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Primoz, left, chats with Slovenian Olympic legend Leon Stukelj at the awards ceremony.

Primoz Peterka Heading for Winter Olympics

Slovenia's top ski jumper, Primoz Peterka is competing in various events tuning up for the Winter Olympics in Nagano, Japan next month.

Primoz is currently ranked #5 in the World Cup standings which is not bad at all, but short of some people's inflated expectations for the reigning world champion.

So far this year Peterka has yet to make it to the top step of the winner's podium in any event, but has finished second three times and third once. Other finishes include 6th, 8th, and 9th. The Japanese have really dominated the ski jumping sport this year.

In a short interview on the Slovenian news program on the Internet, his cousin Stan Krulc of Willoughby Hills, Ohio reports Primoz was asked why he hasn't had the same success he had last year. His reply, in typical fashion, was something to the effect of "If I knew what I was doing wrong, I would correct it." He is amazing with his "down to earth" approach to things despite his

overnight success and superstardom in Slovenia. He went on to say that he thinks that all he needs are a few good jumps to get him back on track, and he'll be fine.

The World Cup season is currently on its 14th event (out of 28). They are in Zakopane, Poland (Jan 17 and 18), then travel to Oberstdorf, Germany (Jan 24 and 25), Sapporo, Japan (Feb. 5) and then on to Habuka, Japan, the site of the ski jumping events in this year's Olympics.

Feb. 11 will feature the small hill events, Feb. 15 the large hill, and Feb. 17 is the team competition.

Primoz recently was named top Slovenian male athlete in 1997 and had just prior won the *Bloudkova nagrada* (award given to the best athletes in Slovenia).

If interested in more about the Olympic ski jumping venue, follow this link:

<http://www.usatoday.com/olympics/owg98/owgsj/owgsjm.htm>

--Stan Krulc
Internet

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Fondly Recalling the Wonderful Richman Brothers Company

I, as well as some of my old friends, were surprised and happy to read in the Dec. 11, 1997 issue of American Home that many of us old Richman Brothers gals are remembered by the Richman Brothers Foundation Board of Trustees by presenting donations to the Slovene Home for the Aged.

I was fortunate and grateful to have a great aunt (Mary Stanonik Komorowski) and to have been lucky to be one of the company's employees. It was only through a pull, as it was the term used back then, that this was able to come about. Many of us came from the Collinwood, Nottingham area while a good portion of employees were from the Broadway-Harvard Polish neighborhoods. We were pretty evenly divided.

We were products from the old school of parents and grandparents who emigrated to this country knowing how to work and wanting to work, and we did our jobs well, as expected by the good Richman Brothers company.

Seamstresses, pressers, hand sewers and coat, vests and pants shop departments all accounted for a specialized particular job. In my case, years of one solid job putting in a double pair of pants pockets and a watch pocket at a rate of seven cents a pair. A size 48 always took more minutes than a size 30.

In summer it was woolen fabrics and in winter it was gabardines and tropical cloth. It was work with materials for the season ahead. I wonder how many old-timers remember Dick Cohen, a big Cocoa Cola stock holder treating us to an ice-cold coke delivered right up to our work place on hot smoldering summer days. We, with arms full of wool itchy fuzz?

Beginning wages in 1940 were 25 cents an hour until you produced your piece work rate. World War Two brought higher wages for

civilian clothing co-workers. Pay day always brought cash in a brown envelope. No time cards, no checks to cash was the company's way. If you made your daily quota you were paid an extra three dollars a day bonus. Your 14 quota dollars and three dollar bonus were great wages back then after the country's big depression of the 1930s.

As a Richman Brothers employee we enjoyed many other company benefits. Our Friday p.m. dances (mostly polkas) were made up of company musicians. Girls danced with girls because all the young men were in the service of World War II. We even had Rosary sessions after lunch for the servicemen overseas.

Our lunchroom menu never exceeded 15 cents and that included beverage and dessert. We had our summer and Christmas vacations with pay. We had annual picnics at old Euclid Beach Park with a beauty contest and all.

Birthday gifts were always ready for us on our birthday. A call and a trip to the front company office produced a gift from anything like a music box, a nice compact, or a fancy umbrella. No one missed out on a piece of candy passed to each one of us on an employee's birthday or any other occasion. Even a company wedding gift was given to each employee on their coming marriage. My silver gift casserole will be 50 years old this year (1998). Our Thanksgiving turkey dinners were always a treat with music and entertainment.

Later, we were directed by our recently departed and beloved Josephine Turkman. She was my first floor lady, who took me as a young lady under her wing and prepared me well for the years I spent with the company.

Daily we were always greeted with a "Good morning," in the front lobby and were acknowledged with a "Good night" as we departed each night from the

plant. We were people and were sincerely appreciated employees. How could you not feel good about yourself, your job, your co-workers and the company you worked for? It made us feel like one big family, as it was often said; (and it was).

From the original Richman Brothers founders to Mr. Lewman, Fred Muse, Marie Munsey (our nurse), Bill Whiteman, Dick Cohen, Mr. Benson, and Johnny Kassel, our suit models, Mike Boots, our mechanic, and foremen like the well-liked George Faulhaber, Bill Klavse, Curly, Frank Berka, Bob Burns Sr., Bob Burns Jr., and Norm Powers, our handsome pay master; how could we forget them? We were all part of the Richman Brothers clothing factory in one form or another, that sold suits two for the price of one in all the quality stores all over Cleveland.

In memory of this fine company, an irony takes me back to Collinwood High School in 1940 when our graduating theme song was "South of the Border, Down Mexico Way." The truth of it is that the lyrics have come to pass for many of the American industries. My record and experience from Richman Brothers later paved my way to a seamstress job at General Motors for 20 years. But this local company no longer exists. Sewing machines created by my carpenter son Jim have been sent down to Mexico in 1990, just as Richman Brothers itself is nonexistent as of 1990.

My time span from Richman Brothers is several decades, but my rich, wonderful memories of the caring company that I was happy and proud to work for, have not faded. The company was there for us and we thankfully fondly remember the good reflection the company gave to us especially to those of us still around and we know there is a bond we share with their yearly donations to the Slovene Home (Continued on page 2)



Was fascinated by the movie "Titanic" and the events which led to her sinking on April 15, 1912 on a cold night after colliding with an iceberg in the North Atlantic, near Halifax, Nova Scotia.

It was the Titanic's maiden voyage with 2,200 persons aboard of whom, 1,500 perished in the frigid seas. There were only enough lifeboats to accommodate 1,178 persons; however, after the crash, most lifeboats were cast at sea being much less than half full.

There were a number of factors which led to the ship's demise. She was almost running blind. The ship was going full steam, too far north, with too few lookouts. Radar had not been perfected for use at sea until 1922. Even then, you wonder if trying for a speed record crossing the Atlantic with so many passengers on board, radar would have been of much value.

I recall being in the Navy on my first ship going from Philadelphia to Bermuda they assigned me to be the lookout on the starboard (right) side of the ship. On the second day out I reported, "Land bearing 090 degrees." The Officer of the Watch came down to see, but he couldn't find it. He called the Exec, then the Captain. No one could find Bermuda with their big German binoculars. They called up the radar cabin and the radar didn't see it, either.

"Geez," I thought, "how could all these people not see a piece of land as big as Bermuda?" After about five minutes, radar finally reported seeing something that might be land.

The Navy also has lookouts on the bow and stern of a ship; civilian liners do not. In the movie the two ninnies were standing on the bow letting the wind blow thru their hair with their eyes closed instead of looking in front of them. They should have been looking around; but I guess love is indeed blind.

Also, any sailor knows if you fall overboard into a freezing sea, you don't have much time to live before thermal cold will cause the body to cease functioning. And yet of all the Titanic's officers, it was only Harold

Lowe, a person who did not have a formal education, who was the most conscientious and turned his lifeboat around to search for survivors in the water.

Throughout the movie I could not help but think about one of the Slovenian members of the "round table" who had lunch every day with my step-mother, Mary Debevec, and myself, and a number of others at Sorn's Restaurant on E. 61st and St. Clair Avenue in Cleveland. That person is Mary Marsich (now Grilc) who was co-owner of a women's apparel store across the street from the American Home. Mary had the misfortune to be a passenger aboard the *Andrea Doria* ship. Mary had been on vacation in Slovenia and was returning to the U.S. with wonderful pictures of her trip.

But on July 25, 1956, at 11:09 p.m. the *Andrea Doria* was hit on the right side by the ship "Stockholm" even though both ships had functioning radar and they were watching each other approach. Eleven hours later, the *Andrea Doria* sank carrying 52 passengers to the bottom. It was the worst passenger ship collision in history.

Besides various smaller ships which came to the scene to help with rescue operations, the French ship *Île de France* arrived two hours after the collision and was able to take 753 survivors aboard.

Another circumstance the *Titanic* and *Andrea Doria* had in common was there were no announcements made on the public address system. Passengers were on their own to surmise the situation and fend for themselves.

Mary Marsich survived the harrowing experience, but lost all her luggage including the priceless photographs. She later married Cyril Grilc. They lived in New York for a while, then moved to Pompano Beach, Florida, and last year the couple returned to the Greater Cleveland area where they now reside. Mary is very active in the American Slovene Club, and is featured in their "Favorite Recipes" cookbook which sold out its seventh printing a few years ago.



The Caspian Sea, in Russia, is actually the world's largest lake.

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Fondly

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for the Aged. As a past employee my loyalty and respect endures with the company founded early this century by the Richman Brothers; and they are very rich in our memory.

From an ex Richman Brothers Employee
Regina Lach Burya
870 E. 232 St.,
Euclid, Ohio 44123

P.S. — In the closing of the factory in 1990, the company sent me my two deceased sisters Eleanor and Lillian's company pictures taken of them at the time each was hired back in the early 1940s. This was kindness and thoughtfulness on the company's part. Rather than destroy the priceless pictures, they found their way to my mail box. There was gratitude on my part in the purest form, believe me.



SLOVENIANS ON INTERNET by Frank Tursic

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- Bled home page — www.bled.si/
- Chapels in Črnuč — www.drustvo-mik.si/kapelice/kapindex.html
- On Line Lie Detector can be found at scops.com (from Israel) in Slovenian language
- Everything about Milk — www.aks.si/mleko/
- Official Site of Slovenes in Italy — [//slovenci-v-it.slovenia.net/](http://slovenci-v-it.slovenia.net/)
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- Slovenian poems/songs??? — www.wu-wien.ac.at/usr/h93/b9350839/casopis/pesmi4x0.html

Above are just the latest entries on the Net that yours truly visited. It would take weeks to visit just the sites newly created within the last twelve months.

American Slovenian Club of South Florida

Should auld acquaintance be forgot and never brought to mind? Of course not! How could you? Especially those friends from the American Slovenian Club of South Florida.

As we begin another year at the January meeting at Nob Hill Hall in Sunrise, Florida, it is evident that many of our old friends are no longer with us for any number of reasons. The underlying thread running through almost all of the reasons, is age. The club was formed 23 years ago by retirees.

We are grateful for the new friends who join. Our organization is about Slovaks coming together; and we look forward to that.

Mary Makar administered the oath of office to the new slate of officers — Edward Blatnik, president; Marlene

Valpatic, vice-president and recording secretary; Paula Beavers, treasurer; Frances Vranicar, Paul Tucker and William Zupanc, trustees.

Fresh ham, prepared by Paula Beavers, and paid for by Hermina Race, was on the buffet table. Many delectable side dishes rounded out the menu.

Birthday celebrants were Ruth Hoover and Frank Gregg who admitted he was 88. He claims he has trouble walking, but proved he has no trouble dancing with his vivacious wife, Jo.

Ed Squirlock and Emil Podracy entertained on the accordion and guitar.

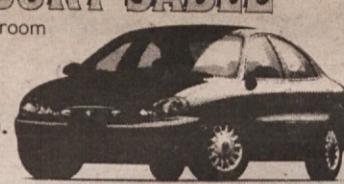
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Riding the Old Streetcars of Melbourne 3

By Patricia Coil
Euclid Travel

If you have great memories of riding on streetcars when you were growing up, like I do, then you will love visiting Melbourne, Australia. Melbourne still uses 100 of the old wooden streetcars plus more modern ones in their low-cost public transportation system.

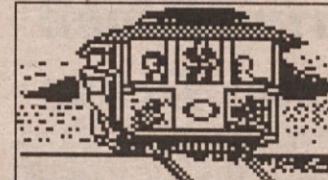
The streetcars, which are called trams, are about the same as I remember from when I was a youngster. They still run on metal tracks in the middle of the street and are powered by connections to the overhead wires.

There is a motorman in the front and a conductor, who circulates through the car collecting fares and issuing tickets. There are poles to hang on to as well as overhead straps. You still pull an overhead cord to signal when you want to get off the tram.

There is no air conditioning and the old wooden windows open reluctantly from the bottom. Advertisements adorn the walls above the windows. You can board the tram from the front or the side and the first step is really high if you don't get

on at a major stop from the cement pad in the middle of the street. (I called all my friends and no one remembers what the pad was called; I think it was called a safety zone and they think it was just called an island.)

The seats were wooden rather than the scratchy wicker that I remember. There was no potbellied stove filled with soft coal,



which had a terrible odor in the winter, but did keep the car warm. There are adjustable wooden shutters over some of the windows. At the major stops a timetable is posted, so you know how long you had to wait before the next one appears. The motormen were friendly and made sure we got off at the right spot.

My biggest problem was deciding where to stand while waiting for the tram, because in Melbourne they drive on the opposite side of the road. We always felt like we were getting on and off on the wrong side of the tram, since you enter and

leave from the left instead of the familiar right side.

Since Melbourne is laid out in a grid fashion, it was easy to get around using the trams. The tourist bureaus and hotels all had maps showing the routes, and you could easily change from tram to tram to bus on the same ticket. Instead of a transfer you bought a ticket for a period of time, say two hours, which allows you to ride all over Melbourne.

In the evening you can purchase a ticket for \$2.40 Australian (about \$1.50 US) which is good for the rest of the night. Melbourne even has a free tourist tram that allows visitors to explore the city. During our three day stay in Melbourne, we rode the trams during the day and at night and felt very safe.

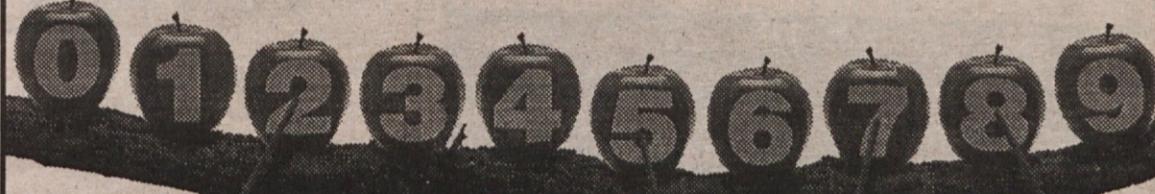
Riding the trams was one of the highlights of our recent trip to Australia, because it evoked so many happy memories of growing up in Cleveland and taking the streetcar downtown to shop or go to the movies.

If you want to know more about vacationing in Melbourne just call the friendly experts at Euclid Travel at 261-1050. Euclid Travel can help you plan a memorable vacation.



Eleanor Roosevelt took a run down a bobsled course while attending the first winter Olympics ever held in the U.S. That was in 1932 when her husband, Franklin Delano Roosevelt, was governor of New York, and the winter Olympic Games were held in Lake Placid.

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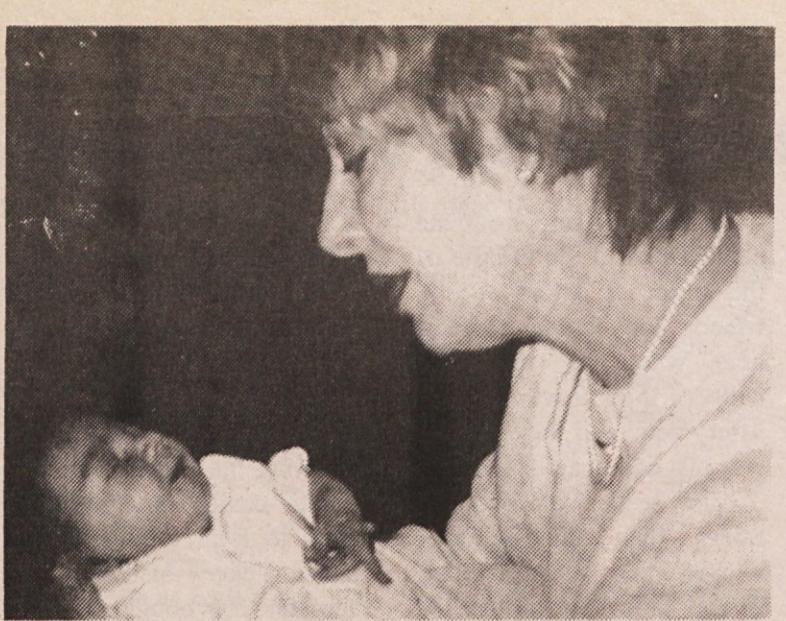
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Dakotah Katherine Boone Makes a Christmas Debut

Rebekah and Darren Boone of Houston, Texas proudly announce the birth of their daughter, Dakotah Katherine Boone. Dakotah was born at Women's Hospital of Houston on December 23, 1997. She weighed 7 lbs., 6 ozs., and was 21 inches in length.

The proud grandparents are Anna-Marie and Frank Mozzicato of Fort Myers, Florida, Judith Boone of Corpus Christie, Texas, and Kenneth Boone of Austin, Texas.

The delighted great-grandparents are Mollie and Louis Jurecic of Lyndhurst, Ohio, Maxine Autrey of Yoakum, Texas and Nita Boone of Brazoria, Texas.

"Grandma" Anna-Marie Mozzicato is pictured holding Dakotah.

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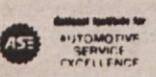
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St. Mary's Slovenian School Recapitulates

Looking back at this past year, there have been many wonderful and interesting things happening at our St. Mary's Slovenian School in Cleveland. It would have been difficult to achieve many of our goals without your financial and moral support, for which we are extremely grateful. Your gifts and prayers help preserve the Slovenian culture, language and traditions in Cleveland.

The students are studying from new books which we ordered last year. The youngest are using the Disney dictionary "1000 Be-sed" (1000 Words). The older students are exploring the Slovenian language with the help of the recently published language manual "Dober dan, slovenščina!" (Good Day, Slovenian language).

Fr. Jože Cerne teaches the children's choir, which has led the worship music at several holiday liturgies. Besides their studies and liturgical singing, our students have been active in other events: performing Gržinčič's operetta "Miklavž prihaja" (St. Nicholas is Coming), welcoming the Christ Child at Christmas midnight Mass, receiving Bishop Metod Pirih of Koper, Slovenia, and performing for Fr. Janez Kumše on the occasion of the pastor's 10th anniversary.

In preparation for Lent, they fried "krofe" (raised doughnuts) and colored "kurente" (a popular Mardi Gras figure from the Ptuj region). During Easter they made Palm Sunday "butare" (spring greenery bouquets); they colored traditional eggs using onion peels and parsley, and accompanied our risen Savior at Easter Mass at dawn.

In May they honored mothers and grandmothers with a touching Mother's Day program. As you can see, the children of St. Mary's Saturday Slovenian School are a very enthusiastic group, and proud of their Slovenian roots.

While oral and written methods of teaching are good, they are often inadequate, as is the case when trying to convey the wonder of Slovenia. That is the reason for our ambitious plans to provide the children of the entire school the opportunity to experience the beauty and treasures of Slovenia for themselves, during a two-week tour of the country this summer.

Tentative dates for the excursion are July 10 - 24 1998. We plan to visit each of the regions and take in the cultural and historic points of interest, as well as to interact with Slovenian children. In an effort to keep the costs low, we are planning and making arrangements

for the tour ourselves, inasmuch as possible.

Despite our best efforts, we realize we will not be able to finance the entire trip on our own. Since this past spring, we have been working to raise funds in various ways: working a concession stand at Jacobs Field, strudel sales, a summer steak and sausage roast at Slovenska Pristava, our recent brunch, and ongoing candy sales.

As we review the success and accomplishments of the past year, and set our goals for the coming year, we turn to you with a request for financial support to make our trip a reality. We have named our tour "Getting To Know Slovenia - 1998" since our itinerary will take us from the coastal port of Koper, through the town of Cerknica with its mysterious evaporating lake, to the still operational water-powered mills on the Mura River, the Slovenian holocaust sites of Teharje and Kočevski Rog, the Roman ruins at Sempeter near Celje, and the geometric center of Slovenia.

Our itinerary includes stops at the birthplaces and homesteads of Slovenian literary giants such as France Prešeren (Vrba), Fran Saleški Finžgar (Doslovče), and Josip Jurčič (Muljava), as well as those of bishops Frederek Baraga and Anton Martin Slomšek, candidates for beatification to Sainthood.

The students and board of St. Mary's Slovenian School thank you in advance for your support. We promise to keep you in our prayers. We also vow to continue in our study and preservation of the Slovenian language and culture - the greatest treasures passed on to us by our predecessors.

This Sunday, Jan. 18, we will be sponsoring a benefit dinner in St. Mary's (Collinwood) school auditorium from 11:30 a.m. until 1 p.m. We hope you can attend.

--The children, teaching staff, and board of parents of St. Mary's Slovenian School.

A Baraga Prayer

Oh Mother Mary, full of grace, entreat all of those graces for me too from God which I need from Him, that I will be able to live decently and some day be saved.

BARAGA DAYS
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Sacred Christmas Concerts Were Wonderful

by Stane Kuhar

On December 28 at 3 p.m. in St. Vitus Church a packed audience experienced a most blessed event and inner peace through a 21 series of songs simply entitled, "A Concert of Sacred Christmas Music." The concert was performed by the St. Vitus 9 a.m. Choir.

Under the direction of Mr. John Sršen, the Choir and accompanying musicians brought forth the essence and meaning of Christmas through a chorus of 35 talented singers from the choir loft of St. Vitus Church.

Singing in English, Slovenian, and Latin the St. Vitus 9 a.m. Choir showed remarkable range and diversity by shifting with grace and aplomb from standard Christmas hymns such as "O Come, All Ye Faithful" and "Christmas Lullaby" to more technically demanding songs such as the Latin composition "Jubilate" (Rejoice). For the benefit of the audience, the Slovenian and Latin songs were translated in a well-prepared booklet.

Slovenian songs were: "Noč Božična, Sveta Noč" (Christmas Night, Holy Night), "Božična" (The Nativity Story), "Počivaj, Milo Detece" (Rest, Gentle Baby), "Angelsko Petje" (The Angels Singing), "Dete Rajsko" (Heavenly Baby), "Božji

Nam Je Rojen Sin" (Unto Us the Son of God Is Born), plus others.

English songs were: "For Unto Us a Child Is Born," "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear," "Do You Hear What I Hear?", "And the Glory of the Lord," "O Holy Night," "Carol of the Drum," and a strong conclusion with renditions of the "Hallelujah," "Joy To The World," and the world famous, "Sveta Noč" (Silent Night).

But perhaps the best vocal display that emphasizes the unique talents and dimensions of the St. Vitus 9 a.m. Choir was Martina Jakomin's solo with the accompanying harmony of the entire choir on the Slovenian song, "Dajte Mi Zlatih Strun."

The Choir consisted of (female sopranos) Muši Cofelt, Jeannie Cunningham (who also had a solo), Martina Jakomin, Lisa Ovsenik, Mary Petelin, Teja Petelin, Maria Plečnik, Mimi Rezonja, Terri Rihtar, Louise Straus, and Ann Zakelj;

(Female altos): Joanne Celestina, Marta Futey, Margie Lavrisha, Blažena Rihtar, Toni Sršen (who performed the English and Slovenian readings), Maryann Vogel, Michelle Zakelj, and Meghan Zupan;

(Male tenors): John Grubach, Karl Klesin, Stan Kodrin, Nick Perčič, Milan Rihtar, John Sršen, Tom Stepec, and;

(Male bass): Mark Celestina, Joseph Cerar, Joseph Futey, Ron Jaksic, Frank Rihtar, John Semen, Bart Slak (who did a solo), Tony Srsen, and Ivan Zupan.

Musicians were Bill Patrick (organ), Nicole Slomonof (violin), Bonnie Mackie (violin), Norma Jean Stanford (viola), and Robert Rift (cello).

The St. Vitus 9 a.m. Choir also performed this concert at prior dates in late December at St. Mary of the Assumption Parish (Collinwood), and Sacred Heart (Barberton, O).

It would be a most fitting display of the tremendous talent of the St. Vitus 9 a.m. Choir to have a professional taping and distribution of these (and other songs) via cassette tapes and CDs. Our respective communities in northeast Ohio and around the USA and Canada would be most proud to provide this great talent to the rest of the USA, and elsewhere in the world. Benefactors, patrons of the arts and good religious and secular singing provide the support and encouragement for this fine singing choir to record and present to the world their talent for the benefit of all.

To John, choir members, musicians, and supports of this seventh annual concert performed in northeast Ohio, our thanks and gratitude.

No Bake Cheesecake

Preparation time: 10 minutes plus refrigerating

1 pkg. (8 oz.) Philadelphia Brand Cream Cheese, softened
1/3 cup sugar
1 tub (8 oz.) Cool Whip
Whipped Topping, thawed
1 ready-to-use graham cracker crust (6 oz. or 9 oz.)

1. Mix cream cheese and sugar with electric mixer on medium speed until well blended. Gently stir in whipped topping.

2. Spoon into crust. Refrigerate 3 hours or overnight. Top with fresh fruit or cherry pie filling.

Radiothon Supports WELW

By Tony Petkovsek

An all-day "Radiothon" support event for WELW (1330) and WDLW (1380) will take place in Euclid at the Manor Party Center, 24111 Tungsten Road, from 10 a.m. until 8 p.m. on Sunday, January 18.

The Super Radio Appreciation Party features the annual famous Manor Brunch-buffet (served 11 a.m. until 2 p.m.) plus the launching of the "Family Fun Radio Club" charter memberships and for card members that will include discounts on many valuable products and services in the community while you are directly supporting your favorite program.

For those who want to partake in just the brunch, there are \$15 tickets available at WELW radio, 36913 Stevens Boulevard in Lake County or in Cleveland at Kollander Travel, 971 E. 185 Street. For the Family Fun Radio Club package, including the brunch and other give-aways, it's \$33 for an annual membership.

There will also be an opportunity to upgrade to a club membership on the day of the event by paying the difference of \$18. The total

\$33 fee signifies 33 years that WELW has been in existence.

A big variety of entertainment will be on the bill throughout the day during live radio broadcasting that will take place from 10 a.m. until 8 p.m. at the Manor. Musical accent will be on the polka for dancing including appearances by Walter Ostanek, Joey Tomick, The Casuals, Bob Kravos, Jeff Pecon and Lou Trebar, Cecilia Dolgan (premiering a new record with Matt Grdadolnik) and other surprises. Listeners who wish to call in pledges for memberships can do so on the day of the event during the 10 hour period at (216) 481-8080.

Besides simulcasting on 1330 and 1380 AM radio, WELW is also broadcasting in a clear channel sound on the Lake County cable TV channel 28 and will soon offer its full time audio service exclusively on Euclid's cable channel 51.

My partner Ray Somich and I look forward to seeing you along with all of our radio colleagues as we kick off what promises to be a banner year for Family Fun Radio.

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Waterloo Pensioners Club Update

That old cliché "Time sure flies when you're having fun" certainly held true for members of the Waterloo Pensioners club during 1997.

Our annual meeting was held on November 11th. Elected officers for 1998 are: President, Don Gorjup; Vice-President, Pat Nevar; Treasurer, Ralph Urbancek; Recording Secretary, Grace Marinch; Auditors: Tillie Vranekovic, Dorothy Gorjup and Al Marinch.

To fulfill various duties during the year, the following members pledged to volunteer their services: Eleanor Godec, Josie Kapla, Jean Urbancek, Dorothy and Tony Silc, Fred and Jean Skolaris, Mitzi Yeray, Loretta Yano, Jo Minello, Elsie O'Hara, Lou Prebevsek, Caroline Lokar, and handling refreshments will be Frank Sadar and Al Marinch.

As we are all aware, it takes numerous volunteers to run a successful club and the majority of the above wear many hats, so to speak. Thanks to all of you for all your cooperation during the year.

Our musicians, Don Gorjup, Joe Zgongc, Cappy Kapla, Lou Prebevsek and Fred Skolaris also deserve a round of applause for entertaining at our various functions.

During the past year we enjoyed some interesting speakers, were entertained by the Rhythm Rascals, played bingo after the meetings and enjoyed our annual picnic at the SNPJ Farm. Our picnic was a huge success because our members and friends supported us once again. Also, the weather cooperated and food and music were great.

Probably, the highlight of the year was our trip to Niagara Casino. Dorothy Gorjup and Pat Nevar planned and organized this outing and it was enjoyed immensely by all who attended. We had two bus loads. Rumor has it that Dorothy and Pat are planning another trip and we are hoping this is true. A lot of time and planning is involved in a trip such as this and sometimes we have a tendency to forget this. So, on behalf of the members of the WPC I would like to take this opportunity to express our appreciation to Pat and Dorothy.

Members celebrating their 50th wedding anniversaries in 1997 were Joe and Rose Svetin, Frank and Elsie O'Hara, and Tony and Dorothy Silc. This is always a fun time as a mock wedding is held by our Justice of

the Peace, Lou Prebevsek. Lou does a great job in keeping us laughing. The wedding cake, furnished by the club, is baked by Mitzi Yeray and enjoyed by all.

This brings us up to our Christmas party which was held on December 10th. Delicious food, great music and the camaraderie of the members made for a rewarding party. Thanks to all who made this affair possible. As has been our tradition for the past several years, poinsettias were delivered to our members in nursing homes. Thanks to Mitzi Yeray, who purchased the plants and to Justine Prhne, Ann Orlikowski, Mary Lampe and Florence Unetich who volunteered to deliver them to Olga Larson, Olga Zimmerman, Rose Bavec, John Strancar, Walter Lampe, Milka Perko and Kathy Pavli who reside at the Slovene Home for the Aged.

We welcome new members Anna Kranjc, Jack and Rosemary Merrick, Donna Primc, Jim and June Slapnik, JoAnn Heinz and Josephine Markatos in 1997.

We were most unfortunate to have lost 14 members since our last reporting. Our deepest condolences go out to the families and loved ones of Angela Perusek, Evana Metroka, Frank Bitenc, Tony Vardian, Steve Shimits, Sutton Girod, John Bozich, George Poje, Joe Skrabec, Mirko Milavec, Louis Jartz, Helen Gregor, Angela Okelson and Phil Martincic. They were long-time and dedicated members and certainly will be missed.

Get well wishes go out to all of our sick members for a speedy recovery. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Our dedicated treasurer and good friend, Ralph Urbancek, underwent surgery in the fall and was doing quite well. In fact, he was able to be at our November meeting and Christmas party; but unfortunately he had a couple of setbacks and has been in and out of the hospital. He is home at the present time and our thoughts and prayers are with him and his lovely wife, Jean, who does an excellent job of nursing Ralph. We hope to see them at our next meeting. Ralph and Jean are a very dedicated couple and a true asset to the club.

Congratulations are in order to Joyce Plemel who has been named "Slovenian Woman of the Year." We are honored to have Joyce as a member of the Waterloo Pensioners Club. Joyce is most certainly deserving of this award as anyone who

has crossed her path will attest. She is a hard working and giving lady who can always be seen at Waterloo Slovenian Workmen's Home working in all capacities. We are most proud of her and above all, value her friendship and compassion for others.

On Sunday, March 15, a banquet will be held at the St. Clair Slovenian National Home to pay tribute to those men and women who have earned the title of "Slovenian Man of the Year" or "Slovenian Woman of the Year."

WPC meetings are held the second Tuesday of each month beginning at 1 p.m. at the Slovenian Workmen's Home, 15335 Waterloo Road. Please join us if you are interested in belonging to a friendly, fun-loving group of pensioners. We hope to have another enjoyable year in store and we would like to extend our best wishes for a happy and healthy New Year to all.

--Grace Marinch
Recording Secretary

Donation

Am enclosing a money order for \$50.00 to cover our 1998 subscription, plus \$20.00 as a donation for this wonderful newspaper...

Best wishes for much success and good health in the New Year.

--Tony and Tina Stepec
Richmond Hts., Ohio

In Memory

Enclosed is a check for renewal of the American Home and \$20.00 donation in loving memory of my wife, Stephanie Jansa Jamnik.

--Frank Jamnik
Euclid, Ohio

DID YOU KNOW

Slovénia... Joseph Zelle

Last November the Salesian Fathers celebrated their 75th anniversary in Ljubljana of their activity in Slovénia.

Rev. Jozé Štupnikar was awarded a doctorate by the Camilianum - International Institute for Pastoral Medicine in Rome. Dr. Štupnikar is a member of the Ljubljana Diocese. Congratulations, sir!

On the complaint of the General Prosecutor of Slovénia, the Higher Court has overruled the District Court's decision against Bishop Gregory Rozman. The reopened process against the late exiled bishop is thus reverted back to the original trial court.

Coming Events:

Sunday, January 18

St. Mary (Collinwood) annual benefit dinner for its Slovenian School held in auditorium from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.. Family style meal: Breaded pork chops, Swiss steak.

Friday, January 23

Dance at West Park Slovene Home, 4583 W. 130 St., Cleveland from 7:30 p.m. to 11:30 p.m. featuring Bob Kravos.

Saturday, Jan. 24

Dinner-Dance sponsored by Slovenska Pristava at Slovenian National Home on St. Clair Ave., Cleveland.

Friday, February 6

Dance at West Park Slovene Home, 4583 W. 130 St., Cleveland, Ohio from 7:30 p.m. to 11:30 p.m., featuring Dan Peters.

Sunday, February 8

Dance at West Park Slovene Home, 4583 W. 130 St., Cleveland from 4 to 8 p.m., featuring Casuals.

Sunday, Feb. 15

Orchestra-Choral Concert sponsored by SNH, 6409 St. Clair, Cleveland at 5 p.m. Featured are Slovenian choruses of Fantje Na Vasi, Glasbena Matica, Korotan, and the St. Vitus Chorus. The 50-piece Cleveland Woman's Orchestra will accompany the combined Slovenian choruses. For tickets call 361-5115.

Friday, February 20

Dance at West Park Slovene Home, 4583 W. 130 St., Cleveland, Ohio from 7:30 p.m. to 11:30 p.m., featuring Ray Polantz.

Saturday, March 7

St. Clair Rifle & Hunting Club is sponsoring a Dinner-Dance (Loveska Večerja). For information call 289-6732.

Federation of American Slovenian Senior Citizens Club News

The Federation of American Slovenian Senior Citizens Club held their annual meeting on Monday, Dec. 1 at the Slovenian National Home on St. Clair Ave.

There were 32 delegates present from the clubs of Barberton, Euclid, Holmes, Maple Hts./Newburgh, St. Clair, and Waterloo. With the hard work of all the delegates and the wonderful response from all our friends, our annual picnic at the SNPJ Farm was a great success with good times.

With that success the delegates voted to donate \$300 each to the halls of the respective clubs where they meet, plus a donation to the Slovene Home for the Aged, Holy Cancer Home, among others.

Sunday, March 8

Christ the King Lodge #226 KSKJ celebrates 70th anniversary at 10:30 a.m. Mass in St. Vitus Church. Family-style dinner at 12 noon in St. Vitus auditorium prepared by Julie Zalar and staff. For dinner tickets call (440) 944-0020 or (440) 256-3137.

Sunday, March 8

Dance at West Park Slovene Home, 4583. W. 130 St., Cleveland, with B. Box Jammer featuring Diane Mattey, Polka Hall of Fame nominee.

Friday, March 13

Dance at West Park Slovene Home, 4583 W. 130 St., Cleveland, Ohio from 7:30 p.m. to 11:30 p.m., featuring Dan Peters.

Sunday, March 15

Man/Woman of the Year sponsored by Federation of Slovenian Homes. Contact Patricia Ipavec-Clarke 321-5327

Saturday, March 21

Dinner-Dance sponsored by Primorski Club, Contact 732-7527.

Friday, April 3

Dance at West Park Slovene Home, 4583 W. 130 St., Cleveland, Ohio from 7:30 p.m. to 11:30 p.m., featuring Bob Kravos.

Sunday, April 5

Benefit Dinner in St. Vitus Auditorium, Cleveland, sponsored by the Holy Name Society, St. Mary Magdalene Lodge KSKJ and St. Vitus Lodge #25 KSKJ. Serving from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Friday, April 17

Dance at West Park Slovene Home, 4583 W. 130 St., Cleveland, Ohio from 7:30 p.m. to 11:30 p.m., featuring Ray Polantz.

At the conclusion of the meeting the delegates were treated to a delicious "Goulash and Polenta" dinner with all the trimmings by the host: St. Clair Pensioners Club.

With continued success of our Annual Picnic to be held Aug. 19, we will make happiness and fun for our friends and we will assist the halls as best we can. *Hvala lepa. Se vidmo na piknik.*

--Matt Zabukovec
Secretary

Translate articles

Dear Sirs:

A suggestion: - When you print an editorial in the Slovenian language as you did in the Dec. 25th issue (Božično Voščilo) it would be a great idea if you had someone translate that article and set it next to the Slovenian language editorial - thusly a subscriber who happens to have a lack of the Slovenian tongue (so to speak), can also benefit from a greeting from your Slovenian-American pages for the Christmas holidays.

I belong to the C.F.U. (Croatian Fraternal Union) and they always print the Editorial or special column in both languages - English and Croatian. They appear in separate sections (English and Croatian sections) and in the same location in each section.

Also, when you get someone to write historical accounts of the Slovenians in the Second World War - in a series - it would enhance your paper's reading quality and would enable every subscriber to benefit in obtaining a good background of our Slovenian history and culture.

It's great to have news of the Cleveland area - but not all of us live in that area -

and local chit chat is of little interest. However, most of us are interested in what is going on in the rest of the world and in particular who's who and what's what in world affairs, past and present, as it relates to Slovenians in particular.

So, maybe you should devote a few moments to translate to English some of your published "Series of Lives in the D.P. Camps," political events of the past (and present) etc., to enhance your already good newspaper to be a greater one and to help our third (second) generation of Slovenian Americans (who haven't a clue when it comes to speaking or reading the Slovenian language), to be well informed relative to what we Slovenians are all about.

I'll be looking forward to finding such translated articles in your future editions. I'm sure more and more of us Slovenian-Americans are not well versed in the Slovenian language - reducing the fluent Slovenian speaking and reading population to a smaller number.

Respectfully,
--Bill Majerle
San Jose, Calif.

Donation

Received the following Christmas card: "May the warmest of memories and the happiest of moments make this your merriest Christmas. Enclosed is a \$20.00 donation from Cleveland Slovenian Lodge #14. Lou Zigmund, Secretary."

In Memory

Enclosed is a \$50.00 check for my subscription renewal to Ameriška Domovina. Twenty dollars is to be donated to the paper in the names of my grandparents, Frank and Antonia Polensek and Andrew and Christine Kist.

--Michael D. Polensek
(Councilman 11th Ward)
(Majority Whip)
Cleveland

A Baraga Quote

Don't long for a lengthy life on Earth. See that you live honestly. At death, the new-born, whose life is innocent, is happier than the old man whose life was sinful.

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Lake Hospital Promotes Mary L. Ogrinc

Mary L. Ogrinc of Euclid, Ohio has been named Senior Vice President Operations at Lake Hospital System.

Her responsibilities include direction of Allied Health, Outreach and Women's Services. She also serves as a board member for the Lake/University Ireland Cancer Center at the Mentor Medical Campus.

Prior to being appointed to her new position, Ogrinc was Lake Hospital System's Vice President of Allied Health Services. In that role, she managed support services and select ambulatory services such as the laboratory, radiology, registration, pharmacy, rehabilitation, infusion center and pain management. Operating budget was \$20 million.

She implemented cost effective saving strategies resulting in operations improvement and an estimated annual savings of \$160,000-\$200,000. Ogrinc identified, developed and led numerous organizational strategies and operations improvements in order to enhance customer



service while improving customer satisfaction and cost effectiveness.

Highlights at Lake Hospital System include: creating and implementing business plans and strategies for enhancing ambulatory services and revenues for the outreach lab, rehabilitation

and pain management departments. Ogrinc also participated in the design, construction, operations development and implementation of the 45,000-square-foot Mentor Medical Campus, a free-standing ambulatory surgery and diagnostic care center.

She was responsible for and completed operations development and implementation of the \$12 million, 23,000-square-foot

Lake/University Ireland Cancer Center. The facility is a comprehensive cancer center that includes medical oncology, radiation oncology, and day treatment areas with medical and radiation physician offices.

Prior to joining Lake Hospital System, Ogrinc was a senior consultant with Chi Systems Inc. in Ann Arbor, Mich., and a head nurse at The Cleveland Clinic Foundation.

Ogrinc earned a Master of Business Administration Degree from Cleveland State University and a Master of Science Degree in Oncology Nursing from Rush University in Chicago. She received an American Cancer Society scholarship at Rush University.

In addition, she holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Nursing from St. John College in Cleveland and a Bachelor of Science Degree in Biology from Notre Dame College in South Euclid. At Notre Dame, she received the St. Catherine Medal for Service and the Kappa Gamma Pi Medal.

Winter Spinach Salad

No-Bake Chocolate Date Balls

1 8-ounce can walnuts
(2 cups)

1 9-ounce package
chocolate wafers

1 10-ounce package
pitted dates (2 cups)

1/3 cup light corn syrup

4 tablespoons margarine or butter (1/2 stick)

About 45 minutes before
serving or early in day:

1. - In food processor with knife blade attached, blend 1 cup walnuts until finely chopped; place on sheet of waxed paper. In same food processor with knife blade attached, blend chocolate wafers, dates, corn syrup, margarine or butter, and remaining walnuts until finely chopped.

2. - With hands, roll mixture into 1-inch balls; roll balls in chopped walnuts until coated. Store tightly covered. Makes about 5 dozen cookies.

5 slices bacon

2 T. salad oil

1/2 tsp. salt

1 lb. spinach

1 1/2 C. celery slices

3 T. lemon juice

1 T. sugar

1/2 tsp. tarragon

2 C. sliced green onions

Sliced orange sections

Fry bacon crisp, but not hard and cut into small pieces. In a jar, combine bacon, 2 tablespoons bacon fat, lemon juice, salad oil, sugar, tarragon and salt. Shake very well until combined. Thoroughly wash spinach and break into bite-size pieces. Add onions, celery and orange sections. Pour dressing over all and toss until well coated. If desired, use half as much spinach and use lettuce leaves and tomatoes.

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1 - 6 oz. pkg. butterscotch chips

1/2 C. peanut butter

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On a recent trip to Washington, D.C., Jo Gosline of Palm Beach, Florida visited with the new Ambassador of the Republic of Slovenia to the United States, Dr. Dimitrij Rupel.

Joe Cimperman, One Of Our Own

Election year, another year has arrived in which councilmen are elected to reach out and help others in their need, in the individual wards.

Yes, one of our very own, Joe Cimperman, has been elected to serve the public. Joe Cimperman, at the age of 27, a John Carroll University graduate, and one dedicated to serving the poor and homeless, has been voted in by the people of Ward 13. The ward entails St. Clair Ave., Superior Ave., the Broadway Ave. section, and the downtown district.

It was on January 4th that a reception was held in the St. Vitus School Auditorium, at which time the newly elected councilman thanked all who had voted for him. His family, friends, many clergy and City Hall members, including Congressman Honorable Louis Stokes and Honorable Dennis Kucinich, were present. All came to extend their congratulations and to celebrate with the councilman on his election.

Joe Cimperman is the son of Joseph Cimperman and the late Majda Cimperman. He has one sister, Sister Maria, of the Ursuline order. He is also the nephew of Rev. Victor Cimperman.

On Monday, January 5th, at the Cleveland City Council Chambers, Joe and his fellow constituents were administered the oath of office by the Honorable Louis Stokes and Honorable Dennis Kucinich. Each of the councilmen were called upon to present a short speech on their personal experiences.

Joe was the first councilman called upon. How proud we, his family, and many friends were, as he stood and spoke to a capacity crowd that filled city chambers. Joe spoke of the great Senator Frank Lausche and all of his wonderful works for the Slovenian Community. His speech was so wonderful, he was given a thundering ovation.

Councilman Joseph Cimperman, our prayers are for you and your daily work throughout the city, especially your ward. May the Lord guide you, so that some day you also may find your dream come true, at the end of the rainbow. Look behind you councilman, because you do not walk alone. You truly are one of our very own, a proud son of Slovenian heritage.

--Ann Cimperman-Strazar



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WELW Wins Ethnic Award

WELW Radio 1330 am, was one of only two stations outside of Cuyahoga County, Ohio and the only station in Lake County to win an "Achievements in Radio" Award. The first annual awards banquet was held the week of Dec. 9 at the Wyndham Hotel in Downtown Cleveland. The event was emceed by television and radio celebrity Jack Riley. Presenters included Larry Morrow, Jim Mantel, Hugh Danaceau, Michael Stanley, and John Lanigan.

WELW won the honor for broadcasting the "Best Ethnic Program" on Cleveland Radio, which is Tony Petkovsek's daily Slovenian polka program, broadcast weekdays 3:15 to 5 p.m. and Saturdays from noon to 2 p.m.

Petkovsek recently celebrated the beginning of his 37th year of producing and hosting his own daily program and his 17th year on WELW, where he is currently vice-president and co-owner. WELW broadcasts over 30 weekly hours of ethnic programs, including Slovenian, Croatian, Jewish, Italian, Irish, Hungarian, Russian, and German.

Overall, 10 Cleveland-area radio stations received A.I.R. awards. WGAR-FM led all stations with eight awards, while WTAM led AM stations with five awards. The only other radio station outside of Cuyahoga County to win an award was Elyria's WEOL-AM.

WELW was also a Finalist in three other categories: "Best Sports Coverage," "Best Talk Show Host" (Maury Feren); and "Best Entertainment Interview" (by Ray Somich). This also was an exceptional achievement in the industry, as only six Cleveland-area stations were finalists in more categories than WELW 1330am.

Ray Somich, WELW General Manager, says their staff is elated with the performance. "Since all judging

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VESTI IZ SLOVENIJE

Nancy Ely-Rachel imenovana za novo ameriško veleposlanico v Sloveniji — Victor Jackovich namenjen v Zenevo

Po kakih treh letih v Sloveniji, je bil ameriški veleposlanik Victor Jackovich, sicer zelo naklonjen Sloveniji, imenovan za predstavnika ZDA pri odboru Združenih narodov, ki se ukvarja z zadevami v Srednji in Vzhodni Evropi. Tako bo mogel še obdržati stik s Slovenijo. Pretekli teden je Jackovich priredil poslovilni sprejem za politike in druge povabljeni goste, Slovenijo naj bi zapustil, kot je slišati februarja.

Na njegovo mesto je predsednik Clinton imenoval poklicno diplomatto Nancy Ely-Rachel. Njeno imenovanje mora biti potrjeno od zveznega senata, predvidoma naj bi prišla v Slovenijo vsaj do junija letos. Ker se pa znajo biti težave zaradi obnašanja zveznega senatorja Jesseja Helmsa, ki načeljuje odboru za zunanje zadeve, bo treba videti, kako hitro bo potrjena. Osebnih podatkov o Ely-Rachelovi ob tem poročanju še nimamo. Bo pa po Alanu Wendtu in Victorju Jackovichu tretja predstavnica ZDA v Sloveniji od leta 1992, ko so ZDA uradno priznale neodvisno Slovenijo in z njo navezovale diplomatske stike.

Vika Potočnik izvoljena županjo Ljubljane — Dr. Anton Jeglič imel močno podporo ob sicer sorazmerno majhni volilni udelezbi

Preteklo nedeljo je bil v Ljubljani drugi krog naknadnih županskih volitev. Tekmovala sta dva kandidata, ki sta v prvem krogu dobila največ glasov. Zmagala je Vika Potočnik, kandidatka LDS, in s tem premagala dr. Antona Jegliča, ki so ga podprle vse tri konservativne oz. pomladne stranke, SDS, SKD in tudi SLS. Potočnikova je prejela 39.888 glasov oziroma 55,89 odstotka vseh oddanih. Za dr. Antona Jegliča je glasovalo 31.486 volivcev, kar je 44,11 odstotka. Na volitvah je sodelovalo skoraj 34 odstotkov upravičencev, torej približno enako kot v prvem krogu.

Na tiskovni konferenci po volitvah je Vika Potočnik dejala, da je počaščena, ker je postala prva županja v zgodovini Ljubljani in to, ker sta bili Tina Tomlje in Nuša Ker-

ševan predsednici ljubljanske skupščine. Srečala se je s predsednikom mestnega sveta Dimitrijem Kovačičem, o morebitnih kadrovskih spremembah bo razmišljala po uradni potrditvi njene izvolitve.

Mednarodni denarni sklad ocenil Slovenijo pozitivno, napredovala bi pa lahko hitreje

Pretekli teden je bil v Washingtonu finančni minister slovenske vlade Mitja Gaspari. Pogovarjal se je s predstavniki Mednarodnega denarnega sklada in Svetovne banke. Ob obravnavi letnega poročila o Sloveniji, je odbor direktorjev MDS priporočil, da mora imeti Slovenija najkasneje prihodnje leto izravnane javne finance brez proračunskega primanjkljaja, da naj pospeši strukturne reforme, Slovenija bi morala tudi jasneje določiti naložbene prioritete.

Mitja Gaspari je dejal: »Osnovna ocena, ki sem jo dobil v pogovorih, je, da obe instituciji (tj. MDS in Svetovna banka, op. ur. AD) od Slovenije pričakujeta več, kot si mislimo. Naši pretekli rezultati so še posebej v odboru direktorjev MDS ustvarili mnenje, da bi Slovenija lahko napredovala hitreje.«

Samomori v Sloveniji lani vzeli več življenj kot prometne nesreče — Slab začetek l. 1998

Ministrstvo za notranje zadeve je objavilo podatke o samomorih, registriranih v Sloveniji v letu 1997. Podatki kažejo, da si je lani v Sloveniji vzelo življenje 548 ljudi, med njimi so prevladovali moški, kajti predstavljajo 435 vseh primerov. Slovenija je sicer že več let pri vrhu lestvice držav z najštevilnejšimi samomori. Od 548 samomorilcev se jih je kar 325 obesilo, 50 se ustrelilo, 25 utopilo in 21 skočilo pod vlak.

Na slovenskih cestah je lani umrlo 352 ljudi, torej skoro za dvesto manj od samomorilcev. Tudi leto 1998 se ni začelo spodbudno. Do 12. januarja so prometni polisti našeli že 11 žrtev, kar kaže, da ceste zahtevajo približno eno človeško žrtev na dan. Še slabše je pa že pri samomorih. Poročilo v Nedelo preteklo nedeljo kaže, da je bilo preteklo soboto, 10. januarja, zabeleženih kar osem samomorov. Stari so bili od 25 do 70 let, pet moških in tri ženske.



Mariborska škofija po nekaj letih spet obuja tradicionalno prireditev ob prazniku Sv. treh kraljev. Tako so 5. januarja, na predvečer praznika, pred mariborsko stolnico pripravili sprejem za kralje Gašperja, Miha in Boltežarja, ki so prihajali na konjih, spremljali pa so jih otroci, trikratljevski koledniki. Ob tem so zapeli staro kolednico, ki izvira iz Haloz, temu pa je sledila še blagoslovitev vode in večerna maša. Prireditev je bila namenjena tudi za lačne otroke v Burundiju.

Iz Clevelandu in okolice

Kosilo Slovenske šole —

Slovenska šola pri Mariji Vnebovzeti vabi to nedeljo na kosilo (goveja pečenka v omaki in ocvrte zarebrnice) v šolski dvorani. Postregli bodo v družinskem stilu in sicer od 11. do 1. pop. Dar je \$10 za odrasle in \$5 za otroke. Nakaznice bo ste dobili pri vratih na dan kosila. Pridite!

Letna seja —

Slovenski delavski dom na 15335 Waterloo Rd. ima letno sejo to nedeljo. Pričela se bo ob 1h popoldne, vabljeni so vsi delničarji. V naslednjih tednih bodo imeli tudi drugi narodni domovi svoje letne seje. Vsi so potrebni podpore in sodelovanje.

Novi grobovi

Edward Zakrajsek

Umrl je 74 let stari Edward Zakrajsek, mož Isabelle, roj. DeFrank, oče Mary Jane Huston in Sandre Lee Sheeks, 7-krat stari oče, 9-krat prastari oče, brat Stanleyja. Pogreb bo danes dop. ob 8.45 v oskrbi Železovega zavoda, v cerkev Marije Vnebovzete ob 9.30, od tam pa na Vernih duš pokopališču.

Frank J. Mervar

Umrl je Frank J. Mervar, brat Walterja in že pok. Emmetter Jeanne Keck, sin Franka in Mary r. Bruder (oba že pok.), stric, veteran 2. svetovne in še korejske vojne. Pogreb je bil 12. januarja s sv. mašo v cerkvi Marije Vnebovzete in pokopom na Vernih duš pokopališču.

Matilda Kotnik

Dne 7. januarja je umrla 91 let stara Matilda Kotnik, vdoča po Emiliu, mati Helen Tee, Ruth Wallace, Emila, Charlesa in Lynn Vargo, 15-krat stara mati, 6-krat prastara mati, 10 bratov in sestra je že pokojnih. Pogreb je bil 12. januarja s sv. mašo v cerkvi sv. Kristine in pokopom na Vernih duš pokopališču.

Frank J. Popek

Dne 7. januarja je umrl Frank J. Popek, brat Rose Drainer ter že pok. Mary Erjavec, Jacka in Frances Popek. Pogreb je bil 12. januarja s sv. mašo v cerkvi Sv. Križa in pokopom na Vernih duš pokopališču.

Daniel E. Reddick

Umrl je 43 let stari Daniel E. Reddick, mož Frances, roj. Kosir, oče Diane, brat Sandre Robinson, Patricie Kurzinger, Marka, Stephena in Paula, zet Margaret Kosir. Pogreb je bil 10. januarja s sv. mašo v cerkvi sv. Noela in pokopom na Vernih duš pokopališču.

»Pristavska noč« —

Upravni odbor Slovenske pristave vabi na tradicionalno Pristavsko noč in sicer v soboto zvečer, 24. januarja. Po dobrimi večerji bo igral ansambel Staneta Mejača. Za rezervacije in več informacij, pokličite MaryAnn Vogel na 383-9307.

Skupen koncert —

V nedeljo, 15. februarja, ste vabljeni v Slovenski narodni dom na skupen koncertni večer, na katerem sodelujejo zbori Fantje na vasi, Glasbena Matica, Korotan in zbor pri Sv. Vidu. Gostoval bo tudi znani Cleveland Women's Orchestra. Pričetek bo ob 5h pop. Vstopnice so po \$10, jih dobite pri članih sodelujočih zborov, ali pa lahko pokličete SND na 216-361-5115. Ker pričakujejo velik obisk, naj bi si rezervirali vstopnice že zgodaj. Prebitek koncerta je namenjen SND.

Izjemen dosežek —

Dramsko društvo Lilija čestita svojemu članu Franku Zalarju ml. k njegovi perfektni kegljaški igri oziroma »300 game«. Prvič v 35 letih, kar Lilija prireja kegljaške tekme, se je zgodilo, da je nekdo kegljal perfektno igro. Čestitkam se pridružujejo tudi vsi njegovi prijatelji!

Spominski dar —

Ga. Antonia Bergant, Cleveland, O., je darovala \$10, v spomin na pok. moža Paula. Iskrena hvala.

Slovenska radio oddaja —

Vsako soboto zvečer ob 9h lahko poslušate slovensko radio oddajo pod vodstvom Tonyja Osovnika in sicer na javni postaji WCPN-90.3 FM. Oddaja je dvojezična in ima bogat spored slovenske glasbe.

Božični darovi —

American Slovene Club je ob božiču daroval \$100 v podporo našemu listu. Slovenska pristava je poklonila \$50, kot sta tudi Marie in Rudi Pivik z Middleburg Hts., O. Po \$20 so darovali z Richmond Hts. Felix Gaser ter g. ga. Viktor Lamovec. Ivan Novak, Euclid, O., pa \$10. Najlepša hvala vsem dobrotnikom!

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| Avstrija (100 ATS) | 1346.2552 |
| Francija (100 FRF) | 2828.1208 |
| Hrvaška (100 HRK) | 2720.0000 |
| Italija (100 ITL) | 9.6234 |
| Japonska (100 JPY) | 132.1160 |
| Kanada (1 CAD) | 120.9508 |
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»Izseljencem z ljubeznijo«

Ljubljana — »Zelo mi je žal, zamera gor ali dol. Tudi meni ni bilo prijetno, ko so nam gostje tako očitno zamerili, ker jih nekega jutra zaradi neodložljivih obveznosti nismo peljati v mesto, pa so nejevoljno odšli na vlak...«

To je delček nekega »drobnega premišljanja«, objavljenega v izseljenskem štirinajst-dnevniku. Skoraj zagotovo je že zdavnaj utenilo v pozabovo, čeprav je izvalo nekaj odmevov; od takih, v katerih so se zgroženo spraševali, ali se je res vredno in spodbodno spotiskati ob »zagotovo redko, naključno neprijetno izkušnjo«, če je temu sploh mogoče tako reči, do drugih, ki »bi lahko še kaj dodali«.

Resnici na ljubo je treba reči, da je — z izjemo pogostega ponavljanja splošne, »v ustavi zapisane obveze, kako mora domovina skrbeti za svoje ljudi, razkropljene po svetu« — zelo malo ali skoraj nič slabega napisanega o najraznovrstnih gostovanjih posameznikov ali skupin med slovenskimi izseljenci. Saj, najbrž tudi po navadi je vse tako, kot mora biti in je prav. Ali pa vendarle ni?

Na mnogih srečanjih slovenski izseljenci — bodisi na vseh koncih sveta ali tu pri nas — zagotavljajo, da so veseli srehernega obiska, da so vedno radi pomagali z denarjem in drugimi darili in da bo tako tudi v prihodnje. Toda, potem po vrsti dodajajo, »razumeti morate, da pa je vendar treba vsa ta najrazličnejša gostovanja bolje načrtovati, usklajevati, upoštevati današnje razmere, pričakovanja, objektivne možnosti...«

Posamezniki, ponavadi vedno isti požrtvovalni organizatorji gostovanj in vsega s tem povezanega, sicer po malem

vedno malce v strahu, da se ne bi zamerili, odkrito pripovedujejo, v kakšnem precepju so, ker skušajo biti to, kar si iskreno želijo — dobri gostitelji, a jim objektivno ne uspe izpolniti vsega; domala podajajo si kljuko tisti, ki so prispieli na drug konec sveta v prepričanju, da jih bodo pričakale na bitno polne dvorane starih in mladih, željnih milih domačih viž in maternega jezika.

Ampak že dolgo ni več tako, razmere so drugačne. Kar pa ni nujno razlog za preplah, le poznati jih je treba bolje in ne nazadnje vedeti, da imajo tudi sami izseljenci dobro razvito kulturno dejavnost, da je generacijski precep velik in da je predvsem drugačno pričakanje mladih.

No, v takšnih okoliščinah potem nekateri, »naši zunaj gostujuči«, kadar se jim zdi bodisi zaradi nekoliko izjaljenega pričakovanja in osebne poparjenosti bodisi zaradi dolžnosti nekomu, ki je podprt gostovanje, to opravičiti, malce »olepšajo« številke o obiskovalcih, drugi iščejo krvce v »slabi organizaciji« in tako naprej.

V tujini oziroma iz tujine je bilo že neštetokrat slišati, da je milo rečeno smešno, ker organizatorji v Sloveniji tako rekoč tekmujejo v »podvajanju go-

stovanj svojih skupin« v denimo istem mesecu ali kdaj pa kdaj celo v dveh zapovrtnih tednih in tako naprej. Seveda se lahko prepričamo tudi, kako naivno so nekateri doma prepričani, da bodo med izseljenci doživelki kdo ve kako veliko politično podporo, ampak to je že druga, tokrat manj pomembna plat medalje.

Ce gre in kadar gre za običajen komercialni nastop, je to seveda stvar onih, ki se o njem konkretno dogovarjajo in tudi

sami presojojo o modrosti posamične odločitve. Vendar je najpogosteje tako, da so domala vsi, ki se iz takšnih ali drugačnih nagibov podajo med izseljence, kar samoumenno prepričani, da opravljajo »pomembno kulturno poslanstvo«, ki ga je treba »upoštevati, kot jim pritiče«. Za »tehnost« so navadno dodani še načrti »o možnostih gospodarskega sodelovanja« in tako naprej.

Vse to je v načelu možno in stališče, ki bi odrekalo kakovost in pomembno kulturno poslanstvo nekaterim umetnikom ali skupinam, bi bilo lahko krivično in nepoštano. Predvsem je res, da si najbrž nihče, pa naj bo še tako kвалиficiran posameznik ali strokovna inštitucija, ne more domisljati, da lahko sam(a) odloča o gostovanjih med izseljenci. Ali ni bilo vse predolgo tako, da si je to lastila, »ve se«, Izseljenska matica za »svoje« simpatizerje in »ostali« le za »one druge«?

Danes se v Sloveniji najpogosteje omenjajo štiri inštitucije (izraz je poenostavljen, ker predstavlja statusno zelo različne organizacije), ki se tako ali drugače uradno ukvarjajo s Slovinci po svetu. Poleg že omenjene Slovenske izseljenske matice tudi Svetovni slovenski kongres, Društvo Slovenija v svetu in Urad za Slovence po svetu. V parlamentu so še posebni odbori in komisije, ki se prav tako ukvarjajo s temi vprašanji. Z znanstvenega in raziskovalnega stališča se z njimi ukvarja Inštitut za izseljenstvo pri SAZU, z jezikom Filozofska fakulteta itd.

Če se omejimo na ožje, lahko bi reli »operativno« področje, torej neposredne stike — gre predvsem za prve štiri naštete inštitucije — ugotovimo, da so že vrsto let približno ob tem času vse v silno zagatenem položaju, z veliko načrti in silno skromnimi možnostmi, pravzaprav so, kot kaže predlog proračuna, brez denarja.

Pri tem pa je, prav tako že vrsto let, slišati, da bi bilo le pametno kdaj v resnici sestti za skupno mizo tudi recimo s pristojnimi parlamentarnimi telesi in sodelovanjem Urada za Slovence po svetu ter se dogovoriti za smotrnejše delo; kaj in kako s stvarmi, za katere je prav, da jih uredi in uresniči država, pri čemer naj zaupa izvedbo pač tistem, za koga meni, da jo bo opravil tako, kot je treba, in kaj je čisto običajno komercialno gostovanje in nič drugega.

Bodo razmere, v katerih je (in očitno bo) denarja vse manj, dejavnost pa vse bolj razdrobljena in razvrednotena, spodbudile konstruktivnejše sodelovanje ali lahko pričakujemo ravno nasproten proces?

Dragica Bošnjak
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Vladislav in Izabela Kralj, dolgoletna voditelja slovenske radio ure v Milwaukeeju. Fotografija je bila posneta pred leti.

Isabella von Wolkensperg Kralj

1919 — 1997

Toledo, O. — O božiču me je poklical Vladislav (Vladi) Kralj ter mi sporočil s tresočim glasom žalostno vest, da je umrla njegova žena Izabela (Iza).

Izabela se je rodila 10. aprila 1919 v graščini v Puštalju, to je v vzhodnem delu Škofje Loke, kot druga hči barona von Wolkensperga, umrla pa 19. decembra 1997. Z Vladijem Kraljem sta se spoznala po vojni v Kranju na magistratu, kjer sta bila v službi. Od tam sta pobegnili v Trst, kjer sta se poročila.

Trst je bil takrat po angle-ameriško Zavezniško vojaško upravo (ZVU), ki je priznala Slovencem v Trstu slovenske šole, časopise in radijsko postajo. Izabela in Vladi sta dobila službo na slovenskem radiju, kjer je bila Izabela napovedovalka in igrala pri radijskem odrvu. Sodelovala in pomagala pa je tudi pri prireditvah in igrah, tako na prostem na Repentaboru, kakor tudi v novem Avditoriju, kjer so Slovence lahko priejali svoje prireditve, ker je bil v upravi ZVU.

Konec leta 1951 sta zapustila Trst in se preselila v Združene države. Decembra sta prispevala v New York, kjer sta ostala le malo časa. Pri fari Sv. Cirila sta organizirala igralsko skupino, ki je priredila različne proslave in igre. Leta 1953 sta se preselila v Milwaukee, kjer sta ostala do danes. V Ameriki sta morala zagrabit za delo, kot vsak novi imigrant. Vladi se je zaposlil v industriji, po osemurnem delu zvečer in čas ob vikendih pa sta oba uporabljala za dramatsko udejstvovanje.

V Milwaukeeju je bila Izabela dolgoletna članica Slovenskega društva Triglav. V dramatskem odseku društva sta z možem priredila več gledaliških iger. S prireditvami in igrami je z možem gostovala, med drugim, tudi v Chicagu, v Clevelandu in pri posvetitvi slovenske kapele v National Cathedral v Washingtonu, D.C.

V Milwaukeeju se je rodila tudi hčerka Isabelle. Razumljivo je bila vsa materina skrb, posebno prva leta, posvečena hčerki. Ko je doraščala, se je hčerka že posvetila baletu. L. 1980 je diplomirala na Univer-

sity of Wisconsin-Milwaukee School of Fine Arts, v oddelku za balet. Pozneje je balet tudi poučevala na isti univerzi. Poleg tega je bila koreografinja ter je priredila več predstav in gledaliških iger. Seveda je bila mati zelo ponosna na svojo hčerko ter je spremljala z velikim zanimanjem in moralno podporo njene nastope in predelite.

Najbolj pa sta danes Izabela in njen mož poznana radi njune radijske ure. Junija leta 1962 sta skupaj z Marjanom Zovičem organizirala tedensko slovensko radijsko uro. Po Zovičevi smrti decembra 1968 sta zakonca Kralj prevzela radijsko uro v svoje roke. Enkrat na teden prinaša slovenska ura preko javne radijske postaje WYMS FM 89.9 v slovenske domove skrbno pravljene odlomke iz slovenske književnosti, glasbe, zgodovine in opise in razlagi slovenskih narodnih običajev.

Za njuno delo sta prejela mnogo priznanj in pohval. Naj omenimo le nekatere: Slovensko-ameriški radio klub v Chicagu, Slovene National Benefit Society, SKD Triglav in radio postaja WYMS FM v Milwaukeeju. University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee je leta 1994 podarila Award of Artistic Merit za zelo lepo pripravljen Slovenian Arts Program.

Na koncu naj še povemo, da je bila Izabela zavedna Slovenka, kar je pokazala s svojo ljubeznijo za slovenski jezik in kulturo pri radijskih oddajah, in s svojim delom za neodvisnost Slovenije. Bila je mirnega in vedrega značaja. »Bila je odlična, ljubeča in zelo požrtvovalna mati in žena,« je zapisal o njej njen mož.

Vse njeno delo, ljubezen in požrtvovalnost pa se je končalo 19. decembra, ko nas je za vedno zapustila in to tik pred proslavo 35-letnice radijske ure in pred 90-letnico njenega moža. Vsi, ki smo jo poznali ali slišali po radiju, se je bomo s hvaležnostjo spominjali. Mož in hčerki pa naše iskreno sožalje.

Bogdan Novak

BRALCI

AMERIŠKE DOMOVINE:
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»Zmešnjava« v Kulturnem Domu

WESTMONT, Ill. - Dramska skupina društva Lipa Park iz St. Catherinesa, Ontario, nas je obiskala 29. novembra 1997 in tako smo tudi mi iz chicaške okolice imeli priliko videti veseloigro »Naročena zmešnjava« izpod peresa Mihe Kuneverja.

Igralci in njih prijatelji iz St. Catherinesa so se pripeljali z avtobusom po celonočni vožnji v Slovenski kulturni dom v Lemontu malo pred opoldansko uro. Postregli smo jim z lahkim obedom, kar se po takoj dolgi vožnji najbolj prileže. Gospa Francka Seljak, režiserka, je bila neumorna in zaposlena že takoj. Prijatelji igralcev so namreč takoj po obedu postavljali kulise, ki so jih pripeljali s seboj, med one, ki smo jih mi že tu pripravili. Tako je bilo že zgodaj popoldne vse pripravljeno za lep, vesel večer. Vsi popotniki so se zatem malo odpočili v bližnjem motelu.

Ob šestih zvečer, kot je sedaj navada, smo se zbrali k maši v cerkvi Slovenskega verskega središča v lemontskem samostanu očetov franciškanov. Po maši nas je pa veliko odšlo kar peš v Dom.

Igra se je začela po kratkem pevskem uvodu, ki nas je spomnil na stare in še v današnjih časih otipljive probleme med fantom in dekletom. Z zanimanjem in smehom smo spremljali potek in zapletanje igre. Kot po mnogih družinah še tudi dandanes sta se gospodar župan in njegova žena županja zanimala vsak posebej za to, kar je bilo njima najbolj pereče. Oba sta skušala rešiti svoje skrbi potom potovalke, meštarice, ki naj bi se spoznala na trgu za konjičke in seveda tež-

† Pavla Arko

JOLIET, Ill. - Dne 10. januarja 1998, je v Silver Cross bolnišnici v Jolietu, Illinois, umrla 88 let stara Pavla Arko rojena Rojc v vasi Hrib v Loškem potoku na Dolenjskem. Družina je prišla v Ameriko leta 1949. Zapušča hčerko Mihaelino, poročeno Simrayh, in sina Jožeta, oba z družinama, in sina Toneta, vse trije v Lemontu, Ill., sina Janeza z družino v Glenview, Ill., sina Lojzeta z družino v Los Alamos, New Mexico, 11-krat stara mati in 7-krat prastara mati. Bila je vdova po Mihaelu Arko, ki je umrl že leta 1965. Po smrti moža je bila zaposlena pri Chicago Tribune in pri Harris Bank. Po poklicu je bila šivila. Bila je članica Slovenske ženske zveze podružnice št. 2 kakor tudi Oltarnega društva pri fari Sv. Štefana v Chicagu. Obiski so bili v ponedeljek od 3. do 9. zvečer pri Petkus-Lemont Funeral Home. Sv. maša za pokojno je bila v torek 13. januarja, dop. ob 10.30 v samostanski kapeli slovenskih franciškanov v Lemontu. Sledil je pogreb v oskrbi Žefranovega pogrebnega zavoda na Resurrection pokopališču v Summit, Illinois.

koče človeških src. Te skrbi dandanes rešujemo malo drugače morda, a skrbi so še vedno iste. Hvala Bogu, da se je »zmešnjava« dobro razrešila.

Po igri smo vsi sodelovali z razgovori in spoznanji naših rojakov iz Kanade. Nato je pa bil na vrsti ples.

Prav lepa hvala, rojaki iz Lipa Parka! Upam, da se spet kmalu vidimo—sedaj, ko že poznate pot do nas»

En teden kasneje nas je obiskal sv. Miklavž. V petek zvečer, 5. decembra, je prišel v dvorano v Parku sv. Jožefa v Jolietu. Angelček in dva parklja so zbudili pozornost vseh otrok, staršev, babic in dedov. Kot vsi vemo, se parklji bojijo križa. S križevim znamenjem so se pridni otroci ubranili parkeljnem. Iz ene družine so prišli pripravljeni na miklavževanje. Otroci so prinesli svoj rožni venček in tako jim je križ na venčku držal varno pot do Miklavža in nazaj do staršev.

V nedeljo, 7. decembra, je prispel sv. Miklavž z velikim spremstvom v Dom po kratki predstavi otrok iz slovenske šole. Pet angelov in skoraj pol pekla parkeljnem je bilo v spremstvu. Zdi se, da čedalje več parkeljnem z veseljem spremlja Miklavža v Dom. A tudi tokrat so se otroci obranili teh hudočnih parkeljnem s podobo križa, pa čeprav le s križem s prekrižanimi kazalčki malih ročic. Starejši, ki že včasih imajo dvome o sv. Miklavžu, le-te hitro pozabijo, ko z jokom v očetovem ali materinem naročju pridejo pozdravit in po darilo k sv. Miklavžu.

Vsak otrok je vprašan, da pokaže kaj zna ali moli. Največkrat strah prepreči še tako dobre materine in babičine namene in učenja. Otroci le s strahom odgovarjajo na vprašanja in ves čas postrani gledajo na črne mrcine. Le te bi jih lahko kam odnesle na poti nazaj od sv. Miklavža, kot so tudi odnesle starejše porednje.

Naj sv. Miklavž le še pride po starem slovenskem običaju obdarovati zaslужne ljudi, pridne otroke ter kaznovat poregneže vsako leto, dokler mu to Bog Oče dovoli, dokler mu še brada raste, dokler mu kosti preveč ne škripljejo! A.R.

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FOTOGRAFIJA VELEPOSLANIKA DR. DIMITRIJA RUPLA S PREDSEDNIKOM ZDA

Bill Clintonom je bila posneta 12. novembra 1997 v predsednikovi pisarni v Beli hiši (Oval Office) in sicer ob predaji akreditivov. Dr. Rupel se je rodil 7. aprila 1946, diplomiral na Filozofski fakulteti Univerze v Ljubljani iz primerjalne literature in sociologije leta 1970, doktorat v sociologiji pa prejel iz Brandeis univerze (Waltham, Mass.) leta 1976. Od leta 1970 predavatelj na Univerzi v Ljubljani, od leta 1992 profesor (Full Professor), en semester je bil gostujuči profesor na Cleveland State univerzi, gostoval je tudi na univerzah Queen's v Kingstonu, Ontario, in New School for Social Research v mestu New York. Leta 1990 je postal zunanjji minister v prvi demokratično izvoljeni slovenski vladi pod vodstvom Lojzeta Peterleta in bil na tem mestu do 1. 1993. Od 1993. do 1995. leta je bil poslanec slovenskega parlamenta, od 1995. do 1997. leta pa služil kot izvoljeni župan mesta Ljubljana. Dr. Rupel služi hkrati kot slovenski veleposlanik v Mehiki, objavil je več knjig, obvlada pa poleg slovenščine še angleščino, francoščino, nemščino, italijanščino ter latinščino, poročen.

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Pogovor z dr. Janezom Grilom...

Cerkve na poti v novo tisočletje

Ljubljana, 9. jan. Dr. Janeza Grila domača javnost pozna kot praktično vsepovsod pričajočo osebnost v delovanju katoliške Cerkve na Slovenskem, tako ali drugače navzdečega pri vseh pomembnejših potezah, ki jih ta največja verska organizacija na slovenskih tleh napove oziroma sprejme.

Ni le aktivni soudeleženec v trenutno še vedno zelo vročem državno-cerkvenem dialogu o vračanju gozdov, je tudi generalni tajnik gospodarskega sveta ljubljanske nadškofije in vodja tiskovnega urada Slovenske škofovske konference, v rokah drži medijske vajeti tedenka Družina in založbe Družina.

Ob vseh aktualnih vprašanjih, s katerimi se ubada katališka Cerkve, tako v Sloveniji kot po svetu, in jim išče odgovore znotraj lastnega kolesja kot tudi v širši skupnosti, ostajajo v tem trenutku najaktualnejši napoveduječi se izzivi tretjega tisočletja.

• *V drugem letu priprav na jubilej 2000 bodo misli in priprave pa je verjetno tako vsebinsko kot časovno vpeta tudi napovedana sinoda?*

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drugim izražena prošnja, najduh modrosti vodi znanost in tehniko na pot služenja življenju, pravičnosti in miru. Želja, ki se ji lahko pridruži vsak človek dobrega srca in zdravega razuma, pa je le kapljica v morju, ki naj bi ga Cerkve prebrodila na poti v novo tisočletje. Kako potekajo priprave na to, za žitje in bitje Cerkve izredno pomembno prelomnico?

Gre za praznovanje 2000-letnice rojstva Jezusa Kristusa in s tem za nas kristjane tudi 2000-letnico odrešenja. Gre torej za silno pomembno obletnico — tudi simbolno, tako za civilno družbo kot za katališko in za druge krščanske Cerkve ter za druge države in kulture, ki so prežete s krščansko tradicijo.

V katoliški Cerkvi je bil pred leti imenovan osrednji cerkveni odbor za pripravo takšne obletnice, ki bo zaznamovala sveto leto. Po vseh krajevnih Cerkvah, tudi pri nas, so ustanovljeni nacionalni odbori. Slovenski odbor, ki ga vodi mag. Peter Kvaternik, je že imel nekaj sej, zdaj pa pospešeno potekajo priprave na omenjeni jubilej — od programa verskih dejavnosti, romanj (leta 2000 v Rim) do pregleda zgodovine krščanstva na Slovenskem.

• *V ta prizadevanja in priprave pa je verjetno tako vsebinsko kot časovno vpeta tudi napovedana sinoda?*

Res je prav sinoda eden izmed velikih dogodkov, ki so povezani z jubilejem. Po najbolj preprostem "prevodu" je sinoda cerkveno posvetovanje

ozioroma zborovanje o pomembnih verskih vprašanjih, o vprašanjih cerkvenega življenja. Pomeni najvišjo obliko zborovanja v okviru kake Cerkve, vendar pa ob tem velja poudariti, da sinoda ni nekaj novega, da smo tovrstna zborovanja imeli tudi že na Slovenskem.

• *Bo pa to prva sinoda slovenske Cerkve na nacionalni ravni?*

Takšne prireditve na tej ravni pri nas še ni bilo. Bile so že drugod, v drugih državah, zlasti po drugem vatikanskem koncilu. Pri nas pa doslej, razen želja, ta pobuda še ni zaživelja; so pa bili v zadnjih nekaj letih narejeni prvi koraki v tej smeri, in sicer s škoftijskimi zborovanji, s pastoralnimi občnimi posvetovanji.

K odločitvi za pripravo sinede prav v tem času je botrovalo dvoje: prihod novega nadškofa in papeževu povabilo ob napovedanem jubileju 2000, naj krajevne Cerkve izvedejo takšna zborovanja. To je naše škofe spodbudilo, da so sinedo napovedali, imenovan pa je tudi že odbor za pripravo le-te — njen tajnik je dr. Ivan Stuhec.

Odbor zdaj pripravlja prvo delovno gradivo, ki bo nared februarja, in sicer kot povabilo k široki razpravi o vseh niznih vprašanjih pod vodilom gesla sinode Izberi življenje! Teme, ki bodo ponujene v razpravo, pa so življenje in odnosti v Cerkvi (pogled na vitezter), oznanjevanje evangelija — tudi kot veliki izviv (delovanje na str. 12).

Dr. Jože Velikonja

— CELOVŠKI ZVON JE ODZVONIL —

V novem letu 1998 nas ne bo več vsake tri mesece prebujal *Celovški zvon*. Zadnja številka (56) nosi oznako oktober 1997. Ameriška domovina je spremljala začetek revije in od tedaj naprej vseh petnajst let izhajanja. V zadnji številki CZ je sicer napoved, da bo začela izhajati nova revija, a od napovedi do uresničitve je navadno dolga pot. Težko je verjeti, da je revija prenehala zato, ker Mohorjeva družba ne more več kriti finančne izgube. V Ameriki že dvajset let izdajamo revijo *Slovene Studies* brez vsakršne podpore ustanov, ministrstev ali založniških družb. Prav vzroki so gotovo druge.

V zamejstvu in zdomstvu, kakor ta svet pogosto označujemo, obstaja samo še ena slovenska revija, to je argentinsko *Meddobje*. Zdaj je na njej, da se premakne iz argentinske oddaljenosti v bolj zanjno celotno slovenstvo. Vendar tudi od tam z juga slišimo bolj vznemirljive kot spodbudne novice. Menda danes ni več vprašanje, ali bo za to revijo na razpolago denar, da bodo lahko tiskali nekaj sto izvodov in jih poslali v svet. Bolj tvegano je, kje so pisci, ki bi pri njej sodelovali.

Celovški zvon je začel in obstajal s finančno in organizacijsko podporo celovške Mohorjeve družbe. Njeni spretni vodniki so razumeli, da je v zamejstvu nujna revija, ki bo predstavljala »drugi glas«, ko je v Sloveniji prevladovala komunistična enoglasnost. Trudila se je, da bi segla preko meje, a je ob tem zadevala na pogoste zapreke. Zato je prilagojevala svojo vsebino tako, da bi bila tudi za enoumno Slovenijo sprejemljiva. Zato za marsikoga po svetu ni bila nekaj novega in nekaj »našega«.

Po začetnem navdušenju — uredniki so potovali po svetu in pridobivali podporo — se je marsikdo v svetu reviji odmaknil. Zamejski in zdomski predstavniki v reviji niso uspeli uveljaviti svojih gledanj. Bili so koristni s svojimi imeni in ugledom — in naročniki, redko so bili dobrodošli s svojimi gledanjami.

Revija se je dokaj spremenila leta 1994, ko je prevzel uredništvo prvi pobudnik revije Vinko Ošlak. Postala je bolj

zavzeta za filozofska gledanja, ki jih v svetu poznamo — in smo jih odklonili — četudi so nova za Slovenijo. Postajala je pa tudi bolj avstrijska, zdomska Slovenija je postala bolj odmaknjena — že nekaj let pogrešam vesti o slovenskem uveljavljanju v ameriškem svetu, moja opozorila uredniku in uredniškemu odboru so ostala brez odgovora — na Koroškem pa si ni znala pridobiti podpornikov, ki bi jo brali in se nanjo naslanjali.

Ko razmišljjam o vzrokih, zakaj je revija prenehala, povzemam nekaj svojih gledanj na delo in življenje v zamejstvu in zdomstvu, ker ga poznam in mu sledim ter delno pri njem sodelujem že pol stoletja. Alojz Rebula je pisal o tem ob izidu petdesete številke *Celovškega zvona*.

Pri slovenskem tisku v svetu morajo biti izpolnjeni nekateri pogoji, brez katerih ni uspeha. Najprej so potrebeni pisci, ki svoja razglabljanja in svoja gledanja zapišejo in jih posredujejo. Morajo pa biti tudi bralci, ki so pripravljeni brati, a tudi kupovati knjige in revije, ne zaradi neke nejasne obveznosti do slovenske skupnosti, ampak zato, ker jih stvari zanimajo, ker so jim privlačne.

Gotovo je prvi pogoj, da vedo zanje. Za *Celovški zvon* je malokdo vedel. V Sloveniji, v zamejstvu, v zdomstvu. V knjigarnah ga ni bilo, občasne objave v drugih občilih so redkodaj zapisale njen obstoj in njena gledanja.

Govorim predvsem o času po proglašitvi slovenske samostojnosti. Po letu 1990 odprte meje in večja možnost svobodnega razpravljanja niso prinesle poživljjenja in sprostitev.

Podrobna obravnavava bi zahajevala več prostora, kot bi bilo primerno za *Ameriško domovino*. Te povezanosti med ustvarjanjem in nabavljanjem je pre malo, ob tem se marsikatera ustvarjalnost ustavi — ker ni odjemalcev. *Ameriška domovina* je uspela vsaj doslej premostiti to delitev, predvsem po prizadavnosti urednika.

Slovenske revije po svetu imajo večje težave. Niso prodrle v Slovenijo, tam jih ni videti v knjigarnah in v časopisnih oglasih.

Ce se omejim na revije, ki so izhajale izven administrativne Slovenije: tržaški *Most* je odnehal pred leti, ker mu je zmanjkalo moči graditi most med Italijani in Slovenci — revija je bila vseskozi dvojezična. Tržaški *Zaliv* je odmrl, ker se je njen ustvarjalec Boris Pahor utrudil.

Zrastel je nekak vtis, da bo po začetku slovenske samostojnosti in odhodom enostrankarskega režima pač »matična Slovenija« skrbela za glasila, v katerih bodo drugače misleči lahko objavljali svoja gledanja. Tako je svetoval tudi kulturni minister v začetku samostojne Slovenije, naj bi zamejske in zdomske revije prenehala, »ker je v Sloveniji nova svoboda in so zato zunanje revije nepotrebne«.

Meddobje ni sprejelo nasveta in še vedno živi, a komaj. *Celovški zvon* je utihnil.

Mnogo razlogov bi lahko našteli za to odmiranje. Najmanj prepričljiv je izgovor, da ljudje ne berejo in da pisci ne pišejo. Pisec je tudi v emigraciji in zamejstvu dovolj, da bi spodobno revijo napolnili s svojimi prispevki. Vendar je treba vedeti zanje in jih k sodelovanju pridobiti. Poziv v sami reviji ali časopisu ni dovolj. Stiki morajo biti osebni in ponovni. Zato pa so uredniki. Uredniki, ki sodelovanje omejujejo, namesto da bi ga spodbujali, ne bodo uspeli. Zato je *Celovški zvon* odklenkal. Zato bo zamrlo tudi *Meddobje*, če se urednik ne bo prebudil.

Drugo je, kje so bravci. Bravci so, a jih je treba doseči. Ne samo z zahtevami, da morajo iz slovenske zavednosti revijo naročati, ampak jih je treba privabiti z zanimivim pisanjem. Za nas po svetu je malo privlačno, kako se čolnarji zabavajo po pristanih v Sredozemlju, oblečeni ali goli, kar se je zdelo uredniku *Celovškega zvona* primerno za »krščansko revijo«, ki predstavlja »krščanski pogled na svet«; malokoga zanima, ali je kaj izide v esperantu ali v kakem drugem neobičajnem jeziku.

Slovenski ljudje po svetu napeto pričakujejo resnih razprav o naši usodi — Janez Građišnik je v zadnji številki *Celovškega zvona* bleščeč branitelj slovenskega jezika in smo mu hvaležni zanj. Kaj malo nas ganejo ocene knjig, ki jih ni mogoče dobiti v roke in ki za slovensko življenje po svetu nič ne pomenijo.

Bellevue, Wash.

Kje je v *Celovškem zvonu* poročilo o številnih tiskih, tudi izdanjih Mohorjeve družbe, po kateri bi ljudje zunaj v svetu segli z veseljem in zanimanjem: knjige o škofu Vovku in škofu Leniču (če bi nižja cena olajšala nakup), nove izdaje ljudskega branja, tudi knjiga o goriškem rojaku Davidu Doktoriču, četudi je knjiga izšla pri goriški in ne celovški Mohorjevi? Tudi Lojze Rebula zasluži, da bi segli po njegovih knjigah, ne samo, da beremo v *Celovškem zvonu* njegov dnevnik iz leta 1972.

V reviji »slovenskih kristjanov« je papežev obisk v Sloveniji bil deležen le enega stavka: v Ošlakovem zapisku »Misli sem, da ste Američani...« (št. 51, str. 6), ko so mu v Postojni zapeli pozdrav »Happy birthday to you«. Kot videti, papež ni imel sporočila, ki bi ga bilo vredno obravnati v reviji, ki trdi, da sloni na krščanskem pogledu na svet.

Res je, da se število slovenskih bravcev v svetu krči. Krči tudi zato, ker ne dobijo v roke branja, ki bi jih pritegnilo.

Celovški zvon je odklenkal, ker ni znal ujeti, kaj naj bi bravcem nudil. Odpisal je drugač za drugo skupine interesiranih bravcev, zaprl se je v svojo levičarsko-krščansko filozofijo, ki je zanimiva za peščico ljudi, bil je gluh za sodobni svet in njegova tveganja. Zanes v Ameriki je bil večkrat žaljiv v svoji karikaturi Amerike in amerikanstva. Vendar smo to prenesli, čeprav bi neponučenost zlahka zavrnil.

Velika škoda je, da je revija prenehala. Tako kot je v Ljubljani utihnil dnevnik *Slovenec*, in so posledice tega molka zelo globoke, bo konec *Celovškega zvona* prizadel marsikoga. Ali je izguba mogoče nadomestiti?

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nja navzven), poslanstvo kristjana kot posameznika, bogoslužje in seveda položaj Cerkev v slovenski družbi in državi.

• **Kakšen pa je pravzaprav (lahko) pomen sinode, kakšne so njene stvarne razsežnosti?**

Na podlagi širšega iskanja rešitev naj bi našli smernice, ki bodo postale vodilo delovanja Cerkve v novem tisočletju; prelom tisočletja kot zgodovinski mejnik zahteva 'obračun' delovanja, ki se bo zgodil v nekajletnem sinodalnem procesu. V tem času bodo tri zasedanja; prvo bo morda že v tem letu.

• **V tem času naj bi ves svet in vsak človek vedno znova ugotavljal, kot je poudaril papež Janez Pavel II. v poslanici ob svetovnem dnevu miru, na kako hudi preizkušnji sta danes mir in pravičnost, in po svoji moči pripomogel k udejanjanju obeh. Kako pa je po vašem mnenju z mirom in pravičnostjo v Sloveniji?**

Papež nas opozarja na to, na kar vse preradi pozabljam: da je mir v družbi, v družini, v vsaki skupnosti odvisen od vsakega posameznika oziroma od pravičnosti njegovega ravnjanja. Dobro je, če se tega vsakdo zaveda, kajti vse prepogosto razloge iščemo drugod, v politiki ali drugih vzrokih zunaj sebe. Če velja papeževu povabilo za ves svet, velja tudi za nas — da skupaj ustvarjamo razmere, ki bi omogočile mir in pravičnost za vse in za vsakogar posebej, ne glede na njegovo versko ali neversko pripadnost.

• **Katera konkretna dejanja bi bila denimo za vas dokaz, da se je v Sloveniji dejansko zgodila sprava?**

Na simbolni ravni je bilo pri vprašanju sprave — ta se pri slovenskem narodu navezuje na polpreteklo dobo, povezano s svetovno in državljanovo vojno, na totalitarni sistem, ki je na Slovenskem dolgo vladal in v katerem človeške pravice niso bile spoštovane, kot bi morale biti, na čas, ko so si Slovenci v glavnem sami povzročali trpljenje in si zadajali rane — že marsikaj narejene. Danes smo se iz najhujšega že »izkopali«, vendar nas preteklost še vedno spremlja in obremenjuje.

Nekakšno pravo dejanje sprave bi bilo, da bi se vse strani odločile, da ne bodo več ponavljale obtožb, obžalovale tisto, kar je bilo in prenehale širiti nestrpnost s ponavljanjem ideoloških floskul, ter se zavezale za drugačno prihodnost. Mislim, da se leta 2000 samo po sebi ponuja kot priložnost za nov začetek v spoštovanju različnosti, v strpnosti in spoštljivosti do vsakogar, v smislu starega rekla, ki je preizkušeno in modro: ne storiti drugemu tega, kar nočeš, da bi drugi storil tebi.

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Martin Cimerman, franciškanski pater z imenom Krizolog iz slovenske cerkve sv. Cirila na Osmi ulici v newyorskem East Villageu, se je pogladil po svoji črni bradi in smeje pokazal name: »Ti si župnik tukaj, jaz pa na Osmi ulici.«

Sedeli smo v starem irskem pubu Old Stand na sečišču 55. ulice in Tretje avenije. Sredi New Yorka. Na drugi strani avenije, v Michael's pubu, je igralec in režiser Woody Allen z ljubiteljskim igranjem na klarinet zabaval goste. Mi pa smo sedeli v zadnji sobi (ta prostor je bil naš vsako sredo zvečer) Old Standa in žulili naše slovenske zadeve — od tega, katere e-vitaminske tablete so dobre zoper migreno do političnih in gospodarskih vprašanj ... medtem ko je točajka Kathlyn z izrazitim irskim naglasom ves čas spraševala: »Are you going to have another one?« (Boste še enega?)

Kathlyn se pri spraševanju po tem, ali naj bi gost zvrnil še en vrček ali ne, nikoli ni dala motiti. Ko nam je za Prešernov dan Boris Cavazza recital Povodnega moža, je Kathlyn sredi njegovega nastopa na glas ponovila svoje znano vprašanje. Ko smo jo opozorili, naj bo tiho, ker nam recitura naš znani umetnik, je zamahnila z roko in dejala: »Ah, nič ne de, bo pa vse skupaj povedal še enkrat.«

Z Old Standom smo Slovenci povezani že kakih osem let. To gostilno bi lahko primerjali z drugimi gostilnami po svetu, kjer so se shajali Slovenci. Gostilne v tujini, od Dunaja do New Yorka, so bile Slovencem vedno nekakšno priběžliče, ustvarjaliče in uteha. Podobne poznam v Ohiu, Avstriji, Italiji, Svici, Nemčiji, Argentini...

V Old Stand smo Slovenci, ki smo živeli v New Yorku, zahajali vse od začetka 90. let. Spontano in iz potrebe po druženju sredi velikega sveta. Shajanje, druženje so pospeševali še dogodki doma. Jugoslavija je razpadala, Slovenija se je osamosvajala. Vrata so bila odprta vsakomur. Edino pravilo je bilo: tu smo vsi samo Slovenci.

Ni bilo pomembno, kaj si, novinar ali diplomat, poslovnež ali šofer, stara sablja ali novodošleč. Kdor je prišel, je prišel, se usedel, poklepatal, vprašal po tem in onem, kaj pojedel in popil, plačal zapitek in odšel.

Sem sta zahajala diplomata Golob in Kerstein, ko sta delovala v OZN, vendar še brez uradnega statusa. Tu smo še pred napadom jugovojske zbirali najrazličnejše podatke in jih pošljali Matjažu Kovačiču, generalnemu sekretarju v tedanjem Ruplovem zunanjem ministru. V ZDA tedaj pač še ni bilo naših diplomatskih predstavnosti.

Tu smo proslavljali vse slovenske in ameriške praznike. Tu smo tudi prvikrat videli, kakšen je slovenski tolar. Tu smo se tudi dogovarjali, kako lobirati za to, da ZDA priznajo samostojno Slovenijo. Tu smo proslavili sprejem Slovenije v OZN. Tu smo zbirali denar za naše nove slovenske potne liste. Tu smo se dogovarjali za slovenske piknike v Blue Mountain Ridgeu, za smučarije v Wyndhamu, za ribolov na atlantski obali ob New Jerseyju in Long Islandu. Tu smo bili res vsi samo Slovenci.

Irska lastnika, zakonca Margot in Patrick, sta nam vsako sredo malo pred šesto postavila na mizo stojalce s slovensko zastavo, dovolila sta nam tudi, da smo na steno pripravili uokvirjeno fotografijo vseh — nekaj več kot dva ducata nas je bilo — ki smo se zbrali v gostilni ob razglasitvi slovenske državnosti.

Margot je za vsak slovenski praznik postavila na račun hiše na mizo po nekaj steklenic šampanjca, za Thanksgiving (zahvalni dan, ameriški praznik na zadnji četrtek v novembru) pa so za nas po tradiciji spekli nekaj puranov.

Kakšnega posebnega programa ta združba ni imela, edinolec vsak pomembnejši dogodek — za nas, Slovence — smo zapisali v debelo dnevniško knjigo. Kot nekakšen neformalni predsednik naše slovenske združbe v Old Standu sem jo zdaj za nekaj časa dobil v Ljubljano, v kratkem bo spet romala čez lužo v New York.

Pater Krizolog je z izjavo, ki sem jo omenil na začetku, bolj v šali kot zares postavil zgolj nekakšno operativno, ne pa duhovne razmejitve, čeprav smo z njim med požirki kdaj pa kdaj rekli tudi kakšno polemično besedo, kot smo jo tudi z drugimi. Prihajal je v Old Stand, najraje pri nas rezal kraški pršut (ki ga je prej blagoslovil), mi smo prihajali v njegovo cerkveno dvoranico (ali pa tudi na kakšno Martinkovo gos v župnikovih zasebenjih zgornjih cerkvenih prostorih) na razne slovenske pev-

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Cerkvena dvorana je bila večja od kletnih prostorov v Old Standu, zato je bila večina prireditev v cerkvi sv. Cirila. Spomnim se, da je bil od večjih nastopov v Old Standu edinolec tisti, ki ga je pripravil Polde Bibič (pa še to bolj zaradi Krizolovega selektivnega pristopa).

Sicer pa je pater Krizolog pravzaprav nadaljeval dobro delo, ki ga je začel in opravil že njegov predhodnik, pokojni pater Robert Mazovec, širok in plemenit človek, čudovit sobesednik, mojster v kuhanju turške kave in človek, ki mi bo ostal v spominu zlasti z video-posnetka, ki mi ga je v Ljubljani pokazala njegova sestra, kardiologinja Majda; Robert, ki med osamosvojitveno vojno za Slovenijo hodi po nevarnih in opustelih ljubljanskih ulicah. Zamišljena in rahlo sklonjena postava, za katero se zdi, kot da se ne zmeni za dogajanje okoli sebe, kot da je nad dogodki.

Zakaj pravzaprav pišem vse to? Mogoče iz nostalgi po pravi družbi v tem novoletnem in siceršnjem slovenskem času in iz čedalje trdnjejšega prepričanja, da mora človek na tuje, v New York, v Old Stand, da pride do zares široke in odprte slovenske družbe. Pri nas gostilne v veliko primeri rabijo, žal, shajanju ozkih, tako ali drugače pobaranjih družb, skrivnim političnim sestankom in gorjačarskemu ekskluzivizmu, gostilniške livade pa so, kot kaže, steptano zemljišče za politične pretepače.

Zato se bom vedno — poleg rahle nostalgi — ponosno spominjal slovenske družbe v New Yorku in še prav posebej Old Standa.

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Polkovnik William Spitznagle



Podpolkovnik Jack Sajevic

V naši zadnji številki (25. decembra) preteklega leta, smo objavili daljši članek o delovanju dveh častnikov ameriške vojske slovenskega rodu, ki sodeljujeta v projektih za usposabljanje Slovenske vojske. Ker smo morali na hitro pripraviti omenjeno številko, je zmanjkalo prostora, da bi skupaj s člankom objavili tudi fotografije teh častnikov, to sta polkovnik William Spitznagle in podpolkovnik Jack Sajevic, zato posnetka naknadno objavljamo. Možno je, da bosta tudi ta dva pred upokojitvijo doseglia čin generala, kot več drugih (gl. dopis Radota Lenčka nad posnetkama).

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Ob stolnici kiparjevega rojstva...

France Gorše (1897-1986), umetnik po božji volji

Dr. IRENE MISLEJ

»Ob Goršetu kot umetniku po božji volji, ki mu pomeni umetnost bistvo življenja, si marsikdo zastavlja vprašanje, kako rešiti njegovo uganko. Kratko bi odgovoril na to vprašanje, da človek ni ura, ki so jo ob rojstvu navile rojenice in ki bi se brez zaprek odvijala do določenega ji cilja. Ne, človek je najobčutljivejši barometer, ki neizogibno reagira na vsak duševni pretres, pod katerega pritiskom se njegova pot pogosto obrne v drugačno od prvotno nakazane smeri.« (*Gorše. Retrospektivna razstava 1924-1972. Kostanjevica na Krki, julij-avgust 1972. Razstava je bila prepovedana pred otvoritvijo, katalog zasezen, zato je razumljivo, da je publikacija danes prava redkost.*)

Tako je sklenil svoj uvodni esej dr. France Stele l. 1972, ko je nameraval slovenskemu občinstvu predstaviti umetnika, ki ga je imel za »pozabljenega« po dolgi odsotnosti. Njegov resen namen, da bi v Sloveniji prznali Goršeta in mu dali mesto, ki mu gre v slovenski likovni zgodovini, se je izjalovil ob nestrpnosti vladočih do človeka, ki so ga prej označili za »emigranta« z vsemi političnimi in javnimi posledicami, kot za umetnika, ki naj se doma predstavi s svojo ustvarjalnostjo.

Stele je za Goršetovo umetnost, še danes se zdi, da kipar, ki je tako široko zastavil svoje delo, ki je doživeljil in se srečeval s tako različnimi okolji in kulturami, ubral tako raznovrstnih poti kot morda še noben drug.

Rodil se je pred stotimi leti na Dolenjskem, v Zamostecu pri Sodražici. Otroštvo je opisal tako:

»V tisti čas spada tudi doba mojega prebujanja. Se še nisem poslovil od ljudskošolskih klopi, ko me je oče že uvajal v tehniko vezanja knjig. Rad ali nerad sem se dal poučiti in mu kolikor toliko pri delu pomagal. Še danes se kaj dobro spominjam, da mi je šlo delo največkrat zelo počasi od rok. Samega sebe sem pogosto zalotil, da sem se med delom vse preveč ustavljal in prebiral ter se zasanjal v slike in ilustracije in da sem v tistem času prebral ogromno, večinoma mladinskih knjig. Moja fantazija je dobila mnogo hraniva ter se relativno precej obogatila. Vsekakor je dejstvo, da sem tam dobil prvo pobudo za risanje in notranji nagibza umetnostno udejstvovanje. Sele v nadalnjem študiju sem se končno posvetil kiparstvu kot čisti umetnosti, kjer sem našel ideal svojega življenja.« (*France Gorše, Avtobiografski podatki in moji pogledi. Koledar Svobodne Slovenije 1966, Buenos Aires, str. 331-337.*)

Po končani prvi vojni (bil je avstrijski in nato slovenski vojak) je odšel v Zagreb na likovno akademijo, ki jo je absolviral na specialki kiparja Ivana Meštrovića v letu 1925. Privatno naročilo za kip Brezmadežne v kamnu za cerkev v Trnovem pri Ilirski Bistrici ga je pripeljalo na Primorsko, takrat že del fašistične Italije:

»Po izvršitvi tega naročila sem nemudoma odšel na študijsko potovanje po Italiji in se ustavil v Firencah. Ves zavzet sem srkal lepote kiparstva, slikarstva in tudi arhitekture: večna dela italijanskih mojstrov. Bila so to moja velika doživetja. Najmočnejše vtise sem dobil od kiparjev, Donatella in Luca della Robbia, od

slikarjev pa Giotta in fra Angelica.«

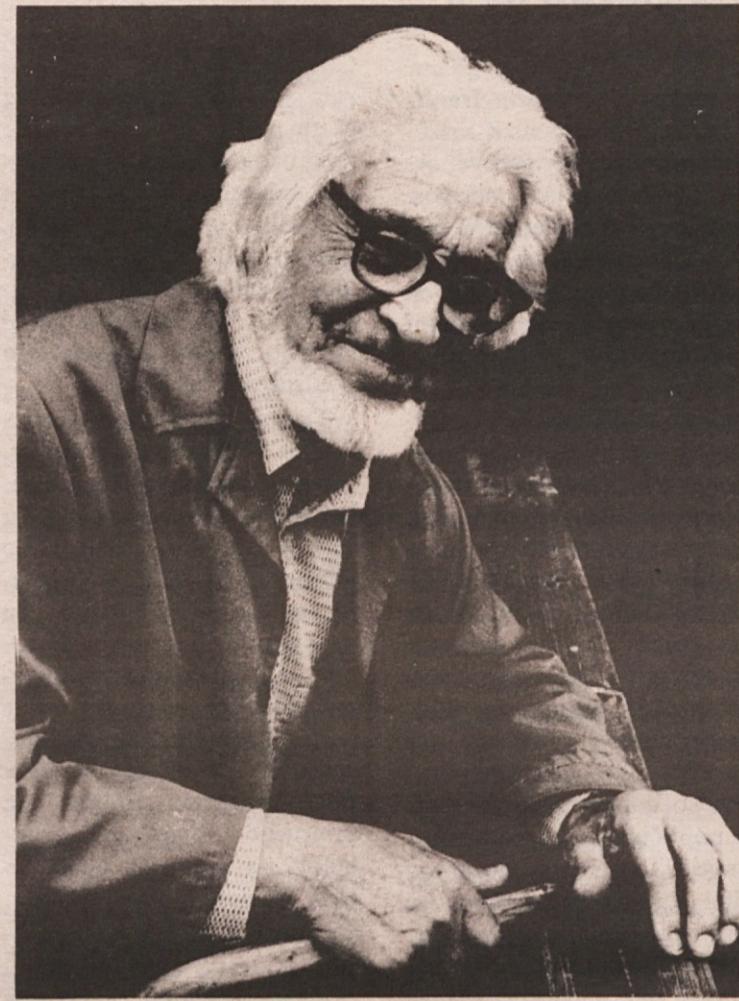
Po vrnitvi se je naselil najprej pri bratu, ki je župnikoval v Vremah, l. 1926 je odšel v Trst, dve leti pozneje pa v Goricu. V nekaj letih aktivnega delovanja na Primorskem je Gorše navezel tesne stike z umetniškimi krogi (tako italijanskimi kot slovenskimi), udeleževal se je uradnih razstav sindikata umetnikov, a tudi predstavitev slovenskih ustvarjalcev, kot npr. na razstavi pri Sv. Ivanu (Ernest Šešek, Albert Sirk, Milko Bambič in France Gorše), ki je bila pravzaprav zadnja tovrstna prireditev v hudih raznarodovalnih časih. (*Pregledu Goršetovega delovanja na Primorskem med obema vojnami in po 2.s.v. je bila posvečena razstava v goriškem Avditoriju od 27. 10. do 8. 11. 1981. Umetnostna zgodovinarka Verena Koršič je bila avtorica kataloga, ki vsebuje izčrpno dokumentacijo o kiparjevem opusu na Primorskem.*)

Na Primorskem je uresničil nekaj projektov, ki jih je finančiral sklad za obnovo v 1.s.v. porušenih cerkva, kot npr. Angel miru v Štivanu in druga dela za Sempeter pri Gorici ter za Opatje selo na Krasu.

Albert Širok je v razpravi o likovnih ustvarjalcih na Primorskem spregovoril o vplivu Meštrovića na mladega umetnika:

»Ali kakor je Meštrović kot umetnik velik, je kot učitelj nevaren. Mnogo da, pa mnogo tudi vzame. Vse prehitro je njegov učenec tudi njegov medij, ki slepo ponavlja mojstrove besede. Tako tudi Gorše. Vsa zadnja Goršetova leta niso nič drugega kot hud boj proti Meštrovičevim vplivom.«

Leta 1930 se je na beneškem bienalu seznanil z opusom Franca Maillola, ki je s svojim vitalizmom ublažil Meštro-



Akademski kipar France Gorše

vičevu težko ekspresijo in mu je odprl obzorja, s tem pa je ubral pot v najbolj kreativno obdobje.

Leta 1931 se je Gorše vrnil v Slovenijo in se nastanil v Ljubljani. Že polnokrven kipar je v letih do odhoda iz domovine ustvaril številna velika dela, tako v bronu kot v kamnu. Les, ki je bil priljubljen material v primorskih letih, se vrne v središče pozornosti šele v vojnih časih.

O tej zreli dobi je spregovoril dr. Rajko Ložar v monografiji, ki je izšla v Ljubljani l. 1938 in v številnih člankih: »Gorše je kot umetnik zastopnik realizma in potemtakem pravic, ki jih ima v umetnosti nepokvarjena narava. Njegova dela učinkujejo radi tega sveže in zdravo.« (*Rajko Ložar, Kipar France Gorše. Umetnost, Ljubljana leta III, 1938/39, str. 49.*)

V medvojnih letih je Gorše ustanovil zasebno umetniško šolo, kjer so številni danes uveljavljeni umetniki doma in po svetu dobili možnost prvega likovnega izraza pod vodstvom izkušenega ustvarjalca. Marjan Tršar se je l. 1990 ob skupinski razstavi izseljenih umetnikov spominjal te šole:

»S prijateljem Božom Kramolcem sva se, obo mladostnika, navduševala nad vzori vaših širih velikih impresionistov, pa tudi nad bolj sodobnimi Neodvisnimi. Željna znanja sva tedaj spodbudila mojstra Goršeta za risarsko šolo. Ta je s svojo zagnano resnostjo obetala prerasti v akademijo — kar ducat njegovih učencev se je po vojni vpisalo nanjo. Nedeljeno spoštovanje tega nesebičnega učitelja se je məalo z občudovanjem njegovega kiparskega opusa: njegova

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France Gorše, umetnik po božji volji

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Eva je pomenila vrh tedanjega slovenskega plastičnega upodabljanja ženskega telesa.« (*Slovenski likovni ustvarjalci po svetu. Katalog. Slovenska izseljenska matica 1990.*)

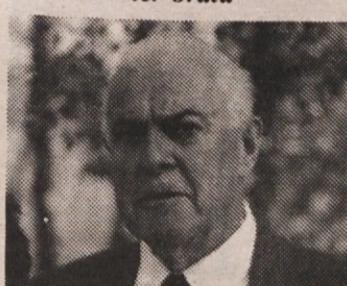
V majskih dneh l. 1945 se je Gorše umaknil najprej na Koroško, potem v Italijo. Do 1952 je bival v Trstu, kjer je veliko ustvarjal in sodeloval v kulturnem življenju. Ob zaposlitvi kot profesor risanja risanja na slovenskih šolah je tudi redno poročal na tržaškem radiu o likovnem življenju.

V letu 1952 je odšel v ZDA, nastanil se je v Clevelandu, kjer je imel nekaj let atelje v Slovenskem narodnem domu. Stanoval je skupaj z dvema mladima umetnikoma, Jožetom Vodlanom in Mirom Zupančičem. Novo okolje z vsemi omejitvami, ki so značilne za prilagajanje priseljenca novemu življenju, mu ni omogočilo istih pogojev za delo, kot jih je imel v domovini. Njegov zvesti priatelj in podpornik, dr. Vojmir Bratina, je pojasnil položaj:

»Umetnik mora imeti primerno okolje, ki mu ustreza, da lahko ustvarja — umetnost je inspiracija — in publiko, ki se zanima za umetnine, saj je treba končno tudi živeti. Gorše takrat pač ni mogel poznavati ameriškega pogleda na umetnost, ko za veliko večino intenzentov umetnina pomeni le investicijo, kot jo pomenijo zemlja, poslopja, delnice, zlato, diamanti. Zato se morajo mnogi ameriški umetniki zaposliti kot komercialni umetniki. Toda Gorše si je izbral pot svobodnega umetnika — o kakem komercializmu še slišati ni hotel — in je na tej poti tudi ostal vse svoje življenje.

V BLAG SPOMIN

Ob osmi obletnici smrti našega dobrega moža, očeta in starega očeta ter brata



FRANK TOMINC

ki je umrl 13. januarja 1990.
V hladnem grobu zdaj počivaš,
rešen si prav vseh skrbi;
mi pa mislimo na Tebe,
Te pogrešamo vse dni.

Zaljuboči:

Pepca, žena
Frank, Martin, Jože, sinovi
z družinami
Marjanca Domanko, Ani
Vidmar, Cilka Urbas, hčerke
z družinami
Jelka Kuhelj, Ivanka Tominec, sestri
in ostalo sorodstvo v Sloveniji.

Bilo je nekako tako: ljubitelji umetnosti takrat niso imeli dovolj finančnih sredstev, da bi si privoščili Goršetova dela, denarniki pa niso kazali posebnega navdušenja za umetnost bolj ali manj neznanega kiparja, ki je prišel nekje iz old country.« (Vojko Bratina, *Prijatelju Francu Goršetu. Celovski zvon, december 1986 IV/13, str. 35-40.»)*

Zaradi tega je razumljivo, da se je Gorše lotil tudi zanjos doslej nenavadnih materialov, skromnejših, kot npr. aluminijaste žice, bakrene folije ipd. Iz vsakdanje stiske hkrati z vseskozi živo ustvarjalno voljo je izumil »orešec«, mešanico drobljene lesene mase z lepljom, ki jo je moč oblikovati okrog nosilne strukture v žici. Posušena mešanica pridobi površinsko teksturo, ki spominja na žgano glino.

Materiali, ki mu jih je vsililo življenje v emigraciji, so obenem narekovali formalno spremembo iz vitalistične figuralike v nov slog, ki so ga nekateri imenovali kar Goršetova gotika. Stele govori o spokorništvu, v resnici pa je samo izseljensko življenje Goršetu omogočalo predvsem majhna dela, primerna za domove slovenskih emigrantov, ki so ga podpirali.

Najbolj so zanimiva dela, ki na neki asketski način zrcalijo skupno usodo »romarjev«, pri Goršetu prisopoda za zdmostvo. Motiv odhajajočih človeških figur, ki se oddaljujejo, dokler se popolnoma ne izgubijo za obzorjem, je prisoten v številnih risbah in reliefih.

Pri nekaterih naročilih za slovenske cerkve (predvsem je treba poudariti Goršetovo sodelovanje pri slovenskih cerkvah v Torontu in razumevaljočo vlogo naročnikov) se je lahko lotil večjih formatov, a figure - tako v lesu kot v orešču - ne odstopajo od pričakovane v smislu strani večinskoga okusa.

Leta 1964 se je Gorše presebil v New York, kjer je živel do vrnitve v Evropo l. 1971. Svoje poglede na umetnost v ZDA je strnil z besedami:

»Kadar govorimo o kulturnem življenju in o razvoju umetnosti, ne smemo pozabiti na okolnost, da je to t.i. obljubljena dežela... Večina ljudi jo po mojem mnenju mnogo premalo pozna, zlasti v pogledu njene duhovne strukture. Zavest njenega kulturnega osamosvajanja je pognala globoke korenine. To se že močno pozna v javnem in privatnem življenju. Ima mnogo obrazov, ki si medsebojno dijagonalno nasprotujejo. Njena zunanja podoba je slikovito pestra ter jo predstavlja od stvarne prastare konservativne in denimo primitivne skrajnosti, vse do druge razvojne skrajnosti, ki se zrcali v tako imenovani brezpredmetni abstraktnosti. V duhu tega okvira so objekti — umetniški produkti odsev kaotičnega vrenja in znamenja neuravnovešene tvornosti duhovnih sil. Zlomi

Društvo »Prijatelji zavoda Sv.

Stanislava« v Torontu

Da se je v Sloveniji uresničil marsikateri projekt na ravni cerkvenega življenja, se moramo zahvaliti tudi vsem našim ljudem, ki so razkropljeni po različnih deželah sveta. Ena od takšnih skupnosti so

Martin Dimnik, v odboru pa sta tudi oba že zgoraj omenjena duhovnika. Namen društva je gmotna pomoč Zavodu pri uresničevanju njegove vzgojne dejavnosti v okviru Škofijske klasične gimnazije, sodelovali pa naj



tudi Slovenci v Kanadi oziroma v Torontu. V letu 1997 je bilo namreč pod mentorstvom torontskega nadškofa, našega rojaka dr. Alojzija Ambrožiča, superiorja lazaristov in župnika pri Mariji Pomagaj Tineta Batiča in župnika pri Mariji Brezmadežni Ivana Plazaria ustavljeno društvo »Prijatelji Zavoda sv. Stanislava!« Pobude so prišle z različnih strani, v zamisel o društvu pa jih je oblikoval dr. Stane Bah, ki je tudi predsednik odbora za ustavitev društva. Pri tem mu pridno pomagajo Jože Kastelic, podpredsednik odbora, Ludvik Stajan, blagajnik, Franc Osredkar, gospod

bi še na različne druge načine: izmenjava dijakov, profesorjev, pravila skupnih projektov na ravni kulturnega življenja itd. Zadnje seje v decembri se je udeležil tudi dr. Tone Jamnik, ki je za Slovence v Torontu vodil božično duhovno novo. Odboru, vsem članom društva in vsem skritim dobrotnikom se je zahvalil za darove (blagajnik L. Stajan mu je izročil lep dar do sedaj zbranega denarja) in toliko skrbi in dela s pripravo društva. Torej, ostaja vez priateljstva, ki premaga vse razdalje in pomeni spodbudo pri človeških prizadevanjih.

(Družina, 11. januarja 1998) aj

SEMINAR

TORONTO, Ont. — V nedeljo, 1. februarja, ob 4. uri popoldne, bo v cerkveni dvorani na 611 Manning Ave., Toronto, seminar s sledečim programom:

Prof. Marija Markeš — Nadškof dr. France Rode
Dr. Branka Lapajne — Protestantizem v Sloveniji
Debato bo vodila ing. Cvetka Jakus

Vsi vladno vabljeni!

Slovensko-Kanadski Svet

Goršeta, za monumentalnega kiparja in mojstra v obvladovanju gradiva, v snovi in vsebinu njegovih del je pa poudarjala religioznost in veselje do življenja. Je človek tihih domislic, trudapolnega iskanja, kar bo morda v zvezi z njegovim mnenjem, da koraka Amerika v umetnost z orjaškimi koraki, a pušča za seboj vrzeli.« (Marjan Marolt, *Slovenska likovna umetnost v zamejstvu. SKA, Buenos Aires 1959.*)

Vrzeli za ameriško umetnost je utelesil sam Gorše, saj je šlo za tisto evropsko tradicijo v kiparstvu, ki je po žlahtnem realizmu Rodina in Bourdella in od njega občudovanega Maillola, prešel v ekspresivne smeri med obema vojnoma. Gorše je bil brez dvoma kvalitetni predstavnik tega kulturnega časa, čeprav se je sam praviloma umaknil pred izrazito ekspresivno umetnostjo in je raje poglabljal realistično izročilo.

V njegovem številnem opusu je vedno najti razlike v dovršenosti, v izrazu in sporočilnosti, a po likovni kvaliteti sodi med najboljše slovenske kiparje. Ob tem pa je treba podprtati duhovno poglobljnost in človeške vrednote, ki

izhajajo iz njegovega razgibnega, dolgega in vsebine polnega življenja.

France Gorše je umrl na Golniku l. 1986. Šele po tem so se uresničile sanje samega avtorja in številnih njegovih občudovalcev: v Moderni galeriji so decembra 1987 odprli retrospektivno razstavo, ki je skušala premostiti številne vrzeli v poznavanju njegovega opusa. Očitno je bilo, da bo treba Goršetu posvetiti še veliko več pozornosti tako kot kiparju kakor tudi kot človeku.

Letošnja razstava ob stoletnici njegovega rojstva, čeprav le tematska, je priložnost za dopolnitve dokumentacije o njem in za svežo sintetično oceno njegovega obširnega in vrednega opusa.

Slov. izseljenski koledar '98
(Ljubljana 1997, str. 102-108)

Op. ur. AD: Dr. Irene Misej, ki je živila veliko let v Argentini, je direktorica Pilonove galerije v Ajdovščini, zelo se zanima tudi za pok. slovensko-ameriškega slikarja Gregory Perushek.

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z odpošiljanjem naše pomoci, da bi do praznikov misijonarji dobili našo pošto in bi tako še lahko razveselili uboge med ubogimi. Zdaj pa že prihajajo pisma zahvale. Prvo pismo je prispelo od s. Terezije Pavlič, ki dela na Madagaskarju med gobavimi bolniki. Piše:

»Spoštovani! Te dni sem prejela vaše pismo z žalostnim obvestilom o odhodu g. Wolbunga. Gredo po plačilo junaki! Naj počivajo v miru in objemu božjem. Sama sem takoj plačala sv. mašo zanj.

V pismu sem našla priložen listič, naznanih o vašem daru. Bog vam plačaj! Res ste občudovanja vredni pri vašem delu. Nobena težava vas ne ustavi, tudi ob smrti g. Wolbunga, se niste ustavili, ampak še nadljujete. Molim za vas vse!

Vzrok, da tako malo pišem, je v tem, da je premalo časa. Čez dan ni nobenega miru, zvečer si pa tako utrujen, da si nesposoben za resno pismo. Vendar vam obljudim, da vam bom napisala dopis opis o naši gobavski naselbini in našem delu z gobavci.

Božič je odšel, želim vam obilo božjega blagoslova v prihodnjem letu 1998. Bog z vami! S. Terezija.«

Naslednji dan sem prejela pismo s. Marije Pavlič, ki tudi dela na Madagaskarju in piše:

»Spoštovani misijonski prijatelji! Spet ste me razveselili z vašim vsakoletnim pismom in darom. Bog vam povrni za vaš dar!

Kot veste, smo bili letos zelo prizadeti ob strašnem neurju 21. januarja 1997. Več ali manj smo že popravili. Najhujše pa je bilo, ker je bil uničen ves pridelek, izruvana sadna drevesa, rizeva polja pa polna peska. Trajne posledice pa so ostale, veliko družin je zapuščenih. Oče ni mogel gledati lačnih otrok in je šel iskat kakšen zasluzek. Vrnili se ni, sedaj se mama sama trudi s številnimi majhnimi otroci. Drugi so umrli od epidemije driske in oče ali mama spet sama.

Tem materam skušamo najprej preskrbeti skromno, a človeško dostojno koliko — skromno hišico (3 x 4 m, za večjo družino 3 x 5 m). Zelo so hvaležne za to. Večina otrok je večkrat lačna kot sita. Otroci prinesejo svoj prispevek drv za kuhanje. Ko prihajajo, imajo v eni roki žlico, v drugi pa poleno.

Večje število otrok je v vašo pomočjo moglo iti v solo, bodisi v našo ali v državno. Kako ponosni so na dobre ocene in jih prinesejo pokazat. Pribraznam, da sem tudi jaz vesela.

Vem, da je vse to malo, a trudimo se, da bi bilo dobro narejeno in otroke spremljamo. Vsi revni otroci iz naše šole ali državne, imajo opoldne obrok hrane.

G. Wolbung je bil naš veliki dobrotnik. Tu smo imeli dve sv. maši za pokoj njegove duše in tudi drugače se ga spominjam.

Vsem želim v novem letu novih milosti in moči. Bog vam povrni! Ostanimo povezani v molitvi, vaša hvaležna s. Marija Pavlič.«

Preteklo nedeljo, 11. januarja, smo se iskreno zahvalili Bogu in Ga prosili novega blagoslova v naši Marijini cerkvi. G. Pavel Krajinik in g. Jože Černe z Milanom Ribičem so vodili pete litanijske Matere božje, mi smo pa odgovarjali, da je odmevalo po cerkvi. G. Krajinik nam je podelil blagoslov z Najsvetejšim, kar nam bo dalo moč za delo v misionskem zaledju.

Lepo število misijonskih prijateljev se je zbral v cerkvi in tudi odšlo v šolsko dvorano. Na sestanku smo brali pisma misijonarjev, iz Duhovnega življenja dopis misijonarja g. Jožeta Cukaleta iz Indije, in iz Prijatelja radija Ognjišča o spominu na g. Wolbunga od g. Trstenjaka. Imeli smo tudi malo srečolova, da smo lahko kaj dali v osušeno blagajno. Prav veseli smo odšli na domove polni novih načrtov.

Moram še to dodati, da bo 8. februarja kosilo v korist naših misijonarjev v šolskem avditoriju pri Sv. Vidu. Rezervirajte si ta dan za to kosilo, da bomo kot ena družina mislili na one, ki nimajo najbolj potrebnega za življenje. Pri toličnih nesrečah, povodnjih, požarih, potresih, ujmah, smo še vedno srečni, da nas ni zadelo kaj hujšega. Z hvaležnostjo se zahvalimo za vse dobro.

Na kosilu bodo različne stojnice, tudi za ročna dela je vedno vsaj ena. Zdaj v dolgih večerih se bo dalo marsikaj sešiti, nakvačkati, naplesti. Vse bomo z dobro voljo sprejeli in že vnaprej: HVALA!

Tudi nekaj darov je bilo sprejetih: g. in ga. Janez in Marija Prosen \$380 (p. Rafko Roberts \$100, Karmeličanke v Sori \$100, Ognjišče \$60, br. Joško Kramar \$100, poštnina



Med številnimi slovenskimi misijonarji po vsem svetu je tudi Rev. Francis Rebol, ki deluje že veliko let na Tajvanu. Na fotografiji stoji med svojimi mladimi učenci. Vsako leto pošilja g. Rebol tako fotografijo z voščili za lepe božične in novoletne praznike Ameriški Dobrodeleni Zvezi.

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Helen Oven Hiserman \$200; Helena in Tone Gorše \$100) v spomin g. Wolbunga; Marjan in Fani Strancar \$200 (\$100 za s. Pavlič, \$100 za Skupnost Loyola); Marjan in Mira Kossm \$300 (za bogoslovca); Lovro in Ivanka Rozman \$500.

Bog vam vsem povrni s svojim blagoslovom, je naša iskrena želja. Naj vas vse vedno spremljajo božji mir!

Lavriševa

KOLENDAR JANUAR

18. — Slovenska šola pri Mariji Vnebovzeti vabi na kosilo v šolski dvorani. Serviranje od 11.30 do 1. pop.

24. — Slovenska pristava priredi tradicionalno »Pristavsko noč«, v SND na St. Clair Ave.

FEBRUAR

8. — Misijonska Znamkarska Akcija (MZA) priredi kosilo v šolski dvorani pri Sv. Vidu.

APRIL

5. — DNIJ pri Sv. Vidu, društvi št. 25 in 162 KSKJ prirejajo kosilo v avditoriju pri Sv. Vidu.

15. — Slovenska šola pri Sv. Vidu postreže s košilom v avditoriju. Serviranje od 11. dop. do 1.30 pop.

21. — Dramsko društvo Lilija poda igro v Slov. domu na Holmes Avenue (popoldne).

MAJ

24. — Društvo SPB vabi na spominsko sv. mašo pri Lurški Materi božje na Chardon Rd.

JUNIJ

14. — Slovenska šola pri Mariji Vnebovzeti priredi polletno veselico na Slovenski pristavi.

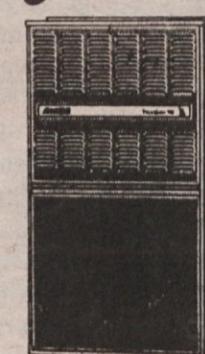
20. in 21. — Tabor ZDSPB priredi spominsko proslavo na Slovenski pristavi.

JULIJ

12. — Misijonska Znamkarska Akcija priredi piknik na Slovenski pristavi. Pričetek s sv. mašo ob 12. uri.

26. — Slovenska šola pri Sv. Vidu prireja piknik na Slovenski pristavi.

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