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Iran nadaljuje s
streljanjem šahovih
nekdanjih sodelavcev

Amnesty International po-
zvala k najni seji Varnostnega sveta ZN za
"preprečenje obnove političnih umorov".

TEHERAN, Iran. — Pretekli ponedeljek so ustreli sedem bivših sodelavcev šahovega režima preteklo sredo pa enajst potem, ko jih je obsodilo islamsko revolucionarno sodišče na smrt. Doslej je bilo na ta način obsojenih in ustreljenih že preko sto pripadnikov bivšega režima.

Znana mednarodna organizacija za čuvanje človekovih pravic Amnesty International je kazoč na nagle obsodbe in njihovo izvrševanje v Iranu in na podobne slučaje v 11 drugih državah pozvala k sklicanju izredne, najne seje Varnostnega sveta Združenih narodov, da se ustavi "obnova političnih umorov" po vsem svetu".

Iranska vlada je mednarodno kritiko trdo odklonila trdeč, da ta prihaja iz držav, ki so imele največjo korist od prijateljstva s šahovim režimom v Iranu.

Sovjeti odvažajo
iz Afganistana krste

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Zahodni obveščevalni viri pravijo, da Sovjeti v zadnjem času odvažajo iz Kabula, glavnega mesta Afganistana, kjer raste upor proti levičarski, z Moskvo povezani vladi, vedno pogosteje krste. Pripominjajo, da te

Iz slov. naselbin Moskva obtožuje
Peking ob odpovedi
prijateljske pogodbe

WATSONVILLE, Kalif. — V sredo, 11. aprila je umrl tu slovenski salezijanski duhovnik c. g. Janez Pučko (Brown), doma pri Sv. Tomažu pri Ormožu. Pogreb bo v torek, 17. aprila.

Papež Janez Pavel II. poudaril pomen celibata

VATIKAN. — Sv. oče je v pisu škofom in duhovnikom za Veliki četrtek posebno poudaril pomen celibata za katoliško Cerkev. V zadnjih letih je bilo veliko razpravljanja o celibatu katoliških duhovnikov, nekatere so se zavzemali za njegovo odpravo in se pri tem sklicevali tudi na pomanjkanje duhovnikov. Trdijo, da je do pomanjkanja prišlo tudi zaradi celibata.

Papež Janez Pavel II. v svojem pismu pokaže, jasno, da smatra celibat katoliškega duhovnika za bistven, ker "je duhovništvo dano duhovnikom za neprestano službo drugim po zgledu Kristusa Gospoda".

Duhovništvo ne moremo opustiti zaradi težav, ki jih srečujemo, in zaradi žrtev, ki jih zahleva od nas," pravi sv. oče.

Prijateljska in zaveznika pogodba, ki sta jo LR Kitajska in Sovjetska zveza sklenili leta 1950 v času Stalina, je bila že dve desetletji le na papirju.

TOKIO, Jap. — Leta 1959 sta LR Kitajska in Sovjetska zveza sklenili prijateljsko pogodbo za dobo 30 let, ki bi naj urejala njuno sodelovanje na gospodarskem, političnem in vojaškem polju. Ni minilo niti 10 let, ko se je med obema pojavilo trenje in prešlo postopno v javen spor, nato v razhod in medsebojno napadanje ter nasprotovanje v svetovnem komunističnem gibanju, pa tudi v odprt spor na meddržavni ravni.

Pogodba je kljub temu na papirju ostala in bi bila avtomatično podaljšana za pet let, če jo nobena stran ne bi odpovedala. Peking se je sedaj odločil in sporočil Moskvi, da pogodbe ne mora podaljšati.

Kremelj je bridko opozoril Peking na vso pomoč, ki jo je Sovjetska zveza dala Kitajski v

OBČINSKE VOLITVE NA KOROŠKEM

V nedeljo, 25. marca, so volili po občinah na avstrijskem Koroškem. Poleg glavnih strank, socialistične, ljudske in manjšinske svobodnjaške, so nastopile tudi samostojne slovenske liste in sicer v 23 občinah južne Koroske.

V deželnem merilu je najbolj opazen napredok socialistične stranke, saj je zbrala 49.9% glasov po koroških občinah. Ljudska stranka je sicer napredovala za 1.1% tj. na 30.6% glasov, toda ta porast se nanaša le na Celovec, kjer si je na prejšnjih 16 občinskih mest pridobila še 5

Novi grobovi

Rose Kromar

V četrtek je umrla 88 let stara Rose Kromar z E. 63 St., rojena Zobec, mati Franke in Johna, 7-krat stara in 1-krat prastara mati, sestra Frances in Marie, pok. Franke, pok. Carla. Bila je članica ADZ št. 37, The Macabees, SZZ št. 25. Pogreb bo jutri, v soboto ob 9.30 z molitvami v Zak pogrebni zavodu, nato na pokopališče Vernih duš. Pogrebna sv. maša bo v ponedeljek ob 9.30 v cerkvi sv. Vida. Na mrtvaški oder bo pokojna položena danes popoldne ob dveh.

William Bukovec

V veteranski bolnišnici v Chicagu, Ill. je umrl 58 let stari William Bukovec, ki je do pred dvemi leti živel v Clevelandu na E. 72 St., rojen v Johnstownu, Pa., brat Marie Krause, Josepha, Vincenta, Louisa, Ann Gonser, Helen Hody, Berthe Brahm, Francisca, Rudolpha in pok. Petra. Pogreb bo jutri ob 10. dopoldne iz Železovega pogrebnega zavoda na E. 152 St. na Highland Park pokopališče.

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Brez temeljnega kamna

WASHINGTON D.C. — Več pomembnih javnih zgradb je brez temeljnega kamna, med njimi Bela hiša in poslopje ZAKLADNEGA TAJNIŠTVA.

Letih 1949-1959 ter izjavil, da je kitajska vlada z odpovedjo pogodb je odločila proti volji kitajskega ljudstva.

Peking se je odločil za odpoved prijateljske pogodbe s Sovjetsko zvezo, ker predstavlja ta oviro pri njegovem ustvarjanju široke protisovjetske in proti-socialistične fronte, obtožujejo v Moskvi.

Spor med obema komunističnima velevlastema je postal tako globok in širok, da ni mogoče misliti na njegovo odstranitev in poravnava. Med Rusi in Kitajci ni bilo nikdar v preteklih stoletjih kakih resničnih prijateljskih stikov in odnosov. Rusi vidi v Kitajcih 'rumeno nevarnost'. Kitajci pa v Rusih zahodne 'barbare'.

EGIPTSKI PARLAMENT IZGLASOVAL POGODOBO

Po dveh dneh razpravljanja je egiptski parlament izglasoval mirovno pogodbo z Egiptom s 329:13 glasovom ob odsočnosti 17 poslancev. Predsednik Sadat je objavil ljudsko glasovanje za 19. april, ki naj da ljudstvu priložnost, da izrazi svoje mnenje o tej pogodbi, pa odobri tudi nove ukrepe za povečanje demokracije.

KAIRO, Egipt. — Po dveh dneh razpravljanja je egiptski parlament na priporočilo vlade odobril mirovno pogodbo z Izraelom s 329:13 glasovom ob odsočnosti 17 poslancev. Predsednik vlade Mustafa Khalil je po glasovanju izjavil: "Ljudstvo Egipta je izreklo svojo besedo... Zdaj pozivamo ostale arabske države, da spremene svoje stališče." Vlada je objavila, da bo meja med Egiptom in Izraelom odprta prihodnji mesec po izraelskem umiku iz El Arisha le delno, na popolno odprtje pa bo treba še počakati.

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Staro slovensko pismo za Veliko noč

Vidim tiste stare karte. Lep, rumen piščanček kakor kepicja, pobravani pirhi in šop mačje. Blagoslovjene velikonočne praznike. Zdaj tisto doma ni več v modi. Imajo lepe fotografije, v veliki vazi tri lepe šmarnice. Kaj bi z blagoslovom? Le kam naj ga denejo?

Pa se mi vendarle zdijo, da bi si za Veliko noč morali pisati dolga pisma. Zavoljo tega, ker smo jih nazarensko potrebeni. Nekam čudno odjenjavajo stare vezi in skoraj bi ti bilo nemara bolj prav, če bi ti že letos poslal kar tisto karto z veliko vazo in samo iskrene čestitke. Za vsako priliko pride prav in nič ne spominja na dom in na tisto, kar bi te rad spomnil.

V velikem tednu se človek spomni umiranja, tistega počasnega odhajanja iz sedanjosti, ko se vsak nehote враča v preteklost po zadnje iskre veselega življenja. Spominjam se jaz in spominjam se ti, kako je bilo nekoč. Ženske so za veliki petek nadele črne rute in vas se je čudno stulila v močku. Ko mislim nazaj, se šele zdaj dobro zavedam, kako je cela vas znala živeti z dogodki cerkvenega leta. Tisto je zdaj daleč za zadajem tu in tam. Tu nas davi hitrica, tam pa misljijo, da velikega petka nikoli ni bilo. Pa ga imajo kaj vsak dan.

Morda se še spomniš, kako smo Boga strašili, kako smo vlačili stare deske po cerkvi, da je bilo potlej za ogenj. Tam v Podbrezjah ga je mežnar zakuril na ozkem prostoru med pokopališkim zidom in cerkvenimi vratimi. Stari župnik Vaclav — Čeh po rodu — ga je blagoslovil in mi otroci smo čakali z gobočami, ki smo jih imeli nataknjene na močno žico, da smo jih lahko vrteli. Užgali smo jih in se nato z vrščem razleteli na vse konce. Mi iz Podtabora in Srednje vasi se nismo imeli tako daleč, tisti iz Bistriče pa so morali biti domala umetniki, da so ogenj prinesli tako daleč. Do Jurčevega mlina in do Razpeta, ki je nagrobne spomenike delal, je bilo daleč. Nihče, ne pri gruntarskih ne pri bajtarskih, še gostači niso nič velikonočnega kuhal, dokler ni prišel delček blagoslovjene ognja v peč.

Cez vas se je oglašala raglja, da je bolelo pri srcu. Kakor daljno vpitje naščuvanih Judov, ki so hoteli smrť preprostega Jezusa iz Nazareta. Ko bi bil kralj s krono in žezlom in tak kakor Samson, da bi nadrevil Rimljane iz dežele, slavili bi ga. Pa je bil koj samo cesarjev sin. Kaj bi z njim? Zameril se je bil Kajf, preveč je znal in postavo je razlagal iz ljubezni in je farizejem v njih braže povetal, da so postavo zmaličili.

No, ubili so ga. Mi v Podbrezjah smo ga potlej z Arimatejom sneli in ga položili v božji grob. Tam pri stranskem oltarju smo ga imeli in imeli smo dva stražnika s sulicami in ščitom, ki sta grob varovala. Modre in rdeče lučke so gorele pri grobu in Podbrezje so hodile tia. Tih je bilo v cerkvi, toda bali se nismo. Vedeli smo, da bo Bog skoraj vstal in da Ga bodo gospod Vaclav v procesiji pokazali vsem ljudem.

Drevje v tem času je že pomladno dihalo. Popije se je napenjalo in še v travo, ki jo je sneg raztacal in porijavil, se je že zljalo zelenje.

In potlej je prišlo vstajenje. Fantje so pograbili za bandero, zvonovi so iz Rima prišli in zavrsili, črne rute so zrinile, doma je žečkal še v jerasku, kakor so ga deklčiči prinesli od blagoslova.

Čudno lepa je bila Velika noč na vasi. Pozabili smo na Jude in na Kajfo, zveselili smo se zvonov in pomladni, na vrteh smo se zbirali in katalili pirhe. Vseh barv so bili, nekaterim se je poznalo, da so bili koi v čebulne liste zaviti. Toda bili so lepi. In smo iih katalili in katalili in sekali. Na poprijeto, na skrito. Kakor si upal. In štrucali smo. Celic je emoka vzel.

Zdaj pa poglej in povedi, kaj je še ostalo. Morda praviš, da ni več moderno. Pa včasih hodimo kam daleč gledat stvari, ker so znatenite zato, ker so stare. Še plačujemo za to. Mi pa smo imeli običajev — in kakšnih običajev! — na kune, toda danes skoraj že s posmehom gledamo nanje. Šelbrelni smo. Z vso silo bi se iih moralni okleniti, jih oživiti, jih ohraniti in tako bi ohranili svoj stari slovenski obraz. V vseh teh običajih je naša stara vera, v vseh teh običajih so dolga stoletja in ti običaji nas morejo še vedno povezovati z rodovim nazaj.

Kakor sem rekel — dolga pisma bi si moralni pisati za vsako Veliko noč. Pa smo menda že tako daleč, da smo zadovoljni s tremi šmarnicami v veliki vazi in z iskrenimi čestikami.

Kdo je kriv? Čas?

Da, tudi čas je kriv. Ta skrivljeni čas in iskanje nebes na zemlji. Še več na smo krivi mi sami. Veliko načičano, moderno — to je naše. Samo takrat, ko nas žalost zvije, takrat gremo prav tih do stare vaške lese in pokukamo tja čez. Nekoč je bilo lepo.

Staro slovensko pismo je to. Napisano je v starih

bukvah in v starem rodu. Novi rod je šel mimo starega in je obstal in vidi pred seboj samo še ravno cesto, brez vseh tistih vabljenih senc, ki so nekoč spremajale naše življenje. Odšlo je lepo, odšlo je iskreno — ostalo je samo še tisto, kar se blešči, pa moreš kupiti za skromen dolar v dimes storu.

Tisto, kar ima resnično vrednost, kar ima stoletja star slovenski obraz, tisto za nas nič več ne pomeni. In zato, prijatelj, naše Velike noči niso več tiste, kar so bile. Vidim tiste stare karte. Z zlatimi črkami so imele napisano: Blagoslovjene velikonočne praznike.

Vsa blagoslov teh starih kart vzemimo za sedanjost.

Karel Mauser

April 15, 1960.

BESEDA IZ NARODA**Palme in butare**

CLEVELAND, O. — Letos je Velika noč po koledarju precej pozna, pa je Cvetno nedelja bolj sličila kaki adventni nedelji kot Cvetni. Zvončkov je kar strah in tulipani se še niso mogli razviti. Pa pri ljudeh je gospodura in koledar. Na soboto pred Cvetno nedeljo je bilo pri Sv. Vidu v dvorani pod cerkvijo vse živo. Odbor Slovenske šole je organiziral izdelavo butaric (pri nas doma smo jih imenovali "gobance") in pod vodstvom slovenskih učiteljev se je navdušenih izdelovalcev znašlo res lepo število.

Na Cvetno nedeljo je bil slovenski blagoslov palm na vrtu pred župniščem. Obred je v angleščini opravil župnik Edward Pevec z asistentom kaplana Jožeta Božnarja. Udeležba ljudi je bila skromna, saj je zaradi oštrega zraka vse hitelo v cerkev. Ministranti, bilo jih je preko 40, so se kar tresli. Sprevd z blagoslovjenimi palmami je šel v cerkev, kjer je sv. maša opravil g. župnik sam v angleščini, kot je to redno v nedeljskem razpredelu.

Da so mrazu figo pokazali, se je obred blagoslova lesa ob 11.45 izvršil v dvorani pod cerkvijo v slovenskem jeziku, kar je opravil kaplan Jože Božnar ob asistenti g. župnika Edwarda Pevec in Jožeta Simčiča. Prosesija se je razvila s kakimi 20 ministranti, več kot 100 butaricami vsake vrste velikosti, naravnimi nošnami, — zdi se mi, da je teh skoraj gotovo zaradi neprijaznega vremena bilo nekoliko manj kot lansko leto, — na prosti in potem v cerkev, kjer je službo božjo opravil kaplan Jože Božnar v slovenskem jeziku.

To nedeljo je bilo pri vseh mašah izredno veliko ljudi, vedenje je bila polna cerkev, ki ni najmanjša, tako da je g. župnik stavil vprašanje: "Kje pa so druge nedelje ti ljudje pri maši?" Seveda, kot narodnostna slovenska fara je zelo razsežna in se druge krati farani kar kje drugje pridružijo službi božji, prazniki pa jih pritegnejo nazaj v staro slovensko okolje.

Zupnik pri Sv. Vidu nima lahke naloge in odgovornosti. Slovenska šola ima tudi v tem pogledu veliko poslanstvo in zasluge.

Spomin še iz mladih dni pred prvo svetovno vojno. Graščina Brdo pri Kranju v lasti baronov Zoisov je za Cvetno nedeljo oskrbelo "gobanco", veliko, da so jo z vozom pripeljali in je njen vrh segal visoko, da se je ob stopu morala upogniti. V vasi Suha so bili premožni kmetje in ti so tudi spletli svojo vasko "gobanco", ena na levi strani cerkve sv. Siksta, menda edine cerkve na vsem Slovenskem, posvečene temu papežu, bi rekel, plemenitaška, na drugi strani pa izdelek preprostih, svobodnih kmečkih ljudi. Kadar sta se baron in baronica mudila v gradu Brdo, sta se vsako nedeljo pripeljala s kočijo v cerkev v Katarina Sever, Lucija Pančar,

prišla k darovanju, ne prej, sicer pa slovensko nista znala. V cerkvi so baroni Zoisi imeli poseben, za sebe ograjen kor, da se je iz njega video naravnost na oltar. Sedaj graščina Brdo nima nikakih stikov s cerkvijo, ker je last "oceta" Tita, kamor se prihaja hladit, če je drugod ranj na prevoze.

Odborežnik je bil povzdržen na Kriz mnogim v padec, a mnogim v vstajenje. In ti, ki jim je bil v vstajenje, so bili deležni velikonočnega jutra, odpuščanja, zmage in novega življenja, ki mu v večnosti ni konca. Na mestu so torej čestitke za Veliko noč, ker nam je bilo dano, da nam je bil Križ velikega petka v vstajenje. Za Odrešenika smo se odločili, v dnehu preganjanja smo vztrajali ob križu, v dnehu obilja niso pozabili svoje odločitve. Prišepetavanja in vabe in obljube na niso zmotile. Tudi Odrešenika so vabilo: "Stopi s križa, pa bomo verovali Vate!" V Odrešenika na križu razvajeni svet ne more verovati. On pa je vztrajal na križu in tako dopolnil odrešenje.

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Cestitke in voščila torej vsem, ki so prišli v vstajenjski procesiji z gore Kalvarije od velikonočnega križa! Nekateri so pa s Kalvarijo zbežali. Doba od petka do vstajenja v nedeljo zjutraj se jim je zdela predloga in niso mogli dočakati zmage; vdali so se vabam sveta: "stopi s križa ..." Molimo zanje!

Po vseh hišah so se zasvetile luči. Kmalu so ozivela pota; v motnem mirku so spele temne sence z belimi kronami na glavi. Fantje in mlajši može se ponašati za sestre in mlade žene ježbase k blagoslovu v cerkev. Vse kapele so napolnili z njimi, vsaka vas je vedela za svoj prostor. Kakor bi pisali rož posejal, so se belili, redli vrhovi jezbavev, ki so jim tekli ob robu venci šopotljiv. V božjem grobu so migljale luči ...

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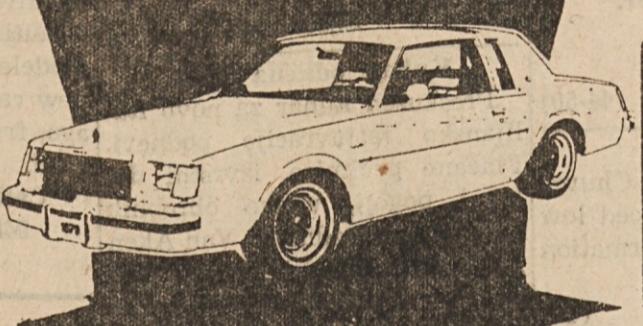
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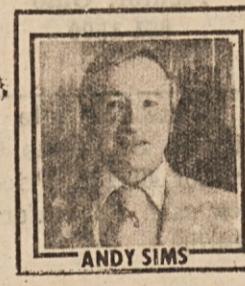
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The towering Julian Alps fringe the northern border of Primorska but almost disappear as the land gradually descends toward the Adriatic coast. Hills and broad river valleys begin to appear, with the only major exceptions being the two mountains known as Nanos and Snežnik.

It was this area roughly between Gorica and Trst (Trieste) in the west and Rijeka in the east—and especially the Vipava river valley—that served as a kind of passageway for various peoples over the centuries. The land is low-lying and relatively open.

This geography made it easy for the Roman armies to move into and conquer much of Central and Southeastern Europe. Later, however, the same terrain allowed wave after wave of Asiatic peoples to invade the Italian peninsula.

Even as recently as World War II, British Prime Minister Churchill and others advocated an Allied invasion up through the so-called Ljubljana Gap as a means of reaching Central and Eastern Europe ahead of the Soviets, an action which if undertaken might have changed greatly the history of Slovenia-Yugoslavia and much of the surrounding region. Thus it is no wonder the land between Gorica and the Karst region has become known as "the door of the nations".

At the height of the Roman Empire's power, some 20 miles from today's Gorica, the Romans built the city of Aquileia (Oglej)—the city of the eagle—which for a time

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Over time, however, Roman power waned and the Empire began to collapse in the face of attacks by various Germanic and Asiatic tribes. When Attila, the famous warrior and leader of the Huns, began to work his way westward across Pannonian Plain (today's Hungary) into what is now Slovenia, the residents of Aquileia fled to a group of tiny islands on the northwestern Adriatic coast. Here they built temporary shelters which eventually grew into the picturesque city of Venice (Benetke).

Between the fifth and the eighth centuries the "door of the nations" region was a no man's land. These several hundred years were a time of huge population movements across much of Europe. It was only during the eighth century (700s) when elements of the Slovene nation moved into the Primorska area and settled it permanently.

The arrival of the Slovenes into what became known as Slovenska Benečija (Venetian Slovenia), Slovensko Primorje and the Slovene parts of Istria probably did not go unchallenged. Yet the Slovenes successfully fought to defend their position.

When the City Republic of Venice—actually the master of the Adriatic for several centuries—was able to extend its political power over this Slovene area it gave the Slovenes a degree of autonomy. At the same time the Venetian Patriarchs (successors of the Patriarchs of Aquileia) Christianized the still pagan Slovene settlers. The shrine of Stara Gora (Old Mountain) in Slovenska Benečija is the oldest Slovene religious monument, dating back to the 9th century.

Centuries later, when the Austrian Habsburg Monarchy established its jurisdiction over the area, it was less in-

clined to extend the same freedoms to its new Slovene subjects as had Venice. But the Primorje did become a vital part of the Habsburg realm with Triests as the major seaport and Gorica with its mild climate (almond trees bloom already at the end of February) as a winter resort.

Although the Primorska Slovenes lived under foreign rule, generally speaking the Slovene language and culture were able to flourish. In fact, Gorica became a major Slovene cultural center surpassing only by Ljubljana.

Many Slovene poets, writers, educators, priests, scientists and political leaders were born or raised in the Primorska region. Such names as Gregorčič, Gruden, Kosovel, Bevk, Vodopivec—to mention only a few—are well known to most Slovenes.

World War I brought an end to all these activities. Some of the bloodiest battles of a very bloody war were fought near and around Gorica. More than 300,000 soldiers lost their lives in this relatively small area, including many Slovenes. Some of the veterans of this fighting later emigrated to the United States and a few are still with us. The popular song "Oj Dobroboj, slovenskih fantov grob" immortalized their valor and sacrifice.

What made the tragedy worse was that these brave young men not only had to fight for a foreign power but that after the war more than one fourth of Slovene territory, including all of Primorska, was seized by Italy.

In the years between 1918 and 1945 the Primorska Slovenes had to endure the most severe repression in their history. The Italian Fascist regime of Mussolini used every conceivable method to try to eradicate the Slovene presence from Primorska.

Tens of thousands of Slovenes were imprisoned, exiled to Sicily and other remote parts of Italy, or forced to emigrate abroad, many to Slovenia proper and others to the United States and elsewhere.

died at her home Sunday evening, April 8, 1979.

Her maiden name was Kerin. Her husband Frank Grmsek died many years ago. She was the mother of Mary Grmsek, John (deceased) and Mrs. Vida Gawenda. She was the grandmother of Paul Gawenda. Her brothers and sisters of Europe died many years ago. She was the Mother-in-law of Rose Grmsek.

She was a member of Lodge No. 5 Društvo Naprej of SN-PJ and Slovenske Ženske Zvezne No. 25.

Grdina was in charge of arrangements.

ROSE G. KOVATCH

Rose G. Kovatch, age 78, died at Western Reserve Extensive Care Nursing Home after a lingering illness.

She was the daughter of the late Stephen and Rosalie Kovatch, sister of Stephen M. Mrs. Anthony (Marie) Skuly, and Helen Kovatch.

Said Mrs. Roberts, of Slovenian ancestry and hence a judge of top-notch Slovenian

Some Slovenes were murdered.

The Slovene language was banned from the schools and from public offices. It became a crime even to speak Slovene in public.

The names of persons and places were italicized forcibly, Slovene educational and cultural institutions were closed. Even the Church was under continuous pressure to do away with religious services in Slovenian.

As the repression intensified, however, so too did the resistance of the great majority of the Slovene population. Mothers vowed never to speak Italian, especially not to their children. Many men preferred to leave their jobs or businesses rather than have their names changed into Italian equivalents. Even those villages directly adjacent to the Italian ethnic area resisted the Fascist-Italian nationalist efforts.

Communities like Štandrež and Števerjan, where the two cultural groups soon to visit Cleveland and several other Slovene American settlements originate, remained overwhelmingly Slovene and are so to this day.

In the most extreme cases during this era the penalty for opposition was death. Prime examples were the "Bazovske žrtve" (Bazovska victims), four men — Ferdo Bidovec, Franjo Marušič, Zvonimir Miloš, and Vejeslav Valenčič—executed by the Fascist Italian regime in 1930 because of their efforts to combat what was happening to the Primorska Slovenes. Yet these four men in death became martyrs in the struggle of the Primorska Slovenes to join the Slovene homeland.

Another case was that of Lojze Bratuž, a composer and choir director who died after Fascist thugs forced him and several other Slovenes to drink a mixture of heavy machine oil and gasoline in a church lobby.

At the end of World War II the greater part of the Primorska region became part of Slovenia. But the major

urban centers of Trst and Gorica together with their suburbs, remained under Italian jurisdiction, as did all of Slovenska Benečija and part of Gorica Hrda and the Kanalska dolina. Because of the consistent Italian refusal to permit a fair demographic determination of the ethnic composition of the region of Friuli-Venezia Giulia (which includes the bulk of the Slovene population of Italy), it is possible only to estimate that the Slovene presence amounts to about 60,000 persons. This guessimate is likely to be wrong on the low side.

Together with the Korošči in Austria, the Slovenes of Italy represent the two largest minorities of Slovenes still residing outside of Slovenia proper.

Just as Slovene Americans and Canadians, so too the Slovenes of Italy and Austria must struggle to preserve their national identity. In both Italy and Austria, however, the Slovenes face open discrimination on the part of the majority elements. When the basic issue is that of national survival what is most important to remember is that all Slovenes, wherever we live and whatever our various differences, are still a part of the same cultural heritage: the Slovene heritage. This is so whether our allegiance as citizens is to America, Canada, Argentina, or Italy.

With the visit of the Štandrež and Lojze Hlade cultural groups from the Gorisko Slovene community in Italy, we Slovene Americans have our first opportunity to show our support for the effort of these artists to preserve their Slovene heritage and to keep it flourishing for the benefit of the present and future generation.

At the same time we can increase our knowledge and appreciation of the culture of this relatively little known part of the Slovene homeland and thus enrich ourselves.

Bloodmobile Visit Pays with Polica & Polkas

One of the most anticipated Bloodmobile visits (about every nine months) by Red Cross staff members and volunteers is sponsored by the United Slovene Society at the Slovenian Home, 15335 Waterloo Rd.

There is a special reason.

Rarely do the sponsors provide music, but there it was on Wednesday when field representative Irene Roberts and her crew moved in. A live polka band played and played and played. Enjoying the music as much as anyone was Mrs. Camilla Foster, both lithe and lively at age 86 as she danced the polka with and without partners.

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2. Combine 1 pkg. Pineapple Instant Pudding, 1-8 oz. pkg. of cream cheese, 2 cups milk. Beat and spread on cake.

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4. Top with a small carton of Cool Whip.

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Memo: From Madeline


By
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tia - Historically Speaking. Prior to the talk he will present a film on Croatia, including the story of "Beautiful Dubrovnik, Pearl of the Adriatic Sea."

Of special interest to the community should be the next two ensuing programs, especially with the high concentration of Slovenians and Croatians. The film festival will conclude in May with the Slovenian Night, the date to be announced later.

There will be a 40th year reunion of St. Vitus School Class of June, 1939 to be held on Sunday, September 23, 1979. The festivities will begin with a noon Mass at St. Vitus Church. Rev. A. Edward Pevec, a classmate, will be the celebrant. At 2:00 p.m. there will be cocktails and dinner at the Hofbrau Haus, 1400 East 55 St., Cleveland, Ohio. For further information contact: Tony Grdin, Agnes Koporc, Mary Turk, Jim Lugar (486-3532) or Ed Turk.

DEAN'S LIST:
Monica Klemencic, 911 Cranbrook Drive, Highland Hts., Ohio made the Dean's List at John Carroll University.

Jim Zakajsek, son of Mrs. Zakajsek, 22061 Nicholas Ave., and the late Mr. Zakajsek, is on the dean's list at Cleveland State University with a 4.0 average.

Jim is a sophomore majoring in mechanical engineering.

Congratulations!

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A SPEEDY RECOVERY TO:

Frances Zagar of Wilmore Ave., Euclid, Ohio. She slipped and broke her ankle on the ice.

Julie Gerchar, 2139 Waynoka, Euclid, Ohio is in St. Luke's Hospital. Relatives and friends are wishing her a speedy recovery.

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Mrs. Toni Alic, 15630 Holmes Ave., Cleveland, O., has returned home from Euclid General Hospital. She would like to thank her friends for their visits, gifts and flowers.

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The Slovene Home for the Aged Auxiliary is sponsoring a "Vanity Fair" on Thursday, April 26 at St. Mary's School (Continued on page 6)

RECIPE

PINEAPPLE CREAM DESSERT

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Slovenian Children Sing at St. Mary's

Slovenian Children's Choir from St. Mary's Church on Holmes Ave. will sing Easter songs on Easter Sunday at the 8 o'clock Mass in Slovenian and at the 9:15 Mass in English.

There will be no rehearsal on Good Friday.

(Continued on page 6)

Death notices

NICK PLAVAN

Nick Plavan, age 91, of 6811 Bonita Ave., died at Holy Family Home on Monday, April 9th after a long illness.

Mr. Plavan is survived by his wife, Katherine (nee Stajduhar); he was the father of Frances Spelic and William (Willoughby Hills); grandfather of 3; great-grandfather of 4.

Friends received at Zele Funeral Home, 6502 St. Clair. Mr. Plavan was born in Ribnica, Gorica and came to Cleveland in 1917. He lived at his Bonna Avenue address for the past 42 years. He and his wife had been married for 60 years and had celebrated their anniversary this past February.

EDWARD L. MERHAR

Edward L. Merhar, age 64, of 1839 Skyline Dr., Richmond Hts., died Monday morning following a sudden heart at-

MARY GRMSEK

Mary Grmsek, age 98, (born in Leskovec pri Krskem),

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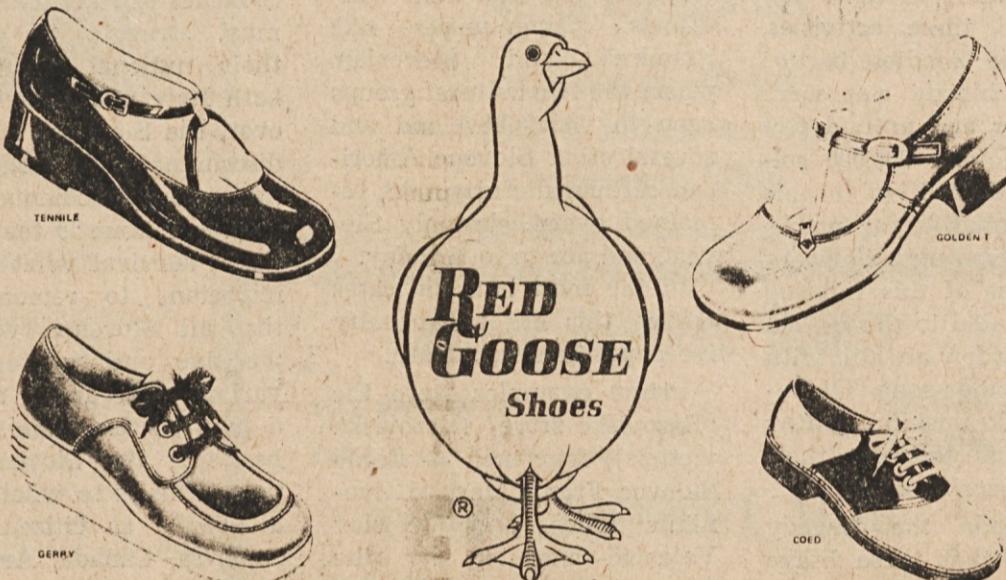
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any member.

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS
TO:

Justine Krane of Hudson,
Ohio (April 14). Her parents
Mr. and Mrs. Anton Marn of
Cleveland, send their fondest
wishes to her.

The Krasovec Children are
celebrating their birthdays in
April. Cheryl, April 16, Kar-
en, April 18 and Frank Jr.

April 30. Special wishes from
their parents Mr. and Mrs.
Frank Krasovec (Norwood
Pharmacy) and grandparents
Mr. and Mrs. John Jevnikar
of East Park Drive, Cleve-
land, Ohio.

Tori Robben of St. Louis,
Missouri will celebrate her
first birthday on April 18.
Tori is visiting her grandmother,
Gene Drobnic in Cleve-
land while her parents are
vacationing in Florida. Auntie
Lois Ann is keeping busy
babysitting with Tori and her
brother Christopher.

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Congratulations to Ameri-
can Home subscribers Mr.
and Mrs. Peter Dragar, 29140
Barjode Rd., Willowick, Ohio.
They were winners of the
grand opening drawing held
last week at Independent
Savings on E. 260 St., Euclid.

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Msgr. Baznik, Joe Gornick,
and Frank Luksic sent greet-
ings from the Holy Land.

Mary Pangonis of the Ameri-
can Home and friend Marge
Maslar also accompanied the
group. Mary said, "The entire
trip was unique and very awe
inspiring."

Mr. and Mrs. Edward J.
Eckart of Euclid, Ohio have
returned from a 3,000 mile
trip touring Florida.

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