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NA MARTINOVO

Mnogi slovenski priseljenci se še spominjamo martinovanja v starem kraju. Martinovo pride po koledarju na dan 11. novembra in za Slovence v starem kraju je bil omenjeni dan nekak neuradni zahvalni dan. Poljski pridelki so bili večinoma pospravljeni, in to je bilo vredno proslaviti z malo gostijom. V vinorodnih krajih Slovenije je bilo na Martinovo tudi "krščevanje" vina. Do Martinovega praznika se je mlado vino imenovalo mošt, takrat pa je postal vino, z vsemi pravicami polnoletnosti. Po vinskih goričah Slovenije je bilo torej vsako leto na Martinovo mnogo veselja, petja in vriskanja. Zadnja leta je ta narodni običaj Slovenije prekinjen, kajti preko sončnih vinskih goriev se je razpregla strupena meglag nacifašizma, ki je zastrla sončni sij nekdanjega veselja ter zadušila petje in vriskanje. Nekdanji veseli Slovenci, ki so še živi, hrepenijo po novem 11. novembru, po novem Martinovanju.

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Dne 11. novembra 1918, to je pred 25 leti, je bilo podpisano premirje prve svetovne vojne. Veselje prizadetega prebivalstva je bilo nepopisno. Celo mi, ki smo takrat živeli v Zedinjenih državah, daleč od aktualnih bojišč, smo bili takrat tako rekoč pijani veselji. Upali smo, da tisto premirje prinese pravi mir med narodi sveta in da odpravi krvave vojne za vselej. Žal, da je premirje ostalo le premirje, ki ni trajalo niti četr stoletja. Sedanja svetovna vojna je zavzela mnogo večji obseg kot prejšnja in je neprimerno hujše zadela našo rodno Slovenijo in tudi našo adoptirano Ameriko. Žrtve v krvi in blagu so neprimerno večje in vojna obeta biti mnogo daljša kot je bila prejšnja. Noben rešenj človek ne pričakuje, da bi se zaključila letos 11. novembra. Kljub temu vidimo v datumu 11. novembra nekak simbol konca vojne. Kakor se je zadnja vojna izdijavala 11. novembra 1918, tako bo enkrat konec sedanje vojne. Mi pa smo odločeni z vsemi močmi pomagati naši vlasti v Washingtonu, da s pomočjo svojih zaveznic čim prej in zmagovalno zaključi sedanje vojno. Pri tem iskreno upamo, da bo konec sedanje vojne prinesel ne samo premirje, ampak pravi, trajni mir in bratsko sožitje med vsemi svobodo ljubečimi narodi sveta, da bodočnost človeštva eno samo veliko martinovanje.

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Dne 11. novembra letos bo tudi zaključek kampanje za nabiranje novih članov, katero je Ameriška bratska zveza razpisala v proslavo svoje 45-letnice. V teh izrednih časih so bile običajne proslave skoro nemogoče izvzrokov, ki so vsakemu znani. Da pa tako važen jubilej kot je 45-letnica ne bi šel neopažen mimo nas, je bila razpisana gori omenjena kampanja in dolgot iste je bila določena na 45 tednov. Ta rok poteče 11. novembra. Za vpsi novih članov veljajo tekom kampanje zvišane redne nagrade, poleg tega pa dobi tajnik vsakega društva, ki v tem času vpsi za 45 točk novih članov, \$45.00 posebne nagrade. Vse to je bilo v našem glasilu tekom kampanje že večkrat povedano in bo še. Ljudje smo pač pozabljivi. Toda zdaj ni več dosti časa za pozabljivost. Natančno v štirih tednih bo kampanja zaključena.

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Štiri tedne ni dolga doba, toda agilna društva in agilni člani jo lahko še z dobrim uspehom izrabijo. Nekaj društev je že doseglo in preseglo predpisano kvoto novih članov in si priborilo prvo nagrado. Večina društev sodeluje bolj ali manj uspešno. Nekatera med njimi si bodo še prisužila prvo nagrado. Druga naj k uspehu kampanje prispevajo vsaj toliko kot jim je v razmerah mogoče. Vsačka točka, ki jo pridobjije, pomaga k rasti in ugledu Ameriške bratske zveze in k lepši proslavi njene 45-letnice. Bratje in sestre, 11. ura bije, mislite na 11. november in na martinovanje v počast Ameriške bratske zveze!

VSAK PO SVOJE

(Nadaljevanje s 1. strani)

nas streljam samo mršave kozle, ki so neužitni in brez poinov.

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V mestu Sarnia, Ontario, je Ethel Trott vložila na sodišču pram Elmerju Mottu. V tožbi načrta, da je že leta 1908 obljubil, da jo poroči, pa še vzdno odlaša. Nekaterim ljudim se res nikamor ne mudi,

Maršal Jožef Stalin ima v tej deželi, posebno med bogatši, precej sovražnikov. Ima pa tudi prijatelje, zlasti med manj imovitimi sloji. Dva ribiča v okraju Vermillion v Louisiani sta s skupnimi prihranki kupili mudil se je v Clevelandu na počitnicah, in, kot je povedal, mu je ugajalo.

Mrs. Guzel iz Loydella, Pa., članica tamkajšnjega društva št. 35 ABZ, mudila se je na

Costikyan, trgovec s preprogrami v New Yorku, pa je kupil in poslal Stalini za \$1,300.00 vojnih bondov. Vsi so izjavili, da želijo pomagati ruskemu ljudstvu, ki se tako junaško boriti na strani zaveznikov. Vsi se zavedajo, da Nemci, katere likvidirajo Rusi, ne bodo pobijali ameriških fantov.

obisku pri svoji omoženi hčeri Mrs. Šuštersič v Clevelandu.

Mihail Rovanšek, Sr., član društva št. 36 ABZ v Coneau, Pa., bivši gl. predsednik JSKJ, sedanje ABZ, bivši prvi podpredsednik 16. redne konvencije ABZ in oče Cyrila Rovanška, tajnika društva št. 37 ABZ v Clevelandu, Ohio. Mihail Rovanšek je prišel v Cleveland na pogreb svojega brata Johna Rovanška, ki je umrl dne 9. oktobra.

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Ko je bila nedavna kampanja prodaje vojnih bondov na višku, je blizu hiše W. H. Lasdon nekje v državi New York treščilo na tla vojaško letalo brez pilota. Razbito letalo so prišle gledati velike množice ljudi, in Lasdon, ki je bil načelnik lokalnega odbora za prodajo bondov, je priliko hitro izrabil. Prodal je radovednem za \$48,000.00 vojnih bondov.

Tajnik narodnega udruženja mlekarjev je oni dan povedal kongresnikom v Washingtonu, da so začele krave izvajati passivno rezistenco. Site so vojne in vedno večji zahtev za mleko. Kaj bo, če izgubijo čade ves patriotizem in se odločijo za sedeči štrajk! Ta bi bila lepa!

Domači vrtnarji so iznajdljivi na vse načine; posebno slovenski domači vrtnarji. Rojak v Clevelandu je imel precej peščen lot, pripraven za gojitev krompirja, toda bal se je, da bi bilo treba nasad skoro vsak dan zalivati. Pa se je brihtni rojak domislil in je med vrste krompirja nasadil čebule. Sklepal je, da krompir ima oči in da oči se solzijo, kadar pridejo v bližino čebule. In tako je bilo. Krompir se je solzil in s solzami zalival sebe in čebulo. Bilo je nekako tako kot pravi tista narodna pesem o dečki, ki je s solzami prilivala rožci sredi srca. Samo bolj praktično.

V Slovenskem narodnem domu na St. Clair Avenue v Clevelandu, Ohio, bo v nedeljo 17. oktobra izvajan varietni program, prirejen po lokalni podružnici št. 2 JPOSS. Prične se ob 3. uri popoldne.

AMERIŠKI REPORTER NA BALKANU

(Nadaljevanje s 1. strani)

obale med mestni "Omis" in "Opitz" je skoro popolnoma v oblasti partizanov.

"Padec mesta Splita v noči od 27. na 28. septembra je posenil eno največjih nacijskih zmag napram partizanom. Ko je Italija formalno stopila iz vojne, je bilo v Splitu osem tisoč italijanskih vojakov. Partizani so vdrli v mesto in Italijane razrožili. Partizani so imeli za povrnatni marsikak račun z Italijani zaradi njihovega postopanja napram domačemu prebivalstvu tekom okupacije, toda niso izvajali nikake osvete, ker so slišali, da bosta Anglia in Amerika priznali Italijane za nove zavezne.

V teh čudnih vojnih časih se dogajajo čudne in nenavadne reči, velike in male, važne in nevažne. Dogodki, kakršnim nismo vajeni, se nam zde čudni. Na primer, nič-čudnega se nam ne zdi, če pridejo na sejo društveni uradniki, ostali člani pa se odlikujejo s svojo odsotnostjo. Nedavno nedeljo pa sem bil na seji, kjer je bilo ravno obratno. Prišlo je ducat članov, uradnika pa nobenega. Eden je obolel, eden je moral delati, eden je pa pozabil priti. Tako smo imeli sejo, ki prav za prav in po paragrafih ni bila seja. Razprave so bile živahne in vsi sklepali sprejeti soglasno in brez zapisnika, kakor pri partizanah v gorah balkanskih. Po uradnih zadevah smo prešli na storije. Najbolj se nam je dopadla storija članice Micke, kak trubel je imela pred četrt stoletjem, da je prišla v organizacijo. Pri zdravniški preiskavi je bila pronađena en funt pretrežka in je bila odklonjena. To jo je razjedilo, da je šla domov in začela hujšati. Ne vsled jeze, ampak vsled dijet. Ko je prišla čez en mesec k ponovni zdravniški preiskavi, je bila devet funtov lažja in potrjena za sprejem. Kje je danes ženska, ki bi se toliko žrtvovala za organizacijo! Sledilo je še par zabavnih anekdot, nakar je bila ura poldne in zanimiva seja zaključena. In vse zborovalce je zabavalo, da je bila zaključena seja, ki ni bila nikdar odprtta. Vidite, take reči se dogajajo v teh vojnih časih. Kaj še bo!

A. J. T.

SLOVENSKIE VESTI

(Nadaljevanje s 1. strani)

Uredništvo Nove Dobe so pred dnevi posetili:

Joseph Fajfar, član društva št. 70 ABZ v Chicagu, znan igralec in pevec v šaljivih kupletih; mudil se je v Clevelandu na počitnicah, in, kot je povedal, mu je ugajalo.

Mrs. Guzel iz Loydella, Pa., članica tamkajšnjega društva št. 35 ABZ; mudila se je na

ro nepristopnem kenjonu. Ta počela je v radijski zvezzi z glavnim stanom partizanske armade nekje v srcu Bosne, katere veljnik je "drug" Josip Broz (Tito).

"Gledo nemške okupacije Dubrovniku ni bilo nikdar nikakoga dvoma, ker Dubrovnik je preblizu Mostarju, kjer je baza nemške divizije "Prinz Eugen," da bi mogli partizani napasti mesto. Nemci se trudijo, da držijo odprtzo zeleniško zvezzo do Beograda, katero partizani postogo napadajo, in strogo stražijo cesto ob obali, ki vodi od Dubrovnika do Boke Kotorske, ki je eno najboljših pristanišč na svetu. Boka Kotorska bi bila idealna pridobitev za zavezniško mornarico, toda krvida, da je v rokah sovražnika, pripisujejo partizani Mihajlovičevim četnikom, katerih naloga je bila braniti isto.

"Med partizani in četniki vladala danes tako ostro sovražstvo kot je tipično v zgodovini Balkana. Partizani trdijo, da imajo dokumentarne dokaze, da je bil Mihajlovič financiran in oboren v nadzornikov, medtem, ko so morali partizani malone z golimi rokami boriti proti Nemcem, Italijanom in "ustašem."

"Partizani trdijo, da se gre Mihajlovič edino za upovstevanje Karadžorževičeve monarhije in srbske nadvlade nad južnimi Slovani in za nadaljevanje vlade, ki je zbežala iz dežele na vrnino v inozemstvo.

"Mi nečemo kralja; mi hočemo demokracijo." Tako so mi povedali partizani.

ZNANJE VEČ JEZIKOV

(Nadaljevanje s 1. strani)

sko. In, če bi nič drugega ne bi, je že to nekaj vredno, da se naša slovenščina obvladajoča mladina domačo počuti v družbah, kjer se slovensko govori. To vidimo na naših veselicah, sejih in konvencijah. Morda ti mladi ljudje bolj s težavo govorijo slovensko, toda razumejo dobro. Tako ni zadreg in ni treba prevajanja.

V Clevelandu, Ohio, vzdržuje Slovenski narodni dom na St. Clair Avenue že dvajseto leto Slovensko mladinsko šolo, kjer se otroci, ki pohajajo javne šole, v šole prostih dneh učijo slovensko čitati in pisati. Iz te šole je izšlo že lepo število fanfov in deklet, ki se danes udejstvujejo pri slovenskih dramatičnih društvih, v pevskih zborih, v podpornih društvih in drugod, kjer jim slovenščina prav pride. Šola se je za te mlade ljudi izkazala za dobro ustanovo. Dne 16. oktobra se začne novo šolsko leto in tej šoli, in je prizoriščivo, da starši svoje otrok vpišejo vanjo. Če se nekaj bolje priučijo slovenščine kot bi se jo mogli doma, jim prav gotovo ne bo skodovalo, lahko pa jim koristi.

Upoštevati je vredno, da je slovenščina dober ključ do drugih slovenskih jezikov. Kdor zna slovensko, bo brez težko razumel Hrvata ali Srba ter precej dobro tudi Bolgara in Slovaka. Po partidenskem občevanju bo priljubno razumel tudi Čeha ali Poljaka. Ruščina, ta največji slovenski jezik, ki se bo morda v bodočnosti uveljavil kot občevalni jezik za večji del vzhodne in južne Evrope in za znaten del Azije, je slovenščini čudovito podobna.

Ruski in slovenski jezik sta si mnogo bližja kot na primer slovenski in češki. To pomeni, da kdor zna ali bo znał slovenščino, se bo, če ga bo začimalo, zlahko priučil ruščine. In zelo verjetno je, da bo imela po tej vojni Amerika mnogo trgovskih in drugih zvez z Rusijo. Iz tega izhaja, da bo za taka poslovanja potrebovala ljudi, ki bodo poleg angleščine obvladali tudi ruščino. Zato naj bi mladina ne zamenjala slovenščine, ki je tako dober ključ do svetovnega

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Nova Doba



News From Home — Yank Morale Builder

It has been very gratifying to the editors of the Nova Doba to receive mail from our members in the armed services in which they tell how much they enjoy reading the paper. Yes, a newspaper from home is a welcome item to the boys who are far away, fighting for freedom. We received letters from the boys which told us they try to read the Slovenc section as well as reading the English. Others tell us that they read the paper several times before discarding it. Still others write that they pass it on to their buddies.

English-speaking lodges of the AFU should remember this and try to contribute news of their respective lodges. Any serviceman that belongs to one of these lodges eagerly scans the pages hoping to see some news about his lodge activities and his home town friends.

We wish to express our gratitude to all the members of these lodges who have frequently contributed articles to our paper. To those lodges which have reported little or nothing of their activities I would like to say: Won't you write something about your lodge so the boys on the fighting front will not be disappointed? Why not elect a regular lodge reporter who will send in news reports at frequent intervals?

The official organ is your paper, it will be as good as you make it. This voice of fraternalism is here to serve the members as a medium of expression. All news, regardless of how insignificant it may seem to you is "welcome news from home" to our boys! The editors are ready to cooperate in every way in bringing your lodge activities to our pages. How about it, members? Let's satisfy the servicemen's longing for news from home. The pages of the Nova Doba are open to all members. Freedom of expression is one of the things we are fighting to preserve. Let's make the most of it. Write about your lodge activities now. Help keep up the morale of our boys on the fighting fronts with "news from home!"

Thought For The Day

America For Me,

"Tis fine to see the Old World, and travel up and down Among the famous palaces and cities of renown, To admire the crumby castles and the statues of the kings,— But now I think I've had enough of antiquated things.

So it's home again, and home again, America for me! My heart is turning home again, and there I long to be, In the land of youth and freedom beyond the ocean bars, Where the air is full of sunlight and the flag is full of stars.

Oh, it's home again, and home again, America for me! I want a ship that's westward bound to plow the rolling sea, To the blessed Land of Room Enough beyond the ocean bars, Where the air is full of sunlight and the flag is full of stars.

—Henry Van Dyke

Save Waste Fats

As a vital necessity to the successful prosecution of the war, American housewives must save at least 200 million pounds of waste fats this year. This can be done if every family saves only one tablespoonful every day.

Be your own Commando with purchases of more War Bonds!

STOP ACCIDENTS—SPEED VICTORY

That was the keynote of the 32nd National Safety Congress held in Chicago, Ill., on October 5th, 6th and 7th. The Greater Cleveland Safety Council says every citizen has a part in the accident prevention campaign. YOUR part is to be extra careful at home, at work and at play.

VOICE FROM THE FRONT



Social Held By Lodge 230, AFU Was Big Success

The social recently held by Lodge No. 230, AFU of Chisholm, Minn. was very well attended. I feel it is my duty to thank all those who attended and all who helped in any way to make this social the success it was. I especially want to thank our President, Katie Petrovic, for her beautiful gift. I also want to express my gratitude to the following lodge members who donated gifts and helped in every way, namely: Mary Marsich, Louise Vessel, Mary Susnik, Katie Ambrozic, Frances Okoren, Theresa Gerzin, Anna Pluth, Agnes Debeklak, Katie Popovich and Katie Petrovic. I also thank the following members for their donations: Jennie Zobec, Mary Stark and Theresa Mehle. Thanks to the cooks Mrs. Oberstar and Mary James, as also to the juvenile helpers Jimmy Debeklak and Dorothy Marsich. A big vote of thanks to Mrs. Marcus Kelly (Frances Kosmerl) who displayed our gifts in her window and in this way helped our social to be a success.

Last but not least I thank every one who sold tickets and attended the affair, in fact everyone who helped in any way toward the success of our social.

Mary Zurga, Sec'y
Lodge No. 230, AFU
Chisholm, Minn.

Inside the Axis

Crackdown on Farmers Who Fail to Meet Nazi Quotas

A discriminatory tax is being applied by Nazi occupation authorities in Yugoslavia against farmers who fail to meet their agricultural quotas. The Belgrade newspaper "Novo Vreme" reported that the puppet government of General Milan Nedić had decided to levy a 120 per cent surtax on landowners in Serbia, with landowners in the Banat region being required to pay only 60 per cent "because they fulfilled hitherto all their obligations and delivered the required agricultural products to the authorities."

Serb Lot Under Nazi Occupation

The Belgrade newspaper Novo Vreme recently reported the following prices on the open market in Belgrade: one cucumber, 44 cents; one kilogram (2.2 pounds) of potatoes, \$2.25; one kilogram of green beans, \$2.00; one kilogram of peas, \$1.60; and one kilogram of apples, \$1.35.

Earlier the Novo Vreme had reported that Yugoslav joining the Nazi Todt construction organization were paid 700 dinars a month for married men and 600 dinars for single men. At the 1940 exchange rate, this amounts to \$15.75 a month for married men and \$13.50 for single men.

Parents, if your youngster rides a bicycle to school, he'll be much safer on the way, reminds the Greater Cleveland Safety Council, if you impress upon him that riding without holding the handlebars and other tricks are not smart and not patriotic. Remind him that airplane pilots do not take unnecessary chances.

Latest Results of the AFU 45th Anniversary Membership Campaign

AFU 45-POINT HONOR ROLL:

Lodge No. 21, Denver, Colo.
Lodge No. 114, Ely, Minn.
Lodge No. 2, Ely, Minn.
Lodge No. 225, Milwaukee, Wis.
Lodge No. 190, Butte, Mont.
Lodge No. 37, Cleveland, O.
Lodge No. 70, Chicago, Ill.

Lodges having 10 or more points to their credit in this campaign are as follows:

MINNESOTA

Lodge No. 1, Ely, Minn., 21 points; **Lodge No. 2, Ely, Minn., 21 points;** **Lodge No. 200, Ely, Minn., 19 points;** **Lodge No. 120, Ely, Minn., 16 points;** **Lodge No. 114, Ely, Minn., 14 points;** **Lodge No. 85, Aurora, Minn., 13 points;** **Lodge No. 230, Chisholm, Minn., 13 points;** **and Lodge No. 30, Chisholm, Minn., 12 points.**

OHIO

Lodge No. 132, Euclid, Ohio, 35 points; **Lodge No. 229, Struthers, Ohio, 19 points;** **Lodge No. 44, Barberton, Ohio, 16 points;** **Lodge No. 137, Cleveland, Ohio, 13½ points;** **Lodge No. 71, Cleveland, Ohio, 12½ points,** **and Lodge No. 173, Cleveland, Ohio, 12 points.**

PENNSYLVANIA

Lodge No. 55, Uniontown, Pa., 24½ points; **Lodge No. 40, Claridge, Pa., 14 points;** **Lodge No. 57, Export, Pa., 13½ points;** **Lodge No. 36, Conemaugh, Pa., 13 points;** **Lodge No. 221, Center, Pa., 11½ points,** **and Lodge No. 29, Imperial, Pa., 10½ points.**

COLORADO

Lodge No. 101, Walsenburg, Colo., 19½ points; **Lodge No. 84, Trinidad, Colo., 16½ points;** **Lodge No. 21, Denver, Colo., 14½ points;** **Lodge No. 140, Morley, Colo., 13 points,** **and Lodge No. 78, Salida, Colo., 10 points.**

ILLINOIS

Lodge No. 66, Joliet, Ill., 41½ points; **Lodge No. 170, Chicago, Ill., 19½ points;** **Lodge No. 124, La Salle, Ill., 18½ points,** **and Lodge No. 94, Waukegan, Ill., 13½ points.**

MONTANA

Lodge No. 43, East Helena, Mont., 29½ points, **and Lodge No. 88, Roundup, Mont., 18 points.**

WYOMING

Lodge No. 28, Kemmerer, Wyo., 37 points.

WISCONSIN

Lodge No. 225, Milwaukee, Wis., 10 points.

INDIANA

Lodge No. 45, Indianapolis, Ind., 11 points.

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The campaign will soon draw to a conclusion. How much did you contribute to the success of this campaign? You have until Nov. 11th to enroll new members during the AFU 45th Anniversary Membership Campaign. Let's all do our utmost to make this campaign an overwhelming success!

The Only War Bond you'll ever regret is the one you didn't buy!



Notice to Members of Lodge 6, AFU Lorain, Ohio

At the last meeting of Lodge No. 6, AFU of Lorain, Ohio it was suggested and urgently requested that all the members should attend the monthly meetings hereafter regularly, because of the coming convention. At these meetings the By-laws will be reviewed and various articles will be brought up for discussion. Now is the time for the members to suggest and give their opinion on the different topics, so that the candidates attending the convention may present them there. Again I request that the members come to every meeting hereafter, for nothing can be accomplished with only a few members attending. Thank you. Fraternally yours,

Ludwig Vidrick, Sec'y
Lodge No. 6, AFU
Lorain, Ohio

Lodge No. 170, AFU, Chicago, Ill., to Hold Social November 13

Members of Lodge No. 170, AFU of Chicago, Ill. are hereby notified that I will move on October 16th. My new address will be: 1846 W. Cullerton St. (near Wolcott St.).

Our next meeting will be held Wednesday, Oct. 20th at the home of Sister Mary Golenko, 2246 Blue Island Ave. I ask all members to positively attend this meeting for it will be very important one.

As it was already reported in the Nova Doba, our lodge will hold a social on Saturday, Nov. 13th at the Golenko quarters. The affair will be for the benefit of our lodge treasury. All members are invited to attend. Members of neighboring lodges are also cordially invited to attend. The admission will be free of charge. For refreshment, genuine goulash will be served, also free of charge. This is certainly inviting especially today when everything needs points. Our lodge wishes to serve its guests well and without points. More about this affair will be discussed at our coming meeting. Everyone should attend.

Members are again asked to remember my new address, especially those who pay their assessments by mail. The address is: 1846 W. Cullerton St. (on the first floor). Regards to all.

Agnes Jurecic, Sec'y
Lodge No. 170, AFU
Chicago, Ill.

CAREFUL CANNING

This season thousands of housewives who never before tackled the venture will be putting up surplus foods from Victory gardens. In the case of acid foods such as tomatoes there is no danger, but non-acid foods, such as string beans and corn, require processing in pressure cookers to avoid the danger of botulinus bacillus—the most powerful poison known. If such foods have been canned in any other manner they should, upon opening for use, be reboiled for at least 15 minutes before tasting or using. Home-canned foods that show the slightest evidence of spoiling should be rejected without testing.

—Your Health Magazine

Sixth Winner In AFU Membership Campaign Is Member of An "Army" Family!

call; and Pvt. Edward Rovansek, 23, inducted at the same time as John, in April, 1942.

The four Rovansek brothers who previously saw service in the Army are Louis Rovansek, who was stationed in Hawaii for 48 months; Cyril Rovansek who served three years in Texas; Victor Rovansek who served his three-year enlistment at Schofield Barracks in Hawaii; and Frank Rovansek who was with the army in the Panama Canal Zone for nearly three years. The ninth and only son of the Rovansek family without Army service is Martin Rovansek, who is married and lives with his parents. A sister, Mrs. Angeline Yarina lives in Conemaugh, Pa. A cousin, Capt. Joseph S. Rovansek, of Conemaugh, Pa. has been in the service for the past eight years.

Brother Cyril Rovansek is an active AFU worker, following in his father's footsteps. Mr. Michael Rovansek Sr. served as AFU Supreme President from 1917 to 1921. He also was 1st Vice-Chairman of the AFU 16th Convention.

We can certainly refer to the Michael Rovansek family as the No. 1 AFU Army Family! All honor to this family who are doing their share in order to insure freedom and democracy for the world.

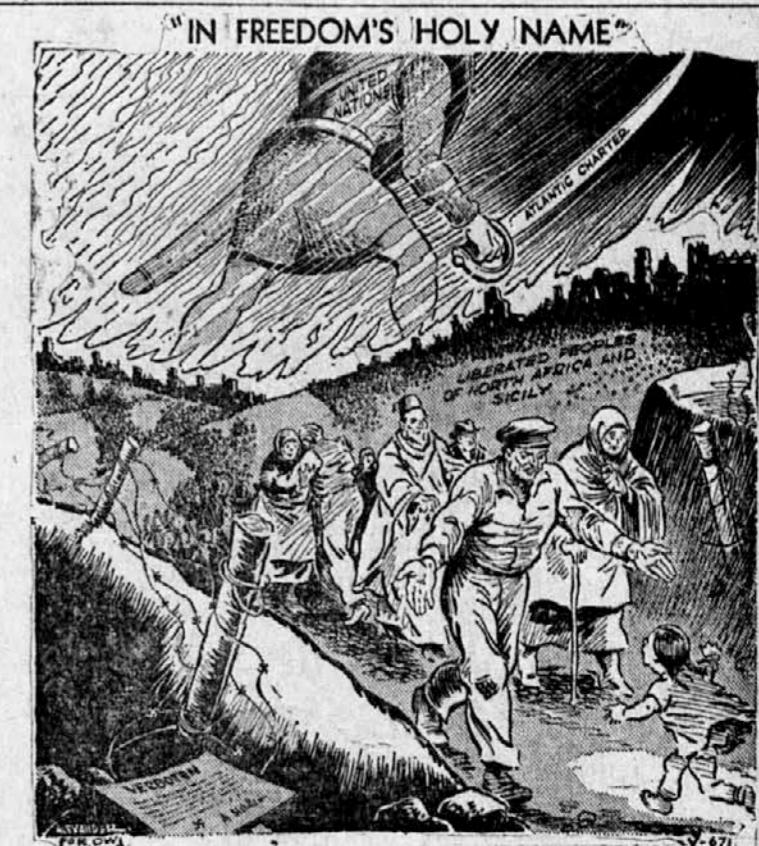
Lodge 75 To Hold Important Meeting Oct. 17, Also Dance On November 6

Lodge No. 75, AFU of Meadowlands, Pa., will hold an important meeting on Oct. 17, 1943 at 9:30 a. m. Members are urgently requested to attend. Perhaps it is not necessary to tell the nature of the business we have on this date, but I'll give you a brief outline. It is known that a handful of Slovencs got together and are trying to build a Slovenc Hall in Meadowlands. It doesn't have to be emphasized as to how badly we need one and for the life of me, I can't see why we don't have one. The other two Slovenc lodges have already chosen their committees of five members and we want to do the same. However, at our last meeting there weren't enough members present. So come on, you members, let's see a few new faces get up here and help a few of us desperate ones along. I don't believe there has ever been a lady attending any of our meet-

ings so get together, about a dozen of you ladies, and attend this meeting. I'm sure you'll be welcome and maybe you'll like it and come again.

As you all know, Lodge No. 75, AFU is sponsoring a dance on Saturday, Nov. 6th featuring Les Faulk and his orchestra. So don't forget all you members, friends and neighboring lodges, we'll be expecting to see you all on Nov. 6th.

Joseph Murn, Sec'y
Lodge No. 75, AFU
Meadowlands, Pa.



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News of AFU Yanks

Pvt. Louis Verch writes a very interesting letter for AFU readers this week: Hello AFU Friends: Here I am again splashing some ink your way. I hope this letter finds you all in good spirits. There isn't much news from here in Iceland; same old routine. However, we were lucky to be entertained by Jack Benny and Winnie Shaw a few weeks ago. They certainly put on a good show.

I am sending you a little verse which was written by a 19 year old Swedish soldier from Indiana. It was written on Bataan at dusk. The morning after he had written it he was killed by shell fire. A burial detail of four soldiers found the verse in his pocket, scribbled on the wrapper of a cigarette pack. This soldier unknowingly composed the first genuine plea of World War II. I think this verse should be inscribed on the bulletin boards of every war plant, printed in every journal, preached from every pulpit, cherished in every American heart. He wrote:

*"And if our lines should sag and break
 Because of things you failed to make;
 That extra tank, that ship, that plane
 For which we waited all in vain,
 Will you then come to take the blame?
 For we, not you, must pay the cost
 Of battles you—not we—have lost."*

Yes, Pvt. Verch, we agree with you that every American should carry these words in their hearts. Thank you for the interesting letter.

Friends may write to Pvt. Verch at the following address: Pvt. Louis C. Verch, 33201662 Co. A. 824th Eng., Bn Avn, (Sep)

APO 610 c/o Postmaster New York, N. Y.

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T/Sgt. Ladislav Debevec notifies us of his change of address. Since the letter is censored, I presume he is no longer in the states. He writes: "I surely miss the Nova Doba. Please change my address so the paper will reach me here. I like this new location and the people here are very friendly. Sorry I can't tell you more, not even a little bit of information but I hope you understand why. I am healthy and happy and wish to say hello to all my AFU friends."

Thank you, Sgt. Laddie, and write again. The sergeant's new address is:

T/Sgt. Ladislav Debevec, 35304063 UPS 291st Engr. Combat Bn, APO 4925 c/o Postmaster New York, N. Y.

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Pfc. Steve Babich sends us this week, what he calls a "special" letter. He writes as follows:

Dear AFU Members: Here is a new kind of letter especially for mothers and fathers. I would like to tell you of a case of one of our boys who returned from somewhere overseas. One day we loaded our camp truck with mail and drove it down to where the boys were. This particular boy spoke to me and very frankly too, as a real American. "I don't know your name," he said, "but I'd like to tell you what mail from home means to us boys." He said that the boys would rather not eat than miss a letter. According to his story, mail is first and food second, in the minds of our boys. He asked me to tell all the folks back home to be sure and write to the boys. So please, Mom and Dad, sister and brother, don't forget to write to that boy. Also don't forget him on

the biggest day of the year, Dec. 25th. I know that many of you parents cry while wrapping up that present but your boy's tears when he gets it will be tears of happiness. He will know that he is being remembered by the folks back home. So all of you AFU members, don't forget the boys in the service. Send them mail and packages for Christmas.

Another way you can do your boys the most good is to invest every cent you can spare in U.S. War Bonds. Buy more and more War Bonds so our boys out there can have what they need.

Now for a little story about the way the boys call out for marching. A company of soldiers are coming down the street; this is what you hear:

Pfc.: You should have stayed home—

Squad: But you left—you left,

Pfc.: You had a good girl—

Squad: But you left—you left,

Squad: (Now on the right foot) It's time for Chow!

Pfc. yells: Squad halt! Slide it! (In four movements, distinct yet merged into one, the G-I come down to order arms).

Cross your right eye! (Up go the rifles to right shoulder arms). Cross your left eye! (The guns move to left shoulder arms). Peep in it! (They snap to inspection of arms.)

Big Man Coming! (They close their bolts and present arms.)

Big Man Gone! (They return to order arms.) Get it off!

(They stand at ease.) There they go again. "Get it on" snaps the Pfc. The squad stands stiff at attention. Kick off! (They swing down the street to the rhythm of his call)—You had a good girl but you left—you left!

Hope you all enjoyed my letter, will write more next time. Regards to everyone.

Pfc. Steve Babich, 15322552 Ft. Lawton Post Office Dep't Seattle, Wash.
U. S. Army

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Pfc. John Guzell postcards us his new address. He says, "Just dropping a few lines to let you know my change of address. I enjoy reading the Nova Doba. It reminds me a lot of days that used to be and which, I hope, will be again some day." Thank you Pfc. Guzell. Friends are asked to note his change of address:

Pfc. John J. Guzell, 35015114 23rd Inf. Co. L APO #2, c/o Postmaster New York, N. Y.

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Pvt. Louis Verch sent us a letter asking us to say hello to all his AFU friends. He also enclosed a song which he wrote and says is number one on Hitler's Hit Parade.

"BOMBS FROM HEAVEN"
Every time it rains, it rains bombs from heaven,

I know each cloud contains, planes from heaven,

I'll find my armies taking a beating on all the fronts,

My armies will be ready, when the invasion comes.

Trade the Nazism for a package of Democracy and Freedom,

So when I hear the roaring of planes

I'll get under shelter, 'cause it's bombs from heaven

For my people and me.

Pvt. Verch's friends may write to him at the following address:

Pvt. Louis C. Verch, 3301662 Co. A. 824th Eng. Bn. Asn. (SEP)

APO 610 c/o Postmaster New York, N. Y.

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Save when you Spend! An EXTRA \$100 Bond will Hasten the End!

Badly-Needed Recreation Levy To Be On November Ballot For Cleveland

Cleveland, Ohio voters will have the opportunity of voting for the passage of a One-Tenth Mill Recreation Levy during the coming election. This recreation levy is badly needed in Cleveland where the juvenile delinquency problem is increasing.

The existing support of public recreation has been such that Cleveland is practically at the bottom of a list of 14 large cities, where recreation is concerned. According to a recent survey by the Welfare Federation of Cleveland, playground and other facilities have not been adequately developed. Those which do exist have been allowed to deteriorate for lack of sufficient funds to maintain them in good order.

The inadequacy of recreational facilities has become more and more apparent with the progress of the war. In many homes both parents are now working, leaving children with supervision. Child care centers have been established for the younger children, but



War Production Needs Your Waste Paper:

You can help the war effort and earn money besides, by collecting all waste paper, old boxes, bags, newspapers and especially brown papers and containers. They will be made into blasting kegs and other war weapons! Save and sell waste paper for cash!

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Poultry Feathers Go to War:

Goose, duck and chicken feathers get scarcer by the week as the armed forces take them for flying suits and sleeping bags. Tail feathers, which are not needed for war, are still on the civilian market in shuttle-cocks for badminton players.

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Air-Raid Protection:

More than 25,000 pieces of equipment to protect American cities from air raids have been distributed, announces the Office of Civilian Defense. They include fire hose, medical and surgical equipment, armbands, helmets and fire extinguishers.

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Book Matches Still Available:

When you buy cigarettes you're entitled to free matches with them in most places. Stores which gave them away with smokes in March, 1942 must continue to do so.

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First Aid a Vital Necessity:

It will be even more important to keep healthy this winter, for the shortage of doctors for civilians is going to get worse. The armed forces have obtained only 80% of their requirements for doctors, so they're still taking them into the service. Besides that, 80% of all the new young doctors will go into the army. Have you taken First Aid? And do you know what you should about nutrition to protect your family's health?

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Save Coal By Keeping Out Cold:

It pays to weatherproof a house, according to National Housing Agency surveys, because lowered heating bills gradually pay for the initial cost. Five ways to "winterproof" in any climate that has its winter, are: Insulate walls and ceilings, caulk cracks, install storm windows, weatherstrip doors and keep furnaces in good shape.

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F. J. E.

Illustration of a cartoon character holding a shovel and a pickaxe, standing in front of a fence.

"You need any help?"

CHICAGO AFU BOWLING LEAGUE OPENS SEASON WITH FOUR TEAMS

The Bowling League of Liberty Bell Lodge No. 70, AFU of Chicago, Ill., began its bowling season for 1943-1944 on Friday, Sept. 24th at the South-West Bowling Alleys, Blue Island Ave. and 18th St. The first ball was rolled by the president of the league, Brother Anton Krapenc, who is also the Fourth Supreme Vice-President of the Union. It probably would have been a "strike" but since we were all watching him it made him a little bit nervous and he missed by two pins. Better luck next time, Anton!

Since war inductions have taken many of our younger members and others are awaiting their call, it was impossible this year to have more than four teams with four members each. Besides these 16 bowlers we also have two more who would like to bowl but need two others to make up a team. Any one wishing to bowl with us

should get in touch with us any Friday at 7:15 p. m. at the above-mentioned bowling alleys. Attend our bowling matches, either as a bowler or as an observer.

Standings October 8, 1943:

Won	Lost
6	3
5	4
4	5
3	6

Team High Three Games:

Gottlieb Florists	1796
Maryton Cafe	1656

Team High Single Game:

Maryton Cafe	624
Gottlieb Florists	616

Individual High Three Games:

Bruckman, Max	536
Dolmovich, Louis	475

Individual High Single Game:

Bruckman, Max	210
Bundek, John	196

John Gottlieb, Sec'y of Chicago Liberty Bell AFU Bowling League.

AFU 45th Year Anniversary Awards

The American Fraternal Union now pays higher cash awards to all members who enroll new members in the Adult and Juvenile Departments. The awards are as follows for the Adult Department:

For Plan "D" insured for \$250 death benefit, \$1.50 award;
 For Plan "D" insured for \$500 death benefit, \$2.50 award;
 For Plan "D" insured for \$1,000 death benefit, \$5.00 award;
 For Plan "D" insured for \$1,500 death benefit, \$7.00 award;
 For Plan "D" insured for \$2,000 death benefit, \$9.00 award;
 For Plan "D" insured for \$3,000 death benefit, \$12.00 award;
 For Plan "E" and "F" insured for \$250 death benefit, \$2.00 award;
 For Plan "E" and "F" insured for \$500 death benefit, \$3.00 award;
 For Plan "E" and "F" insured for \$1,000 death benefit, \$6.00 award;
 For Plan "E" and "F" insured for \$1,500 death benefit, \$10.00 award;
 For Plan "E" and "F" insured for \$2,000 death benefit, \$12.00 award;
 For Plan "E" and "F" insured for \$3,000 death benefit, \$18.00 award.

Awards for enrolling new juvenile members:
 For Plan "JA" \$1.00 award; for Plan "JB" \$3.00 award; for Plan "JC" for \$500 insurance, \$3.00 award; for Plan "JD" for \$1,000 insurance, \$5.00 award; for Plan "JD" for \$250 insurance, \$1.50 award; for Plan "JD" for \$500 insurance, \$3.00 award; for Plan "JD" for \$1,000 insurance, \$5.00 award.

All members who enroll new members in the adult or juvenile departments of the American Fraternal Union are entitled to these awards. The awards will be paid when the new members have paid six months dues.

UNITED NATIONS FACTS



these do not provide recreation opportunities for the 13-16 year olds.

Juvenile delinquency and vandalism are increasing. In some sections of the city delinquency is up as high as 55%.

Long and irregular working hours produce industrial fatigue. Adults as well as children, therefore, need increased opportunities for recreation.

The One-Tenth Mill Levy would produce \$127,000 more for recreation. This amount, added to the amount appropriated for 1943 plus certain appropriations from the general fund, would bring the amount available for 1944 to \$577,000 instead of \$385,000. While this is not nearly enough, it would pay for more adequate

WASHINGTON NEWS FLASHES

By Florence D. Startz

"Let me see the check." Grudgingly I obliged, but when he saw I really had it, he smiled and let me pass. This time I went rather cautiously, almost certain I would be called back again. You've guessed it, by the time I got to the room I wanted, it was closed!

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Young Fry in the News: Recently a 17-year-old boy drove to Kentucky to answer a charge

for transporting a stolen auto in interstate commerce. While

the hearing was going on, our

FBI agents made a second in-

vestigation concerning the car

in which the lad had come for

the hearing. It, too, had been

stolen! Now he faces two charges.

When FBI agents recently

questioned a Chinese draft de-

linquent, they came across a

"new" excuse. The young man

said he didn't think it was nec-

essary to register because he

had a brother in the army and

according to an old Chinese

custom, one member of a fami-

ly was enough. That excuse, he

found, didn't hold here in the

West!

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Look for me again next week

with more news from our capi-

tal!

Safety News

Then the secretary asked truly what she thought of it (as they say in Virg.) Even though I was the only in the group, not having been in Washington half a year, I had some fixed opinions, most of which was that I glad to do my little share especially proud of having opportunity to work for the organization that has many outstanding contributions since the war. All four are putting everything into war jobs, and I hope that with everybody, no matter small or unimportant their contribution to victory may

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Car drivers, remember it is just as important to see where you're going when you back as when you go forward. The Greater Cleveland Safety Council reminds you to keep your rear-view mirror properly adjusted and your windows clean. Check thoroughly on all sides before you start to back out into a street or roadway, and then back carefully and watchfully. You can't avoid an accident by looking the other way!

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Any car driver can demand the right of way. But the smart driver will place more value on the safe way than on the right of way. He will thus be prepared to avoid an accident if some other driver refuses or fails to recognize the right of way. The Greater Cleveland Safety Council says the records show you right of way can do more harm than good if you assume it gives you the right to be careless.

Did You Know That

The Joshua tree, the "Lily of the Desert" of the Southwest, is becoming an important factor in war surgery. Splints made from the tree are very light, porous to the extent of supplying good air circulation, and can be readily bent to fit the shape of the injured limb.

The Indians long used the trees as a source of basket-making material, and their use as splints is a development of this idea.

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Though there are vague reports that a blood bank was in use in ancient Egypt, the first recorded case of its use is that of Pope Innocent VIII, in 1492. It was unsuccessful. The present system originated in Russia, where fresh, healthy corpses are drained of their blood, which is later injected into anemic bodies.

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Captain Robert Gray was the first to carry the American flag around the world. He served in the American Navy during the Revolution. In 1787 Gray sailed from Boston as master of the sloop Washington, bound for the Oregon country and the Orient. He returned home in 1790, after rounding the Cape of Good Hope and displaying the American flag in the Atlantic, Antarctic, Pacific and Indian oceans.

DOPISI

Center, Pa. — Članom in članicam lokalne organizacije SANSA na Centru naznjam, da se bo seja te organizacije vršila v nedeljo 17. oktobra ob 2. uri popoldne po društveni seji. Seja se bo vršila v Slovenskem domu na Centru. Vsi člani

in članice te organizacije,

kakor tudi drugi rojaki in rojakinje tukaj in v okolici, ki se za-

stvar zanimajo, so vabljeni,

da pridejo na to sejo. Posebno bi

bilo želite, da bi se seje udeležil kdo iz Rentona, Pa. Razpravljeli bomo, kaj in kako moremo pomagati, da bo po tej strašni vojni vsa Slovenija združena in da bo kot taka tvorila avtonomno deželo v demokratični federaciji Jugoslavije ali v balkanski federaciji. Slovenski ameriški narodni svet, okrajšano SANS, skuša v tem oziru storiti, kar je mogoče. V to

svrhu, kot za vsako drugo svrhu, so seveda potrebna tudi fi-

nančna sredstva. Mi, ki ne mo-

remo na drug način pomagati

boljši bodočnosti križane Slo-

venije, moremo zbirati vsaj fi-

nančna sredstva, da bodo na

razpolago tistim, ki so zmožni in

so bili od naroda postavljeni, da

v tej smernici delujejo. Prosto-

vojne prispevke za SANS po-

biram na Centru Anton Eržen,

Jacob Peterrel in podpisani; na

Universalu Paul Kokal, Frank

Kokal, Frank Habjan in Mar-

75 ABZ:

Joseph Murn, tajnik.

Red Lodge, Mont. — Članstvo

društva Sv. Štefana, št. 58 ABZ,

tem potom obveščam, da se bo

počeniš s tem mesecem, na-

še redne seje spet vršile vsko

TRETJO NEDELJO v mesecu.

Vršile se bodo v navadni dvo-

rani in pričenjale se bodo ob 2.

ur popoldne.

Tekom leta smo obdrževali

seje ob ponedeljkih zvečer.

Dali smo priliko tistim, ki

so to priporočali, češ, da se bo

članstvo bolj številno udeleževalo sej.

Toda pokazalo se je

isto kot prej. Seje niso bila tako

številno posečane kot smo

pričakovali. Upajmo, da bo po-

set boljši v jeseni in pozimi.

Prihodnja seja bo v nedeljo 17.

oktobra. Pridite vse, ki morete.

In vpišite kakega novega člana

v odrasli ali mladinski oddelek,

da nadomestimo izgube, ki smo

ih utrpljeli tekmo leta.

Priporočljivo bi bilo tudi, da se izkaže-

mo aktivne v jubilejni kampanji, ki bo zaključena prihodnji

meseč. Bratski pozdrav! — Za

društvo št. 58 ABZ:

Kaj. Erzoznik, tajnik.

Chicago, Ill. — Izdanje Novakovega besednjaka odloženo.

— Ker se v teh razburkanih časih tisku in papirju cena ne-

prestano viša in se s tem seve-

da večajo tudi tiskovni stroški,

tin Kumar; na Unity Frank Shifrar (2); na North Bessemerju in Newfieldu pa Tom Pivik. Torej, kdor hoče prispeti za dobro stvar, ve, kje to lahko stori. K sklepku še enkrat vabim vse tukajšnje in okoliške rojake, ki se zanimajo za bočnost Slovenije, da se udeležijo seje v nedeljo 17. oktobra popoldne.

Frank Shifrar, tajnik.

Meadow Lands, Pa. — Član društva št. 75 ABZ so nujno vabljeni, da se v kar največjem številu udeležijo prihodnje seje, ki se bo vršila v nedeljo 17. oktobra in se bo pričela ob pol desetih (9.30) dopoldne. Mislim, da ni treba poudarjati, da bomo imeli na omenjeni seji za rešitino zelo važno zadevo. Vendra naj na kratko omenim, da se gre za zgraditev Slovenske dvorane v Meadow Landsu. Da jo potrebujemo, o tem ni dvoma.

Za zadevo se morajo zavzeti dve slovenski društvi v Meadow Landsu sta že izvolili potrebne odbornike v to svrhu, in sicer vsako društvo po pet.

Naša društva mora storiti isto, to je izvoliti pet članov.

Zato je važno, da se prihodnje seje 17. oktobra udeležijo po možnosti vse člani, katerih ne zadržuje kakšen poseben vzrok. Priporočljivo bi bilo,

da pridejo na sejo tudi članice.

Saj jih imamo kak ducat pri

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Balkanska ljudstva in komunizem

Začetkom septembra letos je izdala založba The Bobbs Merrill Co., 468—4th Avenue, New York City, knjigo z naslovom "Escape from the Balkans," katero je spisal bolgarski novinar Mihail Padev.

Mr. Padev je dovršil svoje študije na ameriškem kolegiju in je bil svoj čas časniški poročevalcev "London Timesa" v Sofiji. Iz Bolgarije je šel s svojo ženo v letu 1941 in sedaj živi v Londonu. Njegova žena je bivša princesa Priscilla Bibesco, hči enkratnega rumunskega poslanika v Zdr. državah.

S posebnim dovoljenjem začetnikov je "Bulletin" Združenega odbora povzel iz knjige Mr. Padeva poglavje, ki je važno z vidika vprašanja, kaj se danes smatra za komunizem na Balkanu. Po mojem mnenju je to, kar o tem pove Mr. Padev tako informativno, da hočem v tekočem članku citirati nekatere njegove ugotovitve. To pa največ iz razloga, da se prične čistiti pojme in se na ta način prikaže stremljenja in želje balkanskih ljudstev v pravi luči.

Mr. Padev pravi v svoji knjigi, da si je z njo zagotovil место v seznamu Gestapa. Toda, kakor malo se ono briga za obtožitve od strani Gestapa, tako mu ni mar, kaj porečeo k njegovi knjigi razni balkanski politični krožki v Angliji ali Ameriki. V tem smislu je značilno, ko piše:

"Ko sem se odločil, da napišem to knjigo, sem se zavedel... nasprotij, ki jih bo povzročila. Uvideval sem napade, ki jih bom deležen, če bom poiskusil prikazati britski in ameriški javnosti resnično sliko Balkana... brez kamoflaže pred sodokov in prosti vsakih pobožnih želj."

"Brezdroma me bodo obtožili, da sem ali plačan agent Tretje internacionale ali pa demokratsko maskiran zagovornik sovražnih balkanskih narodov. Zakaj v Ameriki in Angliji obstajajo balkanski krožki, ki še vedno misijo na meje, teritorije in strategične obrambne točke, krožki, ki še vedno gledajo, kako bi ena balkanska dežela trgala kose teritorijev svoji sosedji, ali kako bi se en balkanski narod upropastil s pličevanjem vojnih odškodnin in reparacij drugemu. Oprijemljeno se prošlosti, nočejo upoštavati sedanosti in se boje pogledati v bodočnost."

"Za moj del se ne interesiram za dozdevna (hipotetična) prerekanja o tem, komu pripada ta ali oni kos balkanskega teritorija... Vse to ozemje pripada balkanskim ljudstvom, kot celoti. Problemi teh ljudstev so socialni, ne narodni. Vlade teh ljudstev so tiste, ki v svoji nezmožnosti rešavanja širokih socialnih problemov, skušajo utrjevati svojo popularnost z umetnim podžiganjem nacijonalizma."

"Prepričan sem bil, ko sem prvič misil na pisanje te knjige... da moj opis balkanskih problemov ne bo prijal nacijonalnim srbskim krogom, kakor tudi ne nacijonalističnim grškim krogom, da pri tem niti ne omenjam nacijonalistov v Sofiji in Bukareštu. Vem, da se ne bodo obotavljal, da me prikažejo, kajti ta knjiga je njihov sovražnik."

"Vsi balkanski nacijonalisti so delovali proti ideji udruženja balkanskih ljudstev in proti interesom ljudstev, katere pravijo, da predstavljajo. Toda jaz mislim in upam, da spadajo v

prošlost. Zelo neverjetno je, da bi še kedaj igrali tako važno vlogo na Balkanu v bodočnosti — ravn, če jih spet postavijo na vlado tuje sile."

Mr. Padev vidi poleg dozdaj omenjenih nasprotnikov svoje knjige še tretjo kategorijo kritikov, ki bodo brezvoma udarili po njej — to so elementi, ki vpijejo proti rdeči nevarnosti na Balkanu. Avtor knjige pravi, da se zaveda, da bodo ti elementi, nele balkanski, ampak tudi britiški in ameriški, gotovo razglasili njegovou knjigo za "boljševisko" literaturo. Trobili bodo, da hoče pisatelj zanesiti po naročilu komunistov rdečo propagando v angleško govorči svet. Padev pravi, da bodo v napačnem, ker:

"Ne razumejo kaj se lahko razumeva pod besedo "komunist" na Balkanu. To je beseda, ki je bila v vseh ozirih tako potvorenja potom pred sodokov, da skoro nima več pomena, kot takata.

"Vseskoz od zadnje svetovne vojne so vse balkanske vlade izrabljale označbo "komunist" v svoj prilog. Sedaj delajo to vše večji meri. Nemški agent Nedić, ki je vzpostavil kvizilensko vlado v Beogradu, označuje kot komuniste vse Srbe, ki so nasprotjni njegovemu režimu so-delovanja z okupatorji. Ante Pavelić, načelnik lutkarske hrvaške države, enako naziva komuniste vse njegovemu režimu na-sprotne Hrvate. Antonescu v Rumuniji odreja smrtne obsodbe proti onim, ki si drzejo kritizirati njegovo politiko — spet komunisti. Pod isto pretvezo je Boris v Bolgariji pobil tisoče Bolgarov, Macedoncev in Grkov, tako v starih mejah, kot na ozemljih, ki jih je "odrešil." Izdajalski grški ministrski predsednik Tsorachoglu proglaša, kot komuniste gerilske skupine ki se bore proti sovražniku..."

Znan je, da sedanjci boriteli proti okupatorjem niso pričeli z borbo šele zdaj, ko je udril Nemec v njihove dežele. Isto ljudje so se borili že prej proti diktatorstvu v svojih deželah. In ta borba je bila važnejša nego vse medsebojno balkansko pričkanje, katero je povzročalo glavobol zapadnoevropskim diplomatom. Zunanji svet pa ni vedel o vrenju in notranji borbi v balkanskih državah, ker se je vsak odpor ljudstva prikazoval v luči komunistične vstaje. Iz tega razloga je zapadni svet gledal ravnodušno in brez zgrajanja na udruženje takih "komunističnih vstav."

V svrhu boljšega razumevanja Mr. Padev tudi izrecno podarja dejstvo, da na Balkanu ni bilo tekom zadnjih deset let nobenih volitev in pri tem pravi:

"Jaz nisem nobenkrat pripadal h kaki komunistični organizaciji, toda nič ne dvomim, da bi, ako bi bil balkanski delavec — Bolgar, Srb, Rumun ali Grk — postal komunist. V drugih besedah povedano, kot delavec bi hotel videti pravice mojih so-delavcev in stanovskih tovarišev, ščitenje in delavec same organizirane v profesionalnih in strokovnih zvezah. To pa seveda še ne pomeni, da bi bil radi tega kaj večji komunist, kot je n. pr. angleški Ernest Bevin ali pa ameriški William Green."

"Komunistični pojavi na Balkanu izvira, po mojem mnenju, iz nečesa, kar jaz označujem, kot ločenje države od ljudstva. Državne administracije v raznih balkanskih državah so pričele do stopnje, da se so smatrala za vsemogočno oblast, ki je vodila politiko na svojo pest in bila odgovorna le sama sebi. Ljudske

organizacije, stranke in delavske strokovne unije so bile druga za drugo proglašene, kot proti-čržni elementi in zatrte. Ko je izbruhnila vojna, so bile ukinjene vse politične stranke v Grčiji, Bulgariji in Rumuniji. V Jugoslaviji so obstajale le delno. Boris v Bulgariji, Karol v Rumuniji, Paul in Stojadinović v Jugoslaviji in Metaxas v Grčiji so bili vsi fašisti in diktatorji prvega reda."

Ko se je v Grčiji ljudstvo odzvalo pozivu vlade, da se postavi v bran vpadniku, je to storilo bolj iz klubovanja, kot radi klica vlade samega. V sovražnemu vpadniku so obenem bili silo tiranije, s katero so jih seznavili njih lastni državniki in katero so v manjši obliki že okušili v svoji lastni deželi.

Mr. Padev v svoji knjigi utelešuje s pomočjo faktičnega stanja v balkanskih deželah, da je čisto logično in razumljivo, zakaj vodijo sedanjo borbo proti okupatorju ravno iste sile in voditelji, ki so pred vpadom osiščnikov vodili borbo proti domaćim zatiralem. On pravi, da glavno vprašanje na Balkanu ali glede Balkana danes ni, če naj pripade ruski ali kakšni drugi sferi, pač pa je z vidika preprečenja balkanske civilne vojne, ki je lahko predhodnika evropske civilne vojne, nujno važno, da se gleda na balkanske probleme v pravi luči, ter se razumeva tako zavzema komunistična gibanja za to kar v resnicu predstavlja.

Domovina gori, domovina kravi, domovina umira in čaka naše pomoči. Izmučeni borci in hrabri junaki samopostavljene slovenske narodne vojske bjejo smrtni boj za obstanek domovine, ki je zasužnjena in obkrožena od zverskih nacija, ki mučijo, ubijajo, obešajo in streljajo naše najboljše ljudi. Na tisoče Slovenec je že izginilo, na tisoče se jih danes bori, da jih občuduje ves svet. Ta mali slovenski narod ne igra vloge bojaznjive, ta mali narod ne čaka zaveznikov, da bi jih osvobodili, ampak so vsi prijeli za orožje in sami preganjajo okupatorja preko slovenskih mej. Mi ameriški Slovenci, ki smo živa veja tege malega naroda, ga v tej usodapolni ura ne bomo zapustili, da bi obležal na tleh ter izkravvel zaradi naše zaniknosti in indiferentnosti.

In zakaj se brani in vojskuje naš mali slovenski narod v domovini? Zakaj? Narod ima nemirljivo vero v življenje, v delo in bodočnost. Pisatelj Vladimir Levstik je v letu 1940 zapisal te besede:

"Ce bi se zgordilo, da bi nam usoda vendarje poslala skrajno preiskušnjo — tedaj, bratje, bo stvar tako preprosta, kakor so preproste vse velike in slavne stvari: s pogumom svojih davnih prednikov bomo odvrgli, kar nas priklopa na ta minljivi svet in zahvalili Bogu, da smemo s svojo krvjo odkupiti svobodo in življenje rodov, ki pridejo za nami..."

V teh besedah je danes vera, evangelij in pogum neumornih borcev v naši rodni zemlji, kajti ponosni so, da živijo v veliki dobi in da lahko živijo, delajo in tripijo za velike stvari.

Da, močan je slovenski rod. Tega se tudi zavedajo narodni slovenski borci onkraj morja. Pisatelj Ivan Cankar je rekel svojemu narodu:

"Tisoč let krvaviš, izkravvel nisi! Narod mehkušne bi dušo izdihnil in še sveče bi mu ne žgal, še bilj bi mu ne peli! Ti pa, tisočkrat ranjen, v trpljenju utrujen, komaj zmaješ pod sovražno pestjo in pravšč: Ta burka je stara že tisoč let!"

S temi besedami se danes narod tolaži, da bo tudi enkrat nekje konec trpljenja, kajti le iz trpljenja drži cesta v svetljino bodočnost. V krvavečnih zarjah slovanstva se oblikujejo proročke besede goriškega slavca, pesnika Gregorčiča:

"Kdo je on, ki vstaja čez veke na dan,
kdo on je, junak velikanski?
Poglejte v obraz mu, obraz vam je znan:
to narod je, narod
SLOVANSKI!"

Rojaki, Slovenci v Ameriki, ali se zavedamo časa, v katerem živimo — za nas in naše dediče v domovini. V Sloveniji se do-

Na pomoč domovini!

V mesecu oktobra bosta dva važna dneva v Clevelandu. V nedeljo 17. oktobra ima lokalni odbor št. 2 JPO, SS veliko prireditve v Slovenskem narodnem domu na St. Clair Ave.; v nedeljo 24. oktobra ima lokalni odbor št. 35 JPO, SS dobro oglaševano prireditve v Slovenskem delavskem domu na Waterloo Rd. To sta dva dneva, katerih ne bi smel zamuditi slaherni Slovenec ali Slovenka v Clevelandu in okolici.

Ali vas je potreba opominjati in prositi, da se boste ogreli za to pomočno akcijo. Mene ni nikdo prosil, nikdo opominjal, mene je pripeljalo na delo za to akcijo moje sočutje, zavest in usmiljenje do rodnih bratov in sester. Pridite sami, pokažite vaše obrazy, vaše usmiljenje in vaše potrebne dolarje. Vsak izgovor je brez vsake podlage; imen Janez Nedam in Mica Skopuh mora izginuti iz slovenske naselbine.

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Menda ja, če si še Slovenec! Janko N. Rogelj.

bro zavedajo, zato se tako jušaško bijejo, tam ni strahopetev, bojaznjivcev in omahljivcev, tam je močna in neugnana volja naroda, da si sam pomaga do svoje lastne svobode ter odpre pota za svobodo vsega sveta. To dela naš junaški slovenski narod, da ga občudujejo vši demokratični narodi po širinem svetu.

Ponosni bomo, da smo del tega naroda, ki stoji na strani pravice in resnice, kajti le borba, boj pravice, je pot v življence.

V nedeljo 17. oktobra v Clevelandu in v nedeljo 24. oktobra v Collinwoodu bo slovenska narodna zavest v teh naselbinah pokazala prave in čiste obrazter se izrekla s hvaležnostjo za naše svetovno znane slovenske borce, ki čakajo na našo pomoč, ko mine vojska.

Ali boš na prireditvi? Ali pripelješ s seboj prijatelja? Ali boš opozoril vsakega, ki ti je prijatelj ali znanec? Ali si pripravljati poseči v žep ter odmetri svoj narodni davek, kot ti veleva tvoj stan in tvoja dolžnost?

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