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AVSTRALSKA KRIŽARKA SYDNEY POTOPLJENA

Prodiranje nemških čet proti Kavkazu ustavljeno

RUSI V OFENZIVI NA VEČ FRONTAH

London, 2. dec.—Avstralska križarka Sydney je potopila nemško potepuško ladjo Steimark, toda v bitki je bila tako poškodovana, da se je tudi sama potopila. Bojazen je, da je 845 članov posadke, ki so se nahajali na križarki, izgubilo življenje.

Nemška potepuška ladja je potopila devet britskih in zaveznikih parnikov, preden se je zapeljala v smrtno bitko z avstralsko križarko. Kje in kdaj se je bitka vršila, poročilo ne pove. Domneva je, da sta se ladji spopadli v bližini avstralskega obzolja.

Berlin, 2. dec.—Krdela ruskih vojakov so ustavila prodiranje nemških čet proti Kavkazu pri Rostovu, pristaniščnem mestu ob Črnem morju, iz katerega so se morali nemške čete umakniti, pravi uradni komunikant. Rusi si hočejo utreti pot proti Taganrogu za vsako ceno in ne glede na žrtve. Sveže sovjetske čete so dospole na južno fronto iz Sibirije in Perzije in bile vržene v boj proti Nemcem.

Nacijski krogi so zanikali poročilo, da so bile nemške čete pogane iz Taganroga, 40 milj napadno od Rostova, ali da so se Rusi približali temu mestu. Ti naj molče o represijah proti prebivalcem Rostova. Naciji so prepričani, da bodo pobili vse civiliste, ker so iz ozadja napadli Nemce in jih prisilili v umik.

Poročila o operacijah Hitlerjeve vojne mašine na centralni in leningradski fronti so pičila. Iz tega se sklepa, da niso Nemci dosegli nobenega uspeha tam, kaj in da so Rusi obdržali svoje pozicije kljub arditim napadom sovražnika.

Helsinki, Finska, 2. dec.—Krogle iz finških obrežnih baterij so potopile dva ruska parnika v Finskem zalivu, pravi uradno poročilo. To omenja velike aktivnosti v tem zalivu brez dodatnih detajlov.

Moskva, 2. dec.—Radijsko namizilo pravi, da so bile Hitlerjeve kolone pogane nazaj 40 milj od Rostova proti Taganrogu v teku velike sovjetske ofenzive. Te kolone še vedno beže pred Rusi v smeri Hariupala, 60 milj dalj proti zapadu.

Pravda, glasilo komunistične stranke, piše, da je bil sovražnik pognan iz vseh središč Donske kotline, katere je prej okupiral. Prodiranje sovjetskih armad očišča zadnje oddelke nacistične oborožene sile, kateri poveljuje feldmaršal Ewald von Kleist.

Ruske čete so prešle v ofenzivo tudi na moskovski in leningradski fronti. Izvršile so več uspešnih naskokov v nekaterih krajih in vrgle nacije nazaj.

Kairo, Egipt, 2. dec.—Nemške motorne kolone se zaganjajo ob britsko bojno črto, ki se razteza od Rezehga do Tobruka, v obupnem poskusu, da jo prodoro in konsolidirajo svojo razkropljeno silo na vzhodni strani te črte. General Erwin Rommel je vrgel vso razpoložljivo oboroženo silo v boj proti britskim četam, da prepreči katastrofo, ki preti tej sili.

Nekaj priporočil

Društvene volitve

Kakor je bilo članstvo opozorjeno že v zadnji sredini izdaji Prosvete, imajo naša društva ta mesec svoje letne seje. Letne ali glavne seje jih imenujemo zato, ker na teh sejah rešujemo vse bolj glavne stvari in zlasti take, ki so posebno važnega pomena za društveno poslovanje skozi celo leto. Zato pa je tudi važno, da se vsak član udeleži ter pri reševanju takih reči skrbno in vestno pomaga.

In kakor je bilo povedano nadalje, spadajo volitve društvenega odbora med eno najbolj važnih opravil vsakega krajevnega društva. V soglasju s tem pa je, da nam pravila predpisujejo, kake uradnike in odseke mora imeti vsako društvo in kake sposobnosti se zahtevajo od kandidatov. Z ozirom na dejstvo, da od zadnje konvencije pošljejo tudi društva bivše SSPZ po pravilih SNPJ, kar vključuje seveda tudi določbe glede volitev uradnikov za prihodnje leto, nadalje, ker nava pravila še niso tiskana, da bi jih društvo razposlali, se nam zdi umestno, da tukaj navedemo sledeče točke društvom v ravnanje:

Točka 100. Uprava krajevnih društev, določa: Uprava društva sestoji iz predsednika, podpredsednika, tajnika, blagajnika, zapisničarja, reditelja in zastopnikih jednotlivih publikacij. Poleg tega odbora naj ima društvo tudi nadzorni, bolniški ter porotni odsek ter društvenega zdravnika. Bolniški in porotni odsek je izvoljen po potrebi ter za dobo, kakor se zdi društvu potrebno.

Točka 102. Kvalifikacije ali sposobnosti, pa pravi: V društveni odbor ne more kandidirati član, ki nima ob času volitev plačanih vseh rednih in izrednih asesmentov jednote in društva, ako ni član društva najmanj tri mesece in član jednote eno leto (izjema je za novoorganizirano društvo in sedaj za člane in društva, ki so prišli v jednoto z združenjem). Član gl. izvršnega odseka, zastopnik privatne življenske zavarovalne družbe, niti tajnik krajevnega društva katerekoli druge bratske organizacije ne more biti član društvenega odbora, niti ne član, ki je pod obtožbo te jednote ali katere druge bratske podporne organizacije.

To so torej vse važne določbe tikačje se volitev društvenih odborov in je potrebno, da jih upoštevajo vsi člani in društva ter se kolikor mogoče strogo po njih ravnajo.

In seveda samo tu navedene kvalifikacije še ne naredijo dobrega uradnika. Za vsako društvo je dobro, da si pridobi spoštovanje in dober ugled, ker od tega je največ odvisen tudi napredek. Vse to pa je največ ležeče na tem, kako vodstvo ima društvo. Zato društvenih uradnikov ne volimo le radi formalnosti in ozirati se ne moremo na tiste, ki bi morda sprejeli samo radi časti ali kaj sličnega, temveč je neobhodno potrebno za splošno dobro in v dobrobit jednote, da upoštevamo predvsem tiste, ki so poštenji in lojalni ter imajo tudi voljo do dela in agitacije. To so najboljše kvalifikacije!

Priložimo božičnice

Ena zelo dobrih reklām za našo organizacijo—ter izvrstnih agitacijskih sredstev so naše prireditve za mládce, zlasti prireditve božične. Precejšnje število naših društev se tega poslužuje že več let ter z dobrim uspehom in pričakujemo, da bo takih prireditev letos več kot smo jih imeli še kdaj poprej.

Ker se ta reč da opraviti s primerno malimi stroški, za društvo in jednoto pa lahko prinese mnogo dobrega, je priporočljivo, da bi se tega sredstva oprijeli pri vsakem krajevnem društvu. Ne samo mládci—tudi stareji člani so navadno veseli, če se božičnica količkaj dobro izvede, starši otrok pa se počutijo bolj srečni in organizaciji hvaležni. In ako katero društvo želi uprizoriti še kako kratko igrico v zvezi z božičnico, toliko boljše. Nekaj takih iger imamo v gl. uradu in vam bomo drage volje ustregli, samo dajte nam vedeti.

Spomnimo se članov-vojakov

Precejšnje število naših mladih članov je že bilo poklicanih v obilgato vojaško vezbanje, odkar je sprejet novi zakon. Priporočljivo je, da se vsako društvo, ki ima člana v službi Strica Sama, ob priliki božičnih praznikov tudi nanj spomni s kakim primernim darilom. To bo lepo in bratsko. Ne stane bogveka, zanj in za društvo ter organizacijo sploh pa je lahko velikega pomena. Naša zadnja konvencija je že tudi na to mislila, ko je sprejela resolucijo, v kateri priporoča krajevnim društvom, da poskušajo obdržati tesne stike s člani, ki so poklicani v vojaško službo. Pred nam je sezona ali čas, ko se vsak spominja svojih in baš sedaj imamo tudi mi lepo priložnost, da dokazemo našim fantom, ki bodo morali božičevati po raznih vojaških taborih, kako sočustvujemo z njimi, da naše bratstvo ni samo na papirju ali kaka prazna fraza, temveč resnično dejstvo—resnična, tesna prisrčnost in prava bratska vzajemnost.

V. Cankar, gl. predsednik

Osemnajst spoznanih za krive zarote

Minneapolis, Minn., 2. dec.—Porota je spoznala osemnajst članov socialistične delavske stranke za krive zarote in podžiganja upora v armadi na obzobju pred federalnim sodiščem. To je bila prva obravnava te vrste v tem mestu od prve svetovne vojne. Pet obtožencev je bilo prej opročenih zaradi pomanjkanja evidence. Federalni sodnik M. M. Joyce je dejal, da bo izrekel obsodbo prihodnji ponedeljek.

Anglija napove vojno Finski

London, 2. dec.—Poučeni krogi pravijo, da bo Anglija napovedala vojno Finski, ki se bori na strani Hitlerjevih armad proti Rusiji. Zadevno naznanilo objavljeno ta teden. Ti krogi govorijo, da bo Anglija istočasno napovedala vojno tudi Rumuniji in Ogrski.

Eksplozija ubila pet delavcev

Okmulgee, Okla., 2. dec.—Pri eksploziji, ki se je pripetila v tukajšnji čistilnici olja Phillips Petroleum Co., je pet delavcev izgubilo življenje, petnajst pa je bilo ranjenih. Eksplozija je zanesla požar, ki je deloma uničil čistilnico. Vzrok še ni bil ugotovljen.

Norvežani v Kanadi pozvani v vojaško službo

Montreal, Kanada, 2. dec.—Norvežani v starosti 20 do 35 let, ki so še norveški podaniki, so bili pozvani v vojaško službo go polkovniku Arnu D. Dahlu, načelniku norveške vojaške misije, ki se nahaja v Kanadi. Okrog 4000 Norvežanov te starosti biva v Kanadi.

Gradnja militarističnih baz na Kubi

Maribel, Kuba, 2. dec.—Gradnja militarističnih baz, največjih na severnem kubanskem obrežju, se je pričela pod nadzorstvom in vodstvom skupnega ameriškoko-kubanskega odbora. Načrt določa dovršitev projekta do 1. aprila prihodnjega leta. Načelnik odbora je polkovnik Ernesto J. Usatorres.

JAPONSKA POPUŠČA V KONFLIKTU Z AMERIKO

Tokijska vlada se odločila za nadaljevanje pogajanj

JAPONCI ODHAJAJO IZ HONGKONGA

Tokio, 2. dec.—Člani kabineta so se na svoji seji odločili za nadaljevanje pogajanj z Ameriko in proti prelomu razgovorov, ki se vrše v Washingtonu, v veri, da je zblizanje še mogoče. Od teh razgovorov zavistita vojna ali mir na Pacifiku.

Japonski tisk izraža zaskrbljenost glede britskih militarističnih priprav v Burmi in na Malajskem polotoku ter situacije v Siamu. Objavil je poročila, da se britske čete pripravljajo na invazijo Siam z dovoljenjem siamske vlade. Premier Hideki Tojo je ponovno skliceal izredno sejo članov svojega kabineta, na kateri so razpravljali o kritični situaciji.

Naznanilo, da se je japonska vlada izrekla za nadaljevanje pogajanj z Združenimi državami, je objavila uradna časnikarska agencija Domei. "Japonska bo podvojila napore, da pridobi Ameriko za revizijo stališča napram problemom, ki čakajo rešitve", pravi ta agencija.

Washington, D. C., 2. dec.—Čeprav se razgovori z reprezentanti tokijske vlade nadaljujejo, ni nobenega znamenja, da bo Rooseveltova administracija revidirala svoje stališče napram Japonci. Slednja še ni odgovorila na ameriško noto, vsebujočo pogoje glede miru na Pacifiku in Daljnem vzhodu. Ti vključujejo med drugim takojšen odpoklic japonskih čet iz Kitajske in francoske Indokine, garancijo politike odprtih vrat na Daljnem vzhodu in ločitev Japonske od ostiača Rim-Berlin.

Poslanik Kijisaburo Nomura in Saburo Kuruza, posebni odposlanec, katerega je japonska vlada poslala v Washington, da sodelujejo v pogajanjih z Ameriko, sta se večeraj ponovno oglasila v uradu državnega tajnika Hulla. Konferenca je trajala eno uro, toda rezultat ni bil objavljen.

Hull je potem obiskal predsednika Roosevelta, ki se je nekaj ur prej vrnil v Washington iz Warm Springsa, Ga. Informiral ga je o možnem polomu pogajanj in japonskih vojnih pripravah. Predsednik Roosevelt je nato pozval v Belo hišo admirala Harolda R. Starka, načelnika navalističnih operacij. Slednji bi dobil poveljstvo nad bojno mornarico na Pacifiku, če bi se Amerika odločila za oboroženo akcijo proti Japonci.

Hongkong, 2. dec.—Japonski podaniki v tej britski koloniji zbirajo prtljago in se pripravljajo na odhod zaradi poostritve krize. Japonski parnik je sinoči dospel v tukajšnje luko, da vzame Japonce na svoj krov in jih odpelje v Kanton, glavno mesto južne Kitajske. Večja grupa japonskih podanikov je že zapustila Hongkong.

Doznava se, da so britske vojaške oblasti v Singapuru in na Malajskem polotoku vprašale za prostovoljce, ki naj bi se pridružili militaristični sili. V Singapuru je dospel general Thomas Blaney iz Avstralije, ki je imel potem daljši razgovor z admiralom T. Phillipsom, poveljnikom enot britske bojne mornarice v azijskih vodah.

Domače vesti

Dr. Furlan govori na shodu v Chicagu. Chicago, — Dne 5. decembra, to je prihodnji petek, zvečer ob pol devetih se vrši v Slovenskem delavskem centru, 2301 So. Lawndale Ave., javen shod, na katerem bosta govorila dr. Boris Furlan, profesor z ljubljanske univerze in Sava Kosanovič, minister v jugoslovanski vladi v Londonu. Na tem shodu bo razprava o politični akciji glede naše stare domovine. Vstop na ta shod je vsakemu prost in pričakuje se čim večja udeležba.

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Hrvaški ban dobro sprejet v Chicagu

Chicago, — Dr. Ivan Šubašič, hrvaški ban, je zadnje nedeljo popoldne govoril na proslavi obletnice zedinjenja Jugoslovancev v paviljonu Pilsen parka, kjer je bilo navzočih čez 2000 Hrvatov, Srbov in Slovencev, ki so bana navdušeno pozdravili. Istemu občinstvu je govoril dr. Boris Furlan poleg mnogih drugih govornikov. (Njegov govor bo v celoti objavljen v Prosveti.) Zvečer je pa bil ban Šubašič gost hrvaških društev v hotelu Shermanu in pozdravni govori njemu v čast so trajali čez polnoč. Navzoč je bil tudi Vincent Cankar, predsednik SNPJ.

Čikaška vest

Chicago, — Dne 29. nov. je umrl John Štefanič, star 67 let in rojen v Trševju pri Vipavi na Primorskem. V Ameriki je bival okrog 35 let in tukaj zapuščal ženo, hčer in brata.

Kanaška vesti

Franklin, Kans., — Dne 21. novembra je tu umrl Frank Lipovšek, star 58 let in rojen v Blagovici na Gorenjskem, član društva 92 SNPJ. Tukaj zapuščal ženo, pet snov in šest hčera, v Alabami pa sestro.

Is Clevelanda

Cleveland, — Dne 30. nov. je umrl dobro poznani rojak in trgovec Louis Zdešar v starosti 64 let in rojen v Zunanjih gorikah pri Brezovici nad Ljubljano. V Ameriki je bil od leta 1903 in tu zapuščal ženo, sina, hčer in brata. Bil je član društva 158 SNPJ. — Istega dne je umrla Mary Okički, stara 67 let in rojena na Črnem vrhu. V Ameriki je živela 37 let in tu zapuščala moža in pastorko. — Družini Štefan in Olga Babič je umrl sinček Dennis, star 17 dni.

Is Južno Ameriko

Buenos Aires, Arg., — Dne 17. oktobra je v tej naselbini umrl rojak Janez Borse, star 41 let in rojen v Razdrtem pri St. Jerneju na Dolenjskem. V Argentini je živel 11 let. — Primorski Slovenci in Hrvati, katerih je največ v Buenos Airesu med našimi naseljenci, so 26. oktobra t. l. organizirali "Odbor Slovencev in Hrvatov izpod Italije", katerega v javnosti zastopajo Marij Medvedšek, Ivo Mihaljevič, Andrej Škrbec, Josko Defrančičski in Ivan Bergine. Namen tega odbora je, da se bo boril za osvoboditev primorskih Slovencev in Hrvatov in njihovo združitve s Slovenijo oziroma Hrvatstvom.

Obiski

Chicago, — Dne 1. decembra je Agnes Marcie iz So. Rockwooda, Mich., obiskala gl. urad SNPJ in uredništvo Prosvete v sprejstvu Mary Milošič iz Chicaga. Cankarjev glasnik Chicago, — Novembrska številka Cankarjevega glasnika, mesečnika za lepovoljstvo in pouk, ima sledečo vsebino: Adamič ima načrt za mir (uvodnik), Ivan Jontez: Z vero v vstajenje (nadaljevanje in konec drame), Kako so Rusi strli peto kolono, M. M.: Sestrična Ančka (črtica), Ivan Jontez: Njen obraz (pesem), Amerikanec piše o Slovenceh, Zadrudništvo na Kitajskem, dr. A. Debeljak: Malgaška modrice, Skrivnosti sonca se razkrivajo, Clevelandški odbor za ameriško skupnost. — Cankarjev glasnik stane tri dolarje na leto, posamezna številka pa 30c. Naslov: Cankarjev glasnik, 6411 St. Clair Ave., Cleveland, O.

Petain se sestel z Goeringom

Diskuzije o poglobitvi kooperacije

Vichy, Francija, 2. dec.—Premier Petain se je večeraj sestel z maršalom Goeringom, nemškim letalskim ministrom, pri Saint Florentinu v okupirani Franciji, 80 milj južnovzhodno od Pariza. Po povratku v Vichy, ko je izstopil iz vlaka na železniški postaji, katero so stražili vojaški in policijski oddelki, ga je pozdravila le ena oseba s klicem "Živijo Petain."

O konferenci med Petainom in Goeringom uradno poročajo le, da je trajala več ur in da se je nanašala na vprašanje odnosov med Francijo in Nemčijo in poglobitve kooperacije. Maršal Petain in admiral Jean Darlan, podpredsednik francoske vlade in zunanji minister, sta prejšnji večer odpotovala z vlakom na sestanek z Goeringom, ne da bi vedela, kjer se bo vršil, dokler nista dobila od nacističnih avtoritet zadevne informacije ob meji nezasedene in zasedene Francije. Vsi podatki glede sestanka so prišli od nemških oblasti v Parizu. Fernand de Brinon, francoski poslanik v okupirani coni, je potem objavil naznanilo, kje se je konferenca vršila. On se je udeležil konference in domneva je, da je bil navzoč tudi Otto Abetz, nemški poslanik v Parizu. Nepotrjeno poročilo se je glasilo, da se bo Petain sestel s Hitlerjem.

Jacques Benoist-Mechin, francoski državni minister, je izjavil v Parizu, da je sestanek predstavljal voljo Petainove vlade za udeležitev v vseh akcijah, ki naj bi prinesle bolj trajno in plodono kooperacijo pri reševanju evropskih problemov. Razgovori so se vršili v znamenju prijateljstva, toda Benoist-Mechin je omenil le napore glede rekonstrukcije Francije in poglobitve kooperacije z Nemčijo. Kolikor je znano, Italija ni bila reprezentirana na konferenci. Iz tega mnogi sklepajo, da Hitler ne podpira Mussolinijevih zahtev na račun Francije. Te med drugim vključujejo odstop nekaterih francoskih pokrajin Italiji.

Kongresna akcija proti stavkam

Murray zahteva sklicanje konference

Washington, D. C., 2. dec.—Sam Rayburn, predsednik nižje kongresne zbornice, je naznanil, da bodo predloženi zakonski načerti glede omejitve in preprečitve stavk v obrambnih industrijah prišli na razpravo. Kongresnik C. Vinson, demokrat iz Georgije in načelnik odseka za navalistične zadeve, je udrihal po voditeljih delavskih unij in pozival člane kongresa, naj sprejmejo protistavkovne načerte. Njemu so se pridružili nekateri kongresniki, ki so znani kot sovražniki unij.

Litovno odletel proti Ameriki

Manila, Filipini, 2. dec.—Maksim Litvinov, novi sovjetski poslanik za Ameriko, je sinoči odletel od tu proti Washingtonu. Ko je dospel v Manilo iz Singapura, mu je filipinski predsednik Manuel Quezon priredil banket v počast v svoji palači.

Japonsko potniško letalo se razbilo

Sanghaj, 2. dec.—Poročilo japonske časnikarske agencije Domei iz Kantona, južna Kitajska, pravi, da je veliko japonsko potniško letalo treščilo na tla v bližini Tamsuja in se razbilo. Osemnajst oseb se je ubilo v nesreči.

SPOR MED ŽELEZNIČARJI IN MAGNATI IZRAVNAN

Rooseveltovega odbora naznanil dosego sporazuma

STAVKA NA ŽELEZNICAH ODVRNENA

Washington, D. C., 2. dec.—Wayne L. Morse, načelnik posebnega Rooseveltovega odbora, je naznanil dosego sporazuma med železniškimi bratovčinami in kompanijami v mezdnem sporu in odvrmitev splošne stavke, s katero so zapretili železničarji. Ta je bila določena za 7. decembra.

Morse je dejal, da bo Bela hiša danes formalno naznanila pogoje sporazuma. Doznava se, da ta določa zvišanje plače železničarjem za \$325,000,000 na leto, \$50,000,000 več kot je priporočil Rooseveltov odbor v poročilu, ki ga je objavil 5. novembra. Železniške bratovčine so prvotno zahtevale splošno zvišanje plače za 30 odstotkov, kar bi povečalo letne stroške železnic za \$900,000,000. Bratovčine imajo 1,200,000 članov.

Na podlagi doseženega sporazuma bodo člani petih bratovčin dobili zvišanje devet in pol centa na uro ali 76 centov na dan, člani štirinajstih bratovčin pa deset centov na uro ali 80 centov na dan. Sporazum vključuje tudi provizijo glede letnih počitnic s plačo. Telegrafisti in klerki bodo dobili šest, devet in dvanajst dni počitnice na leto v sorazmerju z leti službe, kar je kompromis. Železničarji so zahtevali dvotedenske plačane počitnice.

Zvišanje mezd je retroaktivno od 1. septembra naprej. Morse je dejal, da so vsi reprezentantje bratovčin in železniških kompanij takoj odobrili sporazum. "V vseh praktičnih ozihrh sta obe grupi odobrili sporazum, kar je garancija, da stavke ne bo," je rekel.

Razgovori so trajali 32 ur neprestano, nakar je odbor sinoči naznanil zaključenje seje in dosego sporazuma. Ta odbor je vodil zaslišanja več tednov. Prva njegova priporočila glede likvidacije konflikta so sprejeli reprezentantje železniških kompanij, bratovčine pa so jih odklonile, nakar je Roosevelt instruiral odbor, naj revidira prejšnji odlok v prilog železničarjem in obnovi pogajanja.

Japonsko potniško letalo se razbilo

Sanghaj, 2. dec.—Poročilo japonske časnikarske agencije Domei iz Kantona, južna Kitajska, pravi, da je veliko japonsko potniško letalo treščilo na tla v bližini Tamsuja in se razbilo. Osemnajst oseb se je ubilo v nesreči.

Slovenski narodni kongres v Ameriki

NEKOLIKO POJASNILA

Čikaški Amerikanski Slovence od 25. novembra v uvodniku z naslovom "Slovenski kongres v Ameriki" in s podpisom "n" nasprotuje načinu, s katerim je bila zasnovana na konferenci v Chicagu 15. novembra enotna politična akcija ameriških Slovencev z ozirom na našo staro domovino.

Pisec omenjenega članka, ki bo najbrže urednik, ima prvič pomisleke, odkod imajo naše pomorske organizacije avtoriteto za politično udeleževanje, ko pa imajo vsaj nekatere—v svojih pravih stroga nepristranska določila glede politične. V tem slučaju je vsem jasno toliko, da tukaj ne gre za običajno ameriško strankarsko politiko, temveč gre samo za božično Slovencev v kakršnem koli političnem okviru, torej za izredno zadevo, za katero se organizacije lahko zavzamejo ne glede na to, če je kaj glede tega v pravih ali ne. Pravi tako ni pomožna akcija za stari kraj nižje dovoljena v pravih.

Drugeč je urednik Amerikanskega Slovencev proti temu, da bi bile v vodstvu ali v ospredju sedanje politične akcije ameriških Slovencev v prid naši stari domovini osebe, ki so imele med zadnje svetovno vojno opraviti znanim "milijondolarskim fondom". V zvezi s tem fondom omenja pisec "čudne vloge", ki so jih v zadnji vojni igrali njegovi nejubne osebe, dalje pravi, da "ameriški Slovenci tistih žalostnih slučajev še niso pozabili" in "zato in radi boljše strpnosti na vseh straneh bi osebe, ki so tako in tako kompromitirane v preteklosti, ne smele imeti svojih prstov pri taki skupni vzajemni akciji."

Sedanja politična akcija ameriških Slovencev, kolikor je že v roku, bazira na predstavnih vodstvenih slovenskih centraliziranih pomožnih, kulturnih in političnih organizacij v Ameriki, katerih je nepobitno—drugače predstavnostva sploh ni—in nihče, ki bi bil pravičen in demokratičen, ne more diktirati organizacijem, koga naj pošljejo kot svojega zastopnika na konferenci in zbere. To je eno. Drugo pa je—in to je glavno—da do danes ni bilo nikjer in od nikogar nobenega avtentičnega dokaza,

da so osebe, ki so med zadnje svetovno vojno vodile Slovensko republikansko združenje oziroma Jugoslovansko republikansko združenje ali takozvani "milijondolarski fond", zakriville kakšno nečestno dejanje, da bi bile kaj poverljive ali ukradle, ali da bi bile izkoristile tisti fond v svoje osebne koristi ali na kakršen koli način upravičile urednika Amerikanskega Slovencev, da sme njihovo delovanje v zvezi z omenjenim fondom imenovati "čudno vlogo" ali "žalosten slučaj" ali kakšno "kompromitiranost."

O "milijondolarskem fondu" je bilo že prelitih na galone črnih kritikah, a vse to so bila gola zabavljanja brez trdnice kakšnega dokaza, da je kdo kaj zakrivil pri tem. Na drugi strani so bili od vsega začetka objavljeni natančni računi, koliko je kdo prispeval, kam so šli izdatki in koliko je preostanka; ti računi se objavljajo še danes, redno vsako leto od poverjenosti, ki ima preostanek fonda v oskrbi. Pripravljalni odbor Slovenskega narodnega kongresa ni pooblaščen govoriti v imenu poverjenosti tega fonda, vendar z lahkim srcem reče, da se zdaj približuje čas, ko nam bo preostali fond prav prišel, če bodo ameriški Slovenci nastopili enotno in močasto za svobodo in demokracijo svojih rojakov v stari domovini—za tisto svobodo in demokracijo, za katero je na tisoče ameriških rojakov prispevalo v "milijondolarski fond."

Apeliramo na rojake, ki imajo kakršne koli predsodke v tem ali onem oziru, naj bodo danes smi najboljše zglede strpnosti ali tolerance in naj ne mečejo polen pod noge onim, ki so pripravljene delati in se žrtvovati, kolikor jim je mogoče, za boljše bodočnost naše stare domovine.

Prvič v zgodovini slovenskega naseljenstva v Ameriki so danes možnosti za enotno nastopanje, za enotno akcijo v prid Slovencev v stari domovini in naše iskreno mnenje je, da pred to možnostjo se morajo umakniti v ozadje vsi predsodki, ki so vprično naloge, katere se lotevamo—zelo, zelo malenkostni.

Za pripravljali odbor Slovenskega narodnega kongresa: **Ivan Molek**, tajnik.

Ker se večina teh članov nahaja v bližini Edisonsa ali kamppe 50, se letošnja priredba vrši v tej naselbini. Najeli smo znano dvorano v kampi 50, kjer se je vršila tudi letošnja majniška proslava kansaških društev SNPJ. Božičnica se vrši v soboto, 20. decembra, zvečer.

Ampak ta priredba ne bo samo za člane mladinskega oddelka. Najeli smo namreč za ta večer znano in priljubljeno frontonaško godbo, ki zna igrati "za stare in mlade", da bo toliko več veselja in zabave za vse.

Vabimo torej tudi vse člane o-koliških društev, da pridete na to priredbo. Ker vlada nekako mrtvilo med našimi tukajšnjimi društvi, da imamo poredko kje kakšno "pošteno" društveno veselico, se upravičeno nadejamo, da se pridete zabavat z nami ta večer.

Vse podrobnosti programa bodo objavljene pozneje.

Federacijski odbor.

Zabava in božičnica čikaške federacije

Chicago, Ill. — Ponovno želimo opozoriti delavce dneva SNPJ, da se bo zanje vršila zabava v soboto zvečer, 6. decembra, v dvorani SNPJ. Odbor, v katerem imajo k federaciji pridruženih društev vsak po enega zastopnika, se je sestel ter uredil vse predpriprave za najboljšo zabavo. Zato želimo, da pridejo na to zabavo vsi, kateri so v dnevih dneva SNPJ izvršili razna dela, ker z njih sodelovanjem je bilo omogočeno federaciji izvršiti v splošno zadovoljstvo to veliko nalogo. Da se jim za ta trud vsaj malo povrne, bo ta priredba zanje brezplačna ter jih ponovno vabim, da jo posetijo.

Kakor prejšnja leta, federacija tudi letos priredi božično priredbo v nedeljo, 21. dec. v dvorani SNPJ, društva, spadajoča k federaciji v South Chicagu, bodo pa imela svojo božično priredbo v Hrvaškem Domu. Zato se opozarja članstvo, da poseti te priredbe. To posebno še, ker so te vrste priredbe zelo dobra reklama za SNPJ med mladino, ter so postale tako popularne, da bi bilo v veliko škodo, da bi jih opustili. Da nam jih bo mogoče vzdržati, je potrebno, da se jih članstvo SNPJ v teh okolišjih bolje udeleži kot se jih je pa zadnjih par let. Izgovor, katerega nekateri tako radi rabijo, ne drži; ta je, da so njihovi otroci odrasli ter da naj sedaj tisti posetijo priredbo, katerih otroci bodo prejeli darila. Upoštevati je treba, da je priredba v zvezi z velikimi stroški, kateri se vsako leto potrošijo za darila.

Zato pričakujemo, da bo letos članstvo napolnilo dvorano SNPJ, kakor jo je že v prejšnjih letih na enakih priredbah. **Frank Aleah**, tajnik.

O Bratoljubu in združenju milwauških društev

Milwaukee.—Kakor veste, so v misecu decembru letne ali glavne seje. Tako ima tudi naše društvo Bratoljub 234 SNPJ svojo letno sejo 14. dec. ob 2. popoldne v navadnih prostorih. Dnevnega reda ne bom razlagal, ker vsi veste, kaj je glavna seja. Kar je za to sejo najbolj zanimivo, je to, da bomo upejali tri nove člane. Po sklepu lanske letne seje se mora te seje udeležiti vsak član in članica, drugače se bo z njimi, ali iz nje postopalo kot je zaključeno. Izvzeti so samo bolniki in oni izven društvenega sedeža. Radi tega sklepa ni treba "kikati" tajnika, ker to ni njegovo delo, marveč pridite na letno sejo in tam protestirajte, ako vam ni prav. Bratje in sestre, vse leto smo vas pustili pri miru, dasi niste hodili redno na mesečne seje, ki je vaša dolžnost. Te brezbriznosti bi ne smelo biti. Kakor se doma skrbno zanimate za gospodarstvo in za gospodinjstvo, tako bi se morali zanimati tudi za svoje društvo. Saj vam društvo in jednota vendar nudita bolniško in drugo podporo, kadar ste v potrebi; in kakor se jednota in društvo zanimata za vas, tako bi se morali vi zanimati za društvo in jednoto. Ampak se ne. Seje se udeležili le 10-15 članov, in sicer vedno eni in isti. Ako bi vas bilo več, bi lahko marsikaj ukrenili v korist društva. Seja se vrši samo enkrat na mesec, in sicer traja le dobro uro. To uro bi si vendar lahko utrgali enkrat na mesec

in prišli na sejo. Vsa čast onim, ki se držijo obljube, katero so dali ob pristopu v jednoto in prihajajo na sejo.

Bratje in sestre! Prihodnje leto bo naše društvo praznovalo 30-letnico svojega obstanka in vi želite, da se priredi proslava te obletnice. Ali boste pustili samo par članom, da naredi načrt in izvrše vse delo za to proslavo? Obžalujem, ker kaj takega ni mogoče izvršiti brez vaše kooperacije. Lahko se pa vse to izvrši z večjo udeležbo in večjim sodelovanjem.

Rad bi tudi vedel, kaj je z onimi člani in članicami, ki ste bili prejšnja leta aktivni v vseh ozirom: prišli ste na sejo, na priredbe in pridobivali nove člane. Kaj je zdaj vzrok vaše pasivnosti? Saj niste še prestari in tudi ne preveč zaposleni. Ali se je vam kakšna krivica zgodila ali se mogoče še godi? Na društveni seji je prostor, da se vse poravnava, kar se sploh da poravnati. Mogoče niste zadovoljni s sedanjim odborom? Če je to, tedaj si lahko pomagate, samo pridite na letno sejo in si izvolite druge odbornike po vaši želji. Ako vas ne bo na glavno sejo, tedaj bo moral zopet prevzeti stari odbor za prihodnje leto. Seveda, tajnik mora priti, da opravi svoje delo, ravno tako predsednik, da vodi sejo, blagajnik, da poda društvene račune, nadzorni odbor, da poroča o stanju knjig, bolniški nadzorniki, da povedo, v kakem stanju so naši bolniki. Kaj pa vi doma delate? Mar naj društveni odborniki poročajo le sami sebi?

V članki Prosveti od 19. nov. sem čital sugestijo br. Johna Perkotá glede združenja milwauških društev. Jaz se v celoti strinjam z njim. Čeprav sem tajnik Bratoljuba, se nič ne bojim kot se nekateri tajniki, da bi potem izgubili urade. Meni ni za to, meni je na tem, da se združijo vsa naša mala društva v eno veliko celoto, ki bo lažje ekakstrala. Kaj pa z ženskimi društvom Venero? Tudi to ni izvzeto, tudi one naj se pridružijo enemu ali drugemu, ker mi itak ne moremo biti brez žensk, kajna, kajna tudi ženske ne brez nas možkih.

Želim, da bi o tem vsa milwauška društva razpravljala na svojih glavnih sejah in se izrekla za združenje. Na ta način bi bila večja udeležba na sejah, na priredbah in pri splošnem glasovanju. Ako bi ne bilo toliko različnih društev, bi po moji razsodnosti že imeli svoj narodni dom in shajališče za stare in mlade, tako pa še zdaj nimamo nič. Kaj ste prej delali, je uganika, toda kar zdaj delamo, se malo vidi. Ako eno društvo kaj zgradi, pa drugo podere. Ako bi bili združeni, bi se na sejah zedinili in zaključili in potem bi ne imel kdo podirati. Če bi tako delali, bi slovenski dom že stal in bi bil nam vsem v ponos, tako pa ni nič.

Ko govorim o potrebi združenja, imam v mislih tudi društvo Lilijo in JPZS. Ni več daleč čas, ko bodo prišla združiti se, kar tako zapovedujejo že današnje okoliščine.

Apeliram torej na vse rojake v Milwaukee, da na decembrskih sejah vzamete v pretres to vprašanje. Mi pešamo in se staramo, z agitacijo gre slabo, v resnici vsak dan slabše pri nas starih, z mlajšimi pa veste, kako je. Dokler stari plačajo ali gledajo, da je assessment plačan, je dober član, ako pa stari ne morejo iz kakega vzroka plačati, ni več dolgo član ali članica. Mislim, da jih je le kakih 25%, ki se zanimajo za društva, ostalim 75% pa vrede druge muhe po glavi (menda jih drogi pregovorijo). To vem iz moje družinske izkušnje. Nas je sedem članov v odraslem oddelku, toda ako bi jaz ne skrbel, bi ne bil plačan assessment. Tako je tudi z drugimi. Jih je dosti, ki prestopijo iz mladinskega v odrasli oddelki in dobijo nekoliko kredita za assessment; ko ta poteka, pa pustijo društvo in jednoto. Nekaterim staršem ne zamerim, ker ne morejo več kontrolirati svojih otrok po 18. letu, ker so pač take današnje razmere.

Torej vsa milwauška društva naj na letnih sejah vzamejo v pretres vprašanje združenja in tudi glede slovenskega doma, ki nam je zdaj tako potreben. Direktorij dela na načrtu, ki je do-

ber, samo rad bi videl, da bi ga kdo pojasnil javnosti.

Joseph Fritz, tajnik 234.

Nekoliko komentarja

Fontana, Cal.—Ni moj namen, da bi se s kom prepiral v časopisih, vendar se oglašim na kritiko iz Fontane, ki je bila priobčena v Prosveti 5. nov. Br. Blazič je najprej kritiziral delegata 12. konvencije in dejal, da je v organizaciji veliko članov, ki se nič ne ozirajo na pravila, pač pa imajo svoja pravila, ki so popolnoma v nasprotju s pravili sprejetimi na konvenciji.

Tukaj je br. Blazič resnico povedal. Toda če bi bil on predičital pravila in se ravnal po njih, bi pri našem društvu ne bilo prišlo do takega prepira, da je nad 30 članov radi tistih malenkosti prestopilo. Lahko se še spominja, kako je nastopal na aprilski seji. In ko so člani videli, da se jim krivica godi in da prepira ne bo konec, so vzeli prestopne liste k društvu 723, ker članstvo je želelo mir in zdaj ga imamo.

Ne bi mu odgovarjal, če bi se ne bil obregnil ob one, ki so vzeli prestopne liste. Upam, da to zadostuje.

Anton Blainick, 723.

Društvena priredba

25-letnica društva 142 bivše SSPZ

White Valley, Pa.—Kot sem že enkrat poročal, bo tukajšnje društvo 142 bivše SSPZ obhajalo svojo 25-letnico v nedeljo, 21. dec. To društvo je bilo ustanovljeno tretjo nedeljo v decembru 1916 in bo tudi na isto nedeljo letos praznovalo svoj srebrni jubilej. Članom je že znano, da se je naše društvo združilo z društvom 232 SNPJ in bomo imeli skupno sejo 14. dec. ob 1. popoldne.

Naše proslave se bo udeležil tudi naš bivši gl. predsednik SSPZ John Kvarlich, kakor tudi novi gl. podpredsednik SNPJ Mike Kumer in novi vrhovni zdravnik dr. Arch. Predstavljene bodo tudi ustanovitelji in ustanovni člani, ki so še pri društvu, in trije društveni uradniki, ki imajo razne urade že skozi vseh 25 let.

Kot sem že zadnjič omenil, bo na tej zabavi vse prosto: pijska, domače klobase in ples. Vstopnine ne bo nobene, ker ta zabava bo samo za člane SSPZ, SNPJ in ABZ. Ako pa kateri član teh treh društev hoče kaj prispevati za to zabavo, lahko odda spodaj podpisano, in to do 14. dec., ker potem ne bom več pobiral. Kolikor bom nabral, za toliko bom kupil.

Kot sedaj izgleda, bo zelo lepa udeležba na tej zabavi, ker bo z nami vred imel svojo "party" tudi tukajšnji vrtec št. 103 SSPZ. Pričetek ob 7. zvečer. Torej 21. dec. se bomo poslovili od naše bivše SSPZ. Upam in želim, da bomo v bodoče pravo tako delali za SNPJ kakor smo do sedaj za SSPZ. (Drugo bo v dnevniku.—Ured.)

Jerry Previc.

Zapisnik seje gospodarskega odseka

Redna mesečna seja gospodarskega odseka SNPJ se je vršila 12. sept. v hotelu Fort Pittu v Pittsburghu, Pa., ob 9. dopoldne. Predsednik Petrovič pojasni, da se je seja sklicala dan pred zasедanjem 12. konvencije zato, da se prihrani na stroških. Zapisnik seje z dne 6. avg. se sprejme.

Predsednik poroča, da v zadevi Pettijevega in Warnerjevega posojila v Clevelandu so se podvzeli koraki in odplačila bodo bolj točna. Obsežna popravila na Hansenovem posestvu v Youngstownu so ustavila odplačila, posestvo se ceni na okrog \$4200, neplačana bilanca znaša \$2600, zaostali davki pa približno \$56. Priporočilo, da dolžnik plača davke in redne obroke, se sprejme.

V preteklem poslovnem letu so bili dohodki prve vknjižbe telefonske družbe Eastern Illinois doka nizki, izgledi za višje dohodke pa so sedaj gotovi. Tajnik Vidler pojasne, da so se zadnje zadolžnice prodale po vrednosti in obrestih.

Predsednik čita pismo Philipa B. Hellerja tikajoče se poslojpa Cleveland Terminal Tower in

sodnega postopka v zvezi z izdajo obveznic in obresti jednote, ki ima za \$50,000 teh obveznic. Sodnija je zavrgla načrt za presnovno od 1. okt. 1940, ker se bi nove zadolžnice zdale na podlagi vrednosti starih. Vidler dostavlja, da je zadeva bila vzeta na znanje in postopanje se je odobrilo.

Tajnik poroča, da odplačila na posojilo št. 35 so zaostala. Soglasno sklenjeno, da se izvede sodniska prodaja. Šentklerško hranilo in posojilno društvo poroča, da novi lastnik posojila št. 3 Louis Rolek lahko prevzame vso preostalo bilanco. Soglasno odobreno.

Na razpolago za nove vloge je vsota \$25,000; preostanek se pridržuje za konvencije stroške.

Soglasno sklenjeno, da vsota \$25,000 se vložijo v zadolžnice miamskega vodovoda po 2 3/4%, z dozorelostjo v letih 1966-69, po vrednostni meri in redu A, potom Chanerjeve firme.

Zaključek seje ob 1. popoldne. **Matt Petrovič**, predsednik, **F. A. Vidler**, tajnik, **Donald J. Lotrič**, zapisnikar.

Od časa do časa

poroča in komentira **Milan Medvešek**

Danes bom napisal samo nekaj besed o slavni priredbi, ki se bo vršila v počast spominu največjega slovenskega pisatelja Ivana Cankarja. Priredba se bo vršila 14. decembra v avditoriju Narodnega doma na St. Clair ave. Program bo lep in pester. Plesne točke, pevske, godbene in kratka igra.

Nastopili bodo sledeči: Frank Česen, predsednik Cankarjeve ustanove, z otvoritvenim govorom; Dorothy Paliska deklamira "Hlapec Jerneja"; Ann Beniger, dramatična sopranistka iz Chicaga, poprej živeča v Montani; Vladimir Malečkar, violinist; Edward Kužnik, harmonika; Lillian in Albert Ule, narodni ples!

duet Glasbene matice; "Horn Quartet" pod vodstvom Franka Kosiča; kvintet Collinwood High šole, sponzoriran po Vinkotu Coffu; Eleonor Beno, umetni ples; zbor Zarja; Leonard Zallar, "tap" ples; Edwin Poljsak, piano; Ann Beniger, klasično petje; igra.

Spremljali bodo: Vera Milavec-Slejko, Amalia Plut, Vladimir Malečkar in Resnik, Johnny Pecon. Kratak govor bo imel župan Lausche. Torej udeležite se te krasne priredbe. Po programu bo ples, za katerega bo igral orkester Johnyja Pecona.

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Najzanesljivejšo dnevno delavsko vesti so v dnevniku "Prosveti." Ali jih čitate vsak dan?

Federacije SNPJ

Zaključni zapisnik federacije SSPZ

Braddock, Pa.—Zadnji zapisnik redne federacijske seje društva bivše SSPZ v zapadni Penni. vršile se v nedeljo, 23. nov., v Slovenskem domu v Pittsburghu.

Br. predsednik Mike Stern odpre sejo ob 2.30 pop. Odbor je pre navzoč razen 3 nadzornikov. Zastopana so sledeča društva: št. 10, 23, 41, 80, 86, 89, 107, 126, 239, skupaj 10 društev s 25 zastopniki in 6 odborniki.

Sledi čitanje zapisnika prejšnje seje, kateri je bil sprejet s popravkom, da je društvo 189 (Coverdale) pridobilo 3 nove člane v mladinski in 1 v odrasli oddelki, kar ni bilo označeno v prejšnjem zapisniku.

Poročilo odbora: Br. predsednik poroča, da je sedaj po združenju delo federacije končano in želi, da se napravi danes tak zaključek, da bo v zadovoljstvo vsem in da gremo sedaj na delo za večjo in močnejšo organizacijo SNPJ. Br. tajnik Louis Kvarlich poda finančno poročilo za zadnje 3 mesece. V blagajni se nahaja \$89. Blagajnik in nadzorniki se strinjajo, nakar se račun odobre.

Poročila zastopnikov: Vsa društva so z veseljem pozdravila združenje in so se združila po naselbinah razen društva 239 v North Braddocku, katero bo še poslovalo naprej. Pri društvu 407 (Yukon) je umrl br. John Dermota. Br. predsednik pozove navzoče, da vstanejo v znak solidarnosti.

Dopis: Pismo od federacije društev SNPJ v zapadni Penni se vzame na znanje. Govori še tudi br. John Kvarlich, bivši gl.

Glasovi iz naselbin

Smrt pokosila dobrega agitatorja

Brooklyn, N. Y.—Spet nam je smrt pobrala dobrega člana društva All Americans 580 SNPJ v osebi Johna Sneiderja. V petek jutraj, 21. nov., se je podal zdrav in vesel na delo, ob 10. uri popoldne pa njegova žena Agnes dobi brzojav, naj se takoj zglozi v pisarni bolnišnice, kjer je John delal kot klepar (tin smith).

Zena se je takoj podala v pisarno, kjer ji sporoče, da se je njen mož radi srčne napake zgrudil pri delu in umrl. Zdravniki so si prizadevali na vse načine, da ga ohranijo pri življenju, a nič ni pomagalo.

John Sneider je bil zelo aktiven za SNPJ in bil njen član blizu 30 let. Pri našem društvu je bil vsako leto v odboru, nikdar ni bil prost. Večkrat je bil predsednik, letos pa tajnik. Nobeno delo v korist društva ni bilo zanj preveč, vsako nalogo je z veseljem prevzel. Na sejah je vedno poudarjal in priporočal članom, naj agitirajo za nove člane, pa tudi sam ni spal: kadarkoli je bil v družbi, je zmezaril agitiral za SNPJ. Če se je kdo pred njim spotaknil nad SNPJ, je bil takoj v vojni z njim in mu povedal, kar mu je šlo; jezika ni v takem primeru nikdar hranil. Sicer ne smem reči, da je bil John vedno v pravem, ker tudi midva vsa se večkrat spoprijela v kakem slu-

čajju, toda to je bilo v prijateljskem tonu. Jaz ga bom težko pogrešal, ker sva se večkrat kaj pogovorila; a ne samo jaz, marveč tudi mnogi drugi ga bodo pogrešali. On je bil tudi delegat na 11. konvenciji SNPJ.

John je prišel v Ameriko leta 1906. Rodil se je aprila leta 1888 v Koprivniku pri Kočevju in je bil ob smrti torej star 53 let in sedem mesecev. Tukaj zapuša žaluzočno ženo Agnes in tri hčere, vse članice SNPJ, kakor tudi dve sestri, v starem kraju pa dve sestri. Pokopan je bil 24. nov. Ker je bil tudi član prostoizidarske, se je pogreb vršil po prostozidarskem obredu. Johnu ohranimo časten spomin! **F. Kramarski** st.

Proti koncu leta

Walsenburg, Colo.—Leto se bliža h koncu. Vsi podjetniki že sedaj pregledujejo račune in svoje delo, kaj je bilo dobrega in kaj slabega in kako izboljšati poslovanje v prihodnjem letu. Tudi mi člani SNPJ bi se morali vprašati, ali smo izpolnili svojo dolžnost napram SNPJ v tem letu ali ne in ako smo pripravljivi in prihodnjem letu popravljivi, kar smo letos zamenjali. To naj bo vprašanje posameznega člana in obenem tudi vsakega društva naše jednote.

Ta mesec so volitve društvenih odbornikov, od katerih je precej odvisno društveno poslovanje. In letos je mesec december, še bolj važen za nas, ker se združujejo društva SNPJ in bivše SSPZ. Tako se je tudi društvo 8 bivše SSPZ pridružilo društvu 299 SNPJ. Prva skupna seja se bo vršila v nedeljo, 21. dec., pričetek točno ob 9. dopoldne v navadnih prostorih. Radi tega prosim vse članstvo obeh društev, da upoštevajo to naznanilo in se udeležijo te seje, ker bo pomembna za naše bodoče poslovanje. Obenem pa tudi vabim vse članstvo in drugo občinstvo iz okolice, da nas posetite na naši veselici, ki se vrši v Walsenburg Pavilonu na božični večer, 24. dec. To bo naša božičnica, katero priredita društvi 299 SNPJ in 8 bivše SSPZ. Igrala bo izvrstna godba iz Puebla, pričetek ob 9. zvečer. Torej na svidenje na božični večer v Walsenburgu. **Ed Tomšič**, predsednik 299.

So imeli združitveni banket

Evleth, Minn.—V nedeljo, 23. nov., smo tukaj imeli banket v proslavo združitve društev SNPJ in bivše SSPZ. Banket je bil spremljan z govornimi programom, v katerem so nastopili kot govorniki uradniki vseh tukajšnjih društev SNPJ in bivše SSPZ. Sploh so bili na tej prireditvi upeljani v SNPJ in pozdravljeni člani bivše SSPZ. Priredba se je vršila v dvorani SNPJ. **Poročevalka.**

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POKOPAJMO STARE PREPIRE!

Še vedno prihajajo člani v Prosveto s spornimi zadevami, ki izvirajo iz volitev delegatov pred šestimi ali sedmimi meseci za zadnjo konvencijo.

Zadeve, ki se direktno tičejo spornih delegatov, smo ustavili za objavo takoj po konvenciji oziroma sredi oktobra, ko smo videli, da zadeva enega prizadetega društva ali člana privlači druge prizadeta društva in člani, da prihajajo z enakimi zadevami na dan. S ponovnim rešetanjem onih zadev v glasilo, ki jih je končno veljavno rešila konvencija, ne pridemo nikamor.

— Ostali pa so pri nekaterih družstvih spori, ki izvirajo iz pred konvencije in povzročajo nove razprtije. Prosimo prizadete brate, naj vendar enkrat pokopljajo tiste spore doma in naj prenehajo v dopisih s prepri, ki mejijo na gole osebnosti. Danes so pred nami večje in važnejše zadeve in škoda je časa in energije za malenkostno pričkanje pri družstvih in po naselbinah sploh.

NESPAMETNI, MALENKOSTNI UGOVORI

V Clevelandu Ameriški Domovini čitamo ugovore proti sklicanju slovenskega narodnega kongresa po predstavnikih podpornih organizacij, češ, da naše podporne organizacije niso poklicane za nameravano politično akcijo. Odborniki teh organizacij niso bili izvoljeni za to, da vodijo politiko glede stare domovine. Relifno akcijo za stari kraj lahko vodijo, to se jim prizanesi, ne pa politična akcija!

Cudovito je to. Relifno akcijo lahko vodijo, ne pa politične! Oboje pa je izredna nujsnost, ki nima nič opraviti z vsakdanjo politiko. Ali bi ne bilo otroče, če bi rekli, da podporna organizacija lahko izrazi simpatije do Slovencev v starem kraju, ne sme jim pa svetovati, kako naj uredijo svoje bodoče življenje, da ne bodo več potrebovali naše gromotne pomoči, in ne sme svojih želja glede naše stare domovine sporočiti graditeljem nove Evrope?

Organizacije, ki so po svojih odbornikih sklicale slovenski narodni kongres, so naše največje organizacije, ki predstavljajo ne dosti manj ko 150.000 ameriških Slovencev. Kje imate bolj demokratično predstavništvo? Končno pa bodo povabljeni na kongres še druge organizacije, ki niso podporne, in povabljenih bo mnogo posameznikov. Ali ne bi rojaki, ki se prvi hip namrdujejo, malo počakali, da vidijo organizacijo prihajajočega kongresa?

LE ZDRUŽENI BOMO NEKAJ DOSEGLI

Ameriški Slovenci zdaj polagamo temelj svoji politični akci-

ji v prid naši stari domovini. Ta akcija še ni organizirana, kajti zadnja beseda bo imel kongres, ki je sklican za 12. februarja pr. l., vendar je tukaj možnost, da bomo zdaj nastopili enotno vsi ali vsaj večina.

Če hočemo uspeti, moramo biti združeni za neki cilj. To nas lahko učijo izkušnja iz preteklosti. Med zadnjo svetovno vojno so bili ameriški Slovenci razcepljeni na dve ali tri struje in nobena ni imela pravega uspeha. Poskrbeti moramo, da bo zdaj drugače. Glavni pogoj vsaki naši politični akciji pa mora biti, da mora biti zasnovana demokratično, vršiti se mora demokratično in njen cilj mora biti demokracija na vsej črti. Ameriški Slovenci ne smejo nositi sramote, da so pomagali ustvariti kakšno novo diktaturo v starem kraju.

MI NOČEMO NIČESAR DIKTIRATI STAREMU KRAJU!

Clevelandska Ameriška Domovina vprašuje, ali naj ameriški Slovenci diktiramo obliko državnega sistema bodoči Jugoslaviji? Nato pa modruje, da bi bilo bedasto najprej debatirati, kakšno obliko vlade naj ima nova Jugoslavija, potem pa osvajač ozemlje za novo državo. Prvo mora biti parcela ali stavbišče, potem šele je hiša.

Ameriški Slovenci ne diktiramo ničesar. Kako pa bi sploh mogli? Ampak večina ameriških Slovencev je toliko pametna, da lahko reče: če smo mi pozvani od predstavnikov Slovenije, ki so danes v Londonu kot člani jugoslovanske vlade ali zunaj nje, naj pomagamo naši stari domovini do združenja in svobode, tedaj imamo po vseh demokratičnih načelih pravico, da tem predstavnikom povemo, kako si mi zamišljamo svobodo naše stare domovine. Če smo mi pozvani, naj brusimo jezik in pete v interesu stare domovine, da nas bodo slišali oni, ki bodo gradili novo Evropo, tedaj imamo vso pravico, da razodenemo graditeljem, kaj so naše želje glede SVOBODE naše rojstne domovine in kaj bi bilo po našem uverjenju in izkušnjah najbolje za naše rojake v starem kraju. Dajle imamo pravico, da povemo uradnim predstavnikom Slovenije, ki se nahajajo v Londonu in Ameriki, kaj pričakujemo od nove Jugoslavije za naše skromno delo in če imajo kakšne garancije za nas, da bodo naše želje upoštevale. Ali je to kakšno diktiranje?

Bratje pri Ameriški Domovini lahko javno izpovedo, da so oni vso skrb glede bodočnosti Slovenije in nove Jugoslavije prepustili jugoslovanski vladi v Londonu. To je njihova zadeva, ampak vsi ameriški Slovenci niso tega mnenja. Veliko nas je, najbrže večina, ki nam ni vseeno, kakšna naj bo politična oblika nove Jugoslavije in še posebej združene Slovenije. Če je res, da jugoslovanska vlada v Londonu lahko vse sama uredi brez nas, čemu nas potem potrebuje? Samo za štafazo?

Ameriški Domovi bi tudi lahko povedali, da noben praktičen gospodar ne gleda za parcelo ali stavbišče brez načrta, kaj bo zidal na parceli; vsak pameten človek misli na obliko stavbe, kakršno bi rad imel, ko še nima parcele. Mi smo prepričani, da je velika večina ameriških Slovencev proti temu, da bi se Slovenija vrnila v staro Jugoslavijo, smo pa za to, da Slovenija z najširšo samovlado postane del demokratične jugoslovanske federacije ali še večje federacije.

Slovenija mora enkrat dobiti pravo demokracijo! Le priznajte, da v prejšnji Jugoslaviji ni bilo demokracije. In obnova stare Jugoslavije, v kateri bo vsak čis mogoča kraljevska in vojaška diktatura, je najmanj naloga ameriških Slovencev, ki žive v demokratični republiki. Nihče med nami, ki misli demokratično, ne bo pristal na kaj takega.

Niti minister Franc Snoj, kolikor smo ga doslej mi spoznali — in spoznali smo ga kot gentlemana — ne bo pristal na kaj takega za Slovence. In ne pozabite vi v Clevelandu, da Snoj in Miha Krek še nista jugoslovanska vlada. Ona sta samo dva, proti njima je pa velika večina Srbov, med katerimi so tudi oni, ki so nedolgo tega sodelovali pri kraljevski in vojaški diktaturi! — — —

Glasovi iz naselbin

Glede združenja društev
Milwaukee. — Na zadnji konvenciji v Pittsburghu je prišlo do združenja SNPJ in SSPZ. Ti si, ki so oziroma so bili člani obeh organizacij, se morajo pridružiti k temu ali onemu društvu.

Tudi v Milwaukeeju imamo dosti društev, predvsem na južni strani. Bolje bi bilo, da bi ta društva združili iz dveh razlogov. Prvič zakaj je treba plačevati toliko uradnikov pri tolikih društvih, plačevati najemnine za društvene seje, ker je pri vsakem društvu mala udeležba. Drugič ima vsako društvo piknik in po dve veselici na leto, povsod pa vidiš ene in iste glave skupaj, ene in iste delavne člane in mala udeležba. Ljudem ne moreš zameriti, ker je preveč zabave povsod. In tako poberejo vse dobiček oziroma dohodke pivovarna, godba in najemnine od dvoran ali prostora.

To omenjam radi tega, ker ima odbor za Slovenski dom seji 14. dec., na kateri se bo ukrenilo, ali se kupi dvorana SST ali ne. Torej ako bi šla naša društva bolj skupaj, da bi imeli skupne zabave, manj toda boljše, bi lahko pričakovali uspeh. Potem bi tudi lahko pomagali z denarnimi prispevki, da bi prej plačali dvorano. Naše društvo 16 SNPJ ima sedaj pet delnic v ta namen, ampak ako bi delali skupno, bi jih lahko kupili 50 ali več. Z združenimi močmi bi naredili več kot posamezno, tako za društvo kot za slovenski dom.

Frank Perko, tajnik 16.

Nekaj kadila
Cleveland. — Naše društvo V boj 53 SNPJ je proslavljalo svojo 35-letnico. Že meseca februarja je bilo sklenjeno, da vsak član plača 25c doklade v društveno blagajno, v zameno pa dobi prostvo vstopnico na proslavo. Ta sklep je bil zato sprejet, ker je protipostavno vsiljevat vstopnice. Ta dopisnik se dobro razume na take postavbe, da moraš plačati v korist društvene blagajne brez izjeme, kdo si.

Ko so bile oddajane te vstopnice, so pa barroomarski diskurzari pričeli hujskati članstvo radi teh 25c, ker so menda mislili, ako imaš kvoder, pol dolarja ali dolar, da je barroom edini prostor, kjer ga smeš zapraviti. Mi se čudimo našemu ženskem spolu, da tak slučaj vzame za tako nekaj groznega. In poznéje so te ženske raznašale take marne naprej, dasi so brez vsake podlage. Naše društvo ne sili nikomur vstopnice, ker pa je bila društvena 35-letnica, smo sprejeli tak sklep, to je, da vsak član plača 25c doklade v društveno blagajno in dobi zastopniško vstopnico. Do sedaj se nismo bili obveščeni, da je kdo umrl radi tistega kvodra.

Mi bi želeli, da bi se v "kulturnih" kovačnicah ne kuhalo toliko zgagarji, potem pa se obešali na naš račun. To absolutno odklanjamo, ker ravno isti barroomarji brez vsakega ugovora radi plačujejo pri drugih društvih prisiljene vstopnice za banke ali navadne veselice, toda ni nobenega protesta. Saj ponekod vsiljujejo še celo pivske listke in to oglašajo celo v listih, ampak je vse okey. Če bi kaj takega storilo društvo V boj, bi bil ogenj v strehi.

Podpisani ima dva sinova v tem društvu, toda ni bilo nobenega na proslavi, ker eden dela za državo na propelerjih v San Antoniu, Tex., drugi pa je ostal doma pri otrokih, da je njegova žena in njena sestra lahko stregla gostom na proslavi. Pa tudi moja žena je pomagala v kuhinji, dasi ni članica društva 53, marveč ženskega društva 748 — mi ji damo enakopravnost, da je lahko tam, kjer hoče biti. Ali kljub temu se nismo zgražali radi tistih 25c.

Menda mislijo nekateri, ako bi mene ne bilo, bi bilo vse lepo. Če tako mislijo, naj kar okoli sebe pogledajo in bodo videli kako drugje napredujejo, kjer ni mene zraven. Saj so tudi pri nekem klubu zavpili, kaj vse bo, ko mene ne bo. In kaj je sedaj? Mrtvilo. Nič več ne povedo, akq klub še obstoji ali je mrtev. Ko sem bil jaz zraven, smo vsaj obnali tako, da so imeli tudi naj-

bolj junaški komunisti strah pred nami, kako bomo mi oblegali njih trdnjavo, dasi nas je bilo komaj dva tucata.

Opozorjam člane društva 53, da bo prihodnja seja drugo nedeljo, to je 14. dec., v spodnji dvorani SDD na Waterloo. Seja se prične ob devetih zjutraj, ker bo radi volitev uradnikov trajala dalj časa.

Naš podpredsednik John Šorc je sedaj na bolniški listi. Želim, da bi bil do letne seje že zdrav, vi člani ga pa obiščite, ker prijazni bratski obiski — so dostikrat najboljše zdravilo.

Moram tudi opozoriti celokupno članstvo, kako včasih naši člani radi poslušajo one, ki jim servirajo — medico. Zadnja konvencija SNPJ je sklenila, da gl. odbor lahko letno porabi neko vsoto za podpiranje tamburaškega zbora neke univerze, češ da bo ta zbor podal ameriški javnosti naše pesmi in skladbe. Slišal sem že precej kritike radi tega nepremišljenega sklepa, ker so tudi vzroki. Prvi je, da tamburica ni naš "narodni instrument", marveč hrvatski. Drugič bi mi morali imeti klasične sklarbe, toda še tiste, kolikor jih imamo, ni dirigentov, ki bi jih prirejali za razna godala. Tretjič bi morali upoštevati tudi druge, ki so bolj poznali kot predstavniki naše pesmi in glasbe.

Jaz ne morem razumeti, zakaj so naši stari delegatje takoj pripravljeni dvigniti roko pri glasovanju, ne da bi pomislili, kam gre njih assessment. Naša metropola razširja slovensko pesem in glasbo po radiu, toda ni nihče iz Clevelanda prišel s predlogom, da se nam da \$1000 podpore. Le Josephine Močnik je predlagala \$10 za Glasbeno matico, toda je ni uslišal ne Bog ne delegacija, dasi je bila vsota malenkostna.

Frank Barbič, 53.

Venera se zahvaljuje
Milwaukee, Wis. — V izrečno veselje in prijetno zadoščenje mi je poročati javnosti, da se je program za 28-letnico društva Vehere dne 22. nov. sijajno obnesel. Navzlic temu, da se je vreme, kot za nagajivost, ravno isti večer obrnilo v občutno mrzlo, se je zbrala prilično število udeležencev, ki so z zanimanjem sledili izvajanju pevskih točk.

Prvo je nastopil mešani zbor tukajšnjih ml. krožkov, in teh članov je lepo število, da jih je veselje videti. Njih voditelj br. Frank Puncar je v uvodu predstave na navzročje toplo apeliral, da vsak, ki ima veselje in glas za petje, naj se pridruži pevskemu zboru, naj se prilagodi njemu ali pa pride kar na vajo, ki se vrše vsak teden ob sejah v Šoštaričevi dvorani. Njegov apel je zelo na mestu in je iskreno želeli, da doseže povoljen odziv v prosep glasbe in kulture sploh.

Nato nam je mladina pod vodstvom njih učitelja mr. S. Juršiča z lepo ubranimi in ljubkodoječimi glasovi zapela več domačih, nam vsem poznanih in priljubljenih pesmic, s katerimi so nas tako prijetno presenetili, da je nam na mah zarajalo srce, da nam je iz obrazov zasijalo veselje, ki smo ga izrazili z burno odobravnimi aplavzi!

Enako odlično se je za tem postavil tudi naš mladi gost Edie Udovich iz Chicago. Z mičnimi nastopi nam je ob igranju na kitaro s svojim čistim in srebrno zvonečim glasom zapel nekaj šaljivih slovenskih pesmic in še eno angleško za nameček, za kar je žel gromoviti aplavz od navzočih.

Iz njegovih mičnih nastopov je zaznati, da mladi Edie poseduje prirojeno nadarjenost, kakor tudi, da je skrbno izvežban pod nadzorstvom svojega očeta Antona Udovicha, ki je kot pevec Prešerna vsadil in neguje tudi v svojem sinu občutek ljubezni do petja in kulture sploh, za kar mu je izrečno čestitati! Da je v tem oziru že uspešen, dokazujejo sinovi odlični nastopi in se odsevajo še tem bolj jasno v njegovih neutešljivi želji do nadaljnje pouka v izpolnitve svojega talenta.

Ko je naš mladi gost za kulisami opazoval in poslušal lepo ubrano petje naših krožkov, je vzniheno svojemu očetu vzkliznil: "Kako lepo pojejo, kako izbornega učitelja imajo, tega bi jaz rad imel!" To znači, da mu v prirojeno nadarjenosti mo-

čno klije želja, posvetiti se učenju, da ga kal ljubezni do petja nagonsko sili na pot, ki ga mogoče privede do sijajne kariere na polju kulture. Naša iskrena želja je, mladi Edie, da je na tem potu vsa sreča s teboj in da dosežeš svoje željene uspehe v vsestranskem oziru!

Če pomislimo, kako težko se je nam priučiti pravilne izgovorjave angleške govornice, da je še tem težje tukaj rojeni mladini privaditi se in izgovarjati pravilno slovenske besede v pesnitvi, bomo znali ceniti veliko poštrevovalnost njih samih, njih učiteljev in voditeljev. V poštevek tega je nas starejša generacija moralna dolžnost, da jim nudimo naše sodelovanje, da z našimi močmi podpremo njih poštrevovalnost in jih tako nagradimo za njih vrlo vztrajnost, ki je poleg prirojene nadarjenosti temeljna podlaga za dosego uspehov, ki jih beležijo sebi in nam v ponos. Zato ni več kot prav, da dajemo vso priliko naši mladini, da na naših priredbah nastopa in se tako vežba, da naposled, kot dobro vzgojeni naši nasledniki, častno nadaljujejo socialno in strokovno udejstvovanje slovenskega življa. Od vzgoje naše mladine je odvisno, koliko časa bo živela in se glasila naša slovenska govorica, kdaj nam bo zgodovinska kronika zaprla knjigo naše socialnega sožitja.

V tem smislu se torej v imenu društva Venera 192 SNPJ iskreno zahvaljujem za nastop tukajšnjim krožkom, in sicer vsem mladim pevčev, njih učitelju in voditelju, istotako federaciji za poklonitve tozadevnih stroškov! Slično iskrena hvala našemu mlademu gostu Edieju Udovichu in njegovemu očetu Antonu Udovichu za duševni užitek, ki ste ga nam naklonili in nam s tem priredbo še bolj olepšali!

Nadalje izrekamo iskreno zahvalo vsem cenjenim udeležencem od tu in iz Chicago. Starša Udovich in dvojica Rokavc so se nam zelo priljubili in nas zelo veselili, da smo imeli čast se z njimi seznaniti; izrečno želimo, da se ob kakih priliki prav kmalu zopet snidemo, dotlej pa, da ste nam lepo pozdravljeni!

V imenu veselničnega odbora se izreka najlepša hvala našim pridnim delavkam in onim sestram, ki so nas v prid veselice obdarile. Zahvalimo se prav vsem, ki so nam s čimurkoli pomagali do boljšega uspeha! V zavesti, da imamo še toliko naklonjenega občinstva, bomo navdušeno v tem pravcu nadaljevale in vas prihodnjič presentile zopet s kakim lepim programom.

Na zadnji seji Venera nam je zastopnica konference Prosvetne matice, sestra A. Puncar podala obširno in zanimivo poročilo, med drugim tudi glede možne akcije po vojni prizadetim v stari domovini. Poudarjala je, da je naša moralna dolžnost sedaj še toliko bolj, da tukaj naseljeni Slovenci porabimo vso našo moč, da dalje ohranimo našo slovensko govorico s tem, da jo učimo in jo razširjamo med našo mladino v socialnem in kulturnem oziru. K temu je sprožila še svojo idejo, da bi bilo umestno, da si tudi društvo Venera omisli postaviti kako igro na oder in tako pomaga razširjati našo govorico. Ideja in poročilo je bilo z odobravanjem vzeto na znanje in po daljši razpravi, katere se je udeležilo več sester, je društvo sklenilo, da se izreče naša moralna podpora tudi akciji, ki so jo začeli v New Yorku v prid rešitve primorskih Slovencev izpod fašističnega jarma, v katerega so vkletnjeni po zadnji svetovni vojni in trpe nepopolnizive grozote, ki na človeško čuteča srca glasno vpivajo po obracunu!

Dne 9. dec. se bo vršila naša letna seja in sicer začetek bo ob 7:30 uri zvečer. Uljudno ste vabljeni, da se iste udeležite vse članice! Zakaj je seja važna in vaša prisotnost potrebna, to vam je v zadnjem tedniku raztolmačil gl. predsednik v svoji koloni. Nekatero članice so že obljubile, da pridejo in prinesejo darilo. Je res razveseljivo, da imamo med nami članice, ki nam preskrbe in poklonijo okrepčilo, ki se nam po seji zelo priže in se nas s tem še bolj navduši za nadaljno delovanje v prid društvu.

Srečna dobiteljica oddanega radia je mrs. Martin, članica Venera.

Čestitamo! — Za veselčni odbor:

Christina Moseley.

O konvenciji in društvu 137

Cleveland, O.—V Prosveti še vedno čitamo, kaj vse dobro ali slabo se je zgodilo na 12. redni konvenciji SNPJ. Želela bi, da bi se to obojanje delegacije že nehalo. Kot delegatinja rečem tole: vsi delegatje in delegatkinje ter glavni odborniki so na zadnji konvenciji dobili besedo, če so zanjo vprašali, toda zakaj je imela večina tam jezike zavezane? Tam je bil čas, da bi povedali svoje mnenje v korist SNPJ.

Sedaj pa, ko čitam razno kritiko, kaj vse bi se moralo napraviti in kaj se ni storilo, postaja vsa ta stvar že smešna. Dnevnice so bile prevelike. Saj vam je že Barbič pojasnil, da imajo pri njih uniji delegatje \$18 na dan. Na 12. konvenciji, se meni zdi, smo bili tudi sami delavci, in to tudi kulturni delavci, ki vsak po svoje dela v svoji naselbini le za korist društva in jednote. Vsaj jaz nisem videla nobenega kapitalista na konvenciji.

Čitala sem tudi, kam so se skrili varuhi jednotinega premoženja, ko smo glasovali za dnevnic. Meni se vidi, da se naši varuhi vedno in povsod potegujejo za pravice delavcev; in so bili tudi tukaj na mestu. Ravno nasprotni smo bili pa vsi drugi, ko so bile na dnevnem redu plače glavnih izvršnih odbornikov. Kar priznamo, da so najnižje plačani v primeri z drugimi bratskimi organizacijami, dasi je naša SNPJ med največjimi. Torej je lahko nas sram, ker zahtevamo vse od njih; v njih rokah je naše veliko premoženje, da ga varujejo, kadar pridejo plače na vrsto, se pa neha vse bratstvo. Samo tega se nekateri veselijo, kako jih bodo spet namahali na prihodnji konvenciji.

Kar se tiče drugih sklepov konvencije, gotovo niso bili vsi po volji ne enemu ne drugemu. Saj še predsednik Združenih držav dela napake. Glavno sedaj je to, da za enkrat skušamo pozabiti in popraviti ali izboljšati na prihodnji konvenciji čez štiri let v Evelethu, Minn. Apellram na dopisnike Prosvete, da prenehajo s predbacivanjem in naj raje pišejo v dobrobit naše združene organizacije in za večjo SNPJ.

Poročilo, ki sva ga podali sodelegatkinjo Josie Zakrajšek na seji Naprednih Slovenk o konvenciji, so naše članice z veseljem sprejele. To pa zato, ker so vse zavedne in napredne žene in dobro razumejo, da se hiša ne more zgraditi v enem tednu in tudi ne v enem mesecu, ampak vzame časa. Isto velja tudi za konvencije.

Zdaj pa nekaj našim agilnim članicam društva Naprednih Slovenk 137 SNPJ: Naša letna seja se vrši v četrtek, 4. dec., v dvorani št. 1 v novem posloppju SND. Letna seja je važna in velikega pomena. Volile bomo odbor za prihodnje leto in tudi zastopnice v razne druge odbore. Pridite vse, izjema naj bo le bolezen. Na naših sejah je vedno lušno in živahno in imamo tudi "bank night"—katero članico doleti sreča, dobi dolar iz društvene blagajne. Tudi na letni seji bo nekaj dobrega, zato bodite navzoče vse in se veselite z nami.

V naše društvo se je naselila tudi žalost. Zadnja dva meseca je nam smrt pobrala pet dobrih članic: sestre Somrak (Seler), Chervan, Lah, Merzlikar in Zaletel, našo ustanoviteljico. Tri od teh je zadel srčna kap, eno je ubil avto, sestra Lah pa je umrla po dolgi boleznii. Naj bo vsem lahka ameriška gruda, družinam umrlih članic pa izreka naše društvo globoko sožalje!

Sestre, katere ste čile in zdrave, udeležite se društvenih seji, ker tam dobite duševno in telesno razvedrilo in se vsaj enkrat na mesec otresete skrbi in težav, katerih je polna mera v vsaki družini. Če je malo spremembe, se vse lažje prenaša.

Napredne Slovenke tudi pridedimo letno plesno veselico 3. januarja. Seja je sklenila, da vsaka članica kupi eno vstopnico zato, ker plačujemo premalo za našo društveno blagajno za upravne in druge stroške. S tem,

da vsaka članica kupi vstopnico, je tudi boljji uspeh veselice in pomoč blagajni.

Apellram tudi na naše članice, ako je kateri mogoče, naj pripelje kako novo članico v društvo. Zdaj se moramo požuriti, da nadomestimo umrle članice z novimi. Če katera ve za kako ženo ali dekle, ki še ni pri društvu, naj jo vpiše, ali pa naj sporoči kakšni izme dobornice in se bomo potrudile, da jo pripeljemo v naše društvo. Torej na svidenje na letni seji 4. dec.

Josie Močnik, predsednica.

Božičnica slovenske šole SND

Cleveland, Ohio.—V nedeljo 21. dec., ob 3. uri popoldne uprizorijo učenci šole S. N. Doma na St. Clair Ave. v avditoriju doma igro "Sola v nebesih" v treh dejanjih, pod režijo svoje učiteljice Mary Ivanush. Poleg igre bo tudi petje in deklamacije učencev obeh oddelkov šole, mladinskega in odraslega. Po igri nastopi Miklavž, ki obdari učence šole mladinskega oddelka in razdeli druga božična darila. Zvečer bo ples. Igra Johnny Pecopov orkester, ki je zelo popularen med mladino. Vstopnina je 35c za popoldne ali zvečer ali za oboje skupaj, če ostanete v dvorani po popoldanskem programu. Vstopnice se dobijo pri vseh tajnikih društev, ki so članicariji S. N. Doma, kot tudi v slaščičarni mrs. Makovec v. Domu, pri John Tavčarju in pri podpisanim.

Zastopniki društev v Prosvetnem klubu SND ste prošeni, da poagitarate med svojimi prijatelji in na društvenih sejah, da bo udeležba na tej božičnici res vredna truda in prizadevanja, ki je v zvezi s priredbo.

V mladinski oddelk šole se je vpisalo nekaj nad 50 učencev, kar je sorazmerno jako malo v primeri z veliko slovensko naselbino v Clevelandu, in z ozirrom na to, da je to edina slovenska šola v tem mestu. V šolo se še vedno lahko vpišejo otroci in sicer vsako soboto po dnevu, ko se pouk vrši.

Odrasli oddelk slovenske šole je letos dokaj majhen, menda je vzrok velika zaposlenost, ki utruja mladino, da ne izrabiti prilike ob večerih za pouk v slovenskem jeziku. Če katerega veselijo, se tudi še vedno lahko pridruži razredu, ki se obdržuje ob četrtkih zvečer v S. N. Domu. Vsakdo, ki je nad 16 let star ali stara, se lahko vpiše v odrasli oddelk slovenske šole. Vse, kar se človek priuči v mladosti dobrega, kdaj prav pride. Tako je tudi koristno znanje slovenskega jezika, ki bo vsakomur le koristilo in nikomur škodilo. Zato se poslužite te izredne prilike, dokler šola obstoji. Če ne bo dovolj učencev v razredu, bomo morali razred odpraviti, kar bo škoda. Odrasli oddelk slovenske šole poučuje Antoinette Kennick, ki je izvrstna učiteljica in se z njo učenci zelo pohvalijo.

Medtem, ko Nemci v starem kraju do smrti zatirajo naš slovenski narod, pa mi še doslej vedno svobodno dihamo in govorimo v Ameriki, koliko časa še, se ne ve, ker tudi tukaj se pripravljajo oblaki, ki znajo spreminiti marsikaj.

Zato obdržimo, kar imamo našega in krepimo, da nam ne umrje. Slovenska šola S. N. Doma je vredna vse podpore vsakega naroda.—Za slovensko šolo S. N. Doma,

Erasem Gorahc, tajnik.

Pred dvajsetimi leti

(Iz Prosvete, 3. decembra 1921)

Domače vesti. V Meridenu, W. Va., je umrl 62-letni Avg. Gašperut iz Marincá pri St. Janžu na Dolenjskem, član SNPJ in SSPZ.

Zadeve SNPJ. Gl. predsednik Cankar poziva članstvo, naj se polnoštevilno udeleži letne seje društva jednote.

Delavske vesti. Rudarji v Kansasu odločno nadaljujejo stavko.

Inozemstvo. Z Dunaja poročajo o velikih izgredih proti podražitvi kruha.

Sovjetska Rusija. Med kmeti ob Volgi je začel na debelo razsajati legar.

Ali ste naročeni na dnevnik "Prosveto"? Podpirajte svoj list!

The Yuletide Season and Our Juveniles

With the yuletide season but a few days off, it is timely to mention the activities which are sponsored by our lodges and federations annually for the juvenile members of our Society.

We have in mind our Christmas affairs presented in various forms by many of our lodges. Some of our lodges have long realized the importance of utilizing this season to their advantage by arranging suitable children's programs and established the gift-giving practice. This has served primarily as a means of keeping the children within our ranks and of attracting others into our midst. In recent years, since the formation of our Juvenile Circles, these annual children's festivities have assumed greater importance. More and better programs are being presented in which greater numbers of juveniles participate.

It seems that this is the season when children expect and receive special recognition and are thereby more responsive. This then, is the time for planned action on their behalf for the benefit of our lodges and the organization. Of course, the sponsoring lodges and federations must see to it that the programs are always in accord with the Society's principles of progressive ideals and free-thought.

Our Juvenile Circles serve as excellent centers of action, and the advisers and managers in cooperation with lodge officers and members can obtain excellent results. There is a spirit and tradition in connection with this season which draws people together in harmony and willingness and provides that essential to success.

It is interesting to remember that the yuletide season dates far back to prehistoric times. In fact, this season was celebrated by the pagans 2000 years before our era, and many of the present-day customs are traceable to that early period. The pagans were sun-worshippers and believed the sun was born each morning and sank into its grave at night. Upon the approach of the winter solstice they became increasingly alarmed at the diminishing power of the sun and feared it would ultimately be entirely eclipsed by darkness. At the passing of the solstice, around December 25, when the sun became more powerful each day there was much rejoicing at its supposed rebirth. Centuries later—in the 5th century of our era, to be exact—the celebration of the rebirth of the sun was converted and adopted to the meaning which it has today. However, the yuletide season nowadays is largely used for commercial purposes.

It is plain that the season of gift-giving and ready good-will is important and should be utilized to our full advantage, although our Society practices this in terms of various benefits every day of the year. This latter is our fraternalism in truth and practice.

In order to augment our juvenile programs during the season our Society has on hand a number of booklets containing suitable original plays, recitations, and songs, both in English and Slovene. There are such plays as "Christmas—Then and Now", "Bratje Miklavži", "No Game of Chance"; also, "Next-Door Neighbor", "Zbrali so se Lincoln!", "In the Nick of Time", etc. Recitations and songs "Discovered Santa Claus", "Lep Božični Večer" and others. These can be obtained by writing to SNPJ headquarters.

It is desirable that our lodges and federations cultivate a good-will spirit among their juvenile members during their formative age. This, we are sure, will produce good results and will pay in substantial returns when the youngsters grow up.

Off the President's Bat

By J. F. Fifolt, Lodge 566

CLEVELAND.—Instead of Friday, Dec. 12, as mentioned last week, the Cleveland Athletic League is going to hold their meeting this Friday, Dec. 5, change in date being the result of a social affair sponsored by the Utopian lodge on the 12th. Representatives from all English Speaking lodges are requested to put in their appearance to decide definitely the question of sponsorship of the Eastern Invitational Bowling Tournament.

Glasbena Matica is busily preparing for its annual Spring Concert holding weekly rehearsals every Thursday, Room 2 SND, under the direction of Mr. Ivan Zorman. The military situation together with shift work in defense industries, has caused a scarcity of male singers, not only with this group but others as well. If you are interested in joining this outstanding singing society why not make it a point to show up this Thursday. The women will welcome you with open arms.

Mrs. Cam Zarnick, Vice President, in charge of social affairs, is lining up workers for their annual winter dance to be held in January, with music by Lou Trebar. Keep this in mind.

Tillie Potokar McCoy is preparing to leave Cleveland soon to join her better half stationed in the Air Corps somewhere in California. We wish her a pleasant trip.

Another successful Comrade affair has rolled on its way, the November bowlers' dance. The crowd thoroughly enjoyed itself dancing to the farwell music of Frankie Yankovic, who is preparing to open up his own business in the near future. Frankie has played for our lodge ever since being in the business. We thoroughly enjoyed

our relationship and wish him the best of luck in his new venture.

The old reliables were on hand, Stefania sisters behind the cage; Millie Koren and Mary Zak at the door; Jean Beljan with hubby Matt selling refreshment tickets; aided by Sis. Prijatelj, whose husband Joe won the drawing for the bowling ball and bag; Sis. Zadell, also Fran Spik who had a far away look in her eye until her friend Ed put in his appearance. Pauline Spik, in charge, helped here and there when called. Albina Vehar and her mother were in charge of the kitchen, her dad helped behind the bar until Bates-Popotnik-Stefania trio arrived. Eddie Stefania also helped behind the bar when the going got rough. A couple of newcomers, Angela and Julia Mahne, assisted at the door. The Popotnik sisters, Pauline Ross and the rest of the girl bowlers also did their part. The girls wore their classy bowling outfits for the occasion. The Smoles, Agnes Cratic, Vida Belinger, Johnny Prudish and girl friend, Julius Pirnat, Walter Cigerlo and numerous others were on hand.

Frank Ogilar and Ivan Jontez represented the old-timers. We were glad to see them. Kristoff who may play for us later in the month, engaged to our Recording Secretary, were in jovial spirits.

Saturday, Dec. 20, Room No. 1 will be one night every member should set aside for attendance at our election meeting. No ifs or ands, we'll expect you to be on hand. Dancing and refreshments will follow.

Contact has already been made regarding expense of trip to Milwaukee. Price quoted \$12.00 round trip. Start saving your pennies today. Incidentally it would be well

Integrity Broadcast

CHICAGO, ILL.—The regular November meeting of the Integrity Lodge 631 was fairly attended. We accepted three transfer members, two from the former SSPZ lodge. Welcome!

Our annual December meeting will be held on Sunday, Dec. 28, at 8 p. m. at 1804 N. California Ave. All members please take notice of this date. Election of officers will take place.

The members also decided to have an anniversary affair in January. This affair will be in the form of a dinner and only members and their friends will be invited to attend.

We are also going to have our Spring Dance on the 4th Saturday in April, and our 1942 Fall Dance will take place on the 1st Saturday in November. All lodges please take notice of these dates so we will not conflict with dates.

We are indeed very sorry to hear that our president, Bro. Albert Roycht, had met with an accident while out hunting on Nov. 16. He was injured by a crane (large billed bird) on his left eye; it injured the lens and iris of the eye. This cost him his eye-sight, which is very regrettable to the Integrity members and friends.

MICHAEL R. FLEISHACKER, Secretary Lodge 631.

Badgerland News

MILWAUKEE, WIS.—Two more of our members have joined up with Uncle Sam, namely, Ralph Simons and John Bitenz who have joined the Army Air Corps for 3 years. They will be stationed in Mississippi. With Al Jeraj and Matty Graf already gone and now these two fellows, it sure won't leave much for our ball team next summer.

Nat'l Bowling Tourney
For the information of those who will attend our Nat'l Bowling Tourney next spring, I wish to advise that the tournament will be held on April 24, 25 and 26, 1942, that is on Friday, Saturday and Sunday. The reason the date has been advanced one week was due to a request from some out-of-town lodges.

This 'n' That
Dr. Schuler, our lodge physician, is the proud father of a baby boy. This past week Joe Barbarich and Ann Klemenich said "I do." Anton Paulin and Ann Rajster are now Mr. and Mrs. So congratulations to all of you.

Coming Events
Saturday, Dec. 20, at Harmony Hall will be the annual Xmas Program and dance given by the Milwaukee SNPJ Juvenile Circles. A good, short and snappy program is in store for those who will attend, and gifts will be given to all children.

Saturday, Jan. 17, 1942—The Badgers athletic club will sponsor a dance at the Harmony Hall.

Yearly Meeting
Our annual meeting will be held Friday, Dec. 18, at the usual meeting hall, 539 So. 6th St. All members are requested to attend and elect officers whom the membership feels best qualified to perform their duties. Also Santa Claus will be there and all members are requested to bring a gift not to exceed 10c in value. LEO SCHWEIGER, 584.

Export Lodge No. 758 Will Meet on Dec. 14

EXPORT, PA.—All Marine members are urged to attend our final meeting at Mance's Hall, Sunday, Dec. 14, at 8 p. m. Please attend for the election of new officers will take place for the ensuing year.

We cordially invite all Evening Star members from White Valley who wish to join hands with the Marine Lodge to attend our next meeting. They are welcome.

Our dance Nov. 1 wasn't as successful financially as expected. Better luck next time, I hope.

JOSEPHINE NAPONIC, Sec'y.

SNPJ Lodge 143 Final Meeting on Dec. 13

E. HELENA, MONT.—All members of SNPJ 143 are requested to attend the next and final meeting of 1941 on Dec. 13 at 7 p. m. Election of officers and other official business will take place.

JOSEPH MIHELIC, Sec'y.

for Leo Schweiger or some one from Milwaukee to give out some advance details regarding the tournament, especially the date selected. (The dates are April 24, 25 and 26.—Ed.)

Special Meeting

CLEVELAND, O.—On Monday, December 8, there will be a special meeting of the SNPJ New Era lodge 572. The members of the senior Lodge Delavec 257 have been invited to attend this meeting for the purpose of starting a campaign for new members in the New Era lodge.

Since this meeting is of great importance, members of both lodges should turn out in full number. Lodge Delavec have elected a women's committee to take care of the refreshments. Entertainment will also be provided for after the meeting.

An invitation is extended to all the English-speaking sister lodges to attend this meeting which will be held in the Slovene Workingmen's Home on W. 132nd and McGowan Ave. in West Park.

CAMILUS E. ZARNICK, District Vice Pres.

J. Z. Jr. Bright Spots

LIBRARY, PA.—The J. Z. Jr. annual meeting will be held Sunday, December 7, at 6:30 p. m. and all the J. Z. Jr. are urged to attend. The election of officers, meeting date, and other important matters are brought up at this meeting so that we may start the new year right.

There has been so many suggestions brought up at the monthly meetings and the members that attended decided to wait for the annual meeting to give the other members a chance to have their point of view on the subject. So please attend and try to make this the best meeting of the year, for I know that you all have suggestions to make and this is the time to make them for you all have a right to have your say, that is why we have meetings.

The Officers of Headquarters always ask me to send the money a little earlier for December on account of it being New Year's, so I ask all the J. Z. Jr. to try to come as early as possible to help me and headquarters. The January meeting will be early and I want to have my books ready to turn over to the new secretary at the January meeting.

The Committee and the J. Z. Jr. wish to extend their thanks to the Lodges that attended the Thanksgiving Dance and also the people of Library, for their cooperation which made our dance a success. I did not mention the names of the lodges because I was afraid to miss some of them and I wouldn't want them to feel that I was leaving them out.

Now we are looking forward to the concert of the Library Singing Society Bled that will be held Sunday, December 14, and the E. S. Federation Bowling Tournament and Dance held January 1, 1942. We are looking forward to both affairs.

MATILDA BOLTE, 682.

SNPJ Keystoneians

HERMINE, PA.—How many SNPJers have read last week's editorial, "OUR ANNUAL MEETINGS ARE IMPORTANT"? If you haven't get out last week's issue of the Prosve ta and don't fail to read it. Quote one paragraph: "A passive, dormant personnel, lacking any initiative, will let the lodge lapse into inactivity and lethargy from which it will find it hard to recover."

Is your lodge guilty? To the Keystoneian members: Is our lodge guilty? Think it over.

Our annual meeting will be held Sunday, Dec. 7, at 2 o'clock. That will be the proper time to discuss this question and when it comes to choosing your lodge officers may they be as the article states, quote: "An alert executive personnel of the lodge will always radiate activity, growth and progress."

All neighboring lodges are asked to keep our Xmas Day dance in mind. Plan to attend. The music will be furnished by that ever-popular Frank's Trio.

JOSEPH BATIS, Sec'y.

Toledo SNPJ Lodge 666 Will Meet on Dec. 14

TOLEDO, O.—To all members of SNPJ lodge 666: We would like to draw your attention to attend the annual meeting at the Neighborhood Hall, 1021 Vinal St., Sunday, Dec. 14. New officers for the year 1942 will be elected, also the reports for 1941 will be read. Absent members will be dealt with according to the decision made at the last meeting. This also applies to the Jan. 11, 1942, meeting, unless otherwise excused by the membership. It is every member's duty to be present. The hall is at our disposal as long as the majority of our members are present. Let's all be there.

AL VALENCIC, Sec'y.

Little Fort Lodge News

WAUKEGAN, ILL.—Hardly any time to write any sort of an article, so this must suffice as a short greeting.

The Dance Committee met the past week to make final reports of the dance. As had been planned, a party will be given for all committee members and for all those persons who worked at the dance. These will be admitted to the party free of charge. Any other person desiring to attend will be admitted for the fee of one dollar. We invite any who desire to attend—Little Forts, Pioneers, Badgers, Mohawks, etc. At this party you will get free drinks, free refreshments, and, oh yes, free polkas. The date? Saturday, December 13, at Slovene Hall.

This 'n' That—A few Waukeganites traveled to Chicago the past Sunday to attend Singing Society Sava's concert. We extend our deepest sympathies to the Zupancic family in their recent bereavement.

Here are the standings and the averages of the SNPJ bowling mixed league: Team No. 3 won 26 and lost 7; No. 2, 20-13; No. 1, 19-14; No. 5, 18-15; No. 6, 9-24; No. 4, 7-26.

Individual averages for men: 1st M. Kirn 166; 2nd S. Gregorin 166; 3rd F. Belec 164, 4th T. Hodnik 159, 5th G. Shea 156. Individual averages for women: 1st E. Dobnikar 153, 2nd F. Kirn 142, 3rd M. Gerzel 141, 4th C. Stritar 141, 5th M. Laben 132.

High team average: No. 3, 735, 1st; No. 1, 699, 2nd. Individual series: M. Kirn 587, E. Dobnikar 565, F. Belec 570, C. Stritar 524. High ind. single: S. Gregorin 234, E. Dobnikar 565, F. Belec 570, C. Stritar 524. High ind. single: S. Gregorin 234, E. Dobnikar 201, J. Jerreb 223, F. Gregorin 191.

Lefty and Joe Hudale are having another match game with Slim Sedmak and Frankie Vodnik at the Recreation Alleys at 3:30 p. m. Sunday, Dec. 7. They each won in their own home town and Sunday will mark the champions.

Cheerio—Hill we meet again. MILLIE SIMCIC, 668.

Spirit-o-Grams

By Whoosit, 659

ST. LOUIS, MO.—Forgetting our past and looking into our future, we see Dec. 20 marked on the calendar. That is the date of our Christmas Party, which will be held at the Concordia Turner hall, in our meeting room. The previous dance committee has charge of the arrangements and will have Santa Claus there in person. He will see that all of our Juveniles have a real time.

The date for our annual meeting has been set for Dec. 12 immediately after our regular meeting. Every member is urged to remember this date. Who will be our next chairman? Or who will be our next officers? That will be left completely to the members at the annual meeting.

Our Spirits bowling team has been showing some fine bowling the last few weeks. As they go into the second round of the season they are holding seventh place in the 12 team league standing. They also hold fifth place for team high single and seventh for high three. These boys are doing great work for the tough competition they are getting. Stanley Harvatine has high average of the team.

Our Spirits' banjoist, little Jackie Kacin, who has been going places with his banjo lately, was recently selected to take the leading role in a program given by the freshman classes of his school.

Don't forget our membership campaign, which is now in full swing. Another juvenile is scheduled to be entered at our next meeting. Let's keep up the good work.

SNPJ Lodge 7 to Meet with SSPZ Lodge 2

CLARIDGE, PA.—The annual meeting and elections of officers of SNPJ lodge No. 7 and SSPZ lodge No. 2 will be held Sunday, Dec. 7, at 10 a. m. at the SND. All male and female members are urged to attend. MIKE BALOH, Sec'y.

Scranton Lodge 513 to Meet on December 21

SCRANTON, PA.—SNPJ lodge 513 will hold their next regular and annual meeting on Sunday, Dec. 21, at 1 p. m. There will be the election of officers for the year 1942. All members please attend. RALPH KONCHNIK, Sec'y.

Universal Comets

Dates to Remember

UNIVERSAL, PA.—Dec. 7—Meeting of Tenth Anniversary Committee of the E. S. Federation of SNPJ Lodges of Western Pennsylvania, Slovene Hall, 57th & Butler Sts., Pittsburgh, beginning at 2 p. m.

Dec. 7—Meeting of Comets Lodge 715, at the Slovene Hall, Universal, beginning at 7 p. m.

Dec. 31—New Year's Eve Dance by Comets Lodge 715, Slovene Hall, Universal, featuring Martin Kukovich and his Slovene Commanders. Jan. 1—Ninth Annual National SNPJ Duckpin Tournament and Dance, on New Year's Day. Tournament will be held at the Stanley Parlors, Carrick (Pittsburgh), and Dance will be held at the Slovene Hall, Library.

Comets' News

ALL Comet members are urged to attend the next regular meeting of the lodge at the Slovene Hall, Universal, beginning at 7 p. m. on Sunday, Dec. 7. The December meeting of each year stands out as the most important, and it is the fraternal duty of each and every member to be present. Numerous reports and other business will be discussed that will be of interest to the lodge and Society, so don't fail to attend. A social will follow the meeting in the downstairs hall. Let's be at the meeting in full numbers and participate in the discussion, and then have a good time together at the social.

The dance committee searched high and wide for a good orchestra to play at the New Year's Eve Dance, December 31, and it is safe to say that in selecting Martin Kukovich and his Slovene Commanders a good choice was made. Within recent months, Martin has produced on numerous occasions one of our best orchestras, and we are satisfied that his orchestra will provide good entertainment at our dance. The American custom is to raise whoopee on New Year's Eve, and the Comets Lodge is providing the means to satisfy your social desires on that night. Allow this announcement to fill your date for that night, and we pledge you an excellent night of fun and entertainment.

News and Views
On Sunday, Nov. 23, George (Gish) Remeseo and his Mrs. (Mickey), Frank (Dee Wee) Previc, and the writer traveled to Johnstown for a visit. Among others we visited with SNPJ First District Vice-President-elect, Joseph Culkar and his family, and with SNPJ Athletic Board member James Trofino and his wife. To them and others, and particularly the Bricelys and DePolas, we are thankful for a good time due to their splendid hospitality.

If we were to make a count, we would discover that our SNPJ members enjoy numerous rights in our Society; and if we were to make a further count, we would discover that there are an equal number of duties. Outstanding among the duties is the obligation to attend the Annual December meeting of the lodge to which you belong. It sticks out like a sore thumb. Perform

Last Saturday we had the pleasure of speaking at the 25th anniversary celebration of Lodge 300 of Braddock. A huge crowd attended and expressed wishes for further success to this lodge of approximately 200 adults and more than that many juveniles. Those active on the arrangements were Anton Rednak, Anton Rosantz, and Frances Maribus. The chairman of the program, was Matt Junko, brother of Detroit's Leo. Those presented with SNPJ pins in recognition of 25 years in the lodge were Anton Cesnik, Mike Knaflec, Frank Saje, and Gregor Tratnik. Anton Cipic represented the Slovene Federation and made a brief address. We had a swell time with fine people.

Don't fail to make arrangements for that Duckpin Tournament scheduled for New Year's Day in Carrick, and the dance scheduled on the same date at Library. There will be a big representation, so plan to count yourself among the bowlers and dancers. It is reported that the Golden Eagles Lodge of Girard, Ohio, will be represented with teams, and that's good news. And it's equally gratifying to read that the Chicago Pioneers gave favorable consideration to the Tournament invitation. We hope that the Pioneers will take advantage of their lodge's generosity and be with us that day.

MICHAEL R. KUMER, 715.

SNPJ Wolverine News

DETROIT, MICH.—Attention, Wolverines! Don't forget to attend the most important lodge meeting of the year on Sunday, Dec. 21, at 10 a. m. at the Slovene Home on Livernois Ave. "What is so important about this meeting?" you may ask. Well, it's the annual election of officers for the coming year of 1942. At lot of credit is due the present officers of the lodge for the fine work they have done in leading the unit to its present ranking as one of the most progressive organizations in the SNPJ. To Anthony Steffler, Dan Obed, Toni Bogatay, Rudy Bernick, and Anne Stromar; you have all done your job well.

Bowling. All of the Wolverine teams are entered in the Croatian-Slovene Bowling League and the teams can be seen in action every Sunday afternoon at 1 p. m. at the Palmer Park Recreation Center on Six Mile Rd. At the present in the class A league the Wolverine Wolves are in the 4th place, the Wolverine Growlers in 8th and the Wolverine Bernicks in 10th place.

High individual one game total shows T. Golcar in 2nd place with a 255 score. In the high individual 3 game honor role the Wolverines have Larry Bernick with a score of 649 for 3rd place. In the B league the Wolverine Challengers are in 5th place, Wolverine Caboose 11th position and the Wolverine Bachelors in 16th place. High team one game the Bachelors are in 6th place with an 881 and high team 3 games are Challengers with 2493 and the Bachelors with 2460.

In the Women's League the Wolverine Golds are in 3rd position, sparked by the fine bowling of Charlotte Benedict with a 3 game score of 479. In the B league Joe Cerne still leads with his high game of 240. Recent 200 games bowled by Wolverine members were Frank Cerne with 206, Laddie Zindar with 203 and Tony Steffler with a 3 game total of 574. Helen Martincic sports a 220 one game total in the Women's League.

Friendly Views: Rose Klarich introduced a new member at our last meeting who hails from Penna. Joe Sluga, after being a member of the Wolverine lodge but a few months, has gone campaigning for new members and his recent applicant was Frank Cendroski. Welcome to our group, Frank. The ladies sure made the men look bad at our last lodge meeting in attendance. They attended in full force, with but a few males in the crowd. How about a better showing Dec. 21, men?

Last, but by no means least, why not attend the combined Wolverine-Young American dance on Saturday, Dec. 13, at the Oakdale Hall on Eight Mile and Oakland with Frank Yankovich and his orchestra playing all the modern and old-time tunes. H. RUPERT, 677.

FIRST ANNIVERSARY
CLEVELAND, O.—Mr. and Mrs. Mike Bizay want to express their best wishes to their daughter, Catherine, and son, Stephen, on their first anniversary. Thanking their first anniversary. Thanksgiving day. Both are active SNPJers. MIKE BIZAY, 264.

My Week

By Louis Beniger

Much is being said these days about soaring living costs and anti-labor legislation. Both of these topics are of vital importance to every worker as they both affect him directly.

Last week a group of economists issued a report showing that price increases have been concentrated in commodities which are only slightly, if at all, affected by wages. The biggest rise, they point out, is in farm products, and the next biggest rise has been in raw materials—largely because of profiteering and speculation.

Significantly enough, the report shows, the smallest rise has been in goods where wages bulk the largest. Obviously, then, the campaign to prove that soaring living costs are the result of a rise in wage rates, is a deliberately misleading, designed to divert attention from profiteering.

Of course, there have been increases in wage earnings, but the report emphasizes that this is largely the result of more and steadier employment and more overtime, with the rise in hourly earnings or wage rates the least important factor. Their contention is substantiated by the fact that prices and profits have outstripped wages.

Among the economists who investigated economic trends are such well-known educators as William J. F. O'Connell, University of Chicago; Selig Perlman, University of Wisconsin; and others. They have formed a research group to study and report on relation of prices and wage increases. Certainly, their findings cannot be dubbed as "partial."

These experts also pointed out the fact that "people who yell about high wages" as inflationary are quiet as a mouse about the tremendous opening in profits. Yet high profits are dangerously inflationary. Corporate profits are reaching for the sky, and dividends so far this year have increased 10 per cent. But that doesn't tell even half the story: corporations are hiding profits to escape taxation.

Yet, the same reactionary press which clamors for anti-labor legislation, carries on its daily propaganda that soaring living costs are mainly due to wage increases. The workers are entitled to know the guilty party—the profiteers—which is really responsible for America's economic troubles.

LINCOLNITES

SPRINGFIELD, ILL.—Lodge Lincolmites will sponsor a Christmas party at the Dom on December 19 at which we will entertain our juvenile members. Each family is asked to bring sandwiches. There will be a grab-bag gift exchange for both each adult and each juvenile should bring an inexpensive article for this purpose. In addition to this there will be something extra for the children.

We would like to see a good attendance at this meeting so plan to be with us. The business meeting will start at 7 p. m. sharp.

We are happy to report that Brother Eddie Jansen has been discharged from army service, due to the age law, and is now back attending to his grocery business.

Another of our members has been called to serve though. Brother "Tomic" Banich left recently and is now in Texas. His address is: Private Martin Banich, Company "D," 64th Inf. Tng. Bn., Camp Wolters, Texas. We feel sure that "Tomic" would be glad to hear the news from the old home town.

Don't forget the Christmas party. There is also some important business scheduled for the December meeting—election of officers. So all out, everybody.

MARY BRINOCAR, 567.

Trinidad Lodge 714 to Meet Sunday, Dec. 21

TRINIDAD, COLO.—All members of Lodge 714 must attend our last meeting on Sunday, Dec. 21. All absent members will be dealt with according to lodge decision. Let's have one good attendance for the last meeting of the year.

Juvenile Circles

Three Colorado Circles Plan Joint Program December 14

DELAGUA, COLO.—We are happy to announce that three Juvenile Circles in Southern Colorado—namely, Circle No. 25 of Delagua, Circle No. 20 of Agular and Circle No. 1 of Walsenburg—will present a combined program on Sunday, Dec. 14, at one of the named towns.

These three Circles have had a very busy year, and SNPJ lodges of Walsenburg, Agular and Delagua will help to celebrate and close their activities for the year which has been quite successful. At the same time they will make plans for another successful year. Our united motto is, "Forward."

I was informed that a very good program will be presented on Dec. 14 and everybody is assured to have a very good time. Those that have seen these Juveniles perform on different occasions before, will, no doubt, be here cheering for them. These lodges will invite their friends and they will receive a hearty welcome.

Managers Ed Tomic of Circle No. 1 of Walsenburg and Frances Kosernik of Circle No. 20 of Agular will assist Circle No. 25 of Delagua and make all necessary arrangements with their lodges so that they can all attend and make our closing program one of the greatest.

JOSEPH PRUNK, Mgr. Circle 25.

Girard Circle 7 to Hold Yule Party Meeting on Dec. 13

GIRARD, O.—You folks who did not come to the program and dance sponsored by our Circle on Nov. 22 really missed a swell time. The program (singers and actors) was superb! Everyone enjoyed dancing to Jack Persin's orchestra. The dance brought one of the nicest crowds, ever!

Here is the report of our meeting for Nov. 23: Every member received five cents for every ticket they sold over ten. Johnny Bogatay was our star singer. Jeanette Tancek was appointed to attend the SNPJ lodge 49 meeting, to thank them for their cooperation at our dance. George Ritter was given the privilege of attending the G. E.'s and thanking them. We appreciate their cooperation very much.

Plans were discussed for a Christmas party and gift exchange. A date has been set for a special meeting to have a name exchange for the party. All those that do not attend this meeting will be omitted in the gift exchange, so be sure to come. The date for the special meeting is Dec. 13 at 2 p. m. at Nagoda's Hall. And members, please send your pictures for the scrapbooks to me so that they will be in the scrapbook for the December meeting.

E. TANCEK, Secretary.

Blaine Sunshiners Stage Two Radio Shows on Dec. 10

BLAINE, O.—The Blaine Sunshine Juvenile Circle, No. 30 SNPJ, will sponsor a WWVA radio act, "Doc Williams and the Border Riders," on Tuesday, Dec. 10, at 7:30 p. m. at the Blaine Miners' Hall.

They will have two performances. The first show will be presented as stated above, that is, at 7:30 p. m. and the second show at 9:30 p. m. Everyone is cordially invited from far and near to attend. It is being held for a good cause.

We hope the show will be successful.

Four Annual Meetings in La Salle in December

LA SALLE, ILL.—This is the month of annual meetings at the SND. The Women's Club will meet on Dec. 4 at 8 p. m. Don't forget to attend so that you can participate in selection of officers. Refreshments will be served after the meeting, also the cake for members having a December birthday. We hope that our president, Mrs. Josephine Derzich, will by this time be fully recovered so as to be able to attend.

The next election to be held is that of SNPJ Lodge No. 2 Sunday, Dec. 7, at 2 p. m. Everyone should make it a point to attend for December meetings are very important.

The next club is the SSPZ lodge which will meet on Dec. 14 at the Dom.

ful so that we may help the suffering people on the other side of the ocean. Our Circle isn't large, but we are trying very hard to make it bigger and stronger. Help us attain our objective by attending the show.

Girard Dawn of Youth Present Yule Party December 13

GIRARD, O.—This is Circle Dawn of Youth reporting on our previous meeting.

First, we would like to thank the Jolly Kansans Circle secretary for writing to us, and hope that they keep writing.

Two representatives were appointed by the president to thank two Senior Lodges for helping us with our dance that was held Nov. 22. Jeanette Tancek will thank the Ljubljana lodge at their next meeting and George Ritter the Golden Eagles.

A Christmas party was the topic under new business. We will have a gift exchange at the party. On Dec. 13 we will have a special meeting at Nagoda's. Every member interested in the gift-exchange be present. Each member will pick a name and then buy a gift for the person whose name you picked, that is, a gift costing not less than a dime and not more than twenty cents.

Remember, if you are not present at the meeting your name will not be picked by any member and you will not receive a gift at our party. Don't forget the meeting the second Saturday of this month, Dec. 13.

HERMINA PERECHELIN, Rec. Sec'y.

Two Milwaukee Circles Will Present Yule Party Dec. 20

MILWAUKEE, WIS.—The Christmas season has finally returned, and with it comes the All Stars' annual Christmas party which will be held on Saturday, Dec. 20, at the Harmony Hall at 8 p. m. The Violet Rays will participate also.

It promises to be a gala affair with dancing, singing, skits, jokes, and last but not least, good old Santa himself with an overflowing bag of gifts for all the children that attend. This year the hall will be more beautifully decorated than before and a big tree will be placed at one end of the hall. The enthusiasm the members are showing just goes to prove the party will be a success.

Every Wednesday night after singing rehearsals, a meeting is held to plan for the party. The program is just about complete and several rehearsals have already started. It will be in the form of an amateur hour and will include many new acts. Also on the program will be the SSPZ group that has joined our Circle. Not only will drum majorette, Margaret Ohojack be there to strut her stuff, but there will also be four couples doing national dance in "narodne note."

As already stated, the northside Circle "Violet Rays" will participate also, and have us all wondering what they will do. It's supposed to be a secret, so whatever it is, we know it will be good.

We hope that as many as possible will attend and bring the kiddies along. Tickets are 25c and can be purchased from any of our members. Try to come, we promise you a party worth remembering.

At our November meeting a committee was appointed to plan a "get together and welcome party" for the new members. No admission is charged and free refreshments will be served. Members that have not been coming to the meetings are invited to the party to get together with the group again. You will meet many new faces. The place and date will be in another issue of the Prosveta.

Say Billy Udovich, the Kodrich brothers and the rest of you boys, how about coming to rehearsals? We miss your alto voices.

Our December meeting will be mainly election of officers for the coming year, so everybody try to attend and vote for your favorite candidate.

CIRCLE No. 4, Reporter.

Annual Meet of SNPJ Lodge 254 on Dec. 14

BON AIR, PA.—The annual meeting of SNPJ lodge 254 will be held on Sunday, Dec. 14, at 2 p. m. All members are urged to attend as there will be important matters, also election of officers for 1942.—We sure will miss our two members, Edward Korber and Louis Skodel, who have left town Nov. 24 to help Uncle Sam. Good luck, boys.

Strugglers' News

Election Nite

CLEVELAND.—By the time you see this paper you should have received a card notifying you of our annual meeting, which is to be held Sat. nite, Dec. 6, at Slovene Workers' Home, 15333 Waterloo Rd. Date for Sat. nite was changed so as to give more members a chance to come to the meeting; also after all the business is taken care of, refreshments will be served, plus music for those who wish to dance. Our attendance at the meeting has been lagging all season. Why not let's all come to the meeting for a change and make it a whoopee party.

Our Draftees

Our draftees list so far has been rather small; here they are: Fred Cesnik, John Hrovat Jr., John Kastelic, Fred Ryavec, Ed Seitz, John Lekson Jr., John Zlat'epcer and Al Zalar.

Sick Members

Florence Bricel, who you all know was a very active member and Anton Saurich Jr., also a swell chap, are both at Sunny Arcers, Warrensville, O. What do you say if some of us drop them a line once in a while or go and see them. Christmas is near and here is your chance to cheer them up. Mary Dolsak is at Glenview hospital; she can be visited also.

Transfer Members

Seem's as though members transferring from out of town or vice versa have a hard time finding out where the secretary of that lodge lives. I think it would be a good idea for the members to get the address from their sec'y when they ask for the transfer, or else have new transfer cards made so that they would have the name of the secretary and also his address. This would avoid a lot of confusion.

FRANK J. KOSS, Sec'y.

Candid Shots and News from Here and There

DETROIT, MICH.—R-r-r, R-r-r. Snoopers calling up the weatherman to see what he has predicted for the Y. A. Wolverine dance on Saturday, Dec. 4, at the Oakdale hall, featuring Frankie Yankovic and his band from Cleveland.

The weatherman says, "Nice, clear, snappy weather." Come on, you and you, this is just the kind of weather you're looking for, especially when Yankovic and his lads get started on those long polkas. You can buy your tickets in advance for 40c from any of the Y. A. or Wolverine members. (A the door they will be 50c. (We regret telling you that Frankie will not play at the Omira the following day.)

We had a nice time at the 40th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Anton Grum Nov. 9. 'Twas here that the Travnik-Grum engagement was announced, so a double celebration was held. Congrats.

Arriving at the Y. A. dance a little late, noticed the spacious hall, the sweet, mellow notes of George Kavanagh's band—but where was the crowd? Could it be that "no polkas" was the drawback? Although a grand time was had by all.

What was it that brought all the Y. A.'s to their last meeting? Could it be Sgt. Leon Hostnik, Corp. Beechey Bruce, or the jackpot? Nice seeing you, boys. 'Sa shame Frank Hribar was reintroduced.

The dance held at the SND by the Women's Club 751 was a huge success. Again it was proved that we need a new SND. The hall was packed beyond comfort. Keep up the good work, ladies, maybe in due time we shall see a New SND. The shares are still on sale. Buy one—now!

Down Our Alley: The Y. A. SND boys' team are holding first place in the "A" division with a 1043 average. Close behind is the Wolverine No. 4 team. Credit goes to E. Blake who rolled a 258 game and has a 190 average. Also to Joe Golia who leads with a 3 game series of 662.

In "B" division the Wolverine Challengers are in 5th place and Y. A. Pickups in 8th. Here Joe Cherne rolled a 240 game. The Wolverine Golds are still holding 1st place in the Girls' League, with the Y. A. Cadets close behind. The Cadets also lead in 1 and 3 game series. F. Russell leads with a 148 average and 3rd place high single game 206, E. Meyers 3 game series of 552.

Congratulations to Frank Lausche, the new mayor of Cleveland; to Edith Nagel whose marriage to Joe Barkovich took place Nov. 29; to Kate Zaverla, Rose Hribar and Rose Intehar on the arrival of baby girls.

Our deepest sympathies are extended to Tony Meyers who lost his brother, Ludwig, in a mine accident in Montana; also to the Rackovich family who lost their father and husband.

Isabelle Tschiltch is reported rapidly improving after an operation a few weeks ago. Isabelle would appreciate visitors. John Yance just returned from a visit to California. He liked it so well he sent his partner and wife there.

FLASHES

By DONALD J. LOTRICH

CHICAGO, ILL.—Gosh, we're in the month of December already. Before we'll know it, 1941 will be completed and we'll be in a new year. These months are flying by mighty fast, much faster than we would like to have them go. Pretty soon we're going to be electing officers for the new year. We will also have the Xmas holidays and all those things that go with Xmas, such as the Juvenile Party, gifts, and cards. Our parents and young people mustn't forget that this year's Juvenile Xmas Party will be held Sunday, December 21st, and that they must let us know by December 15, if any of their talented youngsters want to appear on the program. Thus far, only a couple have made their designations.

Last week's activities centered on Sava's Fall Concert which was held at the SNPJ Hall Sunday, and the 25th wedding anniversary of John and Agnes Jurecic. Both affairs were well attended, especially the Jurecic celebration, which had an attendance of over 500 guests, all of whom came to congratulate the couple and wished them happiness and health.

In our city we had two other festivities last Sunday. Each of them had to do with the celebration of Yugoslav independence. Somehow, we have never been warmed up to celebrate the independence of Yugoslavia because of the king and the royalty which governed that country. The same thing is true now when our country is being flooded with the Yugoslav propagandists for the restoration of the Yugoslav monarchy. We have no particular love and certainly less use for royalty. We would much prefer to see Yugoslavia have its republican form of government. Why feed and spend a lot of money on a family that does mankind very little or no good. Why not establish a democracy, such as we have in the United States and dispose of all unnecessary royal formalities. Let the American Yugoslavs speak up now and demand a more progressive and liberal Yugoslav government when it is again instituted in Jugoslavina.

This week's news tells us of the arrival of a baby boy in the family of Anton and Louise Alle. Congratulations!—We also learned that Sophie Uhan has been married recently. Her new name is Mrs. Eaker. We extend our best wishes.—Then we are told that Mr. Frank Lipovsek-Sr., father of three Pioneer members, passed away in Kansas and the boys all went home for the funeral. Frank Podbregar has reported well, while Jeane Orblson has been placed on the Pioneer sick list. Other sick members include Helen K-

But wherever it is they're still tops, especially that act of Taffy's. Just to mention a few of the members we saw from different lodges: the Veronians, Al Jakovec, Mgr. and Hank Gostkowski. By the way, it was the first time I met the boys and hope to see you attend one affair in Cleveland if possible. Frank Rezek traveled over with his Pennsylvania friend Frank. Detroit's Wolverines were represented. Well, I really can't name all, but we did see Laddie Zindar, Lefty Kovach and all the gals leaving the time of times. We also spied the Struthers' gang, Ed Glavie, Steve Millison and Frank along with the Cleveland gang of Hank Nagode and Loyalites Red Zamen, A&P Joe, Al Raines and Art Fisher.

We managed to line up a bowling match to take place Sunday evening (Dec. 7th) with the Barberton Buckeye gals vs. the Cleveland Loyalite girls. Yes, we invited them out to Cleveland hoping to see them come here Saturday if possible so we can all go and help Frank Yankovich celebrate the opening of his new cafe at East 182nd street and Hale ave., and from what we saw of it it sure is one swell place. Congratulations and best of luck to you, Frankie and Josephine.

NOTE—Next monthly meeting to be held December 10, Wednesday evening, is the annual election meeting. Members, go and vote. Vote for the person best suited for the job. Let's get someone in who is truly interested in the progress of the lodge. Let this be the start of a very active year for the Loyalites. After the meeting refreshments will be served. ELECTION NITE DECEMBER 10 at Slovene Home on Holmes Avenue.

Our sincerest congratulations and best wishes to Y. A.'s happily engaged couple, Lillian Grum and Robert Travnik.

From letters received we find that Patsy Krall is still out in North Carolina. Stan Sustras is in Va., Mike Perme is in Florida, Frank Kuret is still on maneuvers out in North Carolina along with Morris Debenek and Frank Strainer. Just last week Frank Koeln left to join the U. S. Coast Guards. Good luck.

We spied Johnny from Taffy's orchestra at the Metropole Cafe last

perce, John Sodnik, Al Goste, and Ernest Revan.—Two more juvenile members have already been examined for initiation at the December meeting of the Pioneers. We hope to get at least four more to bring the total initiations to a half dozen.

Confidential information from Washington advises us of some new financing schemes by the U. S. Government. Heretofore, government agencies such as the Reconstruction Finance Corporation, Federal Home Loan Bank, Federal Housing Administration, and many other Federal agencies, have had to go to the open market for their financing. It is expected that henceforth, these and other governmental agencies will borrow all the money they require right from the U. S. Treasury and the U. S. Treasury will then get the necessary money in the open market. We believe this is going to be a mighty fine and progressive step in government financing and we look forward to the development of a system of government financing which will benefit the people as a whole.

In one of the issues of PROSVETA, Brother Milan Medvesek seems to imply that Mayor Frank Lausche of Cleveland, our Slovene mayor, in whom we are all interested, is not only going to be an honest and faithful servant of the people, but we can expect progressive action as well through his administration. We know one thing, however, that when the money interests find Mayor Lausche too progressive, and performing too many good deeds in behalf of the working people, they will dispose of him just as they have of any other progressive politician. When, a couple of weeks ago we stressed the need for Socialist orientation and the hope that Mayor Lausche would have been brought up in Socialist and labor schools, we didn't wish to imply that he wasn't honest and sincere. We simply know from experience that we cannot expect too much from one who is used to making deals and compromises in his political career. Socialists in particular shouldn't be too optimistic. In fact, trained Socialists know better because of their experiences and because of their knowledge of the set-up of American politics. Notwithstanding all of the optimism expressed by progressive Cleveland elements, we still stand on the remarks previously made.

The Chicago District Federation of SNPJ will meet this Saturday night at the SNPJ Hall. And, after the meeting, a social and party will be held for the National SNPJ Day workers at the SNPJ Hall. So that, most of this week will be given over to the activities of the Federation in Chicago.

CLEVELAND.—Comrades No. 3 is on the warpath, shelling the pins for whatever they're worth. Jean Beljan set the pace by bowling a 309 game, leading the team into a new high of 812. Her series of 479 were closely followed by the Skok sisters, Rose and Antoinette, with 468 and 449, respectively.

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On the other side we have Comrades No. 1 snitching two away from this team, the Spik sisters—doing most of the damage. Fran bowled a 446 series and Pauline a 473. Has there been a revolution in your bowling, Pauline? It's doing you a lot of good.—Last week was truly a Thanksgiving Week for our bowlers. What with the management offering a turkey to the best bowler, it really was an inspiration to bowl. Since a special handicap was arranged for the league, everyone, from the poorest to the best, had an opportunity to get that gobler.

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Official Proceedings

SNPJ FINANCE COMMITTEE

Meeting of Sept. 12

Meeting was held at the Fort Pitt Hotel, Pittsburgh, Pa., at 9 a. m. Chairman Petrovich explains the meeting is held here the day before the 12th convention in order to save expenses. Minutes of the Aug. 9 meeting were approved.

Chairman reports he checked into the loan of Petti and Werner in Cleveland; mortgagors have made arrangements to pay more regularly on their amortization schedule. Repairs on the property of Hansen in Youngstown caused arrears, property is worth about \$4,200, unpaid balance \$2,600, tax arrearage approximately \$58. Recommends that taxes be paid and insists on payments from the mortgagor. Recommendation accepted.

Operating profit in the past fiscal year on the Eastern Illinois Telephone Co. first mortgage was very small but prospects for better earnings are definite. Sec'y Vider explains the bonds were sold at par and interest.

Chairman reads letter from Philip B. Heller regarding the Cleveland Terminal Tower bonds and court proceedings involving bond issue and interest of SNPJ which holds \$50,000 worth of these bonds. Reorganization plan of Oct. 1, 1940, was not acceptable to the court because the new securities would be issued on a par for par basis with the old. Sec'y Vider added that the acceptance form was filed and the action approved.

Sec'y Vider reports that loan 35 is in arrears. Unanimously decided that immediate steps be taken to foreclose. The St. Clair Savings and Loan Ass'n reports loan 3 in entire unpaid balance can be assumed by new purchaser of property Louis Rolek. Unanimously agreed that this be approved.

We have \$25,000 to invest; remainder is kept for convention expenses. By unanimous consent \$25,000 was ordered placed in Miami Water 2 1/2% bonds, 1965-69 maturity, at par, and rate A, through Channer Securities.

Meeting adjourned at 1 p. m.

MATT PETROVICH, Chairman
F. A. VIDER, Secretary
D. J. LOTRICH, Rec. Sec'y.

With the SNPJ Ladies at the SWH Recreation

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Sunday nite talking it over with Mickey Ryan. Too bad Steve and Frankie had to play and couldn't make the trip out; better luck next time.

BOWLING still is every Thursday nite for the girls and Sunday afternoons for the boys. Let's get out there and root.

Last you forget, bowling match between the Buckeye girls and Loyalite girls this Sunday at the Waterloo Alleys.

Plan to spend New Year's Eve at the Slovene Hall on Holmes with all the other Loyalites; a private affair to be scheduled for all who wish to partake in the fun.

ROSE MARY BOSSA, 590.

REPORTS OF THE SUPREME OFFICERS

To Delegates of 12th Regular Convention of SNPJ, Pittsburgh, Pa.

SUPREME TREASURER'S REPORT—(Continued)

From the submitted statistics the progress we achieved can be seen. The Society's assets increased almost one and a half million dollars. The amount of defaulted bonds decreased from \$1,059,947.93 to \$311,262.00 or by \$748,675.93 and the outlook at present is that it will not be long when all our investments will again be in a good condition.

A detailed report of investment transactions and investing the Society's assets in general is submitted by the Finance Committee, of which I am a member also. Because of this it seems unnecessary for me to repeat it in my report.

My report includes only the Insurance Department, that is, the Adult Department, Juvenile Department, and Minors' Beneficiary Fund. A more detailed financial report of Prosveta and Printery is given by the Manager of Society's Publications, and in the Secretary's report of the Society's total assets.

As it is probably already known to you, I am seriously ill (arthritis in the left knee) and was thus forced to remain from the office for a little more than a year. Last spring my condition improved so much that I was again able to resume working on April 14. My health then again became worse so that in the middle of June I was again forced to remain at home. I otherwise feel good except that I can not walk without the aid of crutches and even then with difficulty.

At the time of writing this report, I do not know whether or not it will be possible for me to attend the convention. My illness is persistent and is very hard to cure.

There are some duties and functions which the convention confers upon Supreme Board Members only which can not be transferred to others or performed by assistants like other various work in the Supreme Office can be. And so I performed some of the duties in connection with the Treasurer's Office during my illness such as signing Annual Reports to the States and other similar duties. For a better understanding of the Supreme Board Officers' duties and responsibilities, I felt it necessary to mention this.

Let this brief report suffice. In case there is in my report anything that is not clear enough and if it should be impossible for me to attend the convention to explain, the remaining Supreme Board Members will be glad to furnish all the necessary information pertaining to my office also.

Hoping that the merger and all other affairs presented to the 12th Regular Convention will be concluded in the spirit of brotherly cooperation and for the benefit of both Organizations, I close with Fraternal Greetings.

JOHN VOGRICH Supreme Treasurer.

Report and Recommendations of the Editor of the Society Publications

Brothers and Sisters: At the eleventh regular convention of the SNPJ four years ago my report to the delegates made mention of the effects of the severe and long American economic depression, which directly and indirectly affected our publications also, and how we were combating the hardships during those years and also succeeded in overcoming those effects. Our trials at that time were economic, and these we overcame successfully.

In that which concerns Prosveta, we proceeded during the past four years in conditions similar to those which we were operating during the time of the last convention. There were no permanent formal changes. The editorial staff continues on the same plan as formerly, and the method of editorial work is unchanged. Technical improvements in Prosveta have occurred as the circumstances demanded.

In this period between conventions we have had two commemorative or jubilee issues of Prosveta. The first was issued on April, 1939, on the occasion of the thirty-fifth anniversary of the SNPJ, with a twelve-page supplement. The second was issued last June with an eight-page supplement, to commemorate the twenty-fifth anniversary of the daily Prosveta. Both supplements were an innovation for the Society publications, and with the first we actually pioneered among all Slovene publications in America—that is, the rotogravure type, such as only the large American dailies boast of in their Sunday supplements. The editing of both the supplementary issues was made possible only through the favorable cooperation of the Supreme officers and of the regular and special contributors, to whom the editorial staff extends thanks.

The cooperation between the editorial office and the Supreme officers, as well as the lodge officials, has been favorable throughout this time. For example, the Supreme President is a regular contributor and writes a weekly column in the official Prosveta, as does Bro. Lotrich in the English section. The Supreme Secretary has submitted many informative articles both in English and Slovene. Jacob Zupan, member of the finance committee, has contributed many worthwhile articles, and a frequent contributor is also the chairman of this committee—Matt Petrovič. Milan Medveshek, member of the auditing committee, has for some time written a regular column, and Frank Bärlich, member of the judicial committee, is constantly represented by his contributions. Thus, the cooperation of the administrative committee and the Supreme Board with the Editor has, in general, been good. Credit should also be given the lodge secretaries and other members of federations, for their prompt contributions of lodge and other matters—in general, for good cooperation with the editorial staff of the Society's publications.

The majority of our old contributors and reporters of "local news" is still with Prosveta, but there have also appeared new ones. Much to our sorrow the number of our regular contributors is diminishing year by year; many have passed away and others are no longer able to read because of failing eyesight. On the other hand, the number of English contributors has increased and the new generation is taking up where the old leaves off. With the flare-up of war in Europe we lost all our reporters and contributors in the old country. In their stead we now have an excellent Slovene woman reporter from London, who voluntarily submitted her reports and has continued to do so regularly.

As customarily, since Prosveta has been first issued, there were also during this between-convention period a number of disagreements between the editorial office and the contributors—even public disagreements between the editors themselves. In the critical, extraordinary circumstances under which not only we, but also all of America and the whole world is living—under circumstances when old institutions and political parties fall asunder, century-old values and principles are throttled, and democracy is waging a death struggle to survive—it is small wonder that such disagreements occur and we can be thankful that they are not worse. It can be reported that during the last four years there were among us more conflicts of an ideological nature than there were conflicts with our opponents outside of the Society. In my judgment, these inner conflicts, which now and then boiled over into public notice over matters of war and politics, have had more good results than bad, for from these disagreements we learned much and taught each other many things of value.

The editorial office welcomes all earnest and sincere criticism, but it rejects and invalidates all personal injections which aim at the exploitation of our by-laws and resolutions on the freedom of expression in our organ. In this respect the editorial staff has proceeded logically and displayed no favoritism towards anyone.

Let me at this point extend my gratitude to those contributors of Prosveta, sympathetic and critical, who with their cooperation made it possible that Prosveta has remained the popular tribune for clarification of controversial subjects among our immigrants in America. With this the contributors also successfully assured Prosveta's role in being the most effective agitator for the Slovene National Benefit Society, and as such it will remain also for the future merged organization, which we are all hoping will become a reality. In the same measure, I extend thanks to all the reporters of local news and hope that they will contribute in this capacity likewise in the future.

The monthly Mladinski List has in this four-year interval undergone a basic change. The Slovene and English contributions are being alternated. The covers have been changed—this year we brought about the innovation of their appearance in color, the contents and technical make-up of the magazine have been changed. With the inauguration of the "Our School" contest, which was authorized by the eleventh regular convention in Cleveland and in which our boys and girls of the juvenile department are energetically competing with their contributions of articles and drawing, the Mladinski List took a big step forward in the training of our younger generation. It is true that all these changes have inflicted additional financial burdens upon the Society, but in comparison to the benefits derived, it is a small amount. There are innumerable witnesses to this fact—members of our lodges in communities where there are also Juvenile Circles, likewise a new institution since the last convention—the fact that the Mladinski List in the present form and contents is well-liked by the children and as such is a good agitator for the juvenile department of the SNPJ.

And as the Prosveta, despite all the distress of the past few years, has remained loyal to the free-thought principles of our Society, so has the Mladinski List maintained the same principles, because of which it is today the only Slovene free-thought juvenile magazine in the entire world.

It gives me pleasure to report that during this period the editorial office of the SNPJ has had no particular "affairs", no real controversy nor lawsuits with anyone. Of the latter there was only one threat, but since the party had no real foundations upon which to base the legal action, we ignored the situation and it automatically fell by the wayside.

Of one more point I may make mention. On July 1, 1937, there came into force the forty-hour week for all the executive officers of the Supreme Office of the SNPJ. The personnel of the editorial offices, as well as of the secretary's office in general, had these privileges as accorded them by the union which is recognized by the SNPJ. The forty-hour week is in force for the editor also, but the difficulty comes in the fact that the editor constantly has so much work on hand that he cannot determine his working hours according to schedule if his work is to proceed as the obvious unwritten rules of any newspaper office require. And so it happens that the editor must work overtime; every Saturday morning, on which by right he is free, he works on an average of two hours and during this time he handles the Prosveta correspondence which has accumulated throughout the week. When it comes time every month to conclude the work on the Mladinski List he works on an average of one hour at home. Thus it is that this accumulation of overtime from July 1, 1937, to July 1, 1941, has amounted to 652 hours.

RECOMMENDATIONS

I recommend to the convention that it accept a resolution which will reiterate our former stand, that is, the principles of democracy, free-thought, and social justice; specifically, however, let it be emphasized that in the future the Supreme Board at its regular meeting shall have the power to decide which labor candidates or candidates of a labor party the Prosveta shall support editorially and from the side of the contributors, during an election campaign.

(During the last four-year period there was confusion in this regard. The convention approved the support of those labor movements which would favor the establishments of an independent labor party; however, there was no action toward this goal. On the contrary, the existing labor parties became even more divided and the majority was agitating for the candidates of the New Deal. This should teach us that it is not practical for us to determine political policies for specific cases for a period of four years; on the other hand that it is better that the convention delegate this duty to the Supreme Board, which will govern itself in accordance with the existing conditions and needs.)

Further let it be specified that the Prosveta should not publish political controversies or disagreements which will be to the detriment of the official organ or of the organization, and that the decision as to what political question is harmful in this respect should rest in the hands of the Supreme Board. This should be clearly defined so that injustice will be done to neither the majority or the minority.

(Our official organ is the property of our organization and it must, first of all, serve the interests of the organization. Factional politics must be a side issue with us. The members may freely discuss political, economic, social, and other questions in a constructive and objective manner. It is not to the best interests of the Society, however, that the members become embittered among themselves and then extend their disagreements into the columns of the Society organ; neither is it advisable for the editors to fight over the issues of this or that political party, which has no meaning for the majority of our members. Such conflicts have the tendency to create demoralization in the organ and in the organization.)

IVAN MOLEK, editor of SNPJ publications.

Manager's Report

PRINTING AND PUBLISHING DEPARTMENT

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

After four years, we have again assembled here, at the 12th regular convention of the SNPJ, to present to our delegates reports and statistics about the operation and progress of the Society. My report shall be for the Publications (Prosveta and Mladinski List) and Printing Department. Various tables will show you our financial status and progress, covering the period from January 1, 1937, to December 31, 1940.

PROSVETA:

At the time of the last convention, the weekly Prosveta was being printed in 27,000 copies. Now it is printed in 29,000. In four years, therefore, the Society has gained about 2,000 members, bringing the total of membership in the adult department as of December 31, 1940, to 38,496. These are entitled to the weekly Prosveta. However, the weekly is published for 10,102 copies less, because the weeklies of 10,102 members are included in the subscriptions to the daily. With very few exceptions, the families take advantage of this opportunity; that is, when their children enter the adult department, the weekly paper to which they are entitled as adult members, is included into a subscription to the daily. The table included in this report shows how many weeklies are included into dailies.

The daily Prosveta, at the time of last convention, was printed in 5,000 copies. The amount now is approximately the same. From time to time we get quite a number of new subscribers. In view of this, one would think that we are steadily increasing the daily paper circulation, but that is not so. Most of the subscribers to the daily are our old members, many of whom have lost sight or died in recent years. The circulation is nevertheless more or less balanced. As manager of Prosveta for many years, I can honestly say that not three out of a thousand subscribers, discontinue subscriptions on account of Prosveta's policies and principles. Many of them, however, are still either unemployed or earn so little that they cannot promptly renew the subscriptions. Usually they ask us to continue sending the paper, promising that they will pay at the first opportunity. Such requests are always considered, though we are well aware of the fact that there is very little hope or opportunity for old people as far as work is concerned. Advertising is definitely on the decline. It is increasingly difficult to obtain advertisements. This, of course, is due to the fact that advertising in a foreign language newspaper has very little value and is no longer profitable for the American businessman. On the other hand, the membership and subscribers are more or less benefited by this, as other reading matter is more interesting.

Income from the daily, weekly and advertisements is still sufficient enough to cover the expense, as you can convince yourself from the semi-annual reports printed in the Prosveta. Because a good reserve has been set up in the beginning years, our investment is stable, and there is no doubt in my mind that the daily Prosveta could not exist for some time to come. We cannot, however, expect profits in the printing department, because the newspaper is printed at the lowest possible cost.

I should also like to mention, that at the time of the last convention, 12,681 members included their weeklies into daily subscriptions, compared to the 14,573 at the present. Almost 2,000 more, which means at least \$2,000.00 less income on daily subscriptions. From this, it is evident that the parents, as soon as their children are admitted into the adult department, include their weeklies into the daily subscriptions. This absolutely accounts for the upkeep of the daily Prosveta.

The number of help in both, the publications and printing department, is still the same as at the time of the last convention. Only one person, since then, has voluntarily left our employ and he has been replaced. Their working day is eight hours or forty hours per week, and all belong to the United Office and Professional Workers Union—CIO.

MLADINSKI LIST:

Our juvenile members' magazine is now printed in 7,800 copies, a few hundred more than four years ago. Its monthly distribution is anxiously welcomed by the juveniles. The older people also find it interesting. Though the magazine itself is constantly improving, the one marked change and improvement has been made only recently. It is the tri-colored illustration on the front cover page. The comments of the Mladinski List readers prove that they are indeed very pleased with the magazine.

PRINTERY:

There were no noteworthy changes in the printing department for the last four years. No great profit has been made, inasmuch as we have adhered to the decision of the convention prior to the last. This decision provided for printing of Prosveta at a cost so low that it just covers the expense for printing and material. Whenever our operation shows profit at the regular accounting periods, it is usually used for covering the expenses of Prosveta and publications department in general. For further details on our financial standing and operation, you can see the report. Our expenses have become greater due to the increase in price of printing materials and paper. The two expenses which we did not have to consider at the time of the last convention, are the Social Security and the Unemployment Compensation Tax. From January 1, 1937, to December 31, 1940, \$2,160.00 for Unemployment Compensation and \$755.29 for Social Security, total of \$2,915.29 was paid for Prosveta's employees, while Printery paid \$3,635.45 for Unemployment Compensation, \$1,166.91 for Social Security, the total of \$4,802.40. The amount paid by both departments for these taxes totals \$7,716.69. This, of course, means additional expense and less profit. In 1938, according to the supreme board's decision, the total amount of \$10,000, \$5,000 from Prosveta and \$5,000 from Printery was transferred to the General Fund of the Society.

This, I think, concludes my report to the convention. I shall be available for further explanations, if necessary.

On the Post... TO ARMED FORCES

RED CROSS HEADQUARTERS BUILDING

MOTION PICTURES FOR MEN IN HOSPITALS

FIRST AID TRAINING TO SAFEGUARD LIVES

RECREATION PROGRAMS TO CHEER PATIENTS

HELPS OUR SERVICE MEN SOLVE THEIR PROBLEMS

TODAY, as always, the American Red Cross is on the front lines of the Nation's defense. Its biggest job for the emergency is linking Uncle Sam's soldiers and sailors to the home front. Red Cross workers travel with America's far-flung forces, untangling the problems of the able-bodied, bringing comfort and cheer to the disabled.

With the SNPJ Ladies

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game high of 2194. The gals that battled them down with such success were Ross with a 491 series and Vehar with 488. Vehar also walked off with the turkey while Pauline Ross walked off with the "treat." Their opponents pulled but one game out of the fire, with Hermine Zupancic bowling a 489 series.

Comrades No. 1 also took two from Strugglers No. 1, with Fran Spik hitting 479 series while their opponents had Sophie Jeric's 432 as high. At this time I would like to take the opportunity to welcome a new bowler into our midst, Frieda Slopko, who is replacing Mary Grajar. Mary had an unfortunate accident and is unable to participate any longer. Sorry, Mary! Welcome, Frieda!

It was a Comrade day, for Comrades No. 3 also bowled a second three game high of 2119. The big guns were Koren and Beljan with 497 and 456, respectively. The opponents, Strugglers No. 3, had Josie Tomic batting them for a 453 series. A turkey in the last frame, won the game for them as well as giving Tomic a new high of 183.

I take this opportunity to thank the management in the name of the league for the turkey and the treat they offered us.

MOLLIE KOREN, Sec'y.

Beachey Bruce Sends Thanksgiving Menu

FT. CUSTER, MICH.—Here's the menu for Thanksgiving dinner, Co. E 11th Inf.: Celery, green olives, shrimp cocktail; creamed celery soup, roast turkey, sage dressing, giblet gravy, cranberry sauce, mashed potatoes, buttered string beans, creamed corn, lettuce hearts and Russian dressing; pumpkin pie, mince pie, parsley, hot butter rolls, coffee, fruit cake, coconut layer cake; oranges, apples, bananas, grapes, mixed nuts, mints, assorted hard candy.

BEACHEY BRUCE, Lodge 564.

Lodge 299 and SSPZ 8 Will Meet on Dec. 21

WALSENBURG, COLO.—SNPJ lodge 299 and SSPZ lodge 8 will merge at the regular meeting of the former on Dec. 21 at 9 a. m. All members are asked to attend. We will elect new officers and discuss plans for our joint big dance on Dec. 24 at Walsenburg Pavilion.

GEO. STIGLICH, Sec'y.

SNPJ Lodge 440 and 2 SSPZ Lodges Meet Dec. 7

RENTON, PA.—All members of SNPJ lodge 400 and SSPZ lodges 155 and 225 are asked to attend our regular meeting Sunday, Dec. 7, at 11 a. m. At this meeting there shall be the election of officers for the year 1942. Hope to see you all present. GEORGE PIVIK, Sec'y.

My first recommendation, however, is that we continue with the publication of Prosveta as heretofore, 5 days per week, together with the weekly and that the profit in the printing department be used for expense coverage of Prosveta. Furthermore, that all the decisions and conclusions of Prosveta, Mladinski List and Printery be entrusted to the Supreme Executive Board, in conformity with the management and all matters of serious or extraordinary nature that might occur, to the executive and the supreme boards. Secondly, I would like to see the convention retain the ideals and principles by and for which the daily Prosveta has been published for the past 25 years, so that it may serve our members and bring light and truth to all who seek it.

(Continued next week)

Pens Her First Letter

GIRARD, O.—I have been reading the Prosveta, both the English and Slovene sections, for a long time and I wish to say that its contents are inspiring. Reading the Prosveta makes a person feel proud and glad to belong to such a fine organization as the SNPJ. I, for one, am certainly glad to have such a progressive paper in the house.

And as we read about different SNPJ affairs in distant cities—the SNPJs are always ready to go for a good time where they meet old friends and make new ones—it makes one wish to be there. What fun, what pleasure is to be gained at such gatherings!

However, this past summer was not much fun for me with a broken arm, three broken ribs, and bruised lung, barely breathing for two weeks, caused by an accident in my brother's car. Being in hospital for one month, I missed such great events as the 2nd Ohio SNPJ Day in Girard, the convention banquet and program, and the Golden Eagles dance. While reading the Prosveta, which my husband brought to me to the hospital and wishing I was at the SNPJ Day event gave me a downhearted feeling. But you can't imagine the spirit that arose in me as I noticed my dear friends that came from afar and near to the celebration, walk in one by one until they circled my bed even though it was for but five minutes, all that the nurses allowed.

To all of my friends from Milwaukee, Cleveland, Library, Universal, Renton, Aliquippa and many from neighboring cities as well as from Girard, I wish to express my sincere thanks and appreciation for your kind thoughts and visits; and especially to those that gave us a helping hand at home which will be always remembered. At this point I wish to recommend to one and all to join the SNPJ. When you are sick you realize what our Society is.

On Nov. 9 I suggested "Hojemu staremu, da gremo" v Cleveland and attend the 35th anniversary celebration of Lodge V boj 53. Along we took the Selak family. We were the first ones there at the SWH on Waterloo Rd. We went downstairs to see if the klobase Barbic advertised were cooked. Mrs. Barbic and her helpers informed us they just put them to cook.

Promptly at 3:30 President Frank Barbic of Lodge 53 opened the program by greeting the audience and introducing the various individuals and groups who were on the program. The admission was 25c but worth 50c. I enjoyed Supreme Secretary F. A. Vider's speech very much. After the program the huge crowd danced. In the main hall Vednal's orchestra played and in the lower hall Barbic's orchestra, which we enjoyed dancing to very much with our Cleveland friends.

Every once in a while Frank Barbic Sr. was stretching his "cheese box" with the orchestra. We all know Barbic is a fine dečko and a streetcar conductor on St. Clair Ave. But when he stretches his accordion you know just how many stops he makes with street car by the changing of his tunes in long pieces. But I didn't count them.

On Nov. 22 the Juvenile Circle No. 7, "Dawn of Youth," gave a play, "Trije snubaci," with singing, which was conducted by Mary Selak and her daughter Dorothy. The program was a big success. After the program dancing followed to Persin's orchestra.

MARY BOGATAY, 49.

SNPJ Lodge 580 Mourn Death of Bro. Schneider

BROOKLYN, N. Y.—It is with the deepest regret that I have to announce the passing of one of our most beloved brothers—John Schneider. He will be missed by all of us as he was very active in the activities of this lodge. We hope that all future secretaries will be able to do as well. I wish to take this opportunity in expressing the sympathy of all the members to the widow and children of our beloved brother.

CATHERINE KIRK, Sec'y, Lodge 580 SNPJ.

Defense Bond Quiz

Q. I am a machinist in an airplane factory. When the war is over I may be laid off. How can I prepare for that time?

A. Make systematic and regular purchases of Defense Savings Bonds. They will give you a substantial reserve which you can fall back on in the period of readjustment after the emergency.

Q. To what very large group of Americans does the Government look particularly for extensive buying of Defense Bonds and Stamps?

A. People in the middle and lower income brackets, where many of the most rapid increases in national earnings have taken place. This immense part of our population can be especially effective in reducing the country's defense program, while helping to keep down the cost of living.

Note.—To buy Defense Bonds and Stamps, go to the nearest post office, bank, or savings and loan association; or write to the Treasurer of the United States, Washington, D. C. Also Stamps now are on sale at retail stores.

SNPJ Lodge 275 Meets Sunday, December 21

MAYNARD, O.—Reminding the members of SNPJ lodge 275 that the annual meeting will be held on Sunday, Dec. 21, at the Polish Hall at Maynard. The election of new officers will take place. It is your duty to attend and elect officers who are capable of holding offices. There will be \$1 special assessment levied on each member in December which will cover the lodge expenses for the last half of the year ending Dec. 31. Members failing to pay the extra fee will not be able to pay the regular assessment.

JOHN ZDOLSEK, Sec'y.

Defense Stamps and Bonds Reach New High

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Sales of Defense Savings Stamps for October reached a total of \$5,935,834.50, establishing the highest monthly total since the Stamps were placed on sale last May 1, the Treasury Department announced Nov. 14.

This figure, compared with the \$4,978,000 worth of Defense Stamps sold in September, shows an increase of 19.2 per cent. It marks the fourth straight month that the sale of Stamps has risen.

Figures for Defense Bond sales for October also jumped sharply over September figures with an increase of 16.5 per cent.

Defense Savings Stamp sales by months: May, \$3,475,000; June, \$2,802,000; July, \$3,288,000; August, \$4,454,000; September, \$4,978,000; October, \$5,936,000; total \$24,933,000.

Member of Lodge 118 Passes Away Nov. 28

PITTSBURGH, PA.—It is with sincere sorrow that we announce the death of Bro. Joseph Matiech, member of SNPJ lodge 118, who died on Nov. 28 at the age of 55 and was buried on Dec. 2. Bro. Matiech was born in 1886 at Brezje near Cerknica in Slovenia. P. KLUN, 118.

Majority Rules

A surgeon was giving clinical instruction to a class of students. The young men accompanied him around the wards. The surgeon halted by the bedside of a doubtful case.

"Now," he said, "is this, or is this not, a case for operation?"

The dozen students made their diagnosis, and each decided it was not a case for operation.

"You are all wrong," said the surgeon. "I shall operate tomorrow."

"No, you won't," said the patient. "Twelve to one is a good majority. Give me my clothes."

Wishful

Spinster: "So the waiter says to me, 'How would you like your rice?'"

Friend: "Yes, dearie, go on."

Spinster: "So I says, wistfully, 'Thrown at me, big boy.'"

—BUY DEFENSE BONDS AND STAMPS.

PHILIP GODINA.