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Čas "po Titu"

Za mesec dni po Kissingerjevem obisku v Beograd se je napovedal na obisk v Beograd tudi šef sovjetske partije Brežnjev. Opazovalci ugotavljajo, da prihaja v Beograd v trenutku, ko odnosi med ZSSR in komunistično Jugoslavijo niso najboljši. Ob nedavnem odkritju vzporedne komunistične partije v Jugoslaviji v uradnih jugoslovanskih poročilih niso študili z navedbami vmešavanja v jugoslovenske notranje zadeve iz Moskve.

Klub temu je kazno, da Brežnjev ne prihaja v Beograd, da bi te odnose poslabšal, pač pa ravno nasprotov: hoče popraviti, kar je moskovska partija pokvarila s svojo neokretnostjo ob botrovjanju vzporedni partiji v Jugoslaviji.

V zadnjih mesecih je Moskva strahovala Titovo Jugoslavijo in dramatizirala njeno notranjo krizo. Komplot proti Titu, ki so ga bili odkrili v Črni gori je bil ena zadnjih potez sovjetske strategije. Pred tem je sovjetska vojska skupaj z vojskami članic Varšavskega pakta imela vojaške manevre vzdolž madžarsko-jugoslovanske meje. Še pred tem je kakor slučajno bil odkrit sovjetski načrt Polarka o vdoru sovjetske vojske v Jugoslavijo skozi Avstrijo.

Zahodni strokovnjaki so ob vojaških manevrih varšavskih sil ugotavljali, da Moskvi ni šlo toliko za napadale vaje, temveč za pospeševanje notranjih jugoslovanskih polemik o neposredni bodočnosti "po Titu". Moskvi gre predvsem za podpiranje frakcionaštva v Jugoslaviji, da bi dobila povod "po Titu" za svoj vdor v državo, da "bi vzpostavila red". Tudi če država razpadne, bi obstoječe republike itak vključila v svoj komunistični blok, bodisi posameč ali vse skupaj kot Jugoslavijo. Moskvi gre predvsem za prostor ob Jadrani.

Razvoj v komunistični Jugoslaviji je po mnenju zahodnih strokovnjakov negotov, tako za Moskvo kakor za Zahod. Ugotavljajo, da je Tito izgubil še tisti stik s prevalstvom, kolikor ga je še imel, in da on ter njegova okolica ne ocenjujeta pravilno sil, ki nastajajo v državi. Njegovo odločitev poveriti partijo in državo za čas "po Titu" partizanskim reakcionarjem, ki so vsi že priletni in brez bodočnosti, kakor npr. Srbu Stamboliću, Slovencu Kardelju in Hrvatu Bakariću, smatrajo za najbolj neposrečeno, kar jih je bil storil v svojem življenju.

Prav tako mu doma očitajo, da je kriv nad 25% letne inflacije. Lansko leto so zabeležili 6% zmanjšanje dejanskega dohodka, 40% zvišanje uvoza in deficit v trgovinski bilanci, ki se je zvišal od 990 milijonov na 1,654 milijonov dolarjev. Jugoslavija danes uvaja že dvakrat več kakor izvaja, računajoč na dohodek izseljenskih delavcev, ki so npr. lansko leto poslali iz tujine domov 1,500 milijonov dolarjev, se pravi 43% več kakor predlanskim ter na turistični dohodek, ki je lansko leto znašal 630 milijonov dolarjev, 30% več kakor leta 1972. Letašnje leto je bilo v obeh oziroma manj cvetoče, prihodnje leto 1975 pa bo za Jugoslavijo porazno, zlasti še, če bo svetovna gospodarska kriza prisilila zahodnoevropske države, da bodo poslale domov pod drug milijon jugoslovanskih zdomskih delavcev.

V takih razmerah in okoliščinah je Titova partija objavila nedavno odkritje ustanovitve vzporedne partije v državi. Tako doma kakor v inozemstvu so pričakovali najstrože kazni za zarotnike, pa so bile razmeroma nizke, ker je Moskva sporocila Beogradu, da "nočne visokih kazni".

Brežnjev prihaja v Beograd mesec dni po Kissingerju. Ugotavljajo, da imata oba obiska isto ozadje: tako Moskva kakor Washington razmišljata in kujeta načrte za čas "po Titu".

Tako presoja položaj v Jugoslaviji in jugovzhodni Evropi "Svobodna Slovenija" v številki od 12. decembra 1974. List, glasilo slovenske politične emigracije, pazljivo zasleduje razvoj v Sloveniji in Jugoslaviji ter o njem proti obvešča slovenske naseljence v Argentini, pa tudi drugod po svetu.

Slovenija in Jugoslavija sta res v precej negotovem položaju, notranjem in mednarodnem, ko je očitno, da se "Titova doba" naglo izteka. Zahod po vsem sodeč nima namena oteževati Jugoslaviji prebroditev prihajočih težav, on je načel za ohranitev obstoječih razmer v Jugoslaviji in jugovzhodni Evropi. Verjetno tudi Sovjetska zveza nima v sedanjem trenutku namere mešati štren, četudi bi rada preko Jugoslavije segla do Jadranskega in s tem do Sredozemskega morja. Dokler se prizadeva za ohranitev in celo za izboljšanje dobrih odnosov z ZDA, ne bo delala sitnosti na Balkanu, pa naj je ta tudi neposredni sosed Srednjega vzhoda, kjer je vedno možnost izbruhha večjega vojnega spopada.

Brežnjev je v svojih zadnjih razgovorih z voditelji Zadoda poudarjal važnost naglega zaključka evropske varnostne konference, ki bi naj "uzakonila" sedanje meje in sedanjem politični položaj v Evropi. On bi imel rad slovesen

zaključek te konference letošnje poletje ob navzočnosti voditeljev vseh udeleženih držav na slavnostnem zborovanju v Helsinkih na Finsku. Taka slovenska in uradna potrditev obstoječega stanja, združena z obveznostjo njegovega ohranjanja, bo brez dvoma imela svoj učinek tudi na pomitivem položaju na Balkanu.

BESEDA IZ NARODA

Slovensko božično srečanje pri Sv. Vidu

CLEVELAND, O. — Adventni čas gre h kraj. Samo še nekaj dni nas loči od svetih božičnih praznikov. Sveti večer je že takoj rekoč pred durmi, ko morajo biti jaslice postavljene. Z nastopom mraka, ko se oglaši pri farni cerkvi veliki zvon, mora biti vsa družina pripravljena, da z očetom in materjo na čelu med molitvijo sv. rožnega vencata pokrope z žagnano vodo in pokade z blagoslovjenim ognjem vse prostore v hiši in okrog nje. Miza v hiši mora biti večer pogrnjena z domaćim prtenjem prtom; na njej ima svoj prostor poprtnjak. Po opravljenem kajenju in škorpljenju se mu pridruži veliki družinski rožni venec z debelimi jagodami, kupljen čisto gotova na romanj na Višarjah, ter s kadilom in žagnano vodo cib kraju. Ta večer opravi družina vse tri rožne vence, v kolikor jih niso že med kajenjem in škorpljenjem. Če že ne ves dan, vsaj popoldne pred sv. večerom velja za vse strogo post. Sele po povratku od polnočnice se sme kaj tople spomini.

Nekaj od vsega tega doživimo clevelandski in okoliški Slovenci ob svojem vsakoletnem predbožičnem srečanju v veliki dvorani pri Sv. Vidu, kjer se vse to, kar sem povedal, razvije pred našimi očmi. Na teh večerih nam je prva leta govoril o veliki božični skrivenosti naše sv. vere naš veliki škof dr. Gregorij Rožman, pozneje, po njegovih smrti, kateri drugi izmed naših slovenskih duhovnikov. Zadnja leta pa nam govoril naš veliki pisatelj in duhovni vodnik Karol Mauser. Ni ga med nami, ki ga ne bi rad slišal govoriti nam božično duhovno misel. Globoka je njegova beseda. Podana tako, da mora iti vsakemu do srca, ki je le količaj dobre volje.

Ko pa se ob enajsti uri večer pri fari spet oglasi veliki zvon, se odpravi vsa družina k polnočnici, le kateri od starih ostane ta večer doma za varuh. Polnočnica je višek slovenskega božiča, slovenski božični liturgije. Pol ure pred polnočjo se oglasi s kora sveta božična pesem. Noben drugi praznik takole močno ne doživiš, kakor ravno na ta veliki dan. S cerkvenimi pevci večinoma povsod pojte vse cerkev. Medtem vse sveto priznanje božjega rojstva v naših čakajo sv. božičnega opravila.

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Kolikšna sreča za družine, ki ta večer večinoma vse v polnem številu sprejmejo pod podobo sv. hostije v svoje duše Gospodovo telo, vir vse moči in življenja za svoje življenje. Na sveti dan ostajajo slovenske družine doma. Ta dan se ne napravlja obiskov. Obiskujejo samo otroci s svojimi družinami v celu med molitvijo sv. rožnega vencata pokrope z žagnano vodo in pokade z blagoslovjenim ognjem vse prostore v hiši in okrog nje. Miza v hiši mora biti večer pogrnjena z domaćim prtenjem prtom; na njej ima svoj prostor poprtnjak. Po opravljenem kajenju in škorpljenju se mu pridruži veliki družinski rožni venec z debelimi jagodami, kupljen čisto gotova na romanj na Višarjah, ter s kadilom in žagnano vodo cib kraju. Ta večer opravi družina vse tri rožne vence, v kolikor jih niso že med kajenjem in škorpljenjem. Če že ne ves dan, vsaj popoldne pred sv. večerom velja za vse strogo post. Sele po povratku od polnočnice se sme kaj tople spomini.

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Rojaki in rojakinje, pridev v nedeljo, 22. dec., ob štirih popoldne v veliko šolsko dvorano k slovenski božičnici ali k našemu slovenskemu duhovnemu srečanju za ta božič. Starši, pridev z posmem. Noben drugi praznik takole močno ne doživiš, kakor ravno na ta veliki dan. S cerkvenimi pevci večinoma povsod pojte vse cerkev. Medtem vse sveto priznanje božjega rojstva v naših čakajo sv. božičnega opravila.

Janez Sever

MILWAUŠKI ZAPISKI

MIKLAVŽEVANJE. — Zapel je telefon. Poklickal me je predsednik slovenskega kulturnega društva Triglav. Prosil me, da bi bil tako prijazen, da bi se udeležil družvenega miklavževanja in bi tam tudi spregovoril z vodnikom. Nisem mogel odkloniti. Slovenske zadeve je vedno treba podpreti. Ne bi bilo prav, če ne bi sprejel.

Dva dni pozneje sem poslušal slovensko radijsko uro. Po dolgem času sem zopet imel prilognost, da jo slišim. Med drugimi stvarmi, ki jih je nanizal Vladislav Kralj, ki vodi slovensko radijsko uro v Milwaukeeju, je posvetil daljšo misel tudi mlini. Dal ji je zelo lepo oceno. Ocena je bila v zvezi z miklavževanjem, ki ga pripravlja društvo Triglav. Ker je ocena zvezela tako poхvalno, sem sam priznal, da sedaj moram pa res si clegdati miklavževanje.

Na praznik Marijinega brezmadežnega spomena, 8. decembra, je bilo to miklavževanje v dvorani sv. Janeza na Cold Spring Rd. Začetek je bil ob treh popoldne. Nabralo se je prav lepo število ljudi. Vse je bilo v pričakovanju. Ni nam bilo treba predolgat čakati. Ze to je bil dober znak.

Za uvod je spregovoril nekaj besed predsednik društva Franjo Mejač. Poudaril je pomen ohranjanja lepih navad, ki so nam Slovencem tako ljube. Zavhaliti se moramo mladini, da

si je nadela nalogo nadaljevati lepe navade, od katerih ena je tudi miklavževanje. Sicer dobitva podoba božičnic, vendar je to dober znak, da se je mladina sploh odločila tradicijo, ki je nam vsem tako ljuba, ohraniti.

Začel se je spored. Vsako točko programa je napovedala v slovenskem in angleškem jeziku. Kar me je začudilo, je bila lepa slovenščina v čista izgovarjava, kar je za tukaj rojene nekaj nenavadnega. Moram ji čestitati. Kot uvod je ena izmed Modicevih dekle, imela kratke, sklopitne slike o božičnih dogodkih. Nato je skupina deklet zapela nekaj božičnih pesmi. Poleg angleških pesmi so zapele tudi nekaj slovenskih božičnih pesmi. Zapele so lepo in občutno. Zapele so ob spremljaju kitar. Temu je sledila deklamacija fanta in dekleta. Nato je deklet s flavto zaigral pesem. Temu je sledila simbolična vaja deklet. Simbolične vaje so izvajale ob pesmi "Ave Maria", ki jo poje Perry Como. Dekleta so vajo izvajala po zamisli in načrtih ge. Dari Strmsek. Vaja je bila posvečena pokojnemu ljubljanskemu nadškofu dr. Gregoriju Rožmanu, katerega 15-letnico smrти obhajamo letos. Vaja je bila zares nekaj prisrčnega in je navdušila prav vse. Veliko jih je reklo,

da že dolgo niso videli kaj takega. Za uvod je spregovoril nekaj besed predsednik društva Franjo Mejač. Poudaril je pomen ohranjanja lepih navad, ki so nam Slovencem tako ljube. Zavhaliti se moramo mladini, da

Po vaji je bil kratek premor. To priložnost je porabil duhovni vodja, da je spregovoril nekaj bedrilih besed. V glavnem je izrazil naslednje misli. Povedal je, da je pred leti bral knjigo, ki ji je naslov "Umreti nočeo". Tiče se koroških Slovencev. Naslovna slika na tej knjigi predstavlja leva, ki ga je zadele puščica. Dasi ranjen, se še vedno bori. To je slika koroških Slovencev, pa tudi nas. Včasih se zaradi tega, ker ne obvladamo dobro angleškega jezika, nekako porivamo v ozadje. Sram nas je, da smo Slovenci. To je stvar, ki ni potrebna; ne sramujmo se, da smo Slovenci! Od doma smo prinesli domačnost, gostoljubnost in pridne roke. S tem bogatimo ameriško kulturo, sa kar nas res ni treba biti sram. Če bi se sramovali svojega rojstva, bi o nas veljala beseda pesnika: Kdor zaničuje se sam, podlaga je tujčevi peti. Poleg tega nam je današnji dan bokazal, da vaše žrtve niso bile zastonj. Poglejte to mladino, kaj nam je pokazala danes. Kar ste sedaj vlagali, to vam danes prinaša obresti. Vse to v vas danes lahko vzbuja ponos in zadovoljstvo, da ste storili svojo dolžnost. Podlaga za vse to je prav gotovo v vaši veri. To je dobra, ki vas utruje v vaši zavesti, da ste dobri Slovenci in da ste storili svojo dolžnost. To vam je pomagalo, da ste vzdrljali v lepih slovenskih običajih in jih predajali mladim, ki danes v istem duhu nadaljujejo vaše delo. Dvignite glave in bodite ponosni.

Med govorom so se pripravili angelci in Miklavž za nastop. Kar vsak vslovenček obiskoval, da bi vodil Miklavža znani rojaki Frank Rozina. Ko se je dvignil zastor, je Miklavž že sedel na prestolu, obdan z nebeskimi angelci. Takoj je eden izmed angelcev pozdravil navzoče v angleškem jeziku, drugi pa v slovenskem.

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piše misijonar Majcen v svojih voščilih, "in če bom mogel dati kake hlačke, kos kruha, pa kako same, da ga luščijo, bodo kar veseli, in se že veseli. Hvala vsem! Kaj naj Ti pač rečem ob koncu 1974 za božične praznike, za eno leto skozi 335 dni garančna, tuhanja, organiziranja in dreganja božjega, v prid božjega kraljestva in nas vseh misijonarjev po svetu?"

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Posebna hvala Ti tudi za vse, kar storis za mene sedemdesetletnika, ki se vedno migajo z mezinjem, kot si mi tolkokrat priporočal. Za Božič je kar velik program za mene, moje sobrate in aspirante, da organiziram praznovanje Božiča za 1800-2000 oratorijancev, kakih 200 v poljubovalnicu; tam v ženski kazilnicah jih je okoli 1500, pa se doma. Imamo za vse pogane in kristjane. Vodilni bong Luang se je iz bližnje pagode že povabil za polnočnico. Mi ponavljajo, da svá dva "hau pun-jeva", dobra prijatelja..." (Južni Vietnam, v Thu Ducu, 27. nov.)

"Vsak prispevek je dobrodošel,

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Bog mi je vedno blizu in z Njim se pogovarjava o Vas vseh, ki ste daleč, vendar v duhu tako blizu in upam, da bo ljubi Bog dal vsakemu to, kar je zanj najboljše. V sv. Dariči se vse posebej spominjam, saj vsi delamo za blagor bližnjega. AMERIŠKO DOMOVINO pridevam. To nas res med seboj poveže. Lepa hvala, da ste mi jo naročili in družini Viktorja in Nežke Tominec, da mi jo plačujeta. Voščim Vam vse milostipolne božične praznike in vsem našim prijateljem v MZA srečno novo leto. Sr. Terezija Alojzija Šteh, Ceres, v Južni Afriki, 2. decembra 1974."

"Vsem lepe misijonske pozdrave!"

Cetudi daleč, sem z vsemi članji MZA nevidno povezana preko vseh daljav in se z Vami vsemi nahajam na pateni Velikega Duhovnika, ko vsak dan znova, vsak hip ponavlja svojo Kalvarijsko daritev. Po Jezusu, ki živi v Mariji, vsem pošiljam iskrne pozdrave," omenja 29. nov. sodelavka iz domovine. Isti dan

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dih kadulj. Zapeketali so konji; pred kopiti se jim umikajo drobni martinčki, iz grmov puhajo grmske divjačine; konji hrzajo, sokoli piskajo.

Mesto Solun je ostalo za hrbtom; vse je zavito v morsko megle, enobarvno, ko da je izrezano iz ene same pečine; iz daleje je podobno igrački, kakršno je nekoč Mile oblikoval otrokom iz vlažnega peska.

Tudi brda so na vzhodni strani zastrta s tanko tenčico morske pene; zato so pa tem jasnejše planine na zapadu in jugu, nad vsemi visoki Olimp s srebrno čelado večnega snega.

Dehti zemlja, dehti rožmarin, kadulja, suhovetnica; dehti morje, pokojno, sinje Egejsko morje, na katerem režejo ladje po dve brazdi; eno temnomodro, drugo srebrno.

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"Meni je najdražji mali kragulj," vrne Konstantin in poboga pisane ptič, ki se oglaši, ko da razume.

"Kragulj lovi vrane in krokare," se noruje nekdo iz družbe. "Škodljive so vrane in krokari," razloži Konstantin.

"Nedopovedne koristi bo imelo cesarstvo od tebe in tvojega kragulja!"

Konstantin umolkne. Jezdeci zadržijo korak, zakaj dospeli so do prvih močvar, obraslih s gostimi, ostrom ločjem.

Krotlici psov, hitri skoraj klahki konji, so pritekli, razvezali nestrpne pse in jih spustili, naj iščejo divačino. Pesjad ne zavoha dolgo ničesar. Na neki mrhovini se je zbral nekaj krokarjev, pa so jih psi preplašili in dvignili, toda nihče ne spusti za njimi sokola, da ne bo slab začetek.

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Eddie Kenik, Slovenian singing star — A national grammy award for his outstanding singing.

Jacob Strekal — Gov. Rhodes appoints a Slovenian director.

Councilman Robert Novak, (D-23) — A permanent fire station in Ward 23

Tony Strnisa, St Clair's most happy fellow — A Joe Miller Joke Book.

Mike Kolar — A good guy award.

Al Orehek and Ed Thomas — Be elected into the national cars, bicycles, motorscooters, taxis, rickshaws, trolleys, sleighs gourmet's hall of fame.

Jim Debevec — 100-foot water front property on Lake George, N.Y.

Jimmy Debevec — Life-time pass to the penny arcades of Lake George, N.Y.

Madeline Debevec — The patience to put up with me and Jimmy.

Joe Hocevar — Be elected mayor of Honolulu, Hawaii.

John Hocevar — Selected to replace Myron Florian accordion star on the Lawrence Welk TV show.

Joe Woods — Appointed Traffic Commissioner in Cleveland so he could remove all the traffic lights that keep stopping him.

Frank A. Turek, retiring President of KSKJ No. 25 — Outstanding Slovenian and good guy award.

Ed Debevec — A Lincoln Continental Mark IV from Ed Pike Lincoln-Mercury.

To all readers of American Home newspaper — A Blessed Christmas and healthy and prosperous New Year all year long!

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Collection of dues

Lodge Mary Magdalene No. 162 KSKJ will have a collection of dues on Monday, Dec. 23 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. in the Church Hall of St. Vitus.

Dear Friends:
I spent a few happy weeks in the USA and a short visit in Cleveland. I am very sorry that I could not visit each and every one of you as I had hoped, but a virus and an infection prevented me from carrying out a well planned schedule. Please forgive me.

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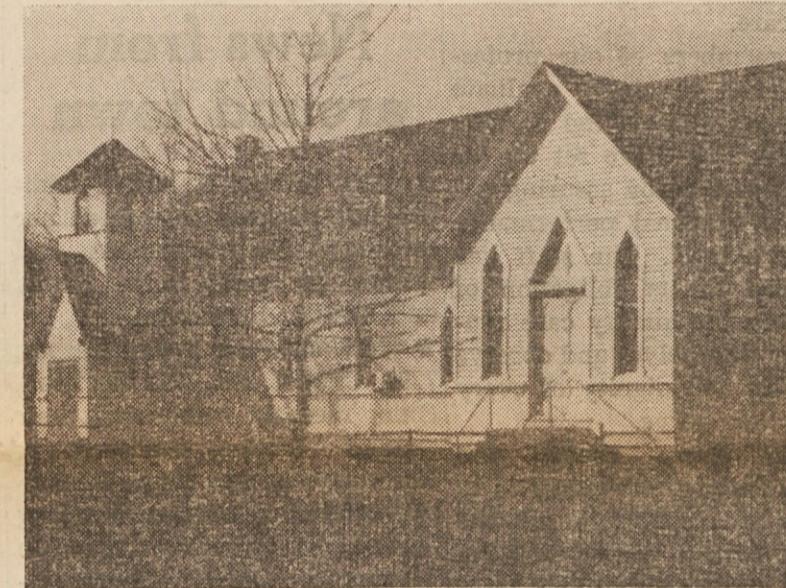
Joyous Christmas



May I take this occasion to thank each of you for your kindness to me and our mission. During this holy season, I wish you all a very, very Merry Christmas and Blessed New Year.

FRANK ZUPANCIC

THE OLDEST CHURCH



the late Rev. Alexander Varian as well as memorials of departed members of the church, are on the walls of the nave. Several of the windows are memorial as also are the front and altar.

The church remained Protestant Episcopalian until the early 1930's when a Greek Orthodox congregation replaced the pioneer denomination. Called the St. Spyridon Hellenic Church, the time-honored frame structure served well into the 1950's when the Eastern worshippers dissolved the parish.

Empty and without a congregation, the century old temple faced a major crisis. Since a restrictive clause in the deed prohibited using it other than for church purposes, a religious group had to be located to use it.

It was at this point in time that some of the more prominent citizens of our Slovenian community purchased the church and began searching for a congregation.

Fortunately, a flock was soon located and they assumed proprietorship of the ancient but still useful building.

At the present time, the church is still a most attractive and useful building, and is the religious home of the Tristate Freewill Baptist Church.

Today, 102 years later, the church's wooden steeple majestically points upward into the sky, its foundation of stone still firm, and its frame walls proudly erect, never revealing to the casual passerby that this landmark has endured for more than a century in our area.

Baskovic heads No. 25

On Sunday, Dec. 16, St. Vitus Lodge No. 25 K.S.K.J. elected the following officers for 1975.

Joseph Baskovic, President
Ernest Racic, Vice President
Albin Orehek, Financial Secretary

Frank Zupancic, Recording Secretary

John C. Turek, Treasurer
John Hocevar and Joseph Hocevar, Trustees

Anthony Fortuna, Sgt-at-Arms

Mr. Frank Turek had completed 27 years as president of the oldest lodge in Cleveland, St. Vitus No. 25. Congratulations to Mr. Turek, an outstanding contributor to the betterment of mankind, whose jolly personality had endeared him to thousands of persons everywhere.

This local history of Calumet discusses conflicts between mine management and miners, which culminated in a disastrous strike in 1913, causing thousands to leave the community.

Many Slovenians, like other immigrants who first established

December 25th is celebrated throughout the Christian world with much rejoicing. On this day is commemorated the Feast of the Nativity - the Birthday of the Babe in Bethlehem.

In Christian churches around the globe there will be Midnight Masses and special services marking the birth of Jesus.

In the St. Clair area, all the Christian churches, too, are preparing for the Feast of Christians. Most have been in existence for many decades; among the Catholic churches, St. Francis, now on Myron, will mark its 87th Christmas. St.

Casimir will celebrate its 85th Yule, while St. Vitus its 82nd. St. George will see its 80th Nativity Day while St. Philip Neri will observe its 61st. All of these congregations are worshipping in relatively new edifices, having replaced their original church buildings years ago.

The only known original church building still in use today in our immediate area is

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Anthony Fortuna, Sgt-at-Arms

Mr. Frank Turek had completed 27 years as president of the oldest lodge in Cleveland, St. Vitus No. 25. Congratulations to Mr. Turek, an outstanding contributor to the betterment of mankind, whose jolly personality had endeared him to thousands of persons everywhere.

This local history of Calumet discusses conflicts between mine management and miners, which culminated in a disastrous strike in 1913, causing thousands to leave the community.

Many Slovenians, like other immigrants who first established

Norwood Pharmacy prescribed while Tom Sejnowski did the same for Sterile's.

Kurtzner Radiator was steaming hot as they smashed a three game triumph over Mezic Insurance. Kurtzner's 2972 was high series for the evening and Frank Praznik's terrific 201-201-194-596 was the high individual series. Don Mihelcic contributed a nifty 204. For Mezic Mike Percic added a beautiful 204 game.

Grdina Lanes rolled a high game 1065 during their 2 game win over KSKJ No. 25. Grdina had an honor roll of three men in the 200 bracket: Gus Borris with the high game of 229, Tony Drobnik 208 and Tony Zidonis an even two hundred.

Lube's Lounge gulped two big ones from Sterle's. Stan Merhar rolled a 200 for the victors

208 for Hofbrau. Cimperman's Meats cut up 2 triumphs from COF Central Chapter COF. Paul Matousek supplied a rousing 202 for COF.

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Lube's Lounge	28	14
Kurtzner Radiator	27½	14½
Mezic Insurance	25	17
Norwood Pharmacy	255	17
Grdina Lanes	24	18
Norwood Men Shop	22	20
Sterle's	19	23
KSKJ No. 25	18½	23½
COF Central Chapt.	17	25
Hofbrau Haus	17	25
Cimperman's Meats	16	26
Splinters	13	29

Accomplishment of a dream**SLOVENE HOME FOR THE AGED**

Much has been written about the accomplishment of a dream, the building of a Rest Home for our aging friends and relatives of Slovenian descent, people who are loved, respected and deserving of a decent home and atmosphere in which to spend their remaining years.

Those who have their own family to turn to in time of need are indeed fortunate. There will always be, however, those who do not have their own to turn to for reasons over which they no longer have control. For these and those whose illness cannot be taken care of at home, our Slovene Home for the Aged is a haven.

That long-ago dream has become a reality. It has become much more than the original planners hoped for. What was a 24-bed unit in 1963 has grown into a full-fledged Nursing Care facility.

In the remodeling process, 63 beds were added and readied have a governing body of one for occupancy on Dec. 4, 1972, or more individuals responsible. This is not just a building. It is to the patients or residents and "Home" for the men and women who reside here and is licensed administrator, a qualified staff, a reciprocal transfer agreement with one or more general hospitals and an accurate and complete record system for every patient to insure continuity of care.

The members of our professional staff regularly evaluate their work against the specific standards they have set up for themselves thereby assuring patients professional performance at a high level. The staff has responded to its obligation of upgrading the quality care rendered by themselves and observe the rights and dignity of every person they serve.

Nearly every health and health-related professional is in some way responsible for the kind of care a person will receive in an accredited long term care facility. That goes for nurses, therapists, dietitians, technicians, doctors, medical and health record personnel, the administrative staff and the governing body. Other people who are not health professionals but keep the facility clean and safe and running smoothly, help maintain an environment that will offer the best conditions for the best possible care. In an accredited long term facility everyone who is responsible for patient or resident care is expected to do the best job possible, with the best possible accountability to those whom it serves.

Just what does "Accreditation" mean? The purpose of this article is to give the public the explanation as clearly as possible.

Accreditation of a long term care facility by the Joint Commission is evident that the facility continually strives to provide the best possible care and service to its patients and/or residents.

This is a voluntary program, not one forced upon us by any agency of the government. It encourages maintaining high levels of service and demonstrates that our Home has accepted its obligation of accountability to those whom it serves.

**ST. MARY'S CHURCH**

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THE PRIESTS AT ST. MARY'S CHURCH WISH ALL
A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A
BLESSED NEW YEAR

Fr. Victor N. Tomc, Pastor
Fr. Matt A. Jager, Pastor Emeritus
Fr. Paul Krajnik, Associate Pastor
Fr. Anthony Rebol, In Residence

TUESDAY, CHRISTMAS EVE, DEC. 24:
MASS AT 6 P.M.
MIDNIGHT MASS:

Our Church Choir will sing Christmas Carols at 11:30 pm

WEDNESDAY, CHRISTMAS DAY, DEC. 25:
MASSES:
7 - 8 - 9:15 - 10:30 - 12:00

People participation in singing at the
8 A.M. Slovenian Mass.
The church choir will sing at the 10:30
Slovenian Mass.

Slovenian Sung Litany of the Blessed Virgin at 2 P.M.

ledge.

We hope we have thrown a little light on what the Joint Commissions on Accreditation of Hospitals means to you and your family. In future articles we will try to give an accurate account of the various phases of the administration of the Slovene Home for Aged and the people who "make the house a Home".

For the Board of Trustees of the Slovene Home for the Aged,

Cecelia M. Wolf,
Publicity Chmn.

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Just a few words here as to how to go about getting a person admitted to the Slovene Home for the Aged. A call to Mrs. Mary Cerer, Administrator, is the first step to take, either by phone (Area Code 216-486-0268) or in person. Certain procedures are followed according to the by-laws of the Corporation. The application is turned over to a screening committee who make their recommendation and present the application to the Board of Trustees for their approval. The patient's name is then put on the waiting list and is admitted as soon as possible.

News from around town

★ Mrs. Marian Kuhar of Addison Rd., recently celebrated her birthday. Congratulations and wishes for many more happy and healthy birthdays!

★ Mr. and Mrs. Frank Perpar, 7295 Chapel Rd., N. Madison, Ohio, recently celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary. For this occasion Msgr. L. Baznik offered a Golden Wedding Mass at St. Patrick's Church in Thompson, Ohio. Congratulations and wishes for many more happy and healthy wedding anniversaries!

★ Mrs. Zora D. Petruska of 26210 Columbus Rd., Bedford, O., and our subscriber of many years, celebrated her 85th birthday on December 10th. Congratulations and best wishes for many more happy and healthy birthdays!

★ Judy Koman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Koman, 18309 Reese Rd., became the bride of Steve Oznowich, 25670 Farrington Ave., on November 1. The couple left for a honeymoon in Bermuda following a reception at the Slovenian Hall. They are residing in Mentor.

Recently the family and friends of Mrs. Jennie Kozely, 675 E. 156 St., gathered to celebrate her 90th birthday. That evening the 6 p.m. Mass was said for her intentions and afterward, a dinner was held in her honor at the school cafeteria. She has 15 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren. Congratulations and wishes for many more happy and healthy birthdays!

★ Among Honor Students at St. Joe's are: Thomas Gorensek, Clement Hren, Robert Kastelic, Robert Trebar, Frank Turk, Daniel Bizjak, Mark Fortuna, John Jalovec, Guy Kobe, Frank Lavrisha, Timothy Lekan Joseph Magana, Robert Sinkovic, Thomas Spech, John Hutar, Stan Knez, Joseph Omahen, John Brentar, Richard Pavsek, Gary Smrdel, Anton Vegel, Stan Zadnik.

**Happy Elders enjoy Christmas Party**

Some 60 members of Happy Elders Club, consisting of senior citizens, had a pot luck Christmas party in the hospitality room of the Europa Travel Bureau, East 185th and Shawnee Ave., on Dec. 12.

Food was plentiful, plus some liquid refreshments. Lou Kastelic serenaded with his button box accordion, old time Slovenian, and English numbers. Christmas carols followed. Everyone was in a jolly mood.

Slides were shown of previous tours, and narrated by John Grill. Arrangements were made by Al and Pauline Sajevic.

The next tour discussed is scheduled for Florida. It will be a 20 day tour starting on Jan. 27th, and includes Disney

World, Ft. Lauderdale, and sightseeing. Plus an optional 4 day tour to Nassau. For particulars, you can write to me at 21550 Nicholas Ave., Euclid, O. 44123, Phone 732-9423.

Joseph Gornick

Likes American Home

Dear Mr. Frank Zupancic:

Thank you for sending me the past issues of American Home. I enjoyed reading them very much. I was unaware of this outstanding weekly publication. Do kindly accept my subscription for this weekly paper.

Best wishes for a nice Christmas and a healthy, happy New Year!

Frank J. Krainz
Mayor, City of
Highland Heights, O.

To the best of my belief, no person has more courage, consideration, or dedication for their fellowman, than these two people.

Under the banner of "Taxpayers Crusade", a Motor Cavalcade is scheduled to travel to Columbus in February of 1975.

I plead, and they invite all concerned citizens to help organize a Motor Cavalcade of over 5000 concerned people to converge on the Statehouse on that

JACOB STREKAL**THE TAXPAYERS ARE FED UP!**

Lo and Behold, we have a 20th day. Originally intending to cover Century Renaissance in the er only five counties the spark making. Who says miracles do kindled in Euclid can now be not exist. This over due miracle has become reality with an idea supplied to one of our local concerned civic leaders, where this spark kindled in Euclid, Ohio, was carried over to a spectacular flame to an awaiting Parma tinder.

wine and dining our so-called REPRESENTATIVES do. They will from now on have to comply with the people's wishes as the taxpayers are fed up to the gills.

Do yourself a favor, join this crusade. There is no obligation on your part. Write or call, tell them you are with them all the that they better change many way. Dial 261-6141, Mr. Aiken.

Visit our advertisers

See today's Brodnick Bros. ad and congenial owner John Susnik and Sons will introduce you to the many bargain prices.

See the ad in today's issue for more details.

Eight St. Clair merchants will open this Sunday, Dec. 22 from noon to 5 p.m. to accommodate last minute shoppers. Check their ad in today's paper for a list of stores that will be open Sunday.

Elsewhere on these pages are the Christmas Mass Schedules for St. Mary's (Collinwood) and St. Vitus. Clip it out and save Stop in and see for yourself, it for referral next week.

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FROM NOON TO MIDNIGHT SATURDAY

RADIO MARATHON BENEFITS SLOVENIAN HOME FOR THE AGED ON NEFF

TONY PETKOVSEK
was deeply moved to read many impressions of Christ in last Friday's American and especially the column by Jim Debevec which said that the true spirit of Christmas for him was to witness on two prior occasions the giving of thousands of dollars by our community people to building fund of the Slovenian Home for the Aged on Waterloo Road. Jim was especially

referring to the past marathon benefits which were conducted by our WXEN Radio Club.

I am very happy to report that this year and especially this Saturday (December 21), we will again be staging the benefit — only on a much bigger scale. Tomorrow's event will be held at the Slovenian Workingmen's Home at 15335 Waterloo Road and will be a twelve hour marathon from Noon till Midnight, involving a polka jamboree of Cleveland's finest orchestras, vocalists, cultural performers, button box stars, ethnic radio and TV personalities, and community leaders.

As we went to print the following complete bands consented to play: Noon, Slogars; 1 pm Vadnals; 2 p.m. Yankovic; 3 pm Timko; 4 p.m. Champa; 5 p.m. Rodick; 6 p.m. Tercek; 7 p.m. Ken Zagar; 8 p.m. Godec; 9 p.m. Stampf; and 10:30 till closing: Dick Sodja.

Other artists like Georgie Cook and Lou Trebar also agreed to stop by. Jim Kozel is co-ordinating the entertainment line-up.

Tony's Polka Party, WXEN FM (106.5 megs.), will broadcast exclusively at 12 Noon till 1:30 p.m., 7 till 8 p.m. and be back for a SPECIAL SHOW AT 11 P.M. TILL MIDNIGHT. Interviews with the various ethnic music stars will take place and the latest reports on the self.

money pledges and or donations will be given.

A volunteer committee headed by John Pestotnik will be manning special phones throughout the day and night and will also accept pledges at the hall.

Special telephone number for Saturday will be 531-7730.

All pledge cards will be hung on a giant live tree in the center of the ballroom floor, that will be a spectacle to see in it and the latest reports on the self.

Ladies of the Slovenian community will conduct a benefit baked goods stand and will sell their specialties. Donated baked goods will be accepted to be sold for the benefit of the old age home.

We were very pleased to have received a check this past week

from Emil Krizman of Krizman Meats at 1453 E. 66 Street in the amount of \$1,000. This is a tremendous kickoff for the festivities as well as the colonial style

all weather aluminum door true spirit of Christmas."

Admission will be free, but a small cash donation to the Home would be appreciated. Everyone attending will be eligible for a whole host of attendance gifts to be given at the conclusion.

Yes, Jim, I agree, this is the

Death Notices

HCCEVAR, JOSEPH JR. — Son of Mrs. Dorothy Hocevar Langan, brother of Regina (Mrs. Wayne) Whittington, Rex, Alvan, Susan, Marian Hocevar, grandsons of Frances Hocevar (Wickliffe), William and Beatrice Schultz. Residence at 632 Dickerson Rd., Willowick.

LEKAN, JOHN F. — Son of Frances Lekan (nee Sterle), father of Gabrielle Kaim, Patricia Vaselaney, Gary, Robert, Mary, John, brother of Frank, Rose Komar. Residence on E. 77 St.

LIKOVEC, MARY M. (nee Kovacic) — Wife of Frank, mother of Frank M., Diane Breachman, Thomas (Jerry, owner of Shell Service on E. 200 St.), sister of George, Frances Hanlon, Leona Germ, John, Helen Teekautz, Edward. Residence at 20101 Tracy Ave.

FERPAR, JOSEPH — Husband of Josephine (nee Bamusic), father of Josephine, Joseph Jr., Mathias, Edward, Jean, grandfather of 9, brother of following in Yugoslavia: Frank, Anten, John, Albin, Mary Kocur, Anna Romih. Residence at 1041 E. 177 St.

STEIGER, EVA (nee Schneider) — Mother of Marie Schuh, Eva Kovacich, mother-in-law of George Kovacich (Pena Realty). Residence at 814 E. 236 St.

STEVERS, EVERETT — Husband of Evelyn (nee Marolt), father of Stephen, Dennis, grandfather of Christopher, brother of Ethel Black (Columbus). Residence at 1226 E. 170 St.

MARSICH, LUDWIG — Father of John, Mary Lynn Zajac, David, Mark, brother of Mary Grilc, Frank, Jean Race, Dorothy Mizer. Residence at 1426 E. 55 St.

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JOSEPH GORNICK

ST. VINCENT'S HOSPITAL



FATHER REBOL STOPPED IN CLEVELAND WHILE ON A TRIP ACROSS THE U.S. WITH TWO OTHER PRIESTS.

He is brother of Father Anthony Rebol, assistant diocesan director of Catholic Charities, and resident of St. Mary's parish in Collinwood.

While most areas of the missionary world have a high ratio of people to priests, Father Rebol said that the Hsinchu Diocese in the Miaoli District of Taiwan hasn't experienced a priest shortage. "There are 12 Maryknoll missionaries there serving a few more than 1,000 Christians, although there are 46,000 people in the diocese. Father Rebol said, "Materially the people are becoming more westernized, though not as much spiritually. There has been tremendous progress in 21 years. When I first went there, there were only two motorcycles in the area. Now you can hardly turn around because of them."

Buddists and Taoists are in majority there. "Actually out of a population of 15-16 million, there are about 300,000 Catholics in all of Formosa," he added.

The City of Cleveland was incorporated in 1836. The population continued to grow due to the activity along the Erie Canal. In addition to shipping, it brought many workers who settled in this pioneer city. Merchandise for industry, the ships had men on board who were in need of medical attention. Some with ship fever, and other diseases, including malaria, Epidemics, too. Many of these who were brought in to the docks died within hours after arrival; there was no place to care for them.

In 1840, Father Amadeus Rappe arrived from France to do missionary work in America. At age 39, he labored in the wilderness for five years, tending to the needs of the settlers.

Shortly after, due to his conscious work, he was made Bishop, which took in about half patients, only a few paid, the of Ohio. Cleveland was his base of operation. Being a man possessing a kind and humble nature, he saw the need for the all spent in the operation of the indigent sick in the Cleveland hospital.

In 1853 they took care of 44 others had no money. The sisters and the bishop took to the streets and raised \$566. This was

In 1863 it became clear to Bi-

shop that a larger hospital was needed to care for returning wounded civil war soldiers and epidemics. Appearing before City Council of Cleveland, he made an appeal for the construction of a city hospital to care for the indigent sick, and poor.

The Sisters of Charity trained nurses who would be willing to operate it. Many taxpayers of Protestant denomination protested, their tax dollars would go to a Catholic hospital and have in their employ Catholic nurses.

Despite this, Bishop Rappe

took his case to the citizens. They responded most generously with their hearts and gifts. Land was purchased for \$10,000. The site was bounded by Central Avenue and East 22nd and 24th streets. The drive for funds continued, finally ground was broken in late 1863, and dedicated Oct. 5, 1865. A dream come true for Bishop Rappe. The 80 bed hospital was named St. Vincent Charity Hospital. The first Catholic and General Hospital in Cleveland.

The hospital building cost \$70,056.50. Total gifts received were \$36,518.55 including interest of \$296.20, leaving a deficit of \$34,934.14. Shortly after, the money was raised, and the debt satisfied.

The first patient admitted was Captain James Lewis, wounded in the Civil War.

Mother, Augustine, one of a group of eight sisters who arrived from France in 1851, became the first superior, or administrator of the hospital. The sisters motto, aid the sick, and suffering regardless of race, or creed.

This same policy exists today. Open 24 hours a day, the hospital has never refused treatment to anyone because of race, color or ability to pay or lack of it.

(To be continued)

CARD OF THANKS

We would like to express our sincere appreciation to everyone who was so kind and considerate to us during our time of sorrow on the occasion of the untimely death of our beloved husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather



LOUIS L. SLAPNIK

Entered into rest on September 24, 1974

Our grateful thanks to our relatives and friends for the flowers, Mass offerings and all other acts of kindness extended to us. We shall always remember with grateful hearts the many condolences and words of consolation offered us by each and everyone. Your kindness helped to lighten our burden of sorrow.

Sadly missed by:

CLARA A. — Wife
DONALD F. — Son
NANCY — Daughter-in-law
LOUIS, AND SHELLI MARCH, Grandchildren
LISA ANN MARCH — Great-Granddaughter

December 20, 1974.

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ST. VITUS CHURCH — CLEVELAND, OHIO
— 1974 —



CHRISTMAS GREETINGS — BOŽIČNI POZDRAV

Dear Parishioners,

At Christmas time each year, God proclaims His great love for us in the birth of His Divine Son, Our Redeemer. May we in turn renew our love for God by resolving to live a more Christian life, bearing witness to Him in all we think and say and do. In this way peace will reign in our hearts and being shared with others, contribute toward peace, charity and justice in the world. Let us unite at God's altar this Christmas to offer Him our homage and to be nourished by Him on that day and in the New Year.

Merry Christmas to all!

The Priests at St. Vitus
Those receiving Communion at Midnight Mass, may receive once again during the day.

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE — BOŽIČNI SPORED

Dec. 23:	(Monday) Masses — Sv. Maše: 6:30 — 7:00 — 7:30 — 8:15
Dec. 24:	(Tuesday) Masses — Sv. Maše: 6:30 — 7:00 — 7:30 — 8:15 A.M. Mass of the Vigil at 6:00 P.M. Sv. Maša Vigilijs ob 6. zvečer Christmas Carols — 11:30 P.M. Božične Pesmi ob 11:30 zvečer
Dec. 25:	CHRISTMAS — BOŽIČ Solemn Midnight Mass — Slovenska Polnočnica Masses — Sv. Maše: 6 — 7 — 8 — 9:15 — 10:30 — 11:45 A.M. — 5:00 P.M. 2 P.M. Sung Litany and Benediction 2:00 popoldne — Pete Litanije
Dec. 31: (Tuesday)	Mass at 6 P.M. — Sv. Maša ob 6. zv. New Year's Day — Novo Leto Masses — Sv. Maše: 6 — 7 — 8 — 9:15 — 10:30 — 11:45 A.M. — 5:00 P.M.
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Dec. 23: 7 - 8 A.M., 4:00 - 5:30 P.M., 7:30 - 8:30 P.M.	Dec. 24: 7 - 8 A.M., 4:00 - 5:30 P.M., 7:30 - 8:30 P.M.
Dec. 31: 7 - 8 A.M., 4:00 - 5:30 P.M., 7:30 - 8:30 P.M.	★ ★ ★

Advertising is the secret of success

The Elgin, Nebraska, Review tells the story of a merchant whose store never had much business compared to its competitors up and down the street. It seems the owner of the store thought that if he ran a good store the world would beat a path to his door.

He felt advertising was unnecessary.

Finally, the merchant announced he was going out of business. He hired a professional sales team to liquidate his stock as quickly as possible, and the first thing they did was to advertise.

The next day the store was jammed with customers, and the owner couldn't understand what attracted so many people, more than there had ever been before.

No doubt some of the other stores in town, who made a success of their businesses, not only advertised but used other inducements such as trading stamps to attract customers.

Advertising and promotion have always been what made the mare go in America's competitive enterprise system.



FRIENDLY ICE — Fruit blossoms, sprayed with warm water during cold snaps in Oregon, wore protective jackets of ice that prevented frost damage.

Area mourns loss of Joseph Perpar

Tuesday, December 17th, the well-known Joseph Perpar Sr. of 1041 E. 177 St. died at St. Vincent Charity Hospital.

Mr. Perpar was born in Vas Dobrič, Slovenia and emigrated to Cleveland in 1914. He was an Interior Decorator and Paper Hanger, self-employed, until he retired a few years ago.

He and his family formerly resided on Prosser Avenue for many years, until they moved to the Collinwood area during the mid-forties.

Mr. Perpar, however, remained a staunch member of St. Vitus Church and attended the Sunday 9 o'clock Mass faithfully.

Survivors include his wife, Josephine (nee Bambic) sons, Joseph Jr., Mathias, Edward, and daughters, Josephine, and Jean. He was also grandfather of nine.

He was a charter member of AMLA No. 16 Slomsek; and Catholic Knights of Ohio, St. Anthony Lodge.

Funeral is today at 8:45 a.m. from Grdina Funeral Home, 17010 Lake Shore Blvd. with a 9:30 Mass at St. Vitus Church. Interment will be at All Souls Cemetery. Arrangements are by the Zak Funeral Home.

Brajko Ansemel at St. Clair Slov. Home

On Sunday, Jan. 12th, the Ottavia Brajka Folk Ansemel will appear at the Slovenian National Home, 6417 St. Clair Avenue, and is being sponsored by friends and relatives of the Ansemel. The concert will begin at 4 p.m. and will include a program of original melodies and folk tunes performed by vocalists Nada Bizjak and Stojan Petrinja along with the colorful 4 member ensemble.

Comedian Giovannini will provide the humor for the evening.

The Brajka Ansemel, from the Primorska area of Izola, Slovenia, is the first such group to appear in the United States, and will perform for just this one concert after a very successful tour through Canada.

Tables will be set up in the hall typifying a cabaret style Gostilna atmosphere. Following the concert, the Ansemel will entertain for the dance and social.

Tickets for the concert and

Roster of Officers of Lodges and Clubs

JUR LADY OF FATIMA SOCIETY NO. 255 KSKJ

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Meetings are held every second Wednesday of the month at S. N.

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