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FLASHES

By D. J. Lotrich
Pioneer Lodge, No. 559, SNPJ

Chicago.—Every bit of the 13 hour Aug. 31 trip to Cleveland we had a delightful time, and though the return journey was marred by mechanical trouble and required nearly 16 hours to complete, we have no regrets to offer for the journey. The usual orderliness and congeniality prevailed throughout. About 100 Chicagoans visited Cleveland over the Labor holiday.

And were we good and successful? Indeed we were! We got four new members on our bus. More than that! We pledged a class of at least ten initiations for the Oct. meeting. We mix real business even on our pleasure trips.

We can report that Cleveland received us graciously and showed us a real genuine hospitality. Saturday night was a real out-of-towners' night. It seemed that everybody was from out of town and that the home folks were missing. John Matekovic's Gowanda Boosters coming with two busloads and their "Leaping Lena" were very conspicuous as "were Detroit's Young Americans and together with the Pioneers they were the "life of the party."

Both Pioneer teams, boys' and girls', lost their ball games. In the early evening, after many people had already left the grounds, we had a few short talks and crowned ANNA RUPNIK Cleveland's SNPJ Queen. From there a good many of us took in the SSPZ dance in the hopes of winning the Chevie. But no luck, the Chevie was still on the sidewalk when we left for home.

Two cars of Jolly Allis' from West Allis, Wis., where they have a real good Socialist mayor, won the prize for having come the farthest distance. Adolph Yersin and Frank Podgajar have been doing some real travelling during the past two months and they are bound to get the spirit to their fellowmen back home.

The conference adopted 14 subjects for the forthcoming convention, eleven as outlined in the Flashes column three weeks ago, and 3 others. We also agreed to hold an annual Labor Day Fiesta in different sections of the country besides asking the SNPJ Administrative committee to act as the Credentials Committee for the Convention. The other very important decision of the Conference was to have any SNPJ member nominate any other CAPABLE SNPJ member as a candidate to read a paper on one of the fourteen subjects selected. Nominations are to be sent to the SNPJ Administrative Board and they would select the best candidates for the best subjects. Send your names at once so that the choice can be made in time to prepare a good paper. I suggest that we set Sept. 24 as the last day for nominations.

Everything said here about or for the Conference is said with the best intentions of making the First All English Speaking Convention a dig-

STRUGGLERS

By Lindy

Cleveland.—Cleveland's mammoth celebration proved to be a great success, so great that local American newspapers gave the SNPJ words of praise in their columns. Visitors came in large numbers. Chicago and Gowanda took first place honors with the largest representation. Detroit Young Americans with Raymond Travnik at the helm arrived in private cars, and Jolly West Allis Lodge from West Allis, Wis., was among the first to arrive. Others representing some twenty English speaking lodges and several senior lodges came and helped make the celebration a success. Kosela, Kress, Towanek, Trankar, Preseren and the gang were representing Pennsy in good shape. We're confident that the boys left Cleveland in better shape than they arrived (ask Kress, he knows). To mention the entire list of visitors would require too much space, so if you don't see your name mentioned, don't feel that we slighted you. Over 300 visitors are registered in our souvenir book. The entire affair was a tremendous success from every point of view, thanks to all visitors, workers and local members.

The English Lodge conference, some 20 lodges of the English Speaking group were represented. Bro. Vincent Calkar presided at this meeting. The following were called upon: J. F. Terbizan, Sec'y. of Federation, Bro. A. Bozic, Pres.; Matt Petrovich, member Supreme board. All welcomed the representatives and wished them success. This body of representatives adopted a 14 point program for the coming English Lodge conference in Chicago Nov. 2. The conference was highly successful and now we may proceed full speed ahead.

Elections
In electing your lodge delegate for the Chicago conference you can do your lodge a good deed by electing one of your most active workers. You may have a leader in your group. He deserves your support

nified, spirited and profitable venture. To do that we mustn't drag along half-heartedly. Let's make it just as important as an SNPJ Convention. To that can be added that it will be just as important as we make it. No more! Hence, the call that went out of the SNPJ office should have included a definite limit by which delegates should be reported to the SNPJ office. Let's have an effective Convention. To do that we must be effective in our preliminary work as well.

Among the Pioneers:—Ed and Helen Arko remained in Cleveland for a few days.—So did John Darovec.—Joseph Kristan sends us a fine picture of the Boulder Dam from Boulder City.—John Jackaniz is now at home from the hospital and is doing well.—Joseph Jereb is now well enough to work.—Josephine Yasbec has returned to Kansas for a few months.—Stanley Dollar has reported ill, and Chas. Zorc was in an auto accident.—Doris Collesel spent her vacation in St. James, Minn.—Lucille Trdin, the diminutive songstress, reports having a wonderful time on her vacation.—To appreciate the beauty of beautiful Colorado one must see it, writes Julia Skocir. No description can do it justice, we agree.—Louis Klancnik sends us best wishes for a successful 10th anniversary and feels that our hard work will bring it to us.

Congratulations, Otto Tekautz! We hope you'll be happy and contented in your new state. Looks like the Comrades will get another new member. She has half promised us.

The Chicago District Federation of SNPJ will meet Thursday, Sept. 12, at the SNPJ hall. All delegates please come.—Our Unemployed Club met last Thursday night and heard numerous reports, and Arthur McDowell, secretary of the Cook County local of the Socialist Party and an active unionist.—All you Social Study Club members are urged to get back into the fall stride by attending the next meeting Friday, Sept. 13, at Proletarec.

Six more sub books were turned in during the two week interim. Jack Groser led the pack. Anna M. Loker had little trouble in filling hers. Frank Perchin Jr. of Johnstown, Pa., not only remitted for his but also takes another. He's the second member of our National Advisory Committee to complete his book. Louis Kramers, manager of our ball team, sends his in. That's the two for the Kramer family. Ernestine Jugg and Ann Groser back up this week's defense.—Five more ads were received in this same period. We learn that some lodges have passed the greeting ads but the secretaries haven't remitted yet. The Comrades' quarter page ad brings the E. S. Lodge total to 14 and the E. S. Fed. of W. Pa. was the third Federation to remit. We're working hard and strong but the job is a big one and requires all this work. Come along, folks.

more than any other member. Elect the most deserving, forget friendship.

As Usual

With the Strugglers lending a helping hand everywhere during this three-day celebration it resembled to strangers more or less as a Struggler celebration. But it wasn't. The climax of the picnic was the crowning of Cleveland SNPJ popularity queen, and a Struggler at that, namely, Sister Anna Rupnik. She was presented with a beautiful bouquet of flowers by Bro. Vincent Calkar and will be Cleveland's guest to the Pioneers' 10th anniversary celebration. Sis. Rupnik's total vote was 10,065. Congratulations. May your trip be a pleasant one.

Reservations

Will all SNPJ members living in Collinwood contemplating in making the trip to Chicago please get in touch with John Loker at 1198 E. 170th st. or call Ken. 4565-J. We want to get an approximate idea of how many will make the trip, as if at all possible special train rates may be gotten. Don't wait till last minute. Do it now.

So, Chicago

The Juvenile team from So. Chicago showed the Cleveland team some real baseball when the Cleveland team barely nosed out the So. Chicago and then only with the help of several older boys. So, Chicago deserved to win.

Strugglers

At the regular meeting it was decided that we held our election of delegate on Oct. 2. Following the meeting a grand Struggler social will follow with dancing and eats aplenty. Please note that each Struggler attending this meeting will receive 25c. This is just contrary to our past procedure where we fined you for failure to attend. You will be notified via Struggler bulletins. Admission to outsiders will be 15 cents.

So and So

Bro. Fifolt became the proud fa-

ther of a baby girl. Congratulations.—Bro. Kress and his Pennsy gang "kidnapped" Bro. Aynik, and this left a Struggler in bad spirits.—Strugglers' ball team finished in a tie for first place at the picnic.—We missed Kumer, Previc, Progar. Next Labor day will find the celebration taking place in Pa. It was decided to make Labor day an SNPJ day.

John Loker, Lodge 614.

ROCKIES WENT PICNICKING

Denver, Colo.—The Colorado Rockies Lodge 645 are calling and sending out their greetings of a good time held by its members at one of the best picnic grounds just three miles from Evergreen and near a stream of cold, running mountain water.

But let's start from the beginning of the picnic. All of the lodge members met at the home of Bro. and Sis. Gosar at 6 o'clock, Saturday evening, Aug. 24, and, fortunately, we left at 6:45 sharp. We all left in five cars and started for the mountains, each trying to outrun the other. The best part of it all was that the rain was ahead of us all of the way.

When we arrived at the picnic grounds we went to the hillside for wood. Sisters Ambrose and Honiker displayed their strength and ability of pulling trees right out of the ground. When the fire was built and the flickering light cast its shadow against the hillside, the fun began. Bro. Podboy had a little something which "would pass" as was quoted by the members. Tony Kokel played his accordion and Sis. Gosar furnished the singing. She has a good voice.

Brother Gosar began to teach us how to dance, but unfortunately we always landed at the stream where the beer was kept, and was the beer good!

Sisters Kokel and Malovrh and Mudri served lunch with Bro. Lenk's wife's assistance. Sis. Honiker bought all the food; and where did you get the marshmallows?

And last but not least we all began to eat. You could never taste anything better than the hot dogs, which just melted in your mouth, and the coffee!—After the disappearance of the food we danced, sang, joked with one another, and visited the stream for more soda, pop and beer. Beer all gone, food too, dawn breaking, we all went back to our cars and said, "Home, James."

Anton Podboy, Lodge 645.

REVELIERS, NOTICE

Ambridge, Pa.—The entertainment committee has planned a good program for the coming meeting, Sept. 20, 8 p. m., and asks all members to attend. The Slovene hall is the place. Every member will miss a treat who forgets to come. Two cents due for all who are late; one hour behind, a dime. The committee is "fixing much" to make the gathering shine. They'll have the grub for the Reveliers never get behind. There'll be two prize stunts, etc., etc. So come one, come all.

Jewel Petrov, Chairlady.

INTEGRITY BROADCAST

Chicago.—With Indian summer only a step ahead and a promise of cool weather to boot Integrity's members are awaking from their lazy summer siesta to start their fall activities with renewed energy.

This year we made our fall debut with a dance at the SNPJ auditorium last Saturday. The music was furnished by Pucel's orchestra. I regret to hear of the passing away of our former Sister Anna Grilz, who, when with us, was one all of us loved. Her work and kindness shall not be forgotten even though she is no longer in our midst. May she rest in peace forever.

Sisters Joan and Jean are vacationing for a few weeks in Kansas.—Sister Marilyn and husband in the company of Ray Vopatek are in Nokomis, Ill.—"Cookies" is at present in Arkansas and will soon be back.

I wish to close by reminding you of our November dance, which will be our largest and undoubtedly our best. If you wish to attend hold the 23rd of November open and I'll see you there.

Now for a note to the members: The next meeting will be on Friday, September 20, at the usual place, and I hope to see you there one and all.

W. A. Depner, Lodge 631.

Excelsiors' Extra

W. Aliquippa, Pa.—With the news of an E. S. conference sometime in November, E. S. lodges are, needless to say, preparing to participate, but to what extent, is a question that arises.

Such news is encouraging, inasmuch as it reveals that the elder members are looking forward to the youth, looking forward to seeing them as leaders of the SNPJ. Will they accomplish what the elders desire? The one representative sent by each lodge should plan to take active part in the discussions, realizing the significance of this conference.

It is interesting to note that the SNPJ is the first to grant its youth the privilege of holding a conference of their own. Therefore, with this fact in mind, the fact that the SNPJ is the most progressive fraternal or-

Rambler's Spotlight

Harmarville, Pa.—Too much can not be said on the good work done by the Jolly Juniors of Sygan. Our hats are certainly off to that unit for their great achievement; particularly to the active members responsible for the increase. The job, well done, is not completed, so they inform; and at that juncture they issue a challenge to all others. Who will be the first to accept with an equal or better stride?

SUCCESS.—Success spelled in capitals predominated in the SNPJ circle Labor day, in Cleveland, so the writer has been informed. A grand time socially and beneficially had been enjoyed. . . . Returning home from a visit to Canada, via Gowanda, Tony Klemencic, well known local SNPJer, reported seeing the New York buses departing for Cleveland. . . . Another success as ably reported by the "Humming Excelsior" and the Rev scribe, Louis Kosela, was the Excelsiors' scribes reunion. . . . Nevertheless the incognito writers' identities remained intact. . . .

Ditto.—Last week a reply emanated from the pen of Bro. Kumer to a few of us writers who saw fit to differ with the Brother's opinion of Slovene-mindedness. No expectation of silence had been entertained. But to avoid misunderstanding, and mindful of Bro. Kumer's dextrous work in the controversy, it might be added that the writer's notes in the Aug. 7 issue were directed at one, who, for reasons of his own, submits to slurs and sarcasm—and it is generally known that fire must be sometimes fought with fire. It had no bearing on our issue. So long as it continues in this orderly fashion it will be beneficial as "amusement for the readers."

Permit me to quote a few excerpts from Bro. Kumer's initial contribution in this controversy: . . . do we really raise ourselves in the estimation of others by basking in someone else's reflected glory? . . . I have seen the parallel of what I have been talking about in a picture contained in a Pittsburgh newspaper recently. It was a picture of a group of Pittsburgh high school boys of Italian descent with hands raised in a Fascist salute. . . . Now the two statements cause the writer to arrive at two separate, distinct conclusions. In the first, by his questioning, Bro. Kumer portrays the contributors as attempting to raise themselves in the minds of others by an act which is not solely theirs. Editors of various Slovene papers, including our own Prosveta, have commented upon the achievements of members of the Yugoslav race. That their acts were motivated by the thought of "raising themselves" is inconsistent. Also, my presumption that the contributors

Most Popular

Cleveland, O.—Last Labor day celebration marked up another victory for the Strugglers Lodge 614, when Mrs. Anna Rupnik was chosen as Cleveland SNPJ most popular girl.



Anna Rupnik

Sis. Rupnik took first place honors with a total of 10,065 votes. The SNPJ congratulates her upon her great victory. Mrs. Rupnik will be Cleveland Federation's guest of honor to the Pioneer 10th anniversary celebration in Chicago on Nov. 2 and 3.

wish "To give them credit and acclaim their works" goes no further than Bro. Kumer's contention that they are "basking in someone else's reflected glory."

In the second excerpt, as the writer sees it, he would typify the contributions as leading to extreme nationalism. As further on, he adds, quote: . . . But why get excited? Well, I am mindful of the disastrous effect of intense nationalism which facilitated other forces in causing the last great war. . . . Bro. Becek is not alone in his thought that under Kumer's contentions the Slovene fraternal could be considered breeders of Slovene nationalism. The writer arrives at the same conclusion after careful review of the latter two above excerpts of Bro. Kumer's article. This does not necessarily single out the SNPJ since other Slovene fraternal have been wont to acclaim and comment upon the fame of various members of the Yugoslav race.

Frank J. Progar, Lodge 713.

(Continued next week.)

Keystonians

Hermie, Pa.—At the Keystonians' third quarterly meeting of the year, which was held Sept. 1, a large crowd was on hand to attend it, making it a very interesting meeting. For a large attendance always will make an interesting meeting. At this meeting a delegate was elected to attend the E. S. L. Conference to be held in Chicago in November, the delegate being Martin Vrana, our financial secretary who, we are sure, will be capable of handling this position.

Our Aug. 11 picnic helped to enlarge our treasury considerably. Thanks to the splendid cooperation of neighboring SNPJ lodges, old and young. The moment for which all members were anxiously waiting, the closing of the meeting, when the three dollar award was drawn, which was won by Tony Bregar. (What a lot of disappointed members!)

A large number of Keystonian members are to attend the White Valley dance to be held Sept. 14. Two of our Keystonian members, Martin Serro, accordionist, and Frank Gerhor, guitarist, furnishing the music for the occasion. Everyone attending this dance is sure of spending an enjoyable evening.

Keystonian News

Peter Vink, our recording secretary, underwent an operation at the Greensburg hospital. Speedy recovery, Pete.—Recently married Keystonians, Mike Steban and Ferdinand Zagar, who will make his home in Greensburg and as a report will transfer to the Moonlight Strollers of Greensburg.

Three new transferred members: Louis Serro, Jennie Serro and Mary Vink, making the total number of Keystonians seventy. Not so bad, Rudy Osolnik, Lodge 613.

SLAVIA'S WINE HARVEST AND WALTZ CONTEST

Chicago.—Have you ever been in a vineyard in harvest time? It's great fun, in fact, the jolliest time of the whole year in a wine raising country. More fun than on the 4th of July or Halloween.

We city folks, especially in USA, have to satisfy ourselves with imitations. Even in this fashion we get a great deal of fun at wine harvesting. Snapping the forbidden grapes in an enticing vineyard behind the stern eyes of the "law" is very inviting. You simply cannot resist, regardless of consequences, which may be amusing or otherwise, depending on the judge.

On Saturday evening, October 12, the oldest lodge of SNPJ, Lodge Slavia No. 1, will offer you all the opportunity to break the law at its Wine Harvest and Waltz Contest dance at the SNPJ hall. All this for 30c if you buy the admission in advance. You can get tickets from the undersigned any time you are in the SNPJ hall.

Johnny Kochevar's orchestra will entertain you in the upper hall; music will also be provided in the lower hall in which the forbidden fruit will dazzle your eyes. Three prizes will be given to the winners of the waltz contest.

The committee is urging all you SNPJs and others to attend this jolly affair and have good time with us again.

Anton Trojar.

members" attended. Now that the weather is more suitable, many faces should be seen at the meetings. Why not plan to attend every meeting from now on, and voice yourself? This all links up with the next meeting which falls on Sept. 12. Attend, and you'll not regret your presence.

Jolly Juniors: Sept. 15 is a big day for the Sygan "Lone Eagle" and the Jolly Juniors, the lodge that received thirty-one new applicants at one meeting. Splendid indeed is this accomplishment showing the eagerness to make good the membership campaign. Now more about the big day. This is the Jolly Juniors' Eighth anniversary picnic, and they have outlined some huge plans for this celebration, an "elaborate sports program" being the chief attraction, and the "assurance of the best for dance lovers." Many neighboring lodges will, no doubt, be on hand to join in the gaiety. May "Success" be the keyword of this huge affair.

The Reveliers' Column

Ambridge, Pa.—Here are softball items about the Reveliers' team and the Revelier Jrs. which should be interesting. The details are all true and receiving great publicity in the local daily.

The Reveliers are engaged in a series of three games for the championship of the Ambridge City league with the Snappy Nine team. In the first game Albie Kuhel's pitching and Matt Matakovich's home-run brought to the Reveliers a 1-0 victory. With A. Kuhel (Revs) and Jankowski (Snappy Nine) as opposing pitchers again in the second game, the game was called after 12 innings due to darkness. The score was 0-0. In their third meeting the two teams played 19 innings before Snappy Nine defeated the Reveliers by a 2-1 count. Jankowski was again pitching for the opponents, while Rudy Kuhel pitched for the Reveliers. Throughout the series Steve Matakovich and Stanaslavich have proved the most consistent hitters for the Reveliers. Each team is anxious to win the third game, as 15 sweaters will be awarded the victor.

The Revelier Jrs. are even in a harder battle in their efforts to win the second half championship in the Greater Ambridge league. At the end of the half the team is tied with Stewarts with each accredited with 10 wins and 2 losses. The winner of the playoff game will enter the series for the Greater Ambridge playoff finals. So far this has been the result: the Jrs. and Stewarts first game was called in the tenth due to darkness; the score was 0-0. Dacko pitched for the Juniors and Powers for Stewarts. The second game also ended after 10 innings with no score. Johnny Rosenberger for the Jrs. and Powers for the Stewarts were opposing pitchers. After 9 innings of the 3rd game, with the same moundmen, the game was again called due to darkness. That score again was 0-0. (It may be hard to believe that such close games are actually played; but for verification a check-up can be made at the editor's office of the Daily Citizen's sports department.)

ALL THAT SORT OF THING. Reminiscences of the Cleveland trip. With Towimack driving, the party of Spec, Strimlan, Kosela and Kress rode to the Slovene metropolis on Sat. Stopping off at Idora park for six hours. Reached Collinwood and the hall in the midnight hours. Immediately swung into the tempo of the gayness. Loker's way of hollering: A tight grip with the extended right and a smack with his left behind the neck—not gently. Margy Loker's greetings more humane and gentle. Saying hello to countless

Until again, Louis Kosela.

Integrity Broadcast

Chicago, Ill.—The dance of September 7 was a financial success. The Integrity Lodge wishes to thank all those who attended our dance. Once more we must say, Brother Oscar Godina, Brother John Kopach, Brother Frank Zordani of the Pioneer Lodge did not fail to attend our affair. Your cooperation with us is the credit to your lodge. So you can count on us to cooperate with your lodge as we always have. The entire affair was sponsored for the Slovene people of the SNPJ in Chicago. But we must say that they failed to cooperate.

President Julius Abram is spending his vacation in Willard, Wis., with his father, president of Lodge 86. Also with him is Sister Jean Drziel, her brother Edward and her younger sister. Sister Ann Strah is spending her vacation in Kansas. (Do not forget to mention the Integrity lodge while you are on your vacation, that we are very much alive.) Hope you all are having a nice time.

Only 10% of the English speaking lodges responded to our letters sent out in May in which we are asking for a little ad for our Integrity

friends. Met Frank Sodnikar of the Enakopravnost. A seemingly endless round of beers. A short, early hour jaunt to the Harvard Club were a \$4.00 donation was not refused. In bed about 6 a. m.

Sunday a. m. Hotel maneuvers on awakening at 8. That note from the desk requesting quiet. Breakfast and morning papers in the lobby of the Olmstead. A beautiful drive along the Lake front, through the Gordon park area and over to the Plieie grids. Watched the ball games. Trips to the beer stands; not leaving until after some six or seven rounds were completed. Holding the brew, physical and mental balance beautifully! Subbing for Kress in saying hello for the Pennsy group, which number was augmented Sunday by the arrival of Sen. Previc and the Kumers of Universal, Vic. Jackovac of Verona, the Koasons of Library, Ganter of Sygan, Preseren of Yukon, and others. Got a kick at the Juvenile ball games; watching Lampe fan twice for the Cleve. Jrs. and Rudy Konchan, with cap way down over the eyes, playing center for the Chicago youngsters. The two perennial juveniles! Early Sunday evening: A lull and quietness. A ride through the heaviest downtown traffic and over to visit Mr. and Mrs. Konchan. A pleasant hour and a round of coffe there. The voice was getting huskier and hoarser. St. Clair and the Slovene Home. The SSPZ crowd had many Pennsylvanians. Again the rounds of beers and conversations. Billy Travnik in a devastating kidding mood. Dancing with Mary and Josephine Tonsick of Ambridge, Betty Bogatay, Rose Sumrada, 3 a. m. with Towimack awakening Riska and Kress at the Hermit. Lost in the corridors of a hotel; night matron vowing to throw me out unless a vase is made from the lady guests section. Oh, well. Unable to sleep; too much wound up, I suppose.

Later, posing for innumerable cameras. Embarrassing moment: An irate Gowanda bus driver wanted to know who that guy Kosela was, with his name crayoned over two buses. And he asked me! For once Kosela was unknown even to me. It wasn't my doings, Gowanda, Gowanda, Chicago, Detroit departing. A quiet afternoon then in a swell lady's company. Lindy, Lampe, Strings, Kress, Towimack, Spec, Aynik and Preseren gargling their throats with beer and song the while. Over to Mrs. Konchan's for a farewell luncheon.

Until again,

Louis Kosela.

Editor's Note

The official minutes of the half-yearly session of the Supreme board, the first installment of which appear in today's issue and will run in two subsequent issues, necessitated the curtailment of nearly every article and report sent in this week. We hope our contributors will bear with us in this and other matters. Short contris for the next two issues will be appreciated. Omitted articles will appear next week.

Announcement and Card of Thanks

With aching hearts we announce the death of

FRANCES ANNA HAUBL

(NEE GRILZ)

who drowned in Lake Michigan on Monday, August 26, 1935. The funeral was held on August 29, with many friends and relatives in attendance. She was born in Chicago, Illinois, on September 30, 1914.

We give our sincere thanks to all who extended sympathy and assisted us in our hours of sadness, and we wish to express our heartfelt appreciation to the following for their floral offerings: Mr. and Mrs. Mike Kodar and family, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Eggert and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Anton Haubl and family, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Strin and family, Mr. and Mrs. John Strin and family, Mrs. Brown and family, Mr. and Mrs. Anton Peton and family, Mr. and Mrs. Emil Heidenreich and family, Mr. and Mrs. Ploson, Mr. and Mrs. Warum, Mr. and Mrs. Enders, Mr. and Mrs. Blasko, Mr. and Mrs. Diener, L. Gucce and family, M. Kroski and family, Schoyer family, Drziel family, Dolinek family, Peter Weber, Mrs. Hala, Mrs. Maxwell, Mrs. M. P. Engel, Mrs. O. Clement, Mrs. G. Gilmore, Mrs. G. Wenzel, Mrs. H. Jurgens, Mrs. H. Ernst, Mr. J. A. Weaver, Friends at Fremont and Clay, Center Street B. M. A. Boosters and Integrity Lodge No. 631 SNPJ.

Many thanks also to all who furnished the use of their automobiles for the funeral.—Rest in peace, Dear One! Our loving memories of you will remain with us as long as we shall live!—Sadly missed by Walter Haubl, husband; Geraldine, daughter; Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Grilz, parents; and Jacob and Arthur Grilz, brothers.—Chicago, Ill.

Minutes of the Semi-Annual Meeting of the Supreme Board of the Slovene National Benefit Society

held at the Society's headquarters in Chicago, Ill., August 8, 9 and 10, 1935

FIRST SESSION

August 8—Morning

Supreme President Bro. Cankar called the meeting to order at 9 o'clock and in a brief welcome address expressed his desire that all supreme board members should act in the interest of the society, as to the best of their ability.

Supreme Secretary Bro. Vider called the roll of the members of the Supreme Board. All members were present.

It was unanimously decided that the meeting should be called to order at 8 a. m. and remain in session until 12 m.; convene at 1 p. m. and remain in session until 5 p. m. There should be a ten minute recess during each session.

Bro. Cankar submitted the following

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Call to order.
2. Roll call (reading the names of supreme board members).
3. Fixing the time of sessions.
4. Adopting the order of business.
5. Very important matters.
6. Reports of the members of the Supreme Board.
7. Reports of special committees.
8. Discussion and deciding about reports.
9. Miscellaneous.
10. Adjournment.

The submitted Order of Business was adopted without objection.

Bro. Cankar considered a discussion regarding the minutes, timely and important. He described the requests of the examiners and auditors of the Insurance Department of Illinois, that the minutes shall be kept also in English. Bro. Cankar's opinion was, that the minutes should be conducted as before but the minutes should record only the motions and the main points of discussions, also the names of members who are taking part of the discussion. In the future the Supreme Secretary will also have to sign the minutes.

Brothers Olip, Petrovich, Gradisek, Cvetkovich, Gorsek and Barile took part in the debate about the minutes.

Bro. Melek moved that the minutes should be published as approved by the Supreme Board. The motion was seconded and carried.

REPORTS OF THE SUPREME BOARD MEMBERS

Bro. Cankar temporarily yielded the presiding chair to Bro. Somrak, who called on Bro. Cankar to submit his report.

Report of the Supreme President

As usual, I wish to report first about the condition of the society, because this interests us most and it is after all most important.

At our last meeting I reported that the general condition of the Society is fairly good, considering the existing circumstances. Since then, there was no great change. We made some gains in membership and in our assets. From the reports of the Supreme Secretary and other officers, which will follow, you will see how we progressed in our assets and in what condition the different funds are; therefore I will not report in detail about this. I wish to state only, that all funds show increases, except the general expense fund, out of which, during this half-year, exceptionally many payments were made. With time this fund will improve, too.

The gain in membership is not what we wished and what it could be. We did accept many members—nearly two thousand, if we count the new ones and those who were readmitted after being expelled or passive. But in the same time we lost many members, so that the net gain amounts to one-fourth of the number of admitted members during last six months of 1934. The juvenile department shows even a decrease.

This is a matter, that should excite greater attention and which should not and can not be dismissed. The duty of the Supreme Board is to study and try to find the reasons of this stagnation, and to find the proper remedy. One of the serious reasons that we do not show a greater gain in membership is without doubt the still existing unemployment, which makes it hard to pay assessments. This is a great handicap for the agitation for new members and holds back our progress. But in my opinion even greater harm is caused by ill feeling and indifference of the people; there is lately too much of this. The indifference and ill feeling is partly a result of the prolonged crisis, partly also the result of disillusion of our members caused by too drastic reductions of our benefits and by too severe restrictions regarding passivity, operations, disability and compromise. All this causes ill feeling and for us harmful agitation, and it gives a greater chance to other organizations, who have also campaigns and promise all possible and impossible, so that they can get results among our members. In this is the reason why we are still losing too many old members. Our figures show that in the last half-yearly period 1117 members were dropped, and this is much too much for the present time.

We have to start something so that all these bad points will be corrected as far as possible, in order to stop too great a loss in membership. It is, of course, not advisable to change the by-laws, as we are just about in the middle between the last and the next regular convention. But nevertheless, we might find many things that could help us. I think that it would help a great deal if less attention would be paid to the meaning of the too severe provisions in the by-laws, when deciding about sick, operation and disability benefits, and instead, in certain cases, more logic and common sense would be used. It is advisable to settle all controversial matters in a friendly manner and in this way to preserve the good feeling; we should try to stop court suits and all serious controversies. Further, it is advisable to come more often in personal touch with the members and with living word, fight against adversary agitation and to assure our people, that our Society is the best and the safest workers' benefit society. In this way the interest in our Society would be enlivened again and in a systematic way the damage, lately suffered, would be repaired. And my opinion is, that the time has come when we must seriously consider using efficient traveling representatives; we will have to spend more for agitation and organization purposes.

Our campaign, which was inaugurated at our last meeting, did not bring us many results. The main reason for this is that during the previous campaign we offered greater concessions; other reasons I have already mentioned. Therefore the Administrative Committee granted additional concessions, to be granted during the second half of this year. You read about this in our minutes. The additional

concessions were necessary, because other organizations have also campaigns. These organizations are agitating among the same people as we, and they are offering better concessions to new members as well as agitators. We expect, therefore, better results in the second half of the year, but the results will not be exceptionally good, on account of the short time and because during the summer months there is usually less disposition for this kind of work everywhere.

There is a great interest for the celebration of the tenth anniversary of the English speaking lodges, especially some of our lodges are very enthusiastic, although this is not general. The main reason for this is without a doubt, that the youth has no work and no money, and without these two everybody is more or less resigned. Of course there are also other reasons, as I mentioned previously. But there is hope that these celebrations will mark a good success nevertheless.

About the financial matters, you are informed through our minutes, therefore it is unnecessary to report about finances in detail. The Finance Committee will later submit its report also. The friction between the two committees, Finance and Administrative, was greatly improved since our last meeting, on account of more clearly defined duties. The still existing differences can be, in my opinion, straightened out at this meeting. Both committees are doing their best to invest the assets of our Society as good as possible, and to improve investments in defaulted bonds and mortgage loans.

As you already know, we had in the supreme office, not long ago, the state examiners; they remained here quite a long time and a great deal of auditing was done. Since there is a new chief in the insurance department, all insurance institutions in this state are very thoroughly investigated; this is, of course, as it should be. It seems that the reason for this is, that lately so many insurance companies went bankrupt; the state insurance department wants to put a stop to this. They examined very carefully all our departments and they found a few things to criticize, but in general they found everything in quite good shape. They gave us some advice and recommendations, which we welcomed and intend to follow.

Every day the lack of space in the supreme office is more noticeable, especially as far as vaults are concerned. Therefore it will be necessary to think about enlarging or renovation, or build new headquarters. State examiners also criticized our office space and they admitted the necessity for building or acquiring larger offices. I recommend that we discuss at this meeting, seriously, this subject and that we decide upon some concrete action.

Finally I wish to say a few words regarding the help in the supreme office. Many times you hear remarks, why are there so many of us, why do we keep so many employees, and that this was not usual before. The people, of course, do not see our work and do not know our needs. It is true, that sometimes we did not have so many employees, but then our system was not so complicated and enlarged as now, and therefore there was not so much work. It is wrong to try to save on employees in a business like ours, because our Society cannot gain anything, quite contrary: it can result in a loss. It is more wise and profitable to have the necessary number of active and able employees, and to pay them according to their ability.

This is all I have to report for the present time. Later I shall talk about other things when they are under discussion.

VINCENT CANKAR.

The report of Bro. Cankar was accepted without objection.

Bro. Cankar again took the presiding place and Bro. Somrak submitted his report.

Report of the First Vice-President

Bro. Somrak reports: That since the last meeting, he received no special orders from the supreme office. He attended a few celebrations. A big celebration in Cleveland is near; of course, he will attend it. The attendance at the celebrations is, of course, connected with sacrifices.—He will attentively follow all the discussions and take part in them, whenever necessary.

The report was accepted without objection.

Report of the Second Vice-President

Bro. John E. Lokar reports:

I have no detailed report to make concerning the last six months, as I have not been assigned any special work from headquarters.

I had the opportunity to attend and to speak at several SNPJ 10th anniversary celebrations, and find that all of these turned out to be very successful. My latest visit was to Gowanda Boosters and Dawn of Liberty lodges celebration, which was held in Gowanda, N. Y., on July 27 and 28. This celebration was very well attended and SNPJ spirit seems to be there extraordinary.

Regarding the campaign sponsored by our Society, I may add that it is not so much unemployment or inactivity, that is not bringing in new members, but because all the other organizations are offering better concessions to their members.

A few English speaking lodges of our Society in Ohio are on the verge of disorganizing. Regarding these, action is being taken by the Cleveland Federation to put those lodges back into the limelight.

Our Society, in order to progress, will have to loosen up and offer better concessions to its youth, also be a little more lenient on athletic and sport donations to English speaking lodges. The Society will be compelled to look to the younger generation more than in the past.

Upon the motion of Bro. Terelj the report was accepted without objection.

Report of the Supreme Secretary

To the Supreme Board:

After looking over our work during the first half of this year I am delighted to report, that the Society again shows increase in the assets, as well as in membership, as discernible from the specially prepared computations. Of course, as far as the gain in membership is concerned, it does not mean that it was impossible to accomplish more, if the members of all lodges were so active as they were at some lodges. This activity can be seen in the reports in the official organ, and all active members deserve our thanks. But as with any other work, so it is with agitation. There are members who possess the will to work, ambition and interest for the organization; but sometime some others are entirely uninterested, paying attention to nothing but their own interests. It is true that we need agile and able agitators, upon whom we can solely depend. As I mentioned many times already, we will have to pay more attention to the juvenile department, if we want to safeguard it. For agitation we will have to use timely methods, even if we do

not agree with them from the standpoint of our principles; this is the only way to success. It is to be hoped that the younger generation, which is this year celebrating its tenth anniversary, will do its duty and prove that it is also able to succeed in agitation.

The membership of the Adult Department is as follows:

Membership December 31st, 1934.....	33,302
New Members	950
Reinstated	667
Reinstated Passive	190
.....	35,109

Deceased	171
Passive	72
Cancelled and dropped out.....	1,117
Total membership on June 30, 1935	33,749
Total membership on December 31, 1934.....	33,302

Increase in membership.....	447
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Juvenile Department:	
Number of members December 31, 1934.....	14,341
New members	647
.....	14,988

Deceased	11
Transferred into Adult Dept.....	531
Cancelled	251
.....	773

Total membership on June 30, 1935.....	14,215
Total membership on December 31, 1934.....	14,341
Decrease	126

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Decrease	126

Appendectomy	71	\$ 4,590.00
Hernia	53	3,607.50
Laparotomy	41	2,560.00
Gall bladder	37	2,477.50
Gonorrhea	22	1,537.50
Hemorrhoids	13	585.00
Mastoidectomy	9	620.00
Cancer	5	322.50
Osteomyelitis	4	180.00
Gastric ulcers	3	225.00
Nephrectomy	2	125.00
Varicose veins	2	75.00
Gall stones	1	75.00
Trephining	1	60.00

Disabilities:		
Loss of eyesight.....	6	1,300.00
Loss of fingers.....	4	200.00
Loss of arm.....	1	300.00
Loss of leg.....	2	600.00
Broken back	1	600.00
Compr. claims and settlements.....	11	4,585.78
Total	289	\$25,076.78

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FINANCE REPORT:		
Adult Dept:		

Balance January 1, 1935.....	\$5,203,485.56	
Unpaid death claims		
Jan. 1.....	18,131.31	
Returned death claims.....		160.00
Paid death claims.....	114,841.44	
Interest and other income		105,383.94
Assessment		189,971.31
Unpaid death claims		
June 30.....	16,694.28	
Balance June 30, 1935.....	\$5,385,599.40	

Disability Fund	Debit	Credit
Balance January 1, 1935.....	\$ 30,993.78	
Assessment		31,628.49
Interest		627.70
Disbursements	25,076.78	
Balance June 30, 1935.....	\$ 38,173.19	

Sick Benefit	Debit	Credit
Balance January 1, 1935.....	405.70	
Assessment		425.25
Initiation fee		11.50
Interest		8.22
Benefits paid	170.50	
Balance June 30, 1935.....	680.17	

\$1.00 Class	Debit	Credit
Balance January 1, 1935.....	122,821.28	
Assessment		79,695.70
Initiation fee		207.00
Special assessment		404.00
Returned benefit		77.58
Interest		2,487.44
Benefits paid	65,156.52	
Balance June 30, 1935.....	140,834.48	

\$2.00 Class	Debit	Credit
Balance January 1, 1935.....	\$ 80,484.89	
Assessment		83,224.50
Initiation fee		102.00
Special assessment		1,568.00
Returned benefit		131.70
Interest		1,630.03
Benefit paid	76,282.00	
Balance June 30, 1935.....	90,889.12	

\$3.00 Class	Debit	Credit
Balance January 1, 1935.....	\$ 4,155.59	
Assessment		14,010.60
Special assessment		54.00
Interest		84.18
Benefit paid	13,599.50	
Balance June 30, 1935.....	4,704.85	

Special Benefit Fund	Debit	Credit
Balance January 1, 1935.....	\$ 14,098.70	
Assessment		9,592.61
Returned benefit		2,864.99
Interest		285.84
Benefit and loans.....	9,601.62	
Balance June 30, 1935.....	17,940.22	

Old People's Home	Debit	Credit
Balance January 1, 1935.....	\$ 7,650.68	
Assessment		2,031.27
Interest		154.94
Balance June 30, 1935.....	9,836.79	

Building Fund	Debit	Credit
Balance January 1, 1935.....	\$ 74,119.02	
Initiation fee		191.00
Income from building		4,950.45
Interest		1,601.10
Expenses (Taxes, repairs, etc.)	3,541.64	
Balance June 30, 1935.....	77,219.93	

Convention Fund	Debit	Credit
Balance January 1, 1935.....	\$ 53,268.14	
Assessment		4,082.64
Interest		1,078.81
Balance June 30, 1935.....	58,409.49	

General Expense Fund	Debit	Credit
Balance January 1, 1935.....	\$ 35,233.23	
Assessment		24,433.42
Initiation fee		392.00

Rent from buildings owned by the Society.....	Debit	Credit
Lodge supplies sales.....		473.50
Transfer from Juvenile Department		209.23
Interest		5,000.00
Miscellaneous receipts.....		713.57
Salaries of executive officers		149.20

Salaries of vice presidents	4,316.00	
Salaries and Miscellaneous expenses of the Finance Committee	60.00	
Investigation of Investments in default.....	764.39	
Salaries and Misc. expenses of the Judicial Committee	812.82	
Salaries and Miscellaneous expenses of the Supervising Committee	462.53	
Salaries of Employees.....	368.59	
Salaries of extra help.....	3,455.00	
Salary of Supreme Medical Examiner	1,713.00	
Medical examination of Doubtful Sick Members	450.00	
Traveling expenses and per diem of Supreme Officers and Substitutes	122.02	
Traveling expenses of the Tubercular Members.....	165.87	
Collection fee	14.90	
Exchange and cashing of coupons	118.87	
Insurance Dept. fees.....	171.29	
Rent, Secretary's office.....	538.18	
Rent for Safety Deposit Vaults	1,500.00	
Office and Lodge Supplies	200.75	
Advertisements	4,106.51	
Campaign expenses	354.00	
Postage and Express.....	1,708.40	
Telephone and Telegrams	981.76	
Juvenile Magazine	249.88	
Supplement to Official Organ	2,818.07	
Supreme Board Meeting.....	470.06	
Litigation expenses	874.58	
Taxes, repairs, etc. on Real Estate owned by the Society	4,424.42	
Accountants and Actuary	691.95	
Membership fee NFC.....	1,250.00	
Expenses JFF.....	15.00	
Premium on Surety Bonds of Supreme and Lodge Officers	7.50	
Subventions and Donations	971.25	
Tax on checks	508.00	
Miscellaneous expenses.....	27.98	
Balance June 30, 1935.....	462.08	

Report of Individual Funds June 30, 1935		
—1935—	—1934—	Increase—Decrease*

Mortuary Fund	\$5,385,599.40	\$5,203,485.56	\$182,113.84
Disability Fund	38,173.19	30,993.78	7,179.41
Sick Benefit Fund	680.17	405.70	274.47
Special Benefit Fund	17,940.22	14,098.70	3,841.52
Old People's Home	9,836.79	7,650.68	2,186.21
Building Fund	77,219.93	74,119.02	3,100.91
Convention Fund	58,409.49	53,268.14	5,141.35
General Expense Fund	31,453.50	35,233.23	3,779.73*
Net assets.....	\$5,854,610.14	\$5,626,716.47	\$227,893.67
Unpaid death claims	16,694.28	18,131.31	1,437.03*
Due to	28.50	115.50	87.00*
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Total Assets	\$5,871,232.92	\$5,644,963.58	\$226,269.34

REPORT ON ASSETS		
Real estate owned by the Organization		49,362.56
Real estate first mortgages.....		30,006.37
Loans on Certificates		665,288.39
U. S. Government bonds.....		190.62
H. O. L. C. Bonds.....		875,371.14
States, County and Municipal bonds		363,393.75
States, County and Municipal Bonds in default		2,366,702.46
Industrial bonds		496,102.28
Industrial bonds in default.....		299,443.75
Cash on hand June 30, 1935.....		439,894.62
Balance of checking account—Harris		57,023.40
Trust & Savings Bank.....		
Balance of checking account—Continental Illinois National Bank & Trust Company		91,896.63
Debit on sales of Lodge supplies.....		35.12
Bonds matured		118,604.00
Tax anticipation warrants.....		3,600.00
TOTAL		\$5,871,232.92

ments in default.....	812.82
Salaries and Misc. ex- penses of the Judicial	.