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Memo from Madeline...



by Madeline D. Debevec

Anna-Marie (Jurecic) Akbari of Cloud Croft, New Mexico and **Frank Mozzicato** of Sanibel, Florida were married in a private ceremony on March 26 in St. Michael and All Angels Church in Sanibel, Florida.

Frank is president of the MVK Group with offices in Sanibel, FL and Roswell, GA, and is president of the Target Sales Group, Inc. with offices in Winchester, VA, Roswell, GA, Sanibel, FL and Cincinnati, OH. They are representatives in the office products industry.

The newlyweds will reside in Sanibel, FL. Anna-Marie and Frank are eagerly awaiting meeting their relatives and friends in Cleveland at her parents, **Mollie and Lou Jurecic's** 50th wedding anniversary in July.

Births

Alexander Joseph Cobb
Makes His Debut

Brian and Maria Lah-Cobb of Willoughby Hills, Ohio are pleased to announce the birth of a son, **Alexander Joseph Cobb** on January 11. He weighed in at 8 lbs., 5 ozs. and was nineteen inches in length. Two year-old **Christian Cobb** has taken the role of big brother with much enthusiasm. Happy grandparents are **Josef and Marie Lah** and **Jim and Geraldine Cobb**. Great-grandparents are **Mary Derling** of Madison, Ohio and **Josef and Anna Lah** and **Gordon and Emily Richardson**.

Robert Burns Makes
His Debut

Cindy and Danny Burns of Fontana, California announce the birth of a son, **Robert** on March 2. His brother is **Johnny**, three-years-old, and sister **Morgan**, 18 months.

Proud grandparents are **Barbara and John Dennis Pangonis** and **Betsy Burns** of Mentor, Ohio.

Great-grandparents are **Mary (Postotnik) Pangonis** of the American Home and **Mary Balander** of Willowick, Ohio.

Service News:

Lori (Zimperman) Pope, daughter of **Donald and Mary Zimperman** of South Euclid, Ohio was recently promoted to the rank of Major. She is currently stationed at Little Rock Air Force Base in Little Rock,



Anna Marie and Frank R. Mozzicato were married March 26

Arkansas.

Lori is in charge of the Weather Station supporting the 314 Airlift Wing of C130 cargo aircraft. Her unit is involved in the relief effort in Somalia.

Lori supervises 16 enlisted, 2 civilian, and 1 officer weather forecaster and observer. Her group recently installed the new Doppler weather radar. She and her group will keep a watchful eye out for severe thunderstorms and tornados across Arkansas.

Suzan D. Kranjc, a former Lyndhurst, Ohio resident, was named chief financial officer for Liberty Savings Bank, headquartered in Wilmington, Ohio. She will continue to oversee accounting and treasury functions, with a concentration on strategic planning, acquisitions and balance sheet management.

Kranjc also serves as vice president for Liberty Lending Services, a mortgage banking subsidiary company.

Rev. William Jerse will be transferred from Defender of the Bond, Tribunal, with residence at St. Mary Parish, Cleveland, to Graduate Studies for two years in Canon Law at St. Paul University, Ottawa, Canada, effective July 1.

The American College of Health Care Administrators at their annual convocation held in Columbus on March 22nd, conferred the title of "Fellow Emeritus" upon **Frederick E. Krizman** for his active participation in the field of long-

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Ed Pike catches the American dream at Lincoln-Mercury

Edward J. Pike is the well-known owner of the highly successful Ed J. Pike Lincoln-Mercury automobile agency located at 9647 Mentor Avenue in Mentor, Ohio.

Mr. Edward J. Pike is the Chairman of the Board of the Ed J. Pike car dealership and his son, Edward R. is serving as the firm's president. His father let his son work up the hard way to attain the executive position. Edward R. graduated from Case University in 1981 with an accounting and finance degree. Mr. Edward J. Pike's daughter, Sue Ann, joined her father and brother as Finance Manager after attaining a marketing and finance degree from John Carroll University in 1989.

Mr. Edward J. Pike traces his roots back to the old American Slovenian neighborhood near St. Vitus parish. Mr. Pike was born on January 14, 1931 to Slovenian immigrant parents who arrived in Cleveland at the end of World War I (1918). The couple had two sons, Ed's brother Frank was born on December 14, 1927. The proud parents of these two American born boys were Frank and Anna (nee Horvat) Pajk. Both parents were born in the village of Zagradec near a country town called Trebnje in the Republic of Slovenia, which at that time was a part of Austria.

The late Pajk told stories to his family about the old country life in general and about World War I. He was also an Austrian soldier and was cap-

tured somewhere on the Eastern front and became a prisoner of war. He was very happy to be with his family in the new country, United States of America.

The Pajk family settled on E. 63rd St. between Glass and Carl Avenue, which was then as it is now, a Slovenian enclave. Mr. Pajk worked at Geometric Stamping as a punch press operator for 38 years while his wife, Anna, was a homemaker. Mr. Edward J. Pike's late mother was active all her life with the Altar Society of St. Vitus and other church functions as well as a strong supporter of the various American Slovenian cultural organizations. Her husband was also active in St. Vitus organizations.

In the Pajk home, the Slovenian native language was always used. Both Pajk parents died in Cleveland; mother Anna on January 10, 1960 and father Frank followed her on April 25, 1974.

Mr. Edward J. Pike is proud of his Slovenian heritage. He changed his surname from the Slovenian Pajk to the Americanized Pike, mainly for business reasons.

Both Pike brothers, Edward and Frank attended St. Vitus Catholic Elementary school. Edward J. Pike attended Benedictine High school while brother Frank went to Cathedral Latin. Both brothers in their youth delivered the *Ameriška Domovina* newspaper that is

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Alexander Joseph Cobb



The Ed Pike Family: front row, left to right, Sue Ann, Sharon, Mrs. Diane Pike; back row: left to

right, Ann Marie, Greg, Mike, Ed Pike and son Ed R. Pike.

Ed Pike

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celebrating 95 years since its inception by Slovenian pioneers.

Mr. Ed J. Pike worked as a printer's assistant at American Home newspapers, assisting the main editor, Mr. James Debevec Senior, as well as Mike Kolar, Vic Knaus and Edward M. Debevec, and others. Ed J. also worked as a journeyman bookbinder to pay for his schooling.

In 1950 Mr. Edward J. Pike joined the U.S. Army and was stationed in Stuttgart, Germany. While on furlough, he visited his relatives of both parents in their native Slovenia and was enthralled by the exquisite beauty of Slovenia.

Ed Pike was discharged from military service in July, 1952 and started his college

career at Dyke College in Cleveland. Four years later he received his degree in finance accounting, his minor was advertising and marketing. After graduation, Ed Pike worked for Carling Brewery, Cole National and from 1960 to 1965 he served in various departments for Ford Motor District Sales on Grant Avenue in Cleveland.

On April 7, 1956, Ed Pike married the lovely Diane Ross in St. Francis De Sales Church, Parma, Ohio. The family grew through the years and six children were born to the Pike family.

In addition to the previously mentioned son Ed R. and Sue Ann, the other members of the Pike family are: Ann, the eldest daughter who is serving in Chicago insurance industry. Daughter Sharon is currently attending Colorado State University, majoring in exercise physiology. The middle

son, Greg, is attending John Carroll University completing his junior year, majoring in business management.

And son, Michael, is a freshman at Fairfield University in Connecticut on a baseball scholarship. He was All-Ohio in football, baseball and basketball at Gilmour Academy where all three sons attended their high school years in Gates Mills, Ohio.

All of the large Pike family members are well educated and are proud of their father's achievements and are a very closely knit family. They are all outstanding American Slovenians, and all of our American Slovenian community is justly proud of them.

After much hardship and struggle and strong determination, Mr. Ed Pike opened his Lincoln-Mercury automobile dealership in February, 1965 at the present location at 9617 Mentor Avenue, Mentor, Ohio, phone 912-3191 or 357-7533.

In addition, he expanded his business by franchising the Volkswagen in 1983 and added more service and sales personnel. Consequently, by increasing his business, he further added two more franchises in 1990, Hyundai and Suzuki.

His Service Department has won numerous top awards in the automobile industry nationwide for its knowledgeable, efficient, and clean car repair and maintenance service.

All this was done under strict scrutiny and business acumen of Ed Pike personally, along with his son Ed Jr. and daughter Sue Ann as well as with their mother and wife, Mrs. Diana Pike, who spent many, many hours working with all the family as a Pike team.

The Ed Pike family is very proud of their brother and uncle Rev. Francis M. Paik who is pastor emeritus of St. Christine Church in Euclid, Ohio. Father Paik served many years as a priest and pastor at many churches. At the present time he is retired from St. Christine's since 1989. He is well liked by everyone, especially by St. Christine parishioners.

In addition, it is very important to note that Ed Pike is on the Board of Directors at

Peoples Savings Bank which has 13 branches and which has recently merged with First Bank Corp. of Akron, Ohio. Ed Pike has also been on the Board of Directors of the State Bank and Trust prior to its merger with National City Bank headquartered in downtown Cleveland.

Ed Pike and his family are strong supporters of the American Slovenian newspaper, The American Home. We urge all American Slovenians throughout the United States and Canada to visit Ed Pike at his automobile dealership in Mentor, Ohio. He will be happy to personally take care of any of your car requirements and talk about his life on St. Clair Avenue among his brother Slovenians. His showroom and lots are enormous and his automobiles are beautiful and first class.

Slovenian Mother's Day at St. Vitus

Mother's Day will be celebrated by the St. Vitus Slovenian School on Sunday, May 16 at 3 p.m. in the school auditorium.

Students will honor their mothers by presenting a skit in the Slovenian language.

100 Words

More or Less
by
John Mercina

TAKE "I" PLEASE!!!

The following is a true story. On almost daily basis, yours truly looks out of the window of his office in the early morning and observes a young man standing by a window in an office of a well-known commercial bank directly across the street. He is devouring donuts and other food brought in by fellow employees as fast as he can shovel it into his mouth, with no other person present in the room. Then the young man takes an extra donut and casually returns to his desk. At lunch time, this same man rarely leaves for lunch, claiming that he is dieting. A little sleuthing by "Sherlock Holmes" has determined that this man has a Slovenian name. "He is a very frugal man, a penny pincher", is how one of his co-workers describes him. Reminds me of a man that decided to pick one brick a day in the inner city from a building being demolished, took the brick home in his briefcase and at the end of five years built a garage out of these bricks. He too was a Slovenian. The word "SPARATI" fits a Slovenian!

Mother's Day on the Farm

As in the past, the SNPJ Ladies Auxiliary of the Farm are again making Mother's Day an easy day for you. Just plan to take your entire family out and enjoy the fine food the ladies have become known for - chicken - dumpling soup, chicken, roast beef, breaded pork chops or sausage dinner, salad and of course dessert.

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Please give Jennie Kapel a call at 481-6247 for ticket reservations early. The Cleveland Style Polka Hall of Fame in the Shore Cultural Center also has tickets for your convenience.

Thanking you for your past patronage and hope to see you "Down on the farm" May 9th.

Betty Rotar
Publicity

Miles of Pennies

St. Mary's church on Holmes Avenue in Collinwood is still quite far from achieving their goal of reaching a mile of pennies before the end of this school year. Pastor, Rev. John Kumse, urges readers to continue saving your pennies (or other coins for that matter) and help Saint Mary School.

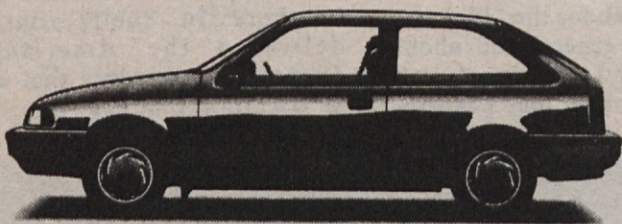
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A final step to reconciliation

by Stane J. Kuhar

On April 22 a new museum was dedicated and opened to the public in Washington, D.C. This museum is to remind and impress upon the American public and foreign tourists the horrors of the Holocaust that occurred in Europe to Jewish people living there prior to and during World War II and to other so-called inferior nationalities so designated by the Nazi philosophy: Slavic nations were at the top of the list.

Approximately 20 heads-of-state from around the world attended this dedication. One was President Milan Kučan, Republic of Slovenia, and the former head of the ex-Slovenian Communist Party.

Mr. Kučan also attended a private dinner, arranged by current Slovenian Ambassador to the USA, Dr. Ernest Petrič, in the evening with various representatives from the American Slovenian

communities in the USA.

Mr. Kučan understands the importance of the support received over the past four years from Americans of Slovenian descent regarding the drive towards democracy and final recognition of Slovenia as a country in the world of nations.

But one missing link that Mr. Kučan and the Slovenian government have yet to acknowledge is that of a formal and public announcement and apology for the Slovenian Holocaust that occurred during and after World War II when Slovenian Partisans and its affiliated Slovenian Communist Party systematically killed thousands upon thousands of men, women, and children who opposed the philosophy, means, and values of the Slovenian Communist party; and its forced imposition in Slovenia for nearly 45 years.

The killing of thousands and

forced evacuation of thousands of other Slovenian emigres around the world also pitted one Slovenian against another; and has to this day remained a source of conflict, mistrust, and ill-feeling in our own American Slovenian communities.

A possible reason for the private dinner with Mr. Kučan is to test the waters and float the concept of having Mr. Kučan visit and tour various cities in the USA where there are substantial populations of Americans of Slovenian descent.

But at the crux of the matter is the reason and issue Mr. Kučan attended the dedication ceremony on April 22: genuine reconciliation and apology for man's inhumanity to mankind. Mr. Kučan has referred to the Slovenian Holocaust as only "a mistake."

The capacity and position of Mr. Kučan warrant the preliminary step toward a true reconciliation and process of healing old wounds through a four-step process.

First, a formal and public announcement of apology by Mr. Kučan in the USA, and elsewhere, for the senseless

killings and abandonment of thousands of Slovenian emigres and their offspring. Cleveland, Ohio would be an ideal site due to the large population of Slovenians.

Second, establishing an independent commission to review and provide accurate and precise documentation (from written and oral sources) of occurrences during and after World War II in Slovenia.

Third, formal removal of the status of traitor and sentenced persons, such as Bishop Gregor Rožman and Karel Mauser (poet and writer), and others who were tried by "public courts" without proper due process by the Slovenian Partisans.

And last, a just and equitable financial compensation by the Republic of Slovenia to an existing American Slovenian charitable organization (or a newly developing entity) for the loss of property, lives, and other matters by Slovenian emigres and their offspring. Such an arrangement could be completed by representatives of the American Slovenian emigres (and affiliated organizations) and Ambassador Petrič, President Kučan, and various Slovenian government officials.

The above steps would begin the reconciliation and healing process and lead to trust and normal relationships with the new Slovenian government to resolve past and present differences in a concrete and genuine format.

Without these steps reconciliation will not occur and leave doubt in the minds of many of Slovenia's commitment toward democracy and all the ideals of a democracy: trust, honesty, integrity. It would also represent a lost opportunity.

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All members of the Slovene Home for the Aged are invited to attend this important membership meeting. Members of the Board of Trustees will present reports, there will be discussion of items important to the SHA, and there will be elections to the Board of Trustees. Members of the SHA are those who have ever contributed at least \$25.00 to the Slovene Home for the Aged.

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LLOYD A. ANDOLSEN
Services for Lloyd A. Andolsen, 84, of Brunswick, Ohio, a former Mentor resident and retired supervisor, were held at 3 p.m. Saturday, May 1 at St. Ambrose Chapel, Brunswick.

Mr. Andolsen died April 20 at Medina General Hospital.

Born Jan. 11, 1909 in Cleveland, he lived there and in Mentor and Florida before moving to Brunswick.

He played semi-professional baseball in the 1930s and was a Little League baseball coach in Mentor for 10 years.

He was a supervisor in the punch press department at the former Bailey Meter Co. for 30 years, retiring in 1969.

Survivors are his wife, Caroline (Foulkes); sons, Alan (Barbara) of New York City and Lowell (Susan) of Brunswick; stepson, Robert Foulkes of Florida; stepdaughter, Carol Powell of Florida; and grandchildren, Daniel and Ruth.

His first wife, Helen (Kozinski); brothers Robert, Joseph and Thomas; and sister Mary Debevec are deceased.

There were no calling hours. The Rev. Hilkert officiated at services.

The family suggests contributions to Hattie Lartham Foundation, 9772 Diagonal Road, Mantua, OH 44255.

ROSE A. MAROLT

Rose A. Marolt, wife of James (dec.); mother of James (dec.); grandmother of James (Romaine) of Calif.; great-grandmother of Kyndra of

Calif; sister of John Fredbeck of Michigan and Mary (Victor) Marolt, and Joseph (dec.); sister-in-law of Josephine Corella; beloved aunt and great-aunt.

She was a member of Slovenian Women's Union No. 10 and Waterloo Pensioners.

Friends were received Friday, April 30 at Grdina-Faulhaber Funeral Home, 17010 Lake Shore Blvd. Interment All Souls Cemetery.

MATT HUTAR

Matt Hutar, 71, husband of Angela (nee Ivec); father of Mary (Mark) Blanchard, and John (Lisa) Hutar; grandfather of Brian, Annie, Johnathan, and Eric; brother of Maria Simonic and Joze Hutar, both of Slovenia.

Friends were received at Zele Funeral Home, 452 E. 152 St. Saturday and Sunday where services were held Monday, May 3 at 10:15 a.m. and at Holy Cross Church at 11 a.m. Interment All Souls Cemetery.

The family suggests donations, in his memory, to the National Association for Down's Syndrome, P.O. Box 4542 Oakbrook, IL 60522.

In Memory

Enclosed find a check (\$25.00) in memory of my brother **Bill Perusek** (Dec. 25, 1992) from donations given to me by friends.

Best wishes for a healthy and safe summer.

Elsie Zalar
Willowick, Ohio

Waterloo Pensioners Club News

The blizzard of '93 has passed and let's hope "Spring" is on the way. Sorry to report since the first of the year, we had 12 members pass away. Sincere sympathies to the loved ones.

At our March meeting we had as our guest speaker Mr. Frank Korosec. His hobby is taking your last name and giving you the origin and the meanings. Twenty-five members had their names translated and all agreed it was very close. It was a fun afternoon.

Are your dues paid up for 1993? If in doubt, call Ralph Urbancek at 731-9569. Also let him know if you can bring in a new member; dues are \$5.00.

On a cold day in March a large group of members attended the luncheon at Cardinal Village. All were pleased with the luncheon and the tour of the apartment. We were entertained by our member Joe Zgonc and Lou Trebar; thanks to Scottie Laidlaw.

New members are Jerry and Jean Pike and Ann Stefancic; welcome.

Tickets are now available from Tillie Vranekovic for our annual picnic Wednesday, June 30th at SNPJ grounds.

They are \$8.50; that includes dinner and the gate. We will have Sophie Mazi doing the catering. Call Tillie at 481-1505 if you would like tickets.

At our April meeting our speaker was Dr. Anthony Rotullo from the administrative office of the Slovene Home for the Aged on Neff Rd. Questions were asked by the members and Dr. Rotollo answered them.

As usual our civic coordinator John Strancar keeps us informed all about the health care movement.

Be at the May meeting to receive your copy of the "Living Will." The club is paying for the printing of the document.

Thrilled are great-grandparents John and Justine Prhne. After three great-grandsons, Justine beamed with pride and said, "It's a girl, finally;" born April 1st. Congratulations!

Celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary a month early were Julie and Frank Sadar. Escorting Julie down the aisle was John Telisman. Justice of Peace Louis Prebevsek conducted the ceremony with his usual flair and his accordion. Presenting them with a cake

was Mitzi Yeray; she's the one to call if you are celebrating your 50th.

John Prhne will have as our guest speaker for the May meeting a doctor who will speak on arthritis. Many of us fall into this category. He is from University Hospital.
—H. V.

In Memory

Enclosed is a check for \$100.00 in memory of **Rev. Monsignor Louis B. Baznik** from his family.

Ed Baznik
Highland Hts., Ohio

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Memo...

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term health care.

Krizman was awarded this title and honor for rendering distinguished service to the profession and the American College of Health Care Administrators. He was one of the first attorneys to receive his license and a Nursing Home Administrator license.

Mr. Krizman served as predecessor to the first two administrators at the Slovene Home for the Aged.

On March 3, Fredon Corporation was recognized by Corporate Cleveland Magazine and COSE (the Council of Smaller Enterprises) as one of 21 unique companies who are setting new standards for the 21st century. The award was presented at a banquet on March 3.

Roger Sustar is president of Fredon Corporation of Mentor, Ohio, and has been elected president of the Ohio Tooling and Machining Association (OTMA). Mr. Sustar has also received a certificate from the Mentor Chamber of Commerce for his service on several committees.

Sister Maria Berlec, principal of Villa Angela-Saint Joseph High School in Cleveland and Dr. William Hiller, assistant superintendent of secondary education of Mentor Schools, visited the Fredon Corporation recently to tour the plant, learn more about what they do and heard ideas on expanding high school vocational training to include the machining trades.

Congratulations to Joseph Skrabec of the Mayor's Office of the City of Cleveland who was given a certificate of recognition award for his part in the just concluded "Harvest for Hunger" drive. Joe was the coordinator for this 12th annual campaign which this year raised over \$1,345,414 for Northeast Ohio hunger centers. This represents a 32% increase over the initial 1992 drive and will provide over 1,000,000 meals to area hunger centers.

Engagements:

Announcement is made of the engagement of Susan Marie Stout, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gene Stout, 7429 Truman Court, Mentor, Ohio to Andrew Loncar, son of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Loncar, 9168 Prelog Lane, Kirtland, Ohio.

The bride-to-be is a 1989 graduate of Mentor High School and a 1993 graduate of Kent State University. Her fiancé is a 1988 graduate of Lake Catholic High School. He is a carpenter with Loncar Construction in Kirtland.

The wedding is June 19 at Mentor Plains United Methodist Church.

The announcement is made of the engagement of Theresa Milena Ferkul, daughter of Milena Ferkul of Cleveland and the late Cyril Ferkul, to Robert Felix Zgoznic, son of Elsa Zgoznic, Eastlake, and the late Anton Zgoznic.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Villa Angela High School in Cleveland. She is kitchen manager at Andrews School in Willoughby. Her fiancé is a graduate of Lake Catholic

High School in Mentor and a graduate of Lakeland Community College in Kirtland in mechanical engineering. He is employed as a stamping supervisor at E & W Services in Mentor.

The wedding is June 26 in St. Mary's Church in Cleveland.

The announcement is made of the engagement of Jennifer Rosemary Jalovec, daughter of Patricia Jalovec, Mayfield Heights and John Jalovec III of Cleveland to Gregory Joseph Brunecz, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Brunecz, Willowick.

The bride-to-be is a 1986 graduate of the Andrews School in Willoughby and a 1990 graduate of Bowling Green State University in Bowling Green. She is employed by United Parcel Service in Maumee. Her fiancé is a 1979 graduate of Lake Catholic High School in Mentor and a 1985 graduate of the University of Dayton in Dayton. He is a computer engineer at Medical Value Plan Healthcare System in Toledo.

The wedding is Sept. 18 at the

Oaks Lodge in Chippewa Lake.

Recently received word from Joann Birska of Lakewood, Colorado. "For readers who don't already know, Father Leopold Mihelich returned to Slovenia to stay, last September. My husband Silvan accompanied him. Since Father had his stroke in 1989 Silvan has been his primary caretaker. Father is living in Maribor with his niece and her family and is happy and doing well."

We are also excited to learn that Joann Birska completed work on her master's degree in accordion performance at the University of Denver Lamont School of Music last November and is currently working on a number of musical projects.

Joann is an experienced professional accordionist who has played for hundreds of private engagements and well as music concerts and classical recitals. She is also an excellent accordion teacher. She can be reached in Lakewood, Colorado at (303) 238-2007.

Where will all the new embassys go in the Washington, D.C. area?

by Sarah Booth Conroy
The Washington Post

The stars once in the Soviet constellation have all spun off into their own orbits in Washington following the 1991 breakup of the Soviet Union.

Slovenia has the money to buy a chancery and a residence, said its ambassador, Ernest Petric. But "we must spend the money soon, or we'll lose it. It is like the man who wants to buy a car, but while he is making up his mind as to which one, his wife buys a coat and the money's gone." Currently the chancery is subleasing five rooms at 1300 19th St. NW.

"We would like to have a building that would be up to our country's high level of culture. But we don't need a castle or a palace — we have those at home and they are too expensive to keep up. But the new concept now in embassies is to have a place to invite people, not just for dinner and receptions, but to offer concerts and other cultural events."

Having to open embassies around the world is expensive. "While we're structuring our economy, the first necessity is not just to have a beautiful embassy," Petric said.

Before the country broke up, he was the Yugoslav ambassador to India. "I was the first to resign. I could not serve as a diplomat against my own country."

For all the new countries, including those not yet resident here, the importance of having their own chanceries goes well beyond their practical uses. Thanks to the international diplomatic principal of extra-territoriality, their premises, no matter how small, are actually their own country. To nations that have been under the yoke of others, a Washington embassy is affirmation of their political independence, a heady symbol of freedom.

Thanks to Stane Sustersic of Washington, D.C. for submitting this article.



Many people enjoyed the delicious meal at St. Mary's Slovenian School Dinner held in the church's Holmes Avenue auditorium on Sunday, February 28.

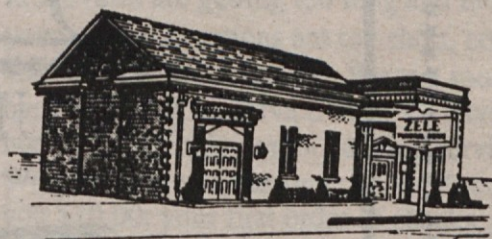


From left to right, Morgan M., Robert and Johnny Burns.



Stan and Denise Krulc of Willowick, Ohio take pride in their daughter Kathryn at St. Mary's Slovenian School February 28.

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6 Euclid Pensioners Club Report

AMERIŠKA DOMOVINA, MAY 6, 1993

The purpose of any Pensioners' Club is to gather together people who are basically retired and experiencing similar emotions, some happy and some sad. It should sponsor lectures, social gatherings, outings, trips and other amusements.

It should also cultivate mutual friendships amongst its membership. Now, isn't that what the Euclid Pensioners is all about? The outstanding attendance proves that our Pensioners are happy with our club under the capable leadership of Al Novinc.

President Novinc announced that the Cataract Eye Center people will be on the premises at 11:30 a.m. before the May 5th meeting to give eye examinations free of charge. Members are urged to take advantage of this free offer.

We were musically entertained both in March and April. Lou Trebar along with the "All Stars" had everyone's undivided attention. We also enjoyed the singing of Jennie Fatur and Frank Kokal, Ted Hoyer on the accordion and a beautiful classical rendition on the piano. We are always delighted when the All Stars perform. Truly, one of our favorites.

In April, it was a group of four gentlemen calling themselves The Senior Senders. They played music from the 40s and 50s including such tunes as Misty, Besame Mucho, Stardust, Sunny Side of the Street, to name a few. Very nostalgic.

Frank Kosten, 1st vice president, has tickets for our July 21st picnic to be held at the SNPJ grounds. Tickets are \$8.50.

He also announced the Balina Tournament at the Society Home scheduled for June 11, 12 and 13 sponsored by Klub Društev. They need balinca players for Thursday nights. Anyone interested, please call Frank Kosten at 946-3878.

We are saddened to report on the deaths of eight members.

Our deepest sympathies to the bereaved families of the following:

May Fabec, Anthony Maisel, Tony Petkovsek, Sr., John Skrajner, Rose Slejko, Rose Smoltz, Joseph Strazisar and Antonia Stradjot. May they rest in peace.

This time of year seems to bring on more ailing members. In March, Marie Selan, our Sunshine Lady, sent get well cards to the following:

John Brodnick, Anthony Golobic, Joseph Hrvatin, Marion Kraincic, Tony Mozina, Olga Ozanich, Stan Peklay, Mildred Pike, Victor Prebil, Ann Safred, Ann Trebar, Albin Videtic, and Tony Verhovc.

In April our ailing members are: Ann Dudek, Edward Bogotay, Eleanor Femec Esther Garbinus, Zani Garbinus, Andrew Kubasky, Louise Hrovat, Caroline Lokar, Marie Selan, Joseph Tekancic, and Josephine Trunk.

Please call Marie Selan at 732-9172 if you hear of any member who is ill.

We welcomed 14 new members:

Frank & June Kalamasz, Edward & Marie Kotar, Elsie Kozar, Ann R. Miller, Anthony J. Mramor, Ladislav & Ann Pockaj, John & Marlene Sorz, Steve & Shirley Valencic, and Frank Zalar.

We celebrated several anniversaries during the past two months:

Al & Millie Rigenbach - 53 yrs
Frank & Ann Kokal, 50 years
William, Alma Kovach 23 yrs.

Members will be interested in knowing we have excellent representation on The Board of Directors of The Slovenian Society Home. They are: Ann Adams, Bob Cigoy, Bill Frank, Dorothy Lamm, Esther Podboy, Rudy Urbanick.

Tickets for the Federation of Homes picnic scheduled for August 12th at SNPJ will be available at our June meeting.

Rose Lewis, Tour Organizer, has an interesting

list of tours for 1993:

May 21/23 - Trip to House on the Rock & New Glarus, Wisconsin with Lou Trebar co-host.

June 22: Ohio Light Opera -Bittersweet

July 27: Ohio Light Opera -Vienna Life

Aug. 18: Amish Tour

August 22/24: Jackpot Junction

Oct. 18/22: Las Vegas

Call Rose at 731-9555 for any information on the above tours. Attend future meetings for added tours. Many thanks to Vi Rupena for the photo copies of the tours.

We celebrated the 90th birthday of John Kausek. Al led the singing of Happy Birthday to this unique gentleman who epitomizes the true essence of an honorable Slovenian. He is a loyal member for many years. One of the best. Happy birthday, John!

Funeral attendants for March and April were: Al and Fran Novinc, Al and Mary Sintic, Rose Lewis, Albina Kosik, Anna Rossman, Christina Kovach. This is a voluntary act of kindness.

I have been told that very often after our meetings, members congregate in the annex for an afternoon of fun and camaraderie. Sandwiches

are available and music is provided. Members reported they truly enjoy the sing-alongs.

There is a special kind of freedom friends enjoy. Freedom to share their innermost thoughts, freedom to ask a favor, to show their true feelings. And the freedom to simply be ourselves. *Enjoy the Spring.*

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All About Slovenia:

On June 25, 1991 Slovenia proclaimed its independence and then a short and relatively mild war followed.

After a three-month moratorium demanded by the EC, on October 8, 1991 Slovenia finally cut off all links with former Yugoslavia.

Germany was the first to recognize Slovenia, followed by Sweden and Iceland (Dec. 19), then on January 15, 1992, by the rest of the EC members. On April 7, 1992 Slovenia was recognized by the United States and no more barriers were left standing in the way of Slovenia becoming the 176th member of the United Nations (May 22, 1992).

In the last few months Slovenia has been intensively joining all possible international organizations and its goal is to become a member of the Council of Europe in 1993 and by the year 2,000, a member of the European Community as well.

Despite its modest size, Slovenia is very big, if we consider its geographical elements. In the north-west are the Alpine countryside where mountains reach up to 2,864 meters. In the east there are the Pannonian flatlands, where the hills spill into the plains. In the south-east is the Dinaric region, extending to the Balkans. In the south-west is the world of the Mediterranean of the sea whose influence reaches up to the mountains, right into the Alps. That's how big little Slovenia is in the continent of Europe.

It offers you its valleys, mountain passes, hills, roads. Nearly all the roads in Slovenia today follow the old Roman routes. One of the first European railways was started on Slovenian soil, the Vienna-Trieste route.

When there were no real roads, boatmen on the Sava river stuck to the legendary route navigated by the Argonauts. Believe it or not, Jason (of Argonauts fame) founded a settlement here — which today we call Ljubljana, the capital of Slovenia.

In addition to its interesting archaeological finds testifying to the Roman civilization, it can also be said Slovenia is a country of medieval churches and castles, unique rustic architecture and wonderful towns.

Wednesday, June 30

Waterloo Pensioners Club Annual Picnic at SNPJ grounds, Heath Rd. Dinner 1-3 p.m. Dancing to Lenny Andexlers orchestra from 3-6. Dinner \$8.50 includes gate. Gate only \$3.00. For tickets call Tillie at 481-1505.

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Helen Fonda
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Krofe Sale

St. Vitus Altar Society will be selling krofe on Saturday, May 8th from 8 a.m. on.



These St. Vitus Slovenian School youngsters are learning the art of Slovenian Easter egg decorating: Meta Novak is one of the instructor. This year the children were also given lessons in other Slovenian ethnic crafts such as bobbin lace and cross-stitchery.

Happy Birthday

Happy Birthday to the following residents of the Slovene Home for the Aged who have birthdays in May:
5-02, Anton Abolnar, 69
5-04, Alice Zeleznik, 91
5-07, Helen Crahen, 78
5-07, Millie Novak, 92
5-14, Anna Spehar, 87
5-16, Zora Jecic, 94
5-20, Josephine King, 79
5-30, Mary Hrvatin, 87

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Coming Events

Sunday, May 9

Mother's Day dinner at SNPJ Farm on Heath Rd. Chicken dumpling soup, chicken, roast beef, breaded pork chops or sausage dinner, salad and dessert. Sumrada Brothers on bandstand. For tickets call Jennie Kapel at 481-6247 or visit Polka Hall of Fame.

Wednesday, May 12

From 6:30 to 8:30 dancing and live radio remote hosted by Tall Ted Halliman from WELW, 1330 AM. Wickliffe Country Place residents, family, friends are invited. Hot hors d'oeuvres and open bar.

Sunday, May 16

Afternoon Dance at West Park Slovenian Home, 4583 West 130th St., Cleveland. John Pastiric from 4 to 8 p.m.

Sunday, May 16

St. Vitus Alumni Reunion Day celebrating St. Vitus parish centennial will be held at Slovenian National Home, 6417 St. Clair. Dinner at 1:30.

Monday, May 17

Slovenian National Art Guild monthly meeting at Slovenian Society Home, Reher Ave., Euclid, 7 p.m. featuring Introduction to Genealogy: Researching Your Slovenian Roots. Members and guests welcome.

Thursday, May 20

Devotions to Our Lady of Perpetual Help at Lourdes Shrine on Chardon Rd. in Euclid beginning at 7:30 p.m., sponsored by the Ohio Federation of KSKJ Lodges.

Sunday, May 23

Slovenian National Art Guild Art Display at Gateway Manor in Euclid. International Coffee House atmosphere.

Monday, May 31

AMLA Eastern Suburbs Picnic at AMLA Recreation Center in Leroy Township.

Sunday, June 27

Ohio KSKJ Picnic at Slovenska Pristava. Music by Maple Heights Button Box Club. Food and refreshments. Everyone invited.

Saturday, July 3

Club of Associations Slovenian National Home, St. Clair Annual 4th of July "Jam Session" Lower Hall, 7 p.m. until...?

Wednesday, July 14

The Holmes Avenue Pensioners Annual Picnic at KSKJ Picnic Grounds on White Rd. from 12 noon to 6 p.m. Free admission for all recycled teenagers (Senior Citizens).

Wednesday, July 21

Euclid Pensioners annual summer picnic at SNPJ grounds.

Saturday, July 24

Newburgh Day Picnic at AMLA Recreation Center in Leroy Township, Ohio.

Sunday, July 25

St. Ann Lodge No. 150 KSKJ 80th Anniversary Mass at St. Lawrence Church followed by dinner at Sterle's at 1 p.m.

Sunday, August 15

AMLA Family Day Picnic at AMLA Recreation Center in Leroy Township.

Sunday, Sept. 19

St. Vitus Altar Society Annual Dinner.

Sunday, Oct. 3

Friends of Slovenian National Home, St. Clair, Fall Brunch.

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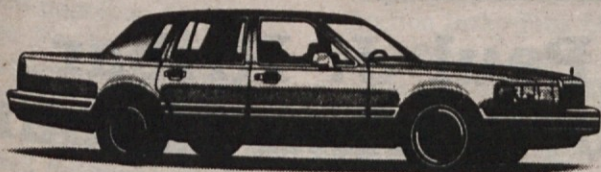
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Faith and Persistence

by Stane J. Kuhar

The days of Holy Week have come and gone. For the believer something wonderful has occurred. For the unbeliever another week has concluded with little or no significance. Two recent events, however, reveal again that with faith all things are possible.

The first event deals with the horrific war occurring in Bosnia-Herzegovina, once a republic in former Yugoslavia. The hidden forces of hate, evil, and indifference under the former Tito regime have returned with a vengeance, much like the Angel of Death.

According to a CNS wire service story in *The Byzantine Catholic World*, the official newspaper of the archdiocese of Pittsburgh, the reality of a Christ-less world is occurring on a daily basis. Through a story told by Sister Iommetti, secretary of the religious order of Adorers of the Blood of Christ, beatings, rapes, and forced evacuations of this order have and continue to occur.

Prior to the war in Bosnia-Herzegovina the order had approximately 120 sisters working in this former republic. Currently only 40 Sisters still remain there working in the medical field, especially with displaced persons in various centers and specifically with women forced to become pregnant with repeated rapes.

According to Sister Iommetti, the hideous aspect of war has come full circle to these sisters when "some 23 nuns were raped on the same night in last June (1992) when Serbian troops raided one house in the Diocese of Barja Luka where the 23 (nuns) were staying."

"The nuns were stripped naked, beaten, and raped, but none became pregnant," according to Sister Iommetti.

"Rape is a weapon of war and used to take away dignity."

"Most women, especially Moslems, are taken to 'spedial concentration areas' and repeatedly raped until they become pregnant."

Sister Iommetti states, however, that no members of this order are engaged in the usage of contraceptive devices or take birth control pills. "The law," Sister Iommetti states, "is not different in the Church for nuns or lay people. We have faith, not the pill."

As disgusting as this story may be, the reality and moral concerns raised by this seemingly unending war in a little corner of the world should have us react to the call from Pope John Paul II: "You cannot have peace without justice."

The sexual violence of rape and forced pregnancy on the sisters, and other women, places a moral dilemma: What means are morally valid when the risk of sexual violence is high (and on a reoccurring basis) and what remedies are acceptable when rape pregnancy have occurred?

While we may speculate and debate the above scenario, what would be our own personal response? Would we consider taking in such a child born out of this condition? To love without any preconceived notion or moral reservation?

When Slovenian emigres were fleeing during and after World War II the same although different circumstances posed many of the same moral concerns. Some responded. Others did not. Some remained indifferent.

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The second event is on a much happier note.

An article in the Easter edition of the *Perry News* dealt with a story by Councilman Gary Paulenske (D-13) regarding proposed improvements for Ward 13 which includes a major portion of the St. Clair area.

According to Councilman Paulenske, a major facelift and improvements for three recreational areas in Ward 13 will begin to occur in 1993. A \$4.0 million general obligation bond specifically for improvement of recreational/park facilities had just been approved by the City of Cleveland with Ward 13 securing \$175,000.

This is a substantial amount for the purposes of improving a key link for neighborhoods in Cleveland, that being recreational facilities. The securing of this amount of funds by Councilman Paulenske indicates a willingness to work in the best interests of Ward 13 residents.

Councilman Paulenske would, however, indicate that the \$175,000 allocation is the result of a coordinated effort by former Ward 13 Councilman Gus Frangos, Mayor Michael White, and Councilman Paulenske.

A key component for these funds was the effort to rename Kirtland Park in honor of former mayor of Cleveland, municipal and Common Pleas Court judge, governor and U.S. Senator from Ohio, the deceased Frank J. Lausche.

The official renaming will take effect in either late 1993 or early 1994.

The main purpose of recognizing Frank J. Lausche is an indication of his integrity, honesty, dedication, and commitment as a public office holder for nearly three decades. We often read or hear of scandals or wrongdoings by either our elected or appointed public officials. The word integrity and Lausche had the same meaning.

For the American-Slovenian communities in northeast Ohio, the official naming of Lausche Park publically acknowledges the values of our Slovenian heritage: we have come of age.

As the date draws near for the public observation and dedication of Lausche Park, we can only for now say thank you to Councilman Paulenske, former Councilman Frangos, Mayor Michael White and the



BIG MONEY. The Board of Directors of the Slovenian Society Home present the Slovenian Junior Chorus Director Cecelia Dolgan with a check for \$1,500 to help defray expenses for the chorus' singing tour of Slovenia this summer. Presenting the (literally and figuratively) big check are Slovenian Home vice president Rose Mary Toth and president Joseph Petric. Cecelia Dolgan is at right.

(Photos by Tony Grdina)



Madeline D. Debevec, left, secretary of the Frances and Jane S. Lausche Foundation presents a donation in the amount of \$2,000 to the St. Mary (Collinwood) Slovenian School Corresponding Secretary Marica Lavrisa at their fund-raising breakfast on Sunday, February 28 in the St. Mary auditorium. Mrs. Lavrisa has been Corresponding Secretary since 1959.

staff members of the mayor's office for making this event become a reality, especially to Richard Komisiewicz, the city's liaison to Cleveland's nationality communities.

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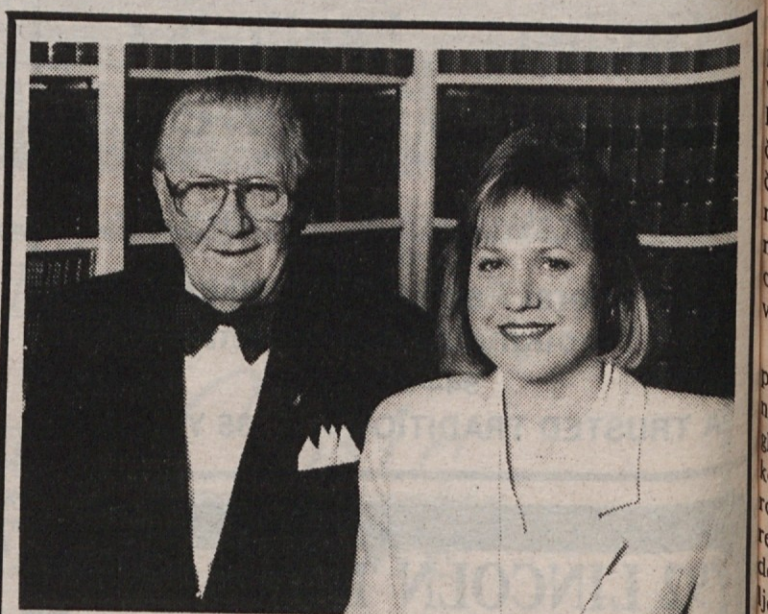
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LILIJA RECEIVES DONATION: At their Saturday, February 20 fund-raising dinner-dance held at the Collinwood Slovenian Home in Cleveland dramatic group Lilija received a donation in the amount of \$2,000 from the Frances and Jane S. Lausche Foundation in memory of Senator Frank J. Lausche for continuing operation. Lilija is the only Slovenian-speaking dramatic group in the United States. Holding the check is August Dragar, reading the letter from the foundation announcing the grant is Felix Gaser while treasurer Frank Hren awaits his turn at the microphone expressing the group's thanks. At right is famous trumpeter Duke Marsic and in background is Eddie Mejac.



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Urednik A.D.

Katoliški dom prosvete v Tinjaah ima velike gradbene načrte in je v ta namen vabil na dobrodelni koncert. Pri izbiri izvajalca je imelo vodstvo izredno srečno roko, saj je mezzosopranistka Bernarda Inzko-Fink znala navdušiti poslušalce z visoko kakovostjo. Tehnično dovršen glas, ki kaže v nizkih legah posebno nežnost in toploto, je prišel do izraza v prvem delu, ko je iz velikega repertoarja samospevov izbrala Mozarta, Schuberta in Mahlerja. V drugem delu je blestela argentinska Slovenka, ko je iz srca prepevala slovenske pesmi (Škerjanca in njenega strica Geržiniča), pa malce tuge, otožne in ritmično bogato zvoke južnoameriške pamppe.

Po koncertu je umetnica v prijetnem pogovoru pripovedovala iz svojega življenja, o koncertni karieri, osebnih željah in o svojih pogledih na slovenstvo. Nekateri se še spominjajo v Sloveniji, da je pred vojno nastopal kvartet Fink: Bernardkin oče in tri tete. Vsi so se kot mnogi drugi po vojni izselili v Argentino in v Finkovi družini je bila hiša vedno polna veselega petja, od slovenskih narodnih do klasične literature. »Včasih sem se počutila kot tujka v Argentini, čeprav sem se tu rodila. Slovenija je bila daleč in preteklost, naša hiša je bila slovenska in okolica je bila prepojena s Slovenci.«

Seveda je Bernardka tudi peela v zboru, študirala pa je najprej vzgojne vede. Očiten glasbeni talent jo je privedel končno na Visoko šolo za opero Teatro Colon v Buenos Airesu, kjer je odkrila nagnjenje do solopetja in se od takrat daje posveti popolnoma tej zvrsti glasbe. Posebno jo je pritegnila cerkvena glasba, oratorije (Bach) in italijanski barok.

Da bi se izpopolnjevala, je prišla pred desetimi leti v Evropo, bila takoj angažirana v Ženevski operi, in sodelovala z orkestrom romanske Švice.

Sledila je bliskovita, uspešna koncertna kariera: nastopi po vsej Evropi (London, Pariz, Salzburg, Praga), z znanimi orkestri Mozarteum Salzburg, solisti veneti, Češka filharmonija).

Portret Bernardke Inzko-Fink navdušil koroške Slovence



BERNARDA INZKO-FINK

Veliko število plošč priča o izredni delovni vnemi in visokem svetovnem priznanju njenih umetniških sposobnosti (Handel, Julius Caesar in Amadigi, Rossini: Zelmira, Monteverdi: Il ritorno di Ulisse in patria, Bach: H-mol maša). Leta 1990 je prvič nastopila na Salzburškem festivalu, v Mozartovem letu 1991 pa je sooblikovala Mozartove koncerte v Salzburgu, na Dunaju, v Pragi in v Tokiu.

Že v začetku njenega glasbenega vzpona jo je Amor zadel s svojo puščico in jo vezal na Koroško. Uspešen avstrijski diplomat Zdravko Inzko, njen mož: »Ko sem jo prvič doživel pri nastopu in jo slišal peti, sem se zaljubil in najina usoda je bila zapečaten.«

Od takrat združila mlada mamičica svojo povezanost na moža in na ljubka otroka (fantek je tri leta, punčka pa pet mesecev) s poklicnim delom in tako mojstrsko opravlja vse naloge. »Veliko se posvetim otrokom, da ne bi kdo trpel zaradi mojega poklicnega dela. Kadar vadi, me fantek lahko posluša. Nič ne moti, pa tudi dobro ve, da so to mamine vaje. Na vseh večjih potovanjih vzamem otroke s seboj.«

Družina Inzko-Fink živi trenutno v Pragi (Zdravko Inzko je vodja avstrijskega kulturnega inštituta v češki prestolnici), se pogovarja slovensko in se najraje zateka k Zdravkovim staršem v Sveče na Koroškem.

Na vprašanje o narodnosti postane Bernarda Inzko-Fink zamišljena: »Seveda sem Slovenka, moji starši so Slovenci, ampak sem tudi Argentinka. Kot otrok sem bila jasno član slovenske družine, ko človek odrašča, se mora sam odločiti

o svoji pripadnosti. In danes sem pri sebi razčistila pojme: moja domovina je Argentina in bo to tudi ostala, kjeroli živim. Iz narodnostnega vidika pa so moje korenine slovenske, sem Slovenka.«

Tako je razumljivo, da ima umetnica svojstven odnos do slovenske glasbe. Svoj repertoar je napolnila iz zapuščine znane slovenske altistke Franje Golob, ki je kot izseljenka živela v Buenos Airesu. V Ljubljani je nastopila dvakrat v samostojnem koncertu samospevov (leta 1986 in 1991). Rada bi izpolnjevala svojo izbero s klasično slovensko literaturo. »Če bi imela več časa za vse moje želje: rada bi bila dobra mama, pritegne me oratorska glasba, ponosna bi bila, če bi lahko nosila slovensko pesem v svet...«

Letos je koledar že natrpan: nastopila bo v Barceloni (Monteverdi), snemala bo dve Haydnovi maši, veseli se pa tudi že na nastop z orkestrom »I solisti Veneti« na Salzburškem festivalu, nastopa v Innsbrucku, itd.

Pretekli teden smo poročali o srečanju nekaterih uglednih slovenskih Amerikancev s slovenskim predsednikom Milanom Kučanom. Danes posredujemo posnetek, ki kaže Edmunda J. Turka, predsednika organizacije »Združeni Amerikanci za Slovenijo«, ko izroča posebno priznanje te organizacije Kučanu. Na Turkovi desni na posnetku je dr. Karl B. Bonutti, častni konzul Slovenije v Clevelandu, na Kučanovi levi je njegova prevajalka, poleg nje dr. Mate Roessman. Zadaj je Marjan Šiftar, šef predsednikovega kabineta.

Ivan Oman se spominja...

Pota in križpotja slovenske pomladi

— 16. del —

Takoj po julijski vojni se je pričela kazati resna kriza. Janez Janša je prišel z za marsikoga osupljivim predlogom: Peterle naj odstopi, na njegovo mesto naj pride Igor Bavčar, Peterle naj postane predsednik skupščine, dr. Bučar pa naj se umažne na ustavno sodišče.

Janša je dejal, da je to popolnoma njegov osebni predlog ter se je o tem posvetoval samo z Bavčarjem. O tem močno dvomim. Mislim, da se je tedaj pričel uresničevati načrt, kako bi Peterleta in krščanske demokrate odstranili iz vlade. Proti temu predlogu so bili seveda krščanski demokrati in pa jaz v imenu Kmečke zveze, zato se je zadeva za nekaj mesecev odložila.

Proti koncu leta 1991 je prišlo do razkola v SDZ. Ločila sta se levi in desni del. Desni del je pod vodstvom dr. Rajka Pirnata nadaljeval izročilo SDZ kot Narodna demokratska stranka, levica pod vodstvom Igorja Bavčarja pa je ustanovila novo Demokratsko stranko.

Temu sta sledila končna kriza Demosa in razpust te koalicije. Ob razpustu je Demokratska stranka obljubljala, da bo v vladni koaliciji še vztrajala, če bodo v treh mesecih izpeljane volitve. Vendar tako obljuba, kot se je izkazalo, ni bila resno mišljena. V kratkem sta Igor Bavčar in dr. Dimitrij Rupel, kot voditelja stranke pričela izjavljati, da ne podpirata vlade Lojzeta Peterleta. Čudno - v vladi pa sta kar vztrajala, čeprav za »nesposobnost« in »neučinkovitost« vlade odgovarjajo tudi posamični ministri.

Ker nova ustava omogoča nezaupnico vladi le z izvolitvijo novega mandatarja (s t. im. »konstruktivno nezaupnico«), se je našel kandidat za to mesto: Marko Voljč iz Svetovne banke. Predlagalci so bili »neodvisni« poslanci. Predlog je propadel, Voljč ni bil izvoljen za novega vladnega predsednika. Za zabavo v parlamentu je poskrbel poslanec Vitomir Gros z bananami.

Jasno je bilo, da se je ofenziva proti Peterletu pričela ter da se ne bo ustavila.

V tistih dneh sem bil v Pragi na obisku pri Češki ljudski stranki. Ko sem se vrnil, so ravno potekali pogovori o koaliciji, ki bi postavila novega mandatarja. V igri sta bila dva - dr. Janez Drnovšek ter Igor Bavčar. Bavčarjeva stranka je prva vložila kandidaturo, vendar ni bila uspešna. Sledila je Drnovškova kandidatura.

Dan pred glasovanjem o Drnovšku je prišel Peterle v poslanski klub SKZ-LS s predlogom o rekonstrukciji vlade, če nezaupnica ne bi bila izglasovana. Govorilo se je o Pučniku kot o podpredsedniku vlade. Vendar je bilo očitno, da sta se tako on kot tudi stranka že odločila podati v levo koalicijo. Enako je veljalo za zelene. Peterle je dokončno izgubil večino. Zato je bil dr. Drnovšek tudi izvoljen.

Moj odhod iz ljudske stranke

Če sem pričel obujati spomine na ta burna štiri leta z opisom, kako sem zašel v politiko, naj končam s svojim odhodom iz vodstva Slovenske ljudske stanke.

10. marca 1989 sem bil navzoč pri ustanovitvi Slovenske krščansko-socialnega gibanja. Že takrat sem želel, da bi iz tega gibanja nastala močna ljudska stranka, ki bi imela krščansko-demokratsko programsko usmeritev.

Mislil sem, da se s tem ne mudi, da je potreben čas, ki bo v njem dozorelo spoznanje o potrebni združitvi sil. Ker pa sem s to združitvijo računal, sem jeseni 1990 pripravil predlog za novo poimenovanje stranke, in sicer Slovenska kmečka zveza-Ljudska stranka. Ko je bila registracija tega imena opravljena, ga drugi niso več mogli uporabiti. Takrat sem še zaupal v idealizem ljudi, ki sem z njimi sodeloval v vodstvu stranke. Naivno sem verjel, da med nami ni karierezma. Kako sem se motil!

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Fr. Michael Omondi Olila, vzdrževan od Antona in Anice Nemec, bo pel novo mašo v rojstni župniji sv. Mihaela v Sigomru, in Fr. Paul Oduor Owuor v cerkvi v Ukwali. Vsa leta ga je vzdrževal odsek MZA Milwaukee, po predsednici Mary Coffelt.

Nadškof je poslal vabila in podobice za dobrotnike, katerim smo vse takoj razposlali. Čestitkam nas vseh se pridružujejo naše molitve, da bi ostali zvesti in postali goreči dušni pastirji svojemu ljudstvu v Keniji.

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»Sijajno novoletno breme«
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Prav Sveti Duh nas usposablja, da v takšnem primeru razočaranja, morda celo občutene krivice, še bolj cenimo Gospodovo nepremagljivo ljubezen, moč in modrost: 'Sam Sveti Duh nam, slabotnim, pomaga....naše želje si prisvaja in jih posreduje v skladu z božjimi načrti. Sicer pa vemo, da se vse, kar se dogaja, izteka v dobrine za tiste, ki ljubijo Boga.' (Rim 8:26.27.28). Božje kraljestvo je po Svetem Duhu pravi odnos do vseh stvari, mir in veselje; kdor v teh razsežnostih služi Kristusu, takega človeka ima Bog rad in ljudje ga cenijo. Predajmo se torej delovanju, čigar cilj je miroljubnost in medsebojni zgled, ki krepili!« (Rim 14: 17-20). (Bo še)

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Vrnjen nam je bil ček salezijske Zvonke Mikec, ki deluje v Angoli. S. Antonija Krajnik iz Argentine se zahvaljuje MZA za dar v čeku \$500. O. Hugotu Delčnjaku je MZA odposlala v Južno Ameriko pomoč v čeku za \$500.

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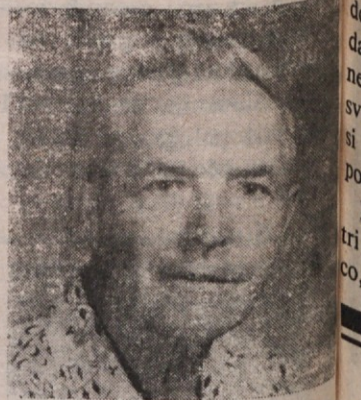
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— II. —

Razburjena je starka vztrajala pri svoji hoji in jecljala besede, ki jih tudi Lojze ni razumel. Končno se je naslonila na drevo in pogledala okrog sebe. Izgledalo je, da se je dokončno izmučila in tako tudi umirila. Tedaj je zagledala Tineta, ki je prihajal iz upravni-kovega stanovanja. Njena tresoča postava je nenadoma dobila pokončno držo jeze in odločnosti, pa tudi brezupa in skrajne ogorčenosti.

»T-t-ti!« je začela kričati in stekla proti prihajajočemu Tinetu, predno se je Lojze zavedel, kaj se dogaja. Ko je spoznal njeno namero, se je pogljal iz klopi in se kakor pijan opotekel za njo.

»Minkica, ne!« je kriknil. »T-t-ti si, t-t-ti si!« je kričala Minkica in začeta biti Tineta po ramah in prsih.

»Kaj boš ti mene, norica!« je zarjul Tine in jo pahnol od sebe, da se je opotekla in padla na vzdolžno pot, se preobrnila in obstala ob kamnu, ki je ščitil vrtna vrata. Potem je odkorakal naprej proti domu.

Sestra Estera je ugotovila, da ima Minkica zlomljena dva rebra. S pomočnicami in sestrom Avrelijo je položila starko na posteljo in poklicala upravni-ka. S trpkimi besedami se je pritožila nad Tinetom in njegovim početjem, nakar je vodja doma nadel izraz sočutja in skrbi, obenem pa ni mogel skriti nejevolje, pa tudi nekakšnega strahu, ki se mu je odražal v očeh in v nenadoma rahlo obledelem čelu. Obljubil je, da bo govoril s starešino, kot da je to popravek izven njegove dolžnosti. Lojze je pomislil, da se upravnik enako boji Tineta kakor se je bal drugih svojih tovarišev. Komunisti so si bili nadvse nezaupljivi sopotniki.

Minkica je ostala v postelji tri dni, nakar je dobila pljučnico, v katere obsevu je hiral

skoraj teden dni. Deseti dan je izgledala, da ne bo preživela noči.

»Sestra, kako je Minkica?« je dan za dnem spraševal Lojze.

»Ne bo prestala,« je povedala bolničarka. »Bojim se, da ne bo.«

»Ali jo lahko vidim?«

Sestra Estera se je zamislila.

»Mogoče ji bo pa dobro delo, da vas vidi. Sedajle po kosilu, ko ne bo nobene druge ženske v sobi, pridite pred vrata in vas bom pustila nekaj časa pri njej,« je privolila.

V popoldanski tišini je sedel na stol ob postelji in pogledal Minkici v obraz. Še dobro, da je imela zaprte oči, je pomislil, ker bi se drugače gotovo prestrašila nad njegovim izrazom malodušja. Če ne bi njeno hropeče dihanje in sunkovito tresljanje dokazovalo, da je še pri življenju, da se njeno telo še bori proti zavzetju bolezni, ne bi izgledala kot Minkica.

»Minkica,« je rekel s tresočim glasom, »kaj le delate v postelji? Zunaj je sonce in še gorko je. Čas je, da pridete ven.«

Starka je odprla oči in poskala njegov obraz.

»L-l-lojze,« je rekla šepetaje.

»Ja, jaz sem. Čas je, da odpravite, saj veste, kako lepa je tu jesen.«

Minkica je zahropla in se skušala nasmehniti.

»P-p-pov-vejte -.«

»Kaj, Minkica?«

»O p-p-punčki.«

In Lojze ji je povedal svojo zgodbo o punčki z rdečimi škornjčki.

Tisti dan, ko je šel zadnjič v Ljubljano, da bi videl gospodarja, ki je bil zaprt in obsojen na deset let, ker se je zoperstavil odvzemu kmetije, in predno so ga poslali v stalni zapor, je čakal pred pošto na

tramvaj, ki bi ga popeljal do železniške postaje. Stal je na pločniku v poteptanem in že umazanem snegu in se prestopal, da bi dobil nekaj občutka v zmrznjene noge, kjer je kljub dvema paroma nogavic že čutil mokroto, si pihal v omrtvele prste in upal, da bo v tramvaju vsaj malo topleje, čeprav samo za nekaj kratkih minut. Mimo njega in čez cesto so hiteli ljudje, vsi sključeni pod navalom mraza, vsi starejši ali pa so bili le videti starejši, nobenega mlajšega človeka, ker je bil navaden šolski dan, vsi oblečeni v temne plašče in suknje, ki niso izgledale nič boljše od njegove, oguljene in ponošene, stare že več kot osem zim, ženske v temnih rutah in šalih, rabljenih in predelanih, vsa oblačila tegobno temna in stara, nobene barve po vsem mestu razen belo-umazanega snega in črne postave, ki so hitela sem in tja, vedno ene in iste, vedno enake.

Ko je pripeljal tramvaj, je počakal, da so izstopili pripeklani potniki, in najprej, kar zagledal, prav pred sabo, še na stopnicah tramvaja, so bili majhni, rdeči škornjčki, obrobjeni z belo kožuho. Nad škornjčki so bile bele nogavice, tako svetle kot novo zapadli sneg, nad njimi pa rob rdeče obleke, toplo vezane iz puhastega vlakna. Nad robom obleke je visel bel kožušek z ovratnikom, ki je objemal obraz punčke s takimi kodrčki, ki bi bili lahko kostanjevi, če se ne bi svetili z zlatimi odtenki. Na glavi punčke je čepela bela kapica, potegnjena čez ušesa kakor kapica nagajivega palčka, posebno še, ker je na vrhu kapice sedela rdeča kroglica, mehka in puhasta kakor obleka.

Punčka je držala roko gospe, oblečene v svetlo-zlati krzneni plašč, ki je segal skoraj do roba usnjenih škornjev, in obe sta stopili prav pred Lojzeta, obe kakor postavi iz preteklosti ali iz sna, obe kakor da nista spadali v ta prostor in v ta čas, obe bolj privid kot resničnost.

»Mami, look!« je rekla punčka in kazala nekaj v daljavi, nakar se je dama zasmejala z veselim, globokim smehom.

»I see,« je rekla, kar je Lojze takoj razumel kot potrilo, četudi ni razumel besede. Stal je in gledal za njima, kot da sta prikazni, in pozabil vstopiti v tramvaj.

Nekje gre življenje naprej, je pomislil. Nekje so ljudje oblečeni kakor gospodje in dame, otroci kot majhni principi in princeze. Otroci imajo rdeče škornjčke! Ne rjave ali črne, niti ne bele, temveč rdeče, take lepe in okusno izdelane, tople in neprepustne. Nekje je lepota in toplota in obilica vsega, še razumevanja med starši in otroci. Nekje je upanje in smeh. Nekje je prihodnost.

»R-r-d-e-e,« je pritrdila Minkica.

»Pomisli, rdeče škornjčke.«

»Od k-k-kod?« je vprašala Minkica s tenkim nasmehom, ki je bil samo dihanje nasmeha in je takoj zamrl.

»Iz Anglije, verjetno. Ali Amerike.«

»Am-m-meri -,« se je odločila Minkica.

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Odločili so se proti združitvi. Po nekaj mučnih sejah in številnih provokacijah proti meni sem odstopil.

Razmišljal sem o tem, da bi se sploh umaknil iz politike. Ker pa sem menil, da je treba nadaljevati delo v prid kmečkega stanu, sem se odločil za vstop v SKD, z namenom in željo, da stranka krščanskih demokratov sodeluje in pripomore k reševanju težavnega agrarnopolitičnega vprašanja.

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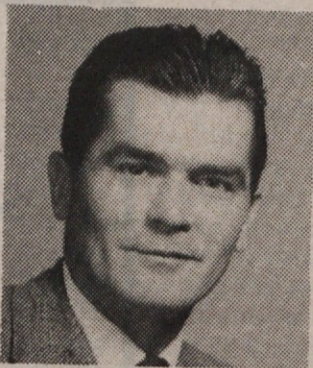
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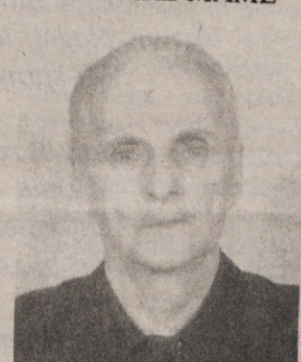
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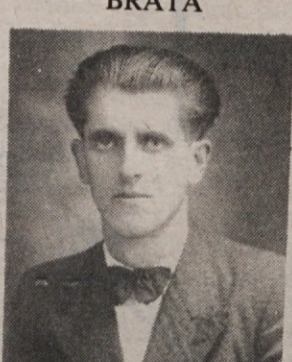
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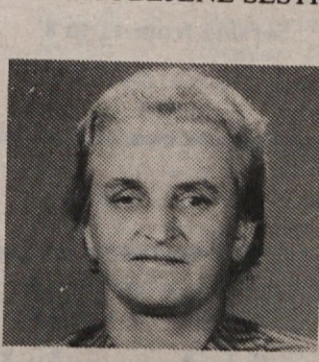
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*Rdeči nagelj
Draga mati — nagelj rdeči
Prsa danes mi krasi;
Nagelj lep, najbolj dehteči
Mi spomin na vas budi.*

*Jaz bi rad ga vam izročil,
V znak ljubezni vam pripel;
Od veselja bi poskočil,
Ko bi zopet vas objel.*

*Vetrič majski, nesi, vzemi
Nageljna vonj čez morje,
Mater mojo tam objemi,
In poljubi ji roke!*

*Pa ji reci: "sin v tujini
V duhu z vami je ta dan;
sladki, mladih dni spomini
Mu prihajajo na plann."*

