav in dobro, ker pomoči bodo krvavo potrebovali. Toda pomisliti moramo, da vsi starokrajski Slovenci nimajo sorodnikov v Ameriki. Ali tisti od vseh pozabljeni reveži niso vredni našega ušmiljenja in naše pomoči? Mnogi ameriški Slovenci pa tudi nimajo ožjih sorodnikov v starem kraju. Toda vsi starokrajski Slovenci so vendar naši sorodniki po krvi in jeziku. Ob prilikah raznih katastrof, ki so tekomp zadnjih desetletij zadele en ali drugi del Slovenije, smo zbirali vsi ameriški Slovenci prispevke prizadetim rojakom v pomoč, čeprav med njimi nismo imeli ožjih

sorodnikov. Ali bomo bolj trdorsčni zdaj, ko je starokrajsko Slovenijo zadeila najhujša katastrofa v njeni zgodovini?

V tej deželi danes ni dosti brezposelnosti in zaslužki so primeroma dobrni. Vsak ameriški Slovenec, ki dela in zasluži, si lahko privošči jedil, pijače, primerne obleke in kolikor toliko udobno stanovanje, ne samo v božični sezoni, ampak kadar koli. Ob prilikah kakih praznikov si privošči tudi kako razkošje, ki je po njegovem okusu. V tej sezoni se ponekod izmenjujejo tudi razna darila, ki včasih ne predstavljajo posebne praktične vrednosti, ampak le simbol prijateljstva. Kaj ko bi vsak ameriški Slovenec določil kot božično darilo trpečim starokrajskim rojakom vsaj en dolar! Prizadeti sicer ne bodo tistega darila dobili za božične praznike, toda kadar koli ga bodo dobili, bo velik praznik zanje. Tisti dolar ali dva ali pet ali deset naj izroči lokalni podružnici Jugoslovanskega pomožnega odbora, slovenska sekcijska, ali, če take podružnice v njegovem kraju še ni, naj dar pošlje glavnemu glagajniku Ameriške bratske zveze, ki ga bo odpdal na pristojno mesto.

Naša organizacija se imenuje Ameriška bratska zveza, njeno poslovanje temelji na bratstvu in neno glasilo propagira bratstvo. Bratstvo naj žari med nami člani in članicami, naj doseže vse ameriške Slovence, obenem pa naj seže preko morja in naj objame tudi naše nesrečne brate in sestre v zasužnjeni rodni Sloveniji. S tako izvajanim bratstvom bomo prispevali svoj del k ideji svetovnega bratstva, in naša usta in srca bodo govorila iskreno, ko si bomo voščili: vesle božične praznike!

Iz urada glavnega tajnika A. B. Z.

URADNA NAZNANILA

Tvrda, pri kateri smo naročili stenske koledarje za leto 1942, sporoča, da so bili koledarji razposlani na vse društva. Društvo smo poslali isto število koledarjev kot lansko leto. Vsakemu društvu smo poslali tudi en velik stenski koledar, katerega naj se obesi v dvoranu, kjer društvo zboruje.

IMENA NOVIH URADNIKOV

Ta mesec se vršijo volitve društvenih odborov za leto 1942. Tajnike vladno prosim, da sporočijo glavnemu uradu imena in naslove predsednika, tajnika, blagajnika, predsednika nadzornega odbora in društvenega zdravnika TAKOJ PO VOLITVI. Obenem naj sporočijo prostor in čas mesečnih sej.

POŠLJITE ASESMENTE ZGODAJ

December je zadnji mesec v letu. Društvene tajnike prav lepo prosim, da pošljete asesmente in poročilo o stanju članstva kakor hitro mogoče, ker bo treba takoj po novem letu zaključiti račune.

Vsem članom in članicam ABZ voščim vesle božične praznike ter srečno, zdravo in zadovoljno Novo leto. Ne pozabite na našo domovino Ameriko. Kupujte redno "United States Defense" bonde in znamke. Vojna potrebuje denarja in stalo bo denarja, da se porazi naše sovražnike. Investirajte svoj denar v srečo in blagostanje, v svobodo in demokracijo.

ANTON ZBASNÍK, glavni tajnik.

VSAK PO SVOJE

(Nadaljevanje s 1. strani)

jetsko republiko iz slovenskega dela Primorske, Štajerske, Koroske in Kranjske. V tem je dokaz, če bi ga bilo sploh treba, da se Slovenci ne počutijo preveč srečne v naročju Italije ali Nemčije.

V Chicagu je dne 4. decembra zažarel novo sonce "The Chicago Sun." Tako je prav. V teh časih vti potrebujemo več sonca, posebno ga pa potrebujemo v Chicagu, da vzdrži k pravemu amerikanizmu v ledovje zakovane apizarse in petokolone.

Dne 5. maja 1936, ko je Italija zasedla Addis Ababo, glavno mesto Etiopije, je Mussolini bombastično naznani vsemu svetu, da je Etiopija italijanska in da ostane italijanska na vekov vse. Danes pa ni v Etiopiji nobenega italijanskega vojaka ali oblastnika več. Pri nas doma so včasih rekli, da tisti bogovi, ki zelje jedo, nič ne vedo. K temu bi se lahko dodalo, da tudi tisti bogovi nič ne vedo, ki makarone jedo.

Berlin naznanja, da kljub pomankanju raznih komoditet, letos v Nemčiji ne bo manjkalo božičnih dreves. V Nemčiji je mnogo smrekovih gozdov izobraženi in vedo, kdaj so tepeči; zato so nedavno tako tekeli izpred Rostova. Še bolj izobraženi pa so v tem oziru njihovi prijatelji Italijani.

Pretekli teden smo čitali v Ameriki, Ali tisti od vseh pozabljeni reveži niso vredni našega ušmiljenja in naše pomoči? Mnogi ameriški Slovenci pa tudi nimajo ožjih sorodnikov v starem kraju. Toda vsi starokrajski Slovenci so vendar naši sorodniki po krvi in jeziku. Ob prilikah raznih katastrof, ki so skušale zavzeti mesto Medvedja gora na severni ruski fronti. Mi bi rekli, da je čisto razumljivo, da ruski medved ni bil pri volji pregištiti svoje Medvedje gore, smo zbirali vsi ameriški Slovenci prispevke prizadetim rojakom v pomoč, čeprav med njimi nismo imeli ožjih

V Nemčiji je bilo uradno zapovedano, da mora občinstvo sprejemati razne neprilike z našem. Salamsko kisel mora biti smeh, produciran na komando.

Pacični ocean, ki ga včasih v slovenščini nazivamo tudi Tihij ocean, te čase ne odgovarja svojemu mirnemu imenu. Razburkali so ga Japonci, ki že nad eno desetletje kalijo vodo na azijski strani istega. Pritlikavi mongolski Prusi so se končno zapodili tudi proti ameriški strani, brez napovedi vojne seveda, kakor so pred 37 leti storili proti Rusom.

Takrat je situacija za Japonce ugodno rešil takratni ameriški predsednik Teddy Roosevelt. Sedanji predsednik Franklin Roosevelt pa bo z Japonci drugač govoril. O tem smo lahko prepričani.

Znanstveniki so zadnja leta odkrili tisoče novih mrčesov, ki pretijo uničiti civilizacijo. Med njimi so nedvomno tudi nacisti in fašisti.

Nemci se pritožujejo, da so Rusi tako zabiti, da ne vedo, kdaj so tepeči, ampak se bojujejo kar naprej. Naciji so bolj izobraženi in vedo, kdaj so tepeči; zato so nedavno tako tekeli izpred Rostova. Še bolj izobraženi pa so v tem oziru njihovi prijatelji Italijani.

Današnji družabni red je res na glavo postavljen v več kot enem oziru. Medtem, ko morajo evropska ljudstva uživati kavo iz želoda, pridelujejo nekatere ameriške republike toliko prave kave, da ne vedo kam z njo. Ena teh je republika Nicaragua, ki je naprosila californijsko preskuševalnico, da pronađe kak primeren način krmnjenja kav in nemškim volkovom.

zrnjem. Če se poskusi obnesajo, bodo ameriške krave postale koferice in bodo morda, namesto mleka, dajale mlečno kavo.

Pretekli teden smo čitali, da so Nemci opustili misel na zavzetje Moskve to zimo. Če je poročilo resnično, bi kazalo, da je rusko grozje postalo za Nemce prekiso. In nam se zdi, da ni samo kislo, ampak da je tudi tako trdo zmrznjeno, da so si Nemci polomili zobe na njem.

Časi so izredni in izredni časom primerna naj bi bila tudi božična darila. Kaj ko bi za vas same ali za vaše drage kupili za božično darilo obrambno varčevalni bond Zedinjenih držav! To je najboljša in najbolj varna investicija, če je dobra in varna sploh kaka investicija na svetu. S tem varčujete in finančno pomagate sebi in obenem pomagate, da bo zmaga idej, za katerimi stoji zvezdnata zastava naše republike, prorivila srečo in mir ljudem na zemlji ...

Zaradi izrednih časov so tudi voščila nenavadna, tako rekoč izredna. Tako so v nedeljo 7. decembra Japonci prišli Ameriki dobro jutro voščiti z bombami na Havaj, in tri ure potem so nam voščili vesle božične praznike z vojno napovedjo. Par dni potem sta tudi Nemčija in Italija uradno voščili Ameriški vesle božične praznike z vojno napovedjo. Stric Sam je vse te ljubezljive čestitke vzel hladno na znanje in vsem trem iz zivalkam lakonično odgovoril vzporedno s sezonskimi voščili "... same to you ...".

A. J. T.

DRUŠTVENE IN DRUGE SLOVENSKE VESTI

(Nadaljevanje s 1. strani)

Ohio, pozneje pa sta se z možem podala v Denver, kjer sta mnoho let vodila znano gostilno in boardinghouse. Zapušča soproga Matta Sadarja, štiri sine in dve hčeri.

V Rock Springsu, Wyo., je umrl Valentin Šubic, star 47 let, član društva št. 202 ABZ. Pokojnik je bil rojen v Hotavljah nad Škofijo Loko. V Rock Springsu zapušča sestro Ivano Fortuna, v starem kraju pa brata in dve sestri. Dalje je v Rock Springsu umrl John Keržišnik, mlajši, član društva št. 18 ABZ. Pokojnik zapušča soprogro, tri sinove in dve hčeri ter oceta Johana Keržišnika, starejšega, bivajočega v Burleyu, Idaho. Rojen je bil leta 1890 v Federalu, Pa.

K našemu poročilu o smrti Anne Gorshe, članice društva št. 30 ABZ v Chisholmu, Minn., ki je bila priobčeno v Novi Dobi z dne 10. decembra, smo dobili popravek, da pokojnica ni bila doma iz Sodražice ampak iz Dobrega polja. Stara je bila 49 let in je umrla 27. novembra 1941. Zapušča tri sinove: Franka, Stanleya in Edwarda, ter hčer Anno. Sin Frank biva v Minneapolisu, sin Edward je v ameriški armadi v Fort Leonard Wood v Wisconsinu, sin Stanley pa je pri ameriški vojni mornarici ter je bil zadnje čase nastanjen na otoku Midway v Pacifiku, katerega so zadnji teden napadali Japonci.

Citatelje opozarjam na članek "Warms Americans of split loyalty," ki je priobčen v angleški sekcijski današnjosti izdaje Nove Dobe. Članek je bil originalno priobčen v listu "New York Times" in urednik ni imel časa vsebino prevesti v slovenščino. V slovenskem delu lista za enkrat primanjkuje prostora. Vsekakor je članek vreden pozornega čitanja, razmišljanja in upoštevanja.

Izsel je Ameriški družinski koledar za leto 1942, okusno barvnih kovertah in tudi ne v

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AMPLIFYING THE VOICE OF THE ENGLISH SPEAKING MEMBERS

Christmas

"Merry Christmas!"

Though dark war clouds have ominously shrouded this cheery greeting of the Yuletide season, Americans throughout these glorious United States of America, drawn closer together because our democracy and peace are threatened from without, will continue celebration of this joyous event with more enthusiastic fervor than ever before! The spirit of Christmas this year will be a challenge hurled defiantly against those who seek to destroy our way of life!

Transportation facilities of the nation are taxed to capacity as sons and daughters scurry across the country in fast trains, busses and planes to spend Christmas at home with their folks. There will be many hearty welcome waiting the arrival of Santa and his Reindeer. But the sandman will soon lull them to sleep, as he knows they will be up early in the morning eagerly tearing gift packages open. Their little squeals of delight will reverberate through the household as their mothers and dads watch happily from the sidelines. The innocent little children do not know what their moms and dads are thinking this Christmas day. They just can't see that cloudy film and that worried frown in the eyes of their parents. For what is in the parents' hearts on this day is not for happy little children whose happiness is complete with the joy of Santa Claus and Christmas.

In many other homes this Christmas, wet-eyed mothers will proudly lift their chins, raising their heads in deep understanding. Their sons have not come home for Christmas—maybe some never will again. They are somewhere in the great beyond fighting—fighting for our United States; fighting to enable all to enjoy a Christmas that will maintain forever a "peace on earth goodwill toward all men." Other young soldiers in training camps may obtain short furloughs to spend Christmas with their parents. They will be subject to call a moment's notice.

Christmas, 1941, will be a challenge to other warring nations! Citizens are aroused to national emergency! Millions of dollars will be presented as gifts in the form of United States Defense bonds! Gifts which add to the whirling wheels of National Defense insuring security for our Nation.

With full confidence that we shall be victorious in effort, let us celebrate Christmas with a new vigor! And when we say "Merry Christmas" the word will have extra ring—and to all our members and readers we'll start this yule tide season off with a ringing "Merry

LORAIN GROUP SPONSORS PROGRAM FOR JUGOSLAV RELIEF

Lorain, O.—In previous issues of Nova Doba, you undoubtedly have read articles regarding the work of the Slovene sections of the Jugoslav Relief Committee of America in soliciting funds and donations for the relief of our suffering kinsmen in Yugoslavia.

On Jan. 4, 1942, Sub-Committee 14 of the Slovene Section in Lorain, Ohio, is planning supper, miscellaneous program and dance at the Slovene National Home. This begins at 5:30 p.m. The admission for the entire program is 75 cents. For dance only, the cost per individual is 35 cents.

This being the first program of this nature the officers and committees are working very hard to make it a success and as we all know, it is for a good cause. We in America should be thankful that we are not going through the same grind as are the Yugoslav people in Europe. Let us show them that we in America are all interested and are doing our utmost to help them.

Therefore, I urge all the people in Lorain and vicinity to attend this affair. There will be interesting speakers on this program who will tell you more about the hardships the European people have had to contend with.

Please reserve the above date for this affair, and if you are asked to buy a ticket, do not refuse. Come one! Come all!

Lodge 11

Omaha, Neb.—Lodge 11, AFU, will hold their next meeting Sunday, Dec. 21. I urge all members who are interested in bowling to attend.

To date, we have two men's teams and two Ladies teams. We completed our second round last Sunday. We bowl every Sunday night, 7 to 9 p.m., at St. Joseph's alleys.

Please attend the meeting next Sunday and get lined up on a new team. Refreshments will be served.

James L. Sutej, president, Lodge 11, AFU.

I wish to thank all the Supreme Officers and members of the AFU for their splendid cooperation in the past year and I want to wish all the members and friends of the AFU a Merry Christmas and a very happy and prosperous New Year.

Frank Tomsich, jr., Assistant Supreme Secretary.

Paul J. Oblock, Second Supreme Vice President.

Lodge 171

Republic, Pa.—Members of Lodge 171, AFU, are urged to make every effort to attend our annual meeting which will be held in regular quarters Sunday, Dec. 21. At this session our lodge by-laws will be approved and election of officers will take place for the ensuing year. That is why you must be present so that all members can make decisions. Those members who do not attend meetings during the year are especially urged to come to this session so that they will know what business has been transacted and who the officers will be for the coming year.

Members are also requested to pay their December assessments on time—at least by Dec. 25th at the latest. Will be seeing you all at the meeting, Sunday, Dec. 21st.

Tomo Simrak, secretary, Lodge 171, AFU.

BRIEFS

In reporting the passing of Mrs. Anna Gorshe in last week's issue of Nova Doba, the obituary should have read that she died Nov. 27th at the age of 49. She was born in Dobrepolje, Yugoslavia. Surviving, were three sons, Frank Jr., of Minneapolis, Minn.; Stanley, with the United States Marines, stationed at Midway Island, now in the thick of battle; Edward, in the U. S. Army stationed at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri, and a daughter, Anna, who lived in Cleveland for six years, staying with Mrs. Mary Bradac, an aunt.

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It was learned that Andrew Bovitz, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Bovitz of Lodge 30, Chisholm, in the U. S. Navy was stationed on the battleship, U.

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Omaha Keglers In Full Swing

Omaha, Neb.—Although off to a late start, Lodge 11, AFU, has accomplished a great deal in getting together a nice group to participate in effecting organization of a bowling league.

We bowl every Sunday night from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. at St. Joseph's Bowling alleys and are getting along very well. The Musketeer's motto must be "Sweep 'em Clean" as they lead the league with six wins. Leading high scorers are Mary Victor of the Ramblers with a 456 series and Frank Jershin of the Musketeers with a 419 series.

We would like to get a few more men and women bowlers for this league. Come on, some of you other lodge members who are interested in this sport!

And how about a cheering section? There were a few lodge members that came to cheer the teams but what about the other members?

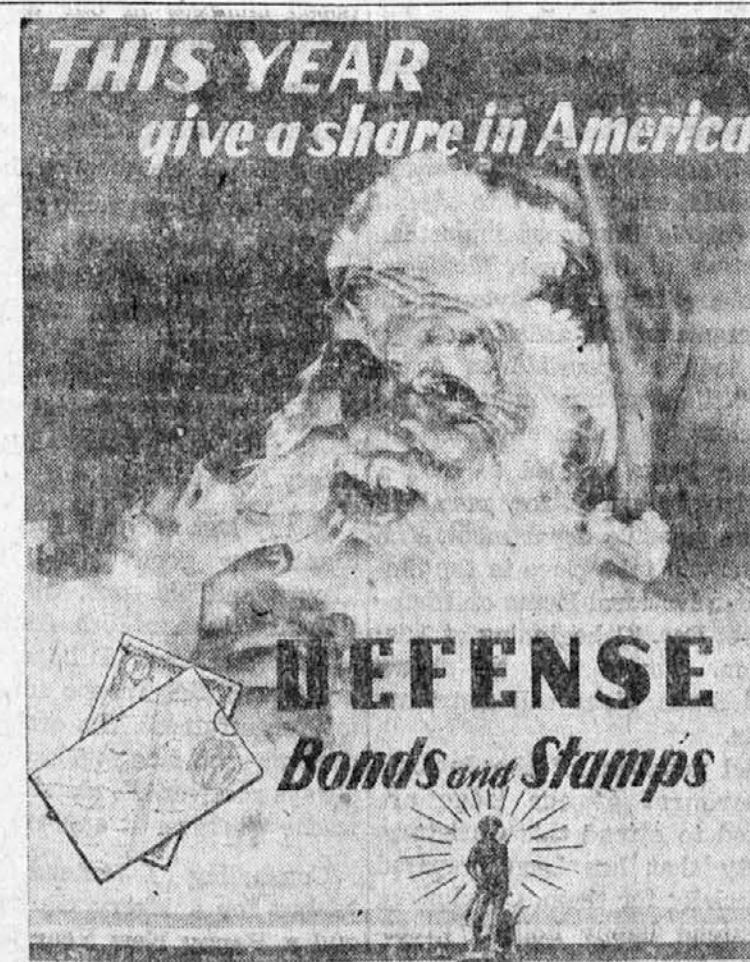
Team Standings

Musketeers	6	0
Ramblers	3	3
Skippers	2	4
Cornhuskers	1	5

Ann Weiss, bowling secretary, Lodge 11, AFU.

Well, fellows, how are your deer? My brother Tom got a five-point buck last Monday!

AMERICA NEEDS YOUR HELP! DO YOUR PART AND SHOW THAT GOOD AMERICAN SPIRIT!



SANTA CLAUS CAN HELP AMERICAN DEFENSE! This poster, drawn by J. W. and W. J. Wilkinson, a father and son artist team of Baltimore, reminds Americans that they can help the Defense Program this Christmas by giving Defense Bonds and Stamps in addition to the usual present. Nation-wide distribution of this poster has been made, especially in the windows of 500,000 retail stores where Defense Stamps—for as low as 10 cents—are now on sale.

Pathfinders Xmas Party

Gowanda, N. Y.—Saturday, Dec. 20th at 8 p.m., a Christmas party for the children of the five Slovenian lodges in Gowanda will be held at the Slovenian Club.

Speeches will be given by Charles Sternisha and Ernie Miller. An Amateur hour will follow with the three best performers to receive prizes. Santa will then distribute gifts to each child. Following Santa's appearance, refreshments will be served downstairs. Remainder of the evening is reserved for dancing. Mary Krall of the Pathfinders is chairman of this party and her committee personnel is made up of members elected by the five different lodges.

Last 1941 meeting of Pathfinders, Lodge 222, AFU, will be held at the Slovenian Club, Tuesday, December 23rd. All members are urged to attend as election of officers will take place.

HERE, THERE, AND EVERYWHERE—What's all this between our popular Jen Klancer and Johnny M? . . .

Swell article you wrote recently Violet, keep up the good work! . . . which reminds us . . . rumor has it that Beanie did catch a fox . . . Frances Zelnik is still on the sick list and we wish her a speedy recovery . . . Tony and Stan were at the opening of Yankovich's Cafe in Cleveland and reported they had a good time. . . . Nice having a car, eh Tony? . . . Rose Korbar is all agog over a soldier at Fort Dix.

It's about time we closed and in closing, we wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Anne Kaluza, Amelia Bratosh, Lodge 222, AFU.

Center Ramblers

Center, Pa.—Center Ramblers will conduct their final and annual meeting of 1941 Sunday, Dec. 21 at 2:30 p.m. in the Slovene Hall. It is important that all members be present as officers will be elected for the ensuing year and there may be changes made in the lodge by-laws.

Center Ramblers will celebrate their 11th birthday in January. Saturday, the 24th of Jan., has been set aside for the great celebration. Orchestra for the occasion is none other than the famous Kramer. More notices concerning the Anniversary Dance will appear in later issues.

The girls bowling team wishes to schedule games with other lodges. The Ramblers were THE BEST not so many years ago remember? This same group has re-organized and is issuing a challenge to teams of all neighboring lodges. Drop a card to our athletic supervisor, Jennie Mozina, Box 418, Turtle Creek, Pa., and she will schedule your team. Match games are preferred on Sunday afternoon as some of the girls work late during the week. The girls will return matches with all teams who accept our challenge.

Dora Peterrel, secretary, Lodge 221, AFU.

Santa Claus will be present at the Anton Kovacic place Dec. 20 where Lodge 138 of Export, Pa., plans a Christmas party for its juvenile members.

Office of the Supreme Secretary AFU

OFFICIAL NOTICES

We have been advised by the manufacturing firm that the calendars for 1942 have been sent to all the subordinate lodges. The same number of calendars were sent to each and every lodge as last year. Each lodge was also sent one large calendar which should be displayed in the lodge meeting room.

NAMES OF NEW LODGE OFFICERS

Annual elections of lodge officers are being held this month. The secretaries are requested to forward the names and addresses of the officers for the year 1942 IMMEDIATELY AFTER ELECTION. These should include the names and addresses of the president, secretary, treasurer, president of the trustees and examining physician. Time and place of regular monthly meetings should also be given.

SEND ASSESSMENTS EARLY

December is the last month of the year. I urge the secretaries to forward the assessments and report of the standing of the membership as soon as possible, so that we may proceed with the closing of the books immediately after New Year's.

A Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year to all members of AFU. Do not forget our beloved country—the United States of America. Buy regularly U. S. Defense Savings Bonds and Stamps. War needs money and it will cost money to defeat our enemies. Invest in happiness and prosperity, in liberty and democracy!

ANTON ZBASNIK,
Supreme Secretary.

"Charity Begins at Home"

PROCEEDS OF NEW YEAR'S DANCES TO AMERICAN RED CROSS

Ely, Minn.—Adopting a new slogan, "Charity Begins At Home," Ely Branch No. 6 of the Yugoslav Relief Committee of America decided to donate the entire proceeds of two New Year's Eve dances here to the American Red Cross. Entrance of our United States into the war prompted the local committee to change original plans which intended that proceeds of the dances would be donated to the cause of Yugoslav Relief.

The two dances are expected to be most entertaining in years and will mark gala festivity in preparing to welcome the New Year. The committee has booked the large quarter-million dollar community building and the Yugoslav National Home, sponsoring dances in both edifices.

Excellent music has been se-

cured. In the large auditorium of the community center, Tiny Specht and his popular nine-piece orchestra of Virginia, Minn., will be featured.

In the Yugoslav National Home, Frankie Kromar, most popular accordionist on the Minnesota Iron Range will render Slovene dance music.

All in all, it should be a record-breaking event in addition to being the most spectacular in the history of the city. Every citizen is expected to turn out at either or both of these affairs and do his part to add to the proceeds which will go to the American Red Cross in this time of need.

Frank Tomsich Jr., Chairman and secretary, dance committee.

Chicago AFU Bowling Flashes

Chicago, Ill.—On Friday, Dec. 5th, Maryton's Cafe resumed their winning streak of two games a night blasting the Gottlieb Florists this time, increasing their league leading margin.

Louis Zefran led the Cafe five in the first game with 193. Max Bruckmann, with a flying start of six strikes ended up with 188 to lead the second game. But with John Gottlieb, Ohio, were picked at our tournament last year in Indianapolis. A vote was cast. Result was: Barberton 19, Joliet one. So here we come, Barberton!

With Christmas spirit here and our bowling league about half over much talk was started in regards to where our next bowling tournament would be held. Joliet, Ill., and Barberton, Ohio, were picked at our tournament last year in Indianapolis. A vote was cast. Result was: Barberton 19, Joliet one. So here we come, Barberton!

Maryton Cafe team rolled their record team score of 539. Oh Yea!—Louis Zefran started a new mummy cheer. Grip your fist, open your mouth—but no sound. We got our new bowling shirts—color: deep blue with gold lettering. Anton Krapene rolled a series of 479—must have been the shirt, hey Tony! Joe Oblak, jr., did not show up again. I guess it must be the Russian hair-cut he got a few days ago.

TEAM STANDINGS

Team	W	L
Maryton Cafe	17	13
Zefran Morticians	15	15
Wencel Dairy	15	15
Gottlieb Florists	13	17

Louis Dolmovich, jr., Lodge 70 AFU—bowling league committee.

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Fighting 71st Johnnies

By Elsie M. Desmond

Cleveland, O. — St. John's Lodge 71, AFU, cordially invites all adult members to be present at the last 1941 lodge meeting, Sunday, December 21 at 9 a. m. at the Slovenian Home, Holmes Avenue (a sign at the door will designate the room). As this will be the last meeting of the year it is urgent that all our members be present because elections will be held; old business closed and new business introduced. Better ideas for a more progressive St. John's will be outlined by Fighting Johnnie, Stan Zagorec. The elections—which everyone should take an interest in are very important because our elected officers for 1942 must be the "fighting" kind—spirit of cooperating with us younger members, able to assist us in all ways possible and we in return. We must all work together to build up an excellent lodge; thus form a bigger name for our American Fraternal Union! So to our boys of the baseball and bowling league—we urge you all to come to the meeting, to our young girls and the older folks. Let's be sure to be present at the meeting at 9 a. m. Sunday!

A little late but yet news is the Surprise Birthday Party held in honor of Miss Eleanor Dolenc, fiancee of "Johnnie" member, Tony Bokal, Saturday, December 6 at the Bokal residence. The group presented Miss Dolenc with a beautiful corsage and gifts. All present had a grand time, so we wish to express our "Congratulations" to Eleanor and a thanks to the Bokals for some fine hospitality.

Our sincerest sympathies from the gang of St. John's to Ed and Johnnie and family the death of their dear Dad, Mr. Trebits who passed away after illness... Also to Mrs. Strasizar, children Mary and Tony for the recent loss of husband and father, Mr. A. Strasizar, we extend our sympathies.

We want the readers to note that Miss Dorothy Jerse, 1021 East 72nd St. was taken to Glenville hospital Friday, Dec. 12 for an appendix operation. Miss Jerse will be in the hospital until Dec. 23. What about friends visiting her and readers sending a card? I'm sure she'll appreciate your kind expressions of friendship.

To all lodges—don't forget to elect your athletic supervisor for next year!

The Cleveland AFU United

Lodge 66

Joliet, Ill. — Regular December and annual meeting of Lodge 66, AFU, will take place at regular time and quarters Sunday, Dec. 21. All members are invited and urged to attend this important meeting. Members who do not attend will be fined 50-cents which will be placed in the lodge treasury. Excused are only those on the sick list and those who are forced to work on this day.

The annual meeting is similar to a lodge convention. Here lodge by-laws are drafted and officers are elected for the ensuing year. If more members attend the meeting, greater satisfaction with accomplishments will result for members.

Therefore, we'll see you at the meeting December 21.

At this time I would like to remind all members who are behind in the payment of their assessments to settle their balances up to date by December 25th. Those who are not squared up at that time will be suspended, whoever it may be. The lodge treasury will not be used to pay up any members assessments. Everybody should make it his business to see that his assessments are paid so that everything will be all right in every quarter. Wishing everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Lodge 182

Pittsburgh, Pa. — Members of Lodge 182, AFU, are hereby notified the regular and annual meeting has been postponed to the last Tuesday of the month—which is the 30th of December.

It will be held at the home of the secretary, 4917 Hatfield St., at 8:30 p. m.

As you all know, you will elect your officers for the coming year at this meeting. Other matters of importance will also come up for attention. Therefore, all members must attend the meeting or be subject to a penalty of 50 cents. Only members on the sick list are excepted.

At the present time we have two members on the sick list, Mrs. Hotujac (our sick committee) and Mrs. Planton, both having undergone operations this past month. Both members are now well on the road to recovery.

Extending to all members of the AFU and all members of the Supreme Board, best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Mary L. Bodack, sec'y
Lodge 182, AFU.

Lodge 11

Omaha, Neb. — At the November meeting of Lodge 11, AFU, it was decided to issue a call for all members to attend the annual meeting which will take place in regular quarters Sunday, Dec. 21 at 9 a. m.

Program for business at the annual meeting is known to every member and that is why every adult member should make every effort to attend this important meeting. Refreshments will be served following the meeting. This was decided at the last meeting.

It was further decided that every member must pay their assessments up through December 25th. Otherwise, the secretary must either suspend the member in arrears or pay his assessment out of his own pocket. Hoping to see you all at our meeting December 21, and wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Ludwig J. Vidrick, secretary,
Lodge 6, AFU.

Lodge 26, AFU, of Pittsburgh will commemorate their 40th anniversary with a banquet scheduled Sunday, Dec. 28th in the Slovenian National Home.

Members receiving Welfare Benefit please return the signed application blanks, or, come to this meeting and sign one. My new address after Dec. 15th will be 1857 E. 36th street.

Wishing all the members of

Lodge 6, the Supreme Officers and members of the American Fraternal Union a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Ludwig J. Vidrick, secretary,

Lodge 6, AFU.

John Urek, secretary,

Lodge No. 11, AFU.

John Laurich, secretary,

Lodge 25, AFU.

John Adamich, secretary,

Lodge 66, AFU.

ONWARD BETSY ROSS!

Dorothy Rossa, Lodge 186, AFU

Cleveland, O. — With world conditions as they are at present especially since Pearl Harbor—with every American listening anxiously to news reports brought to us by radio commentators and all eyes taking note of the headlines blasting forth in large type from all our daily papers, this scribe feels as if this week's column should be devoted to this news rather than to any news which in comparison is trivial indeed. We often heard the remark that history repeats itself—in fact we've often made that statement ourselves. But right now—we've got the actual evidence right on hand. Last Tuesday's papers carried the headlines that U. S. declared war on Japan—twenty-four years ago—and on the seventh of the month also U. S. declared a state of war existed between our country and Germany. However, we'll cut this short because we realize that what is news at this moment when we are in the act of typing this column will be replaced many times over again by other news bulletins before we get to press.

It seems that due to some error or other, we failed to note in last week's column that the Betsy Ross bowling team had a match game with the Strugglers.

We do our best to keep our eyes and ears open but it would help matters loads if the next time you have a match game you let us in on the secret. We did find out that Saturday, December 13th—8:30 p. m. at the Slov. Workingmen's Hall on Waterloo Rd. the Betsy Ross team met the Strugglers in a return match.

That Betsy Ross team must have been inspired especially during that dramatic finish in the last of the three games. It was just one strike after another—the cheering section really went wild almost—the "Ivy" boys displayed some of the nicest hits we've ever seen. But of course, we're pretty glad to be able to say that the losses of the two games that Friday didn't drop the B. R.'s from the lead they hold. So more power to you boys, and we hope it will

On Dec. 20th, the B. R. girls will have a return match with the Modern Crusader girls at the Waterloo Alleys at 8 p. m. Competition was keen at the last meeting—so it promises some good hits this Saturday.

All AFU members are invited to attend the Blue Avatars

dance on Sat., December 27th and the Loyalite Christmas Dance on December 25th. Both of these organizations are composed almost entirely of Betsy Ross members and will appreciate your patronage.

Lodge 25

Eveleth, Minn. — At this writing, all adult members of Lodge 25, AFU are reminded to dutifully attend our annual meeting which will be held Sunday, Dec. 28 in our regular quarters beginning at 1:30 p. m. At this meeting officers for the coming year will be elected, and other important matters usually pending at this time of the year will be transacted.

All adult members are urged to make every effort to attend as this is the most important meeting of the year. Members who are tardy in paying their assessments are asked to do so as soon as possible in order that the secretary may be able to close his books on time.

Our lodge decided to hold a Christmas party for members of its juvenile department. The event will take place in the Slovenian National Home on Pierce street Dec. 21 beginning at 1:30 p. m. Movies will be shown and Santa Claus will distribute gifts.

All members of the Juvenile department of our lodge are asked to attend this Christmas party that has been prepared especially for them. Concluding, I extend happy holiday greetings to all members of the supreme board, and all members of the American Fraternal Union.

Concluding I extend best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all members of the supreme board and all members of the American Fraternal Union.

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Ilirska Vila No. 1 & 2 Take Honors

Jermain Hits 255 Game

Saints Leave Cellar

Cleveland, O. — Last Friday night's bowling session turned out to be an Ilirska Vila night. The No. 1 team downed the St. John Saints by 543 and Frankie Znider right behind with 536 the St. John Saints pushed their way out of the cellar position by downing the Collinwood Boosters for two games. For the Boosters it was Gustie Fortuna with 564 and Tony Laurich with 516 which prevented a clean sweep for the Saints.

Cavaliers Are Better

The Napredek Cavaliers once again proved to their kins the Napredek Bums that they are the better team by gaining a two game win. Heading the Cavaliers in their continued victory march were Rudy Sterlekar and Stanley Pozun with 488 and 472 respectively for the Bums Frankie Orazem was high.

Two Hundred Circle

The select two hundred circle was entered by: Joe Jermain 255, Gustie Fortuna 227 and 210, Tony Laurich 223, Frank Znider 210, Tony Prime 210 and Willie Quinn 204.

Our Sympathies

In behalf of all the bowlers and officers of the American Fraternal Bowling League I extend to Stanley Zagorec, president of the league, our most heartfelt sympathies in the recent death of his father.

American Fraternal Union Standings, Dec. 12, 1941

	W	L
1 Betsy Ross	22	14
2 Ilirska Vila No. 1	22	14
3 Collinwood Boosters	20	16
4 Ilirska Vila No. 2	18	18
5 Napredek Cavaliers	18	18
6 Napredek Bums	16	20
7 St. John Saints	14	22
8 St. John Johnnies	14	22

Upset was recorded when cellar occupants, the St. John Saints, halted the Collinwood Boosters in two games.

Victory enabled the St. John Johnnies to climb out of the cellar which they had occupied for sometime. In the post-encounter which was off Sunday, the Napredek Bums

continued their winning form by downing their

the Napredek Bums for

games.

star individual performer

the evening was Joe Jermain

the St. John Johnnies who

had a beautiful 255 game,

setting a new mark for a

single game.

Ilirska Vila Gains Tie

climbing back into a tie for

league lead, the Ilirska Vila

team was led by Tony

with 548 and John Hr-

with a 511 count. The

makers were paced to their

victory by Joe Kozar and

Quinn with 547 and 522

respectively.

Ilirska Vila Takes Three

Although Joe Jermain hit a

series which was high for

evening the St. John John-

were unable to register a

victory. The Ilirska Vila No. 2

was headed by Laddie De-

with 497 to their three

victory. The clean sweep

for the No. 2 lads to gain a

fourth place with the

Napredek Cavaliers.

Lodge 225

Milwaukee, Wis. — Annual meeting of Lodge 225, AFU., of Milwaukee, Wis., will be held Sunday, Dec. 21 at 2 p. m. in the Tivoli Hall on 729 South 5th street. All members are requested to make every effort to attend this important meeting. Lodge by-laws will be considered for additions or revisions, and officers will be elected for 1942.

Known it is to every member that it is necessary for members to take cognizance of the lodge by-laws, that they must attend the lodge meeting, extending cooperation and help to the lodge officers in performance of their duties. Our monthly meetings were poorly attended. Therefore all members are urged to attend this important session—the annual meeting—where actions are transacted for the continued progress of the lodge during the coming year.

At this writing, I am also appealing to all members throughout the United States to remember the plight of our suffering brothers and sisters across the sea. Any little donation will be welcomed. Several members of the lodge have already contributed for this cause. More about this at our meeting.

Concluding, I wish and extend best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all members of the American Fraternal Union.

Pauline Vogrich, secretary,

Lodge 225, AFU.

Christmas Mailing

Full cooperation of the mailing public has been asked by the United States post-office department in order to insure delivery in good condition of all Christmas mail by Dec. 25th. Volume of mail increases four times its normal size during this season, and the public can realize the necessity of shopping and mailing gifts and cards as early as possible.

To assure ordinary parcel post matter being delivered before Christmas, parcels should be mailed on or before December 18th; those intended for Ohio, should be in the post office not later than Dec. 20th. (This is for residence of Ohio only.)

If for any reason you are unable to get your parcels in the mail to assure delivery before Christmas Day, you may avail yourselves of the Special Delivery Service. Besides being given the same exacting service as other parcel post packages, those bearing Special Delivery Stamps will be delivered by special messenger immediately upon arrival at the office of address. Special Delivery Service is maintained on Sundays and holidays.

Be sure your boxes and packages are securely wrapped in heavy corrugated outer containers. If contents are fragile the inner box should be surrounded with shredded paper, excelsior, or layers of corrugated board. The address should be clear and

as an added convenience to the public, the main post offices and classified stations will also be open from 10 a. m. to six p. m., Sunday, Dec. 21st. —M. F. O'Donnell, postmaster.

Collinwood Booster Bits Warns Americans of "Split Loyalty"

State Department Asks Citizens Not to Serve on Governing Boards of "Free Movements"

SEEKS 100 PER CENT UNITY

Sympathy Expressed for Certain Alien Groups Lined Up Against Axis Control

(Special to The New York Times)

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10—On the ground that the war makes the unity of the country a matter of first concern, the State Department urged Americans today not to serve on governing committees of "free movements" or groups representing foreign countries whose activities are contrary to American policies.

The department explained that the policy was not directed at anybody in particular but that it represents the attitude of this government toward all committees of free movements in so far as the participation of Americans on their governing boards is concerned. It was specified that there was no objection to advisory committees being formed exclusively of Americans to cooperate with such movements as the Free French and other groups that represent Nazi-occupied countries.

It was made clear that this position means no lack of sympathetic interest in movements in behalf of Axis-dominated countries but that undivided allegiance was required of Americans.

Statement of Policy Issued

In a statement of policy the department said:

"The following is the policy of the Department of State toward the activities of foreign political leaders in the United States:

"The military occupation by Axis powers of many areas and countries in Europe has led to the destruction of a number of governments and to domination by the Axis over a number of other governments.

"As a result political leaders assuming to represent the peoples of such countries, or various groups in them, have been coming to the United States in increasing numbers. It seems advisable to make clear the attitude of this government toward them and toward their political activities in the United States."

"The United States is composed of citizens from many national backgrounds. Despite a natural interest in their country of origin, all American citizens of whatever background owe, and have, an undivided allegiance to the United States.

R. J. Kuznik,
Lodge 138, AFU.

Briefs

Local Branch No. 14, Jugoslav Relief Committee of America, Slovene Section, in Lorain, Ohio, is sponsoring a program Jan. 4th in the Slovene National Home.

Federation of Western Pennsylvania AFU lodges will meet in the Jugoslav National Home in Pittsburgh, Pa., Sunday, Dec. 28th.

40th Anniversary of Lodge 26, AFU, Pittsburgh, Pa., will be commemorated Sunday, Dec. 28th with appropriate banquet and dance. Same day the Pennsylvania Federation of AFU lodges will conduct its session.

Combined AFU lodges of Chicago are sponsoring a Christmas party Saturday, Dec. 20 for members of their juvenile departments.

A five-act comedy and a dance will feature entertainment planned by Chicago AFU lodges at the School Hall, Cermak Road and Wolcott St., Jan. 11, 1942.

Center Ramblers Lodge No. 221, AFU, are sponsoring a 11th Anniversary dance Saturday, Jan. 17th, 1942.

Yadran Post No. 3, American Yugoslav Legion of Cleveland, Ohio, is sponsoring a program and dance Sunday, Jan. 4 in the Slovene National Home on 65th and St. Clair Ave. Proceeds will be added to the fund for Yugoslav Relief.

Lodge No. 190, better known as Western Sisters, is sponsoring a dance Jan. 25th, 1942 in Butte, Montana.

Slovene National Congress sessions have been called Feb. 12, 1942 in Chicago, Ill.

Remember Pearl Harbor! Buy U. S. Defense Savings Bonds!

Xmas Safety Drive

Napredek's Progress

Cleveland, O. — The Metropolitan Police Safety Committee, of which Traffic Commissioner Martin A. Blecke is Chairman, has given its endorsement to a special Christmas drive for safety which was launched on Thursday by the Cleveland Department of Public Safety with a ringing appeal by Mayor Lausche.

Keynote of the intensive drive is expressed in the slogan "Give Courtesy for Christmas."

Courtesy in the abnormally heavy holiday traffic demands paying more attention to safety than to technical rights.

Primarily the campaign is directed at two sections of the community, and most individuals are listed in both at different times.

Pedestrians are urged to be more alert on the streets, to look first so that they may live afterward. Being alert calls for crossing only at intersections and with the lights at controlled intersections. It calls for staying back from the curb where jamming traffic might force a car over the curb. It calls for putting safety above legal rights of way.

One extra need for caution and courtesy is furnished by the left hand turn, still new to many drivers. They are being urged to remember to yield the right of way to through traffic and pedestrians in the crosswalk before making the left turn on a green light. Remember also that the driver making the left turn must, by the terms of the state traffic code, be in the lane nearest the center line of the street.

Geo. J. Matowitz,
Chief of Police

Passing of Anton Zagore, age 46, on Saturday, Dec. 13th, was announced. He is the father of Stanley Zagore, active member of St. John's Lodge No. 71, AFU.

Christmas baskets will be delivered to needy lodge members in Ely, Minnesota by the Yugoslav National Home. Lodge secretaries have been asked to submit names of deserving members of their individual lodges to the J. N. Home committee.

Christmas Eve, Dec. 24th, the Slovene National Home in Sharon, Pa., will be the scene of a Christmas party, net proceeds of which will be given to the Jugoslav Relief Fund, Slovene Section.

Krayn-Windber, Pa. — The annual meeting of Lodge 136, AFU., will be held Sunday, Dec. 21 at 6:30 p. m. at the Community Center Cafeteria. All members are requested to pay up their back dues or suffer suspension from the lodge.

Rose Svetich, secretary,

Lodge 120, AFU.

Lodge 120

Ely, Minn. — All members of Lodge 120, AFU., are requested to be present at the annual election which is very important. Our meeting will be held Dec. 21 at 6:30 p. m. at the Community Center Cafeteria. All members are requested to pay up their back dues or suffer suspension from the lodge.

Rose Svetich, secretary,

Lodge 120, AFU.

Lodge 136

Krayn-Windber, Pa. — The annual meeting of Lodge 136, AFU., will be held Sunday, Dec. 21 at 2 p. m. in the regular place. All members are asked to attend.

Mary Bavdek, sec'y,

Lodge 136, AFU.

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