

Minutes of Fourth Juvenile Convention

August 16, 1941

In the beautiful home office city of our American Fraternal Union—Ely, Minnesota, the Fourth National Juvenile Convention convened in the Community Center Building at nine o'clock Saturday morning, August 16, 1941.

Guests of the Juvenile convention were all honorary delegates who sat and watched the proceedings with interest. Members of our American Fraternal Union's lodges in Ely and vicinity and visitors from other cities attended as guests.

Before proceeding with the regular order of business, the entire assemblage arose and sang the national anthem, "The Star Spangled Banner." Mrs. Frank V. DiNino, pianist; and Miss Josephine Shepel, a member of our society, led the singing.

Prior to opening the convention order of business, Bro. Janko N. Rogelj, supreme president of the American Fraternal Union delivered the following opening address:

REGULAR AND HONORARY DELEGATES TO THE FOURTH JUVENILE CONVENTION OF THE AMERICAN FRATERNAL UNION:

"As the Supreme President of the American Fraternal Union, I officially open the Fourth Juvenile Convention in Ely, Minnesota.

It is my sincere, fraternal and friendly duty to express my deepest thanks to you all in behalf of the Supreme Board and in behalf of all the members of our society for the noble work you have done in our recent New Name Campaign.

"It is also my official duty to extend to you brotherly greetings, and in addition, urge that you do all in your power to remain loyal and true members of the American Fraternal Union in the future.

I am very proud of you and all those who helped you in our New Name Campaign!

"Our American Fraternal Union could not have achieved the wonderful record set in the campaign had it not been for such loyal members—brothers and sisters—as you, and all who helped.

"Once again—Congratulations to you all, and I ask you not to forget our Union when you return to your homes after the convention."

Janko N. Rogelj,
Supreme President.

The Supreme President's message was well received.

Bro. Anton Zbasnik, supreme secretary, was temporary acting chairman and advisor to the convention.

He introduced Mayor John Kapsch of the city of Ely, Minnesota, who delivered a fine message welcoming the delegates and visitors to Ely, Minnesota. Mayor Kapsch is a member of our Union.

Followed introduction of all Supreme Officers of our Union who attended the convention following the Semi-annual audit and supreme board meeting, and also assisted with convention procedure.

Arrangements having been completed for preliminary organization at the caucus session held in the Yugoslav National Home on Friday, August 15th, at 4 p. m., delegates proceeded with the regular order of business.

Following result of said caucus meeting a general resolution was adopted calling for the election of the following officers:

Chairman, Robert Zbasnik of Lodge No. 1, Ely, Minnesota; Mary Frances Smith, Lodge 43, East Helena, Montana; Rose J. Kuznik, Lodge No. 138, Export, Pa.; Edward Hrvatin, Lodge 173, Cleveland, O.; and Lawrence Golenko, Lodge 70, Chicago, Ill.; vice-chairmen.

Advisors to the above officials were, Bro. Anton Zbasnik, supreme secretary; Bro. Janko N. Rogelj, supreme president; Bro. Frank Okoren, first supreme vice-president; Bro. Anton Krapenc, fourth supreme vice-president; Bro. Joseph Speler, fifth supreme vice-president; and Mary Predovich, sixth supreme vice-president. Absent were Bro. Paul J. Oblock, second supreme vice-president, and Bro. Joseph Kovach, third supreme vice-president.

Secretaries
Robert L. Champa, Lodge 184, Ely, Minnesota, was unanimously elected convention secretary. He has attended every Juvenile convention since 1935. His advisor was Bro. Frank E. Vranichar, supreme trustee.

Recording Secretaries
Angela Laurich, Lodge No. 25, Eveleth, Minn.; Dorothy Jergel, Lodge 24, Pittsburgh, Pa.; Leonard Perushok, Lodge 2, Ely, Minn.; and Rudolph Okoren, Lodge 21, Denver, Colo., were elected to positions of recording secretaries of the convention. Their advisor was Stanley Pechaver.

Anthony Glavan, delegate from Lodge 85, Aurora, Minn., was elected sergeant-at-arms. His advisor was Matt Anzele, Sr., supreme trustee.

A resolution was introduced and upon reading was duly declared adopted:

RESOLUTION
Whereas, For the proper conduct of this Fourth National Juvenile Convention, it is necessary that we have a Committee to present Resolutions to this Convention,

Therefore, be it resolved, That the Chairman appoint all the delegates attending this Convention to serve as a Committee of the whole in presenting such telegrams and resolutions as it may deem advisable for adoption by this Convention.

Respectfully submitted,

Before proceeding, Robert Zbasnik, convention chairman, rendered the following opening address:

"My dear delegates, guests and friends:—

"I can hardly express myself to tell you how deeply honored I feel because you have selected me as your convention chairman.

"Our American Fraternal Union, and City of Ely, also feel honored to have you here. You and those who have helped you make this trip possible, deserve loads of thanks and appreciation.

"We want this glorious convention to remain among your happiest memories so you will always feel kindly indebted to the American Fraternal Union for all the happy experiences this convention will bring you.

"I know that the Supreme Officers of our Union have done and will do everything they can to help you enjoy yourselves so that when you return to your homes, you will be even bigger boosters for our Union.

"On your behalf, I want to thank all who have given us such a royal welcome. We are deeply grateful for the friendship and kindness shown to all of us.

"While we expect to have lots of fun, there also will be some real business resolutions that this convention will adopt. You are asked to listen carefully and pay close attention to everything that will be going on.

You have my very best wishes.
Signed—Robert Zbasnik,
Convention chairman.

Following well-rounded applause, the business resumed.

Members of the Resolutions committee picked from the general "Committee of the Whole" were selected as follows: Rudolph Okoren, Lodge 21, Denver, Colo.; Florence D. Startz, Lodge 1, Ely, Minn.; Marie Vranichar, Lodge 66, Joliet, Ill.; Theresa Zupancich, Lodge 60, Chicago, Ill.; Lillian A. Tanko, Lodge 132, Euclid, O.; Anton Gornik, Jr., Lodge 200, Ely, Minn.; Dolores M. Arch, Lodge 26, Pittsburgh, Pa.; Anne Palcich, Lodge 150, Chisholm, Minn.; Rosemary Marolt, Lodge 114, Ely, Minn.; Gilbert Zbasnik, Lodge 1, Ely, Minn.; and Dorothy Jergel, Lodge 26, Pittsburgh, Pa.

Advisors were: Dr. F. J. Arch, supreme medical examiner; Frank E. Vranichar, supreme trustee; Frank Tomsich, Jr., assistant supreme secretary; and Mary Predovich, sixth supreme vice-president.

A resolution was adopted and approved by the convention to send telegrams of greeting to our president of the United States, Hon. Franklin Delano Roosevelt; to Hon. Harold E. Stassen, governor of Minnesota; and Hon. Newell R. Johnson, Commissioner of Insurance, State of Minnesota.

Text of the greetings as sent by Robert L. Champa, convention secretary was:

"Hon. Franklin D. Roosevelt, President of the United States, Washington, D. C.—The delegates now attending the Fourth National Juvenile Convention of the American Fraternal Union in the city of Ely, Minnesota, hereby extend to you most sincere greetings, best wishes, and assurances of loyalty to our Great Country."

"Hon. Harold E. Stassen, Governor of the State of Minnesota, St. Paul, Minn.—The delegates now attending the Fourth National Juvenile Convention of the American Fraternal Union in the City of Ely, Minnesota hereby send you most sincere greetings and best wishes."

"Hon. Newell R. Johnson, Commissioner of Insurance, State of Minnesota, St. Paul, Minn.—Delegates now attending the Fourth National Juvenile Convention of the American Fraternal Union in the City of Ely, Minnesota, enrolling over 1,600 new members, extend to you most sincere greetings and best wishes."

All telegrams were signed by Robert J. Champa, convention secretary, and were ordered sent immediately.

Bro. Champa received the following message from the office of the President of the United States in answer to the wire as follows:

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

August 18, 1941

My dear Mr. Champa:

The President was glad to receive that fine message from you and Mr. Zbasnik. He wants you and those attending your convention to know how profoundly grateful he is for your generous thought of him.

Very sincerely yours,
(Signed) M. H. McIntyre
M. H. MCINTYRE
Secretary to the President

Robert L. Champa, Esq.,
Convention Secretary,
The American Fraternal Union,
Ely, Minnesota.

Report of the Committee on Credentials was read and accepted as follows:

REPORT ON THE COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS
To the Fourth National Juvenile Convention of the American Fraternal Union:

Your Committee on Credentials hereby respectfully reports that the credentials issued to the following named delegates have been carefully examined and found to be in proper form, entitling each of said delegates to a seat and voice in this convention, viz:—

Lodge 1, Ely, Minnesota: Robert Zbasnik, Gilbert Zbasnik, Florence D. Startz, Margaret Startz, Maxine Kovach, Rose Ann Majerle; Lodge 2, Ely, Minnesota: Leonard Perushok, Leona Kozar, Dolores Kozar; Lodge 5, Soudan, Minn.: Marcella Zobitz; Lodge 21, Denver, Colo.: Rudolph Okoren; Lodge 25, Eveleth, Minn.: Angela Laurich, William Frantar, Joseph Kamnikar, Louis Klender, Lyle Verhovnik; Lodge 26, Pittsburgh, Pa.: Dolores M. Arch, Dorothy

Jergel; Lodge 43, East Helena, Mont.: Mary F. Smith; Lodge 54, Hibbing, Minn.: Jennie R. Kern (Absent); Lodge 66, Joliet, Ill.: Marie F. Vranichar, Raymond Adamich (Absent); Lodge 70, Chicago, Ill.: Lawrence Golenko, Theresa Zupancich; Lodge 85, Aurora, Minn.: Frank Bradach, Amalia Perushok, Edward Peterka, Robert Turk, Nick Vojvodich, Anthony Glavan, Leona Janezich; Lodge 114, Ely, Minn.: Emma Meden, Elizabeth Toljan, Rosemary Marolt; Lodge 118, Bon Carbo, Colo.: Dorothy M. Susan (Absent); Lodge 132, Euclid, Ohio: Lillian A. Tanko; Lodge 138, Export, Pa.: Rose Kuznik; Lodge 149, Canonsburg, Pa.: Dorothy Martinich; Lodge 150, Chisholm, Minn.: Anna Palcich; Lodge 168, Helper, Utah: Angeline A. Yakovich (Absent); Lodge 173, Cleveland, Ohio: Edward Hrvatin; Lodge 184, Ely, Minn.: Robert L. Champa; Lodge 190, Butte, Mont.: Dorothy Predovich (Absent); Lodge 200, Ely, Minn.: Anton Gornik, Jr., Joseph Omerza; Lodge 230: Chisholm, Minn.: Dorothy Marsic.

HONORARY DELEGATES

Lodge 1, Ely, Minn.: Agnes Tomsich, (Absent); Mary Startz, Frank Tomsich, Jr., Joseph Kovach; Lodge 2, Ely, Minn.: Louis Perushok, Frank Shepel, Joseph L. Champa; Lodge 12, Pittsburgh, Pa.: Fred Kress; Lodge 25, Eveleth, Minn.: Anne M. Laurich (Absent); Frances Fister, Ann Fister (Absent); Lodge 26, Pittsburgh, Pa.: Anna Sneler; Lodge 39, Roslyn, Wash.: Agnes Segota; Lodge 43, East Helena, Mont.: Mary Langensfus; Lodge 45, Indianapolis, Ind.: Louis Milharic (Absent); Lodge 55, Uniontown, Pa.: Joseph Prah (Absent); Lodge 70, Chicago, Ill.: Joseph Oblok (Absent); Louis Dolmovich, Jr.; Lodge 71, Cleveland, Ohio: Stanley Zagore, Frank Znidar; Lodge 75, Meadowlands, Pa.: Mary Milavec (Absent); Lodge 77, Greensburg, Pa.: Anna Bradish; Lodge 85, Aurora, Minn.: Matt Anzele; Lodge 88, Roundup, Mont.: Katherine Penica; Lodge 114, Ely, Minn.: John Glavan, Agatha Glavan, Simon Marolt; Lodge 116, Delmont, Pa.: Jurij Previc (Absent); Lodge 120, Ely, Minn.: Mary Jerich, Rose Svetich, Madeline Svetich; Lodge 128, New Duluth, Minn.: Frances Kaplenk; Lodge 129, Ely, Minn.: Molly Zgonc (Absent); Lodge 133, Gilbert, Minn.: Frances Lopp, Johana Koritnik; Lodge 138, Export, Pa.: Ella Kovacic (Absent); Anna Kuznik; Lodge 162, Enunclaw, Wash.: Mary Balint; Lodge 173, Cleveland, Ohio: Joseph Birk; Lodge 182, Pittsburgh, Pa.: Magdalena Widina; Lodge 184, Ely, Minn.: Angela Grahek, Joseph J. Pishler; Lodge 186, Cleveland, Ohio: Dorothy Rossa; Lodge 190, Butte, Mont.: Matilda Dunstan (Absent); Lodge 196, Pittsburgh, Pa.: L. P. Boberg, John J. Furar; Lodge 200, Ely, Minn.: Anna Murgel, Rose Mertel, Robert Merhar, Anton Murgel; Lodge 211, Chicago, Ill.: John Zvezich, Sr.; Lodge 225, Milwaukee, Wis.: Pauline Vogrich; Lodge 230, Chisholm, Minn.: Mary Zurga; Lodge 232, Meadowlands, Pa.: Edward Bizaack (Absent).

Regret and sorrow was expressed by the delegates and supreme officers of the convention upon learning that Dorothy Susan of Lodge 118, Bon Carbo, Colo., could not attend because of a serious accident which befell her beloved father shortly after he had delivered her to the railroad station at Denver, Colo. Wishes and hopes were that Bro. Susan would recover quickly.

RESOLUTIONS
No. 1—Introduced by Gilbert Zbasnik, Lodge 1, Ely, Minn.

WHEREAS, Our government has passed the National Selective Service Act which, in the interests of National Defense, has resulted in many of our brothers, volunteering and being drafted into United States Army Service, and

WHEREAS, Many of the young men now serving in the Army of the United States are good members of our American Fraternal Union, and

WHEREAS, Our American Fraternal Union, with all due consideration, is very proud of its Brothers doing their bit to protect our Nation from its present unseen enemies

Therefore be it resolved, That the delegates sitting in this Fourth National Juvenile Convention session in Ely, Minnesota on this 16th day of August go on record unanimously to express our great pride in those young men who are not merely serving their country, but are upholding the tradition of our organization and their own individual families.

Resolution Adopted this 16th day of August, 1941.

Gilbert Zbasnik,
Lodge 150, Chisholm, Minn.

WHEREAS, The Supreme Board of the American Fraternal Union has given us an opportunity to attend and participate in the Fourth National Juvenile Convention, and

WHEREAS, Our members throughout the United States are in accord with the Juvenile Convention idea first inaugurated by our Union in 1935,

Therefore be it resolved, That the delegates attending the Fourth National Juvenile Convention on this 16th day of August, 1941, do unanimously go on record to tender a vote of deep appreciation to the Members of the Supreme Board of our American Fraternal Union, and especially to the Father of our Juvenile Conventions, Bro. Anton Zbasnik, our Supreme Secretary.

Respectfully submitted,
Anne Palcich,
Startz, Lodge 1, Ely, Minn.

WHEREAS, The Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council of Ely, Minnesota have again cooperated with the committees of the American Fraternal Union in Ely, Minnesota to make our stay and visit in said city most pleasant, and

WHEREAS, The said City Council has permitted the free use of its splendid Community Center building for our convention and,

WHEREAS, Mayor John Kapsch of the City of Ely, Minnesota, has so warmly welcomed us on behalf of the citizens of said city, and has presented us with the "keys" to the city,

Therefore be it resolved, That the regular delegates meetings in session this 16th day of August, 1941, hereby go on record as extending our deepest appreciation to the Mayor, members of the City Council, and the citizens of Ely, Minnesota, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That a copy of the aforesaid resolution be sent to the Mayor and City Council in recognition thereof.

Adopted this 16th day of August, 1941.

Florence Dorothy Startz,
No. 4—Introduced by Theresa Zupancich, Lodge 70, Chicago, Ill.

WHEREAS, The Ely Junior Band and its director, Pro. Frank V. DiNino offered their services to the local American Fraternal Union Committees for the reception accorded delegates arriving for the Fourth National Juvenile Convention in Ely, Friday, August 15th, and

WHEREAS, The delegates were thrilled and appreciative of the fine music rendered by the band,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That the regular delegates in meeting assembled this 16th day of August, 1941, do hereby unanimously tender a vote of appreciation to the Ely Junior Band and its director, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That copy of this resolution be forwarded to Prof. Frank V. DiNino, Director of the Ely Junior Band.

Resolution declared unanimously adopted.
Theresa Zupancich.

No. 5—Introduced by Marie Vranichar, Lodge 66, Joliet, Ill.

WHEREAS, The delegates to the 16th regular convention of the American Fraternal Union held at Waukegan, Illinois, in September 1940, pledged firm allegiance to, and love of, their United States of America, and

WHEREAS, The conditions throughout the world today demand the supreme loyalty of every American citizen to work diligently for the defense of this Republic and its democratic form of government,

Therefore be it resolved, That the delegates of the Fourth National Juvenile Convention of the American Fraternal Union held in Ely, Minnesota, this 16th day of August, 1941, renew the pledge of allegiance to, and the love of our United States made by our elders and be it further,

RESOLVED, That we continue to do all things possible to aid in the defense of our country during this period of emergency and be it further,

RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the President of the United States.

Resolution adopted at Ely, Minnesota, this 16th day of August, 1941.

Submitted by,
Marie Vranichar
No. 66 Joliet

No. 6—Introduced by Lillian Tanko, Lodge 132, Euclid, Ohio:

WHEREAS, We, the delegates to the Fourth National Juvenile Convention of our American Fraternal Union have been given this exceptional opportunity to attend the convention in the city wherein is located our Supreme office, and

WHEREAS, We appreciate this splendid opportunity, not only because we are brothers and sisters of the same organization, but also because this visit and inter-mingling with each other—we who are from all parts of the United States—brings realization that soon we shall be called upon to lead our American Fraternal Union onward, and

WHEREAS, Our mothers and fathers look upon us as future leaders of our organization, and this thought brands upon us a sense of future responsibility

Therefore be it resolved, That the delegates to the Fourth National Juvenile Convention, sitting in session this 16th day of August, 1941, go on record, pledging our sincere loyalty to our organization; pledge ourselves to do everything possible to help and assist the secretary of our lodge to hold the new members we enrolled during the past campaign; and otherwise be active members always seeking to promote for the continual progress of our American Fraternal Union.

Resolution adopted this 16th day of August, 1941.

Lillian Tanko,
No. 132, Euclid, O.

No. 7—Introduced by Rosemary Marolt, Lodge 114, Ely, Minn.

WHEREAS, There are present at this Fourth National Juvenile Convention of the American Fraternal Union, fifty-four Honorary Delegates from among the adult membership of our Union, and

WHEREAS, Their qualification as Honorary Delegates indicates that they worked hard and diligently during the "New Name Campaign," enrolling new members

Therefore be it resolved, That the regular delegates of the Fourth National Juvenile Convention in session at Ely, Minnesota this 16th day of August, 1941, extend to them a hearty welcome as Honorary Delegates to our Convention, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we extend to them our thanks and appreciation for the splendid effort on their part in helping us to increase the membership of our Union.

Respectfully submitted,
Rosemary Marolt
Ely, Minn., No. 114

Resolution declared unanimously adopted.

No. 8—Introduced by Anthony Gornik, Lodge 200, Ely, Minn:

WHEREAS, The members, officers, and various committees of our Lodge No. 25 in Eveleth, Minnesota, have worked diligently to complete arrangements for a Convention Picnic to be held at Eveleth Lake Park on Sunday, August 17th, 1941, in honor of the delegates and guests attending the Fourth National Juvenile Convention at the American Fraternal Union, be it,

RESOLVED, That a vote of sincere thanks and appreciation be extended to all who have co-operated to make said Convention Picnic a success; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be sent to Brother Louis Govze, General Chairman of the Committees in Charge.

Respectfully submitted,
Anthony Gornik

Resolution declared unanimously adopted.

No. 9—Introduced by Dolores Arch, Lodge 26, Pittsburgh, Pa.:

WHEREAS, It has come to our attention that the Honorable Mayor, Richard C. Floyd and the members of the City Council of the City of Eveleth, Minnesota, have officially extended their greetings and welcome to the delegates attending the Fourth National Juvenile Convention activities in Ely, and Eveleth, Minnesota, and

WHEREAS, The said Mayor and Members of City Council have granted the host Lodge No. 25 of our American Fraternal Union the use of the Eveleth Lake Park for our convention picnic, and

WHEREAS, This governing body has extended numerous other cooperative assistance through the Chamber of Commerce and other sources,

Therefore be it resolved, That the delegates attending the Fourth National Juvenile Convention, in session this 16th day of August do hereby unanimously vote to extend our sincere appreciation, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That a copy of the foregoing resolution be sent to the Mayor and Members of the City Council of Eveleth, Minnesota.

Resolution adopted this 16th day of August, 1941.

Dolores Arch

Upon request of the sergeant-at-arms, Mrs. Angela Grahek, honorary delegate from Lodge 184, Ely, Minn., was given permission to leave the convention hall because of important business. The Chairman granted the request.

Introduced by Rudolph Okoren, Lodge 21, Denver, Colo.:

WHEREAS, The local lodge officers and other active members throughout the American Fraternal Union have proven by their work during the "New Name Campaign" that the interest of our Union is always uppermost to them, and

WHEREAS, With their help we were able to qualify as regular delegates to the Fourth National Juvenile Convention of the American Fraternal Union,

Therefore be it resolved, That this Fourth National Juvenile Convention in session at Ely, Minnesota, this 16th day of August, 1941, extend to them our heartfelt thanks for their efforts in our behalf.

Respectfully submitted,
Rudy Okoren,
Lodge 21, Denver

Resolution declared unanimously adopted.

No. 11—Introduced by Angeline Laurich, Lodge 25, Eveleth, Minn.:

WHEREAS, The Board of Directors of the Independent School District No. 12, of Ely, Minnesota, has graciously cooperated to permit the Ely Junior Band to furnish music for the splendid reception accorded the delegates to the Fourth National Juvenile Convention of the American Fraternal Union upon their arrival in Ely, Minnesota, Friday, August 15th, and

WHEREAS, The said Board of Directors have graciously permitted us the use of school busses for transportation to the picnic at Eveleth, Sunday, August 17, 1941,

Therefore be it resolved, That the delegates to the Fourth National Juvenile Convention, sitting in session this 16th day of August, 1941, hereby render an unanimous vote of sincere appreciation to the School Board for their kind acts, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That a copy of this resolution adopted here on this 16th day of August, 1941, be sent to the Board of Education of the Independent School District No. 12, of Ely, Minnesota.

Respectfully submitted,
Angeline Laurich,
Lodge 25, Eveleth

Resolution declared unanimously adopted.

No. 12—Introduced by Dorothy Jergel, Lodge 26, Pittsburgh, Pa.:

WHEREAS, The delegates of the Fourth National Juvenile Convention of the American Fraternal Union in Ely, Minnesota, appreciate the great value of the decision of the delegates of the 16th Regular General Convention in Waukegan, Illinois, when they approved the holding of Juvenile Conventions and decided that the Supreme Board may hold such Juvenile Conventions; therefore be it

Resolved, That we warmly thank the 16th Regular General Convention for their approval which enabled the holding of this Fourth National Juvenile Convention; and be it further

RESOLVED, That this Resolution be entered in the official minutes of this Fourth National Juvenile Convention.

Respectfully submitted,
Committee
Dorothy Jergel

Resolution declared unanimously adopted.

Upon concluding reading and adoption of foregoing resolutions, proposed wires to the president of the United States; Governor of Minnesota; and the Insurance Commissioner of Minnesota were read by Lyle Verhovnik, Lodge 25, Eveleth, Minn.; Mary Frances Smith, Lodge 43, East Helena, Mont.; and Rose J. Kuznik, Lodge 138, Export, Pa., respectively. The convention went on record ordering the wires sent immediately.

At this time Stanley (Little Stan) Pechaver was called upon for brief remarks.

Followed a talk in both the English and Slovene tongue by the supreme secretary, Bro. Anton Zbasnik. His talk was well received by the attentive delegation.

Letters and telegrams to the Convention were read by the Convention Secretary, Bro. Robert J. Champa:

They were from:
Jennie Koritnik of Lodge 133, Gilbert, Minn., sent from Chicago.

Bro. Steve Mausar, president of the Colorado Federation of AFU Lodges, and a member of the Supreme Judiciary Committee of AFU.

From Lodge No. 149, AFU, Strabane, Pa.

Frank Mikee, first supreme judiciary committee member of the AFU, of Strabane, Pa.

Bro. F. J. Kress, supreme trustee from Pittsburgh, Pa.

Fred Kress, delegate from Lodge 12, Pittsburgh, Pa.

Lodge 21, Denver, Colo.

Paul J. Oblock, Center, Pa., second supreme vice president.

Albert Adamich, Lodge 66, Joliet, Ill., ex-delegate.

Lodge 66, Joliet, Ill.

Agnes Zagore and Margaret Znidar Kogobsek, Cleveland, Ohio.

Slovanic Committee For Democracy per Andrew Kalpaschnikoff, New York City.

John Jurgel, secretary Lodge 26, Pittsburgh, Pa.

Joseph Prah, Lodge 55, Uniontown, Pa.

Joseph H. Kolkmeyer, Montgomery, Alabama.

DEAR EDITOR:

Being that this is my first letter, I don't know how it is going to be but I'll try my best. (Nice beginning.—Ed.)

First of all I want to express my hearty congratulations to all of those who

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I will write to you about my camping trip at Oliver Holst in another letter. I have my notes down and I only have to get them together. Goodbye—girls and boys!

Margaret Mary Startz, (Age: 12)
Lodge No. 1, AFU

418 Mahan Ave.
DETROIT, MICH.

DEAR LITTLE STAN AND READERS:

Well here I am writing again after a wonderful vacation. I spent a whole week in the fair city of Barberton. We arrived at Barberton about 9:30 Sunday night. And it was a glorious week from start to finish. We stayed close by Grandmother's on Monday resting up after our long journey (a whole 200 miles or so). Tuesday we went to town and visited all around. Wednesday morning I went over to see Dorothy alias "Funnybook" Doles. She and I had a lot to talk over. Then after chatting with her for a while she and I went to my Uncle Stanley's home two doors away from the S. N. D. in Barberton. Thursday we went to . . . Oh, where I went the rest of the week won't make any difference to you. And anyway one's vacation is only important to ones self.

Everyone in Barberton is excited over the hit the Slovenians made at Barberton's 50th Anniversary. Not only did their candidate for queen of Barberton win but their drill team also won honors in the parade. Well that's enough about Barberton and my vacation.

I suppose that all of you remember my stories about Palmer Park and Belle Isle. Well a few days ago I visited the Detroit Zoo. Although I've visited it many times before this was the first time that I bothered to take notes on what I saw and here's what came of my notes.

Detroit Zoological Gardens

After entering through the large gates and passing the station for the small train, the first thing of interest you come upon is the Birdhouse in which are kept many different types of birds. The sizes of these birds range all the way from about three inches long to about three feet long.

After going to the bird house one almost always goes over to look at the trout run and then walks down the shady paths to look at the fish in their own separate pools. The day I was there I was lucky and early enough to watch the keeper feed the fish their breakfast of chopped liver.

There are seven different kinds of fish displayed there. The seven kinds are: Rainbow Trout, Large Mouth Black Bass, Brown Trout, Gar Pike, Muskeg lunge, Sturgeon, and Dog Fish.

When I went by the tigers one of them was in the moat-like ditch which surrounds that exhibit. Inside the building were the two tiger cubs that were born March 20th. They are still quite small and they make the funniest noises when they try to growl.

Before I forget it I must tell you about the monkeys. A few days ago one of the keepers forgot to take away the plank that is used to cross over to Monkey Island. The keepers use the plank when they close the monkeys up for the night. The monkeys had often times seen the keepers crossing back and forth so when they saw the plank laying across the water and there was no one around they (the monkeys) decided to cross the plank like the keepers had done. They crossed the plank and had a fine time that night. In the morning all of the monkeys were back; that is all but fifteen of them. Well the last I heard was that there were fourteen lose and number fifteen went on a jowalk and ended up in the tiger's lair and that was the end of number fifteen.

It was a very warm summer for the lions. In 1928 Walter O. Briggs presented the Detroit Zoo with their first Lion exhibit. During that same year James S. Holden and C. Haywood Murphy presented the Zoo with the elephants Pallino and Aneta, these elephants still give rides to the children for a nickle.

One of the greatest attractions of the Zoo last year was the Giraffe exhibit but the public ruined that exhibit last year by not obeying the signs. There was a high fence around the giraffes and there were signs posted that read: "Please Don't Feed the Animals." The public and I do mean the public threw candy wrappers, peanut shells, sucker sticks and cracker jack boxes into the giraffes cage and the giraffes ate them. Yes, ate them and died from them. So their aren't any more Giraffes at the Detroit Zoo. But the zoo still has its bears and they are the kind of bears that will beg for peanuts. The sit up and wave; they rub their stomachs; they do all sorts of things. Another group of animals that are fun to watch are the chimpanzees in the Joe Mendie theatre. They ride bicycles and scooters and they also roller skate and they are a barrel of fun to watch. Well there isn't much more to say about the zoo except, to tell you about the fountain in the middle that was dedicated to Mr. Rackam who donated the land for the zoo. The fountain has a blue floor and has two large bears in the center and two seals, one at each end.

That's all for this week. Goodbye all and KEEP 'EM FLYING.

Anna Hiti,
Lodge 144, AFU

LAFAYETTE, COLORADO
Box 19

DEAR EDITOR:

July came and went, now August is here. In another month school will start again. It seems as if we just got out for vacation.

It was ten years ago, the 5th of August, that my mother, brothers, and I got on a ship that was sailing for America. I was only 3 years old, so I don't remember anything about it. My brothers all remember everything. I guess most of you juveniles are wondering what I was doing in Yugoslavia. Well I was born there. My dad and oldest brother were here and we were coming to America, also. I still have an 84-year-old grandmother living over there now. She was awfully sad when we left, and now I don't think I will ever see her again. My other grandmother died 5 days after we left. My grandfather died 3 years after so I have only one grandparent now.

We still get letters from overthere, sure is awful what they are doing to people there. In the town where my grandmother lives they all had to run away. When they came back they found nothing but ruins. My grandmother is blind and somebody always has to be with her.

I guess none of us really know how lucky we are to be over here, unless you have been there and saw what it is like.

As soon as we came to America we joined the AFU Lodge No. 140 in Morley, Colo. When we moved to Lafayette we changed into Lodge No. 21.

Wasn't Anna Hiti's poem marvelous? Anybody who read that just couldn't help but write. Just keep on writing, and someday you will become a great writer.

Florence Prosen, write more about Kent State University as soon as you can. I bet everybody is waiting to hear from you. At least I am.

Steffie Okoren, how much does your brother charge for a ride in his brand new car? Well maybe not quite new. I might be down one of these days and see if it will break the speed limit. Write soon, Steffie, and tell us more about it.

Oh, oh, here's something I forgot. Just after a sent my last article to the Nova Doba I got a dollar check so I waited until this time to thank you. Am I excused Little Stan? Thanks a lot for it.

You know the Juvenile Page is beginning to be full almost every time. But that doesn't mean that you can stop now. No indeed. The small children's articles are very good and interesting. Why don't more of you write?

Well I guess this is about all for this month.

Ann M. Slavec,
Lodge No. 21, AFU

**MATILDA ZAKRAJSEK
WRITES ON MANUFACTURE OF PAPER**

Sartell, Minn. — Well, here I am again, hoping that all of you are keeping your promises to the Juvenile Page to keep on writing your articles. But now to get on with our trip through the Watab Paper Mill in Sartell. Last week I told you about the Wood Room and the Barker Room. The next room is the:

Grinder Room

After the wood has gone through the barker, it goes to the grinder room. The grinder contains a series of grinders, racks and much wood. It is a very low place. We are told that it is twenty-one feet lower than the water above the dam.

Conveyors bring the wood down to the tank. The conveyor is a huge trough with a giant cable running thru the bottom. The cable has large couplings that catch the edges of the wood and pull it along. This conveyor is about 225 feet long. The tank is a long narrow trough filled with water where the wood is thrown and men pile them up to be thrown into the grinders.

When the wood is put into a grinder, a huge grindstone crushes and grinds the wood. This grindstone weighs about 3,400 pounds, and costs about \$350. They come from West Virginia and are made from very clear sandstone. There are fourteen grinders in this room and two upstairs.

After leaving the grinder, the pulp is let down thru a chute into the pit where a screen strains the pulp. It is very interesting to watch.

Pulp Tank

All of the pulp after coming from the pit is pumped through large pipes to the Rotary Screens and into the pulp tank. It is a big, black, tarred, round tank out beside the mill. It is about thirty-five feet high and the same number of feet in diameter.

(To be continued)

Must sign off now!

Matilda Zakrajsek (Age: 14)
Lodge No. 117, AFU

**19716 Arrowhead Ave.
CLEVELAND, OHIO**

DEAR EDITOR AND READERS:

Since sports play such an important part in college life, my article this week is dedicated to all sport fans who read this page. My article will include the men's and women's sports at Kent State University.

Football

From the first practice on the field to the final minute of the last game of the season, college football fans take a deep interest in the players and foot

Streamlining Magic

BY LLOYD

Attention juvenile contributors to the Magic Carpet Juvenile Page! You are about to see some changes in the style of your page! Yep! It's going to be streamlined—real 1942 style—and the change takes place very suddenly—September 1st!

The editorial staff of Nova Doba has received many fine contributing articles from our many AFU Juvenile members! Some have been very long—taking up a lot of valuable space. This was all right until recently when we found that many articles had to be postponed for several weeks because of space shortage.

UNDER THIS NEW STREAMLINED SYSTEM EXPLAINED FURTHER DOWN THE LINE, IT IS EXPECTED THAT EVERY ARTICLE WILL APPEAR ON SCHEDULE.

So, instead of having long articles the editorial staff decided the Magic Carpet Juvenile Page would carry more life and variety if the contributing articles were shorter and to the point. You've seen the present trend of new articles—short—snappy—to the point.

the golf course to tee off and to practice. Soon after golf is a popular sport. Bowling too plays an important part in intramural meets. At the local alley the keglers strive for strikes as they toss the ball toward the pins. Fencing too is popular among the new. It has gained new popularity recently and old folks, worn vests and lounging duds have become almost as common as a good set of crib notes. Ping pong has gained much interest recently. Between classes the boys steal to the gym for a few sets of brisk workouts. This game has more active players on the campus than has any other single sport.

Women's Sports

Women's sports have become more and more a growing field at Kent State U. Each semester the co-eds kick back over the weeks of activity as they gather torn jumpers, worn out shoes, broken tennis racquets and swim suits. The Women's Athletic Association conducts contests in sports with cups and letters as prizes.

Winter sports include basketball, volleyball, swimming, ping-pong, badminton, and interpretive dancing. The dance club gives several demonstrations. Bowling is the most popular sport among women. Fencing too plays an important part in the women's sports activities.

Comes spring, comes tennis; horseback riding, baseball and archery.

Hiking is an all year round sport. Freshmen and Seniors alike don slacks and set out for some distant site. Wrens' roasts and swimming parties climax the long hikes.

Country Dancing

Barn dancing is popular among the men and women. Wednesday evenings in the winter season are set aside for students to partake in happy and hilarious evenings. A real "hill-billy band" plays for the square dance. Professors too, enjoy these former affairs.

Florence Prosen (Age: 13)
Lodge No. 17

P. S.—My next article will be about the student publications. This should be of special interest to the writers of the children's page, the newspapermen of tomorrow.

SARTELL, MINNESOTA

DEAR EDITOR:

As I sat thinking of something to write to the Juvenile Page, I saw Florence Prosen's letter telling about Kent State University, which I thought was a swell idea, I decided to write about the Watab Paper Mill which is right in Sartell.

First I will name the different compartments of the mill and write a summary on what it is about and what is done there. (Welcome to the Magic Carpet, Page Matilda! You're off to grand start!)—Ed.)

Wood Room

On our tour through the Watab Paper Mill we were first taken to the wood-room. It is on the north side of the mill and is a very noisy place because of the saws.

From a large section of wood square off by giant logs, so as not to let small logs go through, the wood is put on conveyors that are eight feet wide. The conveyors, run by electricity, bring the logs into the room where they are separated by chains and are brought up nearer to where four saws are waiting to cut them into two foot lengths. The conveyors take them to the bark room from there. There is only one man to watch the saws. The saw dust goes outside and is hauled into the boiler room to be burned. The small ends that are not used, are sold for fire-wood.

The Barker Room

Coming from the wood room the wood goes to a large tank where it is boiled. We cannot see the water, but we are told that it is in there and the bark will be ready to come off in about twelve to twenty-four hours. This room is very steamy and has an odor of pitch. Then it is brought into the bark er room on a conveyor. The conveyor is a long trough with a moving center part that carries the wood along. The wood goes into the bark er next. It is a big revolving cylinder lying on its side that has many iron prongs (which we could call spike nails) to help pick of

Carpet Juvenile Page

TITLE STAN

—running along in brisk, free and easy style!

Beginning now and effective September 1, you will limit your articles to 200 words. Make them full of life and snap, and most of all say as much as you can with as few as possible words. We'll put headlines on them—and finish the streamlining job for you.

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the bark. It revolves constantly. The length of the barker on the frame is about fifteen to twenty feet long. The diameter is about eight feet.

From the barker it is carried on conveyors where the wood is sorted. Rotten spots are sawed out. Pitch pockets receive the same treatment. Ingrown bark is bored out. The good wood is carried to the grinders and the bad is sold for fire wood. There are about five men working here and they usually work eight hours a day.

Next week I will tell you about other departments of the mill and I hope you enjoyed it.

G'bye now!

Matilda Zakrajshsek

Note: Send us your lodge No. in your next letter Matilda. This article was excellent!—Ed.

PATRICIA HAS SIXTH ARTICLE

New Derry, Pa. — I think it is about time I write again. I have already had five articles in the paper, and this will be the sixth. I haven't written for a while, so I thought I'd better get busy.

My sister was on a vacation and has returned. She was at Erie, Pa., where I expect to go for a week before school begins. My brother is coming home, and I have to wait for him before I can go. I am going to keep writing once a month.

School begins Sept. 2, day after Labor Day. The weather is nice, and rather than loafing, I thought I'd write to the editor.

Mistakes happen, and so I want to correct one I made in a recent article. My brother did not come home from the Army as I reported, but from Erie, and my cousin came from Erie with two children with him. My brother is not married.

The fruit on the trees is getting ripe, and next month we will be able to pick and eat it.

I hope this article goes in and so long to the readers and writers. You'll always have an article from

Patricia Penich,
Lodge — AFU

LOUISE HARVAT WILL BE A SOPHOMORE

Ely, Minn. — This is my first opportunity to write to the Magic Carpet-Juvenile Page, so don't expect me to write a newsy letter the first time. I want to send more articles in the future though.

Gosh! Vacation certainly went by fast. I had a grand time though. I was with my cousin from Michigan, and we had fun at a resort, rowing boats. Imagine, we didn't even have bathing suits, but that didn't bother us too much. We also took many pictures.

Ely has been having nice weather. I hope it keeps up during school. I hate to think of going back to school now, especially sitting and listening to the teachers during the first couple of weeks. I'm going to be a sophomore. I'll be having English II, Modern History, Biology, Geometry, Phy. Ed., and I'll join several clubs. I think that will keep me busy, don't you think so?

I've been reading the grand letters sent in by Florence Startz and Elsie Desmond. They certainly do know how to write. I like to write for the Nova Doba—impatiently, too—and I hope all writers keep up their good work. I hope you can say the same for me.

I guess the delegates had a grand time here. I hoped to meet many of them. Here's a toast to them all! I hope they enjoyed themselves. So long everybody!

Louise A. Harvat, (Age: 15)
Lodge 120, AFU

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VELIKI PREOBRATI

Preko vseh kontinentov našega planeta pljuska valovi velikih preobratov. Ti preobratu so tako silni in nenavadni, da spravljajo povprečnega človeka v stanje zbegnanosti. Angleški izraz bewilderment to stanje še nekako bolj točno označi. Dostikrat smo zbegnani in zmešani, da ne vemo, kaj bi mislili. Zdi se nam, kot bi se tla zibala pod nami in mi instinktivno iščemo opor, katerih bi se oprijeli.

Pri vsem tem smo srečni, da živimo v Zedinjenih državah, kjer je še največ stabilnosti, dasi se tudi tu postopoma vršijo važne izpremembe, ki v mnogih primerih ne bodo začasne, ampak stalne. Mi, mali, preprosti ljudje nismo izvali teh preobratov niti jih ne bomo odvrnili ali jim določili smeri. Čoln naše usode smo s svobodnimi volitvami izročili administraciji in kongresu v Washingtonu, da ga vodi po razburkanem valovju razmer. Vse, kar moremo mi storiti, je, da zaupamo inteligentnemu in previdnemu vodstvu naših poverjenikov v Washingtonu in da jim pri njihovem odgovornem delu pomagamo, kadar želijo take pomoči od nas. V to svrhu in tudi za naš lastni osebni komfort pa je priporočljivo, da skušamo splošno situacijo pravilno razumeti oziroma si jo vsaj prilično pravilno predstaviti.

V prvi vrsti je važno, da se zavemo in da si priznamo, da je naša republika v razburkanem svetovni situaciji še najbolj in najvernejša dežela na svetu. Imamo široko osebno svobodo in najvišji življenjski standard. Dela in zaslužka je v deželi, kot ga ni bilo v taki meri že desetletja, in o kakem pomanjkanju živili ali drugih potrebščin ni govora. Dežela je dalje bolj pripravljena, da brani svojo samostojnost in demokracijo, kot je bila kadar koli od zadnje svetovne vojne naprej. Zvezdnata zastava, ki vihra nad nami, je danes izrazitejši simbol moči in svobode kot je bila kdaj prej. Čim večja tema zagrinja ostali svet, tem jasnejše žarijo zvezde v naši zastavi.

Drugo, kar bi si morali od časa do časa poklicati v spomin, je dejstvo, da je v večini Evrope vsa svoboda in demokracija poteptana v prah bolj kompletno kot je bila kdaj prej v moderni zgodovini. Prav posebno so pri tem prizadeti slovanski narodi, severni in južni Slovani. Poročila, ki jih v drobcih dobivamo od tu in tam, kako nacistične in fašistične pošasti postopajo s Slovenci, Hrvati, Srbi, Čehi in Poljaki, so tako strahotna, da jih skoro ne moremo verjeti. V desetletju ali dveh bodo dobesedno iztrebljeni vsi evropski Slovani, z morebitno izjemo Rusov, ako nemško-italijanski zmag ne bo prej premagan. Turki, kakor so bili grozoviti, so bili napram današnji nacistično-fašistični pošasti pravi amaterji. Njim ni uspelo uničiti Slovence in druge Jugoslovane v več stoletjih, toda nacisti in fašisti bodo to delo uničenja opravili v desetletju ali dveh, ako jim močne zunanje sile tega ne preprečijo.

In te zunanje sile, ki se zdaj borijo za zopetno upravitelstvo demokracije v Evropi in s tem tudi za rešitev Slovencev in drugih Slovanov, so danes Anglija, Rusija in Amerika. Vsak človek in vsaka skupina ljudi dela napake in tako so nedvomno delale razne napake v preteklosti tudi Anglija, Rusija in Amerika, toda o tem je danes nesmiselno govoriti. Danes se omenjene tri velike države resno borijo za zrušenje nacizma, ki jim je smrtno nevaren. In danes more biti vsak trezno misleč človek prepričan, da le, če zmaga stran, na kateri se borijo Anglija, Rusija in Amerika, bodo rešeni evropski narodi, med njimi tudi Slovenci in drugi Slovani, strahotnega suženstva in sistematičnega uničevanja. Le zmaga teh treh velikih držav bo v skupnosti omogočila nadaljni obstoj demokracije v Ameriki in vstajenje svobode v drugih, sedaj zaslužjenih deželah sveta.

To je danes najvažnejše. V primeri s temi velikimi dejstvi je vse drugo malenkostno in postranskega pomena. Vpriču tega je naša dolžnost kot Američanov, kot Slovencev in kot Slovanov, da stoprocentno in po naših najboljših močeh sodelujemo pri ameriškem obrambnem programu. Gre za svobodo nas vseh in za rešitev naših zaslužjenih bratov.

V zvezi s tem tudi ne pozabimo, da kadar bo spet sonce svobode zasijalo našim nesrečnim bratom v starem kraju, jih bo našlo sestrane in izčrpane kot niso bili niti po najhujših turskih napadih pred stoletji. Potom krajevnih odborov slovenske sekcije Jugoslovanskega pomožnega odbora zbirajmo torej že zdaj fond njim v pomoč. Morda bo naša podpora v njihovi veliki bedi le kaplja v morje, toda gotovo bo iskreno dobrodošla, po-

VSAK PO SVOJE

(Nadaljevanje s 1. stran)

pred leti čital v knjigah biografij, da je predsednik Roosevelt prostozidar ali mason, kakor je bilo pred njim že 13 predsednikov Zedinjenih držav.

Governor države Wisconsin je nedavno imenoval nekega Indijanca za častnega člana belega plemena. Z ozirom na obnašanje belcev v Evropi, odkoder izhajajo vsi beli prebivalci Amerike, je častno članstvo v belem plemenu precej dvomljivega značaja.

Ako bi v sedanjem boju z nacizmom podlegla Anglija, Amerika in Rusija, bi to pomenilo smrt demokracije, kot jo mi razumemo, za dolgo, dolgo dobo. Obenem bi zmaga nacizma pomenila brezpogojno iztrebljenje južnih Slovanov, kakor tudi Čehov in Poljakov na severu. Češar nad Jugoslovani niso mogli izvršiti Turki v 300 letih, bi izvršil nemški nacistični zmag v par desetletjih. Proti rafiniranim grozodejstvom nacističnih Nemcev so bila nekdanja turška grozodejstva skrgo čednosti.

Letošnje počitnice so se za avtorja te kolone zaključile v znamenju breskev. To se pravi, da so se zaradi polletnega zborovanja glavnega odbora in četrte mladinske konvencije razdrobile do skromnega popoldanskega ostanka. Po povratku v beautiful Ohio mu je ostalo komaj še toliko počitnic, da se je s svojo Lizo spustil 12 milj daleč med ohajske sadovnjake in si pri nekem farmerju kupil košarico breskev. Vsekakor, počitnice so bile dobre, kolikor jih je bilo, in breskve tudi.

Vse življenjske potrebe in nepotrebnosti se polagoma dražijo. Kadilec resignirano pričakujemo, da se bo kmalu podražil tudi dim.

Italijansko okupacijsko poveljstvo na grškem otoku Cephalonia je nedavno naložilo 10 drahem globe vsakemu prebivalcu otoka, ker so neznani grški patriki ponoči potrgali z zidov plakate z Mussolinijevimi slikami. Nekateri prebivalci so plačali kar 20 drahem, češ, naj se 10 drahem šteje za drugi dan.

Na nekem farmerskem dvorišču v Macombu, Ill., je trgovski potnik Wendell Cook izgubil usnjato listino, vsebujočo \$53 v gotovini. Listnico so našli farmerjevi prašiči in jo z užitek povečerjali, toda denar so pustili. To dokazuje, da štirinogati prašiči niso najbolj požrešni državljani v deželi.

Pasji dnevi so srečno za nami. Zdaj, če se iznebimo še Hitlerja, bomo spet lahko dihali.

A. J. T.

POMEMBNI SESTANEK NA MORJU

(Nadaljevanje s 1. stran)

Vse države naj imajo enake prilike dostopa do surovin in svetovne trgovine.

Izboljšanje delavskega standarda, gospodarska izboljšanja in socialna varnost.

Mir, ki bo dovoljeval vsem narodom bivati v obsegu njegovih lastnih mej in živeti v miru in svobodi, brez strahu in pomanjkanja—ko bo uničena nacistična tiranija.

Mir, ki bo omogočal vsem ljudem svobodno in neovirano rabo morskimi poti.

sebno ker bo prišla iz rok njihovih srečnejših bratov in sester v Ameriki. Skeptikom, ki bi hoteli to naše samaritansko delo ovirati z raznimi sumničeni, pa povejmo, da bo ta pomožni fond pod kontrolo vseh slovenskih pomorskih organizacij v Ameriki in poleg tega še pod kontrolo državnega departmanta Zedinjenih držav v Washingtonu.

Razoroženje napadalnih narodov in znižanje oboroževalnih bremen za vse narode, ki ljubijo mir.

Z vsebino gori navedenih točk se nadomno strinjajo vsi pošteti in svobodni ljubci ljudje. Ako po zaključeni vojni pridejo v prakso, bodo bodoče vojne izljudene in človeštvo bo živelo v bratskem sožitju. To so cilji, za katere je danes tudi Amerika v vojni, dasi še neoficierno in le s pomočjo materiala in kreditov.

DRUŠTVENE IN DRUGE SLOVENSKE VESTI

(Nadaljevanje s 1. stran)

družina spadajo k društvu št. 166 ABZ v Indianapolisu.

V Clevelandu, O., je umrla Frances Znidarski, rojena Arko, stara 54 let, članica društva št. 137 ABZ. Pokojnica je bila rojena v Dolenji vasi pri Ribnici, kjer zapuša 85-letno mater in več drugih sorodnikov. V Ameriki je bivala 36 let. Tu zapuša soproga, tri sine, eno hčer in dve sestričini.

V Denverju, Colo., je po daljši bolezni preminil Jacob Jelnicar, star 75 let, član društva št. 21 ABZ. Zapuša pet sinov in štiri hčere.

SPLOŠNI TEDENSKI PREGLED

(Nadaljevanje s 1. stran)

cijo francoskega otoka Martinique, ki leži primeroma blizu ameriške obale, bo to izvedla mornarica Zedinjenih držav.

VEČINA ZMAGA

Mesto Cleveland v državi Ohio je bilo menda edino mesto v Zedinjenih državah, ki je imelo svoj poseben sistem obranjanja avtomobila na levo na cestnih križiščih, ki so opremljena s signalnimi lučmi. Po novih državni postavi, ki stopi v veljavo konci tega tedna, pa se bo obračanje na levo tudi v Clevelandu vršilo na isti način kot je v navadi drugod po Ameriki. Stari clevelandski sistem se je izkazal praktičen in varen, toda ker večina dežele ni hotela slediti temu posebnemu, se je moralo mesto Cleveland podati in izenačiti svoj prometni sistem s sistemom ostale dežele. Večina zmaga.

NEMŠKI HRVATI

Ameriški listi poročajo, da Hrvati v "neodvisni" Hrvatski trumoma vstopajo v tam že dolgo časa obstoječa nemška društva. Glavni vzrok za to je baje v dejstvu, da Italijani, ki kontrolirajo novopečeno kraljevino Hrvatsko, ne smejo šikanirati tam bivajočih Nemcev ali članov nemških društev.

SE NE ŠALJO

Kadar se ruske vojaške oblasti odločijo za nekaj, se navadno ne šalijo. Vse od časa nemškega napada na Rusijo smo čitali, da kadar se morajo ruske čete umakniti, uničijo za seboj vse, kar bi moglo kakor koli koristiti sovražniku. To je pretekli teden potrdilo poročilo, da so Rusi razstrelili velikanski jez Dnjeprostroj na Dnjepju, ko so se morali umakniti preko omenjene reke. S tem so preprečili, da bi mogel sovražnik izrabljati ogromno električno silo, ki je bila proizvajana na tem jez. Obenem se sodi, da je razstrelitev jez povzročila poplave ob nižjem toku reke in s tem velike nepravilne za napadalec.

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PLAČILO IZDAJALCU

Bivši francoski ministrski predsednik Pierre Laval, ki je storil vse, kar je bilo v njegovi moči, da se vso Francijo podredi popolni Hitlerjevi nadvladi, je bil pretekli teden smrtno nevarno obsojen. Z njim vred je bil tudi obsojen častnik Marcel Deat, ki se je istotako zavzemal za popolno francosko sodelovanje s Hitlerjem. Napadalec Paul Colette je prišel v bližino osovražnega Lavalu na ta način, da se je vpisal v četo prostovoljcev, ki je namenjena, da se na nemški strani bori proti Rusom. Seveda se on ni nameraval boriti proti Rusiji, ampak je izbral prostovoljsko masko, da obračuna z izdajalcem Lavalom.

PREHITELI HITLERJA

Zdi se, da so se sicer počasni Angleži nekaj naučili iz Hitlerjevih metod. Kakor jim je Hitler pred letom dni tako rekoč pred nosom vzel nevtrarno Holandsko, Dansko in Norveško, tako so pretekli teden Angleži, skupno z Rusi, okupirali Iran ali Perzijo. Baje je bilo iz raznih dokumentov dokazano, da so nameravali Nemci v teku enega meseca zasesti Iran ter s tem preprečiti stik angleškega ozemlja z ruskim in si obenem osvojiti tamkajšnje bogate oljne vrece. Angleži in Rusi so te Hitlerjeve načrte prekinili s tem, da so od več strani istočasno vkorakali v Iran. Iranci so se zaradi lepšega nekaj malega branili, končno pa je prišlo do sporazuma. Kot se zdi, je tudi vladi Irana mnogo ljubše, da pride pod protekcijo Angleži in Rusije, kot da bi deželo zasedli nemški nacisti, ki so se izkazali za skrajno zverinske "protektorje" Češke, Danske in Norveške.

RUSKA OBRAMBA

Izredno žilavi ruski obrambi se čudi ves svet. Najbolj pa se ji čudi tisti, ki so sodili, da se bo pod udarci do zadnjih časov nepremagljive nemške vojne sile Rusija zrušila v par tednih. Strahovita borba med Nemci in Rusi na 1800 milj dolgi fronti se vrši že tretji mesec, toda Nemci niso nič bližje zmagi kot so bili ob pričetku napada na Rusijo. Res so Nemci zavzeli precej ruskega ozemlja, ki pa predstavljajo le majhen del ogromne Rusije. Niso pa še od daleč dosegli Moskve, niti niso osvojili Kijeva niti Odese niti Leningrada. In, kar je najbolj važno, niso uničili ruske armade, niti niso resno pretrgali ruske obrambne črte. Kjer koli se morajo Rusi umakniti, navadno rešijo večji del vojaštva in opreme. Seveda trpijo Rusi velike izgube na moštvi in materialu, toda tudi izgube napadajočih Nemcev so silne, najbrž večje kot izgube braniteljev. Blitzkrieg se ni Nemcem obnesel v Rusiji niti v poletju, zato je toliko manj verjetno, da bi se pozimi. Nič ne more videti v prihodnost, toda za enkrat so dobri izgledi, da si bo strupeni nemški zmag ravno na slovanski Rusiji polomil zobe. Anglija in Amerika skušata to po najboljših močeh pospešiti.

KRIZANA SLOVENIJA

Poročila, ki jih v drobcih in po raznih potih dobivamo iz rodne Slovenije, so tako strahotna, da se upirajo verjetnosti. Vendar, kar prihajajo iz raznih virov in se medsebojno potrjujejo, bodo vsekakor resnična. Zapolnenja živili, posestev, živine in drugih vrednosti, nasilne deportacije prebivalstva v Srbijo in Nemčijo, aretacije in mučenja narodnih voditeljev in inteligence sploh, regimentacije mladih deklet za zabavo nemškim vojakom, spolno uničevanje mladih fantov in nešteti drugi barbarski čini po-

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ZA NOVOPRIDOBLENE ČLANE ODRAŠLEGA IN DINSKEGA ODDELKA DAJE AMERIŠKA BRATSKA ZVEZA NAGRADE V GOTOVINI.

Za novopridobljene člane odraslega oddelka so predlagali deležni sledečih nagrad:

za člana, ki se zavaruje za \$250.00 smrtnine, \$1.25 nagrada
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Za novopridobljene člane mladinskega oddelka pa so predlagali deležni sledečih nagrad:

za člana starega načrta "JA" — \$0.50;
za člana načrta "JB" — \$2.00;
za člana novega načrta "JC" s \$500.00 zavarovalnine — \$1.00;
za člana novega načrta "JD" s \$1,000.00 zavarovalnine — \$2.00.

Vse te nagrade so izplačljive šele potem, ko so bili vsi člani plačani trije mesečni asesmenti.

stavljajo nacistične Nemce na nižjo stopnjo kot so bili nekdanji Huni in Turki, nižje kot so krvoločne zveri tropskih džungel. In vpriču tega se še dobe med nami posamezne bele vrane, ki direktno ali indirektno odobravajo nacistično-fašistično okupacijo Slovenije in Jugoslavije. Sicer so silno redki taki prospektivni Hitlerjevi "Gauleiterji," toda škandal je, da se dobi sploh kakšen. Nevarni seveda niso drugim kot samim sebi, ker stric Sam ima zapisana njihova imena.

ZAGONETNA RUSIJA

(Nadaljevanje s 1. stran)

letalskimi napadi, se je po mesecu dni vrnil domov začuden. Izjavil je, da učiti Ruse protiletalske obrambe je toliko, kot učiti race plavati. Protiletalska obramba Moskve da je neprimerno boljša kot protiletalska obramba Londona. Po njegovem mnenju bi se mogli Angleži v tem oziru mnogo naučiti od Rusov.

GESLA V ZGODOVINI

(Nadaljevanje s 1. stran)

Ogorčenje je ostala živo pod geslom: "Remember the Maine." Gesla svetovne vojne so znana. Izmed najbolj znamenitih so: "The Yanks are coming," "Lafayette, we are here" in "Make the world safe for democracy."

Vojne pa niso bile edini vzrok populariziranja znamenitih gesel. Osvajanje zapada je porodilo mnogo gesel. Morda najbolj znan je nasvet slavnega žurnalista Horace Greeleya na tedanje mladino: "Go west, young man." To geslo je bilo tedaj jako pomembno, ko je divjina vabila ameriško mladino, da si poišče srečo v obetajočem zapadu, in dasi danes ne pomenja mnogo, se še vedno sliši to geslo vsepovsod. — Common Council — F.L.I.S.

(Dajle na 8. strani)



New Era

ENGLISH SECTION OF
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Nova Doba



AMPLIFYING THE VOICE OF THE ENGLISH SPEAKING MEMBERS

The Sports Fund

Revival of organized athletic activities of our lodges everywhere is most pronounced during the Fall and Winter seasons. Summer promotions are different in many respects, and members find other varied outlets for recreation.

Backbone of the progress of our English-Speaking Lodges is the extent of activity undertaken for the recreation and enjoyment of their members. The more activity; the more publicity derived from these promotions — reflects with larger and well-satisfied memberships.

Our American Fraternal Union champions such life-giving activity, especially so if individual lodges show activity; movement in all departments.

Members realize the value of these activities to the Federation as a whole. And for this reason the Sports Fund was created.

Our by-laws as modified and corrected by the 16th convention in Waukegan, Ill., last September, 1940, define the purpose of the Sports Fund in effect as follows:

"Created to support all ORGANIZED athletic activities. Management of the Sports Fund is under the jurisdiction of the Supreme Board who has the power to enact such rules as will guarantee clean and sound sports and good morale among members."

Realizing how quickly such a fund could be abused by some, the Supreme Board has granted financial requests of lodges following a carefully studied plan which prevents any discrepancies.

To merely grant requests as they flock in would drain the fund very quickly. Problem was to spread it where it would be most beneficial and effective, not only to the individual lodge and its members, but also in showing good returns to the organization in increased membership and better goodwill of all members concerned.

In facing these facts, lodges making requests for financial assistance from the Sports Fund should keep in mind that their progress and activity is being watched and carefully scrutinized by every member in the country. Especially by the members of the Supreme Board who have been elected to their official positions for the purpose of transacting the business of our society in a manner which insures continual improvement.

Should your lodge request aid; and if this request is denied, there remains only one thing to do. Show the members and the Supreme Board that you can be active. Show increased activity and an increase in new members, and there is no question but that your request will be reconsidered.

Should your request be approved, remember to continue to work for the improvement and progress of your lodge to insure approval of similar requests in future times of need.

The Sports Fund has been created for your benefit. Do not abuse it; rather nurse it along faithfully, and you will find the results highly satisfactory to everyone.

KEEP IN MIND THAT GRANTS FROM THE SPORTS FUND ARE APPROVED ONLY TO THOSE LODGES WHO SHOW RESULTS WITH INCREASED MEMBERSHIP AND ACTIVITY.

Lodge 94, AFU Resumes Regular Meeting Schedule Following Summer Vacation

Waukegan, Ill. — Members of Lodge 94, Waukegan, Ill., know that meetings during the last three months have been held in the morning to allow members to attend picnics and other outings in the afternoon.

Beginning with the month of September, and effective during the remainder of the year, our meetings will be held at TWO O'CLOCK IN THE AFTERNOON.

OUR NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD SUNDAY, SEPT. 21, AT 2 P. M.

Urges More Activity

I sincerely hope and wish that our members would take more vital interest in the activities of the lodge. I hope they take notice of all articles, especially those from their lodge, printed in our official organ.

It appears that our members will not know of this change in time of meeting, as I expect some of them may not see this article. If such is the case, some may remark at the next meeting: "Why don't you give proper notice in the Nova Doba?" I could have an article in our official organ every week, and

still some members may not see them, and not know anything about them.

Active In Sports

Our lodge has been very active in sports. We sponsored a men's and women's balina team in the Slovenian National Home this summer, and we didn't come in last. In fact, our men's team was first in the league.

Bowling season is near and I hope that our lodge will again sponsor men's and women's teams as they have in the past.

Anton Stanovnik, sec'y
Lodge 94, AFU

Hallowe'en Party

Brooklyn, N. Y. — A Hallowe'en party will be sponsored by Lodge No. 50, AFU, Friday, Oct. 31st. Scene of the event will be the Slovenian-American auditorium, 253 Irving avenue in Brooklyn.

We would like to take this opportunity to ask all societies and social clubs to please cooperate in helping make this affair a success. Your efforts will be kindly appreciated.

Valentine Orehek, secretary,
Lodge No. 50, AFU.

Lodge 70 Picnic Sept. 7

Chicago, Ill. — To all Members of Chicago Combined Lodges of A. F. U.!

As it was announced before in Nova Doba, our Sport Club will have a picnic Sunday, September 7, at Kegel's Grove in Willow Springs. The Omerza Boys will furnish good music for the dancers. For people who haven't a car of their own, we will provide a bus. The bus will leave from 1845 W. Cermak Rd. at 9 a. m. and at 12:30 p. m. The round trip fare will be 50 cents per person. In case of rain, we will have a dance in the School Hall at Cermak Rd. and Wolcott St. The dance will start at 2 p. m. Remember, whether it's rain or shine, our picnic or dance will go on. Bring your friends with you. This affair will be our first get-together of all our members who wish to bowl in our League. So come on, and show that you too are interested in your Lodge's activities. I expect to see all the members at the picnic, even those who are not interested in sport. We must realize that those who participate in the sport activities spend a lot of time and money. All this is just to advertise and make a good name for the Lodge and A. F. U.

Now it's up to all of us to be present at the picnic and give a helping hand to the active members, so that we will be able to say, that we too did our part in making progress for our Lodge and our Great American Fraternal Union.

Fraternally,
Anton Krapenc, Secretary
Lodge 70, AFU.

Notice To Uncle Sam's Recruits

All lodge members in the American Fraternal Union are notified to send in addresses of those members who have been recruited in Uncle Sam's Selective Service Army. Immediately after address of enrollee is submitted, the Nova Doba will be sent each week — anywhere in the country. Send in his address today.

Defense Savings Bonds, Series E, are available in denominations as low as \$25, maturity value, the cost of which is \$18.75. Ownership of Series E Bonds is limited to \$5,000 maturity value of Bonds issued in any one calendar year.

Anna Zalar, secretary
Lodge No. 127, AFU

Third Annual Softball League Banquet, September 14

Barberton and Struthers Teams Invited

Cleveland, O. — Arrangements for the AFU state softball championship games and third annual Softball league banquet were inaugurated at a meeting Tuesday, August 26th.

According to preliminary plans, Struthers Cardinals and Barberton's St. Martin's have been invited to attend and participate in a three-way battle for the AFU state Softball title.

This will take place at Roosevelt field, east 200th and Arbor Ave., Sept. 14. Immediately after the games the banquet

BRIEFS

VISITING at the Nova Doba office last Thursday morning were Mr. and Mrs. John Bernick of Detroit, Mich. Mrs. Bernick is secretary of Brigadier's lodge in Detroit; was before her marriage Saturday, August 23. Frances Skoryanc. The couple travelled to Northern Michigan, and visited friends in Cleveland. With Mr. and Mrs. Bernick were Mrs. Marty Paul and son of Cleveland, members of Betsy Ross, lodge 186.

Visiting at the Nova Doba office last week were Mr. and Mrs. Victor Rovanssek and Anton Rovanssek of Lodge 36, Co-nemaugh, Pa. They were accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Cyril Rovanssek, now of Cleveland, O. Victor, Anton, and Cyril are sons of Michael Rovanssek who was vice-chairman at the 16th convention of our AFU last September. Mrs. Victor Rovanssek is the daughter of the late Martin Jager, who was for many years an active officer of Lodge 36.

Postcard was received this week from Sophie, Marian, and John Kapelj of Lodge 71, Cleveland, who were vacationing in Indianapolis, Indiana. They are the family of Mr. and Mrs. John Kapelj, former who is secretary of Lodge 71.

First Annual Picnic to be given by the Sports Club of the Chicago lodges of the American Fraternal Union will be held Sunday, September 7, 1941, at Kegel's Grove in Willow Springs, Ill. Plenty of refreshments will be had along with fine music for dancing.

Secretary Changes Address

Akron, O. — I would like to notify all members of Lodge No. 127, AFU, of Akron, Ohio, that I have moved.

My new address is: — Mrs. Anna Zalar, R. D. 1, Box 639, Barberton, Ohio. My telephone is: SH 6973.

In order that members can more easily reach me, the direction to my home are: The second house on the left on Harlem-McCoy Roads off Romig Road; or—

The last house on the left on Grand Boulevard off State Street.

Anna Zalar, secretary
Lodge No. 127, AFU

Lodge 6 Will Sponsor Dance Sept. 6th

Lorain, O. — American Fraternal Union day will be commemorated by Lodge No. 6, AFU of Lorain, Ohio at a dance and party scheduled in the Slovenian National Home, Saturday, Sept. 6.

An excellent orchestra has been engaged who will feature a variety of dance tunes, including polkas, waltzes, fox-trots, and even some jitterbug music. An excellent time is in store for all, and refreshments will be served.

An invitation is extended to all members, friends, and everyone in the vicinity including Lorain, Cleveland, and Barberton. An invitation is also extended to Little Stan English Editor and his friends to attend.

Just so you won't forget—circle Saturday, Sept. 6 on the calendar for the dance sponsored by Lodge 6, in the Slovene National Home at Lorain! We'll be expecting you!

Vida Kumse,
Lodge No. 6, AFU

Delegate Enjoyed Convention Trip

Albia, Iowa. — (Enroute from Ely, Minn.) — I certainly enjoyed my trip from the State of Washington to the State of Minnesota, and my stay in Ely, Minn. For the work that had to be done in order for us to attend, this convention was more than a just reward. The people I met were very pleasant, and so were the places I have seen.

Minnesota reminded me so much of Washington that it was just like home. How did everyone enjoy their journey home?

I was accompanied from Duluth to St. Paul by Mary Balint of Enumclaw, Washington. (After you left, Mary, I started to gather myself together again and was ready to go.)

Bro. Frank Okoren and son Rudy of Denver, Colo.; — Sorry we couldn't go on the same road down thru Iowa.

August 19th—the day we arrived in and left St. Paul—it also happened to be Rudy Okoren's birthday. Many happy returns, Rudy!

I visited Iowa's State Fair and enjoyed other activities including a Croatian picnic at Rathburn, Iowa, where I listened to the Croatian Children's Home Band from Des Moines. I am now in Albia, Iowa, visiting with my great uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Tony Paskvan.

I almost forgot to thank the thoughtful folks on the train from Ely to Duluth for the telegram they sent me. What is the state penalty for such an offense?

I want to say "hello" to everyone I know and met. I know if I started to mention all the names of people who I met at the convention I'd have a great list. But since there has to be space for letters and articles from other delegates this is impossible.

You can't say I didn't try gang!

Agnes Segota, Hon. Delegate
Lodge No. 35,
Roslyn, Wash.

Lodge No. 6, AFU, of Lorain, Ohio, will sponsor a dance in the Slovene National Home Saturday evening, Sept. 6.

Cleveland AFU Bowling League Organized

YOUNG ATHLETIC GROUPS REORGANIZE CITY'S UNITED AFU LODGES

Cleveland, O. — Re-organization of the United AFU Lodges of Cleveland — purpose of which was to centralize athletic activities of various lodges in this city — was effected at a meeting in the Nova Doba office Tuesday, August 26th. Preceding this, plans were begun to hold the annual AFU Softball banquet September 14; and organization of a bowling league to be operated by the centralized committee was completed.

Stanley Zagorc, president of the Softball league this year, a member of Lodge No. 71, was retained as president of this new unit. Frank Sesek, athletic supervisor for Napredok Lodge No. 132, was elected first vice chairman; and Dorothy Rossa, president of Betsy Ross, No. 186, was elected second vice chairman.

Joseph Kozar, who has had considerable experience as secretary for bowling leagues, and is a member of Betsy Ross, was elected secretary. Elsie Desmond, N. D. scribe, was named recording secretary; and John Urbanic of Collinwood Boosters, No. 188, was elected treasurer. Miss Desmond is now a member of St. John's No. 71.

Elected trustees were John

Lunka, secretary of Betsy Ross and formerly supreme vice-president of our AFU; Joseph Koric of Napredok Lodge No. 132; and Little Stan.

Bowling alleys at East 152nd street, brand new, and offering everything in the way of facilities was selected as the bowling place on Friday evenings — second shift.

Represented at the meeting were: Napredok's, Betsy Ross, St. John's, Collinwood Boosters, and George Washington No. 180.

TO THOSE LODGES NOT REPRESENTED AT THE MEETING AND WHOM WE'D ALL LIKE TO SEE IN THE LEAGUE, IT WAS RULED THAT THEY SHALL BE CONTACTED BY SECRETARY KOZAR, AND ASKED TO ENTER A TEAM. ALL CLEVELAND AFU LODGES ARE INVITED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE LEAGUE.

Should your lodge want to enter, call Joseph Kozar at LI. 3441. He will attend to your needs and arrange for your entry.

Enthusiasm over the prospects of a good season, the committee really started things moving in the right direction.

Lodge 162 Plans Social September 12th

Honorary Delegate Reports on Convention

By Mary Balint, Lodge 162, AFU

Enumclaw, Wash. — Hello everybody. I wonder if everyone of you is having as much difficulty as I to settle back into the regular routine of everyday life after that swell vacation trip to Ely?

All I have to do is close my eyes and there's the entire gang singing, laughing, joking, dancing. Gee, it all was so much fun — I'll bet you're all voicing the same thoughts, "Why did it have to end so soon?"

I could go on and on telling you about the nice people I met, the thrill of renewing old acquaintances, the world of fun and excitement packed into three short days. But I know you'll be hearing about it from other excited delegates for a long time to come so I'll just cut it short and say, "It was all pretty wonderful!" Thanks to everyone who made the stay so pleasant. And you can count me in on future AFU activities.

And Agnes Segota of Roslyn shares in these sentiments. If we work hand in hand, Agnes, I'm sure other Washington lodges will sit up and take notice. I hope we'll be hearing from you in Nova Doba.

Members of Lodge 162 please take note of the fact that there will be an important social function on the evening of Sept. 12. This affair is being sponsored in cooperation with the three remaining lodges. It is very important that we have the cooperation of every member. You are all familiar with the conditions which exist here, therefore it's necessary to raise a fund to

cover this serious matter. Refreshments will be served. Admission to the party is very nominal. The party will get under way at eight o'clock and will take place at the Krain Hall. Let's have a one hundred per cent attendance. Those of you who have attended these affairs before know how much fun they are, so come again and bring your friends. Please reserve Friday, September 12 for this important occasion. No, Micka won't be there—I'm sorry to say but I will be thinking of you.

In a few days you know I'll be leaving for Pittsburgh, so it's hello Pittsburgh and Cleveland too. Oh yes, I do feel pretty fortunate I have another nice trip ahead of me. So all you good people of Cleveland and Pittsburgh I'm looking forward to seeing you again.

A reminder to Chicago. Don't forget to keep up your end of the bargain in that juvenile proposition. Remember?

It's very early in the morning. It's a damp, cool day. Ideal fishing weather so I think I'll go fishing. The fish in Ely didn't bite so well—ahem! Or did they?

Let me hear from you. Till next time, 'bye.

Minnesota Federation of AFU Lodges will meet Sunday, Sept. 28th at 1 p. m. in the Hibbing, Minn., Memorial building, according to John Lamuth, Chisholm, Minn., secretary.

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An Example in Fraternalism

A striking example that amplifies the value of belonging to a fraternal society such as our American Fraternal Union was impressed on the editor's mind a few evenings ago.

Although on the social side, this little experience exemplifies one of many interesting sidelights that occur in our fraternal life.

We all know that our society offers the best line of insurance protection, disability and illness benefits that money can buy. Yet the good fellowship and fraternalism in the operation of our subordinate lodges plays a tremendous part in the success of our national organization.

The other day, your editor visited a group of young fellows who only recently came to Cleveland from Chisholm, Minn. They had been looking for jobs — some were successful; others hoped to obtain employment.

But what could they do after they put in their time at the mill or factory? What diversified entertainment could they look forward to?

At home, where they were born and lived practically all of their lives, they had had a place to go. They had events they could look forward to and participate in. At home, as they walked down the street, they could say "Hello Joe!" and wave their hands in friendly salute.

But this larger city did not have that "homey" atmosphere they were used to. Faces were strange, the familiarity of seeing friends on the street wasn't there. And week-ends found these fellows moving around, so to speak, in quest of some excitement—in search of new friends—in search of a rendezvous where they could find the "fraternalism" they sought. During the week, they were content to sit in their small apartment together, played cards, and thus passed away the time of the day.

Cleveland is a fine city. It wasn't Cleveland's fault that these fellows were not feeling so much at home. It was mostly because these fellows didn't know exactly what to do about it.

The answer is easy. By joining a subordinate branch of the American Fraternal Union. Here fraternalism would show its true and well-worth-while meaning. These fellows would have something to look forward to. Various events, dances, socials, sports. They would create new friends—brothers and sisters of the lodge they join—and from then on, their problem—being lonesome in the big city—would be solved.

Many cities where our American Fraternal Union has subordinate lodges would do well in coming campaigns to look up some of these "strangers"—invite them to join a lodge, and show them impressively what it means to belong to an organization such as ours.

Most all are familiar with lodge organization. Several belonged to a lodge at home. Moving away to a large city would discourage them from continuing paying lodge dues, and unless the father or mother continued the payment of dues, the member would be suspended.

Cleveland and other large cities have many AFU lodges people could join. And that should be one of the first things for any young fellow upon his arrival to any city—to immediately join or transfer to one of them.

DRIVER IS GUILTY

Do you know that the driver who fails to give the right of way to the pedestrian who is crossing at a crosswalk is in violation of law? The motorist must grant the man on foot who is lawfully crossing the street a safe passage. Another frequently seen disregard of the pedestrian's right is the refusal of the driver to permit a person who starts across with the traffic signal to reach a point of safety or the curb should the light change.

The enforcement of the pedestrian laws forbidding jay-

walking started on the 15th of July and puts restrictions on the manner in which persons on foot may cross our city streets. The pedestrian, under the provisions of the ordinances, is required to accept his share of the responsibility for safety. Now the task is to provide a reasonable measure of safety to the pedestrian who abides by the law and crosses in a proper manner. The motorist who endangers or fails to give the right of way to the pedestrian legally crossing will be subject to arrest.

ST. JOHN'S — AFU CHAMPS OF CLEVELAND

Cleveland, O. — It was the final close game of August 13 played at Roosevelt field to determine the AFU Softball Champs of Cleveland. And the winners, I'm honored to say were the boys from Lodge No. 71 of which your scribe is a newly transferred member and proud of it. So congratulations to the boys of Fighting 71st for their splendid ball playing throughout the year and the clean game played that Wednesday against Collinwood Boosters which gave a final score of 6-5, "Johnnies" on top.

And to all the other teams sportsmanship that resulted a too — it was your wonderful short but good series of ball games for the summer of '41.

And the final standings:

Team	W	L	Pct.
St. John's	7	1	.875
Coll. Boosters	6	2	.750
Betsy Ross	3	5	.375
Napredek	2	6	.250
Utopians	2	6	.250

For St. John's team:

Name	AB	H	Av.
Bob Osolin	9	6	.667
Stan Zagorc	25	14	.560

Joe Yerrick	2	1	.500
Joe Zabukovec	15	7	.467
Marty Yerrick	31	14	.452
Ed Trebets	28	12	.429
Henry Bokal	19	8	.421
Frank Znidar	22	9	.409
John Trebets	23	9	.391
Tony Starman	30	11	.367
Joe Jermain	27	9	.333
Ray Setter	21	7	.333
Stan Znidar	3	1	.333
Jim Ruzic	26	8	.308
Vince Hart	7	0	.000

Home runs of St. John's:

Zagorc 3, J. Trebets 2, Bokal 2, F. Znidar 1, Jermain 1, M. Yerrick 1, Ruzic 1. Triples: F. Znidar 2, J. Trebets 1, Bokal 1. Doubles: Zagorc 4, Jermain 4, M. Yerrick 4, Zabukovec 4, E. Trebets 2, J. Trebets 2, Ruzic 2, Setter 1, B. Osolin 1.

And it also should be known that the day of Cleveland championship game, St. John's pitcher, Eddie Trebets was ill; being sent home from work, but to win the game for the Johnnies he pitched his hardest and best — so it worked, Eddie. With your pitchin' the game was won! Congratulations, Ed!

Elsie M. Desmond
No. 71 AFU

The Part Fraternal Life Insurance Plays In The Defense Of America

By Alex O. Benz,

President of the National Fraternal Congress of America

The institution of life insurance is a most important phase of our national economy, upon which the security of the American home and the strength and security of the nation are built.

Life insurance adds most materially to the strength of the nation, as well as the security of the American home. Life insurance reserves create a national strength that can better endure economic shock and strain.

The plan of life insurance has proved itself as the strongest bulwark of the American people. Since gigantic sums of life insurance reserves are invested in utility and industrial plants, in government bonds, and in urban and rural mortgages, every owner of life insurance has a definite stake in America—in its industries and its government. The purchase of life in-

surance represents, as it were, the purchase of a cross section of America. Viewed from the standpoint of the social implications of life insurance, America is the unnamed beneficiary of every individually owned life insurance certificate and policy. America is the ultimate recipient of the more than \$30,000,000,000 of reserves accumulated by the 64,000,000 of her citizens under the plan of life insurance. These gigantic reserves constitute a veritable financial Gibraltar, upon which rests the true strength, security, and unity of the nation. They represent the true wealth and resources of the nation, and the full effect of this vast wealth of our American way of living is found in the lives that life insurance makes happier and more secure against the unpredictable changes of the future.

The fraternal system, which is one of the two systems of

protection that constitute the great institution of life insurance, is a social force in its fullest sense. The force and strength exerted by the fraternal societies in the cause of humanity transcends the human imagination. In addition to providing the safest form of life insurance—mutually guaranteed home and family protection—it has proved itself as the most humanitarian institution and the most effective social stabilizing and Americanizing influence in existence. It affords a plan which provides most adequate protection of human life values, and perpetuates family relationships, all of which, if they not already are, must become the chief concern of the nation. The preservation of human life values and the individual social security for the American people constitute the only assurance for national security and strength and unity, in which social and patriotic endeavor the Fraternal Societies truly are exerting great strength and social and Americanization influence.

Cleveland AFU Softball Champs



Cleveland, O. — Pictured above are members of St. John's Lodge No. 71, of Cleveland, who recently copped the Cleveland AFU softball league city title by edging out a 6 to 5 win over Collinwood Boosters, Lodge No. 188, in a thriller.

Tied up going into the final game of the season, these two teams were all set to battle it out for titular honors. Reports

were that not a single error marred the play of either team.

Left to right, they are: front row, Martin Yerrick, Smiley Yerrick, manager, Anton Baraga, president of Lodge No. 71, Stanley Zagorc, Henry Bokal; seated in front, Stanley Znidar, mascot; back row: Joe Zabukovec, Vince Hart, Ray Setter, Jimmy Ruzic, Joe Jermain, Frank Znidar, and Tony Starman. Not pictured are Ed Tre-

etts, the Johnnies' Ace hurler, Bob Osolin, and Johnny Trebets.

In plans arranged last week, a Softball banquet will be held Sept. 14. Struthers Cardinals and St. Martin's of Barberton have been invited to participate in the state tournament which will precede the annual banquet. Games will be played at Roosevelt field. Further information will be relayed in these columns.

Did You Know?

THAT: during the present national emergency, the training period for many recruits at the training stations has been cut to six weeks.

THAT: every ship of the fleet has motion picture equipment, and pictures are shown for the crew nightly on the deck under normal conditions. People in some parts of the World look forward to an American Naval vessel putting into port because it gives them the very rare privilege of seeing a movie. Animated cartoons usually are most popular with these people.

THAT: during their stay at the Naval Training Station to which assigned, recruits are required to write home at least once each week.

THAT: benefits already are being derived from the recent highly-successful U. S. O. drive to provide recreational facilities for sailors and soldiers. On August 2, the first dance was held in the U. S. O. Club at the Norfolk Naval Training Station, Norfolk, Va.

U. S. Army? -- It's Swell!

Easier Than European Military Life Yugoslav Veterans Declares

Cleveland, O. — Enlistment in the United States Army under the Selective Service Act is a pleasure compared to the hard service and discipline demanded of soldiers by other European countries. So declared Private Anton Perushek in a story carried by the Cleveland Press recently.

Perushek, who only three years ago served in the Yugoslav Army, is stationed, with other Selective Service men in Fort Frances E. Warren, Wyo. His story reveals an interesting experience.

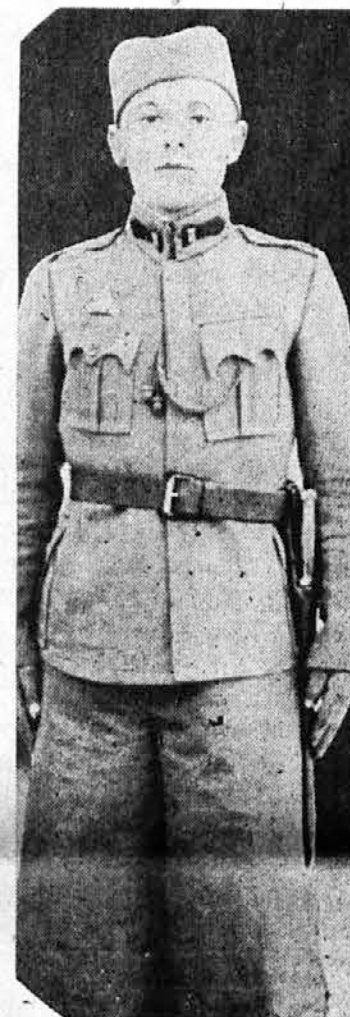
Likewise, the story of Charles Hudina, also of Cleveland, Ohio, who is a member of Lodge 173, AFU. Hudina served a full term in the Yugoslav Army, but has been in this country a little longer. He had obtained his first papers, and immediately

Jugoslavia in 1939 for Cleveland, he hasn't heard a word from his mother, brother, and sister, who remained behind.

Over there he got \$2.65 his pay for the entire 15-month service. Here he gets \$21 each month. Here he can go to Cheyenne or any other big city, any night he has free time. Over there he couldn't leave the reservation during the first three months after enlistment.

Here he gets up at 5:45 a. m. and at 4:30 p. m. is thru the day. Over there he got up at 4:30 a. m. and finished training at 7 p. m. — and then had to clean up equipment in barracks before retiring at 10 p. m.

Private Perushek worked as a bartender for a relative in Cleveland up to his induction



—Courtesy The Cleveland Press

tely volunteered as soon as the Selective Service Act went into operation. Stationed at Fort Benning, Georgia, he has written an interesting story on American army life which was printed recently in the Slovene section of Nova Doba.

Watch for his future articles.

Perushek's Story

Born in Slaty Fork, West Virginia, Private Perushek returned to Europe with his parents when he was but 3 years old. He was compelled to join the Yugoslav Army when he became 20 years old in 1937. He served 15 months with the Yugoslav Army before the American Consul extricated him on the grounds he was an American Citizen. Since he left

month ago, and was a regular singer on the Slovenian Radio programs in that city.

Drenik Also In

Private Anthony Drenik, stationed in Pine Camp, New York, is a member of Lodge No. 71 AFU, and a frequent contributor to the Slovene section of Nova Doba, was also one of those boys born in America who went back to Europe with their parents. Private Drenik came back before he would have been forced into European army service, but nevertheless his experiences in the rope could well apply as a fraternal gauge to his service with his country today. Drenik was also a volunteer, and he likes it, too!

Uniform Traffic

The following is the first of a series designed to acquaint the public with the more important traffic laws as embodied in the "Uniform Traffic Act." This act was recently passed by the State Legislature and becomes effective Sept. 6th.

No local authority shall enforce or enact any traffic law that conflicts with any provision contained in the "Uniform Traffic Act" it therefore follows that a knowledge of these laws is applicable anywhere in the State.

Question: What is meant by the term "right-of-way"?

Answer: "Right-of-way" is defined as the right of a vehicle or pedestrian to proceed in a lawful manner in the direction in which it or he is moving in preference to another vehicle or pedestrian approaching from

a different direction into his path.

The pedestrian is included in this definition for the first time and definitely places the pedestrian on foot in the same class as other traffic, allowing him certain rights and imposing certain duties.

Question: How will one regulate the through highways at stop intersection, where it is required by law to stop before entering or crossing?

Answer: By the stop sign which are required to be erected at the entrances to all through highways and stop intersections.

The stop to be made at a through highway must be made at the nearest line of the crosswalk whether it is marked or not, or at any other clearly marked stop line.

George J. Matowick
Chief of Police

PRAVILA

slovenske sekcije
JUGOSLOVANSKEGA POMOŽNEGA ODBORA
v Ameriki

Dovoljenje in delokrog:

Organizacija je: Jugoslovanski pomožni odbor v Ameriki, slovenska sekcija, okrajšana JPO, ki posluje v Združenih državah ameriških z dovoljenjem državnega tajništva v Washingtonu, D. C. pod vpisno št. 478, ki je bila izdana 4. junija, 1941.

Vodstvo odbora:

Slovensko sekcijo JPO vodi predsednik slovenske podporne organizacije: Ameriški bratski Jugoslovanski podporni odbor, Kranjsko slovenska zveza, Slovenska ženska zveza, Slovenska zveza, Slovenska dobrodelna zveza, Družina, Progre, Slovenke in Slovenska zveza.

Načelna izjava:

Jugoslovanski pomožni odbor v Ameriki, slovenska sekcija je ustanovljena dne 19. aprila 1941 v Chicagu, Ill., da vodi v Ameriki pod kontrolo naših ameriških slovenskih organizacij in pod kontrolo naših ameriških Slovencev za narodno domovino. Ta odbor je med našimi organizacijami med ameriškim Rdečim križem ali med kako drugo zakonito odgovorno ustanovo, s katero bodo naše zveze potrebne. Odbor lahko sodeluje tudi z drugimi ameriškimi organizacijami, da bodo vse jugoslovanske narodnosti solidarne v tem.

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Namen in sredstva:

Namen slovenske sekcije JPO je organizirati po vseh slovenskih nasebinah v Ameriki odbore, ki naj se organizirajo v krajevnih društev, ki so podporni organizacije, ki so v članjene v slovenske sekcije. Vsak lokalni odbor mora imeti namen in cilj tega odbora.

Zastopstvo v odboru:

Vsaka slovenska podpora organizacija v Združenih državah mora imeti člana glavnega odbora, člana slovenske sekcije Jugoslovanskega pomožnega odbora v Ameriki. Člani tega odbora ne dobivajo nobene plače, vsaki mesec blagajniku odbora plača iz svoje blagajne voz-

Razpustitev odbora:

Kadar bo po mnenju večine članov tega odbora razvidno in priporočljivo, da ni treba več vzdrževati započete pomožne akcije JPO, SS, in da je bil nabrani denar izročen onim, za katere se je nabiral po nalogi sprejete čistiške izjave, potem se odbor razpusti, a knjige in korespondenca tega odbora pa naj se pošlje obstoječemu narod-

nemu muzeju v Sloveniji v trajen spomin na slovenske izseljence v Ameriki.

Dodatek:

Ta pravila se lahko od časa do časa korigirajo, amandirajo ali spremenijo, kot bodo to zahtevale potrebe, okoliščine ali razmere.

Ta pravila so bila sprejeta 19. avgusta 1941.

Koliko Slovencev se je rešilo iz Jugoslavije

Podpisani je prejel od svojega prijatelja dr. Alojzija Kuharja, znanega slovenskega časnikarja in strokovnjaka v mednarodni politiki, sledeče pismo iz Južne Afrike:

"Pišem Vam iz Južne Afrike, kamor sem došel po nad trimesečnem potovanju tja in sem. Doživel sem marsikaj. Upam, da bo to pismo doseglo do vas. Najbrže bo to prvo pismo, ki ga boste prejeli od svojih prijateljev v Sloveniji po zlomu Jugoslavije.

"Drago mi Ljubljano, dom, in vse drugo sem zapustil 1. aprila ter odšel v Belgrad. Bila sva dva, ki sva bila izbrana od naše politične stranke, da greva v inozemstvo. Eden je bil č. g. Franc Gabrovšek, ravnatelj Zadrugne zveze, a drugi jaz. Dali so nama polno pooblastilo, da govoriva v imenu stranke in naroda doma. Najin cilj je bila Anglija in Združene države, ker se bo prej ali slej odločala usoda tudi slovenskega naroda. Iz Belgrada sva mogla v Atene odpotovati zvečer na 4. aprila. Z nama je bila družina ministra Kreka. Vlak pa je tako počasi vozil, da smo dobili prve bombe na naš vlak eno postajo pred Skopljem. To je bilo v nedeljo 6. aprila. Tedaj nam je bilo jasno, da se je vojna pričela. Tri osebe so bile ubite in 4 ranjene. Nekaj ur požeje so nas močno bombardirali v Skoplju, ko se je 24 nemških bombnikov spustilo nizko nad mesto ter ga obsipalo z bombami. Ta napad smo srečno prestali. Nato smo lezli proti jugu z vojaškim vlakom ter eno noč prebili v starih vojnih utrdah iz leta 1916 v Djevdjeliju, med tem ko je bitka divjala samo 50 milj stran v bolgarskih gorah. Naslednji dan smo imeli srečo, da smo dobili vojaški vlak na Solun, katerega smo zapustili takoj naslednje jutro, kar je bilo samo nekaj ur, predno so se pričeli nemški tanki valiti proti Solunu. Po petih dneh smo srečno dospeli v Atene, dočim navadno vzame vlak iz Ljubljane do Aten samo 34 ur. V Atenah smo imeli zračne napade vsako noč, a smo se jih kmalu privadili. Nato nas je vzel seboj angleški konvoj, katerega je spremljalo 5 rušilcev in ena križarka, ter nas srečno pripeljal v Egipt.

"Nemci so hoteli napasti naše parnike še predno smo zapustili grško pristanišče in Italijani so vrgli nekaj bomb iz "varne višine" v bližini otoka Krete. Uspeha pa niso imeli niti pre, niti drugi. Junaško obnašanje angleških vojnih ladij je nudilo veličasten prizor nam vsem in na ta način smo dobili najboljšo zagotovilo, da bomo pod angleškim vodstvom zopet dobili svobodo in sicer prej kakor smo mogli pričakovati.

"V Egiptu smo čakali na prihod naše vlade, ki je v nekaj dneh res dospela iz Jugoslavije po zraku. Mi smo se pridružili ministrom ter šli z njimi v Jeruzalem, kjer smo vsega skupaj ostali 6 tednov. Od tam so nas Angličje odpeljali skozi Rdeče morje in naprej doli v Južno Afriko, od koder vam pišem to pismo na predvečer svojega odhoda na Anglesko.

"Dalje je ta narodni odbor sestavljal zahteve Slovencev v posebnem memorandumu, ki je bil poslan na razne naslove v Ameriki že pred nekaj tedni, a bojim se, da ta pošta do časa, ko to pišem, še ni zapustila Evrope.

"Naravno je, da hočemo mi zastaviti vse svoje sile v korist lovske stvari in zato smo sklenili, da sile, kolikor jih imamo, razdelimo takole: Minister Snoj bo v kratkem odšel v Zedinjene države skupno z misijo jugoslovanskih ministrov, v kateri bo tudi hrvaški ban g. Ivan Subašić, bivši ministerski predsednik Bogoljub Jevtič, voditelj Srbov, ter dalje hrvaški minister K. Marković. G. Gabrovšek in profesor dr. Furlan pa prideta tja kakor hitro bo mogoče. Voditelj Slovencev dr. Krek in jaz pa sva določena za London. G. Čok, g. Rudolf in g. Ribar pa ostanejo na Srednjem vzhodu radi posebne misije..."

Ker se o teh naših rojakih in voditeljih slovenskega naroda do sedaj ni skoraj še nič poročalo, zlasti se pa ni poročalo o njihovem delu in njihovih ciljih, se mi zdi potrebno, da objavim to pismo in da se tako razčisti megla, ki je vse te mesece obdajala te naše moze.

Leo Zakrajšek.

Anthony Drenik:

Regiment po cesti gre



Tony Drenik

Ze leta so minula, in hantman mi je d'jal: Za tvojo zvesto službo, ti bom jaz urloab dal. Dolgo let nazaj je bila ta pesem prav primerna, ker so morali fantje služiti cesarja kar na letu. Ako so hoteli dobiti dopust, so morali služiti že kar več let. Seveda tukaj ni cesarja, ni diktature, tukaj smo še vedno svobodni, čeprav smo pri vojaki. Rekel sem "še vedno," da ker v slučaju vojne, bomo tudi mi, kar je samo po sebi umevno, imeli strogo disciplino. Da, tukaj gre vojak lahko domov skoro vsak mesec, razen v slučajih, kjer je njih dom predaleč od taborišča. Ti pa lahko počakajo tri ali štiri mesece in potem dobe sedem ali deset dni skupaj in gredo lahko tudi na veliko razdaljo. Na vem če me razumete ali ne, morda vam pripovedujem nekaj, kar vam še ni znano. Bom pa kar od kraja povedal. Vsak vojak je upravičen do trideset dni dopusta na leto in ne več kot štirinajst dni na enkrat. Dopust se dobi: Prvič se mora dobiti dovoljenje od poveljujočega častnika, odobrenje od kompanijskega oficirja in tretjič od bataljonskega komandirja. Dopust je od štiri do štirinajst dni, in se lahko dobi vsake štiri mesece. En dan, dva ali tri pa ne šteje za dopust, pač pa je pri znanje od kompanijskega komandirja. Ako se vojak dobro obnaša in vedno uboga, lahko dobi, kot mi pravimo tukaj, "pass" vsak čas. Jaz sem imel že vsega skupaj šestnajst dni prostosti in moj dopust je še vedno cel. Ga "šparam" za ponedeljka do četrtega, ko mora listi biti na pošti. V petek pa se urednik oddahne in potem spet prične z drugo izdajo. Zato pa sem bil tudi kar vesel, ko sem vstopil in sem videl našega Terbovca, s cigaro v ustih in v pogovoru s predsednikom Ameriške bratske zveze, Jankom N. Rogeljnom. Stanley Pechaver, urednik angleške strani, je pa nekaj pisal. Ker se dolgo "poznamo" sem se naredil kar domaćega in namesto mladinske konvencije, kar so se prej pogovarjali, smo imeli na dnevnem redu vojake, vojaške zdravnike in navade. Ker je bil moj čas več vreden kot zlato, ako se pomislis, da sem imel še samo 48 ur prostosti, sem se opustil in jo mahnil spet nazaj v Collinwood.

Pozabil nisem obiskati Slovencega delavskega doma, na Waterloo Rd., kjer sem, predno sem šel k vojakom, imel največje veselje balinat ali pa igrati igre. Tam je vedno dosti pivec in v pivskih prostorih imajo nove mize in stole in je prav prijetno sedeti in vračati čaše mrzlega piva, posebno v vročini, kakršna je bila ravno tiste dni, ko sem bil jaz tamkaj.

Ustavil sem se tudi v Slovenskem domu na Holmes Ave., kjer sem pa kar gledal, ker naredili si bodo večje prostore in kot izgleda bo nekaj prav modernega. Tukaj sem spoznal Toneta Hrvata, kateri živi na farmi in ni mogel prebraviti vojakov, mislim da je bil on tudi enkrat vojak v Franceljni kompaniji. Prosil in šilil me je na pijem, a če bi hotel vsem ustrediti in piti, potem ne bi bil jaz, pač pa kdo drugi. Čudno, kako se vsakemu stori milo, vsakemu pravim, ki je kdaj bil vojak, in vsak pravi "Oh prijetni vojaški časi, ko sem bil jaz vojak" ... in kmalu nato že lete nemške besede in nemška povelja, kot da bi bilo za res. Tudi g. Anton Smole, pri katerem sinu, kateri ima mesnico, sem jaz spal, mi je dosti povedal, kadar

šal nekatere, je tam bolj slabo. No, saj bom kmalu videl kako je tam, ker mislimo mi iti tja enkrat ta mesec. Smo kakor lastovice, poleti smo tukaj ob canadskem jezeru, kjer vedno hladna sapa piha, na jesen jo bomo ubrali pa doli na jug, kjer bo prav prijazno.

V petek popoldne, ko sem se malo okrepčal pri sestri v Euclidu, Ohio, sem se takoj podal na St. Clair cesto. Na tej cesti se samo počasi hodi in poslušati slišali boste kako se razpravlja dnevne dogodke na pločnikih, kar po slovensko. Kako je prijazno, ko se sliši naš jezik in lahko si predstavljate, da si v Ljubljani. Najprej sem se ustavil pri mojemu prijatelju Augustu Kollanderju, v Slovenskem nar. domu, kjer ima svoj urad. Z njim sva prijatelja, odkar je obiskal mojo mamo v Cerknici in od katere mi je prinesel dragocen spomin. Od takrat pa do danes kadar imam priliko se ustavim pri njem in on mi samo točen v poslovanju z starim krajem, pač pa je vsestransko prav prijazen. Kadar koli je imel priliko, sva jo ubrala iz njegovega urada na kegljišče, kjer sva metala kroglice, da se je kar kadilo, sedaj pa tudi ne mine teden, da si ne piševa. Zato ni čudno, da je bil on prvi, katerega sem obiskal in on je tudi gledal, da sem se zabaval na dopustu. Potem sem stopil par korakov in bil sem v uradu "Enakopravnosti" in uradu "Nove Dobe." G. Šabec, urednik Enakopravnosti, prijazen mož, je sedel kot ponavadi pri pisalni mizi, zaposlen s pregledovanjem ravnakov izšle Enako. Prijazen pogovor sva imela tudi z g. Grillom, predsednikom te družbe, nakar je prišel Bill Sitter, predelavec v tiskarni, kateri me je predstavil delavcem v tiskarni. Po stopnicah gori in bil sem v uradu Nove Dobe. Prišel sem notri ob pravem dnevu in ob pravem času. Urednik tega glasila je najbolj zaposlen od ponedeljka do četrtega, ko mora listi biti na pošti. V petek pa se urednik oddahne in potem spet prične z drugo izdajo. Zato pa sem bil tudi kar vesel, ko sem vstopil in sem videl našega Terbovca, s cigaro v ustih in v pogovoru s predsednikom Ameriške bratske zveze, Jankom N. Rogeljnom. Stanley Pechaver, urednik angleške strani, je pa nekaj pisal. Ker se dolgo "poznamo" sem se naredil kar domaćega in namesto mladinske konvencije, kar so se prej pogovarjali, smo imeli na dnevnem redu vojake, vojaške zdravnike in navade. Ker je bil moj čas več vreden kot zlato, ako se pomislis, da sem imel še samo 48 ur prostosti, sem se opustil in jo mahnil spet nazaj v Collinwood.

Pozabil nisem obiskati Slovencega delavskega doma, na Waterloo Rd., kjer sem, predno sem šel k vojakom, imel največje veselje balinat ali pa igrati igre. Tam je vedno dosti pivec in v pivskih prostorih imajo nove mize in stole in je prav prijetno sedeti in vračati čaše mrzlega piva, posebno v vročini, kakršna je bila ravno tiste dni, ko sem bil jaz tamkaj.

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sva sedela v predsobi, in pokazal mi je sliko njegove vojaške dobe. "Tri leta," je rekel, "pa čeprav nisem mogli iti domov kot vi, nam ni bilo nič hudega in ..." nekaj nemških besed, katerih nisem razumel in pogovor je šel naprej. Da, naši očetje so bili vojaki, priznati moram, da so imeli več možnosti kot pa jo imamo mi tukaj, tudi "vanziralili" so pri avstrijski armadi, kajne g. Arhar iz Lloydella?

Med tem, ko sem kolovratil po Clevelandu, mi je nekdo rekel, zakaj pišem, da ni nobenega Slovenca v Pine Campi, ker je njih prijatelj tam. Povedal sem mu, da je tukaj taborišče na milje dolgo in bil sem tudi na poštne uradu, kjer imajo ime na vseh vojakov in opazil nisem nobenega ali pa imajo ime po-amerikanizirano. "Dali smo mu tvoj naslov," so mi pojasnili in "te bo prišel pogledat." In res, v sredo jutraj, ko smo prišli iz nočnih manevrov, mi je povedal vojak-stražnik, da me je iskal mlad fant. Dal mi je njegovo ime in naslov: Private Eddie Planisek, 80th regiment. O, sem si mislil, bo pa že pravi, in še isti večer je prišel spet sem. Takoj sva jo udarila po slovensko in ker on zna igrati na piano, sva tudi zapela in pela sva skoro do enajste ure zvečer, ko naju je častnik nagnal, da je že čas, da se gre spat. Včeraj pa sva bila skupaj v mestu cel popoldne. Obklek sva se v civilno obleko in šla sva v kino, potem pa v mestni park kjer sva obujala spomine na clevelandske čase.

Iz Clevelanda sem jo pobrisal že v nedeljo popoldne, to pa zato, ker ni nič kaj dobre tranzitne portacije od Syracuse pa do Watertona. Med potjo sem se spoznal tudi z ameriškim prostovoljci v kanadski vojski. Bili so štirje iz Clevelanda, kateri so kot pilotje pri zračni sili. V Buffalo so se preselili in, ko smo si podajali roke so rekli: "čez par tednov si bomo podajali pa bombe z Nemci." Dobili so dopust, da so obiskali svoje, predno gredo v Anglijo v vojni in ti fantje so zgledali bolj veseli, kot pa če bi šli na slovensko "ohcet."

Sedaj sem pridružen h kompaniji "A" nisem več pri "B." to pa zato ker sem dobil šoferško licenco in smo dobili vsi prednost, da smo šoferji v prvi kompaniji. Do drugič, kadar bom spet imel priliko, da kaj napišem, bodite pozdravljeni vsi, in drugič se bom oglašil skoro gotovo iz južnih krajev.

Charles Hudina:

Uojak

Rano zjutraj, predno sonce razsvetli našo dolino s svojimi močnimi žarki, nas zbudi ter spravi hitro na noge trikratni vrisk piščalke dežurnega podoficirja. K temu naj pripomnim, da smo dobivali precejšnje porcije navedil od našega prvega narednika (First Sergeant) kako je treba vojaku skočiti zjutraj na noge, kakor hitro sliši že prvi vrisk piščalke, in to brez vsakih okljev in pretežavaj, še ostati nadalje v postelji. Temu se je privaditi precej težko onim, (večina vsem) kateri niso bili vajeni vstajati na povelje nikoli poprej. To je le toliko zdrava navada, v kolikor se je pač mora privaditi sleherni vojak.

Dasiravno je zgodnje vstajanje koristna in zdrava navada, vendar sem prepričan, da te navade ne bo noben izvajal po odslužitvi svojega vojaškega roka v privatnem življenju.

Za čas vojaškega službovanja v mirni dobi je vojaku edini in pravi dom vojašnica. Vojašnice se je pa treba privaditi ter uživati v zavednost, da si vojak ter obenem pozabiti na udobnost, ki si jo imel s svojim privatnem življenju. Najbolje, da si kar za- poješ: "I am in the army (Dalje na 8. strani)

