

Komentarji

Kaj je NRA? Jež, miš ali piška?

Spor med pristaši raznih navedenih o vprašanju, kaj je NRA, ves "new deal" in kam sploh vodi Rooseveltov program Amerike, ni še končan.

Največji reakcionarji, katerih glasilo je Chicago Tribune in podobna trobila, vztrajajo, da je "new deal" boljše "strup" kot Moskva.

"Father" Coughlin in njegova redna sta trdno prepričana, da je "new deal" zajet iz papežev enciklike "Quadragesimo anno".

Mussolini je rekel zadnjo soto v italijanskem senatu, da je Rooseveltov eksperiment NRA otrok njegovih idej, torej volil v fašizem.

(Vprašanje je, če Mussolini posnema papeža ali papež Mussolinija, drugače Roosevelt ne more posnemati obeh!)

To so trije različni tabori, ki v marsičem strinjajo, v neaterih rečeh si pa nasprotujejo — in vsak teh taborov ima drugačno mnenje o "new dealu".

V Združenih državah je pa tudi nekaj socialistov, ki deloma dobro razumejo Rooseveltov program in mislijo, da "new deal" vodi Ameriko v socializem. Raje se, da to ni uradno mnenje socialistične stranke in stranka ni odgovorna za mnenja svojih posameznih članov.

V tej brozgi konfliktnih mnenj je samo dvoje jasno: ruški sovjetizem nima nič opraviti z Rooseveltovim programom in "new deal" nikdar ne prinese utopije, katero je zasanjal papež Pij v omenjeni encikliki. O tem ne sme biti dvoma pri ljudeh normalne pameti.

Mussolinijeva trditev, da Roosevelt posnema njega in uvaja fašizem, je lahko predmet debate; o vprašanju, če "new deal" vodi v socializem, se tudi lahko razpravlja.

Danes še ne more nihče z gotovostjo povedati, kam vodi "new deal", na desno ali levo. Ako sodimo po današnji situaciji in splošnih razmerah, kar kaže na danes v Ameriki, lahko rečemo, da "new deal" prej vodi v fašizem kakor kam drugam.

Važno je, kdo vodi in izvaja ves ta program reform. Dokler so na krmilu republike demokrate in republikanci — oboji zastopajo profitarske interese — toliko časa obstoji nevarnost, da "new deal" vozi v fašizem in Mussolini ima nekoliko prav.

Dokler bo ameriško delavstvo tako neenotno, razcepljeno in raztrgano na sto strank in stranic kakor je danes, in dokler se bo samo med seboj grizlo in toklo — kakor to opazimo med rudarji — je vsak socialist, ki pričakuje, da bo Rooseveltov "new deal" pripeljal Ameriko v socializem, največji osel!

Socialistični cilj "new deala" je mogoče le tedaj, ako pride vlada v roke socialistov in ne drugače! — To mora biti jasno vsakemu razumnemu delavcu. Vsa govorenja, da nam bo Roosevelt dal socializem in da je valed tega socialistična agitacija nepotrebna, je bluff.

Edina pot ameriškega delavstva — če hoče obvarovati Ameriko fašizma in korakati sporedno z naravnim socialnim in ekonomskim razvojem v smer svoje rešitve — je, da se enotno organizira politično in industrijsko ter gre samostojno v volilne boje z odločnim namenom, da osvoji kongres, federalno administracijo in večino državnih zbornic ter uprav.

To je vse.

Potres v Indiji: 24 mrtvih

Kalkuta, Indija, 16. jan. — Danes zjutraj je bil v Indiji močan potres in kolikor je doslej znano, je 24 oseb izgubilo življenje. Središče potresa je bilo v okolici Jamalpurja. Tristo hiš je uničenih in 7000 deloma poškodovanih.

Boj, ki se mora nadaljevati!

Svoboda mišljenja, ki jo zastopa SNPJ, mora biti nazor tudi naše mladine

Zadnjič smo na tem mestu poudarili, da se ni treba bati našim članom konkurence zavarovalnih družb niti drugih bratskih podpornih organizacij pri agitaciji za nove člane pri letošnji jubilejni kampanji naše jednote — kajti SNPJ ima z ozirom na prispevke in podporo, ki jih daje, najboljše pogoje.

V mislih smo imeli gospodarsko konkurenco, katere se je pod pritiskom depresije precej ublažila.

Drugečrta slika pa je, če motrimo naše podporne organizacije z načelnega stališča. V tem oziru ni ekonomska kriza ničesar spremenila in dejstvo ostane, da je SNPJ še vedno — kakor je bila vseh trideset let svojega obstanka — svobodomiselná organizacija in kot taka še vedno tekmuje z organizacijami, katere imajo striktno versko stališče.

Kar se tiče starih priseljencev, ki imajo ustaljeno naziranje, ne bo več SNPJ niti katere načelno nasprotna organizacija veliko pridobila; ti so že člani pri nas ali v nasprotnem taboru in redki so oni, ki so še v stanju spreminiti svoje mišljenje. Na te torej ne računamo.

Računamo pa z vso gotovostjo na tu rojeno slovensko mladino. Mladina je zrastle v Ameriki, v drugačnih razmerah in pred-sodki, ki jih je dobila od religioznih staršev in privatnih vzgojiteljev, niso tako veliki, da bi se jih ne mogla otresti. To mladino moramo pridobiti za našo jednoto!

Naša mladina je ameriška mladina in svoboda mišljenja, ki jo zastopa SNPJ, je mladini v splošnem bolj prikladna kakor pa verska uklenjenost, ki naredi iz človeka miselnega sužnja in hlinavca. Mladeničem in dekletom, ki imajo količjak razumnosti, je lahko to dopovedati.

Agitacija za nove člane med slovensko mladino v Ameriki spada predvsem našim mladim članom, našim agilnim agitatorjem, katerih imamo dovolj v Chicagu, Detroitu, Clevelandu in drugod. Ti naši agitatorji že imajo velike zasluge za ustanovitev in porast angleško govorečih društev SNPJ. Veliko mladih rojakov in rojakinj, vzgojenih v nasprotnem taboru, je že v naših vrstah in danes so aktivni in pridni člani SNPJ.

Ta teden smo prejeli pismo neke mlade deklice, naše članice, ki piše, da jo je Prosveta naučila slovenščine in ji pomogla, da je zavrgla svoje prejšnje mišljenje in se oklenila svobodomiselnega naziranja. In ta ni edina. To je dokaz, kako SNPJ s Prosveto vred utrjuje in razširja svobodo misli med našo mlajšo generacijo.

To se mora nadaljevati!

Na delo vsi mladi bratje in sestre, ki so vam pri srcu velika, močna in aktivna društva naše mladine! Na delo! Poskrbite, da vsak član vašega društva pripelje svojega prijatelja ali prijateljico, znanca ali znanke v našo jednoto!

Zadnji klic za izročitev Rdeča zastava še straši

privatnega zlata v New Yorku

Do srede večera mora vsakdo oddati cekine. Kdor ne stori tega, bo moral plačati dvojno vsoto pridržanega zlata

Washington, D. C., 16. jan. — Zakladni tajnik Morgenthau je izdal zadnji poziv na vse one, ki še skrivajo zlat denar ali zlate certifikate. Ves denar v zlatu in zlatih certifikatih mora biti izmenjan v federalnih rezervnih bankah do 17. januarja zvečer.

Oseba, ki obdrži cekine čez sredo popolnoči, zapade za kazen plačila dvojne vsote pridržanega zlata. Okrog 300 milijonov dolarjev v zlatu in zlatih certifikatih je še vedno v privatnih rokah.

Delavstvu sovražen sodnik resigniral

Jersey City, N. J. — Sodnik John J. Fallon, ki je pred nekaj tedni podal odlok, s katerim je prepovedal piketiranje in druge stavkovne aktivnosti in s tem takorekoč proglasil stavke za neustavne, je te dni podal ostavko. Resignacija je posledica preiskave o raketirstvu, v katerem je tudi on zapleten. Preiskava je skušal preprečiti potem injunkcije, kar pa se mu ni posrečilo, nakar je resigniral.

Veliko francosko letalo uničeno: 10 mrtvih

Pariz, 16. jan. — Trimotorna zračna drednata Emerald, ponošna francoska aviacija, je večeraj tresčila na tla med Parizom in Lyonsom in deset oseb, med temi pet visokih uradnikov ter ena ženska, je bilo ubitih. Med ubitimi uradniki sta tudi guvernér Indo-Kine in direktor državnega civilnega zrakoplovstva.

Brezdomce pošljejo v kempe

New York. — Petnajst tisoč samskih brezdomcev, ki se vsako noč zatečejo v privatna in mestna prenočišča v tem mestu, bodo poslani v delavske kempe, kjer se bodo "vzposobili za delo." Tko je naznanil mestni komisar za javno blaginjo, William Hodson.

KAJ JE SPODIRANJEM SLUMOV IN GRADNJO HIŠ?

Vlada naletela na velike ovire s strani špekulantov. Ves projekt bo ostal le na papirju

Washington. — (FP) — Dasi je splošno mnenje ekonomov, da bi prišlo najprej do gospodarskega okrevanja, če bi vlada financirala v velikem obsegu podiranje slumov in gradnjo cenovnih delavskih stanovanj, zadnje čase vse bolj kaže, da s tem programom ne bo nič.

Ko je vlada pred nekako par meseci organizirala svojo stanovanjsko korporacijo z 200 milijoni kapitala, je bilo veliko govorjenja, da se bo navadila na slumake predele industrijskih mest in jih spremenila v moderna stanovanjska okrožja po zgledu nekaterih evropskih mest.

Te možnosti pa so zadnje čase izgubile radi velikih ovir, na katere je naletel ta projekt. Vlada je dosedaj odobrila le par posojil za gradnjo stanovanj. In dokler ne bodo odstranjene nastale ovire, ni nobenega upanja, da bi se kdo lotil slumov in gradil cenena delavska stanovanja.

Glavna ovira so zemljiški špekulanti in lastniki slumov. Povsod, kjer so zvedeli, da se vlada ali pa privatne stanovanjske korporacije, ki bi dobile posojilo od vlade, nameravajo lotiti slumov, so cene zemljiščam takoj pognali kvišku mnogokrat več kakor so vredna. Na dragih stavbiščih pa je nemogoče graditi moderna stanovanja — tako stanarino, katero bi lahko zmogle tiste družine, ki sedaj žive v slumih.

Vladi je bilo sicer predloženo že več projektov v svrhu posojila, ampak bi bila najemnina previsoka za družine nizko plačanih delavcev. Notranji tajnik Ickes in delavska tajnica Perkins, načelnika vladne stanovanjske korporacije, sta zavzela stališče, da najemnina v novih stanovanjih ne sme znašati več kot šest do sedem dolarjev mesečno od sobe.

Radi kvišku nagnanih zemljiških cen v slumskih predelih pa je nemogoče graditi modernih stanovanj, v katerih bi bila najemnina od sobe pod deset dolarjev na mesec. Kdor pa zmogoče na najemnino, nu danes ni treba živeti v slumih; še celo v New Yorku in Washingtonu se danes dobi že čednejše stanovanje za tako stanarino.

Na slične zapreke sta Ickes in Perkinsova naletela na obronkih predmestij, kjer je povsod dosti prazne zemlje. Špekulanti so tudi tukaj pokazali svojo glavo in nagnali cene kvišku. Poleg tega pa imajo kontraktorji mnogo praznih stanovanj v predmestjih in so proti vsaki nadaljnji gradnji novih stanovanj. Tudi lastniki apartamentnih stanovanj so proti, češ, da bi jih taki projekti uničili.

Edini izhod bi bil, da bi zvezna vlada zaeno z občinskimi in državnimi oblastmi porinila špekulante na stran in plačala za slumska zemljišča le toliko kolikor so faktično vredna. In ta vrednost je zelo nizka.

Če bi to storila in obenem doletela na primer okrog deset milijard za uničenje slumov in gradnjo modernih, vendar pa cenovnih stanovanj za delavske družine z nizkimi plačami, bi lahko ozivila ne le gradbeno industrijo, ampak tudi cementno, jeblarsko, lesno in mizararsko — sploh vse, ki so posredno in neposredno pri tem prizadete. Milijone delavcev bi bilo zaposlenih skozi daljšo dobo.

Sploh je gradnja delavskih stanovanj na ruševinah vele-mestnih slumov edina prilika za večjo uposilev delavstva. Ampak tudi tukaj trčita drug ob drugo.

Kuba ima novega predsednika

Havana, 16. jan. — Carlos Hevia, 33-letni tajnik notranjih zadev v prejšnji vladi, je prevzel službo začasnega predsednika Kube, ko je Ramon Grau San Martin resigniral. Večera so bili izgredi pred predsedniško palačo in vojaške čete so streljale na izgrede. Trije so bili ubiti in osem ranjenih.

Eksistenca vladne finančne korporacije podaljšana eno leto

Washington, D. C. — Kongres je podaljšal življenje federalne korporacije za rekonstrukcijo financ za nadaljnje leto in ji dovolil 850 milijonov dolarjev nove glavnice za posojevanje.

Druga socialna potreba in privatni profit. In kakor pod starim, je tudi pod "novim dealom" slednji močnejši od prve.

Amerika dobi nov, kontroliran dolar

Roosevelt je črtal delavsko zakonodajo

Je proti amandiranju NRA in za kratko zasedanje kongresa. Program ADF ostane pod kapom. Konflikt radi redukcije zveznim uslužbencem

Washington. — (FP) — Če se bo kongres ravnal po želji predsednika Roosevelta, tedaj se bopetal le z administracijsko zakonodajo, s apropracijskimi in davčnimi načrti in okrog 15. maja zaključil svoje zasedanje.

To izključuje ves zakonodajni program Ameriške delavske federacije, ki bo prišel pred kongres po zborovanju unijaskih voditeljev dne 24. januarja. Če bo federacija kljub temu uspela v kongresu, se bo to zgodilo preko Rooseveltove volje.

On je te dni kongresnim voditeljem povedal, da je proti vsakemu "mrevarjenju" NRA. Vsa poskus za amandiranje industrijskega zakona bo naletel na opozicijo v Beli hiši. In prav pri tej točki se križajo predsednikovi načrti in program Ameriške delavske federacije, ki bo skušala pridobiti kongres za amandiranje zakona v toliko, da bi delovnik znižan na 30 ur v tednu minimalna plača zvišana na 50c na uro, delavski odbor pa dobi več moči.

Poleg tega ima federacija v programu tudi sprejetje starostne pokojnine in zavarovanja proti brezposelnosti. Insistirala bo tudi, kar so njeni voditelji še čestokrat poudarjali, da delavstvo dobi enako zastopstvo v odborih za izvajanje pravilnikov. Ti odbori so zdaj popolnoma v rokah podjetniških asociacij.

Druga sporna zadeva med predsednikom in organiziranim delavstvom je redukcija "plač zveznim uslužbencem, katero je Roosevelt podaljšal do konca fiskalnega leta in obenem dal razumeti, da se bo del te redukcije nadaljeval tudi po tej dobi. Po šestih mesecih je on baje pripravljen vzpostaviti le pet od petnajstih odstotkov redukcije.

V zahtevi za vzpostavitev starih plač zveznim uslužbencem so se federaciji sedaj pridružile železničarske bratovščine. A. F. Whitney, predsednik Asociacije železničarskih voditeljev in bratovščine vlakopremeljvalcev (trainmen), je rekel, da s to redukcijo in podaljšanjem delovnih dni v letu s skrajšanjem počitnic vlada daje slab zgled privatnim industrijam in obenem meče to čudno luč na njen doždevni program za zvišanje plač in skrajšanje delovnika.

"New deal" s to fazo prehaja v konflikt med organiziranim delavstvom in Rooseveltom, o katerem je ekonom Schlink rekel na zborovanju Ameriške asociacije za politično in socialno znanost, da je v službi velekapitala, velikih korporacij. Črtanje delavske zakonodaje ga tudi pokazuje v tej luči.

Reliefno delo je suženjstvo, pravi direktor

Harrisburg, Pa. — Siljenje brezposelnih delavcev, da morajo čakati, če hočejo dobiti vladno podporo, ni nič drugega kot prisilno delo, pravi Eric Biddle, direktor državnega reliefnega odbora.

V Pennsilvaniji in tudi po drugih državah se čisto zgodi, da pride oženjeni delavec v ječo, če odkloni delati za vladno podporo in katera mu je radi tega ustavljena. Zaprejo ga radi — zanemarjanja družine.

Biddle močno kritizira ta sistem v svojem poročilu o ameriški imenuje ga suženjstvo in pravi, da je vsak državlján upravičen, če se tej degradaciji postavi po robu.

Nemški fašisti skрили oproščene-ga Torglerja

Berlin, 16. jan. — Ernst Torgler, komunistični voditelj, ki je bil oproščen v procesu proti požig zborniškega poslopja, je te dni izginil iz zapora v Leipzigu. Hitlerjevi oblastniki so ga na tihem odvedli nekam drugam. Njegovi sorodniki in prijatelji ne vedo, kje se nahaja. — Komunist Stefan Kaptur, ki je bil obsojen na smrt zaradi uboja fašista, se je večeraj obesil v zaporu v Dortmundu.

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Zanimive beleške iz raznih krajev

Odgovor na napad

Cleveland, O. — Upam, da bo uredništvo priobčilo te vrstice kot odgovor na napad v dopisu br. T. Kravanje, ki je bil priobčen v Prosveti dne 3. januarja t. l. in se je nanašal na dopis, ki je izšel pred nekaj tedni v Proletarcu. Pisec slednjega dopisa, ki je menda bil poslan iz Youngstowna, O., se ni podpisal. Kot član gl. odbora SNPJ in predsednik krajevnega društva, naj pojasnim to stvar s svoje strani.

Res je, da sem bil na obisku v Girardu, kakor je rečeno v dopisu, in sem imel tam tudi kratek govor, toda nisem bil predstavljen kot uradnik SNPJ in niti enkrat nisem omenil imena SNPJ. Obisk je bil povsem socialnega značaja in vsaka pošena oseba, ki je bila navzoča, lahko potrdi to izjavo. Zaradi tega pozivam pisca nepodpisane dopisa v Proletarcu, da pride na dan s svojim imenom in potem bomo govorili o tej stvari kje drugje, ne v časopisu, kajti v meni je še precej življenja. Mnogi so mi že skušali škodovati na sličen način, toda jaz se še vedno borim v prvih vrstah za SNPJ in bom v teh vrstah tudi ostal.

Glede br. Kravanje želim, da se briga za svoje stvari. Pometi naj pred svojim pragom in gleda za napredek SNPJ v Bridgeportu, O. Ni mu treba vitkati svojega nosu v stvari, katerih ne razume. Br. Kravanje bo morda zanimalo, ako mu povem, da Lindy še vedno dela za interese SNPJ.

Končno naj čitatelj sodi o resnici. Vpraša naj tiste, ki so me slišali govoriti ne samo v Girardu, temveč tudi drugje. Ali ni čudno, da dobivam še vedno dosti vabil, naj nastopim na raznih prireditvah SNPJ, če sem tako slab kot me nekateri slikajo? Takim vabilom prav rad ugodim, dasi moram posvečati moj prosti čas društvu Struglers, Slovenskemu delavskemu domu, čigar direktor sem, dram-skemu klubu itd. Vred tega ne morem tritati časa z odgovarjanjem na žaljive opazke neodgovornih oseb. Čitatelji naj bodo sodniki.

John "Lindy" Lokar, 614.

Včeraj, danes in jutri

Chicago. — V prejšnjih številkih Prosvete sem razpravljal in podal glede kampanje za pridobivanje novih članov jednote in novih naročnikov na Prosveto dvoje vodilnih vzrokov, zakaj je treba začeti to akcijo sistematično in organizirano.

Omenil sem konkurenco, ki jo mora naša jednota upoštevati; omenil sem nove življenske sile, ki jih mora naša jednota dobiti. Danes si lahko ogledamo, kaj mislim s to konkurenco. Zapo-padena je v treh besedah: Joliet ali Chicago.

Druge vrste konkurenca nas ne more zanimati. Saj nam niti od daleč ne prihaja na misel, da nas kdo užene ali prekosi s čisto komercialnega stališča, kajti naša generacija se še ni tako daleč pretopila in potopila v topilnici ameriškega življenja. Naša konkurenca ima vse drugo ozadje; ona izhaja in mora biti pojmovana iz tistih začetnih izhajajočih vzrokov, ki so nam začrtali pot in naše boje pred tridesetimi leti. To se pravi: ona ima za nas psihološki in ne prvotno-komercialen pomen; ona ima svoj vir ja naših, še ne docela v amerikanizem pretopljenih družabnih razmer. In tako bo pač ostalo še celo generacija, če ne več, dokler se stari člani jednote popolnoma ne poljubne v grobovih. To pa vodi do drugega zaključka o konkurenci, in ta je, da je

konkurenca, kolikor koli že pride v poštev, zapopadena v naši mladini, kajti ona je tisti element, radi katerega je tu konkurenca: Joliet ali Chicago. Naše prizadevanje v pridobivanju novih članov je v tem elementu — mladini; ona mora biti v tej kampanji najbolj naglašana in imeti mora, če že ne v organiziranju kampanje same, pa vsaj v delu kampanje, prvo besedo!

Miselnost mladine je plastična in dovzetna za vse namene, če so ji ti nameni pojasnjeni v pravi luči, če zavladajo razumevanje tega, kar ji je podano in ima stike z življenjem.

Tistih verskih predsodkov, tistega licemerstva in potuhne-nosti, ki so bili znani pri starih, v starem kraju ali v Ameriki, nima naša tukajšnja mladina, in vsaka nadaljnja naša generacija je bo imela manj. Kar je še v njej verskobarnega, je le bolj navidezno in površno, mnogo po-navnejše kot je bilo na pr. pri naših liberalcih in svobodomi-slecih pred tridesetimi leti. Duh splošnega ameriškega življenja, takozv. milje, je že v njih spo-četkih v veliki meri, izbrisal ta grdi madež.

Zato bo tukajšnja mladina dovzetenja do svobodne besede, ki je potreba v agitaciji za pri-dobitev novih sil. V tem leži prilika za naše vrhve. Tudi naši nasprotniki računajo tako. Mo-rajo! Kar mora jednota poskrbeti, je, da proži tej mladini kjerkoli priložnost, da se privije k SNPJ! — Kako pa? Razte-gniti moramo naš organizacijski načrt za kampanjo tako, da bo odgovarjal mladini.

Naša inteligentna mladina, ki kaže svoj razmah v okvirju so-cialističnega gibanja, mora do-biti od časa do časa pri SNPJ finančno oporo, ki ji omogoči pod vodstvom izkušenejših mla-dih in starih voditi svojo propa-gando za jednoto, dokler ne nastopi čas, ko prenehajo stari in prevzamejo vodstvo mladi.

Naša mladina pri SNPJ mo-ra dobiti že danes temelj, na ka-terega naj polaga opeko bodočega doživljanja. Ta temeljni ka-men — začetek vsega drugega, bi moral biti gotove vrste "Mla-dinski biro" v uradu SNPJ, kjer bi moral biti nastavljen eden ti-stih mladih agitatorjev, ki se je izkazal pri SNPJ za najboljšega.

Iz "agitacijskega fonda," ki je zamišljen v mojem načrtu za kampanjo, bi lahko pokrivali stroške tiste vrste kampanj, ki bi jih vršili naši inteligentni mladi člani iz socialističnih vrst, direktno za koristi jednote.

Naši mladi gotovo pogrešajo tega, kajti mnogo več dela v agi-tacijske svrhe bi bilo lahko izvr-šenega za jednoto, če bi imeli "Biro za mladino", kjer bi bilo njih delo lažje pregledno in nji-hova prizadevanja podprta z go-tovimi sredstvi.

Meseca oktobra sem bil nav-zoč pri debati, ki sta jo imela detroitski in čikaški socialistični klub. Debatu je vodilo pet mladih, agitiranih in inteligentnih članov naše jednote.

Sledil sem ji z zanimanjem in priznati moram, da so se vsi po-globili v predmet. Dognali so svoje argumente do skrajnega razumevanja in podali navzočim tako jasno sliko, da je na koncu debate lahko vsak navzoč vedel, kaj hočejo eni in drugi.

Debata se je sukala okrog vprašanja, če se v teh negotovih gospodarskih razmerah in po-grešanju v neko vrsto družabno politično forma, fašizma, še iz-plača držati narodnostne sku-pine separatno, ali naj se pri-družijo vse direktno k socialisti-čni stranki.

Obe struji sta imeli dobre ar-

gumente. Vprašanje je bilo tak-tično in je imelo čisto gospo-darsko ozadje: kako zmanjšati stroške centralne uprave in po-večati njen delokrog. Vtis, ki ga je dobil prisotnež pa je moral bi-ti ta, da je vprašanje važno ne le za centralo, temveč za vse skupaj. Vse to imajo opraviti z gospodarstvom. Detroitski so bi-li prepričani, da je v tem času centralizirano gospodarstvo ži-va potreba.

To navajam le za primer, lahko bi pa navedel celo vrsto takih slučajev, ki pokazujejo jasno, kako si prizadeva naša mladina najti sredstva in potov v svoji vrsti za svoje ideale in za delo z razumnimi koraki.

Koliko več bi bilo lahko stor-jenega za našo jednoto, če bi i-mela naša mladina gospodar-sko zaslonbo pri nji, si lahko mislimo.

Zadnje čase zasledujem kam-panjo, ki jo vodi jolietška jed-nota. Navajajo tudi nekaj uspe-hov.

Več, da bodo rekli nekateri naši: "Eh, kaj nam mar Joliet, mi smo v Chicagu!"

Je že resnica; ampak jaz se še vedno rad spominjam tistih čas-ov, ko smo tekmovali z Joliet-om, pa mislim, da bi bilo zdra-vo in dobro, če bi pomislili nanj tudi drugi člani jednote. To vzbuja zanimanje za idealnejše mišljenje in razumevanje naših akcij, kajti koncem konca misel sama na sebi o dolarju nas ne bo rešila, lahko pa nam prej ali slej škoduje in nas celo uniči kakor je uničila mnoge denarne mogotce in veljake, pa tiste, ki so jim sledili — v današnje kri-zo.

Svoječasno je bil jolietški duh tisti ogenj, ki je užgal naša sr-ca za protiakcijo; on je bil zgo-dovinski vzrok našega postanka. Začeli smo, raski in se razvijali v znamenju tega boja, ki ima po mojem mnenju vendar še nekaj tistega v sebi, kar je vredno, da se obori. Ko izginejo slednji znaki teh pojavov med našimi ljudmi, in ko ne bo več starih, niti mladi ne bodo več živeli s starimi, takrat ne bo treba več misliti na Joliet — pa morda tu-di ne na Chicago, kajti mladi si bodo pač poiskali svojo centralo tam, kjer bodo mislili, da jim bolj ustreza. Frank Petrich, 86.

Prireditve pevskega zbora v De-troitu

Detroit, Mich. — Ameriško ča-sopisje zadnje čase veliko piše o prosperiteti v avtomobilski in-dustriji. Res je, da inženirska znanost pokazuje velik napre-dek, kajti novi avti so nekaj krasnega. Človek bi si rad na-bavil nov avtomobil, toda denar-ja ni. Kljub kričanju o vračanju prosperitete je delavec zasu-žek nizek in si ne more nabavi-ti produktov svojega dela. Am-pak delavci menda hočejo, da o-stane vse po starem in tako se je treba sprizniti z mizernim življenjem.

Da nekoliko pozabimo na te-žave, je potrebno razvedrilo. Ako ne bi imeli zabav, menda bi od same žalosti pomrli. Tu v Detroitu imamo pevski zbor Svoboda, čigar člani in njih pe-vodvoda se trudijo in izgubijo mnogo časa pri vajah, da nam tako preskrbe zabavo in užitek.

Na programu imajo sedaj kar dve opereti. To sta "Ciganska nevesta", katero bodo postavili na oder enkrat na pomlad, in "Za mlade je ljubezen", katero bodo uprizorili v nedeljo, 21. jan-uarja, ob treh popoldne v dvo-rani Slovenskega doma, 437 So. Livernois. Ta opereta je v re-snici komična in bo nedvomno vsakemu ugajala. Za 40 centov se boste lahko namestili in na-plesali. Za stare in mlade bo vse urejeno, tako da bodo prvi lahko plesali poskočnice in valčke, mla-dina pa ob zvokih The Silver Crescent orkestra. Plesna zaba-va bo trajala do 1. po polnoči.

Opereto "Za mlade je ljube-zen" je prevel iz nemščine v slo-venščino John Berlig. On jo je tudi komponiral za zbor in or-kester. Imá tri dejanja in prvi dve se vršita na vrhu pred hišo, tretje pa v Jernejevi poletni hi-šici. Tukaj so trije zaljubljeni pari, ki pa ne vedo drug za dru-gega in se skrivajo. Sin Ivan vtihotapi Louisa kot gospodinja k Svetinu, s katero je poročen že tri mesece, a noče tega izda-ti očetu. V Louiso se zaljubi tu-

di mlajši sin Mirko in potem tudi oče Svetin, toda vsi prikri-vajo ljubezen. Stari Svetin ima hčerko Milko, ta pa je zaljub-ljena v njegovega pomočnika Pavla. Potom tajne korespon-dence se vsi trije zaljubljeni pa-ri dogovorijo glede sestanka v Jernejevi hiši. Tako se zgodi, da pridejo vsi drug za drugim v Svetinovo hišo. Prvi prišleci se skrijejo in ne vedo za druge. Prva sta Milka in Pavel in ko vidita, da prihaja Mirko, se skrijeta za zagrinjalo pri vratih. Za njima pride Louisa in ko o-pazi Mirkov prihod, se tudi ona skrije za drugo zagrinjalo. Na-zadnje so vsi skriti, nekateri za zagrinjali, drugi pod mizo. To-liko o vsebini operete, ki je res komična.

V petju in plesu bo nastopila tudi naša tu rojena mladina in nosila bo posebno obleko. Berli-gov orkester bo spremljal petje in potrebno je, da pridete na to prireditve, da boste videli, kako se bo vsa komedija končala. S tem boste pokazali, da se zani-mate za kulturno delo in žrtve za kulturo ne bodo zaman. Ne pozabite tistih rojakov, ki se v resnici trudijo, da pokažejo zmožnosti malega slovenskega naroda. Od vas je odvisno, na-daljnje kulturno in izobraževal-no delo in napredek naše mla-dine, tiste mladine, ki se za ta-ke stvari zanima.

Pevski zbor Svoboda je imel na prireditvah v prošlosti vse-lej bogat program in tudi pri-hodnji vam bo nudil veliko du-ševnega užitka. Torej rojaki iz Detroita in okolice, na svidenje v nedeljo, 21. januarja!

Anton Jurca, Rudolf Potočnik in John Zornik, člani odbora.

Proslava obletnice

Detroit, Mich. — Avtomobil-skim magnatom je Nira dovoli-la, da smejo delovni čas zvišati od 35 na 40 ur v tednu s preve-zo, da se rabi več pomoči radi povečane produkcije. V resnici je pa zadnjih šest tednov več brezposelnih kot jih je bilo, ko so magnetje podpisali avtni pra-vilnik. Na tisoče in tisoče delavcev je brez dela v Detroitu, tisti, ki pa so upošani, delajo še samo od 35 do 40 ur, ampak tudi več. Torej ne svetujem no-benemu priti za delom v Detroit, kajti dela ni še za stare delavce, kateri so bili odslovljeni radi premajhnih naročil.

Igra "Radikalna kura", kate-ra je bila prirejena pod režijo Fr. Česna na starega leta več-er, je bila dobro obiskana. Brez male izjeme je je posetil ves slo-venski napredni element in dvo-rana je bila nabito polna. Upam, da se bodo Slovenci z zapada u-deležili v polnem številu opere-te. "Le za mlade je ljubezen", katero priredi pevski zbor Svoboda na 21. januarja v isti dvo-rani, kjer so igrali "Radikalno kuro", v Delavskem domu na Li-vernois ave. Opereta je izvrstna in polna humorja. Vstopnina je 40c za osebo. Torej mala vsota za opereto, ker vemo, da krize še ni konec in marsikateri ne more plačati polne vrednosti operet-nih prireditev.

Prireditve proslave 8-letnega obstanka mladinskega društva št. 564 SNPJ se je dobro obne-sla. Bila je moralen uspeh. Glavni govornik na banketu je bil tajnik SNPJ F. A. Vider. On je drugi dan navzočim podrobno raztolmačil pasivnost, katere se od zadnje konvencije vedno vla-či na naših društvenih sejah radi radikalnih sprememb na zadnji konvenciji. Na banketu je bil mladi A. Jurca, kateri pa ni bil tako radodaren z dajanjem be-sede navzočim kakor je bil nje-gov oče na slavnosti 25-letnice poroke Joe Gruma in njegove so-proge.

Pri klubu št. 114 JSZ so bili izvoljeni vsi novi uradniki za le-to 1934. Upam, da bo članstvo z njimi bolj kooperiralo kot je s starim odborom. — Leo Junko.

"Kranjčev Jurij" se vrača
So. Chicago, Ill. — Marsika-teri izmed onih, ki so videli ša-loigro "Kranjčev Jurij" pred sodnikom", ki jo je uprizoril pevski zbor Slovan ob svoji 25-letnici in kasneje na veselici v korist brezposelnim članom SN-PJ pred štirimi leti, si je zaže-l, da bi zopet imel priliko vi-deti to šaloigro s petjem. Slo-venec v Chicagu in okolici se bo nudila prilika videti jo v ne-

deljo, dne 11. februarja, v Hr-vatskem domu, 9618 Commer-cial ave., So. Chicago, Ill., ko priredi pevski zbor Slovan ma-škeradno veselico z varietnim programom.

Jurij je obdolžen posledic lju-bavnega razmerja s svojim de-kletom in se mora za to zagovar-jati pred sodnikom. Na vsako sodnikovo vprašanje, mesto da bi odgovoril, zapoje v odgovor del priložitnostne slovenske na-rodne pesmi. Ob prvi prireditvi je bil original nekoliko raz-širjen, več narodnih pesmi je bi-lo dostavljenih, tako da kon-čno vsebuje 24 različnih pesmi in ravno toliko vprašanj. Za se-danjo prireditve se je "Jurij" oblekel v popolnoma novo obla-čilo. "Ribničanje" so ga dobili v svoje roke, in kaj so z njim napravili? Dostavili so toliko vprašanj in toliko odgovorov, da bo na prihodnji prireditvi vse-boval "samo" 44 slovenskih na-rodnih pesmi in eno popolnoma novo obtožnico.

Kdor ni videl te prireditve, ima priliko udeležiti se v nede-ljo, 11. februarja in slišati in videti nekaj izrednega na slo-venskem odru. Program pa ne bo vseboval samo našega "Jur-ja", temveč tudi druge lepe toč-ke v slovenskem in angleškem jeziku. Točen program bo kas-neje priobčen v tem časopisu. Občinstvo je vabljen, da si na-bavi vstopnice v predprodaji od članov pevskega društva.

Jacob Briljivar, tajnik.

Upepeljevanje in mi

Cleveland, Ohio. — Pred me-secem dni sem šel na čakališče poulične kare, da se popeljem na delo. Ko pridem tja, je tam že stal majhen množ s precejšnjo brado, da bi človek mislil, da je Jud. Iz žepa potegnem skatli-ko žveplenk in mi reče, če bi mu prižgal cigareto, ker ga roka boli; paraliziran je bil pred več meseci.

Po govoru sem ga sodil za Nemca in mu rekel: "Vi ste Ne-mec, kajne?" "Da," pravi, "nem-ska država je fina in njen nar-od najboljši, čeprav so tako proti Nemčiji." Govorila sva dalje o boleznih in sem mu pove-dal, da sem imel brata, ki pa je bil tudi paraliziran in je umrl in da sem ga dal upepeliti, da sem Slovenec, da sem bil sam v stari domovini nekaj časa med Nemci itd. To ga je presenetilo. Takoj mi je rekel, da je tudi on "Kranjc", in še iz Ljubljane, da pa je že 40 let v Ameriki, v Cle-velandu. Bil je v businessu ne-koč kot saluner, rad je pil in pijača mu je škodovala. Sedaj stanuje v hotelu Akron na Onta-rio ulici v bližini Javnega trga. Ime mislim mu je John Pe-trovčič ali Petrič. Pozna precej starih salunerjev.

Glavno tukaj je: Kako se je ta rojak zanimal, ko sem mu po-vedal o upepeljenju bratovega trupla. "Res," je dejal začude-no, "tudi jaz si to želim. — Če mi bo le mogoče, bom zahteval, da tudi mene upepeljijo. Rajši to, kot pa da bi me potem še črvi glodali ko bom trohnel. Nihče mi pa še ni povedal, kje je tak prostor. Ali bi mi ti?" "Prav rad," sem dejal. "Saj je v bližini Krematorij je na Casper in E. 134. st., prav blizu St. Clairja. Tega menda lastuje nemški po-grebni zavod, ker je tudi v oskr-bi Nemca, in ti se lahko z njim po nemški pogovoriš, ker rad raztolmači in pokaže naprave upepeljevanja trupel."

Sel je in nisem ga več videl.

Med našim narodom jih je malo, ki bi se pustili upepeliti. Moški so, so pa mame, ki se bojijo, da ne bi ata mogel v ne-besa, če bi bil upepeljen. Potem so tudi naši duhovni očetje: če truplo zgori, kako naj se po-tem na sodni dan združi duša s telesom, če je zgorelo, čeprav čitajo iz knjige: "Prah in pepel si bil in v prah in pepel se boš spremenil." Ta izrek ne velja za nje, ker potem menda ne bi mogli tako veliko računati za blagoslov mrtveca. Pri nas v Clevelandu celo vidimo kuverte, ker potem polagajo prijatelji novce za maše. Mi se pač držimo stare tradicije, kot so nas stari in duhovniki učili. Našim pogrebnikom je pa vseno kam-gredo, na pokopališče ali v kre-matorij.

Ker je med nami precejšnje število rojakov in članov dru-

štev, ki si želijo civilnega po-greba, ali pa upepeljenja na posledno uro, pa pridejo drugi, ko so ti mrtvi in si ne morajo pomagati, in jim ne izpolnijo poslednje želje, češ: kaj bodo pa drugi rekli? Zato bi bilo potreb-no pri SNPJ, da bi se tudi v tem oziru nekaj ukrenilo, da bi ti-sti, ki si želijo katerega izmed teh dveh pogrebov, lahko prej podali izjave kaj želijo. Dogo-dilo se je, da je umrl rojak, ki je podpisal pred pričami, da ho-če biti upepeljen, in ko so na zadnjo uro skušali sorodniki preprečiti, jim je bil pokazan podpis. Sli so se informirali k advokatu, ki je dejal: "Boljše, da nehati."

Najslabše je pa še to, da se človeka, ki leži v krsti in je bil proti verskim obredom, napada, ker mrtvec si ne more pomagati. To se dogaja mnogokrat med nami Slovenci, in sicer v cerkvi.

Sežigati v Clevelandu se dajo največ Nemci in Čehi, nekaj Madžarov in prav malo število Slovencev.

Frank Barbič, 53.

Nedeljsko predavanje v češki dvorani

Chicago. — Prihodnjo nedeljo popoldne ob drugi uri, dne 21. januarja, se vrši drugo sociali-stično predavanje v Sokol Havli-ček Tyrš dvorani, 2619 S. Lawndale. Predaval bo Mayer Halush-ka, učitelj v Marshallovi srednji šoli in eden izmed vodilnih so-cialistov v Chicagu. Predmet predavanja bo: "New Schools for a New Day." Vstopnina 10c brezposelni prosti.

Prvo predavanje je imel Ger-son Seibert, poljski socialist, ki se že dalj časa nahaja v Ameri-ki. Govoril je o svojih vtisih v Ameriki in je bilo predavanje prav zanimivo. Tudi Halushka je dober predavatelj in govor-nik in predmet sam na sebi za-nimiv. Torej pridite na to pre-davanje prihodnjo nedeljo ob drugi uri popoldne. Vršiti se v vrhni dvorani. — Odbor.

Priredba brezposelnih

Chicago. — Klub brezposel-nih, Local No. 61 Workers Com-mittee on Unemployment, pri-ređi malo zabavo v soboto, 21. januarja, v spodnjih prostorih jednotine dvorane. Občinstvo je vabljen, da se udeleži te pri-reditve.

Seja kluba se vrši dva dni prej, v četrtek, 25. januarja. Člani naj se gotovo udeleže se-je, da bo mogoče vse potrebno urediti za zabavo.

Član.

Slabe razmere

McKeesport, Pa. — Tukajšnje delavske razmere so nekam 50-50, kakor drugod. Prazniki so minili in tudi Miklavž, kateri pa je meni prinesel žalostno vest, da je umrla moja mati, Helena Marinič, v Knežaku na No-transkem, v starosti 83 let. Ob tej priliki se živo spominjamo na one daljne dni, ko smo z materjo kramljali in se veselili njene družbe. Spominjamo se na sreč-ne dni, ko nas je vodila in učila. Naša pokojna mati je dočaka-la visoko starost. Bila je dobra in skrbna mati. Zapušča žalujo-če hčere M. Šajn, Jennie Rehar, A. Kopriva in sinova Johna in Valentina Marinič. Naši materi bodi ohranjen trajen spomin!

Antoniet Kopriwa.

LISTNICA UREDNIŠTVA

Traunik, Mich. M. K. — Zdrav-niški članek, ki ga omenjate, je Prosveta objavila v slovenščini dne 25. oktobra t. l.

Aretirani socialist noče privile-gijev

Charleston, S. C. — Stephen V. Kennison, predsednik držav-ne socialistične stranke, ki je bil aretiran radi "nespodobnega ve-denja", ker je govoril delavcem CWA, je v ječi odklonil, da bi z njem drugače postopali ko z zamorci.

Po aretaciji bi bil rad tele-foniral iz ječe, kar mu je bilo dovoljeno; isto ugodnost je iskal tudi neki zamorec, ki pa mu je bila odklonjena. "Če njemu ne daste enake prilike, tudi jaz ne maram nobenih privilegijev, ker nisem ne boljši ne slabši ko kdo drugi," je jetniškim oblastem povedal Kennison. Policija ga ima na piki radi njegovih ak-tivnosti med brezposleci in za-morci.

The Jubilee Campaign

The thirtieth anniversary jubilee membership campaign of the Society opened January 1 with all active members and local branches in fine fettle for the movement which will continue the remainder of the year—the entire year. All local branches and individual members should be active in this campaign by bringing in new applicants and securing new subscribers to the Prosveta.

Not only those local branches which are always doing their part, but also the more passive ones should participate in this campaign; they should heed the call also and become active this year which is the anniversary year of our Society.

On April 8, the Society will celebrate its thirtieth anniversary, and it is confidently expected that our members will rally to the cause so that a fitting celebration can be held by every lodge in the jurisdiction before, on or after the anniversary date, either individually or by neighboring sister branches jointly.

To be in the unique position in the fraternal world that the Slovene National Benefit Society occupies after thirty years of successful existence, is something to marvel about. Our Society is the leader among our societies in the insurance field and progressive labor enlightenment. And to express appreciation for what the Society has accomplished in that time, each and every member and local branch is requested to do his or her part in the upbuilding movement. The call goes forth to all active and dormant branches.

We are of the opinion that every member of the organization could bring in at least one new member or at least one new subscriber, provided he is determined enough to do that for his organization during its jubilee campaign. Interest your eligible relatives and acquaintances in the Slovene National Benefit Society.

With proper effort and cooperation on the part of the membership the anniversary year of our Society can be fittingly observed—with new members and new subscribers. The young members should do their share of the work. The Society offers to them more for their money than any insurance company. Their place is in the Slovene National Benefit Society!

There's something good, even noble, about anyone who does his job well.

Listen to your prospect's troubles—if and when you can't avoid it. But never return the compliment by reading him excerpts from your own book-of-woe. After all, it's his application you want—not his sympathy.

The Dream of Tomorrow

By Robert G. Ingersoll

A vision of the future arises. I see a world where thrones have crumbled and where kings are dust. The aristocracy of idleness has perished from the earth.

I see a world without a slave. Man at last is free. Nature's forces have by science been enslaved. Lightning and light, wind and waves, frost and flame, and all the subtle powers of earth and air are the tireless toilers for the human race.

I see a world at peace, adorned with every form of art, with music's myriad voices thrilled; where lips are rich with words of love and truth; a world in which no exile sighs, no prisoner mourns, a world on which the gibbet's shadow does not fall; a world where labor reaps its full reward, where work and worth go hand in hand.

I see a world without the beggar's outstretched palm, the miser's heartless, stony stare, the piteous wail of want, the livid lips of lies, the cruel eyes of scorn.

I see a race without disease of flesh or brain—shapely and fair, married harmony of form and function—and, as I look, life lengthens, joy deepens, in the great dome, shines the eternal star of Faith.

Be observant, be friendly, be trustworthy, and you'll never have any trouble finding prospects and keeping policyholders satisfied.

The White New Deal

There is no New Deal for the Negro, declares Walter White in his annual report to the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. Under the recovery program, Negro workers have been displaced from former jobs and have been discriminated against in wage rates, the difference ranging as high as 30 per cent. The racial prejudice against Negro workers has not been wiped out by the NRA.

In a class society white workers are consigned to a low level, but the Negro workers inherit the fruits of chattel bondage in traditions, prejudice and, too often, hate. To the extent that white workers help to break down these prejudices will they serve their class as a whole, including the Negro workers.—N. L.

STRUGGLERS

By Lindy

Cleveland, O.—Thanks to Bro. Herman Preseren of Yukon, Pa., for the kindly invitation extended us for the Silver Stars' grand 3rd anniversary celebration to take place in Yukon on Jan. 20. The gang sure wishes they could be there and are trying hard to attend, so if you meet any Strugglers there, don't be surprised, for the good old time shown us on our past visits still remains with us. Regardless, we wish you Silver Stars success in de luxe style. Here's hoping you have a large crowd. Neighboring lodges should not fail to be present.

Let's Go, Cleveland

Likewise, Feb. 10, 1934, is predicted a big day in Cleveland's Slovene metropolis, for it's on this date that the gallant Commodores (SNPJ newly organized lodge) will hold their grand opening celebration and card party. It's the duty of all of the Cleveland SNPJ English speaking lodges to attend this affair and give the good ship Commodore with its able Skipper a roaring welcome. Let's go, Cleveland!

Strugglers' mammoth Anniversary Celebration combined with the celebrating of SNPJ 30th Anniversary is in the making. Watch for details.

The Answer

"A continuation of a series of injurious effects upon our coming modern youth—'gossip.' One of the weapons of modern life used extensively in social and fraternal warfare is 'gossip.' It is not only an exceedingly bad habit, it is a loathsome one. Men have often criticized the chatter of women as being weak. It is unjust to even suggest that 'gossip' is a feminine weapon for it is not when men employ it in various sorts of way, in all probability figuring it beneficial to them.

"We have been taught to believe that it is wrong to tattle about the doings of another. But even those who hate such gossip will continuously indulge in unending discussions of those prominent in their fraternal field and public eye. It is natural to talk about people and their personalities, but such talk should always be open and above board. Clean speech should be encouraged but to be clean the thought should be free from power to injure another. There are good things to talk about everyone. It is totally unnecessary to dig into the petty personal feelings which leave a bad taste, destroy confidence and bring eventual ruin not only to the leader, but to the talker as well."

Boost Dramatics

Besides fraternal activities one must also try to boost other various organizations that keep the Slovenes before the public eye and also cheer up the downhearted. If you are blue or craving excitement, you won't fail to make your reservation and see the dramatic sketch entitled "Mod' uniforme" presented by the club Anton

Verovšek on Sunday, Feb. 11. We advise you not to miss it.

For the Needy

Another item that should not escape your attention is the Card Party and Dance to be sponsored for the needy by East End Social Club at the Slovene Workmen's Home on Wed., Jan. 24, 1934. All proceeds go to the support of needy Slovene families in the community.

Don't Miss This

Beginning at the Feb. 7 meeting of the Strugglers a change of entertaining atmosphere will take place. Following every Struggler meeting hereafter they will sponsor not only free dancing, but other types of entertainment and will feature as a guest speaker some individual prominent in the public eye. For the Feb. meeting we have secured the services of the Hon. Judge Frank J. Lausche who will speak on a very interesting subject, namely—"World Affairs as We See Them." All SNPJ members are invited to attend. Entertainment will begin at 8:30. Come and spend a pleasant evening with the gang.

Basketball

All basketball enthusiasts are asked to report every Tuesday night at the Emanuel Gym, E. 156 and McCauley ave., between the hours of 9 and 11 p. m. This is Strugglers' gym. Drop

in and enjoy yourself—it costs you nothing.

Congratulations are in order for the Beacon officer-elects and to Bro. A. Prusnick and Frank Zadel, Sec'y. and Pres., respectively, of the Loyalties.

Buckeyes' Bits

By Oh

Barberton, Ohio.—Going forward to Jan. 27, we wish to offer our good wishes to the New Era Lodge of West Park, O., on their forthcoming dance.

The Buckeyes are having a dance on the same date, Jan. 27, and we wish to see a great crowd, so get your tickets now, ladies and gentlemen. The admission is 25c.

We're glad to see that there are still a few persons who can gather enough news to write a full column and more in the Prosveta. (Referring to John Aynik, a Beacon.) It seems that Aynik and Comrade Joe Jarc are pretty strong competitors for first honors in this matter. Hope they never run out of material.

A word to the Buckeye members: How is the campaign coming out? Do we have any prospective new members? Come on, gang! Let's liven up!

The decoration committee have decided on the decorations for the dance, and it remains for the rest of the members to come to the Domovina Hall on 14th st. on Friday, Jan. 26, to help put up the ornaments.

Loyalite News

Cleveland, O.—Our first meeting of the year—a small debating party of five members. The thoughts of the few turned to the prospects of a new year for the Loyalties' suggestion as to the possibility of having interesting meetings, card parties, home socials, etc. The group expects in the near future, to bring their thoughts and suggestions into a bright reality.

The basketball squad turned in a decisive win over the Eastern Star club, and are now enjoying the second place position with Rudy Liach's Sparta club. Two of the toughest clubs are to be encountered, the Pioneers, followed by the strong Serbian club. Prospects of a three-way tie are very bright.

The Comrade boys turned out for the last game all decked out in new outfits. Joe Jarc and his gang are hard at work for their big event Jan. 27. You Loyalties reserve that evening. Music to be furnished by Bill Connolly and his Melodians.

The Commodores also are planning a gigantic inaugural dance in early part of February. At this writing the Pioneers are being played by our basketball squad.

Having a vision of a bright future for our nation's recovery, youth advancement, and a reasonable security for those of the elders who have served their portion of activeness

my thoughts turn to our own Slovenes. How many are in the present progressive movement and have the spirit now arose in the constructive questioning of the methods by which Roosevelt is attempting to accelerate recovery. This is a totally new thing in the mass thought in our United States.

Having personally worked amongst our Slovenes, admiring the majority of the elder Slovenes, I have had the pleasure of working with, I still come in contact with a type whose only outlook is pertaining to his own personal selfish interest.

I would like to quote the general counsel for the NRA, Donald R. Richberg, a true and tried friend of the masses: "It would be helpful at this time if persons, who are mentally unable to accept the necessity and the value of having genuine and responsible labor organizations for the self-protection of labor interests and the stabilization of industry, emigrate to some backward country, where there are no free schools and where the level of common intelligence is very low and would cease to clutter up progress in the United States with the rubbish of outworn ideas and dead philosophies."

This quotation applies to a large number of the American element with whom we come in contact daily. They, the supposed more educated type, are holding back the forward progress even more so than the foreign class.

The average Slovene, preferably those who, due to lack of work in coal districts, moved to the big city, appreciates the fact that organization means representation.

The most important thing in the world at present is government. Men who looked good in governments of the last generation would certainly look pitifully small in the problems of today. We in the United States should take our politics more seriously. The need of the moment is a clearer appreciation of the power of government to help meet these new and difficult problems. The work of rebuilding should begin at home; the city government is our greatest waister of money and opportunity, until it is controlled by honest, independent representatives of the people. Until it is free from outside, secret, selfish interests, it can not give the people what they are entitled to get from it.

August Prusnick,
Sec'y. Lodge 590.

J. Z. Jrs. Bright Spots

Library, Pa.—The bowling tournament and dance held at Ambridge on New Year's, sponsored by the W. Pa. E. S. Federation, was a great success both socially and financially. A large crowd was present and there was a number of J. Z. Jrs. there also. An event like this one should be sponsored each year by the Federation on the same date.

J. Z. Jrs. held their first 1934 meeting on Jan. 7. The attendance was not what it should have been. Only about half of the members were present. After the meeting the band struck up and played a few pieces. There was little dancing—the boys outnumbered the girls 4 to 1. Then, a little later, refreshments were served, and 8 prizes were given out, and what prizes! So all of you members that were not at this meeting, please come to the next meeting, which will be held on Feb. 11, 1934, at 8:30 p. m.

The delegates elected to the next Federation meeting at Ambridge for

Jan. 21 were: Jacob Dolence, Adolph Slapnick, Frank Ambrozic.

We also decided about holding a dance on Sat., Feb. 17, 1934. This dance will be held at the Slovene Hall, Library, Pa., from 8 to 12. The music will be furnished by Red Carter and his Dixie Boys, the famous Radio Artists from Station WNBO at Washington, Pa. The admission will be very reasonable—35c per person.

The Yukon Silver Stars are holding a dance on Jan. 20, 1934, celebrating their 3rd Anniversary. All of the roads should lead to Yukon on the 20th. Help the Silver Stars celebrate their 3rd year in SNPJ, and also make a great success out of this affair. Let's go, everybody!

Lastly we, the members of the J. Z. Jrs. Lodge, should like to thank the Program Committee for their good work in putting the program on for the last meeting. May you do the same for the next meeting, and may the attendance be 100%.

Frank J. Ambrozic Jr.

The New Deal in 1934

At home 1934 will determine whether the New Deal is to move definitely to the left or right. After earlier predictions to the contrary the newspapers now agree that the President will dominate Congress. I am writing before his message is made public, but whatever he says, his New Deal is moving to the right. Mr. Peek may have been taken out of AAA, but his ideas and not Tugwell's went into the codes. It is bad news that General Johnson is given unrestricted power to approve code in small industries. The General does all "cracking down" with his mouth. In reality he is becoming more and more conservative action, NRA is more and more manned by business interests. It has no good research department. When I was in Washington I learned that the chief statistical or economic advisor since Professor Sachs left it is a man the borrowed from General Motors. NRA is not even working at a comprehensive plan for integration of industry.

Henry Ford and the PRT in Philadelphia, and a host of others, will manage to defy the Labor Board. The heads of the Federal Relief and the Civil Works Administration are doing as good a job as they can under an unsatisfactory method of unemployment relief. But the local authorities are pretty bad. In cities as far apart as New York and New Orleans workers under CWA have lost their jobs as "agitators" for no crime at all except that they insisted that the workers had a right to belong to organizations. In many cases in New York and elsewhere men have been arrested for the crime of trying to organize CWA workers.

Meanwhile prosperity has not come back. A. F. of L. figures of unemployment in November showed that unemployment increased by over 300,000. 1934 will be judged not with reference to the New Deal, but by what it has moved to hasten the new day of the cooperative commonwealth.—N. Thomas.

Laugh This Off

The hypocrite who publicly advertises his virtue but who is privately a crook or a scoundrel or both, is familiar to all. He will accuse others of offenses of which he himself is guilty. That hypocrite is abroad today in the form of capitalistic programs.

An example is the old accusation against Socialists that we would reduce all workers to a dull level of uniform life. Now look at the tens of millions of toilers who look as though they came out of a mechanical mold, they are so much alike in their misery.

Fascism, the looney creed of a dying capitalism, will even openly approve this policy. In Germany the Nazi bosses have ordered that all the members of the German Labor Front shall be dressed alike from head to foot. When this job is completed the workers will all look like sawdust dolls.

Let our enemies laugh that off—if they can.

Forecast that Came True

An item in New York dailies this week is no doubt being repeated with some variations in many other cities. Readers are informed that 400,000 pounds of pork and butter and more than 200,000 loaves of bread have been distributed to families in Brooklyn and Queens in December. The supplies were provided by the Federal Surplus Corporation.

Where are the capitalist dandies who once recoiled with horror when they forecast a Socialist State where government would feed large sections of the population? Where are the gentlemen who were frightened at the prospect of Socialists reducing human beings to "dull dead level"? Where are those who charged their dull sing-song against "destroying human incentive"? Where...?

But it isn't necessary to continue. We are inclined to the view that if some informed Socialist were to consult the books and pamphlets circulated against us down to the beginning of the World War and simply selected the predictions of what would happen with the abolition of capitalism, he would make a very effective pamphlet. By merely citing the predictions the author point out that they have come true because capitalism beat us to it!

—T. N. L.

The American people must choose between democracy in government and plutocracy enthroned in the economic life of the nation. They cannot have both.—Labor.

Persistent Suitor—If you marry me I'll take out a big insurance policy on my life, so that you will be well provided for.

Bored Girl—Yes, but suppose you don't die?

This is not an unfair question to ask the prospect: Could they continue to carry on if you've taught them to live?

About This and That

HOW "GRANISH" ORIGINATED

Auburn, Ill.—Since we do not have an English speaking lodge here in Auburn, I have never taken the opportunity to contribute any articles to the Prosveta. But even though this is my first contribution to this wonderful English Section, I have always taken great interest in the articles written by our SNPJ members. Some of the scribes certainly deserve praise for their educational articles which appear weekly in the Prosveta. Keep up your good work!

As John Aynik of Cleveland asks for opinions of his article, "Our Granish Peepul," and since I have also had experience with the word "Granish," I might be able to give a short write-up on that topic.

The first time I had ever heard the word "Granish" was two years ago while visiting relatives in Pennsylvania. I visited there for two months, but during all that time I never heard the word "Slovene"—only "Granish." One day I was talking to a group of girls who were not Slovenes. After discussing different topics, one of them asked, "Are you Granish?" "No," I said, "I am Slovene." After I had given her my answer she looked amazed, as I suppose she hadn't heard of the word "Slovene" before. I then briefly explained that the Slovenes were called "Granish" in Pennsylvania. I really think it is not right that the people of different nationalities in Pennsylvania, and elsewhere, because of the word "Granish," do not know who the Slovene people are.

I suppose many of us may say, "Well, where did this word come from?" I really believe it originated from the word "Krainer." A group of early Slovene pioneers who came to America, organized the "Kranjska Slovenska Katoliška Jednota." These people began to call themselves "Kranjci." Then they also placed signs in front of their halls, such as "Kranjski Slovenski Dom." People who couldn't speak the Slovene tongue pronounced "Kranjski" a hundred different ways, pronouncing it "Kranish" and then "Granish." Of course, I don't know how true the above said is, but it's my way of trying to find the origin of the word "Granish."

In my opinion the propagation of "I'm a Slovene" campaign, mentioned by John Aynik in his article, "Our Granish Peepul," should work out splendidly, with the co-operation of all the Slovenes. Come on, you Penny folks! Get behind this campaign and back it 100%.

An SNPJ Member,
Frances Homez.

LODGE NO. 742

Cleveland, O.—The Commodores' monthly meeting was held January 12. And what a meeting! Installation of new officers took place, also the initiation of the following new members: Sister Rodgers, Ewolski, Heffernan, and Brother Kuk. New members were proposed and excepted by all members: Ann Lubco, Joe Pultz, and John Ivancich. Welcome to our midst.

Everyone enjoyed themselves. Refreshments and good wine were served, dancing followed. Music was furnished by Brother Ivancich.

Vice-President Sister Kancha was not present at the last meeting due to illness. We wish her a speedy recovery.

Our drive for new members is open to all. Come on, Commodores, let's go full speed ahead. Wanted:—New members at our next meetings.

Attention everybody. Don't forget the big dance and card party at Sachenhelm's Hall, 7001 Denison avenue, February 10. Come one, come all!

Several members of our sister lodge attended the meeting. Brother John (Lindy) Lokar, Jr., President of Strugglers and Supreme Vice-President of S.N.P.J. took part as master of ceremonies, introducing Ted Laurie, Vice-President of Strugglers, John Aynik, Pres. Beacons, Frank Koss, Sec'y. Strugglers, Joe Jarc of the Commodores and Mickey Dan, Sec'y New Eras. A few words were said by each wishing the Commodores success in all their undertakings.

I want to thank the officers and members of the Lodge Napredni Slovenci, away down in Kansas for the good times they have shown us while on our vacation, especially to Louise Pistotnik, John Crepensek and John Strah.

Frank Ewalske, Lodge 742.

MUSKETEERS' MUSINGS

Moan Run, Pa.—We take this opportunity to congratulate the Silver Stars on their Third Anniversary. Three successful years and may you have many more of them. In reading H. Preseren's write-up it sure looks as though the Silver Stars are planning to have "one grand celebration."

The Musketeers are sponsoring a dance Saturday, Jan. 20, in the Slovene hall. Good music for both young and old. Admission only 25c per person.

Jan. 1 found a number of Musketeers at the tournament. Although the girls didn't participate in the bowling, we enjoyed watching the tournament. When this became monotonous we decided to scout around Ambridge. Nice town. Then back to the Croatian Hall where a delicious luncheon was served by the Rev and Exe. girls. In the evening

the crowd enjoyed dancing to the strains of a popular orchestra.

Another success for the Federation goes down in history of the SNPJ. Congratulations to the young Slovene, Jos. Grille, who was elected tax collector of Robinson Twp.

Frances Arch.

CORRECTION

Detroit, Mich.—I wish at this time to apologize to members of Lodge 564, Young Americans, for having submitted an erroneous statement which was printed in the Souvenir Booklet for their 8th Anniversary. I had listed as charter members: Joe Gasca, Lucy Oseppek, John Lindich, Steve Lindich, Mike Nagel, new, and Paul Selesnik, Anton Jarca, Jeannette Kenich, from 121.

I have since verified the charter members from the Supreme office and find Joe Gasca is not a charter member and also that the names of Bro. Joseph Mihelich and William Mihelich as having transferred from Lodge 121, are also charter members. Again my sincere apology to these members and Lodge Y. A. No. 564.

Fraternally,

Jeannette V. Kenich.

HOW TO KILL A LODGE

W. Aliquippa, Pa.—(1) Don't come to any meetings. (2) If you come, come late. (3) If the weather doesn't suit you, don't think of coming. (4) If you attend a meeting find fault with the officers and the other members.

(5) Never accept an office; it is easier to criticize than to do things. (6) Claim you are too busy to give it any time. (7) Nevertheless, get sore if you are not appointed on any committee, but if you are appointed do not attend the committee's meeting.

(8) If you are asked by the president to give your opinion on some important matter, tell him you have nothing to say; after the meeting tell everyone how things ought to be done. (9) Do nothing more than is absolutely necessary, but when other members roll up their sleeves and willingly and unselfishly work to help matters along, how that the Lodge is run by a clique.

(10) Hold back your dues as long as possible, or don't pay at all, claim forgetfulness or failure to receive a statement. (11) Make the secretary call a half dozen times to collect back dues. He has really nothing else to do.

A Keen Observer.

WOLVERINES VS. YOUNG AMERICANS

Detroit, Mich.—They are at it again, and this time it will be decided on the Bowling alleys. The Wolverine Pin Spillers versus the Young American Alley Mowers. Everybody is invited to witness this affair free of charge, so be there. "Windy" will be the referee and head foul man. The place—3847 West Fort St., Fort Boulevard rec. The time—Sunday, January 21, at one o'clock. After the games are played, we will journey down to 437 South and Livernois and witness another operetta sponsored by Svoboda, which gets under way at 3:00 p. m. Sunday.

Next week the readers will know what happened at the Young Americans' Eighth Anniversary. Who was there, what they did, what they ate, and what they talked about. So listen in an get the low-down. The Cavaliers were there in full numbers, none other than Mary Koroshetz, Lillian, Margaret, and Mildred Taucher, Mr. and Mrs. John Delfrate, John Pampe and Frank Laurich.

The Cavaliers gave the Young Americans wonderful cooperation, and the Young Americans appreciate it very much. Maybe we'll be able to repay it soon. Their dance falls on January 27 at Burgettstown, Pa. That's your cue, Young Americans. Get busy.

The Young Americans' Basketball team plays in the Nolan Senior league. Drop around sometime and watch them in action. All former YA players wishing to join the team are welcome. Don't forget, Nolan Int. School, Seven Mile and Hawthorne.

Billy Travnik, Lodge 564.

JOLLY JUNIORS

Sygan, Pa.—Now that we have been successfully launched in this new year of 1934, and since we have had ample time for breaking our resolutions, let us contend with thoughts that should be foremost in our minds—that of maintaining the high standards which had been set by our Society years ago, and of co-operating and working hand in hand with our Brothers and Sisters for the possible advancement and progress of our organization, the SNPJ. Let us become "obsessed" with the idea that no matter how high the mountain, or how deep the water, no matter how many obstacles confront us, our grit and determination will carry us on to the pinnacle of success, and achievement shall be ours. Only by whole-hearted co-operation can this become a reality.

The Jolly Juniors have thus far managed to survive. Due to the addition of several new members who have transferred to our lodge, a little enthusiasm has been shown. May the other younger members of Lodge No. 6 take their cue from these few, who have already joined our midst, and do likewise. And now that our officers have been elected and installed, I trust that the Jolly Juniors, as well as all the other lodges shall

do their utmost in promoting a very successful year.

Once again the Jolly Juniors will open their "sacred portals," admitting for the paltry sum of 35c all who are in search of a merry, merry evening. Here on this memorable night, Saturday, Jan. 20, at Sygan hall. Old friends, new friends, rich friends, poor friends, far friends and near friends, will all be reunited. This recalls to my mind the statement, "Life offers no greater privilege than friendship." Ponder a moment. Were truer words ever spoken? In justice to yourself you mustn't miss this opportunity of a lifetime. The soft, rhythmic rhythms of Johnnie Motte and his orchestra should be inducement enough. Also remember, we are expecting everyone and we don't want to be disappointed. So, Revelers, Pioneers, Comets, Lucky Stars, Morning Stars, Excelsiors, J. Z. Jrs., Musketeers, and all other lodges—you better be present. Saturday, January 20, at Sygan Hall.

Hilda Kvaritch, Lodge 669.

ANNOUNCEMENT, LODGE NO. 650

Eveleth, Minn.—At our last meeting of the Young Americans, No. 650, I was elected as secretary. I would appreciate it very much if members will pay their dues up to the 26th at my home.

Our next meeting will be announced in the "Daily Reminder." Everybody please attend all the meetings if possible, even if Eveleth, Minn., was broadcasted as the coldest spot in United States.

I also urge all the passive members to come to our next meeting.

Anne Laurich, Secretary.

Screenings

Springfield, Ill.—All out for the Lincolnites meeting, this Friday night. Start the new year right. The new officers are to be installed and our branch will be enlarged with several new members.

Those Brothers caring to help the Anniversary arrangement committee, please come to meeting. Especially in one of the vaudeville acts, do we need this help. Also, one or two more acts, in addition to those we have, can be used.

Central Illinois SNPJ Federation held their quarterly meeting Sunday, in the Dom. Officers were elected for the year. Routine business was transacted and the matter of how to celebrate the Society's Thirtieth Anniversary was discussed, and action postponed until the Virden, Illinois, meeting, April 22.

Boostaki.

Jolly Allis

West Allis, Wis.—Let's not forget our new year's resolutions and attend all the meetings of our lodge. After all the meetings are only once a month and if you really take the interest you should in the lodge you will be glad to attend the meeting, and probably even start something that will prove beneficial to the lodge. Your attendance was fairly good at the last meeting, but we can get along much better with the co-operation of the other forty per cent.

Come on, Brothers and Sisters, let's build our attendance up to seventy-five per cent and then up to a hundred per cent.

In behalf of the Lodge I wish to thank Mrs. Erman for the refreshments which she so kindly donated to us at our last meeting. I am sure that all the members appreciate her generosity.

Let us also have more of our members writing to our paper, the Prosveta, and show the other lodges that we really are not asleep. I shall appoint myself a committee of one and every other week shall announce the name of the person whom I have selected to write an article for the following week. I don't know how this will work out, but let's all be good sports and write. The first on the list will be one who has to do a lot of writing for the lodge, our Recording Sec'y, Francis Lenchek. O. K. You start the ball rolling and then we can have the help of some of the other members to keep it rolling.

Let some of our members show the true fraternal spirit by going out to see Sister Fannie Laurich, who is sick. Of course, we have a sick committee, but this really is not enough. We wish Fannie a speedy recovery. Don't forget our card party and dance, at which refreshments will be served and prizes will be won. Friday night, Jan. 19, at lower Pilgrims' Hall, So. 72nd and West Greenfield sts. The admission is 25c.

The Old Man of the Mountain.

"I look forward every Sunday to the after-dinner nap."

"I thought you never slept after dinner."

"I don't, but my wife does."

Editor's Note

Readers wishing to obtain copies of Louis Adamic's new book, "The Native's Return," at reduced price can do so by placing their orders with the Prosveta, 2657 So. Lawndale ave., Chicago, Ill.

Nash, Mo., R.M.D.—The article will appear next week.

Milwaukee, Wis., "Pecker"—Your signature for publication is needed.

Hermis, Pa., "Krystenian"—Allow signature in the paper.

Integrity News

Chicago, Ill.—I am sorry that there is a misunderstanding between Bro. John Rak and myself. But regardless of whatever he says, we still don't believe in his Federation which he begged us to join, and don't ever expect us to join, because we are getting along just fine. In his explanation in last week's paper he tried to turn things around a little which will change some of the members' attitude towards me, but every knock is a boost to me. I can take it.

Brothers and Sisters, whatever you do, don't forget to hold a date open for the 28th of January, which will be one of the biggest events of the year. When I say biggest I mean everything that you can get out of the word. We are holding our Sixth Anniversary celebration. What an event that will be! It will be such an affair that I just really don't know how to explain it. It will be something different from what we used to have. Brothers and Sisters, I don't want you to think that this is just another dance and program, because it isn't. This year we are going to the extreme in order to give our public the very best entertainment possible. I know how every one feels about getting his money's worth, and let me tell you, Brothers and Sisters, you will get more than your money's worth. We have one of the biggest and best entertainments ever presented by any lodge in and out of the city. All I ask of all of you is that if you don't come you'll be missing something you've never witnessed in your life. All you'll have to do is to purchase a ticket and have a seat imagining you are at the Chicago theatre.

And for the entertainment I'll assure you that it will be the same. We'll have a feature play, comedians, duets, soloists, and much more, too good to mention. You'll have to see them for yourself. If you're in for thrills, mystery, and music, don't fail to come. The date, time and place is given below, so that you won't have an excuse of not knowing anything about it.

The date is January 28, 1934, on Sunday afternoon. The time is 2:30 sharp, and the place is at the SNPJ Auditorium at 2667 So. Lawndale ave.

I'll be seeing you there. Till then, adios! Albert Roycht, Lodge 631.

Beacons

Cleveland, O.—Reviewing various activities for the years of 1933. In spite of the depression, all affairs sponsored by our lodge last year, turned out to be more successful both financially and socially than any ever before. We hereby thank our sister lodges for their wonderful cooperation in the past year and hope it may continue through the coming years.

Our initial 1934 meeting was fairly well attended by our members. The routine of business was transacted in somewhat a short and quiet fashion. Installation of new officers, initiation of new members and a discussion of holding a campaign in the coming months were the principle points of interest. To the new, transferred and reinstated members, we call, Welcome into the Beacon circle! Very glad to see Tony Bubic (a very active Beacon of a year ago) back in our midst. We missed you, and it is a pleasure to see you mingling with the Beacons again.

The campaign committee chosen at the last meeting claim to have already made some plans as to the promotion of the campaign. We hope the campaign will be a novelty by which Beacons will gain largely in membership.

We had with us at our meeting several Commodores and a Comrade Romeo. Following the adjournment of the meeting some card playing took place. Late in the evening refreshments were served in the lower hall after which the complete assembly indulged in playing games and dancing. Joe Jarc and Tony Stepic, "Popularity Kings" of the night, proved wonderful entertainers. The Beacons always welcome visitors to their meetings.

Humdingers

Congrats to the Silver Stars of Yukon on their third birthday. May your birthday party spell success as correctly as your first two did.

The Commodores promise a humdinger for Feb. 10. The entertainment committee is very busy with preparations for their first attack at the social field. Card playing, good music, hall decoration and costumes will enliven the atmosphere. The Beacon members can purchase tickets from Mary Hovevar or Anne Traven.

"Our Granish Peepul"

The queerness of our "Granish peepul" singing "Slovenec sem, Slovenec sem, tako je mati djala," and similar folk songs, but when questioned insist they are "Granish," cannot be too highly emphasized. Doing away with "Granish" the Pennsylvanians would be credited for this great accomplishment. Regardless of the attempts made by some lodges, a "I'm a Slovene" campaign should be proposed. Let our people in Pennsylvania be known as Slovenes, not as "Granish peepul."

This 'n' That

With the well chosen officers for 1934 the English speaking lodges are bound to be successful. . . . The Beacons took advantage of the invitation extended them by the Commodores to attend their meeting January 12.

... Thanks to all for the many season's greeting card we received. . . . Conversing with Marion Konchan we find the Commodores and a few Beacons celebrated New Year's eve together. . . . We missed Otto Tekauts and Saint and Sinner at our meeting. . . . Our absence from these pages for the past few weeks was not caused by any one person. . . . Is it Dan Cupid or Mr. Good Times that keeps Pals Inc. so busy all the time? . . . Integrity still awaiting the "most blessed event" of Jos. Baumbich's life to take place. . . . Joe Jarc giving the Beacon girls the jumps at our last meeting. . . . Dorothy Pultz questioning a Beacon about a Revelier. . . . Tony Stepic making use of his track team experience. . . . Midnite Jan. 3 creeping on and finding Joe Jarc breaking two of his new year resolutions. . . . John Aynik's latest specialty being, nicknaming Mickey Dan not recognizing us, after being introduced at least four times. . . . Lindy and Joe Jarc are each giving their usual two (?) minute talks at Commodore's meeting. . . . Joe Konchan proving himself very sociable. . . . According to cross exams of Joe Jarc, our prexy eloped the night of our meeting. Hard to believe, isn't it? Don't worry girls, he returned the same nite. . . . Kosela finding some red-headed beauties at the last Federation affair. . . . Only the editor and Some Certain Somebody know our identity, therefore we doubt whether Louis Kosela can give you the information you seek, "Smiles" Konchan. . . . And to the Beacon who thinks they know our identity: We're not two boys and girls, we're not a boy and a girl, but we are

Two Beacon Bachelorettes.

Watts: "Don't you think that automobiles have a tendency to make people lazy?"

Botts: "No, I am rather inclined to think they have a tendency to make plenty of people sprint."

"Hearts of America"

Kansas City, Mo.—Members, you are not beginning the new year right. Cards were mailed to all of you requesting you to attend the regular meeting, stating that there was important business to be transacted. Some of you probably didn't have time to read this said card, judging from the appearance. There were not enough members present to hold a meeting which made it inconvenient for the ones that had already spent money for transportation and also adds another trip for them to make. Cards will again be mailed to you notifying you that there will be a special meeting this Thursday, January 18, at 7:30 o'clock.

Personally I think a number of you members are going stale. Not that it is wholly your fault. Those who have attended all meetings in the past few months have undoubtedly worked harder than you ever worked before and some against discouraging odds. The contacts that you will make with your brother and sister members should be considered an asset to you. Make a friend of him or her; we are all growing up in locality and probably will see each other for years to come and you will never get acquainted if you do not attend these meetings.

A study of the by-laws is being arranged so that you will become more familiar with the rules that must be abided in case of sickness, etc. Entertainments of all sorts are being arranged, dancing, card parties, skating, racing, and even football, if you plan to attend the meetings and let everyone know what you would like to do. If you have an accordion, bring it along, show your talents. We are all very anxious to know them, don't be backward. We must progress and the only way we can do it is to let the other fellow know what we can do.

All members are requested to make it their duty to be present at this meeting. Let's see a 100% attendance Thursday nite, January 18, at 7:30 sharp.

Mary Stoos,
President Lodge 690.

John, 7 years old, was attending his first class in geography. The teacher asked, "Who can describe the shape of the world?" John held up his hand, and the teacher responded with, "Yes, John, you tell us about the shape of the world!" His answer had a confident ring, since he had no less authority than his father: "Daddy says the world is in a bell-uva shape."

We are told that "this year's world output of motor cars will run into millions." We are glad of this hint, and will try our best not to be one of those millions.

Spirit-o-grams

By Whoozit

St. Louis, Mo.—Our monthly meeting was held last Friday, Jan. 12, at the Sokol Hall. Due to the unfavorable conditions of the weather not many girls were present. Members that were present showed great interest in what was being discussed throughout the entire meeting.

Further plans have been made for our joint Easter dance with the Leaders. Bro. Al Kacin, Tony Petrovich, and Stanley Shaber were appointed committee with J. Spiller as chairman. Be on the lookout for more information in regards to the approaching affair.

The Senior lodge "Sv. Aloizus" have asked the Spirits to participate in their 25th anniversary program and dance to be held at the Slovene Hall, 3331 So. 7th st., Feb. 11. Chairman John Spiller was elected our speaker for this affair. Our Singing Society that is fairly well adapted will render a few selections on that date. (Don't forget, singing rehearsal Friday nite.)

With the coming of the elaborate celebrations throughout the country of the 30th anniversary of the SNPJ the Spirits elected Bro. Frank Kosal, S. Shaber and J. Spiller as committee to propose plans for this occasion with the 2 lodges in St. Louis, namely—"Planinski Raj" and "Sv. Aloizus" for a joint affair.

Editor's Note:—We must have your signature.

Mrs. Adamic's Statement

To the Editor, Prosveta:—I am told that a Slovene newspaper in Cleveland recently reported that my husband, Louis Adamic, does not write his books and magazine stories and articles which are appearing under his name. The newspaper says that I am a writer of high accomplishments and that I write, or at least re-write, everything he publishes.

My husband is amused by all this, but I resent being used by his political, religious and personal opponents who—for their own reasons—are attempting to discredit his writings about Yugoslavia before the Yugoslav public in the United States. As much as I dislike to do this, my loyalty to my husband demands that I condemn this method of attacking him. I hope your paper will publish this letter as a personal favor to me, for, frankly, I am trying very hard not to have to revise my pleasant impressions of the Yugoslav people which I brought with me from Yugoslavia.

The whole report that I write my husband's things is false. I am trying to become a writer, but have not yet succeeded. I have written a few stories, with my husband's aid, but so far have not succeeded in placing them. My husband wrote and published for years before I knew him. I knew him while he wrote "Dynamite," but did not read that book till after it was published. I helped him with the typing when he prepared "Laughing in the Jungle." I say "prepared," for most of that book had been written before he came to New York and had been published in the American Mercury and other magazines. During the last year I helped him with the typing of "The Native's Return." He often re-writes a chapter or an article three or four times, and I have to type as many times. Now and then I make suggestions for changes. Some of these suggestions he takes; others he rejects.

He knows that I am writing this letter, and at this point he insists that I say that what I do for him helps him to finish a book or an article in half the time than it would take him if he had no assistance from me. But, in conclusion, I want to emphasize that, unfortunately, all the aid I can render him is almost purely mechanical or secretarial.

STELLA ADAMIC.

New York, January 14.

"Mrs. O'Reilly: 'An' what are ye going to name the baby?'"

Mrs. Mulcahey: "We'll name her Hazel."

Mrs. O'Reilly: "What! With twenty-five saints to choose from, ye name her after a nut?"

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In sad and loving memory of my dear Daddy, who was killed Jan. 17, 1927

JOSEPH ALICH

Oh, what would I give to clasp his hand,
His dear kind face to see,
To hear his voice, to see his smile
That meant so much to me.
Nothing can ever take away
His love a heart holds dear.
Fond memories linger every day,
Remembrance keeps him near.

Loving daughter, Augusta Alich, Chicago, Ill.