



Doma in po svetu

— PREGLED NAJVAŽNEJŠIH DOGODKOV —

**Nenaden izbruh colombijskega vulkana
Nevado del Ruiz terjal od 15.000 do 50.000
tisoč žrtev — Reševalci iščejo preživele**

BOGOTA, Col. — Preteklo sredo zvečer je nenadno izbruhnil vulkan Nevado del Ruiz. Globoka snežna odeja na vrhu vulkana, ki je zadnjič izbruhnil l. 1845, se je v kratkem času spremenila v globok val vode in blata, ta val pa je razdejal 4 mesta v dolini. Reševalci menijo, da je mesto Armero, v katerem je živelo okoli 50.000 ljudi, 85 odstotno uničeno. Prva poročila iz prizadetih krajev govorijo o ogromnem številu mrtvih in pogrešanih. Po nekaterih vestih je v katastrofalnem izbruhu izgubilo življenje od 15.000 do celo 50.000 ljudi.

Colombijske oblasti so prosile druge države za pomoč pri reševanju preživelih. Že danes jutraj bodo ZDA poslale posebne ekipe in zdravila ter drugo pomoč. Val vode in blata je potoval z izredno brzino kar 25 milj proč od vulkana.

Ako bodo vesti o človeških žrtvah potrjene, se bo uvrstil izbruh Nevada del Ruiz v seznam najhujših tovrstnih katastrof v človeški zgodovini.

**Ronald Reagan govoril o svojem
prihajajočem srečanju s sovjetskim
voditeljem Mihailom S. Gorbačovom**

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Sinoči je predsednik Reagan govoril po televiziji in pojasnil svoje stališče do srečanja s sovjetskim voditeljem Mihailom S. Gorbačovom. Reagan in Gorbačov se bosta prvič srečala prihodnji torek v Ženevi, pogovore pa nadaljevala v sredo.

V svojem govoru je Reagan dejal, da bo iskal možnosti za izboljšanje odnosov med vesilama, predvsem se bo zanimal za povečanje stikov med navadnimi Amerikanci in sovjetskimi državljani. S tem v zvezi je Reagan poudaril izmenjavo študentov, tako univerzitetnih kot višješolskih, celo osnovnošolskih, navezovanje stikov med ameriški in sovjetskimi mesti v obliki »pobratenja mest«, pogostejše izmenjave kulturnih skupin itd. Reagan je tudi izrazil željo za poglobitev in sprostitev možnosti za medsebojno komunikacijo po sredstvih javnega obveščanja obeh držav. Ako imajo sovjetski predstavniki in komentatorji pravico svobodno govoriti po ameriški televiziji, je dejal predsednik na primer, zakaj ne bi smeli ameriški vladni predstavniki in privatni komentatorji tako govoriti po sovjetski televiziji.

Kljub vsemu temu je Reagan tudi omenil senčno stran sovjetske politike oz. obnašanja. Tako je govoril o sovjetskem početju v Afganistanu in o osnovnih človeških pravicah. Združene države ne ogrožajo sovjetskega ljudstva, je dejal Reagan, in nikoli tudi ne bodo. Večkrat je predsednik omenil besedo »mir« in njegovo željo, da bi lahko vesilili začeli tesneje sodelovati v prizadevanjih za mir.

Reagan bo odpotoval v Švico jutri, z njim bo tudi močna delegacija, v kateri bo med drugimi visokimi osebnostmi njegove administracije tudi državni sekretar George Shultz.

**Anglija in Republika Irske podpisala
sporazum o Severni Irski — Irska bo prvič
imela zagotovljeno vlogo v Severni Irski**

DUBLIN, Ir. — Včeraj sta vladi Anglije in Republike Irske dosegla sporazum o Severni Irski, po katerem bo Irska prvič imela določeno vlogo v zadevah angleške province

Severne Irske, v kateri je sicer protestantska večina, mnogi Irci pa jo smatrajo za sestaven del same Irske Republike. Tako v Dublinu kot v Londonu nisto objavili podrobnosti glede vloge Irske Republike v Severni Irski, kot pa kaže, bo odslej imela Irska poseben urad v Severni Irski.

Predstavniki protestantske večine v Severni Irski so že močno kritizirali sporazum. Menijo, da gre za prvi korak procesa, ki utegne voditi do priključitve Severne Irske Irski republiki. V Irski bi seveda postala protestantska večina takoj manjšina napram katoličanom.

Leta 1969 je izbruhnila državljanska vojna v Severni Irski. Pripadniki Irske republikanske vojske, ki je sicer močno levo usmerjena organizacija, so začeli z bombnimi in drugimi atentati kampanjo za priključitev province Irski republiki, protestantske organizacije IRA nasprotujejo, vmes je posegla Anglija, ki je bila prisiljena v Severno Irsko poslati celo enote redne vojske. V raznih spopadih in atentatih je od l. 1969 padlo več kot 2450 ljudi. Angleška vlada išče kompromisno rešitev problemu, ki bi zadovoljila tako protestante kot katoličane, obenem pa zagotovila osnovne pravice obeh skupnosti.

Angleška premierka Margaret Thatcher in predsednik irske vlade Garret Fitzgerald bosta sporazum podpisala danes.

**Padec izraelske koalicijske vlade
preprečen — Kamen spotike je zopet
bil Ariel Šaron — Kako dolgo še?**

TEL AVIV, Izr. — Včeraj se je minister za trgovino in industrijo v koalicijski vladi Šimona Peresa, Ariel Šaron opravičil in obžaloval, da je bil tako ostro in javno kritiziral Peresovo zunanjo politiko. Šaron je bil dejal, da Peres vodi tajna pogajanja s kraljevinno Jordanijo in Palestinci, ti pogajanja pa da bodo stala Izraelu veliko krvi. Izjava je bila za Peresa nemogoča in je dejal, da bo Šarona odslovil. Izključitev Šarona iz vlade bi pa rušila koalicijsko vlado.

Edini izhod, da bi se vlada rešila, je bila, da bi se Šaron opravičil, kar je končno storil. Peres je pa dal vedeti, da bo takoj odstranil Šarona, ako bo Šaron v katerikoli obliki ponovil svojo kritiko o vladni zunanji politiki.

— Kratke vesti —

Bejrut, Libanon — Terry Waite, poseben odposlanec nadškofa Canterburyja, vodje anglikanske cerkve, je v tem mestu, da bi igral posredovalno vlogo pri morebitni izpustitvi šestih ameriških talcev, ki jih imajo v svojih rokah muslimanski skrajneži. Kot kaže, so Waitea v Bejrut povabili sami ugrabitelji. Waite je povedal novinarjem, da je že navezal stike z ugrabitelji.

Monrovia, Liberia — Predsednik države Samuel K. Doe je premagal skupino vojaških častnikov, ki so ga hoteli strmoglaviti. Po zadnjih poročilih je bil vodja zarotnikov ubit.

Damask, Sir. — Sirija in Jordanija sta izdali komunike, v katerem zavračata neposredna mirovna pogajanja z Izraelom. Ker sta sedaj Sirija in Jordanija blizu, je malo verjetno, da bo Jasir Arafat in njegova PLO še sodelovala z Jordanijo. Arafat je namreč globoko sprt s Sirijo.

Hershey, Pa. — Umrl na posledicah infekcije je 44-letni Anthony Mandia, ki je 18 dni živel z umetnim srcem, potem so mu presadili srce drugega človeka.

Iz Clevelanda in okolice

Maša za škofa Rožmana—

Tabor DSPB vabi svoje članke in slovensko javnost, da se udeleže sv. maše to nedeljo, 17. nov., ob 10.30 dop. v cerkvi Marije Vnebovzete za pokoj duše pok. ljubljanskega škofa dr. Gregorija Rožmana.

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»Boutique«

Ženski odsek Katoliških vojnih veteranov št. 1655 pri Sv. Vidu vabi na svoj »Boutique«, ki bo v nedeljo, 1. decembra, od 12. do 5. pop., v avditoriju pri Sv. Vidu. Mizo lahko rezervirate, ako pokličete Rose Poprik (432-1057) ali Patty Nousak White (881-5957).

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Slovensko ameriški kulturni svet vabi na svoje že tradicionalno vsakoletno srečanje s škofom A. Edwardom Pevcem, ki bo letos v petek, 6. decembra, zvečer ob 7. pri semenišču Borromeo. Ta srečanja so vedno lepa, letošnjemu se pridružite tudi Vi!

V tiskovni sklad—

Alice Opalich, Cape Coral, Fla. je darovala \$50 v naš tiskovni sklad. Za lepo podporo se ji prisrčno zahvalimo.

Novi grobovi

Esther (Mary) Semick

V sredo, 13. novembra, jutraj je v Euclid General bolnišnici umrla 68 let stara Esther (Mary) Semick, rojena Rome, žena Josepha, mati Dennisa, Davida, Lorelee Summers in Josepha ml., 7-krat stara mati, sestra Johna (pok.), članica društva sv. Cirila in Metoda št. 191 KSKJ in SNPJ št. 158. Pogreb bo iz Grdinovega pogrebnege zavoda na Lake Shore Blvd. jutri, v soboto, v cerkev sv. Kristine dop. ob 9.15 in od tam na pokopališče Vernih duš. Na mrtvaškem odru bo danes od 2. do 9. zv. (Dalje na str. 3)

Ob devetdesetletnici—

Včeraj je sen. Frank J. Lausche praznoval svoj 90. rojstni dan. Danes izide z redno AD tudi posebna 12-stranska priloga, ki jo je sponzoriral Slovensko ameriški kulturni svet. To nedeljo popoldne ob 1.15 ste vabljeni k Sv. Vidu na sv. mašo za sen. Lauscheta. Maševal bo škof Pevec, navzoč bo škof Anthony Pilla in tudi slovenski duhovniki. Ob 3. uri se bo začel banket v SND na St. Clairju, nekako ob 4.30 se bo začel kulturni program in bodo vstopnice za balkon na voljo za \$5 na osebi.

Seji—

Klub slov. upokojencev v Nevburgu-Maple Hts. ima sejo v sredo, 20. novembra, ob 1. pop. v Slov. narodnem domu na E. 80 St. Datum seje je spremenjena zaradi Zahvalnega dneva praznika, kar naj članstvo upošteva.

Podr. št. 10 SZZ ima svojo mesečno sejo v sredo, 20. novembra, popoldne ob 1. uri v Slovenskem domu na Holmes Ave. Na seji bodo tudi volitve odbornic za prihodnje leto, organizirale bodo tudi letošnjo božičnico. Tajnica bo pobirala assesment. Članice vljudo vabljene, da se seje udeleže.

Prodaja peciva—

Članice Oltarnega društva pri Mariji Vnebovzeti bodo imele prodajo peciva v soboto in nedeljo, 23. in 24. novembra. Začetek prodaje 23. nov. bo ob 11. uri, 24. nov. pa po vsaki sv. maši, popoldne pa na bazarju v navadnih prostorih. Prav lepo prosijo dobre faranke za domače pecivo.

Žegnanjski festival—

Tudi letos in sicer v nedeljo, 24. novembra, bo pri Mariji Vnebovzeti v Collinwoodu tradicionalni Žegnanjski festival. Trajal bo od 3. do 9. zvečer. Pridite in podprite to slovensko župnijo!

Novi odbor—

Klub slovenskih upokojencev v Euclidu je izvolil sledeči odbor za leto 1986: Preds. Frank Česen, prvi podpreds. John Kaušek, drugi podpreds. Ann Mrak, zapisničarica Helen Levstick, finančni tajnik Ray Bradac, blagajničarka pa bo Emma Česen.

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Frank J. Lausche in Slovenci

Mesto Franka J. Lauschet v politični zgodovini Clevelanda, Ohia in ZDA je splošno znano. Manj je znano njegovo mesto v slovenski skupnosti v ZDA, posebno še v Clevelandu. Naj navedemo o tem nekaj dejstev.

Frank J. Lausche je bil rojen v sentklerski naselbini, tu je preživel svoja otroška leta, tu so zrastle vezi, poznanstva in prijateljstva, pomembna za vse njegovo življenje. Vodniki slovenske sentklerske naselbine, posebej pokojna urednika *Ameriške Domovine* Louis Pirc in Jaka Debevec, so posredovali pri tedanjem načelniku demokratske stranke R. Millerju za imenovanje Franka J. Lauschet na mestno sodišče.

Slovenci so Franka J. Lauschet vztrajno podpirali pri njegovih kandidaturah, četudi so se nekateri rojaki iz progresivnih in unijskih vrst radi obregovali vanj. Ko je postal župan Clevelanda, guverner Ohia in končni zvezni senator, je Frank J. Lausche naravno presegel domači krog in prešel v široki svet mestne, državne in zvezne politike. Četudi se je pogosto vračal med svoje slovenske rojake, je bilo tu in tam slišati, da se Frank J. Lausche »premalo meni« za svoje rojake, da bi lahko za nje »kaj več storil«, jih zlasti več spravil v javne službe.

Resnica je, da Frank J. Lausche ni nikdar pozabil na svoj slovenski rod, ni nikdar pozabil na svoje slovenske rojake.

Kot župan Clevelanda je poskrbel za naglo in obsežno pomoč žrtvam plinske eksplozije, ki je jeseni leta 1944 popolnoma uničila del slovenske sentklerske naselbine.

V času zmed proti koncu druge svetovne vojne in revolucije v Sloveniji, ko so se rojaki v ZDA spraševali, kaj se resnično dogaja doma, je Frank J. Lausche, tedaj guverner Ohia, prosil State Department za oceno položaja v Jugoslaviji in nato svetoval tedanjemu uredniku *Ameriške Domovine* pokojnemu Jaku Debevcu, naj vztraja pri zahtevi po demokratični ureditvi Jugoslavije ter zavrne Titovo komunistično diktaturo. Ta nasvet, ki ga je urednik *Ameriške Domovine* sprejel, je bil bistvene važnosti za delitev duhov med slovenskimi izseljenci v ZDA, Kanadi in drugod.

Ko je bila leta 1975 ukinjena slovenska oddaja na radiu »Glas Amerike«, uradnem glasu ZDA, je Frank J. Lausche odločno podprl napor skupine Slovencev v Washingtonu, ki se je skupno z *Ameriško Domovino* zavzemala za obnovo te oddaje. Slovenska oddaja je bila obnovljena in z zakonom zavarovana.

Svojo slovensko zavest je Frank J. Lausche izpričal tudi s tem, ko je v zveznem Senatu pokazal knjigo dr. Jožeta Felicijana »The Genesis of the Contractual Theory and the Installation of the Duke of Carinthia« in s ponosom povedal, da knjiga razlaga, kako je obred ustoličevanja vojvod na Gosposvet-skem polju vplival na »Izjavo o neodvisnosti ZDA«.

Ob drugi priložnosti je Frank J. Lausche razlagal svojim tovarišem v Senatu slovensko besedo »možak«, ki da lepo pove, kako si Slovenci predstavljajo trdnega, poštenega moža, temelj zdrave družine in družbe.

Proslava devetdesetletnice senatorja Lauschet v Washingtonu

V soboto 2. novembra se je v okviru največje letne prireditve washingtonskih Slovencev pod okriljem Slovenske ženske zveze vršila proslava devetdesetega rojstnega dne senatorja Franka J. Lauschet. Razen slovesnosti blagoslovitve Slovenske kapele v ameriškem narodnem svetišču leta 1971 se ni v Washingtonu še nikoli zbralo toliko Slovencev kot v počastitev visokega jubileja senatorja Lauschet.

Slavje je odprla predsednica washingtonske veje Slovenske ženske zveze Frida Mihelič, vodila pa ga je Ivanka Antolin. Pater Atanazij Lovrenčič, duhovni svetovalec pri Slovenski ženski zvezi, je prinesel pozdrave in voščila iz centrale v Chicagu.

Proslavo so počastili tudi zunanji gostje, večinoma slovenski univerzitetni profesorji iz Združenih držav in Evrope. Prišli so profesor Aleš Lokar iz Trsta, profesor Andrej Moritsch z Dunaja, znanstvena delavka Claudia Froess-Ehrfeld iz Celovca, profesor Peter Remec iz New Yorka, profesor Toussaint Hočvar iz New Orleansa, profesor Bogdan Novak iz Toleda, profesor Jože Velikonja iz Seattla ter predsednica Društva za slovenska preučevanja, profesorica Carole Rogel iz Columbusa, Ohio. Med washingtonskimi gosti je bil tudi dr. Anton Peterlin. Proslave se je udeležilo tudi več gostov iz New Yorka in Connecticuta ter prof. dr. Uroš Resman in dr. Mate Resman iz Clevelanda.

Slavnostni govornik profesor Ciril Žebot je v kratkih obrisih očrtal edinstveno politično zgodovino slavljenca od leta 1934, ko je bil izvoljen za mestnega sodnika v Clevelandu. Tedaj se je začela nepretrgana vrsta izvolitev Franka Lauschet na vedno višje javne položaje. Izvoljen je bil za župana svojega rojstnega mesta Clevelanda, nato pa petkrat za guvernerja države Ohio. Svojo politično kariero je Frank Lausche kronal, ko je bil izvoljen v ameriški zvezni senat, v katerem je deloval do leta 1969. Ves čas je bil član prestižnega senatnega odbora za zunanjo politiko.

Tudi poslej naš senator Lausche ni užival zaslužene-ga pokoja, temveč je postal izredno delaven ameriški »starostni državnik«. Slav-

nostni govornik je omenil, da je v tem svojstvu Frank Lausche posredoval za vrsto pomembnih slovenskih zadev, o katerih bo profesor Žebot pisal v svoji najavljeni knjigi. Eno epizodo iz tega obdobja pa je omenil v govoru:

Ko je leta 1972 - v veliki meri po vztrajnem posredovanju senatorja Lauschet - bilo ustanovljeno ameriško informacijsko središče v Ljubljani, je tedanji predsednik Združenih držav Richard M. Nixon želel poslati v Slovenijo senatorja Franka Lauschet, da bi v imenu ljudstva Združenih držav tam odprl novi ameriški center.

Senator Lausche je zavidljivo vabilo vljudno odklonil, da si ne bi Slovenci njegovo uradno prisotnost v Ljubljani razlagali kot njegov pristanek nasilnemu režimu. Senator Lausche ni maral obiskati niti rojstnega kraja svojih starišev v Ribnici na Dolenjskem, dokler v Sloveniji ne bodo spoštovane in zavarovane pravice človeka in ne bo dano javno zadoščenje potomcem tisočerih žrtev, ki jim je povojni režim vzel njihova življenja brez sodnega postopka.

Slavljenju je v imenu Slovenske katoliške jednote čestital predsednik njenega washingtonskega (Baragovga) društva Harold J. Paulin, profesor Aleš Lokar, član tržaškega mestnega sveta in urednik revije *Most*, pa v ime-

nu zamejskih Slovencev. Slovenci iz matične slovenske republike se niso mogli udeležiti proslave tega edinstvenega slovenskega devetdesetletnika, ker jim je vlada v Beogradu prepovedala udeležbo na sočasnem washingtonskem zborovanju mednarodnih slavistov in strokovnjakov za vzhodno Evropo.

V svojem odgovoru je devetdesetletni slavljenec v močnem in pretresljivem govoru orisal leta svoje mladosti, ko je v družinskem in prijateljskem okolju v slovenskem Clevelandu vsrkaval jezik, petje in vsestransko spoštovanje do slovenske narodne dediščine. Vtis, ki ga je na zbrano mednarodno družbo v Washingtonu napravil senatorjev govor, se ne da opisati. Tisti, ki so ga slišali in doživeli, bodo o tem pričali svojcem in prijateljem. Upajmo, da bo ta govor 90-letnega Franka Lauschet kdaj na razpolago na zvočnem traku.

Edinstveno slovensko slavje v Washingtonu je zaključil pozdrav Vladimirja Preglja iz Kongresne knjižnice v imenu Odbora za slovensko dediščino in kot vodje washingtonskih pevcev, ki so slavljenju zapeli Prešernovo Zdravico in koroško Gor čez izaro.

Po proslavi so gostje ostali na plesnem večeru, s katerim se je washingtonski krožek Slovenske ženske zveze spomnil svoje lastne dvajsetletnice.

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JANKO LAVRIN -

Častni član Society for Slovene Studies

WASHINGTON, D.C., 1. novembra 1985. — Na zasedanju »Tretjega Mednarodnega kongresa za sovjetske in vzhodno-evropske študije«, v Washingtonu, D.C., je *Society for Slovene Studies* podelila naslov častnega člana znanemu britanskemu slavistu, slovenistu in prevajalcu iz slovenske književnosti, Janku Lavrinu.

Janko Lavrin, ki je po rodu Slovenec, je od 1918 do 1953 predaval na Univerzi v Nottinghamu; sedaj mu je 98 let in živi v Londonu. Častno članstvo v *Society* mu je bilo podeljeno za njegovo več kot šestdesetletno pospeševanje zanimanja in seznanjanja angleško govorečega sveta s slovensko književnostjo. V imenu svojega očeta je diplomirano *Society for Slovene Studies*

s častnim naslovom sprejel njegov sin, dr. David Lavrin, ki živi v Združenih državah.

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MILWAUKEE, Wis. - Čas hiti, počasi pa mi gre opisovanje dogodkov, ki se odvijajo med nami Slovenci tukaj. Mesec november se vedno začne s praznikom Vseh svetih. Z velikim spoštovanjem se tedaj spominjamo naših dragih rajnih, predvsem staršev, sorodnikov, dobrih prijateljev, in vseh, ki so nam bili v življenju vodniki in učitelji. Daleč so od nas njihovi grobovi, bodisi v domovini ali na tujem. Spominjamo se vseh vernih duš, katerim smo v njih trpljenju dolžni prositi in moliti!

Ko je na praznik Vseh svetnikov bila v naši cerkvi sv. maša, je imel župnik p. Lovrenc lepo pridigo o blaženih in svetih, ki tisti dan slavijo posebno praznovanje. Ob misli na svete tega praznika, mi je prišla misel še posebej na naše mučence, ki so bili z vso krutostjo mučeni in pobiti v času civilizacije — pred 40 leti v domovini. Prepričan sem, da so bili sprejeti med svete mučence Gospodove. Mi pa, ki smo bili po božji previdnosti takrat rešeni smrti, da kot žive priče svetu povemo, da je komunizem največje zlo današnjega časa, prosimo tudi za — našo edinost!

Zlata maša

V nedeljo 27. oktobra je obhajal svoj petdesetletni mašniški jubilej **Rev. Rudolf Urbič**. Slovesnost je bila v cerkvi Marije pomočnice kristjanov na W. Allisu popoldne ob treh. Poleg sorodnikov in ožjih prijateljev, se je v cerkvi zbralo veliko število rojakov iz mesta in drugod. Pri daritvi sv. maše so somaševali: domači župnik Rev. Schmidt, prejšnji župnik te fare dr. Matija

Setničar, dr. Jože Gole ter dr. Emil Hodnik. Med slovesnostjo maše je pel združen cerkveni pevski zbor pod vodstvom slavljenceve nečakinje — organistke Josephine Imperl.

Po maši se je slovesnost nadaljevala v cerkveni dvorani z banketom, petjem in pozdravnimi govori. Od teh naj omenim le pozdrav rojaka zlato-mašnika Rudija Kotarja - Sevnica, ki sta se prijateljsko objela, in pozdrav Franka Menčaka, ki je izrazil pozdrave društva Triglav, kot članu društva, v slovenskem in angleškem jeziku. Seveda je vsakemu pozdravu sledil aplavz. Jubilant je potem šel od mize do mize in še posebej pozdravil goste.

Gdč. Josephine Imperl je odlično organizirala vso slovesnost, skupaj s sestro in sorodnikom. Bilo je lepo in tudi prav domače.

Rev. Rudolf Urbič in njegova življenjska pot

Rodil se je 14. marca 1908 v vasi Ledina, občina Sevnica ob Savi. Njegov oče je bil železničar, ki je v službi izgubil dve tretjini vida že v moški dobi. Kot tak je vzgojil 9 otrok. Zadnji je bil Rudi. Oba starša sta umrla že leta 1923, ko je bil še v drugem razredu gimnazije. Za nadaljnji študij je potem skrbel tedanji župnik Ivan Doberšek, sevniška Marijina družba ter sestra Lojzka v Ameriki (Vsi bratje in dve sestre so že umrli.)

Po ljudski šoli doma, je končal nižjo gimnazijo pri salezijancih v Veržetu, višjo klasično pa v Mariboru. Teologijo je študiral tri leta v Splitu, eno leto pa v Ljubljani ter eno leto v Zagrebu.

Posvečen je bil leta 1935 v Šibeniški škofiji, novo mašo pa je pel v domači cerkvi v Sevnici 29. septembra istega leta. Takoj po posvečenju je moral odslužiti vojaški rok 6 mesecev v Nišu. Po odsluženem roku je bil nastavljen za župnika v Dijnski, otok Pag na Jadranu. Pozneje pa je služil v Jadrovcu, blizu Šibenika. En mesec po italijanski okupaciji je bil aretiran od fašistov in odsedel leto dni v šibeniških zaporih.

Ob koncu vojne je odšel v Slovenijo, kjer je postal župnik fare Boštanj pri Sevnici. Leta 1947 pa je odšel v Trst. Tam je poučeval katekizem v slovenskih šolah 4 leta. Leta 1951 je odšel v ZDA, kjer je služboval v Wisconsinu, v sledečih krajih: v St. John v Wuerzburgu, v St. Johnu v Cooks Valley, v St. Mary Czechochowa, v Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary v Hironu, v St. Joseph v Fairchildu, v St. Augustine v Norwalku in v St. John v Summitu. Sedaj je upokojen in živi na Floridi.

Rev. Urbiču k 50-letnici duhovniški službi na toliko različnih krajih, doma in v Ameriki, iskreno čestitamo z najboljšimi željami, da bi mu Bog dal še veliko zdravja in prijet-

nega pokoja v tej blagoslovljeni deželi Ameriki. Kližemo mu — Bog Vas živi!

Ker se mi je pisanje nekoliko zavleklo, je mimo že tudi martinova nedelja. Društvo slovenskih domobrancev Tabor je za ta dan pripravilo domače martinovanje. Bila je mrzla nedelja, vendar je bilo v domu Parka lepo zakurjeno. Postregli so z odličnimi domačimi krvavicami, kislim zeljem in na žaru pečenimi piščanci. Osebnost nisem pri Taboru, vendar je tudi z drugimi protikomunističnimi bojovníki in ostalimi gosti vladalo lepo in domače razpoloženje, ki je trajalo do noči.

»Confiteor« — Pod tem naslovom piše g. Tone Arko, ki je kot znanstveni strokovnjak obiskal Slovenijo. Še pred tem pa se je predstavil s svojim življenjepisom in drugimi spisi. Kot pove, je zelo mlad zapustil domovino, obiskal pa jo je spet kot znanstveni strokovnjak. Kot tak je imel v Ljubljani predavanje, obiskal je s tamkajšnjimi strokovnimi ljudmi jeklarsko tovarno na Jesenicah in še kaj. Tudi na Jadran se je podal.

Doživel je veliko stvari, marsikaj nepričakovano. Čudil se je napredku Ljubljane in jeziku, katerega tam marsikdo od današnjega prebivalstva ne razume, vsaj ne, če ga kaj vprašajo po slovensko. Pravi, da tam veliko »molijo«. Seveda g. Arko ni živel tam, da bi bil vojak. Slovenci v tistih časih smo se naučili srbščine pri vojaki. S prijetnim humorjem opisuje doživljanja svojega obiska. Bilo je prijetno branje. Njegovi spisi so meni osebno zanimivi in mislim, da jih z užitkom berejo tudi drugi bralci Ameriške Domovine. List je gotovo z novo, mlajšo močjo in njegovimi dopisi pridobil!

Tole pa za povrh:

Pijanček — stari Janez se je vsedel na napačen vlak. Prijazen sprevodnik ga je spravil na pravi vlak in posadil na sedež. Njemu nasproti sedi starejši duhovnik in ga dolgo gleda. Čez čas mu reče: »Ali vi veste, kam pelje vaša pot? Naravnost v pekel!« »Ooo,« pravi pijanček. »Da ste tudi vi, gospod župnik, na isti poti, pa nisem mislil.«

Pri verouku: »Kaj moramo najprej storiti, da nam bodo grehi odpušteni?« vpraša katehet. »Najprej moramo grešiti,« pravi Janezek.

Pozdrav vsem!

France Rozina

„Šte ste živi Vi, priče zgodovine!“

Leto zgodovinskih obletnic se je pri nas začelo z rokovanjem. Z vrnitvijo vojnega zločinca pa se je v avstrijsko dušo — tako ali drugače — vrnila prikrita in potlačena podoba tretjega rajha. Obrambni minister si je pri tem rokovanju opekel prste, na skrivaj pa smo mu za to dejanje lahko celo hvaležni. Vsaj za nekaj dni ni bilo prikrivanja v avstrijski politični pokrajini. Rjavi so bili rjavi, naivci so bili naivci, neznačajni so bili neznačajni, itd... Tudi zadnji v Avstriji je lahko spoznal nevarno Haiderjevo igro z rjavimi glasovi; lahko je videl neznačajno ravnanje nekaterih avstrijskih parlamentarcev, ki so zaradi strankarske discipline zatajili osebno prepričanje; opazil je žalostno vlogo Koroške kot zbirališče včerajšnjikov. Svečani govori politikov ob različnih obletnicah bodo tako zlasti za mladi rod izzveneli kot prazne fraze. Časopisi in revije koroških Slovencev (seveda ne samo teh) pišejo — upravičeno — o nepremagani nacistični preteklosti Avstrije.

Nekaj podobnega — čeprav na drugi ravni — pa se hkrati odigrava v Sloveniji. Revije in časopisi so polni polemik in kritičnih razmišljanj o stvareh, ki so do nedavnega bile tabu. To so dogodki na Golem otoku, kamor so potem, ko je Tito prelomil s Stalinom, poslali slovenske (in druge) staliniste, da bi jih tam z mučenjem človeško zlomili; to so tako imenovani dachauski procesi, kjer so mučili in obsodili nekdanje taboriščnike, v katerih so videli domnevne gestapovce; in to so predvsem množični poboji v Kočevskem Rogu.

Umor 12.000 od Angležev razoroženih in vrnjenih domobrancev, brez procesa in brez ugotovitve individualne krivde, proti vsem določilom mednarodnega prava, potem ko je vojna že bila končana, je gnojna rana na slovenskem narodnem telesu, ki se je po štiridesetih letih odprla. V središču vseh polemik se je znašla Spomenka Hribar, slovenska publicistka, ki v nekem svojem spisu razlaga nujno spopadanja z zgodovino: »Svojo zgodovino si moramo odpreti. Ključ do teh zgodovinskih vrat pa ni iskanje krivca, zavedajoč se svoje edine Resnice in Pravice, temveč je to ključ premisleka te in take zgodovinske poti naroda prav tako kot zgodovinske v epohalnem smislu. In če se kot narod ne bomo naučili objokovati vse naše žrtve, tega 'ključa' ne bomo nikoli našli.«

Njen predlog, da bi sredi Ljubljane postavili obelisk vsem žrtvam zadnje vojne, na katerem bi pisalo: „Umrli za domovino!“, je povzročil vrsto ostrih polemik, ki kažejo, kako nepremagano je to zgodovinsko obdobje Slovenije. O tej nepremagani preteklosti v naših koroških slovenskih revijah in časopisih nič ne bomo.

Kako pa je z našo zgodovinsko zavestjo? Avstrijska (ali nemška) zgodovinska polpreteklost ni naša. V njej nastopamo samo kot žrtve nacističnega nasilja. Slovenska (ali jugoslovanska) zgodovinska polpreteklost tudi ni naša. Bratomorna državljanska vojna se je odigravala za Karavankami, partizanstvo pri nas je bilo upor proti nacističnemu režimu. Tako se spretno zmužemo iz zgodovine, čeprav vemo, da to ne gre. Če pa nas preteklost le dohiti, kakor je to bilo v primeru Vinka Teliča, pa nevedno zamižimo. Na koroških tleh se je odločala tragedija domobrancev, v naših gozdovih je bil v Avstriji prvi upor proti Hitlerjevemu režimu, naše vasi so okusile blazno idejo izseljevanja!

V imenu mlade generacije si upam trditi: ne poznamo zgodovine naših očetov in mater, ne kot vojakov v nemški hitlerjanski vojski, ne kot partizanov po naših gozdovih, ne kot izseljencev v nemških taboriščih. Ne poznamo dogodkov tik po koncu vojne. Ne poznamo jih, ker se o tem nikoli ni govorilo — ne doma, ne na slovenski gimnaziji (!), ne v javnih občilih, ne kjerkoli drugje. Vsi so se izmaknili tej nalogi. Vsi so si naprtili veliko krivdo. Kajti zgodovina je kolektivna vestakega naroda (Erika Weinzierl). Če zgodovino izrivamo, prikrivamo in tabuiziramo, skušamo izbrisati kolektivno vest naš vseh. Za primer naj navedem, koliko otrok nekdanjih izseljencev ne zna več slovensko.

Še ste živi, Vi, priče zgodovine!

Obletnice vam dajejo prilžnost, da nepokopljene pokopljete, da se učite jokati nad vsemi žrtvami, da vidite in priznate krivdo tam, kjer je bila. Mi mladi lahko sprašujemo samo žive, ne mrtvih. V Avstriji, v Sloveniji, pa tudi pri nas na Koroškem.

Hanžej Tomažič
Celovec

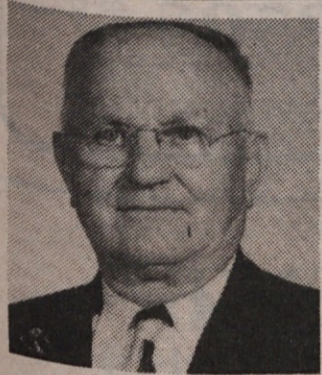
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Novi grobovi

(Nadaljevanje s str. 1)

William Trobenter

V University bolnišnici je po dolgi bolezni umrl 71 let stari William Trobenter z 824 E. 152. St., rojen v Clevelandu, mož Catherine, roj. Riccobono (prej por. Caruso) in že pok. Ann, roj. Kozlevcar (u. 1981), oče Anthonyja Caruso, 2-krat stari oče, brat Frances Bencin, Alice Robeda, Freda, Edwarda, Dorothy Ulepica ter že pok. Mary Ribic, Rose Smole, Christine Huber in Josepha, član KSKJ št. 169 in K of C št. 2786. Pogreb bo iz Želetovega pogrebnega zavoda na E. 152. St. danes, v cerkev Marije Vnebovzete dop. ob 9.15 in od tam na pokopališče Vernih duš.



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Na tej sliki, ki je bila posneta 24. aprila 1968, ob 50-letnici clevelandskega sveta za prometno varnost, je na levi seveda takrat še zvezni senator Frank J. Lausche, v sredi je sodnik August Pryatel, ki bo vodil program to nedeljo popoldne v Slovenskem narodnem domu na St. Clairju, na desni pa je A. V. Baker, takratni načelnik Clevelandske avtomobilske zveze oziroma AAA.

Slovenska udeležba na znanstvenem kongresu v Washingtonu

Svetovni kongres za sovjet-ske in vzhodnoevropske študije, ki je nedavno koncal v Washingtonu (30. oktobra do 4. novembra 1985), je nam v Združenih državah prinesel dve pomembnosti:

Jugoslovanske oblasti so prepovedale sodelovanje svojim delegatom, tudi tistim, ki so že prišli v Washington. Menda niso soglašale s programi in so — enako kot Sovjeti — ukazale nesodelovanje.

No, kljub temu je posebni sestanek o slovenskih manjšinah na Koroškem in Primorskem zelo lepo uspel ob številni udeležbi strokovnjakov. Dr. Andreas Moritsch z dunajske univerze je poročal o Koroški med obema vojnama; dr. E. Froess-Ehrfeld, tudi z Dunaja, je predstavila novo dokumentacijo o koroškem plebiscitu; prof. Aleš Lokar iz Trsta je podal najnovejše podatke o slovenskih denarnih zavodih v Gorici in Trstu. Komentator, prof. Thomas M. Barker, avtor nedavno izdane knjige o Koroški, je z zadovoljstvom pozdravil nove izsledke.

V sekciji, ki so jo pripravili ameriški Hrvati, je nastopil grof Nikolaj Tolstoy. Hrvaška tragedija v Pliberku ima povsem drugačno osnovo, kot prisilno vračanje iz Vetrinja. Angleški poveljnik ni sprejel Hrvatov v svoje področje in jih je pustil partizanskim komandantom, ki so obvladali tamkajšnje območje.

Slovenski begunci so s prehodom preko Drave prešli v angleške roke in so bili zato Angleži zanje odgovorni. V tem času je veljalo povelje generala Alexandra, da Jugoslovani ne bodo vrnjeni. Povelje je bilo potrjeno 17. maja, kljub temu, da je Alexander 15. maja sporočil Titu, da so Angleži pripravljeni vrniti vojske in spremljevalce. Na sestanku med angleškim vojaškim poveljnikom na Koroškem in partizanskim generalom Jovanovićem pa je bilo sklenjeno 19. maja, da se bodo partizani umaknili s Koroške in da bodo begunci in njihovi spremljevalci vrnjeni Jugosla-

viji.

Ko je bilo vračanje domobrancev končano, je bil 31. maja izdan ukaz, da se začne vračanje nevojaških spremljevalcev. Dejansko se je ustavilo šele 4. junija, ko je general Alexander obiskal Vetrinje in ponovno potrdil svoje osnovno povelje, da nihče ne bo vrnjen.

Po mnenju grofa Tolstoya je najbolj verjetno vračanje svetoval angleški svetovalec Harold MacMillan. MacMillan pa ni pripravljen govoriti o teh tragičnih dogodkih. Knjiga grofa Tolstoya, ki bo vsebovala dokumente in osebna pričanja angleških soudeležencev vračanja, je pripravljena za tisk.

Udeleženci kongresa so zbrano napetostjo poslušali to skoro detektivsko zgodbo in se grofu Tolstoyu zahvalili za njegovo odkritje, v upanje, da bo končno svet spoznal dokaze o tej slovenski tragediji.

Prihodnji kongres slovenskih študij bo čez eno leto v New Orleansu. Kot kaže, bo slovenska udeležba tudi tam zagotovljena.

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Tercek — are not feeling up to par these days.

Lucky winners for the benefit drawing for the Slovene Home for the Aged were Frank Kostich and Joseph Kausek.

Mary, Mary gives roses to those deserving recognition, but we, being Slovenians, would like to give bouquets of carnations and rosemary to John Kausek who is ever on the alert to take care of any problems that may arise and to follow the agenda of the meeting so closely that he can quote our by-laws to guide us in our discussions. Another bouquet to Mary Ster and her staff for the delicious sandwiches served every second month after our meeting. She is also responsible for our Christmas Dinner and our February dinner-dance.

The meeting ended with listening, dancing, and singing to the rhythmic music furnished by Mike Mauric on the bass fiddle and Joe Petrich on the accordion. Did anyone else notice the smooth dancing of Victor Slak who was dancing his way to his 85th birthday on the following Sunday.

A final reminder — get your Christmas Dinner tickets for December 4th!

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husband, father and
grandfather



**Frank
Kristoff**

who died Nov. 21, 1984

He had a smile, a pleasant way, a helping hand to all he knew. He was so kind, so generous and true, On earth he nobly did his best, Grant Him, Jesus heavenly rest.

Sadly missed by
Loving wife — Ann
Daughters —
Sr. Donna Kristoff O.S.U.
Doris Hodgson
Darlene Dibble
Sons-in-law — Howard
and John
six Grandchildren



Pastor thanks all for gifts for Slov. church steeple

Dear respectful friends, benefactors of our church in Dobropolje,

Through your priest I received your great donations for our church steeple. To all and each individual I would like to express my thanks from the bottom of my heart. I promise to all that I as a pastor and the rest of the parishioners will always remember you in our prayers. Let almighty God, for whose sanctuary you sacrificed, reward you for your generosity with good health and personal happiness. You performed a good deed in God's honor.

We did not expect such generosity and we marvel that despite your own needs and worries there is still generosity in your hearts for your native church. We are in great debt to all contributors and especially to those who organized this campaign.

We were successful in bringing this needed task to the end. Included with this letter is a picture of the church with the

new steeple.

The remodification greatly improved the appearance of our parish church. This steeple is solid proof of your and our love for God and faith. I am sure that at the end of our earthly life this good deed will help us before God.

Your relatives here and parishioners are very proud of you and are sure that this good work will help to further heighten your spirit, I trust, despite the distance between us, that we are still one great family.

Once more thank you very much and greetings to every one.

Yours truly,
Franc Skulj

P.S. — I would also like to thank the editors of *Ameriška Domovina* for all the articles in our behalf. Special thanks to Mrs. Edward Arhar for her help.

I am enclosing \$20 check for your printing fund.

Julie Drobnick
Euclid, Ohio

Deaths

FRANK STRAZAR

Wednesday morning, Frank Strazar Sr., died in St. Alexis Hospital at the age of 92 years.

Mr. Strazar was born in Zlata Polje, Yugoslavia and came to America in 1912. He was a pioneer in the Newburgh Slovenian neighborhood and was involved in various cultural and fraternal Slovenian organizations. He was a charter member of the Slovenian Pensioners Club of Newburgh and Maple Heights, a charter member of the Slovenian National Home No. 2 on E. 80th St., former member of the Board of Directors at the Slovenian National Home No. 2, for many years he was a secretary of Lodge Mir No. 10 of American Mutual Life Association, former treasurer of Lodge No. 63 of the American Slovenian Catholic Union, organizer of the former St. Lawrence Parish Band, secretary of the former Zvon singing society, and in 1969 was the Newburgh Slovenian Man of the Year. He was also a member of the Holy Name Society of St. Lawrence parish. Previous to his retirement, he was employed as a laboratory researcher for the American Steel and Wire Co. In January he celebrated his 64th wedding anniversary.

He is survived by his wife Angela (nee Hren), three sons, Albin, Anthony and Raymond, and a daughter, Angela Lemut. A son Frank preceded him in death in May of 1984. He was grandfather of 21 and great-grandfather of 16. His parents, Jacob and Frances (nee Bosnar) preceded him in death in Yugoslavia. He is also survived by two sisters in Yugoslavia, Paula and Josephine.

Funeral services were from Fortuna Funeral Home, 5316 Fleet Ave.

JOSEPH BAJEC

Joseph Bajec, 76, of 19613 Chickasaw Ave., passed away at his home on Wednesday, Oct. 30.

Mr. Bajec was born in Lorain, Ohio and moved to Cleveland in 1921. He was a former resident of E. 160th St. and lived at his present address for 35 years. He was employed as a machinist for 35 years at Steel Improvement Co. He retired in 1975. He was a member of Loska Dolina and the Waterloo Pensioners, and a former member of Euclid Pensioners.

Mr. Bajec was the husband of Vera (bee Bayuk), father of Joseph R., Dennis and Marcia, grandfather of nine, brother of Molly Tomaric, Edward, Anne Klemencic, and Frank (dec.).

Friends called at Zele Funeral Home. Services were at St. Paul Church (Chardon Rd.). Interment at All Souls Cemetery.

JENNIE LESAR

Jennie Lesar (nee Mihelic), 80, of 19016 Arrowhead Ave., passed away in Cleveland Clinic on Thursday, Oct. 31 after a brief illness.

Jennie was born in Vas kot Ribnica, and came to Cleveland in 1921. She was a former resident of Huntmere Ave. for 30 years and lived at her present address for seven years. Jennie was employed as a punch press operator for 30 years at Guaranteed Specialties. She retired in 1965.

She was a member of St. Mary's Altar and Rosary Society, AMLA No. 4, and the Western Slovanic Assoc. No. 29.

She was the wife of Frank (dec.), mother of Jennie, Agnes (Paula) Pokrant, Jacqueline Berner, grandmother of four.

Friends called at Zele Funeral Home, 452 E. 152 St. Services were at St. Mary Church. Interment at All Souls Cemetery.

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by MADELINE DEBEVEC



Frank Sterle and wife, Ančka at Avsenik concert in Cleveland Music Hall

Restaurateur Frank Sterle arrived in the States from Slovenia in 1956 and obtained his first job picking apples on a farm. From there he went to work in a factory and in 1960 was able to purchase a little corner cafe located at 1401 East 55th Street.

After years of hard work, he expanded his establishment and saw his dream come true with the little cafe being remodeled into a Slovenian chalet, and upon opening his restaurant, named it Frank Sterle's Slovenian Country House.

As a grand opening celebration of an expansion of his restaurant, noted for its fine home-cooking, he sponsored his first Slovenian ensemble as a special attraction. From that time on each year Frank has had an original musical ensemble from Slovenia and another from Canada as a Canadian-Slovenian cultural exchange project.

This was Frank's pleasure — to see his customers enjoy the music of his native country. His greatest joy was in obtaining the world-renowned Slavko Avsenik Ensemble to help celebrate the 25th year of his establishment in September, 1985.

The satisfaction that Frank Sterle receives from sponsoring these groups is in seeing the joy and love in the faces and hearts of the public listening to these melodic presentations.

Much of the public is unaware of the generosity of Frank Sterle. All of the profits derived from these ventures are donated to worthy, non-profit, cultural and civic groups.

This year, Frank Sterle is proud to announce the following contributions:

- Muscular Dystrophy Assoc., \$1,000
- Austrian Slovenian School, \$1,000
- St. Vitus Slovenian School, \$200
- St. Mary Slovenian School, \$200
- Mary Mavec School for Retarded Children, \$200
- WCPN Public Radio, \$200
- United Slovenian Society Band, \$200
- Milan Pavlovic Slovenian Radio Program, \$200
- Molly Voinovich Fund, \$200
- American Home Newspaper

Frank Sterle donates \$4,000 to various causes

(Ameriška Domovina), \$200
Slovenian Folklore Institute, \$200
Statue of Liberty Restoration Fund, \$200.

The Business Scene:

Charles Hocevar has been elected president and chief executive officer of Old Kent Bank-Southwest in Niles, Mich.

Hocevar was senior vice president and head of Old Kent-Southwest's commercial loan division since joining the bank in 1983. He worked 18 years in commercial lending for the Society Corp. in Cleveland.

A 1959 Euclid alumnus who graduated from Kent State University, Hocevar grew up on Babbitt Road. A director of the Four Flags Area Chamber of Commerce, he and wife Pat live with their two children, Tim and Katy, in Niles.

Victor R. Domines is president of Bayside Financial Corporation, a California mortgage loan brokerage. The former Cleveland resident in Laguna Niguel, Calif. with his wife and four children.

Bernard Nosan is a member of the Board of Trustees of Cleveland-Marshall Law Alumni Association.

Judy Cerne has been promoted to general manager of the public-relations department at McKinney Public Relations.

Shirley E. Zak has been appointed director of credit, Century Products Inc., the Stow-based subsidiary of Gerber Products Co.

She will oversee all credit, collection and receivable activities. Zak is a resident of Euclid and a graduate of the Tuck School of Business, Dartmouth College.

Lynn K. Prijatelj, who once was a summer intern at Lang, Fisher & Stashower Advertising, is now the firm's vice president, associate creative director.

After graduating summa cum laude from Muskingham College, she joined the agency's creative department in 1977 as a writer.

Prijatelj is active in the Cleveland Society for Communicating Arts and was the first woman to be an instructor for the Cleveland Advertising Club's advertising course.

St. Mary Festival

On Sunday, Nov. 24 St. Mary Parish (Collinwood) is holding its annual Thanksgiving Festival at Baraga Hall from 3 - 9 p.m. Father Victor N. Tomec, pastor, cordially invites everyone to attend.

Campus News

Richard Zalar, son of Mr. and Mrs. Cyril Zalar of

Wildwood Avenue, received a master of science degree from General Motors Institute in Flint, Mich.

Zalar, a 1964 St. Joseph graduate, resides in Utica, Mich., with wife Kathy and daughters Lori and Debbie.

Judith Ann Kopec, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Kopec of E. 200 St., was awarded a juris doctorate degree from the University of California at Davis.

The 1975 Euclid graduate was

\$50 donation

A \$50.00 donation was made to the American Home in honor of **Frank J. Lausche's** 90th birthday from **Tony, Frances and Honey Kramer**.

They also made a \$50.00 donation to the Slovene Home for the Aged for the same purpose.

Meeting

The Slovenian Women's Union Br. 10 will meet on Wed., Nov. 20 at 1 p.m. at the Slov. Home on Holmes Ave. Election of officers will take place. Plans will be made for our annual Christmas Party. Dues for 1986 will be collected. All members are cordially invited to attend.

Ann Stefancic

Meeting

The Slovenian Women's Union Br. 41 is holding a meeting on Tuesday, Nov. 19 at 1:00 p.m. at Waterloo Slovenian Home. As in past years we shall have our Christmas Party, election of officers and will have many important issues to discuss. We ask members attending to decide the future of our branch. Books will be audited by Rose Puzdar and Justine Girod. There will be a drawing of attendance gifts. **PLEASE ATTEND!!!**

Get your poticas!

For a carefree holiday when it comes to baking, let the Progressive Slovene Women of America, Circle 1, Ladies, under the watchful eye of Mary Dolsak, fill your orders for potica, sweet bread and donuts (krofe).

The bake sale takes place on Nov. 18, 19, and 20 at the Slovene Workmen's Home on Waterloo Rd.

Phone orders are gladly accepted by Alma Lazar 531-5627, Jennie Kapel at 486-6245 or any other PSW member. Early ordering will be greatly appreciated.

Support the ladies who in turn support many worthwhile charitable endeavors. Don't delay - order your potica - sweet bread - donuts today. We thank you.

Vida Zak
Publicity

awarded a University of California Regents Fellowship and an Amherst College Memorial Fellowship to pursue her doctoral studies.

Kopec, who passed the California Bar Exam, will enter the University of California at Berkeley to work toward a Ph.D. in Sociology.

Congratulations, Senator Lausche!

We at The Slovenian Research Center of America, Inc., wish you a very happy 90th birthday and many more years in good health and happiness. We know that you, Mr. Senator, and countless readers will enjoy the following statements which appear on the cover of our very special book, OHIO'S LINCOLN, FRANK J. LAUSCHE:

"You are aware, I'm sure, that it has become customary to call you the Lincoln of Ohio. Anybody who gives the matter a moment's thought will understand why: people readily see how much you resemble Lincoln in homespun good sense and rugged honesty. You're alike, too, in a love for this nation and a willingness to work with all who love it dearly regardless of political persuasion. Few political figures in our history can boast a brighter record of fidelity to principle than Frank Lausche. In my book that makes you a statesman, and a great servant of our country."—**Ronald Reagan, President of the United States.**

"I have had the privilege of knowing many prominent men. I have also known a few great men. In all sincerity, I have never known a finer American, or one whose dedication and honor and decency are more evident than yours."—**Jesse Helms, U.S. Senator from North Carolina.**

In over forty years of public service to the people of Ohio and this Nation, Frank Lausche's unshakable and courageous stance in the area of fundamental human rights must surely be regarded as one of his major contributions to the shaping and molding of this society."—**Carl Albert, former Speaker, U.S. House of Representatives.**

As a native Ohioan myself, I know the debt which the people of our state owe to Frank Lausche. He is a man who has never forgotten his roots. . . . Those roots taught him a lesson which he has put into practice: Little people are important. In his many years as judge, mayor, governor and senator, he had a very special sense for what was just, and a keen sensitivity to the rights and needs of ordinary people, especially the poor."—**Most Rev. James W. Malone, D.D., President, National Conference of Catholic Bishops, United States Catholic Conference.**

"In all the years I dealt with him, as a Governor, or a U.S. Senator, there was never a breath of scandal or any question that Frank J. Lausche was a person of the highest integrity. As I represent a profession whose responsibility it is to examine the ethics, honesty and integrity of people in government, this is indeed a high compliment."—**Thomas Vail, Publisher and Editor, The Plain Dealer, Ohio's Largest Newspaper.**

"I have known Frank Lausche for a long time as a great Governor and a great golfer and I think it's high time he's paid many, many tributes for his contributions to sanity not only of Ohio but also his senatorial work. . . . He is a wonderful man and deserves all the applause you can give him, just wish I was there to lead it."—**Bob Hope.**

"For the younger generation I believe that this is what Senator Lausche is trying to tell us: Live by your convictions. Show courage when your values and morals are questioned. Don't be afraid to challenge yourself. Be honest in your choices. Arise above your own interests and help your fellow man."—**Stane Kuhar, St. Vitus Slovenian Parish.**

The news that Frank Lausche is alive, well and playing golf at the age of 90 will delight all of his many friends and supporters. His happiness, his well-being and his longevity doubtless are rewards for his way of life, his moderation, his good-will towards all and a political life of great service and few regrets."—**John C. Baker, former Associate Dean, Harvard University, and President, Ohio University.**

Senator Frank J. Lausche has had one of the most illustrious and successful careers of any politician in the 20th century. This remarkable man served two times as mayor of Cleveland, five times as the governor of Ohio, and two terms as Ohio's U.S. senator. He is truly a man of the people and epitomizes the term public servant. . . . I could think of no better way to celebrate his 90th birthday than the publication of a biography on the man who did so much for his country but his country knows shamefully little about."—**Morris K. Udall, U.S. Congressman from Arizona.**

A lasting tribute to Senator Lausche and a magnificent testimony on Slovenian achievements in America, the 366-page, hardcover book, OHIO'S LINCOLN, FRANK J. LAUSCHE, contains a beautiful introduction by Bishop Edward Pevec, a life history of Ohio's Lincoln by Prof. Edward Gobetz; over twenty Festschrift articles by some of America's great scholars (including three university presidents), editors, journalists, political and ethnic leaders; a most precious section, "Lausche Speaks" (with many excerpts from his articles and speeches), and a special section of tributes and messages to Senator Lausche from numerous political, religious, civic and ethnic leaders, including President Reagan, Pope John Paul II, the Slovenian Metropolitan, Archbishop Alojzije Šuštar, Bishop Anthony Pilla of Cleveland, and scores of other dignitaries and leaders — plus many, many photographs, several of them of unique historical value.

We have presented the Senator with the first copy of the book on the eve of his birthday. The remaining books will be in circulation around December 20th, and may be ordered at \$12 per copy, plus \$1.50 for postage and handling, from:

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Vse najboljše za rojstni dan in še na mnoga leta, g. senator Lausche!
Prof. Edi Gobec

Slovenians observe 350th heritage year

(Continued from last week)

By Pauline Burya

The next masked individual represented my father, Joze Plevnik, and again there was a discourse on what happened to the Rojsheks who had gone to America. Finally John spoke to a masked woman, who represented his mother. John was able to tell her that the picnic was in a way in her honor, John being her son who had organized the event as a kind of thanks for giving him the Slovenian heritage. When John finished his skit a number of us went to the mike to express our appreciation to John for what he had done. I got up to say a few words, with Betty at my side, coaching me. I was able to say also that I was the first Rojshek born in the States. Albin Marn got up to give his appreciation speech. We said the event was a dream of John Nielsen and he brought it off brilliantly. Much of all this was videotaped, I am pleased to say. (I hope to see the videotape when it becomes ready).

Potica Bake Sale

Circle 2 of the Progressive Slovene Women of America will hold their annual potica bake sale at the Slovenian National Home, 6411 St. Clair annex on Tuesday, Dec. 3.

We are taking orders for potica — all nut, all raisin, or a combination at the usual price of \$8.00.

Please call your orders in early to Margaret Kaus 588-2603, Anne Filipic 732-7058, Josephine Turkman 531-3595.

The poticas may be picked up in the annex after 5:00 p.m.

The money raised from these sales is then distributed to numerous charities throughout the year.

In conjunction with the bake sale, Circle 2 will hold a chicken/pork dumpling dinner at the St. Clair SND hall on Saturday, Dec. 7. Call the above for tickets at \$6.00.

St. Vitus Winners

Recipients at the St. Vitus Novemberfest held the weekend of Nov. 8-10 were: \$1,000, Marian Kocivar, Edna Ave.; \$500, Cimperman Market, Norwood Rd.; \$300, Maria Hrwatski, Larchwood Dr. The following each received \$100: Ludmila Odar, E. 72 St., Anton Oblak, E. 61 St., Frank Tominc, E. 62 St., Dorothy Kovacic, Bonna Ave., M/M Robert Cavey, Braeburn Park Dr., and Al Sadar, Bonna Ave.

This closed the formal part of the program and what turned out to be a three day festival. It was not just any old festival, but something memorable, something that will probably never happen again.

The next day Betty and I went to visit Božidar Jakac and his wife, Tatjana. He is an old friend of the family. He knew my father well, and he had painted a fine portrait of my husband, Mirko. We filled him in on the three-day affair and he was delighted to hear about it. He knows John Nielsen well, having also done a portrait of him, and having been hosted by him on his visit to New York back in the fifties. He gave us a special

gift for John Nielsen which we were to take to him back in the States. He also gave Betty and me each one of his fine graphics.

The next day we left for a planned tour to Venice and to different parts of Yugoslavia on a return before going back to Cleveland from Ljubljana. But it was all anticlimax. The centerpiece of our trip was that three-day festival, the Rojshek 350th anniversary family gathering. The best thing for us to do was to return to Cleveland. We did not want to dilute the memorable experience we all just went through.

Pauline Burya
Cleveland, Ohio



Author of this article Pauline Burya (left) visits artist Božidar Jakac and his wife Tatjana in his studio in Ljubljana.

Recipes

LEMON LUST

1 1/2 C. flour

1 1/2 stick butter

3/4 C. chopped nuts

Mix well and spread in bottom of 9 x 13 cake pan. Bake at 350° about 25-30 minutes.

2 - 8 oz. cream cheese

1 C powdered sugar

Mix well and add 2 cups cool whip. Put on top crust.

2 C. of cold milk

2 small boxes of instant lemon puddings

Mix well and pour over cheese mixture.

Top with cool whip and nuts.

Tonka Jokic

1221 E. 60 St.
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In Memory

Editor:

November 12 was the 20th anniversary of my husband John T. Erzen's death. In his memory I wish to donate \$20.00 for your printing press.

Frances A. Erzen
Euclid, Ohio

In Memory

Editor:

The enclosed check for \$10 is for the press fund in memory of the 1st anniversary of the death of my husband, John A. Fakult who died on November 23, 1984.

Mrs. Helen P. Fakult
Euclid, Ohio

In Memory

Jennie Zakrajsek donated \$5 to the American Home in memory of her parents.



Cleveland polka radio personality (WELW six days a week and WCLV Sundays) Tony Petkovsek (left) interviews Dr. John Nielsen and Betty Kazen at the Škofja Loka Picnic in Yugoslavia on the occasion of the 350th anniversary of the Rojshek family.

Sluggish attendance in South Fla.

The American Slovene Club of South Florida held its meeting on Oct. 6, but attendance was sluggish - perhaps due to a hectic evening the previous day.

Our club held its Octoberfest to a nice crowd. Make no mistake, everyone seemed to have a good time. The music was good thanks to Ron Luzar and his boys. His selections of music were of a wide variety, sure to please everyone.

We were extremely happy to have had such a large attendance from upstate Samsula. They are a very supportive group and nice persons to boot. Some fine persons among them. We hope to reciprocate when they hold a function. It's no wonder they are so successful in all their endeavors.

At our meeting, tribute was paid to two members, Frances Vogrich and Paul Gruden. A candle was lit for each and a moment of silence. We will miss them both.

Nancy and Ed Blatnik made an appearance celebrating a wedding anniversary. Mary and Cyril Grlic also had their

28th. They were greeted in song.

Birthdays were acknowledged by Sophie Phillips, Alice Koprivec, Mary Grubelic and Ivan Willis.

We have a new member, Dusan Berkar, formerly of New York, and his wife. We welcome them. He is reported to be an excellent chef, having served in some top New York hotels.

Speaking of New York, we noted an item in the AARP, the retiree magazine, that one of our own Slovenes is a truly grateful man. He sent \$1.00 for each of his 63 years he lived in America in gratitude for what America has done and meant to him. He is to be commended; he is Franck A. Korosec of Euclid. That is setting a fine example. I am pleased to announce our club made a \$100 donation to the cause.

M. Willis

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St. Clair Pensioner Club Reports on Ohio bus tour

by Stanley J. Frank
Secretary

Since my last report was back-to-back with our October 7th bus tour, I could not report much on the tour at that time. So let me fill in now.

As we boarded our bus and began our journey, happily we noticed the weather looked favorable and held the promise of a beautiful day.

Our first stop was at the Regalware manufacturing plant in Wooster, Ohio, where amid the noise and clatter of machinery, we saw flat, circular pieces of metal, hammered and banged, and formed, to eventually emerge as finished pots, pans, and lids of various sizes and finishes.

Unfortunately, due to the high noise level of the operation, it was impossible to hear the guide's narration of the various steps of the operation. I questioned why in this modern age of electronics, some type of voice amplification is not used by the guides, where needed. But he couldn't hear me because of the noise. In total, the manufacturing process was very interesting and enlightening.

Our next stop was at the Regalware outlet store, where one could (and many did) make purchases to replenish or replace one's own stock of pots and pans, etc. By now, the sight of so much cookware, reminded us that it was near "stomach growling time" and so our invasion of the outlet store ended, and we were on our way again, now to Des Dutch Essenhaus, in Shreve, Ohio.

Here, at Des Dutch Essenhaus, famous for its Amish home cooking, we sat down to partake of this delicious and tasty food. The serving was "home style" and one could indulge, each to his own choice and capacity, of the variety offered.

Having leisurely satisfied our appetites, we then browsed through the Essenhaus salesroom of interesting local handcraft.

The balance of our tour took us through the surrounding beautiful, peaceful Amish countryside, with a number of stops along the way. There was the large IGA country store, a most complete store, stocked with items from A to Z, and then some. Next a cheesecake where one could sample many varieties of

cheeses, then an apple orchard, where the sweet aroma of apples and cider filled the storeroom, and finally, a winery, where we could pretend to be connoisseurs, as we sampled the end product of the vine.

And so, loaded - down with our variety of purchased bargains, and filled with good spirit, we boarded our bus and with the support of Tony Kaus and his buttonbox, we merrily sang our way back to Cleveland. *Conclusion:* An enjoyable time was had by all.

How quickly the days and months of 1985 pass. November already. An important month, for we select and elect our officers for 1986. Plan to attend our meeting which is Thursday, November 21 at 1:30 p.m. at the Annex Hall of St. Clair National Home.

Reservations for our Christmas Dinner can also be made at this meeting. If you plan to attend the dinner, you must make reservation at the latest by December 1st.

We regret to report the passing of our member Gertrude Kacar, a resident of the Neff Road Slovene Home for the Aged.

We were also informed of the death of our member Ricky Spreitz. Our sympathy to the families of both.

Our sick list includes Agnes Kosec who suffered injury in a fall, but is now on the mend. Can't keep her down for long. Mamie Marin underwent surgery recently and is recuperating at home. We hope to see her up and around soon.

Remember Nov. 21 — our meeting date. See you there.



Even though these polka stars aren't all playing at Tony's big dance this year on Thanksgiving at St. Joseph High School Auditorium on E. 185 St., you will find them mingling in the crowd of over 2,500. Left to right are Walt Ostanek of Canada, Joey Miskulin, Polka King Frank Yankovic, Lou Trebar, Ray Champa, and Frank Mahnic. Polka people are expected from 15 states including Tennessee and Wyoming.

Thanksgiving Polka Weekend Lineup

by Tony Petkovsek

Rudy Perpich the Governor of Minnesota sent a letter to the Cleveland Slovenian Radio TV Club commending the group for saluting the Minnesotans this year for Thanksgiving at the big annual holiday polka extravaganza weekend.

Perpich said, "I'm sure you'll be pleased with the sounds of the Mesaba Button Box Club and the Hank Thunander Band, as well as all the other polka bands you'll hear during the gala."

The gala referred to is Thursday night, Thanksgiving, November 28 at St. Joseph High Auditorium, E. 185th and Lake Shore Boulevard marking the 24th anniversary of our daily radio show. In addition to the Minnesota "salute" at the big Polka Party, the following will also entertain: the Meisners of Wisconsin, Frank Kalik &

Company of Pittsburgh, 2 bands from Youngstown-Zolka and Klepec, and the following orchestras of Cleveland: Fred Kuhar, Art Perko, Dave Wretschko, Sumrada Brothers and Maple Heights Button Box Club.

On the day after Thanksgiving there will be a special party at the Collinwood Slovenian Home, 15810 Holmes Avenue featuring a dinner dance with Johnny Vadnal, the Holmes Hall Buttonaires, and the Minnesota entertainers bringing together a big "reunion" of the busload from the Iron Range of Minnesota and Clevelanders who were formerly from Minnesota.

The Minnesota bus will be one of about 10 buses expected for the annual reunion at our Thanksgiving Day Dance and Show at St. Joe's.

Headquarters for the weekend guests will again be the Holiday Inn at I-90 and Euclid Avenue in Wickliffe where there will be regular jam sessions in the Holidome and a special "Polka Mass" at 5:30 p.m. on Saturday, November 30, open to the public celebrated by the originator of the Polka Mass, Father George Balasko of Girard, Ohio and accompanied by the Johnny Krizancic Orchestra. A dinner and dance will also take place at Holiday Inn from 6:30 to 10:30 p.m. for \$12.50 with tickets available there or the Polka Village on E. 185 St.

Taverns like Simcic's in Euclid, Mickey's in Collinwood, Two Cro's on E. 185, Sterle's, and Hofbrau Hause in St. Clair area will abound with special entertainment, too. The Pol-Kats will have a daytime dance starting at noon on Friday, the 29th at Recher Hall in Euclid.

Euclid Pensioner Notebook

The meeting of the Slovenian Pensioners Club was held on Wednesday, Nov. 6 with election of officers on the agenda. Under the capable hands of Eleanor Pavey it was rather a simple matter because all 1985 officers were voted in again. They are: Frank Cesen, President; John Kausek, 1st Vice-President; Ann Mrak, 2nd Vice-President; Helen Levstick, Recording Secretary; Ray Bradac, Financial Secretary; and Emma Cesen, Treasurer.

Tickets were sold at the meeting for our Christmas Dinner on December 4 following our regular business meeting. The dinner is for members only and tickets may be secured during the remainder of November from members of the club, especially board members.

The trips planned by Ann Mrak for 1985 will come to an end with the one planned for December 14, a visit to the State Theater to see the ballet "The Nutcracker Suite" with dinner after the ballet at the Hofbrau Haus. As ushers at the Ohio, Palace, and State Theaters we (Helen Levstick, Eleanor Pavey, and Bertha Walden) can vouch for the beauty of the ballet, the dancing, the scenery, and the costumes which are out of this world.

It is always sad to write about the death of members. This month they are Joseph Kusar, Frances Cinkole, and Frances Skocaj. May they rest in peace!

Our funeral attendants this month are Alice Karberg, Ann Dudek, Anne Tercek, and Frank Kokal. Those who have served in this capacity merit our special recognition and thanks. They show our respect for the deceased members of our club.

Congratulations were extended to Joseph and Pauline Tekavcic on their 50th Wedding Anniversary and to Mary and Frank Drobnik on their 58th Wedding Anniversary. Best wishes to you and may you enjoy many more years together!

It was good to see Charlie Tercek attend our meeting after an absence of a year and one month. But it was very sad not to see our Joe Parker who is not feeling too well these days. Joe is one of our most faithful and hard-working members. Ironically, all three members of the Resolutions committee — Rudy Lokar, Joe Parker, and Charlie

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Coming Events

Sunday, Nov. 17

Testimonial honoring Sen. Frank J. Lausche on his 90th birthday sponsored by the Slovenian American Heritage Foundation to be held at Slovenian National Home.

Sunday, Nov. 24

Fall Dinner-Dance of SNPJ Circle 2 at Slovenian Society Home, Euclid. Tickets \$9 adults, \$4 children at Tony's Polka Village, 971 E. 185 St. or Recher Hall Club Room.

Thursday, Nov. 28

Big ten band polka party at St. Joseph High Auditorium, E. 185 St. beginning at 6 p.m. sponsored by Tony Petkovsek's radio club.

Friday, Nov. 29

Board of Directors of Slove-

nian Home on Holmes Ave. sponsor Dinner Dance for the Iron Range Reunion honoring the Minnesota people. Vadnal Orchestra. Dinner at 6 p.m.

Sunday, Dec. 1

St. Vitus Ladies Auxiliary C.W.V. Post 1655 hold a Boutique at St. Vitus School Auditorium noon to 5 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 14

St. Mary Magdalene Lodge No. 162 KSKJ Adult and Juvenile Christmas party at 2 p.m. in St. Vitus Social Room.

Sunday, Dec. 22

Christmas Party for Newburgh KSKJ lodges St. Lawrence No. 63, St. Joseph No. 146 and St. Ann No. 150 at Slovenian Hall on E. 80th St. at 3:00 p.m.

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in Recognition of His 90th Birthday

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Frank J. Lausche



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Sunday, November 17, 1985

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6019 Glass Ave.**

**Slovenian National Home
6417 St. Clair Avenue**

To Our Honorary President

and Loyal Friend

FRANK J. LAUSCHE

on your 90th Birthday

**go our fondest wishes for your
continued good health and happiness.**

Bog Vas živi, dragi prijatelj!

The Slovenian American Heritage Foundation

American Home Newspaper — Ameriška Domovina

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Sponsored by the Slovenian American Heritage Foundation

A Great American - A Great Slovenian

We of the Slovenian American Heritage Foundation are delighted to have the opportunity to sponsor the gala 90th birthday celebration for Frank J. Lausche to take place this Sunday afternoon and evening, beginning with a Solemn High Mass at 1:15 p.m. at St. Vitus Church and concluding with a banquet and cultural program at the Slovenian National Home on St. Clair Avenue. And the SAHF is pleased to have sponsored this special edition of the American Home-Ameriška Domovina newspaper, in which in addition to articles and photographs, you will find many tributes from individuals and organizations to the Hon. Frank J. Lausche.

Definitions of greatness vary infinitely. There is no objective standard. The person who uses the word "great" to describe a person is obligated to explain why the word is applicable and in what context. It is not enough merely to say that Frank J. Lausche is a great American and a great Slovenian. Why does he deserve such a compliment, especially since there can be no doubt that a number of readers of these lines, Slovenian Americans and others, would not so describe him?

Why a great American? Throughout his life and career Frank Lausche has remained unwavering in his devotion to the principles of democratic government on which our society is based. An eloquent expression of that commitment can be found in the article prepared for this Special Edition by Eleanor Prech, for many years the Nationalities writer for *The Cleveland Press*. To Frank Lausche's eternal credit, he applied that commitment to democratic principles to the country of his parents and ancestors, Slovenia, in the years after World War II. This stand brought him much criticism from that part of the Slovenian American community which either actively or at least passively accepted the kind of government that was established in Slovenia and Yugoslavia after the war. Such criticism did not deter Frank Lausche, just as he was not deterred by other kinds of pressure to which he was subjected throughout his long and distinguished career of public service. Many persons did not agree with some of his specific stands on various domestic and foreign policy issues. Frank Lausche did it his way — and he did it publicly, openly, honestly. Frank Lausche was never one who had to defend himself by pleading, as former President Richard Nixon had to do on one pathetic occasion: "I am not a crook!" You could disagree with Frank Lausche, but you could never in good conscience question his ethics, his basic honesty.

Why a great Slovenian? It is fashionable in some Slovenian American circles to argue that Frank Lausche forgot about his Slovenian origins while he was riding high in part on the backs of those Slovenian and other ethnic voters. It is nonsense. We all know, those of us who are native-born Americans of Slovenian origin — as is this writer — that we really are "Americans", that we can do without the ethnic trappings and affiliations and make our way in the general American culture and society. Indeed, most Americans of Slovene ancestry for all practical purposes are doing without that active affiliation, and the same no doubt applies to all the other European ethnic groups. Frank Lausche could have done without that affiliation many, many decades ago, had he so chosen. Instead, he chose to remain a "card carrying" Slovenian, to continue his interest in Slovenian and Slovenian American matters, to be an active participant in our Slovenian American community. He maintains that interest and that commitment to the present day and no doubt will do so until he draws his last breath.

A great deal has already been written about Frank Lausche, but a thorough, documented study of his life and career remains lacking, a study based on primary research and not purely on laudatory or, for that matter, critical opinions by various individuals, however distinguished in their various professions they may be. Such "puff pieces" have their place — this Special Edition doubtless falls into that category — but we must keep them in their proper perspective. Frank Lausche's place in history is secure, of that there can be no doubt. He secured it by being the kind of man he was, the kind of public servant he was, the kind of American and the kind of Slovenian he was and remains.

Rudolph M. Susel

*Thanks for many years
of dedicated service to
your fellow man.*



**Josephine Bernot -
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5050 Stanley Ave., Maple Hts., Ohio**

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**Michael D. Polensek
Councilman Ward 11**

AND THE
Polensek Family

Frank and Jane Lausche are shown as they celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary with members of their family on May 17, 1978. The photo was taken at the home of Frances Lausche.

We are indebted to Honey Kramer for use of this photograph.



Frank Lausche was in a jovial mood when this photo was taken in 1959 at ceremonies marking the unveiling of Ivan Zorman's monument in the Cleveland Cultural Gardens. The object of Sen. Lausche's humor is the late Dr. Frank J. Kern, one of the most distinguished Slovenian Americans. To the right in the photo is France Gorše, who now lives in Carinthia, Austria, and is the most famous living Slovenian sculptor.

The Zorman as well as all the other monuments in the Yugoslav Cultural Garden have since been destroyed or stolen.



We go back to July 2, 1950, for this photograph, which was taken on the occasion of the 25th anniversary of ordination of Rev. Julius Slapsak, who passed away earlier this year.

At the left in the photo is Msgr. John J. Oman, who was pastor of St. Lawrence Slovenian parish in Newburgh for many, many years, Rev. Slapsak, Frank J. Lausche, and Ivan Zorman.

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up to you with pride as the best example of
our Slovenian Community's values
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“The Cleveland Council for American Unity” and Frank J. Lausche

By ELEANOR PRECH

We called ourselves “The Cleveland Council for American Unity” and our aims were:

TO HELP old and new stock Americans work together in friendship and mutual appreciation for a greater America;

TO OVERCOME intolerance and discrimination because of foreign birth or descent, race or nationality.

And guess who was the vice chairman of this council formally organized on June 14, 1939, under the leadership of Theodore Andrica, nationalities editor of *The Cleveland Press*?

None other than JUDGE FRANK J. LAUSCHE of 2101 E. 100th Street.

Forty American-born Clevelanders of various nationality backgrounds were the nucleus of this non-political, non-sectarian, non-profit organization which was bent “on helping create a greater understanding and cooperation among Americans of various descents and nationality backgrounds and thus further a real understanding in America.”

What hopes we had — what ideals we expressed in the two years or so that we held Home meetings and social affairs to accomplish our goals!

And you might imagine what a setting this was for the Lausche rhetoric with which we are all familiar. Council members simply ate it up.

I remember particularly our first banquet on November 10, 1940, when Lausche was introduced as one of the most honored men in our city by John W. Raper of *The Press*, a columnist who hated politicians.

“As I look at this group of people assembled here I am reminded of our forefathers who met and gathered just as we have,” said Lausche. “They were just as intent on the preservation of Americanism as we are. They were meeting at a critical time to create a government that would hold the country together.”

“We have assembled in this critical period to remind ourselves of what our government is doing, what it should do and what we can do to preserve it.”

“Right now there is diversity, but I believe at the bottom there lies a common purpose to think about democracy for this earth on everyone’s part.”

“In this critical period we all have reason to fear that disunity which seems to arise through differences in people of this country who have their beginnings either at Ellis Island or Plymouth Rock. We are not subscribing to democracy if we even have thoughts of prejudice one against the other.”

My point is that democracy can’t live if we start dividing ourselves. We must recognize that democracy is a frail structure which can only live by our soul support.

“It can only live by our love and affection for those principles of government that recognize us man as man regardless of where we came from.”

You may well believe that Lausche was at his best on the subject of America before the diversified audience he had before him. His speech was so good that our guest of honor, writer Louis Adamic, had

quite a job trying to out-talk Frank Lausche.

As secretary of the Cleveland Council on American Unity I took minutes of the various meetings which our organization sponsored.

The Lausche name appears at many of the board meetings of the organization and at one, on June 2, 1941, we have a sample of his Slovenian “watch the money” trait.

The motion by Judge Lausche was that secretarial help be hired at \$10 per week for a trial period of eight weeks. It passed. I was that secretary who earned the \$10 per week, working my head off arranging the Home meetings which Frank and Jane Lausche also attended.

My records show that Mrs. Frank J. Lausche came to a Home gathering at my home in February, 1941. At the time we lived in the rear of our grocery store in the Czech and Italian neighborhood on the West side of Cleveland. Louis Adamic also attended a Home meeting there and said he felt quite at home in the rear of our grocery store.

Lausche also comforted us when we made mistakes. One of these was serving free beer at our Council picnic held at

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the European Gardens on July 4, 1940.

“Let’s take the loss of \$16.80 at our picnic as a bit of experience for the next time,” he said. “If we were to measure the success of the picnic in dollars it would certainly be a high amount.”

That was the wise statesman speaking — Frank J. Lausche.

Our organization grew to about 150 members; the officers remained the same throughout the few years it lasted. We did sponsor two big events to give the public a peek at nationality life in Cleveland.

The first, a Czech Night on October 17, 1941, was at the Czech Sokol Hall, 4314 Clark Avenue. The second was a Slovene Night, held in the Slovenian National Home, 6417 St. Clair Avenue, on November 21, 1941.

Then came December 7, 1941. Our men marched off to war and we women weren’t interested in promoting without them! The dream was over.



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Alois Galic
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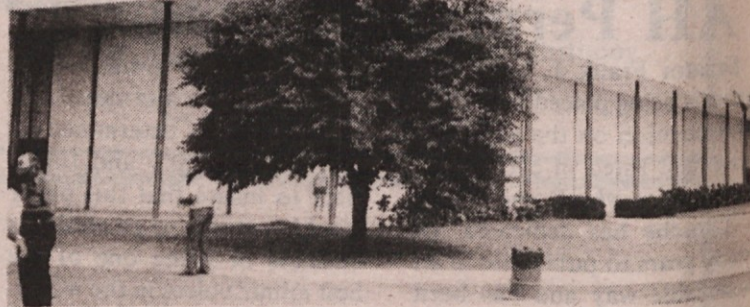
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Zgodovinski Atlas Slovenije, ki je izšel v Trstu leta 1946, je priobčil fotografijo mladega guvernerja države Ohio, g. Franka J. Lauscheta, in je pripisal ob fotografiji, da je ta Slovenec dosegel najvišjo stopnjo na politični lestvi in višek političnega priznanja kot poglavar države.

Vsi vemo, da je bil g. Lausche na to guvernersko mesto petkrat izvoljen in se je mestu odpovedal, da je lahko kandidiral za zveznega senatorja.

Pred tedni je časopisni poročevalec in komentator Sandor Vanocur pisal o Frank Lauschetu, da je bil uspešen župan, uspešen guverner in uspešen senator, da je bil demokrat, a povsem neodvisen. Vsi Slovenci sicer že vemo, da je bil Frank Lausche neodvisen demokrat; dejanja je presojal po svoji lastni uvidenosti in ni dovolil, da bi ga pripadnost stranki ali naklonjenost volivcev preverila, da bi spreminjal smer v svojih odločitvah. Odločitev mu je narekovalo njegovo prepričanje in njegova predanost načelom, tudi v politiki.

Visok položaj Franka Lauscheta ni spremenil. Bil je dosleden v svojem delu in slovensko skromen v svojem ponašanju.

Bilo je na sveti večer lanskega leta. Mnogi smo v svojih družinah praznovali rojstvo Gospodovo in vsak svojo družinsko zbranost. Drugi so polnili gostišča, da se na ta način poveselijo in praznujejo svoj božič. Ob odmaknjeni mizi, edini, ki je bila še prosta, sedi

g. Lausche, sam. Predvsem iz sočutja ga pozdravita dve bolniški sestri in mu, osamljenemu, voščita vesel božič. G. Lausche se jima zahvali, a v podaljšanem razgovoru povsem zamolči svojo identiteto — čeprav bi ju gotovo razveselil, ko bi jima bil povedal, kakšne položaje je zavzemal v preteklosti.

Frank Lausche je vedno znal presoditi pravilnost in primernost časa in uskladiti svoja započetja čim bolj času primerno. Ko mu je bilo sporočeno, da je bil slovenski program na Glasu Amerike ukinjen, je pripomnil skopo: Stvar je resna. Hočem, da se sestane jutri, in to čim prej, da bo mogoče takoj podvzeti vse potrebne korake. Nobenih pogojev, nobenih nepotrebnosti, ki bi na kakršen koli način na zunaj nakazale, da so izgledi za uspeh odvisni od njega. Vsi vemo namreč, da je bil njegov prijem tisti, ki je uzakonil slovenski program Glasa Amerike — edini, ki ne zavisi od dobre volje vsakokratnih predsednikovih nastavlencev, marveč na državni zakonodaji.

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je Frank Lausche dobil s primernimi čestitkami izraze velikega priznanja in globokega spoštovanja od domala vseh najvišjih predstavnikov ameriškega javnega življenja. Še veliko več bi jih dobil, ko bi številni drugi, ki je z njimi g. Lausche na razne načine sodeloval, ne bili že med mrtvimi.

Predsednik Eisenhower je na vsak način hotel, da bi bil Frank Lausche njegov podpredsedniški kandidat. Vdal se je na močan pritisk republikanskih veljakov v prid Nixonu, češ da je Lausche neprimeren, ker je pač demokrat.

Ko je bil general Douglas MacArthur povabljen na slavnostno večerjo v Belo hišo njemu nas čast, je hotel, da ob njem sedi na eni strani Frank Lausche. Ob isti priliki, je general MacArthur hotel pregovoriti Lauscheta, da bi se odločil in začel priprave, da kandidira za predsednika Združenih držav. Le Frank Lausche sam ve, zakaj MacArthurjevega namiga ni vzel resno. Morda pa je tudi njegova slovenska skromnost bila odločilna, saj je o njej Lau-

sche mnogokrat spregovoril in se je spominjal z besedami Simona Gregorčiča in njegove »V pepelnični noči«.

S to prirojeno značilnostjo, ki jo je podedoval od svoje, njemu tako drage matere, in s svojo vnemo za slovensko pesem, nam je sosed in prijatelj. Imeniten sosed, ki se z odkritimi prizadevanji zanima za dobro nas, njegovih slovenskih sosedov, prisluhne toplo zapeti slovenski pesmi in popevki in nenehno misli na potrebe Slovencev in potrebe vsega sveta. Podobno kot naš Prešeren, ki je g. Lauscheta navdušil s svojo pesnitvijo in ki se ga g. Lausche spominja

ter ga navaja po spominu.

Frank Lausche se dobro spominja usmerjanja Slovencev v dve nasprotni smeri v letih tik pred drugo svetovno vojno in takoj po njenem začetku. Razdvojenost in borbena nasprotstvo v matični Sloveniji je odjeknilo v ostri obliki tudi med Slovenci v Združenih državah. Silno pomembno za slovensko zgodovino bi bilo, ko bi bilo mogoče, da bi o tem času spregovoril Frank Lausche sam, ali pa da bi za nas odgovoril na dobro zastavljena vprašanja o dogajanjih tistih let! -Le kako izvesti in kdo?!

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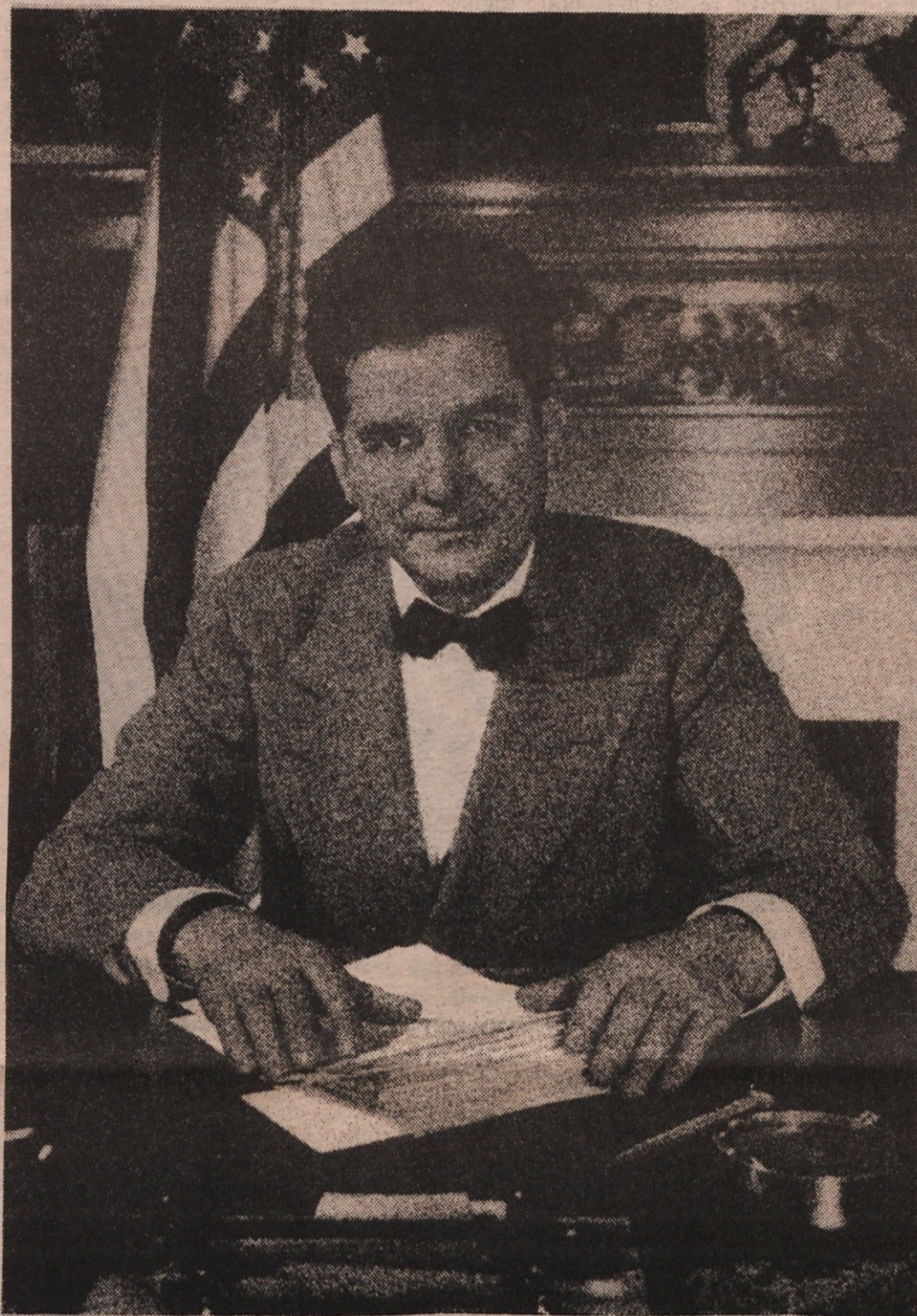


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jenljivo vodilo eno: skrb za ljudski blagor, brez ozirov na levo ali na desno, navzgor ali navzdol v železnem prepričanju, da ravna prav po božji in človeški postavi.

Če kdo med nami in med tujci, se lahko on udari po prsih in ponovi resnico, ki jo je o takih redkih ljudeh zapisal tržaški pesnik Vinko Beličič, rekoč: »Ohranil sem pokončnost!« Senator bi morda to povedal s svojo priljubljeno besedo, ki je prav iz njegovih ust dobila globlji in etičen pomen — »Ostal sem možakar!«

Čeprav ga skoraj ni Slovenca v svetu, ki ne bi vedel za Lauschetovo ime, je na žalost v jugoslovanski Sloveniji drugače. Tudi včasih ni bilo dosti bolje. Ne spomnim se, da bi bil pred zadnjo vojsko naš takratni tisk kaj več, če sploh kaj pisal o njem. Po letu 1945 pa je vsaka omemba tega najznamenitejšega današnjega slovenskega rojaka tam prepovedana, razen v napadih režimskega časopisja, katerega tarča je v obeh obdobjih senatorstva Lausche bil v tako nespodobni meri ko malo-kdo. Kot član senatnega odbora za zunanje zadeve je dosledno zavračal vsako ameriško pomoč Jugoslaviji in vsem drugim komunističnim državam. V sleherni obliki teh pódpor je pravilno videl samo sredstvo za zagotavljanje nadaljnjega obstoja sistema, ki je ne-človeško, duhovno in tvarno zasušnil tudi domovino njegovih staršev. Kakor v vseh drugih spoznanjih, kaj je prav in kaj ne, je ostal trdno dosleden, tudi ko je ta ali oni begunski razumnik to podpiranje zagovarjal, češ je v prid slovenskemu narodu, ki na svoji zemlji in v

baje svoji državi kmalu ne bo smel več niti govoriti v materinščini.

Najbrž je edini objektivni glas, ki je po drugi vojski segel v Socialistično republiko Slovenijo, bilo predavanje o senatorju Lauschetu, ki sem ga napisal po ameriških revijah in ga bral z Radia Trst A, ko je bil leta 1956 prvič izvoljen v senat Združenih držav. Iz pisem, ki sem jih za to dobil od poslušavcev z onstran meje, sem sklepal, da je to poročilo bilo za marsikoga doma spodbudno razodetje.

Tukaj v Washingtonu sem senatorja Lauscheta srečaval ob raznih prilikah. Ene ne bom nikoli pozabil. Poznal sem

ga iz političnega tiska kot trdega, z dosti nepričakovanimi zmagami kronanega bojnika v neizprosnih ameriški politični tekmi, kot naprednega konservativca ter pri vsej njegovi privrženosti in ljubezni do svoje rojstne domovine — ZDA — kot zavednega sinu slovenske matere. Tisto nedeljo pred skoraj štirimi leti pa sem živo zasluhlil v njem še človeka, povsem drugačnega od uradne, zunanje podobe.

Slovinci iz Washingtona smo se tisti dan zbrali v brezjanski kapeli cerkve The National Shrine k zadušnici za rajno senatorjevo ženo. Po službi božji

sem mu šel stisniti roko v sožalje. Zahvalil se mi je za ostro oceno knjige »Slovenian Heritage I,« ki je avgusta in septembra 1981 izhajala v *Ameriški Domovini*.

Pripovedoval je, kako mu je bilo, ko je ženo, katero je poleg matere imel najrajšo na svetu, našel usodnega jutra mrtvo in ga njena roka ni čakala za prvi pozdrav izven odeje. Ob tem niso prišle solze v oči samo njemu. Iz njegove je zvenela ljubezen — čista, močna, nepremagljiva, brezčasna, ki je človeka prevzela bolj, ko če bi jo bilo pisalo pero še takega mojstra.

Mož. Mogočen po postavi, po govoru, po volji, po premagovanju težav in nasprotnikov ter po življenjski sili se je izkazal za nežnega, liričnega, ko struna žalujoče drhtečega človeka, ki ga nič v življenju ne udari tako ko krivica, storjena njegovemu najbližjemu.

Malo poprej mi je dal sporočiti, da bi rad imel mojo zadnjo knjigo »Pero in Čas II.«. Ne vem, kdo bi ga bil utegnil opozoriti nanjo. Izročil sem mu jo tisto žalostno in presunljivo nedeljo.

Čez mesec dni me je presenetil z zahvalo, kakor je za to delo zlepa nisem od koga dobil. Iz nje sem nedvoumno videl, da je knjigo temeljito prebral in navzlic ne prav preprostemu slogu in jeziku njeno bit in namen doumel in lepoto, kar jo je v njej, doživel, kakor noben poklicni kritik ne.

V knjigo sem mu napisal posvetilo: »Senatorju Franku J. Lauschetu, velikemu Amerikancu in nič manjšemu Slovencu.« Ne morem drugega, ko da mu ga za devetdesetletnico še bolj prepričano spet ponovim.



A recent photo of FRANK LAUSCHE, taken October 18, 1985 at the St. Vitus parish school, during dedication ceremonies for the new Frank J. Lausche Computer Room now serving the youngsters of this still Slovenian national parish. (Photo: Greta Ziegman)

Živijo, mnogaja ljeta — Živijo i opet...

“The words American and Slovenian symbolize the life of Frank J. Lausche: American in his unswerving dedication to the principles of American democracy, Slovenian in his profound appreciation of the cultural heritage instilled in him by his parents.”

To us Serbians, the personality of Frank J. Lausche symbolizes the friendship in its best and most sincere form of a fellow American and a brother Slovenian.

There is a long list of prominent Slovenians on whom the Serbian people could count as loyal friends throughout history, but there are not many, if any, who based their friendship on as thorough an understanding of the Serbian ethnical and cultural heritage as possessed by Frank J. Lausche. Through his lifelong cordial relationships and deeds, Frank Lausche contributed to that friendship between our peoples and deepened it. In 1936, the state of Nyegosh, the prominent Serbian, was erected in the Cleveland Cultural Gardens through the cooperation and friendship of another dear Slovenian friend. But that great humanitarian, Frank J. Lausche, with his active and intellectual use of the works of Nyegosh, taught and inspired many of us Serbians to appreciate this eminent Serbian poet, philosopher, bishop, and apostle of freedom.

In 1978, Frank J. Lausche wrote the following in the forward of the book entitled “Patriot or Traitor”, dealing with the time when General Drazha Mihailovich was captured:

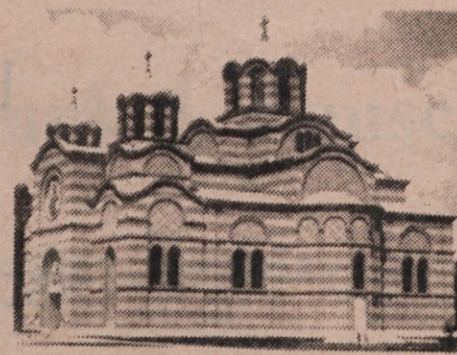
“At the time of the arrest and trial of Gen. Mihailovich, I was serving as Governor of Ohio. Like millions of other Americans I had suffered an agony of mystification and shame over our abandonment of Mihailovich. And now that this brave and faithful ally was about to be railroaded to his death, I felt that the very least demanded by conscience was that we do every thing in our power to see that he received a fair trial.

When I learned of the existence of the Committee for a Fair Trial for Drazha Mihailovich, I joined it immediately, and I supported its activities ...”

What an expression of human understanding, the highest degree of morality, the dedication to justice, of, as we would say, God's justice, of brotherly love and loyalty to Mihailovich — the synonym of the struggle for freedom!

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God love you and bless you on your 90th birthday and every moment of your life!

Radomir Simovic
Radomir Simovic, Pres.

Very Rev. Djuro Majerle
Very Rev. Djuro Majerle

Alexander Cukic
Alexander Cukic, Sec.

Nekaj spominskih utrinkov ob 90. letnici

Ime Lauschetovih iz Clevelanda je v evropski Sloveniji, njihovi izvirni domovini, postalo ne le znano, temveč na moč priljubljeno tam na pol presledka med prvo in drugo svetovno vojno. A ne zaradi svojega najslavnejšega nosilca, bodočega ohijskega guvernerja in senatorja Franka, ki tedaj še ni bil niti občinski sodnik, pač pa po »stranski« veji.

Tista leta je začel z delom Radio Ljubljana, prvi in do leta 1943 edini slovenski oddajnik na svetu. Njegov spored je bil v vsem še začetniško okoren, največ vzgojno-izobraževalen. Je pa postaja imela dve svojevrstni privlačnosti, ki sta jo brž priljubili. Prva je bilo njeno razpoznavno znamenje — kukavica, druga pa plošče, s katerih sta naše narodne pesmi žgoleti Mary Udovich in — Josephine Lausche, rajna senatorjeva sestra. Po vsej priliki so to bili prvi gramofonski posnetki, s katerih je donel slovenski glas po vsej naši razkosani domovini in vdiral čez vse njene krivične meje. Kdo je te plošče iz Clevelanda pošiljal v Ljubljano, žal ni nikjer zapisano. Morda bo današnji slavjenec v napovedanih spominih razodel, kako je prišlo do tega. Težko bi bilo, da bi se to zgodilo brez njega, kakor je bil, in j, v slovensko pesem zaljubljen. Lauschetovi torej že pred

60 leti na Slovenskem niso bili več samo Amerikanci.

Kdor je imel senatorja Lauscheta priliko srečati na prireditvah ali v večjih družbah, se je presenečeno spraševal, ali on pozna več Slovencev v Ameriki, ali več Slovencev nje-ga. Ima čudežen dar za obraze in imena. Če pomni samo eno ali samo drugo, je sposoben v hipu povezati oboje ter človeka, ki ga je pozdravil v pravi čas prvega snidenja, pogosto za leta nazaj, in celo v priliko, ki je spoznanje povzročila.

To sem osupnjeno skusil sam, ko so me kmalu po prihodu v Ameriko konec leta 1960 prijatelji v Clevelandu prvič predstavili njemu. Omenil sem mu, da je moj rajni oče od spomladi 1914 živel v mestu na Edna Avenue. »Jack?« je vprašal. Ko sem potrdil, da je oče bil Jakob, je dejal: »Seveda sem ga poznal, pa ne vem, če me je kdaj volil.«

Najbrž ga ni. Oče je bil star socialist starega tržaškega, slovenstvu že takrat odtujenega kova. Toda ko mi je leta 1947 poslal affidavit za prihod v Združene države že pred sprejetjem zakona o pripustitvi protikomunističnih beguncev v deželo, povedal, da mu je prav Lausche, sam do vratu v odvetniškem delu in v političnem boju, z nasveti in drugače

pomagal zbrati papirje za izjemno vselitveno dovoljenje.

A še preden sem se senatorju utegnil zahvaliti za pomoč, ki je zaradi družinskih razmer nisem mogel izkoristiti — ženo in otroke so mi še šest let držali za talce v Ljubljani — je blizu zagledal čakajočo postarno ženo in jo mimo mene nagovoril: »Kaj pa vas tare, mama?«

Koliko Slovincem je izkazoval take majhne in velike dobrote, vsem iz istega sočutnega srca, ne ve nihče, razen Boga.

Hvaležnost, ki jo povojni begunce — žal ne vsi več — čutimo do Franka Lauscheta, je preprosto a ganljivo izpovedal clevelandski Jože Vrtačnik, ki mu je za 88 letnico zapisal:

»Za nas Slovence, ki smo bežali iz komunističnega raja, je bil senator Frank J. Lausche med prvimi, ki so nam odpirali vrata za preselitev v to našo blagoslovljeno Ameriko. Kot vsak normalni človek on ni nikoli priznal komunizma. Bil je vedno velik idealist, Amerikaneec in Slovenec... Večkrat, ko sem bil bolan ali nesrečen v svojem življenju, je bil on vedno prvi pri meni, ko usmiljeni Samarijan. Ravno tako mi je bil desna roka, če sem njega rabil. Če bi vse to napisal, bi bila to velika in dragocena knjiga.« (Slovenska država, januar 1984).



The Frank J. Lausche State Office Building, which was officially dedicated in 1978, was so named thanks to intensive lobbying efforts by various members of the Slovenian American Heritage Foundation. Special thanks in this respect go to then governor James Rhodes and then Lieutenant Governor and SAHF member George V. Voinovich. The photo above was taken during the dedication ceremonies in 1978 and shows, from the left: Hon. Edmund J. Turk, Sen. Frank J. Lausche, August B. Pust, Adriana Pust, Bishop A. Edward Pevec, John Kovacic, and John Cimperman.

Kakšna debela in dragocena bi bila taka knjiga šele, če bi vsakdo, ki je bil deležen dobrega od Lauscheta, napisal nekaj svojih vrstic zanjo!

Prav hvaležnost, spoštovanje, pogosto ljubezen brezimnih deset in deset tisočev slovenskih in nič manj drugih tako imenovanih malih ljudi, ki so zmeraj in v vsem uživali njegovo razumevanje in kolikor se je le dalo, tudi pomoč v svojih križih in skrbah, so bile temelj njegovih političnih uspehov. To njihov skrivnost je pred dolgimi leti nehote razglasil njemu in nje-

mu podobnim javnim delavcem prej sovražni kakor naklonjeni *The New York Times*, ko je na debelo zapisal: »Lauscheta nima rad nihče — razen ljudstvo.«

Samo njegov urojeni dar za uveljavljanje pri brezobzirnem spopadanju in spletkarjenju skupinskih, razrednih, stanovskih, ideoloških, včasih kriminalnih interesov v ameriški politični džungli ne bi bil Lauschetu pomagal do tako zmagovite javne poti, kakršno je v dolgem življenju slavno prehodil. Pri tem ga je zmeraj neod-

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A Resolution Sponsored By Representative Ronald J. Suster (D-Euclid)

Congratulating Frank J. Lausche on his Ninetieth Birthday.

WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives of the 116th General Assembly of Ohio are pleased to take this opportunity to congratulate Frank J. Lausche on the auspicious and memorable occasion of the Ninetieth Anniversary of his birth; and

WHEREAS, A dynamic and dedicated leader, Frank J. Lausche is the only person ever to have served five terms as the governor of Ohio. First elected governor in 1944, he gained a well-deserved reputation for his outstanding abilities, integrity, and statesmanship. His concern for the wise use and conservation of Ohio's natural resources led him to promote legislation and educational programs which would protect our state's lands and waters. Among many other accomplishments, he signed into law the bill which led to the creation of the Ohio Department of Natural Resources, and he played a vital role in the acquisition of land for parks and wildlife refuge development. He was also instrumental in the improvement of the highway system and in the renaissance of the state and county fairs in Ohio; and

WHEREAS, Frank J. Lausche has achieved an unparalleled record of service to the citizens of Ohio. A self-made lawyer who began his career in public service as a Municipal Court judge for the City of Cleveland, he later became a Common Pleas Court judge for Cuyahoga County. He was the mayor of Cleveland prior to his election as governor, and he served as a United States Senator for twelve years, capably representing the needs and interests of Ohio's citizens. In each of his positions, Frank J. Lausche actively upheld the principles of our democratic society, and his honesty and enthusiasm earned him the esteem of his colleagues on both sides of the political aisle; and

WHEREAS, Throughout his life, Frank J. Lausche has always used his talents to the benefit of those around him. He has viewed from a unique vantage point the dynamic growth and development of Ohio in recent decades, and he has made innumerable contributions which have improved the quality of life in our state. As he reflects on the many and varied events of his life, he can take pride in his many accomplishments and his efforts on behalf of his fellow citizens; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the House of Representatives of the 116th General Assembly of Ohio, in adopting this Resolution, congratulate Frank J. Lausche on the auspicious and memorable occasion of his Ninetieth Birthday, and salute him as one of Ohio's finest citizens; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Legislative Clerk of the House of Representatives transmit a duly authenticated copy of this Resolution to Frank J. Lausche.



Office of the Mayor

Proclamation



Whereas:

Senator Frank J. Lausche will be honored by friends, family and fellow constituents on the occasion of his 90th Birthday on November 14, 1985; and

WHEREAS: born in Cleveland, Ohio on November 14, 1895, Frank J. Lausche has carried over into his daily life the precepts and disciplines he learned during his early years in the St. Clair neighborhood; and

WHEREAS: in time of war, Frank Lausche enlisted in the United States Army as a Private and was discharged a Lieutenant. For over a half a century, Frank Lausche continues membership in the American Legion, Euclid Post #343, and is the one and only World War I member of the Euclid Veterans Club; and

WHEREAS: Frank J. Lausche has faithfully served and bettered this area and state through his fine leadership as Cleveland's Municipal and Common Pleas Judge, as a two-term Mayor of Cleveland, as a five-term Governor of Ohio, as a two-term U.S. Senator, and he exemplifies what is best about America and has remained true to his lifelong reputation for INTEGRITY and INDEPENDENCE - all of which earned him the distinction of being called Ohio's Lincoln; and

WHEREAS: throughout his career, Frank J. Lausche has earned the respect of those whom he has come in contact with and the affection of a host of area residents and fellow public servants who are proud to call him "friend".

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Anthony J. Giunta, Mayor of the City of Euclid, do hereby proclaim Thursday, November 14, 1985, as

"FRANK J. LAUSCHE DAY"

in Euclid, and encourage all the residents of Euclid to join with me in congratulating Frank J. Lausche on his 90th Birthday, and further extend to him our deepest appreciation for his distinguished service to this community, our state and nation.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my name and caused the seal of the City of Euclid to be affixed this 28th day of October, 1985.

Anthony J. Giunta
ANTHONY J. GIUNTA, Mayor
City of Euclid, Ohio



Happy Birthday, Senator Lausche!



The late Anton Grdina and Sen. Frank J. Lausche

It is only fitting on this 90th birthday celebration of our esteemed friend and leader, Senator Frank J. Lausche, that we honor a man who has devoted his life to public service. As a courageous and honorable man, Senator Lausche has been a source of pride to all Slovene-Americans. His achievements as an individual are a reflection of our achievements as a people.

And with our recognition of this one outstanding man, we also quietly celebrate the accomplishments of all Slovene-Americans — living and deceased, the statesman and the laborers — who have each contributed in their own way to the betterment of our society.

Bog Vas živi, dragi sen. Lausche!

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