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2002 Easter Message

by Anthony M. Pilla
Bishop of Cleveland

My dear sisters and brothers in Christ,

Yes, Lord, I believe! These are Easter words that flow from the heart of those who have met the Resurrected Lord. We hear them often on the lips of our biblical heroes and we repeat them each week ourselves. Just like the saints of old we say, "I believe," while we know that real believing isn't easy. But believing, the gift of Easter faith, wouldn't be necessary if it were not for the challenges of life. It is precisely when we stand before the tombs in our lives that we, like the Magdalene and her disciple companions, need to hear and say, "I believe."

My sincere hope and prayer this Easter is that the power of the Resurrection will bring a new and vibrant belief, a new and powerful movement of faith into the hearts of all those who seek the Lord. I am especially mindful of those who stand before a tomb, any tomb on life's journey, struggling to believe. May all of us profess on our lips and employ in our hearts a renewed belief in Almighty God, in His resurrected Son Jesus Christ, and in the working of the Holy Spirit that will make us one.

Such believing is never easy. This Easter many of us resemble our scriptural forebear's, confronted by painful and disfigured lives, relationships, and circumstances – standing, as it were before the tomb. Whether it is the tomb of sexual abuse, terrorism at home or war around the world; whether it is the tomb of malnutrition, poor education, racism, or hatred; whether it's the tomb of false judgment, addiction, grief, illness or loss of any kind – we linger their



challenged to believe *anyway*. We look to each other for witness, courage and direction.

The Newcomers or neophytes baptized this Easter are just the powerful encouragement we need. They stand alongside us sharing the difficulties of contemporary life, nonetheless, they enter into the tomb before us. They proclaim in the midst of the same daily journey, the same threat and pain – "yes, I believe." They enter the tomb of baptismal water and they emerge professing faith, glowing with the anointing of the Spirit, and feasting upon the Bread of Life and the Cup of Eternal Salvation. They believe!

So we join them by raising our hearts and our voices as one and we believe. We believe because the journey into the tomb, in spite of suffering and death, is a trail blazed by the Eternal Son of God, Jesus Christ, the Resurrected Lord. It is in response to His divine call, by the power of His Holy Spirit, and after the example of His self-sacrifice that the Newcomers enter in. Likewise, it is in Him "that we live and move and have our being"

- it is by faith in the Son of God that we stand before the tombs of life and we believe.

These are challenging times and heart-breaking days for many people in our Church and society. We must recognize this moment as a call to faith, to truly believe that Jesus Christ has triumphed over the tombs of our lives. Our society and our culture need the stability and the healing that only comes with believing. We and others who believe in God need new faith, new and vibrant belief to serve as leaven for daily life. This Easter and every day we must peer into the tomb, overcoming fear, and with all the holy ones say, "Yes, Lord, I believe."

Happy Easter to All!

by RUDY FLIS

This old guy had a new experience, and it was a pleasant one. I tagged along with my daughter Monica to St. Vitus Church in Cleveland for the 10:30 a.m. Slovenian Mass on Palm Sunday. All my life a Slovenian, this was a first for me.

Before and after Mass there was a procession by Slovenian youth, all ages, dressed in costume and carrying pussy willow and spring flowers (butare), a Slovenian Palm Sunday custom. This procession is what Monica had come to see. And at the end of our pew was a beautiful little girl, in costume, being held by her parents. She was about two years old and Monica just loved looking at her.

Again, I savored the beauty of this church and the strong harmonious voices of its choir, while recognizing only a word or two during the hour-and-a-half we were there.

Now I am wondering if I should have said, "Dober dan," (Good Day) or "Dobro jutro," (Good Morning) to our Lord as I walked into St.

Vitus. And would he understand my poor Slovenian pronunciation?

My Communion prayers were in English. Should I have put a "prosim" (please), or "hvala" (thanks) somewhere in my prayers? I did mention to the holy spirit I had heard he was pretty good with languages, and how I could use some help with my Slovenian. I didn't get an answer (and my Slovenian still suffers), but I did get a feeling the holy spirit wants me to work *more* on my English.

While at Mass, I paid attention to Fr. Boznar's homily and to the miracle at the Consecration. It wasn't easy. But I wanted to be here for this liturgy.

Now I have a question. Did I hear Mass today? I didn't understand much of it. Of course I heard Mass. Don't you think so? But to be sure, I attended evening Mass with my wife Therese.

This weekend at St. Vitus has been special, and for that dear Lord - "HVALA!"

May each of you and your family have a Blessed Easter!

Mlakar Marches Down Memory Lane

by RAY MLAKAR

Well, I am back, but before I pack up my things, have a few limericks for "U-All" (being down in Camp Breckenridge, I picked up some of their southern lingo).

There was once a lawyer named Bender - Who worked as a Public Defender - Since his limo bumped into a little Ford Pinto - He's often referred to as a Defender Bender.

OK, one more and then we have to hit the trail. "There was a boy named Daniel - Who bought a brand new cocker spaniel - He didn't know how to make it bow-wow - Because it did not come with a manual."

What? you want to hear one more? Okay. There once was a man from Peru, who found a small mouse in his stew. Said the waiter, "Don't shout and wave it about, for the rest will want one of them, too."

Well, back to the field and bivouac. Thursday night the Sergeant said we have to clean up the area, make it as spotless as it was when we came here. Odd dam, is he kidding? It was nothing but a

field, no man's land.

We had to hit the sack early for he said tomorrow, Friday, we would get up extra early to get a head start back to the barracks before the sun got too hot. I just took it for granted that we would be going back to camp in the same manner that we were brought here, by truck or maybe even a bus, but then I guess it was not time for miracles.

The whistle blew at 4:30 a.m., and I am sure that not even the country chickens were up yet, but we were. All you heard for the next hour was yelling commands, "Take down your pup tents - roll them in a horse shoe roll and fasten them to your combat back pack. Move, we haven't got all day. Fill your canteens with water. In packing your gear, make sure you have a fresh pair of stockings near the top of your pack. Last call for latrine privileges before we move out. Okay, youse guys, take down the screen latrine - insure that sufficient lime is dumped in all ditches and trenches - now cover it up. Move out to the 32 gallon cans and immersion heaters

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100 WORDS MORE OR LESS

By John Mercina

HEALTH FACTS!

(Received via E-mail from a friend)

- ❑ "The Japanese eat very little fat and suffer fewer heart attacks than the British or Americans.
- ❑ On the other hand, the French eat a lot of fat and also suffer fewer heart attacks than the British or Americans.
- ❑ The Japanese drink very little red wine and suffer fewer heart attacks than the British or Americans.
- ❑ The Italians drink excessive amounts of red wine and also suffer fewer heart attacks than the British or Americans.
- ❑ Conclusion: Eat & drink what you like. It's speaking English that kills you."

HAPPY EASTER TO ALL THE READERS!

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Jim's Journal

By Jim Debevec



A couple of thoughts.

There was an article in last week's American Home informing us St. Vitus school and auditorium needs a new boiler. A couple of KSKJ lodges, the Holy Name Society, and the ladies Altar Society got together with talented cook Linda Plecnik and her crew, and decided to hold a chicken / pork dinner to raise some money which will be donated toward the purchase of the new boiler.

One of the highlights of this spring was seeing so many wonderful people again. It has been a lo-o-n-g winter, and although not too snowy until the last few weeks, it was absolutely great to see and chat with so many friendly people. Folks came from St. Mary's, St. Vitus Slovenian Mass, from the 9 a.m. English Mass, and from near and far. The cooks prepared for over 500 people, and by closing time, everything was sold out.

It was a pleasant surprise to see television news personality Dick Russ (Hlabse) there with his sons. He brought along the St. Ignatius High School jazz band who entertained us with some spirited jazz numbers and great standards. Thanks again, fellas; you were superb!

Slovenians are a hearty group, and the all-day, all

night snow could not keep the generous souls away from helping this most needy cause. This not only showed a concern for the warmth of the students of St. Vitus school and people who use the auditorium, but it was a vote of confidence for the esteemed and beloved pastor, Rev. Joseph P. Boznar. And right about now is a good time to show some positive action toward our Catholic Church and its majority of true, devoted, hard-working priests. Congratulations, Rev. Boznar on the wonderful work you and your staff are doing for the young people of the St. Clair neighborhood (and especially their parents) who are committing themselves toward earning a quality education.

An aside to Rudy Flis: Next time bring your nurse daughter, Monica, to a St. Vitus dinner and see and feel the wonderful warmth of a community pulling together for the common good. It's a blast!

I notice the U.S. is imposing tariffs (taxes) on steel imports to this country. The European Union in Brussels wants the World Trade Organization to fight back with taxes of their own on US exports. They are determining what they can do to retaliate against the US.

The US said it would also put tariffs on Canadian wood shipped here. The Canadians said they, in turn, will impose a 71% tax (tariff) on tomatoes coming from the U.S. This should greatly impede the welfare of Slovenians who are prodigious tomato growers. (I don't know

a Slovenian who isn't straining at the bit waiting for Memorial Day when they can put their beloved tomato plants into the ground and grow a bountiful harvest of the juicy red vegetable.

Look for the price of cars and paper to increase in the near future.

I didn't much care for our previous President's wife, Mrs. Hillary Clinton, but she was on the right track about instituting assistance with health care. Anyone who has health insurance can testify to the fact that right now, it is out of control. Notice that after the Sept. 11th terrorist attack, your health insurance doubled?

And although I can't say much good about her husband, Bill, he didn't interfere with international trade. And what happened? Our economy was running very well.

To me, all this seems to be the beginning of a trade war. If you look at one of the three causes of the long Great Depression, it is Protectionism (or trade wars).

Alan Greenspan says the economy is turning around (and some analysts believe he is right, and that he will begin raising interest rates in a few months. This will not help the stock market nor the manufacturers.

I worry that our government leaders may not be doing the right thing, but pray that they will see the light to do what is necessary to lead us out of our economic abyss. *Happy Easter!*

"We can do no great things - only small things with great love."

--Mother Teresa

Bonnets and Bunnies, the Origin of Easter

Easter, like Christmas, is a blend of paganism and Christianity. The word Easter is derived from *Eostre* (also known as *Ostara*), an ancient Anglo-Saxon Goddess. She symbolized the rebirth of the day at dawn and the rebirth of life in the spring.

The arrival of spring was celebrated all over the world long before the religious meaning became associated with Easter. Now Easter celebrates the rebirth of Christ.

In fact, Easter is an important Christian holiday. It is the culmination of events during Holy Week beginning with Palm Sunday. Palm Sunday reflects the return of Jesus to Jerusalem. Maundy Thursday commemorates the Last Supper of Christ and Good Friday honors the crucifixion of Jesus. Finally, Easter Sunday celebrates the resurrection after his death.

Easter falls on the first Sunday on or following the spring Equinox after the full moon. The date has been calculated in this way since 325 AD.

Lambs, chicks and baby creatures of all kinds are associated with spring, symbolizing the birth of new life.

Since ancient times many cultures have associated eggs

with the universe. They've been dyed, decorated and painted by the Romans, Gaul's, Persians and the Chinese. They were used in ancient spring festivals to represent the rebirth of life. As Christianity took hold, the egg began to symbolize the rebirth of man rather than nature.

During the 4th century consuming eggs during Lent became taboo. However, spring is the peak egg-laying time for hens, so people began to cook eggs in their shells to preserve them. Eventually people began decorating and hiding them for children to find during Easter, which gave birth to the Easter Egg Hunt. Other egg-related games also evolved like egg tossing and egg rolling.

A Polish folk-tale tells of the Virgin Mary giving eggs to soldiers at the cross while she pleaded with them to be merciful. As her tears dropped they spattered droplets on the eggs mottling them with a myriad of colors.

The Faberge egg is the best known of all the decorated eggs. Peter Faberge made intricate, delicately decorated eggs. In 1883, the Russian Czar commissioned

Faberge to make a special egg for his wife.

The Easter Bunny is a cute little rabbit that hides eggs for us to find on Easter. But where did he come from? Well, the origin is not certain. In the rites of spring the rabbit symbolizes fertility. In a German book published in 1682, a tale is told of a bunny laying eggs and hiding them in the garden.

The Easter bonnet and new clothes on Easter symbolizes the end of the dreary winter and the beginning of the fresh, new spring. At the turn of the century it was popular for families to stroll to church and home again to show off their "Easter finery."

The Easter basket has roots in a Catholic custom. Baskets filled with breads, cheeses, hams and other foods for Easter dinner were taken to Mass Easter morning to be blessed. This evolved in time to baskets filled with chocolate eggs, jellybeans, toys and stuffed bunnies for children left behind by the Easter Bunny.

Slovenians take Easter baskets filled with food to their church to be blessed on Saturday afternoon. The blessed food will be consumed on Easter Sunday morning.

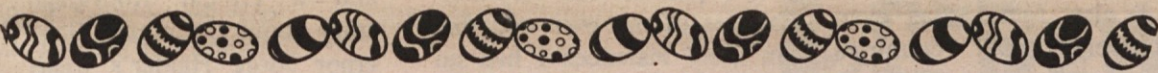
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Plecnik's Market in Ljubljana - A portrait of Ljubljana's famous Central Market, this study includes 54 color and 22 b/w photos in 121 pages. The authors are Plecnik experts Asja and Dr. Peter Krecic and Aleksander Bassin, the director of the Municipal Gallery of Ljubljana. Price - \$80.

Plecnik's Treasures: Ciboriums, Monstrances and Sacramentariums - Over its 132 pages this work presents almost 200 color photos of master architect Joze Plecnik's gorgeous sacramental vessels. Price - \$80.

National Atlas of Slovenia - This is a great reference book for students of all ages and a captivating portrait of

Slovenia to share with friends or give as a gift. The well-documented and handsomely presented atlas has 106 maps, 76 color photographs and 24 tables and graphs in its nearly 200 pages. Cloth-bound edition - \$75; Special numbered leather-bound collector's edition - \$100. (Also available in Slovene.)

Architectural Guide to Ljubljana - This is the first comprehensive review of Ljubljana's most architecturally significant buildings. It introduces 100 buildings and includes walking tours for Secessional, Baroque and other periods, including a route to view the work of Joze Plecnik. The authors are Plecnik expert Andrej Hrausky and Janez Kozelj, a professor of architecture. The book includes 289 color photographs in 252 pages. In paperback the price is \$48; a special limited edition hard cover version with silver edging is \$85.

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Slovenia - U.S. Relations Could Be Better

Remarks for the Society for Slovene Studies at the Conference of the American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies, November 16, 2001.

by **MARK RYAVEC, MA,**
Consul General Emeritus
of Slovenia

I am honored to have been asked by the Society to speak on the issue of Slovenian-American relations. Over the last ten years much of my professional life has been focused on this issue in its broadest sense, so I welcome an opportunity to reflect upon this period.

Let me first give you a little background on how I came to be involved with Slovenia. I first started traveling to Slovenia in 1974, visiting my cousins in Trnovo pri Nova Gorica, which is near the Italian border, with my Uncle Karl Ryavec in the summer of that year. Since then I have returned frequently.

I was not involved in any serious manner in Slovenian-American relations until the period just before the declaration of independence in June 1991, when I started to watch the developments in the former Yugoslavia with greater interest. It was during this time that through my father I was introduced to many Slovenian-Americans who were also concerned about Slovenia's fate.

When the ten-day war was being fought I used my relationships as a lobbyist to win passage by the Los Angeles City Council of a resolution formally recognizing Slovenia, the first recognition in the world of the new nation. In that resolution, the City Council also called upon President Bush the First, to intervene diplomatically to stop the Yugoslav attacks on Slovenia.

From that event I went on to lobby members of Congress to have the US recognize Slovenia. These activities ultimately led in 1995 to my being asked by Foreign Minister Peterle and Ambassador Petric to serve as Slovenia's honorary consul in California. I was appointed in 1996 and promoted to consul general in 1999.

I have recently resigned my position as consul general so I am speaking today in a private capacity.

Let me say, first that my service for Slovenia has been one of the most personally rewarding experiences of my life. I am proud of my affiliation with the country and fond of its people.

This morning let me focus

not only on the most obvious question in U.S./Slovenian relations - NATO membership - but also on other common issues which should be considered when measuring the success of any country's foreign relations efforts in relation to the United States. My comments are intended as constructive criticism and my desire is that they might lead to a re-orientation in how Slovenia approaches the U.S. and how it allocates its resources and initiatives.

My premise in these remarks is that Slovenia has been too focused "inside the Beltway" in approaching its relations with the U.S. and not focused enough on the rest of the country. This approach has resulted in some remarkable successes, but also some failures, and some missed opportunities.

The most notable successes are, I believe, the back-to-back visits of two U.S. presidents to Slovenia. This is diplomacy and national promotion by grand gesture and I do not think any other small country with NATO and EU ambitions can point to such foreign relations coups. For these successes, Ambassadors Petric and Kracun and Foreign Minister Rupel deserve great credit... and congratulations.

However, Slovenia's Beltway focus has also left Slovenia without the tools to advance a broader array of other issues and interests, to its detriment. The one obvious area in which it has fallen short is NATO membership, but there are certainly others.

In the summer of 1996, when I first made my rounds to introduce myself to members of the Los Angeles

Consular Corps, I had the pleasure of meeting with British Consul General Merriek Baker-Bates, who was also serving as the Dean of the Los Angeles Corps.

During our conversation, Consul General Baker-Bates remarked that in any consular corps there were inevitably two conflicting forces at work. He said that since we were all diplomats, we were all very gracious with each other. On the other hand, we were all in direct competition with each other, for political support, trade, investment dollars, press attention, tourism, cultural exchange, etc.

As I met and worked with my colleagues in the Los Angeles Corps, which incidentally is the second largest in the United States with 88 members, I came to see that many of my colleagues were very intent about winning this competition. They took every advantage to find markets for their products, to find joint venture partners for firms from their countries, to secure prestigious venues for their visiting cultural groups and exhibitions, to promote tourism, and to win favorable coverage in the press.

I also found that even relatively small countries had significant resources on the ground in Los Angeles. Last year, in an effort to understand better what some of Slovenia's smaller European neighbors were doing, I researched the level of consular staff and budget in the Western United States of several European countries of similar size and population to Slovenia.

For most of the consulates examined, their jurisdictions encompassed 13 states,

which represents the second largest economy in the world and is home to 160 million Americans. As you will see from the comparison, Croatia, The Czech Republic, Denmark and Finland have all made significant commitments to the region, ranging from a half a million dollars per annum to \$1.25 million per annum, and six to 12 professional staff. Slovenia, on the other hand, does not spend a dollar and has no full-time staff presence.

With this level of career consular support in Los Angeles and a strong of non-career consuls in many cities across the West, these relatively small nations have constructed a sturdy platform to support traditional consular affairs, trade, culture, press relations, and political initiatives.

Under Dr. Petric when he served as Ambassador in Washington, D.C., the Embassy looked to the Los Angeles honorary consulate to at least make an attempt to compete with its larger and wealthier neighbors, even though the post was non-career. (The term "non-career" means that I was a volunteer diplomat with other professional responsibilities of my own and that in most instances I had no resources except those that I provided myself or that I could raise from the Slovenian-American community or cajole out of some Slovenian agency, such as Slovenska Izselsjenska Matica.)

After Dr. Petric's departure I found that Slovenia's representatives were uncertain about whether I should continue to pursue an active agenda in Los Angeles and California, now the world's 5th largest economy, or just treat the position as an honorary title.

Nonetheless, taking the example of my career colleagues in Los Angeles and the previous encouragement of Dr. Petric, over the more than five years that I represented Slovenia I advanced and carried out various initiatives to promote Slovenia. This included bringing Olympic legend Leon Stukelj to Los Angeles where his sentimental visit to the Los Angeles Coliseum commanded the attention of every television station and newspaper in the region. It included two visits of the acrobatic troop "FLIP" and their performances at Disneyland. It included bringing the Ribniski Oetec to Los Angeles to celebrate Slovenia's national day and perform before the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors. It included speaking tours for Ambassadors Rupel and Kracun at several institutions of higher education, such as UCLA and UC Berkeley and the EU Center at Scripps College. It included a concerted effort to win coverage in the Los Angeles Times, which resulted in a very favorable Travel Section cover story on Slovenia in June of last year and a critical front-page story about Carinthian Governor Jorge Haider's treatment of the Slovenian minority in that province. It also included the presentation at the Los Angeles City Craft and Folk Art Museum of the Treasures of Slovenia exhibit of Slovenian craft art. Not only was this exhibit the best attended of any of the Museum's exhibits, it also resulted in literally tens of thousands of dollars of print media exposure for Slovenia.

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Gorbachev, visiting NYC, calls Soviet system unreal

Mikhail Gorbachev says the Soviet communism he served most of his life was "pure propaganda."

The former Soviet leader told a Columbia University audience on Monday that by the time he rose to power, with Soviet satellites in space, the ruling politicians "were discussing the problem of toothpaste, the problem of detergent, and they had to create a commission of the Politburo to make sure that women have pantyhose."

Speaking in Russian, Gorbachev offered his views a decade after he helped topple what he called an "unreal system," with reforms dubbed perestroika.

Before that, he said, Soviet politicians operated with lies.

"We, including I, were saying, 'Capitalism is moving toward a catastrophe, whereas we are developing well.' Of course, that was pure propaganda. In fact, our country was lagging behind," Gorbachev said.

Change didn't come easily, either.

Gorbachev said perestroika spun out of control after Boris Yeltsin took over in 1991. Instead of a gradual

shift to democracy, Yeltsin promised Russians they "would start moving toward paradise quickly, directly," Gorbachev said.

"Well, we did move directly - but into an abyss," with the economy collapsing and many former Soviet republics declaring independence, he said. "It is chaos that [Russian President] Vladimir Putin inherited. Chaos in the economy, chaos in the social sphere, chaos in the federation, chaos in the army, chaos everywhere."

Now, Gorbachev said, Putin must create new economic incentives.

"Today is our last hope. If it fails, we could see a very difficult situation in Russia," Gorbachev said.

Earlier Monday, Gorbachev laid a wreath at the World Trade Center site to mark six months since the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

"We will always remember the victims, and we will always be together," he wrote in Russian on a platform overlooking Ground Zero.

Thanks to Rudy Lukez of Kirtland, OH for submitting this informative article.

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"I am very excited about this opportunity," said Jerse, who has served in the House

since 1995. "The Finance Committee addresses the State Budget, the Tobacco Settlement, and other critical questions and I look forward to having input in those deliberations."

Jerse will continue to serve on the House Criminal Justice, Civil and Commercial Law, and Insurance Committees. He has previously served as Ranking Minority Member on the Criminal Justice and Ways and Means Committee.

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6 John Hocevar Decries Managua Dictatorship

Managua, Nicaragua International Airport, Thursday, March 14, 2002, 7:00 a.m. (at a news conference).

My name is John Hocevar. I am an American citizen from Cleveland, Ohio in the United States.

I am currently on my tenth visit to Nicaragua. As I have told some of my colleagues and business associates, I have fallen in love with your country and with your people.

Here in Nicaragua I have been involved as an investor in a company called Nica Holdings, a producer and processor of fish, crab, lobster and shrimp; mainly for export to the U.S. market. Nica Holdings also has made investments in Nicaraguan real estate and is in the midst of agribusiness development as well. I am one of about 435 U.S. citizens who are shareholders in Nica Holdings.

I also am the founder and original shareholder of Amerinica, a timber processing operation located in Puerto Cabezas, Atlantic Coast, Nicaragua. Late last evening I divested of this financial interest selling my shares to another shareholder.

My second involvement is my affiliation with an American US based venture capital organization, which as a ministry activity has built orphanages throughout the world, including one here in Managua, Nicaragua called Casa de Fe.

Lastly, I am currently here to begin the process of executing a business plan which would have created many hundreds of jobs near Puerto Cabezas, which today experiences an unemployment rate of about 60%. This region is populated primarily by the Miskito Indians, a people whom I have found to be gracious, kind, hard-working, and generally honest. I should know, as I directly and indirectly provided jobs in forestry activities to over 150 of them, at this time.

Sunday morning, March 10, after visiting my plant personnel in Puerto Cabezas I proceeded to go to the airport to wait for my flight to Managua. When I arrived, a carnival atmosphere prevailed, with hundreds of persons at the airport and on the streets eagerly awaiting the arrival of the former president of Nicaragua, Arnoldo Aleman.

As I sat across from the airport, enjoying a refreshment, I became increasingly saddened by the fact that the former president has somehow managed to successfully

deceive so many good people who were "singing his praises" that morning in Puerto Cabezas, as they awaited his arrival.

My sadness and then frustration about this corrupt, ruthless and unsavory man, resulted in my taking the initiative to make a simple sign, which read "Aleman Ladron y Corrupto" (Aleman / Thief / Corrupt). I then walked quietly amongst the revelers.

Less than two minutes later, I was marshaled into the air terminal building and was immediately taken into custody by police and immigration officials. I was then ushered away to another location where an immigration officer made numerous phone calls. As I kept hearing him say "Demonstracion Politica," it was my impression that he was attempting to have me jailed and charges filed, I asked several times for permission to call the American Embassy in Managua, was denied, asked to retain legal counsel, and was again denied.

After all was said and done, I missed my flight to Managua after being detained for about two and one half hours, causing me not only to miss an important business appointment in Managua, but also causing me great embarrassment and inconvenience, not to mention the wasted time on this very brief and tightly scheduled business trip.

I have called you together here, not to call attention to myself, but to express to you and the other wonderful people in Nicaragua, how sorry I am for you and your beautiful country.

The bottom line is very simply: Nicaragua does not appear to be a true democracy, nor does seem to be a Free Society. In a free society, it is the right and the sacred honor of any individual to express his opinion and enjoy what, in America, we call our 1st Amendment Rights, those rights allowing free speech and freedom of expression by everyone, regardless of race, gender, religion or station in life.

My hope and prayer for your country is that someday you will not allow yourselves to be intimidated by thugs, like Aleman and his crony and often corrupt henchmen, who have pilfered and stolen from your country, its people and its business enterprises. I challenge you to stand tall within the community of other democracies, and demand your God given rights, which, by virtue of your human dignity, you are entitled to and



John Hocevar

deserve. Aleman and all those associated with him, represent the antithesis of this good virtue, and respect for your dignity.

Aleman has been successful in hurting me and my investors in Nica Holdings as well as in other business involvements where he has caused me and my investors great harm as well.

I call on the media to do its public duty and report the total truth about this man's life. Hire and train the best and the brightest investigative journalists who will undoubtedly expose this man's lies, his many abuses of power, and most likely, his many illegal activities as well. Be bold, as Nicaragua's time has come! Don't stop until all the facts have been documented and presented to prosecutors with sufficient evidence to convict him.

I am convinced, if the media does its job, Aleman's view of Nicaragua will be from behind bars – a place more suitable for thugs, thieves and pilfers like himself.

Lastly, Do Not Give Up On Democracy! Both your country, and mine have seen too much bloodshed in our histories, to allow our nations to go backwards.

Even good citizens make mistakes and sometimes elect bad public officials. Believe me, if America could survive the shame and disgrace of the administration of "William Jefferson Clinton," who in my opinion, had the United States Senate acted properly, would have not only been impeached, but also should have been jailed as well. America did indeed survive Clinton as Nicaragua will survive Aleman.

It saddens me very much to announce to you today that I have decided that at least for now, I will stop visiting and investing in Nicaragua. Yesterday,

Wednesday, March 13, I have finalized the sale of my investment in a major plant operation, and I am looking to quickly unwind my other business activities here as well.

In good conscience, I cannot encourage others in the US investment community to invest in your country, at this time. I may return and continue business activities in the future, if and only if, it appears that this country begins to respect the rights and dignity of its people, as well as its visitors.

I also wish to express the fact that laws, tariffs and government policies must be fair, equitable and appropriate. Bribe and kickback expectations by government and agency officials will not be tolerated by my colleagues or myself. I also urge all American companies doing business in Nicaragua, never to give in to those expectations or demands.

Lastly, before I ever return, I would hope for an apology from the government and from those who detained me this past Sunday in Puerto Cabezas. Also, I would consider the resumption of my activities, only when the likes of Aleman are part of Nicaraguan's history. God willing, I look forward to my return if and when the situation warrants.

In the meantime, as a proud American, born of immigrant parents, in the finest of American tradition, I wish Nicaragua and its people all the blessings that Almighty God intended for you.

I thank you for coming today, God bless you! God bless America! And, finally, may God bless Nicaragua!

Mr. Hocevar, of Gates Mills, OH will be reporting soon on his wonderful trip with his wife, Barb, to Rome.

Freedom is not for the timid. If one wishes to be in politics, one must be ready to face all eventualities.

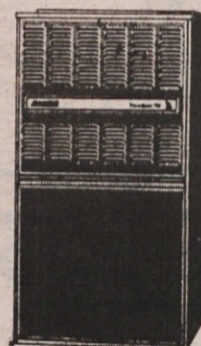
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ROCK SPRINGS – Rock Springs is known for its 57 nationalities.

In celebration of this diversity, a Nationality Day Luncheon was served at the Young-at-Heart Senior Citizens Center on Feb. 20. This second annual Nationality Day luncheon featured an international flair, with a menu consisting of Polish sausage, German potato salad, Italian beans, French bread, Mexican salsa and chips, and American pie.

Some participants brought items from their native countries for display.

Gretchen Ondrusko, a senior companion, displayed her international doll collection.

Also, Mike and Fran Petrovich displayed salt and pepper shakers and Yugoslavian hats.

"One of the hats was the type worn by the peasants 300 years ago," Mike Petrovich said.

Fran Petrovich's ancestors are from the Island of Lesbos in Greece located a half a kilometer from Turkey. Mike Petrovich's ancestors are from Serbia.

Jeanne Tomich, whose ancestry is Slovenian, displayed a Slovenian dress approximately 25 years old and a hat approximately 35 years old. She also displayed a Slovenian doll she pur-

chased in 1989, while visiting Slovenia.

Manuel Carrillo decided to celebrate by dressing in a nationality costume. He wore a red, woolen cape and a Mexican hat. "The Mexican hat is very heavy," Carrillo said. Carrillo's nationality is Spanish and his ancestors are from Barcelona, Spain he said.

Tony Rudolph's ancestry is also Slovenian. He displayed a photo of himself, which was taken in 1927. "I would have worn this costume for the luncheon, but it no longer fits me," Rudolph said.

Another Nationality Day event that was celebrated in Rock Springs was the Traditional Grape Festival at the Slovenski Dom.

Historically, the scene is a vineyard in Slovenia with participants whose ancestors, for the most part, came to Rock Springs from there.

This festival was presented as a pageant to depict the problems of a farmer trying to protect his grapes. When the guard is pacified with a bottle of wine and falls asleep on the job, a signal is given and the pageant unfolds in a riot of color, music, and dance.

Thanks to Rudy and Marie Pivic of Cleveland for submitting this article.



Tony Rudolph wears his Slovenia Costume in a photo taken in 1927.

St. Vitus Adult Slovenian School

The St. Vitus Slovenian School Adult Education classes will be held on the following Saturday dates for the remainder of the school year: April 20th and 27, and May 11 & 18. The classes will continue to be held in the St. Vitus School on Lausche Avenue, Cleveland.

Used Golf Clubs Needed

If a new set of golf clubs is in your possession, why not give the old ones a second chance on the green at the same time?

Club Mulligan, a nonprofit organization that provides used golf equipment to Cleveland public schools, collects secondhand clubs, shoes and bags year-round.

"This year was great," says Club Mulligan founder and Westlake resident Ageleke Zapis of the group's first donations in September. "We collected more than 1,000 clubs." The donation enabled the district to create eight middle-school golf programs.

This year Zapis wants to provide equipment for more Cleveland middle schools and high schools.

"Tiger Woods has made golf cool for kids," she says, "but it's a very expensive sport." Zapis and her husband, Lee, founded Club Mulligan in 1999 to bring golf to children who might not otherwise be able to afford it.

To donate, call Zapis at 440-979-1766 or drop off equipment at Golf Galaxy locations in North Olmsted and Mayfield Heights, or at Five Seasons Country Club in Westlake.

--Stephanie Ricca

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8 Spring Comes to Slovenian Stocks

"Star pharma duo shining brighter," shouts the tabloid-like headline to a recent report on Lek and Krka, the leading Slovenian pharmaceutical stocks.

Ljubljana's stock exchange has a market cap of just SIT920bn (\$3.6 bn). This means Lek, Krka and other good companies in Slovenia, formerly part of Yugoslavia, fail to get the attention they deserve, argues Vladimira Urbankova, the Erste Bank analyst who penned the report in January.

At least Ms. Urbankova's optimism has proved justified. The 'pharma duo,' the bluest of blue chips on the Ljubljana exchange, are up some 8 per cent this year.

Yet several stocks have outshone them, notably white-goods maker Gorenje, oil company Petrol and port company Luka Koper. All have added roughly 20 per cent in the past 10 weeks.

These gains have pushed the market to new highs as canny domestic and foreign investors eye this small but increasingly wealthy Adriatic republic.

Exchange rate movements, with the Slovenian

tolar losing 2 per cent against the US dollar this year, take some shine off, but analysts promise more is to come.

One factor behind the upswing is that Ljubljana boosted foreign investor interest last July by scrapping regulations which restricted non-residents from trading shares for a substantial period after purchase. Although initial foreign reaction was limited, domestic optimism over the move pushed the SBI from the 1,800 level to over 2,000 within two months.

Dravo Kavsek, chief analyst with Publikum, a Ljubljana-based brokerage, said, "We've been on a bull run since November. Stocks were in general undervalued against their regional peers. Liquidity has also risen due to M&A activity and good corporate results in 2001."

All this in spite of a blip in inflation in January, leaves the Ljubljana investment world in a jolly mood. "There's still potential, stocks are still a bit undervalued. Spring has come early. We're all happy," says Mr. Kavsek.

St. Vitus Alumni Meets

There will be a meeting of the St. Vitus Alumni on Thursday, April 4 in the Social Room of the St. Vitus School at 7 p.m. Plans for the coming season will be brought forth and discussed.

If you have never attended one of the meetings... now is the time to come. Meet some of your classmates, make a new friend, and, of course, you NEVER go home hungry. There is always a delectable spread and surprise token gifts. Come and enjoy.

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Genealogy Group Meets

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East Side: Tuesday, April 9 from 7 - 8:30 p.m., in Euclid Public Library.

West Side: Monday, April 15 from 7 - 8:30 p.m. at Parma Regional Library.

The program for both meetings is on how to obtain official documents and then, how to preserve them and other ancestral records so they don't deteriorate over time. SGSI members Joanne Ivancic and Virginia Pinkava will share the spotlight.

The meeting is open to anyone interested in learning about Slovenian genealogy. Call or email Rose Marie Jisa if you have any questions (440) 230-2954 email: bonitabser@aol.com

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Growing Up Slovenian In Collinwood

by JOE GLINSEK

Dr. Fowler's Office

As did many of our neighboring families in the Collinwood area, we had a Slovenian family doctor. Dr. Skur routinely made house calls, although he did have an office. The typical Slovenian would not miss a day of work unless they were too sick to eat breakfast. When this unfortunate condition occurred, they took to their bed and called Dr. Skur.

Doctor Fowler was a well-respected English doctor. He may not have been English at all, but if he wasn't a Slovenian, my grandpa pronounced him 'Angleesh.' In later years, this doctor would become the patriarch of a well-known medical family. His office on E. 152nd Street was next to John's butcher shop, but set back a discreet distance and separated by a driveway. The large front windows were shaded with the wood-slat 'Venetian' blinds that were 'tres moderne' at the time, and came back into vogue during the '90s.

My mother took me to see Dr. Fowler just once. It may have been for a second opinion on a problem already discussed with Dr. Skur, who would not have been as candid. The subject was my ever-increasing girth and weight which my mother had presumed to be some sort of a "glandular disturbance." He examined me and listened to my mother's speculation before delivering his diagnosis which was kindly but succinct: "You are feeding him too much!"

Ruple Coal

Ruple ran their business from a tiny sales office next to Dr. Fowler's practice. While some barbers decorated their front entrance with a spiraling red, white and blue pole, and cigar stores were known for their wooden Indian, Ruple was notable for a unique trademark which required nothing to explain its meaning. Placed on the sidewalk next

to their entrance was a rough block of coal the size and shape of a small refrigerator. With only loose wire fencing holding it together, the block was never disturbed.

Ruple was one of two nearby companies that delivered truckloads of coal directly into your cellar coal bin. Most homes had a steel 'window' at ground level, through which the coal was shoveled down a steel chute attached to the truck. Both of these companies were kept very busy during September and October.

Though just a business office, Ruple also sold small lots of coal from their rear entrance. These could be taken home in a child's wagon or in the trunk of a car. The coal was cut into a block the size of two cereal boxes stacked. Individually wrapped in heavy brown paper, they were a neat but an expensive convenience. Sometimes with an unusually severe winter or a late spring cold, you might be caught running short, and a wagon-load or two would tide you over.

Lillian's Market

Next to the library was a beautiful tree-shaded lot with a grand Victorian house looking out over its spacious lawn. Well above the standards of other homes in the area, its owners were obviously people of means. The library and a lovely home made a genteel pair - their neighbors did not. Two vacant stores, with those ubiquitous ferns hiding behind dingy windows, had suspicious signs of activities that provoked the impression of 'monkey-business.'

A few doors north at the corner of Aspinwall and across the street from Lillian's Market, was a big square red brick two-story building called the 'Gunn-Block.' One of its store fronts was 'Aspinwall Drugs,' an enduring tenant, but its neighbor was a 'frequent flier.' The upstairs offices of a doctor and a couple of lawyers were

reached through a side entrance.

We patronized 'Cardinal Drug' a block north, and seldom shopped at 'Aspinwall' except during the war when cigarettes were scarce. Word would spread about a new shipment and I was sent to stand in line. Raleighs, Spuds, or Wings were the usual choices, but the men at home were glad to get 'ready mades' - any brand was better than rolling your own.

Before we walk across the street to Lillian's, let's take a short detour down Aspinwall. A friend from school named Jack, lived a few doors down and across from the YMCA at the corner of 150th Street. Catholic boys were forbidden to attend the 'Y' in those days, but Jack and I risked eternal damna-

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Happy Birthday, March 28, to talented accordionist Lynn Marie Hrovat Rink from her Dad, Lud, two sisters, three brothers, and the rest of the family.

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Her first single "That's What I Like About The North" became the number one requested song on morning radio shows across the Great Lakes, and her sophomore album, 'SqueezeBox' garnered a Grammy nomination. In 2001 she was named "Vocalist of the Year" by the International Polka Association, and was awarded "Button Accordion Player of the Year" by the Polka Hall of Fame.

She has wowed audiences at festivals across the country, including Fan Fair in Nashville and The Bethlehem Musikfest in Pennsylvania. Her good looks and high energy show will have you saying "I didn't know you could do 'that' with an accordion!"



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tion to play a little basketball in the comfort of a nice warm gym. I have no idea, nor can I speculate why our church thought the 'Y' was going to corrupt our faith. From personal experience I can testify that religion was never mentioned, much less discussed.

Lillian's Market occupied most of the ground floor of a very old building. A well-worn wooden two-story with walls none too plumb, housing several families on the upper floor. It must have been named by a previous owner because I never saw a woman acting like the 'boss,' though it could have used a woman's touch. The place had its stock strewn about with all the cramped and crowded charm of an Arabian bazaar. A few years later they got their act together when they expanded and became one of our early

'Superette Self-Service' stores.

While we seldom shopped there before or after the remodeling, I was there when they hosted the appearance of a well-known broadcaster. It's the late 1930s, so we're talking about radio, and specifically baseball. The Cleveland Indians were a major baseball sports attraction and their games were on the radio. Most young boys knew the numerical statistics of their baseball idols better than the multiplication tables. Although the term had not yet been coined, baseball players were our 'role models.' Cleveland had two radio announcers who became local celebrities, and could make a dull game sound like a real 'barn burner.'

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Ham & Cheese Quiche

This recipe is from my friend Kim Myers.

Ingredients:

- 1 T butter or margarine
- 2 C heavy whipping cream
- 4 eggs
- ¼ t salt
- 1/3 - ½ C shredded Swiss cheese
- 1/3 - ½ C shredded Monterey jack
- 1/3 - ½ C shredded cheddar
- 1 slice ham diced
- 1 pie crust

Directions:

Preheat oven to 425° F. Prepare pie crust and spread with butter. In a medium bowl mix the following items with a fork: cream, eggs, salt. Blend in cheeses and ham. Pour mixture into pie crust. Bake 15 minutes and then turn oven down to 325° - bake for an additional 35 minutes or until a knife inserted comes out clean. Makes 6 servings.

--Kim Ann Kaifesh

Our Family & Friends Cookbook

Peanut Butter Chocolate Candy

Yield: About 4 dozen

- 1 cup creamy peanut butter
- 1 cup (2 sticks) butter, melted
- 4 cups confectioners' sugar
- 1 cup graham cracker crumbs
- 2 cups (12 ounces) semisweet chocolate chips, melted

1. - Coat a 10- by 15-inch rimmed baking sheet with non-stick cooking spray.

2. - In a large bowl, combine all the ingredients except the chocolate. Spread the mixture over the baking sheet. Spread the melted chocolate evenly over the top.

3. - Freeze for 15 minutes, then cut into squares. Serve, or cover and keep chilled until ready to serve.

OPTION: for extra-peanutty flavor, use chunky peanut butter in place of the creamy.

The most beautiful experience we can have is the mysterious. It is the fundamental emotion which stands at the cradle of true art and true science.

--Albert Einstein

Joke

A monastery in the English countryside was having a hard time with its cash flow because of the dwindling number of monks available to help with all the work.

One day two of the monks, who had been discussing the problem, suggested they open a fish and chips stand down the highway right next to a scenic area popular with tourists. The other monks agreed, and the two put up the stand.

One day a tourist jokingly asked the monk on duty, "Are you the fish friar?"

"No, sir," replied the brother, "I'm the chip monk."

Puzzles Help

Thwart Alzheimer's

Exercising your brain may slow the development of Alzheimer's disease. A recent study of 193 Alzheimer's patients and 358 healthy people, mostly in their early 70s, showed those who were mentally active from ages 40 to 60 were three times less likely to have Alzheimer's disease. The study was done by researchers at Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland, Ohio.

"It makes sense," says James Mortimer, Ph.D., director of University of South Florida's Institute on Aging. "If you go to the gym and lift weights, your muscles grow bigger and you're able to lift more. We'd be surprised if you weren't in fact nourishing the brain by exercising it intellectually."

The theory is that, much like trees branching out, brain cells grow branches as new connections are made through riddles, puzzles, board games, and other intellectual challenges. "Lack of use causes our mental trees to drop branches," Mortimer says.

John Mercina agrees and has been subjecting us to mental stimulation for years.

Kissing don't last: cookery do!

--George Meredith

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--Bryan Miller

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Coming Events

Friday, April 5

Dance at West Park Slovenian Hall, 4583 W. 130 St., Cleveland, 7:30 to 11:30 p.m., featuring Joey Tomsick

Sunday, April 7

Super Button Box Bash 20 - Slovenian Junior Chorus at Slovenian Society Home, 20713 Recher Ave., Euclid.

April 13

Jadran Concert, SWH, Waterloo Rd., Cleveland. Breaded chicken, roast beef and trimmings. Concert at 7 with dance following to tunes of Fred Ziwich Orch. Tickets \$18. Call (216) 481-3187 or (440) 951-1694.

Sunday, May 5

Holmes Ave. Pensioners 40th Anniversary Dinner-Dance at Collinwood Slovenian Home. Dinner served 2 p.m., dance: 3:00 to 7 p.m. Ray Polantz Orch. Donation: \$15.00. All invited. For tickets call (216) 531-2088 or (440) 943-3784.

Friday, May 10

St. Mary's (Holmes Ave.) Slovenian School Reverse raffle at Slovenian Home, Holmes Avenue to benefit the "Discover Slovenia - 2002" tour.

Thursday, May 23

Devotional to Our Lady of Brezje at Our Lady of Lourdes Shrine, off Chardon Rd., Euclid, OH at 7:30 p.m., sponsored by Ohio Federation of KSKJ Lodges. Everyone invited.

Wednesday, June 12

Slovenian Pensioners Club of Euclid Picnic at SNPJ Farm. Music by Al Battistelli. Dinner tickets \$12 call (440) 944-0512.

Sunday, June 23

10-year celebration of U.S. Recognition of Slovenia as an Independent Country at Slovenska Pristava. (Steering Committee currently being formed.)

Sunday, June 30

Ohio Federation of KSKJ lodges picnic at Slovenska Pristava beginning at noon. Ray Polantz Orchestra. Plenty of food and drink. Everyone invited!

Wednesday, July 10

Holmes Ave. Pensioners Annual Picnic at VFW Post

4358 on White Rd. (between Bishop & Rockefeller), noon to 6 p.m. Free admission. Music by Fred Ziwich. Jam session.

Friday, July 12

BBQ Chicken Dinner at Newburgh Slovenian National Home, 3563 E. 80th St., Cleveland. Serving 5:30 - 7 p.m. Music by Wayne Tomsic & Joe. Donation \$9.

Sunday, July 28

Slovenian School of St. Vitus parish summer picnic at Slovenska Pristava.

Sunday, Sept. 8

St. Vitus Altar Society dinner.

Sunday, Sept. 22

St. Lawrence Church, 3547 E. 80th St., Newburgh, Cleveland, concludes 100th year anniversary with Mass celebrated by Bishop Anthony Pilla, Bishop A. Edward Pevec, and Bishop Roger Gries. A dinner follows at Slovenian National Home on E. 80th St. For information call parish office at (216) 341-0496.

Wed., Aug. 28

Fed. of Amer. Slov. Sr. Citizens Annual Picnic at SNPJ Farm on Heath Rd. Dinner served 1 p.m., music by Frank Moravsk 2:30 - 5:30. Dinner-dance \$11; admission only \$4. Tickets sold by all clubs or call (216) 481-0163 or (440) 943-3784.

Saturday, Oct. 5

Slovenian men's chorus Fantje na Vasi 25th Anniversary concert, 7 p.m. in St. Clair Slovenian National Home. Dance to follow featuring Veseli godci orchestra

Sunday, Oct. 27

St. Vitus Alumni Man/Woman of the Year Awards. Noon Mass, dinner and awards to follow.

November 16

Jadran Concert, SWH.

Saturday, Dec. 14

Glasbena Matica Holiday Concert.



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Death Notices

STANLEY F. MAJER

Stanley F. Majer, 81, passed away Monday, March 18, 2002.

He was the husband of Marian (nee Anglover); father of Janet Masielli (husband Charles), James (wife Patricia), Robert (wife Debra); grandpa of Kim Kirby, Nicole Sambuchino, Dana, Betsy, Bobby, Tommy and Lauren; great-grandpa of Ryan and Bridget; brother of Josephine Ermacora, Doris Klemencic and the following deceased: Mary Pugel.

Stan was proprietor of Stan's Shoes at E. 61st and St. Clair for more than 30 years. He was a veteran of WWII, the US Army Air Corps. He was a member of the American Legion Post 2.

Interment was private. All Souls Cemetery.

A Memorial Mass will be held at St. Christine Church, 840 E. 222nd Street, Euclid, OH on Saturday, April 13 at 10 a.m.

The family suggests contributions to St. Christine Church Renovation Fund, or Hospice of the Western Reserve, 300 E. 185 St., Cleveland, OH 44119.

Zak Funeral Home handled all arrangements.

MARY ANN MLINAR

Services for Mary Ann Mlinar, 82, of Cleveland, were held Wednesday, March 20 at St. Mary's Church on Holmes Avenue.

Mary passed away in the Slovene Home for the Aged on Sunday, March 17, 2002.

Mary was born in Slovenia, the daughter of Lojze and Katarina (nee Jezersek) (both deceased). She was the sister of Katarina (deceased), Franc (deceased) (wife Dorothy nee (March) deceased), and wife Antonia nee Rozman of Chicago, Janez (deceased), Jernej (deceased), Cecilija (husband, Franc, deceased) Oblak of Slovenia and Maria.

Mary Ann was the housekeeper at St. Joseph Parish, and an assembler at GE.

She was a member of SWU #10, KSKJ #169, St. Joseph, Altar & Rosary Society of St. Mary's Church, St. Mary's Seniors, and a long-time supporter of M.Z.A., for

Slovenian missionaries.

Burial was in All Souls Cemetery.

Donations in her memory to M.Z.A. for Slovenian Missionaries, 1004 Dillewood Rd., Cleveland, OH 44119.

Zele Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

FRANCES D. ZANE

Frances D. Zane (nee Kurent), 89, of Huntley, IL died Sunday, March 10, 2002 at St. Joseph's Hospital in Elgin, Illinois.

Mrs. Zane was a resident in Euclid before moving to Huntley with her daughter 15 years ago.

She was the daughter of the late Mary (Skubic) and Frank Kurent.

Survivors include her daughter Eileen (William) Schober and son Thomas Zaucha, both of IL; three grandchildren; and sisters Mary McCord and Marge Forrester. Her husband Walter A., and son Walter D., are deceased.

Funeral Mass was held Thursday, March 14 at St. Robert Church in Euclid, OH with burial in Calvary Cemetery. Friends were received at The Dan Cosic Funeral Home, 17010 Lake Shore Blvd., Cleveland, OH.

In Memory

Thanks to Joe and Karen G. Zigman of Willowick, OH who once again renewed their subscription to the American Home and enclosed a \$30.00 donation in memory of their parents, **John and Mary Zigman and Marty and Kay Guist.**

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Thanks to Michael Peters of New York, NY who renewed his subscription and added a \$15.00 donation.

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Thanks to Louis Kobal of Richmond Hts., OH who renewed his subscription and added a \$10.00 donation.

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Thanks to the following for their donations to the Ameriška Domovina:

Miss Mary Kadunc, Gurnee, IL -- \$5.00

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John Jasbinsek, Ontario, Canada -- \$5.00

Joze Tomc, Euclid, OH -- \$5.00

St. Mary's Seniors

St. Mary's Seniors (Collinwood) will hold their monthly meeting on Tuesday, April 2nd, at 1:30 p.m. in St. Mary's School Auditorium.

☛ Mlakar's March

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and pick out your breakfast of C-rations." Fortunately, this will be our last C-ration breakfast, but you can rest assured that no one will miss the canned diet.

It seemed that every can we opened was a surprise -- a surprise if you could eat it or not.

I was looking around for the trucks to pull up when the sergeant yells, "Okay, make a formation of twos and let's head out." One of the guys yelled, "Where are we headed for?" The sergeant answers, "Back to camp; where did you think, the Everglades?" I could not believe it; walk back to camp?

At times we trotted, at times half step. Soon the sun rose and as we walked along it seemed the sun got hotter. The sergeant forewarned us not to drink much water, but only to wet our lips. To keep up moral, we sang cadence, "One, two, three, four, what the hell are we here for?" Some of the southern boys sang country songs, "You are my sunshine," and if one of those dingbats would have belted out, "I'm sending you a big bouquet of roses, one for every time I broke your heart," I think I would be ready to really break his heart.

The sweat soon rolled off. Just about every hour we stopped for a break and perhaps it was wise, for if we stayed still for too long, one did not feel like getting up.

It was now drawing close to noon and up ahead I saw trucks. Oh, my God, mercy and compassion is setting in, but soon the sergeant yelled, "Don't get your hopes up, the trucks up ahead are the mess personnel getting our noon meal ready and once we reached them, it was nothing to look forward to again for they had the 32 gallon garbage cans filled with water and the immersion heaters in the water to heat up the c-rations. "In the name of the Father and the Son, bless oh, Lord and these thy gifts. How can C-rations be gifts from God? Lord are you listening? Even your last supper was better than C-rations, but unfortunately, the Good Lord did not give me a reply.

Of all the cans in the water, I had to pick chili. This was not the day for chili and Ray never did like chili, period. Well, have no fear,

Ray, there is fruit cocktail and a chocolate bar that was made during the Spanish American War.

The sergeant tried to cheer us up and said that the supper meal would be real food, cooked in our own Mess Hall...if we made it back.

Again, we picked up the pace and he said without many breaks we could be back in camp by 1700 hours. Odd dam why can't he say we'll be back by 5 p.m.

After a couple of hours he had us "break." Take off our boots and put on clean, dry socks. Oh, my God, I never seen so many blisters in my lifetime. The sergeant did say that an ambulance was following us a little way back, just in case some of us could "Just not go on any further." But he said only the weaklings could fall out.

Well, come hell or high water, Ray was not going to lay down, not even if I had to get on my knees. Soon I heard the faint sounds of marching music. Oh, oh, must be the Angel Gabriel welcoming me home, heaven bound.

Soon over the next knoll I saw buildings and there on the side of the road was an Army band playing in our honor, welcoming us back home. Thank you, Lord, for bringing me back to the barracks with both feet beneath me and on top of that I got my butt back in one piece. Never was I so glad to see real wooden barracks again. This was the day the Lord Hath Made.

The sergeant yelled that we were to secure our weapons in the racks and no further formations until Monday morning. Chow would be served at 1800 hours which in American means 6 p.m. Needless to say, most of us fell and laid in the culvert area in front of our barracks just too tired to walk the eight steps into the barracks.

Well, friends, I will have to excuse myself because I am just too tired, my feet too sore, and so I am gonna sign off for this edition. I just want to close my eyes and envision what the real supper meal will be.

Until next week, May the Good Lord bless and watch over all of you for I have to say, "He has watched over me during this walk back to civilization. Thank You Dear Lord!" **Happy Easter!**

In Loving Memory of



Margaret A. Rebol

Died April 1, 2002

Fill not your hearts with pain and sorrow, but remember me in every tomorrow.

Remember the joy, the laughter, the smiles, I've only gone to rest awhile. Although my leaving causes pain and grief, my going has eased my hurt and given me relief.

So dry your eyes and remember me, not as I am now, but as I used to be. Because, I will remember you all and look on with a smile. Understand, in your hearts, I've only gone to rest a little while.

As long as I have the love of each of you, I can live my life in the hearts of all of you.

- Marion (Roy) - husband (dec.)
- Margie (daughter)
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Few things are more revolting than the spectacle of a normally reasonable father and husband gowned in an apron inscribed with corny legends, presiding over a noisome brazier as he destroys huge hunks of good meat and fills the neighborhood with greasy, acrid smoke: a Boy Scout with a five o'clock shadow.

-Donald Rogers

In Memoriam



Right Reverend Monsignor Bartholomew J. Ponikvar

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– Vesti iz Slovenije –

Možnost prekinitve zdravniške stavke, ki traja že poldrugi teden

Včerajšnji *Delo fax* poroča, da bo morda že ta teden na izredni skupščini sindikata Fides, ki zagovarja zdravnike in zdravstvene delavce, sprejeta odločitev o prekinitvi stavke, to kljub temu, da sindikat nikakor ni zadovoljen z osnutkom sporazuma, ki ga je bila ponudila vlada. Dnevna poročila o poteku tako stavke kakor pogajanj med sindikatom in vlado poudarjajo predvsem časovno preobremenitev zdravnikov, manj pa baje gre za njih plače.

Anton Rous novi predsednik koalicijske stranke DeSUS

Minuli konec tedna je potekal v postonjskem hotelu Jama 5. kongres Demokratične stranke upokojencev Slovenije oziroma DeSUS. Med drugim je bil na kongresu izvoljen novi predsednik, ki je leta 1939 rojen Anton Rous. Rous je med 177 oddanih glasovnic prejel 92 glasov, njegov tekmeč, Stjepan Šaubert pa 84. Rous je med prednostne naloge stranke uvrstil ustavno opredelitev pokojnin in ostrejšo zavzemanje za visoko raven zdravstvenega varstva. Dejal je tudi, da mora imeti DeSUS tudi svojega kandidata na volitvah jeseni letos za predsednika Slovenije. Mnogi kandidati na kongresu so izrazili dvome glede koristnosti za stranko njeno sodelovanje v koalicijski vladi Janeza Drnovška, Novi predsednik Rous se je rodil v Beltincih in je po izobrazbi diplomirani pravnik. Na zadnjih državnoborskih volitvah je DeSUS prejel 5,17 odstotka oddanih glasov.

Pomembna za eventuelno članstvo Slovenije v NATU bo javna podpora – Janez Janša zaskrbljen

Obseg obrambnih izdatkov v državnem proračunu, ustreznost nekaterih oborožitvenih sistemov in podpora javnosti pri vključevanju v NATO so najpomembnejša merila, po katerih se bodo ZDA odločale za povabila v članstvo na novembrskem vrhu NATA v Pragi, je med obiskom v Sloveniji pojasnil pomočnik namestnika ameriškega obrambnega sekretarja Ian Brzezinski, ki je

vodil ameriško delegacijo v bilateralni delovni skupini v okviru sodelovanja med Slovenijo in ZDA.

Konec preteklega tedna je bil reden letni posvet SDS in sicer v Šmarjeških Toplicah. Na novinarski konferenci, ki je posvetu sledil, je predsednik SDS Janez Janša med drugim dejal: "V Sloveniji se vse bolj razpoznavno kaže nova politična delitev na tiste, ki so za nadaljnjo pot v odprto družbo in evroatlantske povezave, in na tiste, ki so proti. Odgovori na te dileme bodo sovpadali z letošnjimi volitvami, zato se bodo v prihodnjih mesecih zgodili večji strukturni premiki, ki bodo dolgoročni vplivali na arhitekturo slovenskega političnega prostora."

Poročilo o posvetu SDS v *Nedelo faxu* pravi: "V SDS so zaskrbljeni tudi zaradi zadnjih gibanj javnega mnenja o članstvu Slovenije v EU in NATU. Menijo, da je vlada premalo predstavljala razloge za vključitev, podpira pa številne organizacije in društva, ki vodijo kampanjo zoper članstvo v NATU."

V Sloveniji spet več brezposelnih

Državni statistični urad je objavil podatke, ki kažejo, da je bilo januarja letos v Sloveniji 106.164 brezposelnih, tako da je bila stopnja registrirane brezposelnosti 12 odstotkov oziroma 1,8 odstotka več kot decembra 2001. Aktivnih prebivalcev je bilo 885.705, od tega delovno aktivnih 779.541 (zaposlenih 693.702, samozaposlenih pa 85.839). Število kmetov se je v enem letu povečalo za desetino (!) na 35.333.

Slovenec v Planini poletel 222,5 metra

Na neuradnem treningu finalnega tekmovanja v smučarskih skokih v Planici je Robert Kranjec poletel 222,5 metra, kar je slovenski rekord. Doslej je ta rekord imel Primož Peterka in to 212 metrov. Svetovni rekorder je Avstrijec Andreas Goldberger z 225 metri, prav tako v Planici – 18. marca 2000. Na nedavnih zimskih olimpijskih igrah v Utahju je bil Robert Kranjec eden od 4-članske slovenske skupine smučarskih skakalcev, ki je dosegel bronasto kolajno.



"Mladi, pridite, Toronto vas pričačuje!" – Tako je govoril med svojim nedavnim obiskom v Gorici torontski kardinal Alojzij Ambrožič. Dejal je dalje: "Moj namen obiska Goriške je povabiti mlade iz Italije, zamejstva in Slovenije na svetovni dan mladih, ki bo avgusta letos v Torontu ... V Torontu se s polno paro pripravljamo na ta veliki dogodek." Preteklo – cvetno – nedeljo je papež Janez Pavel II. ponovil svojo obljubo, da se bo tega srečanja osebno udeležil, a tokrat – tako poročajo – dodal: "če Bog da". V zadnjem času je papeževo zdravje očitno slabše, k že dolgo znanim zdravstvenim težavam se je pridružila še težava z kolenom. Papež bo 18. maja obhajal 82. rojstni dan.

Iz Clevelanda in okolice



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Nastop mladih pevcev—

V nedeljo, 7. aprila, ima Mladinski pevski zbor kr. 2 SNPJ prireditev v SDD na Recherjevi, od 1. pop. do 9. zv. Koncert bo ob 3h.

Novi grobovi

Stanley F. Majer

Dne 18. marca je umrl 81 let stari Stanley F. Majer, vdovec po Marian, roj. Anglovar, oče Janet Masieilli, Jamesa in Roberta, 7-krat stari oče, 2-krat prastari oče, brat Josephine Ermacora, Doris Klemencic ter že pok. Mary Pugel, veteran 2. svetovne vojne, v katerih je služil v ameriških letalskih silah, 30 let lastoval in vodil Stan's Shoes na E. 61 St. in St. Clair Ave. Pogreb je bil privatnega značaja in v oskrbi Želetovega zavoda, s pokopom na Vernih duš pokopališču. V soboto, 13. aprila, bo v cerkvi sv. Kristine spominska sv. maša. Družina priporoča darove v pokojnikov spomin ali St. Christine Renovation Fund ali Hospice of the Western Reserve, 300 E. 185 St., Cleveland, OH 44119.

Rudy A. Kajfez

Umrl je 67 let stari Rudy A. Kajfez s Concord Twp., prej živeč v Mentorju, mož Helen, roj. Renz, oče Kathleen Hogewood, Marka in Michaela, 5-krat stari oče, brat Matthewa. Josephine Bell, Florence Jakobe, Mildred Welsch in Barbare Matea. Pogreb je bil 25. marca s sv. mašo v cerkvi

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Lilija ima sestanek—

Odbor dramskega društva Lilija obvešča svoje člane, da bo redni članski sestanek v ponedeljek, 1. aprila, ob pol osmih zvečer v Slovenskem domu na Holmes Ave. Vsi člani prisrčno vabljeni!

"Primorski večer"—

Primorski klub prireja svoj vsakoletni pomladanski banket v soboto, 20. aprila, v SND na St. Clairju. Večerja se prične ob 6h zvečer, za ples in zabavo bo igral Stan Mejač s svojim orkestrom. Pridružite se Primorcem in njih prijateljem, saj obeta se vam lep in zabavni večer. Za vstopnice, pokličite 216-692-1069.

Materinska proslava—

Slovenska šola pri Sv. Vidu bo priredila v soboto, 27. aprila, ob 6.30 zvečer v farni dvorani materinsko proslavo. Učenci in učiteljski zbor ter starši učencev vabijo na to vedno lepo prireditev. Vsi lepo vabljeni!

Krasen uspeh—

Kosilo, ki so ga pripravili preteklo nedeljo svetovidska društva v farni dvorani, je res krasno uspela. Obisk je bil zelo velik. Čisti dobiček je namenjen potrebam farne šole.

Jadran vabi na koncert—

Pevski zbor Jadran ima svoj spomladanski koncert z večerjo in plesom v soboto, 13. aprila, v SDD na Waterloo Rd. Vstopnice: \$18. Kličite 216-481-3187 ali pa 440-951-1694.

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“Vi ste priče teh reči”

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Tudi v časih najtršega enoumja so se po številnih slovenskih župnijah vile velikonočne procesije ob spremljavi slovesnega potrkavanja, z banderi in lepim petjem. Udeležba je bila množična. Prišli so tudi tisti, ki sicer niso redno prihajali v cerkev. Kljub “zapiranju v zakristijo” so kristjani čutili, da morajo velikonočno veselje pokazati tudi navzven.

Znani slovenski slikar Matej Sternen je v enem svojih del predstavil evangelijski dogodek, ko se je Marija Magdalena srečala z vstalim Jezusom. To ni bilo njuno prvo srečanje. Vemo, da je ta žena najprej iskala življenje in srečo v telesnih užitkih, ki ji jih je ponujalo okolje. Vendar je ta izbira ni nasitila. Čutila je vedno večjo praznino. Bila je javna grešnica. Vsi so jo obsojali in izločevali iz svojih vrst, dokler ni srečala Nekoga, ki jo je sprejel takšno, kakršna je bila, in ji posvetil vso svojo pozornost in dobroto. Izgnal je iz nje sedem hudih duhov, ki so jo uklenili, in jo osvobodil iz njenega pekla, iz objema smrti. To je prvi zasuk na poti vere: osvoboditev in odpoved grehu ter usmeritev koraka za Jezusom. Marija Magdalena je ta zasuk vzela zares. Evangeliji velikokrat poročajo o njej, ki “je bila med njimi”, “bila je tam”, “gledala je od daleč. Največje znamenje zvestobe pa je pokazala, ko je vztrajala pod križem, kjer je celo večina apostolov odpovedala.

Zadnje dejanje Magdalene zveste ljubezni do Jezusa je obisk groba. Že prej je “opazovala, kam so ga položili”; prišla je, da bi mazilila Jezusovo telo. Tedaj pa se je zgodilo nekaj nezaslišanega: grob je prazen, vidi prikazen angelov, vse se spreminja. Magdalena se obrne. Podoba vrtnarja spregovori s tako znanim glasom. Pokliče jo po imenu: “Marija!” Strah in neverjetno veselje jo prevzameta. Iz njenih oči sije spoznanje: “Rabbuni! Učenik!” Prišel si s pokopališča, premagal si smrt, to največjo sovražnico človeka.

Šele z osebnim srečanjem z Vsalim je Marija Magdalena doživela popolno notranje prerodenje. Napolnjena je bila z notranjim žarom veselja in upanja, ki ga ni mogla zadržati zase. Šla je in povedala: “Gospoda sem videla.” To je spodbudilo apostole in druge učence, da so šli in se vedno znova osebno srečevali s Kristusom. Ko so prejeli novo življenje v Kristusovem Duhu, se niso več bali za svoje življenje in so ga velikodušno darovali. Oznanjali so, kar so videli in slišali, njihov glas je bil tako močan, da ga kljub vsem poskusom utišanja slišimo v naš čas.

Iskrena velikonočna voščila vsem, ki ste blizu in daleč, doma in po svetu, mladi in stari, bolni in zdravi, žalostni in veseli. Vse nas ljubi neskončna Ljubezen in kliče k polnosti življenja.

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Pater dr. Kalist Langerholz umrl 16. februarja 2002

TOLEDO, O. – Dne 23. januarja je obhajal svoj 91. rojstni dan, kmalu nato (16. februarja) pa ga je Bog poklical k sebi.

Pater dr. Kalist Langerholz, OFM, se je rodil 23. januarja 1911 v Beljaku, kjer je bil njegov oče zaposlen pri železnici. Po prvisvetovni vojni se je družina preselila v Maribor in so stanovali v železničarski hiši. Ker so bile železničarske hiše v frančiškanski župniji, se je p. Kalist seznanil s frančiškani in ti so ga pridobili zato, da je vstopil v njihov red. Po končani gimnaziji je p. Kalist, že kot frančiškan, študiral teologijo na ljubljanski univerzi in 7. julija leta 1933 (nekateri navajajo leto 1935) ga je škof Gregorij Rožman posvetil za duhovnika.

Po posvetitvi je bil p. Kalist kaplan v Ljubljani pri Sv. Cirilu in Metodu, kjer je bil p. Kazimir Zakrajšek za župnika. Tukaj sta se spoznala in postala prava prijatelja. Lahko bi rekli, da je bil p. Zakrajšek njegov verski in ideološko-političen oče, pa Kalist pa njegov sin.

Ko se je začela druga svetovna vojna, se je p. Zakrajšek vrnil v Ameriko. V Združene države je prišel poleti leta 1941. P. Kalist pa je ostal doma.

Leta 1945 je odšel v Rim, kjer je doktoriral na frančiškanski univerzi Antonianum, vendar svojega doktorata ni mogel končati, ker bi zato moral iti v Jeruzalem, da bi tam raziskal svojo temo o razlagi Svetega pisma. To je lahko napravil šele leta 1964.

Medtem je p. Zakrajšek storil vse, da bi prišel p. Kalist čimprej v Ameriko, kar je dosegel avgusta leta 1948. Tako je bil p. Kalist med prvimi emigranti, ki so prišli v Združene države po drugi svetovni vojni.

V Ameriki je p. Kalist

poučeval razlago Sv. pisma na različnih univerzah do svoje upokojitve. Na Chicago Theological Union je poučeval celih deset let.

Kakor vsak profesor takrat, je moral tudi p. Kalist v pokoj, ko je dopolnil 70. leto. Vendar p. Kalist je bil pri 70. letih še čil in zdrav ter poln energije. Zato se je posvetil delu po slovenskih župnijah kot župnik ali kaplan, tako npr. pri Sv. Cirilu v New Yorku, pri Sv. Ani v Johnstownu, Pa., pri Sv. Štefanu v Chicagu in drugod. Najdalje je bil in največ je pomagal – pri vseh moških opravkih – pri Sv. Štefanu, in to tudi pozneje, ko je bil že za stalno v Lemontu.

Prav je, da se na tem mestu pove, da sta bila p. Zakrajšek in p. Kalist med prvimi pobudniki slovenske državne ideje. Pomagala sta tudi širiti to idejo, čeprav je temu takrat nasprotovalo politično vodstvo slovenske emigracije, ki je videlo bodočnost za Slovence samo v okviru Jugoslavije.

P. Kalist je bil prepričan, da sta bili, prvič, njegovo prijateljstvo in sodelovanje s p. Zakrajškom, in drugič, njegova podpora slovenski državni ideji, vzrok, da ni postal komisar slovenskih frančiškanov v Ameriki, čeprav je imel vse kvalifikacije za ta položaj.

Ko je p. Zakrajšek nevarno zbolel, je bil p. Kalist pri njemu v Lemontu ter mu stregel in pomagal. Lahko rečemo, da je takorekoč p. Zakrajšek umrl v rokah p. Kalista, kar je bilo januarja 1958.

P. Kalist je preživel svoja zadnja leta v Lemontu ter hodil maševati k slovenskim šolskim sestram na Mount Assisi. Vendar, ko ga je začel zapuščati spomin, je lahko samo še somaševal in končno so ga morali dati v Mother Theresa

Nursing Home v Franciscan Village v Lemontu, kjer je umrl.

Dragi p. Kalist, vsi Tvoji prijatelji Te bomo ohranili v najlepšem spominu.

Bog Ti daj mir in pokoj.

Dr. Bogdan C. Novak

Oktet Lesna na ruševinah WTC

New York – Obiskovalci pogorišča Svetovnega trgovinskega centra (World Trade Center) so si v ponedeljek, 18. marca, nekaj po dvanajsti začudeno pogledovali proti opazovalni ploščadi, ki jo je za cerkvijo sv. Pavla dal zgraditi nekdanji župan Rudy Giuliani. Na ploščadi je v polkrogu stalo osem moških in pelo. “Kje so tiste stezice, ki so včasih bile,” je donelo čez ropot bagrov, ki še pol leta po napadu odstranjujejo ruševine.

Oktet Lesna iz Slovenj Gradca je med ožganimi nebotičniki finančnega središča nekoliko nepričakovano izvedel kratek komemorativni program.

Newyorški policisti, ki strogo nadzorujejo spodobno obnašanje turistov in uravnajo čas ogleda, so prilagodili pravila in oktetu pustili peti, čeprav so pevci prišli nenapovedani in niso imeli dovoljenja.

“Usodno smo povezani z World Trade Centrom,” je pojasnil vodja okteta Tone Gašper. “Peli smo na otvoritvi WTC v Ljubljani, pred desetimi leti pa smo peli prav tukaj na strehi 110. nadstropja. Takrat smo zapeli *Triglav moj dom*, danes pa so se *Stezice* zdele nekako ustreznejše.”

Oktet Lesna je prišel v ZDA na povabilo Ameriške slovenske ženske zveze, ki je v Jolietu pri Chicagu praznovala 75. obletnico. E.H.M.

Delo, 20. marca 2002



POGOVOR Z DR. JANEZOM A. ARNEŽEM

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– Povojni poboji –

Več kot 40 let je minilo, odkar je dr. Janez A. Arnež v New Yorku ustanovil privatno kulturno ustanovo Studia Slovenica, namenjeno zbiranju kulturno-zgodovinskega gradiva o Slovencih po svetu, zlasti v emigraciji, kot tudi informiranju ameriške javnosti o Sloveniji in Slovencih. Z bogatimi arhivskimi zbirkami in obsežno knjižnico se je nato po dolgih desetletjih vrnil v domovino.

Vaša pot na tuje, kamor ste odšli praznih rok, in vrnitev v domovino z obsežno arhivsko ustanovo opiše krog zares svojevrstnega in izjemnega življenjskega dela. Kako se je ta pot začela?

Leto 1945, tragično za slovensko zgodovino, je seveda prizadelo tudi mene osebno. Kot načelni nasprotnik vsakega totalitarnega sistema sem se pred komunistično revolucionarno oblastjo umaknil iz Trsta v Italijo.

To je bil moj vstop v nov svet. Odprl mi je možnost študija in izobraževanja, ki sem si ga vedno želel. V tem pogledu nisem doživel osebne tragedije, ampak sem po silni razmer pristal v svobodnem, kulturno in civilizacijsko zanimivem zahodnem svetu.

Po študiju na univerzah Yale in Laval sem nekaj let delal v Kongresni knjižnici v Washingtonu. V isti knjižnici sta bila zaposlena tudi moja dobra prijateljica iz dijaških let v Ljubljani, Erik Kovačič in Valentin Leskovšek. Ob delu sta dokončala študij knjižničarstva in do konca delovne dobe ostala v Kongresni knjižnici.

Sam sem pa študiral ekonomijo in se nekaj let pozneje naselil v New Yorku, kjer sem predaval ekonomijo. Kljub razlikam v poklicni usmeritvi smo imeli vsi trije veliko skupnega: zanimali so nas slovenski problemi in spraševali smo se, kaj bi lahko v tujini prispevali k slovenski stvari. Na prijateljskih večerih smo razpravljali tudi

o tem, kako malo ali nič ni slovensko ime znano v tujini.

Kolikor informacij o Sloveniji in Slovencih je bilo najti v knjižnici, so bili tujega izvora z znatno mero napak, deloma zaradi nepoznanja dejanskega stanja, deloma pa zaradi nenaklonjenega pričevanja o ljudstvu, ki je živelo na Kranjskem, Štajerskem, Koroškem, Goriškem, onstran Mure in v Dravski banovini. Na ta način Slovenci niso bili nikjer prikazani kot narod, ampak le kot manjšinsko ljudstvo, ki je živelo v obrobni deželah večjih držav. V zadnji fazi predvojne zgodovine so Slovenci dosegli na omejenem narodnem območju status "plemena". Quid faciendum?

Tarnanje nad slovensko preteklostjo, če ni povezano s korekturno akcijo, je neplodno govorjenje. Zato smo leta 1957 ustanovili Studia Slovenica z namenom, da informiramo svetovno javnost o Slovencih in Sloveniji v angleško pisanih knjigah. Prva knjiga je izšla že naslednje leto. Napisal sem jo sam in založil sem jo sam.

Napisali ste tudi več knjig o Slovencih v Ameriki. Kaj vas je k temu vodilo?

Ni bilo težko ugotoviti, da je bilo slovenstvo v tujini obsojeno na izginotje. Prihod političnih emigrantov je neizbežen konec slovenske skupnosti v ZDA in Kanadi malo odmaknil, nikakor pa ga ni mogel ustaviti. Izginjali so slovenski časopisi, slovenske župnije, slovenske šole in tečaji.

Tako so odmirale slovenske naselbine, toda njih preteklo življenje in delovanje na raznih področjih je vsekakor treba pripoznati kot del slovenske zgodovine in ga ohraniti spominu. Za to ohranitev pa ni druge možnosti kot zbiranje vsega pisnega in tiskanege gradiva, fotografij, filmov, umetniških del in glasbenih stvaritev, ki so nastale v teh naselbinah.

Kulturna in jezikovna asimilacija mladih generacij in nerazumevanje pomembnosti kulturne dediščine sta vztrajno uničevala velike dele tega zgodovinskega opusa slovenskih emigrantov. Prizadeval sem si zbirati in hraniti, kar mi je uspelo dobiti pri znancih in prijateljih.

Pomanjkanje primernege in dovolj velikega prostora je bilo velika ovira v teh prizadevanjih. Zato sem moral omejiti zbiranje samo. Med letoma 1968 in 1988 sem pošiljal to emigrantsko literaturo, na podlagi zamenjave, NUK-u, kot sva se dogovorila z Jožetom Žužkom, tedanjim šefom tamkajšnjega nabavnega oddelka.

Dr. Bruno Hartman, ravnatelj Univerzitetne knjižnice Mariboru, je tudi želel dobivati slovensko izseljensko literaturo. Z veseljem sem mu skušal ustreči in sem mu poslal nekaj zavitev v Maribor. Politična oblast pa je odločila, da v Mariboru take literature ne potrebujejo. Vrh vsega pa so na notranji upravi ugotovili, da jim lahko celo škoduje.

V svet vas je pognala komunistična revolucija. Verjetno vas je ta okoliščina zaznamovala tudi kot znanstvenika, saj ste poslej še posebno skrbno zbirali gradivo slovenskih političnih beguncev.

Gradivo slovenskih političnih beguncev je nastajalo, če smem reči, v "moji" dobi. To je največja politična emigracija v slovenski zgodovini, ki ima tudi kaj povedati, saj je bila kulturno močna. Njenega obširnega delovanja ni vodila ne finansirala kaka javna oblast, ampak je vse nas-

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Že v šestdesetih letih so se slišali glasovi, da nekateri slovenski komunistični veljaki priznavajo, da so s povojnimi pokoli zagrešili "resno napako" in da bi jo radi nekako popravili. In "popravljajo" jo do današnjega dne. ("Greh se je preobjedel laštne masti in zdaj sega v hropeči sitosti po grenki medicini postenja," je zapisal Cankar v svojem "Pohujšanju"). Vse opombe v oklepajih () so avtorjeve.

Slovenci v zdomstvu ne rabimo nobene razlage te "napake", in če ne bi bili v preteklosti še tolikokrat razočarani, bi se morda z večjim zaupanjem zanimali za sedanja prizadevanja v tej smeri. Obstaja namreč jasna nevarnost in močna verjetnost, da bo vse skupaj spet pometano pod preprogo in da se bodo komunisti še enkrat izognili dokončnemu obračunu revolucije.

Kljub načelnemu sporazumu vseh parlamentarnih strank, da je treba to stvar urediti in KAKO naj bi bilo to izvedeno, se je namreč v zadevo vmešala proslula "Zveza borcev" in nahujskala skupino poslancev, da se temu načelnemu dogovoru upro in zahtevajo amandmaje, ki bi ga "zvo-deneli". (Napovedano je bilo, da bo parlament razpravljal o tem 19. marca, pa ni...).

Stvar se je premaknila, ko se je v zadnjem času množici poznanih grobišč po vojni pomorjenih "kolaborantov" pridružila še vrsta leta 1946 pomorjenih "možnih nasprotnikov" revolucije na Štajerskem. Že samo ob načelni odločitvi, naj bo to vprašanje vendarle ureje-

no, pa so se zaslišala stara mnenja: gre vendar za okupatorjeve hlapce in ti so pač prejeli, kar so zaslužili...

Šestdeset let po vojni je vprašanje kolaboracije ali "kolaboracije" – brezpredmetno. Ostajajo samo suha dejstva:

da je Slovenija posejana z morišči, v katerih so izgubili življenja tisoči Slovencev, Srbov in Hrvatov;

da se današnje slovenske oblasti malo menijo za to in dopuščajo, da trohniyo ta trupla v neposvečeni zemlji, brez primernih obeležij in brez obrednega spominjanja;

da slovenske oblasti nočejo poskrbeti, da bi svojci teh ljudi prejeli mrliške liste in tako dosegli tudi "uradni" zaključek njihovega življenja;

da nekateri še živi partizanski "vojvode" ob tem vprašanju nemudoma zapadejo nekakšnemu "alzheimerju", kakor hitro nekdo omeni – po-bite domobrance;

da je dolžnost vsake države-naslednice in vsake vlade-naslednice, da čimprej uredi vsa "podedovana" vprašanja in omogoči miren, nadaljni razvoj dežele.

Ali, če zastavimo stvar nekoliko drugače:

"Leta 1945 se je zmagovita Komunistična partija odločila za >radikalen< obračun s svojimi nasprotniki. Zato do danes še ni prišlo do pobotanja sprtih strani. Državljanska vojna še traja. Zmagovita stran, partija, se ob tem zločinu – in kaj je likvidacija brez sodnega postopka drugega kot zločin – ki ga je zagrešila po končani vojni, ni mogla nadejati konsenza za svojo oblast. Zato je z vso svojo močjo ščitila pridobitve revolucije v korist >delavskega razreda<..."

To je zapisala Spomenka Hribar (Nova revija 1998), ta, ki jo je partija kasneje pooblastila, da kot nekaj "tintenfisch" zamegli slovensko politično ozračje v trenutku, ko se je zrušil komunistični sistem v Evropi, da bi partija lažje "zaščitila pridobitve revolucije".

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talo iz zasebne pobude in prihrankov.

Prav tako je ni vodil noben "agit-prop", ampak je pokazala veliko raznolikost, tudi na področju političnih in ideoloških usmeritev. Nastajala je v svobodnem svetu, kjer je bilo mogoče izražati individualne poglede.

Obširna slovenska kulturna dediščina je nastala že v begunskih taboriščih, posebno v Avstriji, kjer so slovenski begunci živeli v večjih skupnostih, kar jim je omogočilo organizirati raznovrstno šolstvo, kulturno delovanje in tudi pomembno publicistično dejavnost.

Ta prispevek sem skušal ponazoriti leta 1999 v delu *Slovenski begunski tisk v Avstriji 1945-1949*. Iz te dobe se je nabrala kar znatna literatura, seveda v obliki razmnoženin. Zelo dokumentarne so fotografije iz te dobe, ki so jih v velikem številu prispevali slovenski fotografi, posebno Marjan Hočevar in Marjan Kocmur.

V slovenskih naselbinah prekomorskih držav so politični emigranti po preselitvi iz taborišč začeli izdajati liste (*Klic Triglava, Naša luč, Svobodna Slovenija, Smer v slovensko državo, Slovenska pot, Slovenska beseda, Slovenija, Slovenska drava, Božja Beseda* itn.) in pripravljati druge kulturne ter družabne nastope (dramatika, leposlovje, glasba, znanost itn.).

Tako se je obseg gradiva, ki ga je bilo treba ohraniti, postopoma večal. Hkrati se je večala težava zbirateljev, kako zbrati novo gradivo, ki je nastajalo na geografsko zelo oddaljenih krajih, in kako zagotoviti popolne zbirke.

Kako ste prišli do tako obsežnega gradiva?

Želja po zbiranju gradiva je bila velika, možnosti pa zelo omejene. Kmalu je bilo stanovanje tako polno škatel, da sem se moral sprijazniti z ustavitvijo zbiranja. Kot sem že omenil, sem nekaj zbranega gradiva pošiljal v NUK in deloma tudi v Maribor.

Možnost obširnejšega zbiranja pa se je ponudila s slovensko osvodo-

ditvijo. Politična osvoboditev Slovenije je prinesla možnost preselitve Inštituta Studia Slovenica in vsega gradiva v Ljubljano, kjer je bila ustanova registrirana julija 1991.

Studia Slovenica ima prostore v Zavodu sv. Stanislava, p. p. 28, 1210 Ljubljana Šentvid.

Ko se je odprla možnost selitve v Slovenijo, sem iskal večje zbirke, ki sem jih sicer že preje poznal, a jih nisem imel kje shraniti. Med prvimi takimi pomembnimi zbirkami je bilo precej obširno gradivo, ki ga je zbral in shranil prof. Janez Sever v Clevelandu.

Manjši, toda popolnoma politični arhiv, je imel dr. Ludvik Puš v New Yorku. S sinom sva napolnila prvi zabojnik v hiši dr. Puša, kamor sva prej s tovarnjaki zvozila gradivo, nabrano po raznih slovenskih naselbinah v ZDA.

In ta prvi zabojnik je prišel v Evropo in do meje SFRJ prav v času, ko so na mejo prihajali tanki JLA. Po telefonu mi je uspelo transport ustaviti na italijanski strani in ga prepeljati čez mejo šele nekaj dni pozneje, kko so na slovenskem ozemlju jugoslovanski tanki izgubili vojaško sposobnost.

Ta prvi prevoz smo uskladiščili v opuščnem šolskem poslopju v Šmartnem v Goriških Brdih. Sledili so mu še trije, in sicer iz Hamiltona (Kanada) ter Buenos Airesa in končni iz New Yorka. Pripeljal sem tudi štiri kombije knjig in časopisov iz Zahodne Evrope (Nemčije, Francije, Avstrije in Italije).

Toda ob vsem tem zbiranju ste samostojno raziskovali slovensko narodno in politično zgodovino. Na samem začetku Studia Slovenica stoji vaša knjiga *Slovenia in European Affairs: Reflections on Slovenian Political History*. To je bil, domnevam, prvi poskus politične zgodovine Slovencev ...

Prva knjiga v zbirki Studia Slovenica je res bila moja knjiga *Slovenia in European Affairs*. Niti

najmanj nisem imel namena pisati slovenske zgodovine, tudi politične. Skušal sem le iz slovenske preteklosti izbrati določene točke, za katere sem menil, da bodo zanimale tujca, ko si bo hotel predstaviti to, kar sem mu ponujal: Slovenijo in Slovence v prizmi

preteklosti. Zato sem dal podnaslov "reflections", nekako misli o intelektualno pomembnih točkah v slovenski politični zgodovini. S tem nočem zatrdjati, da je bila moja izbira zgodovinskih drobcev edino pravilna rešitev. Zelo verjetno bi drugi drugače in morda bo-

lje presodili, kaj bi bilo primerno iz slovenske zgodovine dati na tuj "menu". Ker sam nisem imel in tudi ne bi hotel imeti monopola nad tovrstnim pisanjem, so imeli vsi kritiki priložnost, da bi s svojega stališča pripravili predstavitev na-

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V globoki žalosti sporočamo vsem prijateljem in znancem, da je 20. februarja 2002 zatisnila svoje trudne in oslepele oči naša ljuba mama, stara mama, prababica, tašča in teta

Albina Osenar

Albina se je rodila v družini Pograjec dne 3. marca 1908 v Motniku pri Kamniku. Leta 1936 se je na Rakovniku poročila s Stankom Osenarjem in se z njim naselila v Cerkljah na Gorenjskem. Skupaj z možem in otroci je doživljala strahote druge svetovne vojne in po njej vse težave na Vetrinjskem polju in v taborišču Spittal ob Dravi, od koder se je po dobroti sponzorja Antona Grdine skupaj s tremi malimi otroci v začetku leta 1950 naselila v Clevelandu. Njenega moža Stanka, ki se je koncem maja 1945 leta vrnil za svojimi fanti domobranci v Slovenijo, so komunisti po neuspešnih poskusih "prevzgoje" obsodili na smrt in 30. aprila 1946 ustrelili. Sin Stanko, ki je bil ob umiku v Avstrijo star le devet mesecev in resno bolan, je moral ostati pri sorodnikih v Sloveniji in se je šele 1955 leta enajstleten pridružil družini v Clevelandu, kjer je 6. novembra 2001 umrl za rakom.

Ob vsem dušnem trpljenju in vzorni skrbi za otroke je vdova Albina v Ameriki do upokojitve 1970. leta garala kot tovarniška delavka. Vedno je bila hvaležna sestrama Mariji Kolarič in Ivanki Pograjec, ki sta ji v tistih težkih letih borbe za preživetje po svojih najboljših močeh pomagali.

Blaga pokojnica je vrsto let tudi kuhala in pekla za prireditve sobotne Slovenske šole pri sv. Vidu in zbirala denar za slovenske misijonarje. Bila je članica svetovidskega Oltarnega društva, Ameriške slovenske katoliške jednote KSKJ in Kluba slovenskih upokojencev na St. Clairju. Dne 20. februarja letos je mirno v Gospodu zaspala.

Naša prva in največja zahvala velja dobremu Bogu, ki ji je vseh 94 let njenega življenja dobrotno pomagal, da je premagala številne težave in preizkušnje in storila toliko dobrega. In ko je onemogla in oslepela, ji je po dobrih ljudeh lajšal trpljenje zadnjih let življenja. Naj vsem tem dobrim ljudem tisočero povrne!

Naj bogato poplača g. župniku Jožefu Božnarju za številne obiske in dragoceno duhovno tolažbo, ki jo je pokojnica vedno zelo cenila. Zelo smo hvaležni gospem Mariji Frank, Slavki Sečnik in Miji Kralj, ki so poleg družine plemenito pomagale pokojnici v zadnjih letih njenega življenja. Zahvaljujemo se zavodnemu kaplanu g. Thomas Stock in sestri Mariji Avsec ter zvestim prijateljicam Julki Smole, Anuški Lekan, Mileni Stropnik, Cilki Košir, Heleni Perčič, Toniki Simičak, Tonki Jokič in vsem drugim, ki so ji bile v oporo s sočutnimi obiski.

Naj Bog obilo poplača vsem, ki ste se prišli posloviti od pokojnice v pogrebni zavod in še posebej g. župniku Božnarju za molitev svetega rožnega venca ter g. škofu dr. Edwardu Pevcu in župnikoma Janezu Kumšetu in George Smigi za obisk in molitve v pogrebem zavodu. Zelo smo hvaležni g. župniku Božnarju za pogrebno sveto daritev in tako lepo pridigo v cerkvi sv. Vida dne 23. februarja in za obrede na pokopališču Vernih duš in g. Janezu Sršenu in vsem pevcem, ki so povzdignili lepoto poslednjega slovesa. Zahvaljujemo se vsem za tako lepo udeležbo pri pogrebni sveti maši in pri pogrebu na pokopališču. Naj Bog stotero povrne tudi vsem za izraze sožalja, za sožalne kartice in velikodušne darove župnijam sv. Vida in Marije Vnebovzete, misijonom in v druge dobredelne namene v spomin pokojnice. Bog plačaj za dar svetih maš tudi g. škofu Roger W. Griesu in duhovnikom Ivanu Lavrihu, dr. Pavlu Krajniku in dr. Jožefu Goletu v Ameriki ter g. župniku Stanislavu Gradišniku v Cerkljah; ge. Pavlini Burja za naročilo več svetih maš ter prof. Jožici Pokoren, ki je poskrbela za sveto mašo v frančiškanski cerkvi v Ljubljani in gospema Marici Lavriševi in Anici Tusharjevi, ki sta naročili svete maše pri misijonarjih v Afriki. Naša zahvala tudi Cosičevemu pogrebemu zavodu za lepo urejen pogreb in gospe Julki Zalar in njenim kuharicam, ki so v Slovenskem narodnem domu na Holmes Avenue pripravile okusno kosilo za udeležence pogreba.

Ob slovesu pa še enkrat tisočera hvala Tebi, ljuba mama, za vse kar si za nas žrtvovala in pretrpela in za vse, kar si družini in skupnosti dobrega storila. Ti, ki v življenju nisi poznala počitka, se zdaj spočij v ljubečem božjem naročju!

Žaluojači:

sin Peter Osenar z ženo Sue, hčerka Milena Gobec z možem Edijem, hčerka Breda Lončar z možem Matijo, tašča JerryAnn Osenar, nečak Rudi Kolarič z ženo Viko in ostali sorodniki.

Zgodovina je continuum

(nadaljevanje s str. 16)

ših narodnih problemov. Očitno so se zadovoljili le z besedami in obljubami. Slovenski emigrantski politiki so želeli svojevrsten, nekako apologetičen prikaz slovenske zgodovine. Imeli so sestanke in načrtovalne seje toda alternative niso izpeljali.

Moji knjigi je nasprotoval zgodovinar F. Dolinar v Rimu, ki ni hotel sprejeti misli, da knjiga ni bila napisana kot zgodovina, posebno ne v takem smislu, kot jo je on pričakoval.

Nasprotovala sta ji tudi politika dr. J. Basaj in M. Stare. Verjetno zato, ker pač nisem prikazal njunega dela v vojnem času in ga opravičil, kar sta pričakovala. Nista tega jasno povedala, ampak knjigo brez argumentacije odklonila.

Dr. Krek jo je blagohotno sprejel, dr. Puš pa le kot zasilno publikacijo, nekako mašilo, dokler ne pride na dan knjiga, ki naj bi prišla iz odbora, ki mu je načeloval on. Te knjige pa nikoli ni bilo.

Eden redkih, ki je knjigo zelo veselo sprejel, je bil Ruda Jurčec in se je obregnil ob tiste, ki so veliko govorili o pravi knjigi o okupaciji in komunistični revoluciji, o zgodovini SLS, a nič naredili.

Letos sem izdal 31. knjigo v zbirki Studia Slovenica. To je moje delo: *SLS 1941-1945, Slovenska ljudska stranka / Slovenian People's Party*. Knjiga skuša podati pregled delovanja slovenske politične emigracije v času druge svetovne vojne v Londonu in New Yorku.

Ko se preselili arhiv in druge zbirke Studia Slovenica v domovino, ste našli prostor v kletih opustošenega Zavoda sv. Stanislava. V ruševinah ste s svojimi knjigami in "papirji"

taborili celo prvo zimo ... Povejte, kakšen čudež je za vas v tem "starem papirju"?

S politično osvoboditvijo Slovenije se je začela tudi za Studia Slovenica nova doba. Leta 1992 so v teku enega tedna (konec junija - začetek julija) pripeljali v Ljubljano zaboynika iz Kanade in Argentine. Vsebinsko obeh smo spravili v Zavodu sv. Stanislava. Po leseni drči so škatle pristale v kleti stavbe, v nekdanji zavodski telovadnici.

V zaboyniku sem pripeljal tudi železno posteljo in se nastanil med knjigami in arhivom. Bil sem tedaj edini stanovalec v veliki stavbi, v kateri so bile vse okenske šipe sistematično razbite, kar je bil eden od mnogih razbojniških posegov umikajoče se JLA.

Torej bo letos deset let, odkar sem stanovalec te stavbe. Pomembno je, da sem preživel dobo negotovosti in ohranil tisto, kar se mi je zdelo in se mi danes zdi vedno bolj dragoceno, in to vsak dan. V teh starih papirjih vidim in premišlujem dobo slovenstva, ki je prešla, ki bi jo prenekateri radi zbrisali, vendar je kljub vsemu, zeleno ali nezaželeno, del naše sodobnosti.

Zgodovina, tudi slovenska, je continuum, policijska oblast jo lahko sicer krha, toda v celoti je ne more podreti. Vsak ohranjen, zgodovinski dokumentaren papir, morda težko izbojevan od uničevalcev, pomaga pokrivati beline naše preteklosti.

Mislím, da se vsak pravi zgodovinar belih lis na slikah preteklosti boji in bi jih rad prekril - ne z vložki, diktiranimi od oblasti, ampak z dokazi, ki jih more razbrati v dokumentarnosti starih papirjev. Historia docet, so rekli stari in jim

moramo vsak dan pritruditi, da nas uči in mora učiti danes in jutri. Zato je arhivsko gradivo, "stari papirji", vrednost, ki vsak dan raste in verjetno visoko presega vrednost, ki mu jo je zapisovalec arhiva prisodil.

Deset let od prihoda Studia Slovenica v domovino ste izpolnili z urejanjem arhiva in knjižnice. Toda vsako leto, odkar ste v Sloveniji, napišete - ali pa vsaj izdate - tudi po eno knjigo o kulturni, socialni ali politični zgodovini Slovencev. Ali ne izdajate - vse na lastne stroške - tudi svoje revije?

V zadnjih desetih letih sem si prizadeval urediti pripeljano gradivo. Pri mizarju sem moral naročiti primerno knjižnično opremo. Popisal oziroma računalniško obdelal sem več kot 40.000 knjig in okoli 700 naslovov različne periodike. Priredil sem štiri razstave taboriščnega, argentinskega in severnoameriškega slovenskega tiska in razstavo fotografij iz koroških taborišč.

Na tem mestu moram izraziti priznanje Arhivu RS, edini javni ustanovi v Sloveniji, ki je pokazala razumevanje za vrednost arhivskega gradiva, ki ga hrani Inštitut Studia Slovenica. Arhiv RS daje specializirano pomoč pri urejanju arhiva, ki je že napolnil okoli petsto arhivskih škatel.

Leta 1993 sem se preselil iz New Yorka v Slovenijo. Vsako leto po svoji vrnitvi sem izdal eno knjižno delo. Julija 1995 sem začel izdajati list *Pogledi*, ki izhaja štirikrat na leto. V njem objavljám dokumentirano gradivo, shranjeno v arhivu naše ustanove.

Hkrati skrbim za rast celotnega fonda Studia Slovenica na knjižnem, periodičnem, arhivskem in likovnem področju.

S sedanjim direktorjem Zavoda sv. Stanislava, ki je tudi sam humanističen znanstvenik, pa ste nedavno dosegli idealen dogovor. Podpisali ste sporazum, ki trajno zagotavlja prihodnost Studia Slovenica znotraj Zavoda sv. Stanislava in njen svobodni razvoj. Kakšna perspektiva se s tem odpira pred Studia

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Ljubljana - Komisija Državnega zbora za Slovence v zamejstvu in po svetu je na seji največ pozornosti namenila obisku predstavnikov komisije v Argentini in Urugvaju, ki bo od 3. do 18. aprila. Člani komisije so izrekli nekaj pripomb k programu obiska, zato so se dogovorili, da bodo predvidoma danes (28. marca) dokončno določili program obiska.

Jožef Bernik (NSi) je poudaril, da je zelo pomembno določiti namen obiska v Argentini. Po njegovih besedah se je treba s tamkajšnjimi Slovenci pogovoriti o njihovem položaju, predvsem v sedanjih težkih gospodarskih razmerah, in izvedeti, kako jim lahko matična država pomaga. Bernik je predlagal, da bi se člani komisije v Argentini srečali s tamkajšnjimi uspešnimi slovenskimi podjetniki, na program pa bi po njegovem morali uvrstiti tudi srečanje z navadnimi ljudmi, ki niso člani odborov in društev, saj bi tako najboljše spoznali težave tamkajšnjih Slovencev.

STA (Delo fax, 22. marca 2002)

Slovenica, ki deluje že peto desetletje?

Stari so dejali, da v času vojne muze molčijo. Okoliščine so me prisilile k priznanju, da morajo tudi v času, ko prevlada karierizem, borba za oblast in čast, muze v kot, da jih ni ne videti in ne slišati. Muze in njih delo imajo nadčasovno razsežnost, borba za čast in oblast pa je sedaj in samo sedaj.

Kulturna narodna dediščina in njeno zbiranje ter hranjenje ne povečajo ne časti ne oblasti in tudi ne osebnega dohodka. Komu torej v korist? Na to more odgovoriti le idealist, ljubitelj kulture, ki ni ujet v vezi pragmatizma in utilitarizma.

Letos pa se je s pogodbo med Zavodom sv. Stanislava in Inštitutom Studia Slovenica položaj inštituta uredil v taki meri, da ima zagotovljeno popolnoma svobodno in neodvisno delovanje. Kot je bilo določeno v pogodbi, bo v pol leta Inštitut dobil nove prostore, ki jih sedaj preurejajo in funkcionalno prilagajajo potrebam inštitutskih zbirk. V tem pogledu

du je prišlo do velikega napredka po zaslugi novega vodstva Zavoda sv. Stanislava, ki je priznalo kulturni pomen Inštituta Studia Slovenica.

Vedno sem se zanimal za velike in pomembne kulturne ustanove po svetu in se spraševal, kaj bi bilo treba storiti, da bi tudi Slovenci mogli priti do česa podobnega. Največja knjižnica na svetu, Library of Congress, se je razvila iz darila predsednika Jeffersona, ki je poklonil ameriškemu narodu svojo osebno knjižnico z nekaj nad štiri tisoč deli. V dveh stoletjih je knjižnica zrasla do zavidljive višine, ker so Američani spoznali pomembnost take ustanove za kulturni in civilizacijski napredek države.

Studia Slovenica je komaj nastala in se ne more meriti s svetovnimi ustanovami. Kljub temu pa lahko rečem, da sedanjí obseg zbirk Inštituta Studia Slovenica predstavlja dovolj veliko zrno, ki ob vestnem in idealnem pristopu mojih naslednikov lahko vzklíje in zraste v drevo, katerega sadeži bodo v zadovoljstvo in korist slovenskega naroda.

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Povojni poboji

(nadaljevanje s str. 15)

Danes, ko tudi "oblast" priznava, da bo treba najti rešitev tega problema, beremo sledeče:

"Za množične poboje po vojni je krivda na vseh straneh, tako na tisti, ki je del slovenskih ljudi mobilizirala za svoje ideološke cilje na strani protirevolucije, kot na tisti, ki je v evforiji svojega zmagoslavja po-teptala najosnovnejši etični kodeks vojaškega ravnanja in s tem oblatila pravični boj za narodno osvoboditev."

To pa je zapisal Peter Kovačič Peršin, poslanec in predsednik (!) komisije, ki naj bi dosegla pravično rešitev tega "vprašanja". (Članica te komisije je tudi Spomenka Hribar!)

VOZ PRED KONJA: kontrarevolucija je kriva, da jo je revolucija pobila ... Človek ne ve, ali bi se zjokal, smejal, ali pobesnel ob takem "strokovnem" razmišljanju, ki naj bi s svojo modrostjo rešilo to tragično travmo slovenskega naroda.

"Krivda je na vseh straneh" ... krivi so vsi, tisti, ki so stali z brzostrelkami nad brezni Kočevskega. Roga in pred

hrastniškimi rovi, še bolj pa tisti, ki so jih tja prignali nage, zvezane in pretepe, da so potem s svojo "krivdo" vred o-mahnili na gomile mrtvih.

"Krivi so tudi tisti, ki so del slovenskih ljudi mobilizirali za svoje ideološke cilje na strani protirevolucije." (Peter Kovačič Peršin, Civilizacijski dolg, Delo 24. okt. 2001) To pomeni, krivi so politiki, ki so zavzeli protikomunistično stališče in potegnili za seboj ubogo rajo.

"Krivi pa so tudi tisti, ki so v evforiji zmagoslavja poteptali najosnovnejši etični kodeks vojaškega ravnanja in s tem oblatili pravični boj za narodno osvoboditev." (Prav tam.)

Povojni pokol tisočev je torej zgolj "poteptanje najosnovnejšega kodeksa vojaškega ravnanja". Tako so se seveda obnašali Atilovi Huni in Bi Ladinovi "talibani", pa kaj zato. Hujša krivda teh je v dejstvu, da so "oblatili pravični boj za narodno osvoboditev". V tem torej je njihov glavni greh, ne v pokolu tisočev.

Z leti se je izkristalizirala jasna (in učinkovita) taktika "vodilnih": kar nam ne odgovarja, o tem bomo lepo molčali. Ignorirali bomo vse še tako utemeljene pritožbe in zahteve: prej ali slej bo teh "pritožnikov" zmanjkalo, ali pa se bodo naveličali, ljudje bodo na zadevo pozabili in "kontinuiteta" ali "kontinuiteta kontinuitete" bo šla veselo svojo pot naprej.

Drug negativen ali vsaj ne-pozitiven aspekt se kaže v reakciji inteligence, ki sama pri sebi priznava, da gre v tej zadevi za vnebovpijoč zločin, a nima niti moči, niti poguma, da bi to besedo izlajala v slovenski dan, kajti, pomisliti je treba na celo vrsto ozirov, od strahu pred "tistim", češar so "ti ljudje" (še vedno) zmožni, da očisto človeške, razumljive skrbi za kariero in osebno prihodnost.

Značilen je npr. intervju s profesorjem Deanom Komeljem, objavljen v *Novi reviji* 236, str. 122-141).

"Kdaj se vas je prvič dotaknila usoda po vojni pobitih", ga vpraša ured-

nik Grafenauer, "in ste to, kar se jim je zgodilo, doživeli kot zločin? Se vam zdi, da je zločinca treba identificirati ali ne? Kaj porečete na trditev nekaterih (...) da sta osrednja slovenska zločinca Edvard Kardelj in Matija Maček, voditelja narodnoosvobodilnega odpora oziroma komunistične revolucije? Je za obdobje okupacije med drugo svetovno vojno razlikovanje med narodnoosvobodilnim bojem in komunistično revolucijo na eni strani ter med kolaboracijo in protikomunističnim bojem na drugi, smiselno ali ne? Kaj se je po vašem razmisleku sploh dogajalo takrat?"

Komeljev (nepopoln) odgovor je tipičen: ve kdo nosi glavno krivdo za medvojna dogajanja in da sta torej Kardelj in Maček res največja slovenska zločinca, iz zadrege, ki je iz že omenjenih razlogov ne more priznati, pa si pomaga tako, da vprašanje "zamegli", da ga dvigne v neko višjo "sfero", kjer navadnemu človeku povsem razumljivi razlogi in razlage ne veljajo več, temveč se pojavljajo dvomi, zaradi katerih je potrebno osvetliti celotno vprašanje od vseh strani pred neko "dokončno sodbo" (ki bo, milostno, morda celo nepotrebna, ker bo zdaj zdaj manjkalo "tožnikov").

Komelj je v gimnazijskih letih zahajal v italijanske in slovenske knjigarne v Gorici in tam prebral marsikaj o medvojnih dogajanjih, kar ga je "šokiralo, vendar ni bilo nikogar, ki bi se bil pripravljen posebej pogovarjati o tem, bodisi da niso hoteli, bodisi da se jim ni hotelo, nasploh pa se ni smelo..."

Priznava pa, da za povojne poboje ni nobenega opravičila in potem zapiše nadvse zanimive stavke: "Bojim se, da ima sedanje nenavadno zanimanje medijev za to problematiko zgolj ta namen, da odvrta pozornost od nečesa drugega (!?), kar bi morda utegnilo razburjati javnost, ali pa se nekdo v ozadju okorišča s tem. Če je tako, potem gre za zelo sprevrženo moralo, ki pa je na Slovenskem sicer ne primanjkuje..." Tako prof. Dean Komelj.

O Ivanu Mačku-Matiji

Zahvala Slovenske šole pri Sv. Vidu

CLEVELAND, O. – Kosilo Slovenske šole pri Sv. Vidu je lepo uspelo. Prav lepo se zahvaljujemo vsem, ki so pomagali pri pripravi kosila, dvorane in vseh drugih podrobnosti. Vsako delo in vsaka pomoč je bila upoštevana. Najlepša hvala vsem, ki so se udeležili kosila in podprli na kakršenkoli način prizadevanja Slovenske šole pri sv. Vidu. Istočasno se zahvaljujemo družini Zamlen za uporabne namizne potrebščine in Jim Slapniku za cvetje. Še posebej smo hvaležni trgovcem in posameznikom, ki so darovali razne dobrote za naš srečolov. Bog plačaj!

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je Komelj "veliko slišal še v časih, ko so dejanja, ki mu jih pripisujejo, veljala za junaška". O njegovi in Kardeljevi krivdi pa sam lahko domneva na podlagi "razpoložljivih zgodovinskih spričeval, drugače pa je potrebna *ustrezna pravna in politična presoja*..."

Vse mu je jasno, vse razume, nobenega dvoma ne nakazuje, ampak še vedno zahteva "ustrezno pravno in politično presojo"! Tu, seveda, se njegovo "premišljanje" zlije s "premišljanjem" kontinuitete: zahtevati moramo "pravno in politično presojo" (prim. izjave Državne tožilke Cerarjeve, op.p.) in upajmo, da bo teh "presojevalcev" prej ali slej zmanjkalo, da bo šla stvar v pozabo in da se bo revolucija slednjič znebila tega nadležnega bremena.

Aleš Debeljak, ki naj bi odgovarjal na ista vprašanja, je šel še korak dalje: enostavno ni odgovoril in se je opravičil, češ da je "prezaposlen" ali tako nekako. (Kar ti ne odgovarja, ignoriraj...)

Je vse zastoj: ljudje s tako miselnostjo se ne bodo (ker tega tudi ne čujejo) nikoli dokopali do stvarne presoje dogodkov na slovenskih tleh med drugo svetovno vojno in nečloveške tragedije po njenem koncu.

Slovenska kontrarevolucija je bila naraven, spontan odpor ljudstva neki tuji filozofiji, ki se je s časom izkazala ne le za zločinsko, narodu škodljivo, temveč tudi za popolnoma zmotno. Po

sedmih desetletjih vladavine v Vzhodni Evropi, se je zrušila od lastne teže in nemoči.

Kdo je danes Marx? Zavrnen socialni filozof. Kdo je danes Lenin? Voščeno truplo na tistem katafalku na Rdečem trgu, kjer odgovorni komaj čakajo, da ga zavlečejo nekam za Kremeljski zid. Kdo je Jozef Stalin, "sonce človeštva"? Gruzijski terorist in ubijalec. In kaj je danes Komunistična partija Slovenije? Zakamuflirana družina zagrizenih zelotov. Vzdržuje jih krog starih revolucionarjev, ki so spomladi 1945 slovenskemu človeku nagnali strah v kosti.

Še tretja izjava: Izjava slovenske državne tožilke Zdenke Cerar:

"Opravlja se vrsta preiskovalnih aktivnosti, od ekshumacij, izpraševanja prič, pridobitve listinskega gradiva iz arhivov, a do kazenskega pregona ne more priti, če ni odkrit konkretni storilec. To je bodisi dajalec ukaz za izvršena dejanja ali izvrševalec sam ... Brez potrebne gotovosti - utemeljenega suma - zoper neko osebo ni mogoče kazensko pravno ukrepati..."

Torej: eno najbolj nepravilnih, izvensodnih dejanj, zločin, ki po mednarodnih statutih *ne zastara*, bo v "pravni državi" Sloveniji, obravnavan po vseh pravilih "pravne države".

V šestih desetletjih namreč v tej naši nesrečni Sloveniji, ni noben oblastnik zasledil enega sa-

(dalje na str. 19)

V blag nepozabljen spomin

Ob 8. obletnici smrti našega očeta, starega očeta, prastarega očeta in brata



IVAN RIGLER

Umrli je 1. aprila 1994

Osem let je že poteklo, odkar si nas zapustil, a v duhu si še vedno med nami. Počivaj v miru, in na svidenje nad zvezdami.

Žalujoci ostali:

Zena - Frances
Sinova - Joseph in Anthony
Hčerka - Mary Ann
in njih družine
Brat - Lojze z družino v
Toronto, Kanada
Sestre - Mimi, Ivana in Joža
v Sloveniji
ter ostalo sorodstvo v Ameriki,
Kanadi in Sloveniji.

Povojni poboji

(nadaljevanje s str. 18)

mega "utemeljenega suma", da bi bil kdorkoli od še živečih medvojnih "akterjev" udeležen pri Kočevskem pokolu, kaj šele odgovoren zanj. Državna tožilka pa menda čaka, da se bo eden ali drug "dajalec ukazov" ali celo "izvrševalec" sam, pojavil v njeni pisarni, s klobukom v rokah: tukaj sem...

Pa vendar sedijo te korifeje v raznih vilah po slovenski zemlji in uživajo "zasluženi" pokoj. Vse, kar je potrebno, da odženejo od sebe nadležne vohljače, pa je flegmatična izjava: "Jaz se ničesar več ne spominjam, to je šlo vse v pozabo." Tisti partizanski klavci v Rogu so pač streljali zato, ker jim je bilo tako ukazao in ker so jim pač gonili pred puške ljudi, ki jih je bilo treba pobiti. Odgovoren pa za to ni nihče...

Najučinkovitejši odgovor na to "mencanje" pravosodnih oblasti da-

Ameriški vojni ladji na obisku v Sloveniji

Koper - Ta teden sta na obisku v slovenskem morju ameriški vojaški ladji. Prva - USS Apache - je priplula pretekli petek in bo ostala na obisku do 31. marca, druga - USS Shreveport - pa je prišla v ponedeljek in bo na obisku do jutri, 29. marca.

Apache je dolga 73 metrov, na njej je 36 članov posadke, poveljuje ji vicilni kapitan in bo na delovnem obisku. Slovenski in ameriški vojaški potapljači se skupaj urijo v potapljanju in opravljajo razna podvodna dela, vaje v podvodni medicini, preiskave morskega dna in urjenje v iskanju in reševanju iz morja. Potapljaško urjenje ne moti pomorskega prometa.

Obisk 173-metrške ladje Shreveport s 586 člani posadke sodi med rutinske obiske tujih vojaških ladij v Sloveniji; skupnih akcij s Slovensko vojsko ni bilo načrtovanih. Obiska in ogle-da plovil niso predvideli.

B. Š.

Delo fax, 22. marca 2002

našnje Slovenije je dal župan Slovenske Bistrice, Alojz Vezjak. Na vprašanje, ali ni z odločitvijo, da odpre famozni "bunker" zunaj Slovenske Bistrice, kjer je končalo nekaj sto ljudi iz bistriške okolice, "posegel na področje pravosodja, ker naj bi bilo za ekshumacije pristojno državno tožilstvo", je Vezjak odgovoril:

"Mi smo posegli v prostor na območju naše občine n na zahtevo naših občanov. O tem smo se odločili na občinskem svetu. Tudi tam so bile nekatere negativne pripombe raznih posameznikov, s katere strani, vemo - toda prevladalo je mnenje, da je to nujno urediti. Dozorelo je prepričanje, da je zdaj le prišel čas, da bi tem stvarjem prišli do dna." (Bogomir Štefančič ml., Izkopavanje bomo nadaljevali, *Družina*, 25. nov. 2001.)

V razvoj v Slovenski Bistrici je posegla tudi poznala novinarka Milica Strgar, ki dela "kariero" iz blatenja, politične emigracije in pere "zamorca", ki je vsega kriv. V članku "Postanek ob slovenskobistriškem bunkerju", *Delo*, 27.9.01, se poslužuje najnesramnejše taktike za opravičilo zločina v Bistrici: pokol, izvršen januarja 1946 (!), je razumljiv in opravičljiv spricho divjanja "okupatorjevih sodelavcev", ki so po njenih (odn. Silva Grgiča) podatkih, pobili toliko in toliko civilistov, ranjenih partizanov in aktivistov OF. (Da teh "okupatorjevih hlapcev" na Štajerskem sploh ni bilo, ne ne moti).

Za nameček se potem cinično vprašuje: "Se še kdo spomni "Kulturbunda"? in namiguje, da je bilo že samo članstvo v tej pro-nacistični organizaciji zadosten razlog za likvidacijo. Toda med žrtvami, ki so jih žive zakopali v tisti bunker, je bilo tudi veliko otrok! Kam, med kakšne zločince pa spadajo oni?

In če komu teh njenih "argumentov" ni dovolj, poseže še po laži: "Mnogi niso mogli prenesti, da so povojne oblasti izpustile iz taborišč ali zaporov pripadnike domobranskih in drugih kvizlinških enot, ki so se med vojno krvavo znašali nad prebivalci svojih območij." (Iz taborišč je bila izpuščena peščica mladoletnikov, katerih večino so potem pospravili terenci ob vrnitvi v domače vasi.)

Danes je vse to - voda čez jez. Milica Strgar in vsi, ki ji pritrjujejo, se gotovo tudi zavzemajo, naj to vprašanje rešuje "stroka". Naj ga torej rešuje. V bistvu gre za to, da je treba tem žrtvam zagotoviti človeka vredno počivališče, njihova življenja tudi "uradno" zaključiti in svojcem, v kolikor so sploh še živi, omogočiti, da se na svoj način in brez kakršnihkoli ovir ali omejitev spominjajo teh življenj. Sramota, ki bo pri tem padla na vse odgovorne za ta zločin in na vse, ki ga še danes odobrava, zagovarjajo ali opravičujejo, je pač njihov problem.

Prva generacija zdomskih Slovencev zdaj odhaja. Po široki sledi njegovega delovanja pa bodo hodili njeni otroci in bodoči zgodovinarji in pri-

peljala jih bo do - resnice. V to trdno verujemo, kajti vsako zlo je samo po sebi obsojeno na propad.

KOLEDAR

APRIL

20. - Primorski klub priredi večerjo in ples v SND na St. Clair Ave.

27. - Slovenska šola pri Sv. Vidu priredi materinsko proslavo v farni dvorani, s pričetkom ob 6.30 zv.

MAJ

10. - Slovenska šola pri Mariji Vnebovzeti priredi "reverse raffle" in sicer v Slovenskem domu na Holmes Ave.

18. - Pevski zbor Korotan praznuje 50. obletnico obstoja z banketom in koncertom v SND na St. Clairju. Pričetek ob 5. pop.

19. - Društvo SPB ima spominsko sv. mašo pri Lurški Materi božji na Chardon Rd., to ob 12. uri opoldne.

26. - Društvo SPB ima skupne molitve na pokopališču Vernih duš na Chardonu, pop. ob 3.30.

JUNIJ

15. in 16. - Tabor DSPB priredi spominsko proslavo na Slovenski pristavi.

JULIJ

6. - Balincarski klub Slovenske pristave priredi piknik, na SP.

7. - Slovenska šola pri Sv. Vidu prireja piknik na Slovenski pristavi.

14. - Misijonska Znamkarska Akcija priredi piknik na Slovenski pristavi. Začetek ob 12. uri s sv. mašo.

SEPTEMBER

1. - Društvo SPB ima romanje v Frank, O., k Žalostni Materi božji. Sv. maša ob 12h opoldne, druge pobožnosti ob 2h pop.

8. - Oltarno društvo sv. Vida priredi kosilo v avditoriju farne šole.

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26. - Štajerski in prekmurski klub ima martinovanje v SND na St. Clair Ave.

NOVEMBER

9. - Belokranjski klub ima martinovanje v SND na St. Clair Ave.

Slovenija vzorčen primer za države nekdanje SFRJ

Ljubljana - V Slovenijo je na tridnevni obisk prispel poveljnik si Sforja v Bosni in Hercegovini ameriški generalpodpolkovnik John Sylvester. V ponedeljek se je sestal z gostiteljem, načelnikom generalštaba SV brigadirjem Ladislavom Lipičem in obrambnim ministrom Antonom Grizoldom. Z ministrom sta se pogovarjala o načrtovanem povečanju prisotnosti slovenskih mirovnih sil v Bosni, saj naj bi tja odšla ena motorizirana četa 10. bataljona.

Grizold je poudaril, da si bo Slovenija še naprej prizadevala za stabilizacijo razmer na Balkanu na vseh področjih, Sylvester pa je dejal, da je Slovenija lahko vzorčen primer za države na območju nekdanje Jugoslavije. V naslednjih dneh so amerškemu vojaškemu gostu predstavili osnutek preoblikovanja Slovenske vojske.

R. P.

Delo fax, 26.3.2002

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Uredništvu Ameriške Domovine, vsem, ki zvesto prebirate te edinstveni in najstarejši slovensko-ameriški tednik, vsem dobrotnikom misijonarjev, vsem misijonarjem po svetu, ter vsem MZA sodelujočim: prav vsem vam želim lepe praznični dni, da bi sredi vsakdanjega življenja mogli prepoznati vstajensko skrivnost, ko se navidezni nesmisel, ali neuspeh, brezup spremeni v smisel, moč, velikonočno veselje. Vsem starejšim, osamelim in trpečim ter bolnim pa zagotovilo, da mislimo in molimo za nje, da bi tudi kot preizkušeni doživeli velikonočni praznik; smisel trpljenja in radost Gospodove Velike noči.

Za velikonočne praznike nas je zopet želel razveseliti s svojim prispevkom misijonar Vladimir Kos z Japonske:

Gospodovo vstajenje je temelj vsakega misijonskega delovanja (torej tudi MZA)

Kaj zatrjuje apostol svetovnega misijonstva? "Če pa Kristus ni bil obujen, je tudi naše oznanilo prazno in prazna tudi vaša vera. Poleg tega bi se tudi pokazalo, da smo lažnjive Božje priče, ker smo proti Bogu pričali, češ da je obudil Kristusa, ki Ga ni obudil ... Če pa Kristus ni bilo obujen, je prazna vaša vera in ste še v svojih grehah." (Prvo pismo Korinčanom 15: 14-15,17).

Če se sponzate na izvirni grški tekst, v katerem je to pismo napisano, lahko berete v oklepaju, da ima precej prepisanih rokopisov namesto "naše oznanilo" (zgoraj navedeno): "vaše oznanilo", kar pa bistveno Pavlovega prepričanja ne spremeni. Posebno pri diktiranju je v starogrščini lahko zamenjati glasove "he" in "hy", ki sta odločilna za ti dve besedi. Drugih različij pri prepisovanju; celi rodovi piscev so skrbno pazili, da tako tehten tekst karseda pravilno prepišejo – za vse, ki jim je Kristusovo vstajenje zgodovinska resnica. In Kristus sam je bil večkrat napovedal Svoje vstajenje, čeprav Ga – najbrž z izjemo Marije – Njegovi učenci niso vzeli resno. Glej Mat 20:19; Mk 9:31; 10:34; Lk 18:33; 24:7; in še Mat 28:6; Mk 16:6.

Dosti krščanstvu naklonjenih piscev tako na Zahodu kot na Japonskem opisuje Kristusovo življenje – do smrti na križu. Toda poročilo o Njegovem vstajenju je neločljivi del evangelijev. Kdor črpa iz evangelijev poročilo o Jezusovem življenju in delovanju, ne ravno logično, če se ustavi pri Njegovem križu – največkrat zaradi svojega prepričanja, da se takšen čudež kot je vstajenje ne more zgoditi, ker v našem svetu ni prostora za čudeže. Če sploh omenijo, da je bil Jezus napovedal svoje vstajenje od mrtvih, Njegove besede tako pretolmačijo, da od njih ničesar ne ostane. Celo apostol Janez, ki ga imajo mnogi za mističnega pisca evangelija, poroča nedaleč od začetka svojega evangelija, kako Jezus očisti tempelj in Judom, ki zahtevajo pravnomočnost za to dejanje, odgovori: "Podrite ta tempelj in v treh dneh ga bom postavil." (Jn 2:19). Judje ga niso razumeli. In Janez doda: "On pa je govoril o templju svojega telesa. Ko je bil obujen od mrtvih, so se njegovi učenci spomnili, da je govoril o tem, in verovali so Pismu in besedi, ki jo je rekel Jezus." (Jn 2:21-22) "Pismo" v tem tekstu je Pismo Boga ljudstvu stare zaveze; glej npr. preroka Izaija 53:9-10.

Apostoli so prvi misijonarji. Kristusa oznanjajo – od mrtvih vstalega Jezusa Kristusa. Deset dni po Jezusovi vrnitvi v nebesa, na Binkoštno nedeljo, pridiga Peter: "Jezusa Nazarenčana, ki Ga je Bog pred vami potrdil z močmi, čudeži in znamenji ... kakor sami veste, Njega so ... pribili na križ in umorili. Toda Bog GA je ... obudil od mrtvih... in mi vsi smo temu priče." (Ap. dela 2:22-24,32)

V Pergi v Pamfiliji oznanja Pavel, nekdanji preganjalec Kristusovih vernikov: "Prebivalci Jeruzalema in njihovi voditelji /Odrešenika Jezusa/ niso spoznali. S svojo sodbo so izpolnili besede prerokov, ki jih berejo vsako soboto. Čeprav niso našli nobene krivde, da bi zaslužil smrt, so od Pilata zahtevali, naj Ga da usmrtiti. In ko so izpolnili vse, kar je bilo zapisano o Njem, so ga sneli z leta in položili v grob. Toda Bog Ga je obudil od mrtvih. Več dni se je prikazoval tistim, ki so prišli z Njim iz Galileje v Jeruzalem; ti so zdaj Njegove priče pred ljudstvom..." (Ap. dela 13:27-31)

Mi misijonarji na terenu, in MZA in vsi misijonski zaledniki, vsi smo priče Vstalega od mrtvih. Kdor je samo človek, se ne more vrniti po smrti iz groba. Toda kdor je ne le pravi Človek, ampak tudi resnično Sin božji, lahko o Sebi reče: "Nihče mi življenje ne jemlje, ampak ga dajem sam od sebe. Oblast imam, da ga dam, in oblast imam, da ga spet prejmem." (Jn 10:18) Priče smo najbolj otipljive božje ljubezni – Jezusove smrti na križu! Smrt, ki nam je odprla nebesa, kjer je Bog, sam Bog, najbolj doma. Priče smo Vstalega od mrtvih – s svojim življenjem, ki ga oživlja spet živi Kristus Gospod. Po svetem obhajilu

rad zahaja v naša srca. Tako že uživamo Njegovo kraljestvo na tem svetu. In ga – prav posebej po MZA – želimo uresničiti v karseda širokem svetu. Ta naša želja je božji dar; učinkovita je in deluje v našem življenju. Po njej smo čisto blizu Njemu, ki je bil nekoč dejal: "Naredite vse narode za moje učence." (Mat 28:19) Srečna MZA!

Že zdaj vam vsem iz srca želim blagoslovljeno, srečno, veselo Alelujo. S prirčnim pozdravom ostajam vdani

Vladimir Kos 18.2.2002

Misijonar **Francis Rebol** s Tajvana piše: "Prav vsem želim veselo Alelujo. Veselite se velikonočnih darov, tudi pirhov in potic! Iskrena hvala za dar, ki ste mi ga poslali po Maryknoll Fathers. Spominjal se vas bom vseh v molitvah. Fr. Francis Rebol M.M."

Sr. **Hermína Nemščák** piše Anici Tushar: "Tokrat se vam oglašam iz Avstrije, kjer preživljam zadnji mesec mojega sobotnega leta. Bogu sem hvaležna za tako bogata in globoka doživetja. Po 15 letih misijonskega dela na Slovenkoščenih obali, se vračam v Slovenijo. Prirčno se vam in vsem misijonskim sodelavcem zahvaljujem za vašo duhovno in materialno pomoč, ki sem je bila deležna. Hvala za vaše zvesto pošiljanje MSIP."

Moja srčna želja je, da bi vse kar je Gospod sejal po meni v ljudeh, s katerimi sem se srečevala, obrodilo bogate sadove. Veliko lepega sem doživela med temi preprostimi ljudmi. Njihova duša je odprta za Boga in hvaležna sem za vse, kar jim je brezpogojno podarjeno. Tudi sama sem veliko prejela.

Sedaj bom odprla oči in srce za novo poslanstvo, ki me čaka v naši provinci in Cerkvi na Slovenskem. V molitvi z vami povezana, hvaležna sr. Hermína Nemščák."

Dar: Stana Oven \$100: "Danes prilagam v dva namena in sicer \$50 za sestro v Albaniji in \$50 za misijonarja Danila Lisjaka, ki deluje v Kongu. Koliko ljudje trpijo po svetu! Velika noč je bližja – zato veselo Alelujo vsem, ki si tako veliko prizadevate za pomoč slovenskim misijonarjem, Stana."

V teh velikonočnih praznikih se spomnimo v molitvi vseh dobrotnikov misijonarjev, vseh živih in že pokojnih, pa tudi vseh bolnih, ki see nam priporočajo v molitev. Priporočajmo jih škofu Baragi, da bi po njegovi prosojni jim Bog naklonil potrebnega zdravlja.

Sestra smrt je obiskala 15. decembra lani, misijonarko sestro Terezijo Medvešek, ki je delovala v Calcutti, Indija do svoje visoke starosti 95 let, to v Auxilium Convent School. Več o njenem delovanju, ko nam bo poslala njena predstojnica podatke. Na praznik sv. Jožefa je Gospod odpoklical Marjanca Mlinar, veliko dobrotnico misionarjev in drugih verskih ustanov. Obedve pokojni sta odšli polnih dobrih del k nebeškemu Očetu po plačilo. Naj se spočijeta v Gospodu. Spomnimo se jih v molitvi, če še kaj potrebuje. Brez dvoma, lepa je smrt pravičnih in bogatih dobrih del.

Ostajam z velikonočnimi pozdravi vstalega Kristusa. Aleluja!

Za MZA, **Sonja Ferjan**

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Novi grobovi

(nadaljevanje s str. 13)

sv. Gabrijela v Concord Twp., s pokopom na pokopališču Mentor.

Frank J. Pikš st.

Dne 24. marca je na svojem domu v Chesterlandu umrl 83 let stari Frank J. Pikš st., mož Mary, roj. Lovko, oče Franka ml. in Mary Jane Mesojedec, 2-krat stari oče, 1-krat prastari oče, brat že pok. Marie Hines, zaposlen kot mesar pri Carl's Super Market in nato pri Fisher Fazio trgovini na Mayfield Hts. 38 let, do svoje upokojitve l. 1983. Pogreb je bil v oskrbi Cosicevega zavoda na Willoughby Hillsu.

Joseph A. Strah

Dne 21. marca je v St. Vincent Charity bolnišnici umrl 70 let stari Joseph A. Strah, ki je mnogo let živel v Cleveland Rehabilitation and Special Care Centre, sin Jane in Josepha Strah (oba že pok.). Pogrebni obredi so bili v Kaliforniji, tu je podrobnosti uredil Cosicev pogrebni zavod na Lake Shore Blvd.

Rudolph Kozole

Dne 18. marca je v Manor Care negovališču v Willoughbyju umrl Rudolph Kozole, rojen v Sloveniji, krojač po poklicu, živel je v Baltimore-u, Md., dokler se je preselil k nečakinji na Willoughby Hillsu, brat Kristine Kostansek (Slov.) ter že pok. Marije Tatič, Dominika, Antona in Anice, stric Magde Zagmeister, Tonice Simičak, v Sloveniji pa Draga Kostanška in Franca Molana. Pogreb je bil v oskrbi Cosicevega zavoda na Willoughby Hillsu s sv. mašo v cerkvi Marije Vnebovzete in pokopom na Vernih duš pokopališču.

Leo F. Kacar

Dne 15. marca je umrl 81 let stari Leo F. Kacar z Willoughbyja, vdovec po Marie, roj. Kulakowski, oče RONALDA in Jerry Picciello, 7-krat stari oče, 2-krat prastari oče, brat Franka in Gertrude Kristof. Pogreb je bil 19. marca s pokopom na Vernih duš pokopališču. Družina bo hvaležna za darove v pokojnikov spomin Slovene Home for the Aged Foundation, 18621 Neff Rd., Cleveland, OH 44119.

Louis J. Sray

Umrl je Louis J. Sray, mož Therese, roj. Godec, oče Lois Swier, Louisa in Tine Price, 3-krat stari oče, 2-krat prastari oče, brat Toni Supan, Anne Maurer in Tine Lozar, dva brata in dve sestri so že pok., veteran 2. svetovne vojne, v kateri je služil v ameriški vojski. Pogreb je bil 11. marca s pokopom na Kalvarije pokopališču.

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