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Dne 15. februarja je minulo 45 let, odkar je bila potopljena ameriška bojna ladja Maine, ki je bila zasidrana v pristanišču Havana, Cuba. Vzrok te potopitve je bila silna razstrelba v notranjosti bojne ladje, ki je povzročila, da se je ladja potopila v nekaj minutah. Na ladji je bilo takrat 250 častnikov in pomorščakov, ki so se potopili z ladjo.

V Združenih državah je nastalo veliko razburjenje, ker sleherni je bil mnenja, da je bilo to delo španske vlade. Dne 19. aprila je ameriški kongres sprejel resolucijo, v kateri se je izjavil za neodvisnost otoka Cube. S tem je bila tudi napovedana vojna Španiji. Preko vseh Združenih držav je šel klic: "Remember the Maine!"

Dne 3. julija 1898 je ameriška bojna mornarica uničila špansko bojno brodovje. Nato je bil podpisani mir v Parizu.

Petnajst dni potem, ko je bilo uničeno špansko bojno brodovje, je bila v ponedeljek, dne 18. julija, ustanovljena Jugoslovanska katoliška jednota v Elyu, Minnesota.

V letu, ko je bila Amerika v vojni s Španijo, je bila ustanovljena naša organizacija, a letos, ko je Amerika v vojni s sovražniki svobode in demokracije, naša Ameriška bratska zveza doživlja 45-letnico svojega obstanka, ko gre od ust do ust drugi klic: "Remember Pearl Harbor!"

V vojni smo. Naša prva državljanška dolžnost je, da vse svoje moči najprvo zastavimo za zmago Amerike in njenih zaveznikov. Naša druga članska dolžnost je, da ne pozabimo naše 45-letnice, ko se vrši za oba oddelka naše organizacije.

Društveni tajniki in tajnici!

Po sklepu glavnega odbora ste voditelji te kampanje pri vaših društvtvih. Organizirajte vaše člane in članice, da vam bodo pomagali pri kampanjskem delu. Izvršite vašo nalogo častno in dobro!

Člani in članice!

Pomagajte vašim društvenim tajnikom, da bodo res pravi društveni voditelji. Le z vašo pomočjo boste predstavili vašega društvenega tajnika ali tajnico kot uradnika, katerega spoštujete. Pridobite novega člana v vaše društvo!

Vsi pojdimo na delo. Vsak je poklican, da storiti nekaj. To je naša dolžnost do organizacije, h kateri spadamo. Če ne bomo mi storili to delo, nobeden drug nam ne bo pomagal.

Ameriška bratska zveza je vaša organizacija. Bodite ponosni na njo. To povejte vašim prijateljem, ki potrebujejo zavarovalnino. Dobra beseda najde dobro mesto. Le pomislite, da imate še prijatelje, ki niso člani ABZ.

V deželi je sedaj prosperiteta, sedaj čas, da si ljudje preskrbijo zavarovalnino za čase, ko jih obišče bolezni, nesreča ali smrt.

Naše geslo naj bo: Vsak član enega novega člana za 45-letnico Ameriške bratske zveze.

POMEN INFLACIJE

O pomenu inflacije, ki nam preti, se je nedavno v svojem radijskem govoru zelo jedrnato izrazil James F. Brynes, predsednik odbora ekonomske stabilizacije. V naslednjem so navedene nekatere posebno izraščene točke iz njegovega govorova:

Dnevi, ko smo lahko rekli, da smo samo do gležnjev v vojni, to že davno za nami. Zavedali se moramo, da ni nikakega upanja, da bi mogli ekonomika tega leta vzdržati naš ibičajni standard življenja, manj ga izboljšati.

Mi vse se moramo pripraviti na skromnejši življenjski standard za čas vojne in biti na to ponosni.

Ni mogoče dati kaki skupini ljudstva znaten del našega bogastva ali dohodka, ne bi to škodovalo nam vsem.

Ne smemo zapirati oči pred tako velikimi nevarnostmi seanjega položaja, posebno pred nevarnostjo plazeče se inflacije.

V teh časih, ko smo zapleteni v totalno vojno, ne moremo pričakovati, da bi odpravili vse resnične ali namišljene neenostosti med nami.

Višje cene in višje plače nam ne bodo prinesle več hrane, več konzerv ali več sladkorja. Pojavili bodo le tekmovanje (Dalej na 6. strani)

DESETLETNICA

V teh dneh preživljamo vrlo zanimivo desetletnico. V ponedeljek 27. februarja 1933 so se prebivalci mesta Cleveland, Ohio, prebudili, in so našli skoro vse banke zaprte. Proglašen je bil bančni moratorij. Banke so izplačevala le nizke odstotke vlog ali pa nič. Bančnega čeka ni bilo mogoče menjati nikjer. Ljudje, ki so potrebovali gotovino, so bili v zadregi. Skoraj vse finančni stroj je bil mrvoden in ljudje so se plašno povpraševali, kaj bo. Polom je bil tu.

Seveda je bil ta poiom posledica dolge finančne bolezni, ki je sledila krahu pretirane špekulacije leta 1929. Vsa zdravila Hooverjeve administracije niso mogla spraviti na noge zavoženega finančnega gospodarstva, delavske razmere so se slabšale in banke so pokale. Potem je prišel "črn" februar leta 1933. V državi Michigan je bil 23. februarja proglašen bančni moratorij. Sledili so navalji na banke v državi Ohio in drugod. Stirni potem je bil bančni moratorij proglašen v državi Ohio. Temu vzgledu so vsled potrebe sledile druge države, tako da so 4. marca 1933, ko je nastopil predsedništvo Roosevelt, imel bančno zaprtijo vse države, razen treh; te so bile: Delaware, Colorado in South Carolina.

(Dalej na 2. strani)

VRITNA DELA SEZONE

Domači vrtovi bodo letos večjega pomena kot so bili v normalnih časih. Tega se zaveda naša vlada v Washingtonu in apelira na prebivalstvo, da si letos pridelava kar največ sadja, zelenjave in druge povrtnine doma, kjer je količka za obdelovanje sposobnega sveta na razpolago. Razna racioniranja, ki so že v veljavi in ki se priredejo, nam dajo misliti, da bomo v bližnji bodočnosti v znatni meri za sadje in zelenjavo odvisni od pridelka na naši bližnji okolici, od pridelkov naših bližnjih farmerjev. Kar bo kdo mogel pridelati doma, na lastnem vrtu, bo pa še toliko bolj dobrodošlo.

Sadna drevesa ne dorastejo v enem letu, in, kdor jih že nima odraslih na vrtu, naj kar pozabi na doma pridelano sadje. Toda marsikje po naših vrsteh, celo v velikih mestih, rastejo sadna drevesa, in tem naj bi lastniki letos posvetili posebno pozornost. Glavno je, da se drevesa lepo očiščena suhih, polmljenih in pregorih vej, in to delo se že zdaj lahko opravi. Prav za prav je zdaj za to najboljši čas. Lepo očiščeno drevo, v katerega krono imata dostop zrak in sonce, bo rodilo več in lepo sadje.

Pisma "V-Mail" oblike za vojake v prekomorskih dejelah, se odpremljajo z letalsko pošto, kadar so taka transportacijska sredstva na razpolago.

Nobene poštnje pošiljke, naslovljene osebam v prekomorskih dejelah, ki prejemajo pošto po armadnem poštnem sistemu (A. P. O.), se ne more zavarovati ali poslati proti povzetju (C. O. D.). Pišma, vzbujajoča važne listine, se morejo registrirati, toda pošta ne plača nikake odškodnine, če se taka rastlinska škoda količina, ki prejde v rastlinske škodljive rastline, ne posvetli v navadnih pismih; v svrhu pošiljanja denarja vojakom naj se pošiljale poslužujejo poštnih nakaznic, znanih pod imenom money orders.

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Pošiljke kakrsne koli vrste, ki so bile naslovljene vojakom v katerem koli taborišču kontinentalnih Združenih držav, ki dospejo na dotedne naslove, ko so bili naslovniki že odpolani preko morja, se pošiljejo za njimi.

PREKOMORSKA POŠTA ZA VOJAKE

Glede poštnih pošiljk za vojake ameriške armade, ki so nastanjeni v raznih prekomorskih krajih, so v letosnjem januarju stopile v veljavno razmejitve. Vojni department smatra te omejitve za potrebe, da se varčuje s prostorom na ladjah in letalih.

Predvsem se vojakom v prekomorskih deželah ne more poslati paketov, razen če paketi vsebujejo predmete, za katere so prizadeti vojaki izrecno prisili, in če je bila takša prošnja odobreна od poveljnega edinice, kateri prizadeti vojak pripada.

Pošiljke časnikov in revij za ameriške vojake v prekomorskih deželah se sprejemajo le, če je bila takša literatura izrecno in pismeno naročena ali če je naročnina zanje že v veljavni. Take pošiljke se sprejemajo le, če so poslane direktno od upravnosti listov in revij. Ovitki pa morajo nositi označbo: "Mailed in conformity with P. O. Order No. 19687."

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VELIK POMEN KEMIJE

Kemija ni samo izredno zanimiva veda, ampak je tudi ogromnega gospodarskega pomena, to še posebno v vojnih časih. Kemija nam je dala mnoga nadomestila, brez katerih bi težko izhajali zdaj, ko nam je uvoz prvotnih surovin enomogočen ali vsaj zelo oviran. Posebno važni kemični izdelki so: soliter, gumij, barvila, tkanine in kafra.

Soliter je neobhodno potreben za izdelovanje razstreliv za vojne in druge svrhe; gumij je potreben za vojaško in civilno transportacijo; barvila so potrebna za barvanje uniform, razne vojaške opreme in civilnih oblik; tkanine so potrebne za parašute, za vrečice za smodnik in za razne druge industrijske porabe; kafra se potrebuje za izdelovanje zdravil in mnogih kemičnih produktov, ki so potrebni v vojni.

Edina izmed gori omenjenih surovin, katero bi mogli zdaj klub vojni importirati, je soliter, katerega so ogromni skladovi v južnoameriški republiki Chile. Toda ves potreben soliter producira že od zadnje svetovne vojne naprej umetnim potom doma iz snovi, ki so na razpolago v neizčrpnejši kolonijah. Import soliterja je torej nepotreben.

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Barkila smo pred vojno v velikih množinah uvažali iz Nemčije, svilo in kafra pa iz Azije. Ves ta import je ukiniten, toda naša dežela ni glede tega niti malo v zadregi. Glede barvila smo se bili močno osamosvojili že kmalu po zadnji svetovni vojni. Umetsno svilo smo v velikih množinah izdelovali doma že pred nekaj leti in danes umetna svila popolnoma nadomešča pravo svilo tako za vojaške kot za civilne potrebe. Izdeluje se iz surovin, ki so v tej deželi v velikih količinah na razpolago. Kafro, ki se je prej uvažala iz otoka Formosa, katerega lastujejo Japonci, izdelujemo doma kemičnim potom iz smrečja, ki raste v naših jugovzhodnih državah. Umetsna kafra je prav tako dobra kot naravna, toda je veliko cenejša.

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Seveda moramo tudi upoštevati, da import, z izjemo soliterja, sploh ne bi bil mogoč ali pa silno otežkočen. To se pravi, da bi nam omenjenih, za vojno tako potrebnih sunrovin manjkal, če ne bi nas bila kemija osamosvojena.

Pretekli teden je skupina ameriških letalcev bombardirala Wilhelmshafen v Nemčiji in z njimi je bil tudi Robert Post, ki je prej uvažala iz otoka Formosa, katerega lastujejo Japonci, izdelujemo doma kemičnim potom iz smrečja, ki raste v naših jugovzhodnih državah. Umetsna kafra je prav tako dobra kot naravna, toda je veliko cenejša.

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SODOBNI PROBLEMI

Dohodninski davki bodo letos dosegli mnogo več ljudi kot prejšnja leta. To iz vzroka, ker bodo obdavčenja zadela nižje dohodke kot prej, deloma pa tudi iz vzroka, ker je bilo lani na splošno več dela in zaslужka v deželi. Dohodninski davki se bodo namreč letos plačali od zaslужka prejšnjega leta. Prijave za dohodninski davek morajo napraviti vse samske osebe, ki so imele v preteklem letu \$500.00 ali več kosmatih dohodkov. Oženjene ali omožene osebe morejo napraviti prijave posamezno ali skupno, in sicer jih morajo napraviti, če so skupni dohodki zakonskega para znašali \$1,200.00 ali več. Te prijave morajo dobiti davčni uradi najkasneje do 15. marca.

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Dohodninski davek od dohodkov lanskega leta se lahko plača naenkrat ali pa v štirih enakih obrokih. Prvi obrok pa mora biti plačan najkasneje 15. marca. Čim manj se s tem odlasa, tem bolje bo za obe strani, za davčne urade in za davkoplăcevalec. Zadnjih par dni pred 15. marcem bodo veliki navali na davčne urade, kar pomeni za pozne davkoplăcevalec mučna čakanja v vrstah. Kdor je imel lani dohodke kot gori označeno in ki še ni napravil davčne prijave ter plačal vsak prvi obrok dohodninskega davka, naj ne odlasa zadostiti tej dolžnosti. Z davčnimi oblastmi se ni šaliti.

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Zadnje čase se je mnogo pisalo o možnosti, da kongres spremeni sistem plačevanja dohodninskih dakov tako, da se bo dohodninski davek plačeval od letošnjih dohodkov, namesto od lanskih. Vendar za enkrat postavaše ni spremenjena in ne vemo kdaj bo. Zato je neizogibno, da vsak plača vsaj prvi obrok dohodninskega davka do vključno 15. marca. Ako kongres spremeni davčno postavo kot gori omenjeno, bo davkoplăcevalec, ki je plačal prvi obrok dohodninskega davka ali pa vso vsoto dohodninskega davka za lansko leto, dobil kredit za isto. To se pravi, da ne bo ničesar izgubil. Nihče pa naj si ne dela iluzij, da bodo novi davki nižji od dakov, ki so zdaj v veljavi.

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Omejitve pri nakupovanju različnih potrebnih in luksuznih predmetov, ki jih že imamo in ki še pridejo, so nam kolikor toliko nevečne, ker smo pač po ameriško razvajeni ljudje. Na splošno pa so ali bodo take omejitve potrebne, da se varčuje z delom in materialom, da se prepreči kopiranje potrebičin v shrambah sebičnih posameznikov in da se zadržuje porast cen. Omejitve sicer ne dosežejo svojega najmena v vseh primerih, toda na splošno pa le zadržujejo inflacijo. Tisti, ki se spominjam časov zadnje svetovne vojne, vemo, da so bile takrat cene večine živiljenjskih potrebičin mnogo višje kot so sedaj. Omejitve, ki jih imamo, so za našo protekejjo, zato je pametno in pošteno, da jih vsi upoštevamo.

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Vladne regulacije so preprečile, da za enkrat še nismamo občutne inflacije v deželi. To pomeni, da od naših zaslужkov morda lahko nekaj prihranimo v svetu pokrivanja neizogibnih dakov in investiranja v vojne varčevalne bonde. Ne pozabimo, da so vojni bondi ne samo patriotična, ampak tudi pametna gospodarska investicija, iz katere bomo mogli črpati eksistenco za čase po vojni, ki nam skoro gotovo prinesejo večjo ali manjšo depresijo.

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Slovenci smo na splošno mehkosrni ljudje, ki radi pomagamo, kjer koli in kadar koli moremo. Zato ne bomo pozabili slovenske sekcije Jugoslovenskega pomožnega odbora, ki zbira fond za povojo pomoč našim nesrečnim rojakom v starem kraju. Pozabili ne bomo prispevat za Slovenski ameriški narodni svet, ki bo storil, kar mu bo mogoče za svobodo in združitev Slovencev v naši rodni Sloveniji. Pozabili ne bomo na Rusko vojno odpomoč, ki zbira prispevke za zdravila in živiljenjske potrebične naših slovenskih bratov, ki na russkih stepah takso uspešno puščajo kri nacifašističnemu zmaju. Pozabili ne bomo prispevati na Ameriški rdeči križ, katerega nesebično humanitarno-delno je pripoznano in cenjeno tako v Ameriki kot v drugih delih sveta, kjer koli je pomoč potrebna.

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Zivimo v sedanosti, toda misliti moramo tudi na prihodnost. Za to prihodnost bi morali biti vsi zavarovani v dobrini podporni organizaciji, kakršna je naša Ameriška bratska zveza. Mi, ki smo že njeni člani, vpišimo v to dobro in gospodarsko trdno podporno organizacijo vse naše prijatelje in prijateljice in njihove otroke. V teh

Javna izjava

Vsled neupravičenih očitkov in trditev proti častnemu predsedniku SANS-a Louisu Adamiču zaradi našega skupnega obiska dne 15. januarja 1943 pri državnemu podtnajniku Mr. Sumneru Welles-u in načelniku OSS, Mr. Poole-u, izjavljamo podpisani člani in članica deputacije sledete:

"Mr. Louis Adamič, ki je bil izvoljen na Slovenskem narodnem kongresu kot častni predsednik Slovenskega ameriškega narodnega sveta, in ki je preskrbel, da je delegacija dobila dostop do preje omenjenih državnikov, ni nikakor govoril v svojem imenu. Vsak izmed nas ima pisano poročilo, ki je bilo sestavljen v hotelu Willard, predno smo šli obiskat Mr. Welles-a in Mr. Poole-a.

Mr. Adamči ni rekel, da Slovenci ne bomo sodelovali z ameriško vlado, ali da ne bomo kupovali vojnih bondov. Vse, kar se je govorilo, je bilo v zaslonu ameriških Slovencev. Poudarjalo se je lojalnost našega naroda do Amerike in do žrtev, ki jih v sedanji vojni doprinaša, da se tako po svojih močeh pomaga Ameriki do zmage.

Vse, kar je bilo govorjeno, je bilo storjeno v dobrini veri z dobrim namenom v korist ameriškim Slovencem in v pomoč slovenskemu narodu v starem kraju. Vse je bilo storjeno z najboljšim namenom narodu koristiti in tako sta tudi oba državnika poročila v enakem smislu sprejela. Državni podtnajnik, Mr. Welles, se je še celo izrazil, da bodo Slovenci v starem kraju po končani sedanji vojni bolj upoštevani, kot pa so bili upoštevani po končani svetovni vojni. Ravnino tako je državni podtnajnik objubil, da bo izdal izjavo, ki bo razmere in razpoloženje med ameriškimi Slovenci izboljšala, kar se tiče propagande grofa Sforze in Ottona Habsburškega.

Podpisani smatramo, da oni, ki so Mr. Louisa Adamiča obdolžili, da je rekel, *da Slovenci ne bomo sodelovali z ameriško vlado in da ne bomo kupovali vojnih bondov, so bili o zadevi načelo informirani.* Mr. Louis Adamič kot častni predsednik SANS-a zaslubi pohvalo za delo in žrtvovanje, ki ga doprinaša za Slovenski ameriški narodni svet v Ameriki.

Za delegacijo:

Marie Prisland, Janko N. Rogelj, Rev. Kazimir Zakrajšek, Joseph Zalar, Vincent Cainkar. Chicago, Ill., dne 27. februarja 1943.

VSAK PO SVOJE

(Nadaljevanje s 1. strani)

Vse kaže tako, da bomo letosne piknike prirejali večinoma na domačih dvoriščih. Gasolin dobivamo na kupone, čeprav tu, in bosi hoditi smo se odvadili.

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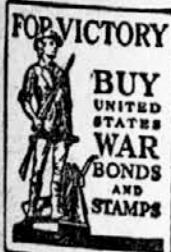
V listih smo čitali, da je nacijački agitator Robert Ley v svojem nedavnem radijskem govoru pozival nemško prebivalstvo k slogi in sodelovanju. Med drugim je dejal: "Ce mi Nemci držimo skupaj, lahko privlečemo samega hudiča iz pekla." Pozabil pa je povedati, da so ga že pred 10 leti privlekli in so ga postavili za diktatorja.

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Pravijo, da moderni ameriški kvartopirci ne igrajo več za denar, ampak za funte kave in sladkorja. Ker sam ne igram in se sploh ne razumem na karti, ne vem, koliko je resnice v omenjeni trditvi.

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Legislatura države Ohio je sprejela postavo, ki postavlja vse državo v tako zvani centralni čas. Dosedaj smo spadali v vzhodni čas, ki je za eno uro zgodnejši od centralnega. To bi pomenilo, da bi lahko eno uro dalje spali, ob juntru. Pa ne bo držalo za vso deželo. Tu smo tako demokratični, da vsak po svoje vozi. Clevelandski mestni kongres, na primer, je namreč sklenil, da obdržimo sedanji čas do septembra, nakar se poslužimo centralnega. Mi, ki živimo bolj v sredini mesta, bomo že potrpleli brez posebnih skomina, ker smo že vajeni tega časa, bolj nerodno pa bo za prebivalce sosednega Euclida, ki se drži Clevelandca. Clevelandski sosedni kongres, na primer, je namreč sklenil, da obdržimo sedanji čas do septembra, nakar se poslužimo centralnega. Mi, ki živimo bolj v sredini mesta, bomo že potrpleli brez posebnih skomina, ker smo že vajeni tega časa, bolj nerodno pa bo za prebivalce sosednega Euclida, ki se drži Clevelandca. 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Clevelandski sosedni kongres, na primer, je namreč sklenil, da obdržimo sedanji čas do sept



New Era

ENGLISH SECTION OF
Official Organ
of the
American Fraternal Union.

AMPLIFYING THE VOICE OF THE ENGLISH SPEAKING MEMBERS

Nova Doba



Food for Freedom — Victory Gardens

It is a life-long habit of our Slovene people to plant garden every year. In almost every Slovene home that has a little extra patch of ground you will find a garden. This year gardens carry a greater significance — they are vital to victory!

Already many families are planning to allot more space for vegetables this year. America needs food for her soldiers while she also needs food to send to her Allies. This gives our home gardens a very special importance — food for victory! By raising vegetables at home we assure more food for our fighting fronts.

Gardens supply all those precious vitamins needed to help build a healthier America. This is as much a part of winning the war as any other war effort on the home front. The need is great and you can do your share by planting a Victory Garden.

Our American Fraternal Union can also be regarded as a garden where the security of its members is assured. Our AFU juveniles are the seedlings who will someday grow into strong, sturdy plants which will carry on the work and ideals of the Union. By insuring our youngsters at an early age they will be carefully nurtured by our organization and protected against all misfortunes.

We have already written about the 45th year anniversary of the AFU during which every member is asked to enroll at least one new member. This shouldn't be a hard task. People are always ready to invest their money in a sound organization which will provide a much-needed protection for them.

Have you told your friends and neighbors about the many benefits which can be derived from the American Fraternal Union? Do so today! Many of them will appreciate your advice and you will have the satisfaction of knowing that you helped your friends as well as your Union. Enroll that new member today and help make the AFU 45th year anniversary the biggest and best of all!

News of Soldiers



John Kapel, member of Lodge No. 71, AFU of Cleveland, O. now serving with the 32nd Construction Battalion of the U. S. Navy, received the high distinction of having his design chosen for the official insignia of his battalion. The officers requested a design which had to be entirely original. John's design was selected and will now be the official insignia of his battalion.

He was a pupil of the late Gregory Prusheck at the Slovenske School of Art of the Slovensian National Home. His father is secretary of Lodge No. 71, AFU.

Congratulations to you John, and we wish you further success in your work!

This week we heard from Pvt. Stan Barba. He writes: "I miss the AFU gang of the Cleveland bowling league. I went to town about two weeks ago and I didn't find a bowling alley. I certainly miss my bowling. Tell all my AFU friends that I said hello and to write to me in the winter time, won't you?"

AMERICAN HEROES



Thirty-four days were spent on the open sea in a rubber boat by three U.S. Navy men, Harold F. Dixon, Gene Aldrich, and Anthony Pastula. After enduring tortuous days under the blazing sun, and freezing nights, these American heroes were finally rescued. In effect, they were kept alive by a WAR BOND.

We need these rubber boats, so buy as many War Bonds as you can. You've done your bit; now do your best!

U. S. Treasury Dept.

Rock Springs, Wyo., AFU Lodges Protest Change of Convention City

PROTEST: At a special meeting of Lodges No. 18, 134, and 202, AFU of Rock Springs, Wyo. it was decided to send a protest to our official organ, the Nova Doba, against the proposal of the Supreme Board at their annual meeting regarding the change of city for our next convention. The aforementioned proposal was introduced at the recommendation of the Supreme Secretary who said it would be timely to change the meeting place of the 17th regular convention from Rock Springs, Wyo. to Chicago, Ill. He explains that the city of Chicago is more centrally located for the majority of our lodges and in this way, a shorter trip would save our Union some expense.

The members of the aforementioned lodges of the American Fraternal Union in Rock Springs, Wyo. are aware of the fact that the distance of our cities and individual lodges of the Union are just as far away as they were at the time of our last convention which designated where our next convention was to be held.

At that time there was no objection on the part of the Supreme Board nor on the part of the delegation. The Supreme Secretary at that time was satisfied with the decision of the convention and stated that the cost of transportation to the West would be just a little more.

The members of our lodges are wondering what the reason is that our Supreme Secretary is now against what he approved of two years ago. With what joy and interest our community received the decision of the 16th regular convention for the next convention to be held in Rock Springs, Wyo., is proved by the fact that immediately after the return of our delegates from the convention, a special committee was elected which has attained much success. In this regard there is no exaggeration if we state that the convention could be held here in 1943, by this we mean, that is how well our community is prepared to receive them.

The Supreme Secretary gives as another reason for the proposal to change the convention city, the overburdened railroad loads which every railroad company has to cope with at this time.

In our opinion, the Supreme Secretary is not well acquainted with the capability of the traffic system in the West. The Union Pacific is one of the largest railroad companies in the West which owns and runs the safest and best railroad line which runs from Chicago to many places and to the shores of the Pacific in the West. In spite of the great traffic, the trains arrive promptly to the designated cities and all accommodations are taken care of for the travelers. Furthermore, the U. P. busses run through our city, and the U. S. Route No. 30 runs past the doors of our Slovenian Home. Therefore, there is no need to worry in regard to the transportation.

Beside this the West has undoubtedly other favorable points in comparison with overcrowded Chicago; that is regarding food and living quarters. According to what we hear (Continued on page 5)

WAR BOND QUIZ

Q. How many coowners of a Bond can there be?

A. War Bonds may be issued in the names of only two individuals as coowners, and the registration must be in the alternative, such as "John X. Smith or Mrs. Mary Smith," without any qualifying words or phrases.

Q. If a person who already holds War Savings Bonds up to the limit for the current year should inherit additional Bonds, could they be registered in his name?

A. Yes.

Q. How can I be sure that I can get my money back if I buy a War Savings Bond?

A. MY WORD ON IT!
By Gib Crockett

A. The full faith and credit of the United States Government are pledged for payment of both principal and interest. Your Bond is just as sound as the Government itself.

Q. If the owner of a War Savings Bond dies, how is collection made?

A. In the absence of a co-owner or beneficiary in the registration, the bond will form a part of the registered owner's estate, and will be paid to persons entitled to share in the estate under local laws as provided in the regulations.

Remember—the longer you keep War Bonds, up to 10 years, the more valuable they become.

WSS 707D U. S. Treasury Dept.

BRIEFS

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY
Now that everyone in the United States is participating in various "Share-the-meat," "Share-the-fuel" and other similar programs; let us AFU members "Share-the-benefits of our Union" with our friends by acquiring them as new members during our AFU 45th Anniversary Membership Campaign.

FOR BICYCLISTS
Boys and girls—you have to be twice as careful when you ride your bicycle on streets that are slippery with ice or snow, the Greater Cleveland Safety Council warns. A quick turn or a sudden stop may slide the bike right out from under you. And you may fall right in the path of an automobile. So be extra careful when you ride your bike in the winter time, won't you?

An interesting radio program will be presented over station WTAM, Cleveland, O., on Monday, Mar. 8th at 7:45 p. m. entitled "The War and You" and "That Men May Fight." Participants will be Mr. Richard H. Howland, Regional Trade Relation Office—OPA; Petty Officer—Janice Letts of the WAVES; and Mrs. Helen McDowell, Consumer.

CORRECT LIFTING

Housewives, a strained back is painful, and it can result in permanent injury. The Greater Cleveland Safety Council offers this advice: Never stoop over and lift a heavy object with the strains on your back. Bend your knees and lift with your legs, keeping your back as perpendicular as possible.

POINT RATIONING TO BE EXPLAINED

In food stores throughout Ohio, Indiana, Kentucky and West Virginia, volunteer "Explainers" recruited through local Defense Councils are informing housewives on the new point rationing system that will go into effect March 1, Dan T. Moore, Director of the U. S. Office of Civilian Defense for the Fifth Region, announced today.

"These Explainers have undergone a thorough course in training and will have at hand simple authoritative literature to help explain the details of point rationing," said Mr. Moore. "They will be stationed at booths or behind counters, or will circulate among customers to do their informational job.

"Some communities are using this method exclusively to explain point rationing, others are doing the explanation work from door to door through their Block Organization, while in a number of cities and towns a combination of these two methods is in use."

The Explainers are versed not only in the technical details involving the point values of the various canned goods and other products rationed, but also in the necessity for the rationing of food. They are helping grocers answer the multitude of questions that shoppers are asking about the why and how of point rationing.

—O. C. D., Fifth Region.

A PEEP IN THE MIRROR?

Here is a picture of the typical accident victim, drawn by the Greater Cleveland Safety Council. He was a pedestrian. He was middle-aged—not decrepit, but his eyes and ears were not quite as good as they used to be, and he had lost some of the agility of his youth. He was a little worried and preoccupied about business or family affairs, and he may have had a drink or two. He had never learned to drive a car. He was wearing dark clothing. He stepped out from between two parked cars in middle of the block. He lived in a fairly large city. When the car struck him, it was early in the evening, during the first hours of darkness. Do you see yourself in this picture? Then watch out, because statistics say you and the others like you are most likely to become a traffic accident victim!

The American Red Cross this week started its campaign for the American Red Cross War Fund. The national campaign goal is \$125,000,000. The work of the Red Cross helps alleviate suffering during war time. Your donation will help our men in the Armed Forces.

"Give so that THEY may live!"

SAVE MANPOWER FOR WARPOWER!
Don't let the fact that there are fewer cars on the streets lull you into a sense of false security. The Greater Cleveland Safety Council points out that 27,800 persons were killed on our highways and streets in 1942, despite mileage rationing and the 35 mile-an-hour speed limit. Every death and injury to an American worker helps Hitler and sabotages our war effort. So drive safely, walk safely and obey traffic signals.

FIRE

How can a water pipe cause a fire? That's easy, says the Greater Cleveland Safety Council. Water pipes often freeze in winter, and home owners still engage in the hazardous practice of trying to thaw them out with an open flame. Wrap the frozen section with rags and pour hot water on them. It's just as easy — and a lot safer.

MINUTES

OF THE ANNUAL SESSION OF THE AMERICAN FRATERNAL UNION SUPREME BOARD, HELD AT THE HOME OFFICE IN ELY, MINN., FROM FEB. 8 to FEB. 10th 1943.

First Session

The Supreme President, Janko N. Rogelj, opened the first meeting of this session Monday, Feb. 8th at 9 a. m. with an appropriate address of welcome.

Present are the following Supreme Board members:—
Janko N. Rogelj, Supreme President; Frank Okoren, First Supreme Vice-President; Anton Krapenc, Fourth Supreme Vice-President; Joseph Sneler, Fifth Supreme Vice-President; Mary Predovich, Sixth Supreme Vice-President; Anton Zbasnich, Supreme Secretary; Frank Tomisch Jr., Assistant Supreme Secretary; Louis Champa, Supreme Treasurer; Dr. F. J. Arch, M. D., Supreme Medical Examiner; Anton J. Terbovec, Editor-Manager Nova Doba; John Kumse, Chairman of Supreme Board of Trustees; Frank E. Vranichar, First Trustee; Matt Anzelc, Second Trustee; Andrew Milavec Jr., Third Trustee; and Frank J. Kress, Fourth Trustee.

The Supreme Board was notified through Dr. Arch that the Second Supreme Vice-President was unable to attend this session due to important defense work, and the Third Supreme Vice-President Joseph Kovach, was also unable to attend, stating his reasons in a letter to the Supreme Board, and the members of the board are of the opinion they are justified in not being present due to the nature of their work.

Editor, Anton J. Terbovec was selected as recorder for this annual meeting for which it was designated he will be paid for his work.

The sessions are to be held from 9 a. m. to 12 noon and from 1:30 p. m. to 6 p. m.

Read are the minutes of the semi-annual session of the Supreme Board held during the month of August 1942, and are approved as read. Read also are the minutes of the special session of the Supreme Board held during December 1942, which are also approved.

Presented for examination are the bonds of the Supreme Board members, Supreme Judiciary, local lodge officers and the printing concern "Enakopravost" where our official organ is being printed. All bonds are found in order and are approved.

Follow reports of the Supreme Board members and all are approved as presented.

The Supreme Secretary reads a letter from the Fourth Supreme Judiciary, Ignac Zajc, which is enthusiastically received by the Supreme Board members and recorded.

The editor states he has temporarily withheld the publication of an article recently received, as he was of the opinion the Supreme Board may decide to add a commentary in order to convey the proper interpretation of same. After the article is read, a commentary is prepared and approved by the Supreme Board which the editor is authorized to publish the name of the Supreme Board together with the article temporarily withheld from publication.

Follow miscellaneous matters which are to be presented by the Supreme Secretary.

In the matter relative to rejected sick benefits of Bro. Matija Pogorelc, member of Lodge No. 1, the action taken by the Home Office is approved because the claim which was submitted was not properly completed.

Mary Pivk, member of Lodge No. 18, requests some special benefits for an operation for which benefits are not payable. Adopted that \$25.00 be paid according to the provisions of Section 307, Sub-section 12.

Anton Sterle, member of Lodge No. 25, requests some special benefits to help defray the expenses incurred during his illness. The petition cannot be approved because the member is now receiving half sick benefits.

Pauline Fabec, member of Lodge No. 26, who had sick benefits rejected between July 17th and Aug. 15, 1942, is now allowed payment of same after more detailed information is submitted.

Ursula Ogrinc, deceased member of Lodge No. 26, was paying mortuary assessments for a lower age and the difference in assessments amounting to \$56.34 was deducted from the death benefit. The beneficiary demands the full death benefit without any deduction. After careful consideration of the matter, it is decided that in accordance with the provisions of Section 269 of our By-laws, the full death benefit cannot be paid and the action taken by the Supreme Secretary is in order.

The meeting adjourned at 12 noon.

Second Session

The Supreme President opened the second meeting of the annual session Monday, Feb. 8th at 1:30 p. m. Present are all Supreme Board members that attended the first session.

Continued is the business to be submitted by the Supreme Secretary for consideration.

In the matter relative to Martin Turic, former member of Lodge No. 26, it is decided after a lengthy discussion, that the matter be again referred to the Supreme Secretary with full power to act.

Ignac Ursic, member of Lodge No. 33, aged and in financial straits, who together with his ailing wife petitions for some assistance to help pay their assessments, is allowed \$25.00 in special benefits.

Tom Muhich, member of Lodge No. 42, who is 68 years of age, and only insured for death benefits, petitions for some financial assistance to pay his assessments. Adopted he be allowed assessments for a period of six months.

In the matter of Mary Dugar, deceased member of Lodge No. 45, a lengthy discussion ensues, for the date of birth of the member as indicated on the application in the Home Office and the date listed on the death certificate do not coincide, therefore,

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AMERICAN FRATERNAL UNION

Founded July 18, 1898
HOME OFFICE: ELY, MINNESOTA

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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

President: J. N. Rogelj	6208 Schade Ave., Cleveland, Ohio;
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Assistant Secretary: Frank Tomsich, Jr.	AFU Bldg., Ely, Minn.
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Chairman: Anton Okolish	1078 Liberty Ave., Barberton, Ohio.
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2nd Judiciary: Ross Svetich	Ely, Minnesota.
3rd Judiciary: Steve Mauser	4627 Logan St., Denver, Colo.
4th Judiciary: Ignac Zaje	683 Onderdonk Ave., Brooklyn, N. Y.

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the payment of death benefits has to be adjusted accordingly. The matter is referred to the Supreme Secretary for further action, and he is given full power to act in the matter.

Sis. Katherine Penica, Secretary of Lodge No. 88, sent in three applications of juvenile members, and wishes the Supreme Board a successful session. The letter is recorded.

A letter from the secretary of Lodge No. 105, is read and filed.

Anna Movern, member of Lodge No. 107, requests some special benefits. The request cannot be granted.

Frank Tursic, member of Lodge No. 108, petitions for some special benefits to help pay for an operation for which no operation benefits are provided. The petition cannot be approved.

Johana Schneller, member of Lodge No. 120, requests some benefits for an operation for which no benefits are provided in the By-laws. The request cannot be approved.

The claim for operation benefits of Sister Anne M. Allen, member of Lodge No. 131, which claim was presented late through not fault of the member, is approved for payment in the sum of \$65.00.

Mihael Majerle, member of Lodge No. 144, petitions for some special benefits. He is awarded \$10.00.

Matilda Maljevac, member of Lodge No. 173, requests some special benefits for an expensive major operation for which no benefits are provided in the By-laws. After examination of the claim by the Supreme Medical Examiner and upon his recommendation it is decided the member be allowed \$50.00 in special benefits.

Ivana Arhar, member of Lodge No. 173, submits a petition for special benefits, not being insured for sick benefits, but is insured for welfare benefits, therefore the member is instructed to file a claim for welfare benefits to which she is entitled if totally disabled as stated in the petition, but the petition presented cannot be approved.

Joe Tencich, member of Lodge No. 176 requests some special benefits for an operation for which no benefits are provided for in the By-laws. The request cannot be approved.

Raymond Poljanec, member of Lodge No. 200, requests some special benefits for an operation for which no benefits are provided. Considering certain sections of the By-laws prohibiting payment for this type of operation, the request cannot be approved.

Jennie Fortuna, member of Lodge No. 202, requests some special benefits for an operation not covered in the By-laws. The request cannot be approved.

The matter of Ludvik Babich, member of Lodge No. 225, who petitions for some special benefits, is given much thoughtful consideration and the action previously taken is upheld and is in accordance with the provisions of the By-laws. After a lengthy discussion, it is adopted that \$50.00 be approved in special operation benefits, considering Section 307.

Louis Pogacnik, member of Lodge No. 229, cannot be paid any operation benefits for he was a member of the juvenile department at the time the operation was performed, there being no juvenile fund for this contingency.

Members of Lodge No. 14, have transferred to Lodge No. 141, and thus Lodge No. 14 has ceased to exist. The Supreme Board is of the opinion, that under the circumstances, the funds of Lodge No. 14, if any existed, belong to the Union according to the By-laws. The Supreme Secretary is given full authority to act in this matter until it is satisfactorily adjusted.

Upon the recommendation of the state examiners that the juvenile department pay a portion of the rental of the Home Office, it is adopted \$50.00 be paid monthly. As the premises are owned by the juvenile department, the rental fee of \$50.00 per month is to be transferred from the juvenile expense fund to the mortuary fund of the juvenile department.

At the suggestion of a number of Supreme Board members, it is decided that all the names of the members serving in the armed forces of the U. S. A., be published in the Nova Doba.

At the recommendation of the Supreme Secretary, it is adopted the janitor's salary be increased from \$45.00 to \$50.00 per month, and the clerks now receiving less than \$100.00, per month, be given an increase of \$5.00 each, said increase to be effective as of Feb. 1, 1943.

The second meeting adjourned at 5:30 p. m.

Third Session

The Supreme President opened the third meeting Tuesday, Feb. 9th at 9 a. m. Present are all Supreme Board members that attended the two previous sessions. Read are the minutes for the first and second meetings of this session and are approved as read with a few minor additions.

The Supreme Secretary and the First Supreme Vice-President state that the Colorado State Fraternal Congress is striving to have a bill passed by the legislature of the aforementioned state, to enact legislation that would allow fraternal organizations to enroll juveniles from date of birth, that adult members be permitted to join the adult department without a medical examination up to a sum of \$2,000.00 in insurance, and also that members could designate as beneficiaries, persons who are not blood relatives. The report is recorded.

Submitted is a postal-card addressed to the Supreme Board, which was sent by William B. Laurich, member of Lodge No. 170. The subject matter is considered offensive, therefore, it is decided a complaint be filed against the above-named member to the Supreme Judiciary Committee, under the provisions of Section 196, Sub-section 2 of our By-laws.

Anton Zbasnik is elected delegate to the National Fraternal Congress and Dr. F. J. Arch is named alternate.

Delegates to the various state fraternal congress sessions are as follows:

For Illinois, Anton Krapenc, delegate; Frank E. Vranichar, alternate;

For Minnesota, Louis Champa, delegate; Frank Tomsich Jr., alternate;

For Pennsylvania, John Kumse, delegate; Janko N. Rogelj, alternate;

For Ohio, Frank J. Kress, delegate; Dr. F. J. Arch, alternate;

For Colorado, Frank Okoren, delegate; Steve Mauser, alternate;

For Montana, Mary Predovich, delegate; Katherine Penica, alternate;

A letter from the American Slav Congress is read explaining the action taken during the past year and the purpose of same, and they also request a donation. The sum of \$50.00 is appropriated to help cover their expenses.

An advertisement for \$15.00 is approved in the publication "Majic Glas."

Regarding calendars, it is adopted they again be ordered for the coming year and Frank J. Kress is to place order for same. The Supreme Secretary states that prior to the placing of the order, the local lodge secretaries will be instructed to inform the Home Office the lowest number each lodge will require in order to eliminate waste of same.

Anton J. Terbovec is designated as official representative of "Fraternal Week" which was proclaimed by the National Fraternal Congress, and is to be held during the month of May.

The Supreme President states he could enroll in our organization the well-known author Louis Adamic, if there would be no objection, because of the fact that he resides in a city and state where no American Fraternal Union lodge exists. The Supreme Board is of the opinion that he could be admitted to membership in Lodge No. 173, of which the Supreme President is also a member.

The Secretary of the Finance Committee states that their committee has decided to sell the Borger, Texas, Independent School District bonds. The Supreme Board authorizes the sale of same. The secretary further states we have the sum of \$30,000.00 to invest from the funds of the sick benefit department, and recommends the amount mentioned be invested in War Bonds Series "G." This investment is approved. With the addition of this amount we will have the sum of \$130,000.00 invested in War Bonds of the U. S. A. Adopted further that an additional amount of \$10,000.00 be invested in War Bonds each month until the full amount that may be invested each year is reached in this type of investment.

The third meeting adjourned at 12 noon.

Fourth Session

The Supreme President opened the fourth meeting Tuesday, Feb. 9th at 1:30 p. m. Present are all the Supreme Board members that attended the previous sessions.

Next to be considered is the celebration of the 45th anniversary of the American Fraternal Union which will take place July 18th of this year. After a lengthy and far-reaching discussion, the Supreme Board decides that the Union celebrate same by instituting a campaign for new members in both departments, and that for a given number of new members, special awards be paid and the present regular awards be increased for the enrollment of each new member. The regular awards for new members enrolled into the adult department will be as follows:

In Plan "D" for \$ 250.00 insurance an award of \$ 1.50.

In Plan "D" for \$ 500.00 insurance an award of \$ 2.50.

In Plan "D" for \$1,000.00 insurance an award of \$ 5.00.

In Plan "D" for \$1,500.00 insurance an award of \$ 7.00.

In Plan "D" for \$2,000.00 insurance an award of \$ 9.00.

In Plan "D" for \$3,000.00 insurance an award of \$12.00.

In Plan "E" or "F" for \$ 250.00 insurance an award of \$ 2.00.

In Plan "E" or "F" for \$ 500.00 insurance an award of \$ 3.00.

In Plan "E" or "F" for \$1,000.00 insurance an award of \$ 6.00.

In Plan "E" or "F" for \$1,500.00 insurance an award of \$10.00.

In Plan "E" or "F" for \$2,000.00 insurance an award of \$12.00.

In Plan "E" or "F" for \$3,000.00 insurance an award of \$18.00.

For enrolling a new member into the Juvenile Department in Plan "JA" a \$1.00 award per member; Plan "JB," \$3.00;

Plan "JC," for \$500.00, \$3.00; Plan "JC" for \$1,000.00, \$5.00;

Plan "JD" for \$250, \$1.50; Plan "JD" for \$500.00, \$8.00; Plan "JD" for \$1,000.00, \$5.00.

In addition to these regular awards for new members in both departments, which will remain in effect until rescinded, the Supreme Board designated special campaign awards for lodges which will enroll a definite quota of new members. The rules of this campaign are as follows:

It is assumed that the campaign began Jan. 1, 1943, and will continue for 45 weeks. Each lodge that enrolls 45 new adult or juvenile members within this period of time, will receive an award of \$45.00. The local lodge secretary is the campaign manager for his lodge and if the required number or more are enrolled in this period of time the award of \$45.00 will be paid to the lodge secretary, and the secretary may divide same with those members who helped obtain the new members in proportion to the number enrolled by each or by any other agreement with the members. Each juvenile enrolled will count only one member, however, adult members will be counted as two members. The quota may be obtained, for instance, by enrolling 45 juvenile members, or if 15 juveniles and 15 adults are enrolled. The only exception is for the members that transfer to the adult department from the juvenile branch, such members will be counted as only half a point, that is, that two such members will be considered and credited as only one member enrolled.

Regular awards for the enrollment of new members will be paid after at least six monthly assessments have been received. The Supreme Campaign Manager will be our Supreme President, who will be given information from the Home Office each week as to the progress of the campaign. The lodge secretaries who will obtain the necessary quota of new members in this campaign, and will receive the award of \$45.00, may also send their photographs to the office of our official organ and their pictures will be published without charge in the Nova Doba.

The Supreme Board appeals to all lodges of the American Fraternal Union to celebrate in some manner our 45th anniversary this year.

The American Fraternal Union lodges in Ely, Minnesota, are requested to celebrate the 45th anniversary of our organization during the month of August 1943, at which time the Supreme Board will hold its semi-annual session. To this celebration the members of the Supreme Judiciary are also invited. The Mayor of the City of Ely is requested to proclaim Aug. 15, 1943, as AFU Day.

The fourth meeting adjourned at 6 p. m.

Fifth Session

The Supreme President opened the fifth meeting of the annual session Wednesday, Feb. 10th at 9 a. m. Present are all Supreme Board members that attended the previous sessions.

The minutes of the third and fourth sessions are read and approved.

The Supreme Secretary states that perhaps it would be advisable to have the membership decide by a general referendum vote whether the 17th regular convention scheduled to be held in 1944, should be held in Chicago, Illinois. The 16th regular convention designated Rock Springs, Wyo. as the convention city, and this decision can only be amended by the membership via a general referendum. During the discussion it was pointed out that Chicago, being centrally located, the expenses would not be as great for most of the delegates are closer to that city than they are to Rock Springs and at the same time would ease the burden on transportation systems which in these times are already overtaxed. Some members of the Supreme Board were not in accord with the proposal to change the convention city which was designated by the previous convention, however, they favored the motion for a referendum vote, for the membership will thereby be given an opportunity to decide the issue, therefore, the motion to hold the referendum vote regarding the proposed change of the convention city was approved.

The Supreme President gives a detailed verbal account of his activities in connection with the SANS and the JPO-SS, and the Supreme Board approved the action taken.

A resolution was unanimously adopted regarding the position of the Supreme Board of the American Fraternal Union in connection with

**Rock Springs, Wyo., AFU
Lodges Protest Change of
Convention City**

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we can come to the conclusion that living quarters in Chicago are overcrowded and probably, due to food rationing, Chicago is more affected than we are. Up until now we have felt this very little. All this should be taken into consideration by the members when the Supreme Board will present the proposal to change the meeting place of the coming convention.

Let us here state that the membership of our lodges is aware of the fact that due to war conditions our country is faced with various inconveniences and hardships with which our organization will not be overlooked. War conditions are employing a greater number of workers daily, which means that our delegates will have a hard time getting leave-of-absence to attend the convention if the war continues, regardless of what city the convention will be held in. That is why it would probably be more proper to inquire in the places concerned if the laws permit, or if the insurance department could interpret those laws in that way, that the convention be postponed until after the war. Such a proposal can then be given to the members for a general referendum, and not the changing of the convention city.

This is the opinion of all the membership of the AFU lodges in Rock Springs, Wyo. Regards to all AFU members.

For Lodge No. 18, AFU: Urban Jelosek, president; Louis Taucher, secretary; Val Marcella, treasurer. For Lodge No. 134, AFU: Mary Kershishnik, president; Theresa Jereb, secretary; Christina Mehle, treasurer. For Lodge No. 202, AFU: Angela Kragavich, president; Fannie Jenko, secretary; and Jennie Kamenski, treasurer. (Lodge seals of all three lodges.)

DON'T JAYWALK

Pedestrians, watch out even more closely for automobiles when the streets are slippery with ice, the Greater Cleveland Safety Council warns. Motorists can't stop quickly, even though they see you. Don't jaywalk! Cross streets at intersections, and wait for the green light!

USE SAFETY MATCHES

Here's a brief warning from the Greater Cleveland Safety Council: Don't carry matches—the kind that strike anywhere—loose in your pocket. They may be ignited if you fall on them. You may drop them when you take other objects from your pockets. It's best to use safety matches, both for personal use and in your home.



Two ill dressed women have just escaped across the Norwegian frontier.

"Why do you take such terrible chances to come to Sweden?" a Stockholm correspondent asked the women who had walked 100 miles

to the border which was patrolled by Nazi troopers.

"We have left our homes and our possessions knowing we are leaving our old life for a crowded refugee camp," the older woman answered. "Life is not worth living in Norway today. Our homeland has been turned into an inferno."

Your home has been scarcely searched by the present war here in America. Do your part to keep actual combat from our shores. Do your work. Buy War Bonds and Stamps.

U. S. Treasury Dept.

CAFU 45th Year Anniversary Awards

The American Fraternal Union now pays higher cash awards to all members who enroll new members in the Adult and Juvenile Departments! The awards are as follows for the Adult Department:

For Plan "D" insured for \$ 250 death benefit, \$ 1.50 award;
For Plan "D" insured for \$ 500 death benefit, \$ 2.50 award;
For Plan "D" insured for \$ 1,000 death benefit, \$ 5.00 award;
For Plan "D" insured for \$ 1,500 death benefit, \$ 7.00 award;
For Plan "D" insured for \$ 2,000 death benefit, \$ 9.00 award;
For Plan "D" insured for \$ 3,000 death benefit, \$12.00 award;

For Plan "E" and "F" insured for \$ 250 death benefit, \$ 2.00 award;
For Plan "E" and "F" insured for \$ 500 death benefit, \$ 3.00 award;
For Plan "E" and "F" insured for \$ 1,000 death benefit, \$ 6.00 award;
For Plan "E" and "F" insured for \$ 1,500 death benefit, \$10.00 award;
For Plan "E" and "F" insured for \$ 2,000 death benefit, \$12.00 award;
For Plan "E" and "F" insured for \$ 3,000 death benefit, \$18.00 award.

Awards for enrolling new juvenile members:

For Plan "JA" \$1.00 award; for Plan "JB" \$3.00 award; for Plan "JC" for \$500 insurance, \$3.00 award; for Plan "JC" for \$1,000 insurance, \$5.00 award; for Plan "JD" for \$250 insurance, \$1.50 award; for Plan "JD" for \$500 insurance, \$3.00 award; for Plan "JD" for \$1,000 insurance, \$5.00 award.

All members who enroll new members in the adult or juvenile departments of the American Fraternal Union are entitled to these awards. The awards will be paid when the new members have paid six months dues.

Ilirska Vila No. 1 Team Continues to Lead

Dorothy Rossa, League Sec'y

The Ilirska Vila No. 1 team continues to win by taking all three games from the Betsy Ross Girls last week. Tony Prince's 535, Frank Benigar Jr.'s 530 and Steve Meyak's 514 were high for the Ivies. Rosemary Rossa's 463 was high for the B. R. Girls. Rose beat her old three game series for second place with her new score of 463.

The Collinwood Boosters took three games from the Napredék Girls with Gus Fortuna's 553 and Nick Wills' 536 high for the CB's. Marge Zgonce's 368 and Lillian Tanko's 362 were high for the Napredék Girls.

The St. John Saints took two games from the Napredék Cavaliers with Jim Ruzic's 578 high for the Saints and Ralph Slopko's 444 high for the Cavaliers.

The Ilirska Vila No. 2 took two games from the Betsy Ross Boys with Frank Benigar, Sr. hitting 515 and Frank Krall 496.

"200" Circle

Tony Prince 213
Frank Benigar, Sr. 210
Steve Meyak 202
Jim Ruzic 202
Mike Poklar 202

Team Standings

	W	L
1. Ilirska Vila No. 1	54	18
2. St. John Saints	51	21
3. Collinwood Boosters	47	25
4. Ilirska Vila No. 2	42	30
5. Betsy Ross Boys	34	38
6. Napredék Cavaliers	30	42
7. Betsy Ross Girls	22	50
8. Napredék Girls	11	61

Men's High Three Team Games

1. St. John's Saints 2676
2. Ilirska Vila No. 1 2659
3. Collinwood Boosters 2569

Men's Team High Singles

1. Ilirska Vila No. 1 1016
2. St. John Saints 960
3. Collinwood Boosters 925

Men's Ind. High Singles

1. Frank Krall 267
2. George Kovitch 256
3. Nick Wills 256
4. Mike Poklar 255
5. Frank Benigar Jr. 245
6. Stan Zagore 245
7. Steve Meyak 242
8. Frank Benigar Sr. 241

Men's Ind. High Three Games

1. Mike Poklar 669
2. Nick Wills 642
3. Stan Zagore 633

Girls' Ind. High Three Games

1. Louise Zupon 480
2. Rosemary Rossa 463
3. Dorothy Rossa 397
4. Frances Gruden 394

Simon Gregorić:

V pepelnici noči

Polnočni zvon z visokih lin krepko zaklenkal je!
Potihni glas je vijolin,
strunar odbrenkala je!

Piesišča in gledišča se povod zapirajo,
v odprtih pa svetišča se zemljani zbirajo.

Glej, božji hram tam sred poljan
dviguje se v nebo,
oj božji hram tako prostran
in pa krasan tako!

Kot reke v morje vanj nočojo
krdele silna vro,
svetišče polno je takoj—
in duri se zapro.

Tu v bagru ino v svili vse
nočojo košati se,
diši ti po kadil vse
in sveti v zlati vse.

Več biserjev kot v dnu morja
pred tabo se iskri,
in več, ko zvezd je vrh neba,
tu jasnih je oči.

Ti gibki udje, vzorna rast,
tu let in lica cvet,
tu zemlje slast, bogastvo, čast
O ti prestrešni sveti—

A čuj!—Nek duh zakliče mi:
"Kar zreš jih pred seboj,
zapiši mej mrljice mi
s pepelom tem nočoj!"

In stopil sem pred žrtvenik,
kot bi duhovnik bil,
pepel iz očijnih je mladič
naj del cerkovnik bil.

Pepele zdaj na teme sem
najprvo sebi vsul,
vstopil se v misli neme sem,
lo Bog jih sam je čul.

Pozval na to krdele sem
in prisla so hrumeč,
zaznamoval jutri čela sem
preteč in pa svarč:

"Oj, grešniki maziljeni,
prot krono in škrat,
saj veste vti prisljeni,
vkloniti smrti vrat.

Sedaj v narodom ste strahi,
strah tudi vas bo zmel,
to žezlo prah, prestol po prah,
vi boste prah, pepel!

Vi, ki zaklade zbirate
iz bližnjikov krví,
ki reveže zatirate—
prah boste tudi vi!

Ti roj, ki noč in dan prežiš,
da v past v bist vje,
ti smrti v zanjke se vloviš,
prah bodeš in pepel!

In ti, ki z umom, cvetom let
zdaj bahas se vesel,
glej, predno ti odpade cvet,
prah bodes in pepel!"

Na zadnje roj še prisakljka,
neskrbni, jasnih lic,
čist, kakor angelji neba,
in lepiš od cvetic.

Zaplakal nad tem krasom sem.
čes: tudi ta bo strt!
Se te . . . tresični glasom sem
zaznamoval za smrt . . .

Končano!—Ne!—cuj, duri tam
ječe zaškrpilojo,
in nove trume v božji hram
skoz nje se vslipijo.

Na teh ni srebra ne zlata,
in blešk jim je neznan,
na lečih tožnih se pozna
le sled solza in ran.

To pač je siromakov rod,
molče je zujan stal,
in mirno čakal, da gospod
pristora bi mu dal.

Sedaj, do prost mu je pristop,
korak približa svoj,

jaz pa spoznam trpinov trop,
oh, bil je—narod moj!

Odožil sem tedaj pepel,
v klečeče vpri oko,

za blagovsem roke vspel

ter kliknil sem krepko:

Le vstani, vborni narod moj,
do danes v prah teptan,

pepelni dan ni dan več tvoj.

tvoj je—vstajenja dan!

SMALL CHILDREN

Mothers—the Greater Cleveland Safety Council asks you to be careful to keep children away

from open fires, kitchen stoves

and all cooking vessels. Unless

constantly watched, a child can

pull a pan of scalding water off

the stove before you can wink

an eye. Never leave small chil-

dren alone in the house!

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JANKO N. ROGELJ,
GL. PREDSEDNIK ABZ:

Pomožna akcija in Rdeči križ

Glavni tajnik slovenske sekcije JPO je dobil iz Washingtona, D. C., pismo, da je "The President's War Relief Control Board" sprejel resolucijo, v kateri se apelira na vse vojne pomožne akcije, da prenehajo z nabiranjem denarnih prispevkov v mesecu marcu, ker je mesec marec v letošnjem letu z odbritvijo predsednika Roosevelta odprt le za nabiranje denarnih prispevkov za Ameriški rdeči križ.

Slovenci in Slovenke, darujte in prispevajte za Rdeči križ, pomagajte tej samaritanski organizaciji, kolikor pač morete. Vsi darujte, saj vsi veste, kako veliko in plemenito delo vrši človečanska organizacija v vojnem času.

Glavni blagajnik slovenske sekcije JPO mi poroča, da je v mesecu februarju prejel sledeče prispevke:

Mr. in Mrs. George Radoff \$1.00; A. Cedilnik, blagajnik lokalnega odbora št. 34, Detroit, Mich. je posjal \$113.00; od Slovenske Publishing Co., New York, N. Y., je dobil \$4.00; in Alexander Skerly, blagajnik lokalnega odbora št. 25, Claridge, Pa., mu je posjal vsoto \$300.00.

Skupna blagajna slovenske sekcije JPO je bila dne 28. februarja 1943 — \$42,934.89.

To je že lepa vso, toda bila bi lahko še večja, če bi se vsi zavedali neznanega položaja naših bratov in sester onkraj morja.

Slovenski list, Jugoslovenski Obzor, je v mesecu decembra poročal o veliki in posnemanju vredni kampanji za JPO, SS, ki se je zavrsila v Milwaukeeju in West Allisu, kjer so šli nabiralcic in nabiralke od hiše do hiše nabirat denarne prispevke. Tako organizirana kampanja je prinesla \$2,312.40. Lokalni odbor št. 5 je posjal glavnemu blagajniku že \$2,815.95.

To je res lepa vso za obe naselbine. Ce bi vsaka naselbina napravila take nabiralne kampanje, potem bi imeli veliko več v naši skupni blagajni. Hvala lepa vsem, ki so bili zaposleni in so se trudili v tej kampanji. Narod vam bo hvalezen v domovini, in naselbini Milwaukee in West Allis sta dokazali, da ćutita z zasluženim narodom onkraj morja.

Denar, ki je nabran za našo pomožno akcijo, je sedaj naložen v vojne bonde ter pomaga naši ameriški republiki. Glavni blagajnik je kupil že za \$37,259.00 vojnih bondov. S tem je dokazano, da najprvo pomagamo s tem denarjem Ameriki, in ko bo konec vojne, bomo s tem denarjem pomagali našim bratom in sestrinm onkraj morja. Lačni in potrebeni bodo vsi, ko jim zopet zasije sonce svobode.

Glavni tajnik JPO, SS mi je posjal pismo blagajnika lokalnega odbora št. 13, Sharon, Pa., kateri mu je posjal ček za vsoto \$74.62. Darovali so posamezniki; društvo Slovenec, št. 262 SNPJ je prispevalo \$5.00, pri igri mladinskega krožka št. 21 SNPJ in kazanju slik so dobili \$23.72. Hvala zavedni naselbini!

V mesecu aprilu naj bi zopet pozivela naša pomožna akcija. Lokalni odbori naj bi zopet sklicali svoje seje, kjer bi se organizirali za nabiranje denarnih prispevkov. Veliko dolarjev bi se še dobito, ako bi naši zavedni rojaki in rojakinje šli od hiše do hiše. Koliko imamo danes še naših Slovencev in Sloven, katerih še nobeden ni vprašal, da naj prispevajo v sklad JPO, SS.

V mesecu marcu pa pokažimo, da smo zvesti in vredni državljanji velike in svobodne ameriške republike, ki nas je sprejela za svoje državljane. Pomis-

limo, kaj bi se zgodilo nam, če bi bili onkraj morja med našimi rodnimi brati. Že iz te velike hvaležnosti napram usodi, ki nas je pripeljala v Ameriko, storimo svojo dolžnost.

Amerika je prva! Kadar nas ona kliče, jo to glas naše skupne matere, ki prosi za vse one, ki se borijo in umirajo za nas. Čas je, da vsi delamo, vsi žrtvujemo in vsi dajemo.

Darujmo in prispevajmo vsi za Ameriški rdeči križ!

SPLOŠNI TEDENSKI PREGLED

(Nadaljevanje s 1. strani)

vsaka država svoje transportacijske regulacije, ki se med seboj razlikujejo in to ovira promet. Urad vojne transportacije priporoča, da postavoda posebnih držav pooblastijo državne governerje, da smejo dogovorno z omenjenim uradom sami začasno ukiniti razne državne prometne regulacije, kjer ovirajo promet obrambnega ali vojaškega značaja.

O TRANSPORTACIJI

Joseph B. Eastman, direktor obrambne transportacije, priporoča, da naj se lastniki avtomobilov poslužujejo svojih vozil na delo in od dela kolikor le mogoče. To je potrebno, da se kar mogoče razbremenijo cestne železnice in druga prevozna sredstva. Vsekakor priporoča Mr. Eastman, da naj se avtomobili rabijo le za res potrebné posle in ne za zabavo.

AMERIŠKA ARMADA

Ameriška armada sprejema v svoje vrste le najboljši material. To se more sklepati iz dejstva, da je izmed k naborom poklicnih mladih mož odklonjen za vojaško službo eden izmed treh, to je éna tretjina. Glavni vzrok odklonitve so: mentalna nestalnost, slab vid, slab sluh, nepisemnost in pličate nofe.

STALINOV ODGOVOR

Premier Jožef Stalin je na brzojavko predsednika Roosevelta, poslano ob prilikli 25-letnici ruske rdeče armade, odgovor sledi: "Prosim, sprejmite mojo iskreno zahvalo za vašo prijateljsko poslanico ob prijeli 25-letnice rdeče armade in za vašo visoko pohvalo njenih vojaških uspehov. Jaz sem z vami vred prepričan, da bodo ti uspehi odpriti pot do našega skupnega sovražnika, ki mora biti in bo poražen z združenimi močmi naših dežel in vseh svobodo ljubečih narodov."

NEMŠKE IZGUBE

V svoji poslanici ruski armadi ob prilikli njene 25-letnice je Jožef Stalin izjavil, da so od začetka vojne Nemci na ruski fronti izgubili devet milijonov mož, od teh štiri milijone ubitih. Poudaril je, da je Nemčija še močna, toda ruska vojaška sila raste, medtem ko nemška pada.

SUZNJI NA POMOC

Nova Hitlerjeva odredba dolča, da morajo vse od Nemčije okupirane dežele prispevati več delavcev za nemško vojno industrijo, "priveski", kot so Madžarska, Rumunija, Slovaška in Hrvatska pa morajo prispevati več novih divizij za Hitlerjevo armo. Delavce za Nemčijo bodo morale prispevati Norveška, Holandska, Francija, Češka, Jugoslavija in Grčija. Kdor bi se branil delati za Nemčijo, bo ustreljen.

FINSKA V PRECEPU

Ko je v poletju 1941 Nemčija brez predhodne vojne napovedala Rusijo, se je Nemčija pridružila tudi Finska, upajajoča se nazaj, kar je nekaj mesecov prej izgubila v vojni z Rusijo. Zdaj vse tako kaže, da bo Nemčija v tej vojni poražena in da bo pri obračunu z njo

Rusija, in finski petelin uvidevajo, da so jo grdo zavozili. Zednjene države še niso napovedale vojne Finski, dasi je sledila na strani Nemcev v vojni z Rusijo, toda zadnje čase vedno bolj pogosto iz Washingtona opominjajo Finsko, naj sklene z Rusijo separaten mir, če hoče sama sebi dobro. Washingtonski krogi dajejo Fincem tudi prav dobro razumeti, da se Amerika ne bo zavzemala za obrambo finskih mej, ako se Finci ne pobojajo z Rusi in ne odnehajo pomagati Nemcem. Hitlerjevim prijateljem vendar ne more Amerika pomagati.

POMEN INFLACIJE

(Nadaljevanje s 1. strani)

med nami za blago, ki je na razpolago.

Vse cene živil moramo postaviti pod učinkovito kontrolo in uničiti moramo "črni trg."

Lahko smo ponosni in celo veseli, da živimo preprosto; lahko pa tudi godrnjamо zarađi raznih primanjkljajov in tem delamo sebe in druge nesrečne.

Zdaj je čas, da držimo obrambno črto proti inflaciji in deflacji, in zdaj je čas, da priborimo mir za nas in za vse človeštvo.

DOPISI

(Nadaljevanje s 5. strani)

de vožnje ni treba imeti nikakih skrbiv.

Poleg tega ima zapad nedvomno še druge prednosti v primeri s prenapolnjeno Chicago; namreč glede hrane in stanovanj. Po vsem, kar slišim, nam je mogoče sklepati, da so stanovanjski prostori v Chicago prenapolnjeni, in morda je tudi z ozirom na odmerke hrane v Chicagu bolj tesno kot pri nas. Tu vsa tega dosedaj se nismo občutili. Vse to naj članstvo upošteva, kadar bo glavni urad razpisal predlog za spremembo mesta prihodnje konvencije.

Naj omenimo, da se članstvo naših društev zaveda, da so vsled vojnih razmer nastale v naši deželi razne neprilike in težkoče, ki tudi našim organizacijam ne bodo prizanesle. Vojne razmere zaposlujejo veliko več delavcev, kar pomeni, da bodo za delegate težkoče dobiti dopust za konvencijo, če bo vojna še vedno trajala. Pa naj se konvencija vrši v katerem koli mestu. Zato bi bilo morda bolj umestno poizvedeti na prijeli 25-letnice rdeče armade in za vašo visoko pohvalo njenih vojaških uspehov. Jaz sem z vami vred prepričan, da bodo ti uspehi odpriti pot do našega skupnega sovražnika, ki mora biti in bo poražen z združenimi močmi naših dežel in vseh svobodo ljubečih narodov."

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težke naloge, katere pa bo mogla le tedaj izvršiti, ako bo imela zadostna denarna sredstva na razpolago.

Direkcija ARK si je stavila za svojo nalogu, da letos zbere 125 milijonov dolarjev za svoje bodoče delo. Od te ogromne vso te mora naš Veliki New York prispetati skoraj 13 milijonov, kar tudi za naše veliko mesto ni igraca. Na vsakega prebivalca določili smernice za nadaljnjo delo podružnice tekoma leta 1943.

Namen podružnice je, kakor veste, finančna pomoč bednim rojakom v stari domovini, katere je naše članstvo povoljno udeležilo. Navzočih je bilo precej prijateljev in prijateljev naših članov, kar znači, da je naše društvo zelo popularno med ljudstvom našega okrožja.

Mary Lambert.

ri rešitve naše zaslužnjene rod- zanimiv radijski program v ne- deljo 28. marca. Program bo oddajan v angleščini in sloven- scini s postajo WCLS in bo tra- jal eno uro. Na programu bodo odlični govoriki, petje, godba itd., vse v narodnem in patrio- tičnem duhu. Poslušalci, bodi- si doma ali kjer koli, bodo pro- gram ne samo slišali, ampak tudi videli živo sliko patrio- tega v bratskem smislu. Be- nekaj krasnega, kar še ni bilo na naši postaji ali med narodom. Program bo v čast ne samo naši Ameriški bratski zvezzi, ampak tudi vsemu našemu narodu. Na tem programu se bomo na patrio- tični način spominjali naših fantov in deklet v vojnih silah Zedinjenih držav in pozabili tu- di ne bomo naših zaslužnjih bratov in sester v starem krajtu.

Ta program, ki bo gotovo postal zgodovinskega pomena, bo seveda stal mnogo truda in vežbanja. Pa sem gotov, da bo izvršen dobro, ker ga bo vodil naš agilni sobrat John Jevitz. Zabava se je najprej začela pri omizju. Na mizah so bile dobrane v jestvinah in tekočinah. Ko smo se dobračno okreplili, pa se bil zglašil, bi bil imel nekaj veselih uric pristne zabave med nam.

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