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Slovenia: Continent's big bargain — and it's safe

by Ken Danforth

Chicago Sun Times

LJUBLJANA, March 1 — I just got back from Slovenia. Even in Germany, which isn't far away and where people ought to know better, they gasped when I told them I was going to Slovenia.

They associate the country with Yugoslavia — as well they might, for it was a part of that doomed assemblage of republics until last June. But the Slovenians are independent now.

Yugoslavia's loss is the traveler's gain, for Slovenia is a microcosm of the best in Europe. It is also undoubtedly the best bargain on the continent these days.

Tucked into a mountainous corner between Austria, Hungary, Italy and Croatia, Slovenia is an easy drive from cities as different as Venice and Vienna. Motorists can arrive conveniently through the brand-new Karavanke Tunnel from Austria. There's good train service from the north, and first-rate Adria Airways, having recovered from last year's attack by Yugoslav jets, has resumed non-stop flights from Frankfurt and Munich.

All European Community countries recognized the sovereignty of both Slovenia and Croatia on January 15. Germany has taken the lead in setting up embassies in Ljubljana and Zagreb. While much of Croatia remains threatened by Serb-Yugoslav irregulars

who refuse to accept United Nations peacekeeping forces, Slovenia is secure, independent and safe.

That was evident as I stood exhilarated on the castle ramparts, admiring the tidy baroque city of Ljubljana far below and, on the horizon, the white three-headed peak of Mt. Triglav, highest in Slovenia.

But the climb to the top had been demanding. By the time I could negotiate a path down through small meadows and orchards to the bottom of the hill, I was very thirsty.

There stood my little oasis, the Marco Polo Club. I sat down at its sidewalk cafe and refreshed myself with a cold, crisp glass of Slovenian wine that cost only about \$1.10. The children across the way provided lively entertainment as they played Bicycle Wars on the steps of St. Florian, a medieval church.

After a while, I entered the cool chambers of the Marco Polo and feasted at magnificent salad bar. I best remember the olives and eggplant and the huge yellow peppers. Emerging, I felt that wonderful combination of

satiety and virtue: It was a gourmet no-cholesterol lunch, punctuated with sips of wine, for less than I'd spend on a hamburger and beer in Chicago.

Then I strolled farther on down the hill, passing through Gornji Square, a busy neighborhood where old, formerly neglected houses are being renovated, to the willow-shaded Ljubljanica River.

I knew I was going to like Ljubljana as soon as I learned that the most popular square was named for a poet — a bard sometimes celebrated for his bawdiness. A statue of France Preseren looks across Preseren Square, hard by a tripartite marble bridge. He is said to be gazing at the house of a young woman whose love he was never able to win.

Pigeons frolic on Preseren's head and shoulders, and people like to climb up and place a cup of flowers in his hand. In the not-so-long-ago days of democratic opposition to communism, the base of the statue is where people came to promote the Cause.

The streets of Ljubljana poke into the square like spokes. In

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No Spring Concert for Glasbena

At this time Glasbena Matica choral group wishes to make an announcement consisting of some bad news and good news. First the bad news.

After much deliberation and soul-searching, Glasbena Matica members have decided not to present a spring concert this year. We are disappointed and we're sure many of you are, too.

The good news is that there most assuredly will be a fall concert to be held on Saturday, December 5 at the Slovenian National Home on St. Clair Avenue in Cleveland.

This concert is already in the planning stages and will be a supercolossal conglomerate of beloved music. There will be Slovenian songs, song from the Broadway stage, and since it will already be December, a lovely complement of Christmas music. The chorus and other mixed ensembles from our group are already practicing to present their very best in December.

We know many of you are disappointed without a spring concert, but it was felt that Glasbena must concentrate on one truly big show in the year 1992. We regret it, but we feel sure you will understand it, stand by us, and look forward to the December concert. The concert will be directed by Marya Ashamalla.

Watch for more details in this newspaper as the year progresses.

Betty Resnik
Publicity,
Glasbena Matica

83 CWV remember Msgr. Ponikvar

On Sunday, March 29th, St. Vitus Post 1655 of the Catholic War Veterans and the Ladies Auxiliary were in attendance at the 9:15 a.m. Mass in St. Vitus Church for its Lenten Corporate Communion. A total of 83 members, spouses and children were present.

The Mass was also in memory of the 40th anniversary of the passing of Msgr. B. J.

Ponikvar, the first chaplain of the Post.

After Mass, most of the members went to the auditorium for a delicious sausages and eggs breakfast prepared by the wonderful and hard-working ladies of the parish, for the benefit of St. Vitus parish.

—Anthony Grdina
Post Historian



Bringing up the offertory gifts are these distinguished-looking St. Vitus Catholic War Vets, Ted Zak, Al Koporc, Tony Baznik, and Tony Brodnik. (Photo by Tony Grdina)



Metka Stropnik married John Daly

Metka Jožica Stropnik married John Francis Xavier Daly on August 3rd at St. Vitus Church. Rev. Joseph P. Božnar officiated.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jozef Stropnik of Willoughby Hills. The bridegroom's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Edward J. Daly of Mt. Lebanon, PA.

Magda Stropnik of Boston, MA was her twin sister's maid of honor. Bridesmaids were Veronika Stropnik of Willoughby Hills, sister of the bride, Betsy Daly of Mt. Lebanon, PA, sister of the bridegroom, Tamara Kitko of Richmond Heights and Aileen Appleby of Seven Hills. Chloe Daly of Syracuse, NY, niece of the bridegroom, was flower girl.

Robert Sinh Tran of San Diego, CA served as best man. Ushers were Dan Daly of Mt. Lebanon, brother of the bridegroom, Dr. Bruce Ziran of Cleveland Heights, Al Quaye of San Diego, and Paul Vasquez, Pat Russell and Craig Davy of Pittsburgh, PA.

The bride is a graduate of Notre Dame Academy in Chardon and Case Western Reserve University with a Bachelor's degree in Computer Engineering. She is an associate with The Raleigh Group in Beachwood. Her husband is a graduate of CWRU with Bachelor's and Master's degrees in Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering. He is an instructor of mechanical and aerospace engineering at CWRU and president and co-owner of adapt America, Inc.

A reception at The Slovenian National Home on St. Clair honored the couple before a wedding trip to Maui, Hawaii. They live in Lyndhurst.

Joining the many local guests at the wedding and reception

were relatives and friends from Argentina, Canada, France, Slovenia, California, Delaware, Illinois, Maryland, Minnesota, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Virginia and Wisconsin. They especially appreciated the Slovenian flavor of the day.

The solemnity of the service at St. Vitus was enhanced by the singing of Martina Jakomin, Vida Oblak, Maruša Pogačnik, Zdenka Zakrajšek, Bart Slak and John and Tom Sršen.

More than one hundred relatives joined the bridal party at the luncheon served by Julie Zalar and staff.

The evening reception found young and old enjoying camaraderie and dancing to the music of the Stan Mejač Trio. The bridegroom's Irish heritage was honored by a few Irish melodies. The unveiling of the bride, various toasts, tossing of the bouquet and garter, and group dances blended the traditions and diversity of the couple's heritage.

Serbs, Croats asking to confer with Bush

President Slobodan Milosevic of Serbia and President Franjo Tudjman of Croatia, the principal antagonists in the Yugoslav civil war, are separately seeking meetings with President Bush, Administration officials said yesterday.

But the officials said the Administration, which holds both leaders responsible for creating the conflict that led to the fighting last year, is unlikely to welcome either any time soon.

Jim's Journal

by James V. Debevec

The presidential elections are very interesting. It's amazing how all those Republicans were able to vote for Bill Clinton. H. Ross Perot from Texas is also an interesting character. It's incredible that the \$2 billionaire expects to represent the average person in the United States. Maybe he thinks every citizen is worth billions like the present Congressmen do.

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I love to watch the Academy Awards on television. It's very healthy. After the trophy for the best set designer of a foreign film was announced, I nodded off to slumberland. I love movies; Madeline and I see most of them and couldn't see how any film could have won "Best Picture" except the winner — "Silence of the Lambs." It was really a nerve-wracking and extremely intense movie. Hollywood hasn't made a psychological thriller like that in years.

We see them all, the great and not so great. Some of the really good movies were never nominated, like "Curly Sue" or "Stop, or My Mother Will Shoot," starring Sylvester Stallone whose mother is the perfect Slovenian (determined, likeable, and gets involved in her child's business). Another film which made us laugh was "What About Bob?" Melanie Griffith said in "Shining Through" that people should laugh at least once a day; it's healthy for you.

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Cleveland may get a minor-league hockey team and it seems likely they'll play at Cleveland State University. I'll be the first in line to buy tickets. Love hockey.

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One of the great events in the history of politics will be when Cuyahoga County Auditor Timothy McCormack enters the race for U.S. Congress. I've known him for over 20 years and he's honest, capable, and a friend of the Slovenians.

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Why don't they put electric heating pads inside airplane wings so they won't accumulate ice in under two hours?

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Every time I go past the old Collinwood Railroad Yards next to I-90 I think of the lost opportunity the Cleveland baseball management had to build a stadium there. But all is not lost! — The football Browns should build a stadium there. — And make it big enough to hold 100,000 fans.

The Municipal Stadium holds over 70,00 and when a good team comes to town, it's sold out. But the stadium is getting old; and the lakefront property is being developed for new things. For example there will be a Museum and Science Building, World-Class Aquarium, and maybe yes maybe a Rock n Roll Museum. To keep the lakefront looking beautiful, move the Browns to Collinwood where there is plenty of parking, the freeway is immediately adjacent, the land is probably cheap (it hasn't been used in years), and it would look good there and put plenty of people to work for a few years building it. It would be in a good Slovenian neighborhood, and Slovenians love sports. It is still in Cleveland and would be an asset to the community with taxes coming to the city. Our Slovenian representatives: Governor George Voinovich, State Representative Ron Suster, and Councilman Mike Polensek all live in the area.

In keeping with the *flavor* of the idea they could change the name from the Browns to the *Poticas*. The sports *nuts* will come to the games there, and owner Art Modell will be in the *dough*.

Using the Collinwood Yards for a stadium makes sense and will make dollars.

News from Slovenia

LJUBLJANA, STA (Slovenian Press Agency) — March 27 — *Slovenia will sign an economic agreement with Albania as soon as the Democratic party which won the latest elections in this country forms a new government.*

Vote on non-confidence
Ljubljana, March 27 (STA) — President of the Slovenian Parliament has today officially notified the delegates of all chambers that they will vote on non-confidence to the government at the joint session scheduled for April 8.

Entering Slovenia
Ljubljana, March 27 (STA) — According to the law on foreigners it has been specified that foreigners may cross the state border at sites specially aimed for this purpose and reside in the country on the basis of a valid foreign passport. There must be a visa in the passport if an international agreement does not exist, reports the information service of the home office.

Foreigners who have arrived in Slovenia with a valid passport may reside in Slovenia for three months, or the period for which the visa was issued to them.

Foreigners who do not have a valid passport and arrive as tourists or on business will be issued a permit of entrance (tourist pass) by the bodies authorized for border crossing control, on the basis of an identity card or some other document or identity.

Foreigners who arrive from a state with which visas have not been abolished, can obtain these at the border crossings. The Republic of Slovenia respects the agreements made with Yugoslavia, until new bilateral agreements on the abolishment of visas are made, further informs the information service of the Ministry of Internal Affairs.

Minister visits Canada
Ljubljana, March 27 (STA) — Prof. Dr. Peter Tancig, Minister for Science and Technology, will attend the founding conference of the World Institute for Electronic Date Interchange (EDI World Institute) in Montreal, Canada.

100 WORDS
MORE OR LESS
by
John merclna

READ & PONDER !

1. FAULTS ARE THICK WHEN LOVE IS THIN.
2. WHO NEVER CLIMBED, NEVER FELL.
3. IF MAN COULD HAVE HALF HIS WISHES, HE WOULD DOUBLE HIS TROUBLES.
4. LYING IS TAKING RESPONSIBILITY FOR REALITY.
5. LIFE IS WHAT HAPPENS WHEN YOU ARE BUSY MAKING PLANS.
6. ALL THE RED LIGHTS TELL ME TO GO.
7. WHEN THE LIGHTS ARE DIM HE TURNS UP THE HEAT.



Zarja concert, dance

On Saturday, April 25, Singing Society Zarja will present its 76th Spring Frolic at the Slovenian Society Home on Recher Avenue in Euclid. We extend our most sincere invitation to our friends to join us on this day.

On the agenda for this celebration will be a sit-down dinner, serving from 5 - 6:30 (doors open at 4:45), Frolic Program at 7 p.m., followed by dancing to Johnny Vadnal's orchestra, and cabaret selections during the evening.

Donation for the entire

day's entertainment is \$15.00; dance only \$5; children under 12, \$5.

Thank you for your past support and future. Tickets may be obtained from Zarja members. For reservations call Barbara Elersich at 382-2258, Vicky Kozel at 531-5542, or Sophie Elersich at 531-8402. Prepayment is requested, thus assuring you of certain seating.

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In memory of Monsignor Bartholomew J. Ponikvar

Monday, March 30 marked the 40th anniversary of the passing of the Right Reverend Monsignor Bartholomew J. Ponikvar, beloved pastor of St. Vitus Church in Cleveland. Quiet services in observance were held on Sunday morning, March 29 at the 9:15 Mass.

Msgr. Ponikvar was born on August 21, 1877 in the village of Bloke in what is now the Republic of Slovenia, at that time a part of the old Austro-Hungarian empire. He came to America in the footsteps of the saintly missionary of the Chippewa and Ottawa Indians, Bishop Frederick Baraga. He studied for the priesthood at the famous seminary of Bishop Ireland in Minneapolis-St. Paul.

Ordained on June 24, 1906, he read his first Mass in St. Lawrence Church in Newburgh. His first assignment as a missionary was the church of St. Mary's in Binghamton, NY. A year later he was transferred to Lorain briefly before being appointed pastor of St. Vitus Church on August 2, 1907.

The young pastor was faced with the Herculean task of restoring order and reconciliation among the parishioners. Even as today, a serious dissension had developed among the parishioners, some siding with the first pastor of St. Vitus, the Rev. Vitus Hribar, and others disagreeing. Most of his 45 years were spent in placating and reconciling the feuding parishioners.

Msgr. Ponikvar was eventually well loved by his parishioners. He had a core of altarboys sometimes exceeding

40 testifying to his popularity among the young. During his tenure the largest contingent of young men entered the seminary for priesthood and young women the monastery to become teaching sisters, so sadly lacking today.

His genius and indefatigable energy are graphically crystalized. St. Vitus School was built in 1912, the beautiful Romanesque style St. Vitus Church in 1933, the Sisters' Convent in 1962, St. Vitus School Auditorium in 1957. This astounding complex could not be built for \$10 million today. It was built with pennies of hard working Slovenian immigrants largely unappreciated by today's pampered inflationary standards. It is a living testimonial to the Great Depression and the love and hard work that made America the great coun-

try it is today.

For his accomplishments he was named domestic prelate in the papal house on October 25, 1936. This great honor he accepted humbly and unobtrusively, while his parishioners admiringly fawned upon him for bringing such honor to his simple congregation.

The last venture, the auditorium and sisters' convent, he did not live to see. He succumbed to a heart attack after arising that morning to say Sunday Mass. He died in the grace of the Lord March 30, 1952. He was buried in Calvary Cemetery in Cleveland.

Shakespeare once wrote that the evils of men live long after them and the good is oft interred with their bones. But Msgr. Ponikvar's good has so far visibly stood the test of time.



May this foreign soil rest gently on his bosom awaiting the final heavenly trumpets and his just rewards.

Joseph Zelle

Events...

Saturday, April 4

Jadran "Carnival in Slovenia" program at Slovenian Workmen's Home, 15335 Waterloo Rd. Dinner 5:30, followed by concert. Dancing later to Ray Polantz Orchestra. Tickets \$15 from Angela Zabjek 531-3979 or Betty Rotar 481-3187.

Sunday, April 5

Holmes Avenue Pensioners 30th Anniversary dinner-dance at Slovenian Home on Holmes Ave. Tickets \$12. Louise 261-1678 or Matt 943-3784.

Saturday, April 11

Spring Dinner-Dance sponsored by Board of Directors of Collinwood Slovenian Home, 15810 Homes Ave. honoring Man of the Year John Jackson. Music by Bob Kravos Orch. Dinner 7 p.m., music 8 p.m. Donation \$12.

Sunday, April 12

West Park Slovenian Home Dance from 4 to 8 p.m.

Saturday, April 25

Zarja Spring Frolic at Slovenian Society Home, Recher Ave., Euclid. Dinner 5 to 6:30, program at 7, dancing follows with John Vadal orchestra. Tickets from Zarja members or call 382-2258.

Saturday, April 25

Slovenian Day, New York, featuring round table discussion in morning, boat tour in afternoon, and dance to Tony Klepec Orchestra and Zvon concert in the evening. All proceeds for The Clinical Center in Ljubljana. For further information call (718) 2711, (212) 688-7222 or (718) 386-5317.

Saturday, May 2

"Slovenian Day" Slovenian national choir from Toronto performing under the direction of Rev. Tomaž Mavrič in concert at St. Vitus auditorium, E. 62nd and Gl Ave. at 7:30 p.m. Dance and social to follow.

Sunday, May 3

Slovenian May Devotion in St. Joseph Church, Fontana, California, 1:30 p.m.

Sunday, May 3

Annual Spring Brunch sponsored by Friends of the Slovenian Home, St. Clair

Button Box Bash draws 10 bands

Circle Sunday, April 12 on your calendar when Circle 2 SNPJ sponsors Super Button Box Bash 10 featuring 15 button accordion ensembles, a record premiere by Button Box Buddies, and a choral concert by the 59-voice Slovenian Junior Chorus.

The Super Bash will be held at Slovenian Society Home, 20713 Recher Avenue in Euclid, Ohio. Music starts in two ballrooms at 1 p.m. continuously for eight hours until 9 p.m. Tickets are available for \$4 at the Polka Hall of Fame and at the door. Good food and refreshments will be available throughout the day. The Slovenian Junior Chorus



Circle 2 Slovenian Junior Chorus 1992 officers: Brian Blanchard, treasurer; Patrick Kelly, attend. secretary; Ann Dolgan, recording secretary; Jennifer Skrajner, president, and Jennifer Trebec, vice president. Not pictured is Bob Dolgan, historian.

had a stellar year from a cultural standpoint. The young singing group presented two musical productions in the same year. The Slovenian Country Wedding, the authentic script of the Slovenian folk wedding ceremony with music, and in the fall the old Slovenian Christmas carols and music that tell the story of Christmas and the birth of Jesus.

Add to that the popular polka album, "Not Too Young to Polka," the Circle's first recording since 1968, and you have a remarkable 1991. The most enjoyable part of the year's activities was singing for and meeting friends, whether it be in Pennsylvania, the Cleveland Indians ballgame, or the polka weekend at Stouffer's Tower City Plaza Hotel.

Circle 2 wishes to thank Andy Cashen of Madison, Ohio for his very generous donation. No less appreciated is the annual donation by George Knaus. We want to again mention the fine young adults in Cleveland who sponsor the Harvest Masquerade Dance at SNPJ Farm, and Janet and Joe Loiko, who have made donations to Circle 2.

In counting up the members, it was a pleasant surprise to find there are 59 members in Youth Circle 2. The upcoming concert on April 12 will focus on all of the children as they sing, dance and play button accordion from 3 to 4 p.m. At 4 p.m. the Button Box Buddies will play a live program and introduce their new album.

The following button accordion groups are scheduled to play: Cleveland Lake Erie, West Park Button Box Club, Euclid Squeezeboxers, Kusar's Gang, Erie Shores, Euclid Chromatic Club, Maple Heights, Northern Ohio, Holmes Hall Buttonaires, Fairport Polkateers, Mahoning Valley Button Box Club, Yukon (PA) Button Box Club, Western Pennsylvania Button Box Club of Sygan, PA, Button Box Buddies, and Zeke & Charlie and Friends.

—Cecilia Dolgan, director

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Jennie Batich, helped build Collinwood Slovenian Home

Jennie Batch (nee Klun), 88 passed away at her daughter, Elsie Zaletel's residence, where she was living, on Thursday, March 25. She was born in Slovenia.

Jennie and her husband Henry were instrumental in building the Collinwood Slovenian Home. He was a foreman for Collinwood Brickyard who donated the bricks used in constructing the Home.

Jennie also ran a beauty parlor at her home and she was admired by everyone for the charity and softness of her facial skin. She also was a founder of Liliija.

She was a member of St. Mary Altar and Rosary Society, AMLA Lodge Kras No. 8, Slovenian Women's Union No. 10, and KSKJ Lodge St. Helen's No. 193.

Jennie was retired from Perfection Stove where she had worked many years as an assembler.

She was the beloved wife of the late Henry, the mother of Elsie Zaletel and Albert (dec.); grandmother of six; great-grandmother of seven; and sister of four (all deceased).

Funeral Mass was held at St. Mary Church. Burial was in All Souls Cemetery.

Memorials to St. Mary Church, 15519 Holmes Ave. would be appreciated by the family.

DOROTHY B. ZAGAR

Dorothy B. Zagar (nee Menhart), 67, passed away in Richmond Heights General Hospital on Saturday, March 28. She was born in Cleveland.

Dorothy retired in 1985 after 10 years as an account clerk for Guardian Glass.

Dorothy was a member of Holmes Ave. Pensioners, Slovenian Women's Union No. 10, AMLA No. 51 and the Western Slovanic Association No. 32.

She was the wife of Florian who died in 1973, the sister of Mary Sustersic and Magdaline (Peggie) Dobnikar, and the following deceased: Rudolph and Edward. She was a dear friend of Lucille Romih, aunt, and great-aunt.

Visitation was at Zele Funeral Home. Funeral Mass was Wednesday, April 1 at St. Mary Church (Holmes Ave.). Burial in Calvary Cemetery.

The family suggests contributions, in her memory to St. Mary Church, 15519 Holmes Ave., Cleveland 44110, or Hospice of Western Reserve, 5786 Heisley Rd., Mentor, OH 44060.

DINO BELLETTI

Dino Belletti, 64, husband of Anita (nee Pissacco); father of Robert, Walter and George; grandfather of seven.

Family received friends at Zak Funeral Home, 6016 St. Clair Ave. Services were Monday followed by a 9:30 a.m. Mass at St. Vitus Church. Interment All Souls Cemetery.

ALBERT FLORJANCIC

Private services were held Tuesday, March 24 for Albert Florjancic, 77 of Euclid, a retired foreman for Reliance Electric.

Mr. Florjancic died Sunday, March 22 at Wickliffe Country Place. Born September 28, 1914 in the Collinwood area of Cleveland, he had lived there before moving to Euclid many years ago.

Survivors are his wife Rose (nee Mihelich), and brother Joseph of Tampa, Florida. His brothers Merko and Louis are deceased.

Arrangements were conducted by the Dan Cosic Funeral Home in Willoughby Hills, Ohio.

EDWARD H. DEMSHAR

Edward H. Demshar, 47, was the owner-operator of Demshar Builders Inc., a general contracting firm in Willoughby, Ohio.

He died at his Willoughby home of cancer.

He was the third generation of his family to own Demshar Builders, a company started in the 1910s by his grandfather Joseph Demshar. The firm specializes in constructing commercial and industrial buildings.

Mr. Demshar was born in Cleveland. His family moved to Willoughby 41 years ago. He graduated from Willoughby South High School in 1963 and Case Institute of Technology in 1967 where he majored in civil engineering.

He was also known for his work with the Chagrin Valley District of the Boy Scouts of America. He served from

1981-85 on the council's executive board and as district chairman.

Since 1981 he was on the Willoughby Zoning Board of Appeals and had served as chairman.

He was a director of the Eastlake Chamber of Commerce since 1976, and was past president of the Mason Contractors Association of Lake and Geauga Counties and the Exchange Club of West Lake County.

Mr. Demshar also was a member of Euclid and Eagle Shrine clubs, the Lake County Board of Realtors and the Phi Delta Theta Fraternity.

Surviving are his wife, Betty; son, Garrett; daughters, Deborah and Kathleen; father, Harold; two brothers; and a sister.

Services are today (Thursday) at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, 37950 Euclid Avenue, Willoughby.

CORRECTION

In the Slovenian Pensioners Club of Euclid article printed in the March 26 edition, I inadvertently omitted the name of James Medves as one of the musicians who played in the "All Star Band" at our March 4 meeting. My deepest apologies to James Medves.

—Eleanor Pavey, reporter

Meeting

St. Anne Lodge No. 4 AMLA regular monthly meeting will be on Wednesday, April 8 beginning at 1:30 p.m. in the St. Vitus Social Room.

Following the meeting, refreshments will be served.

St. Anne Lodge extends a Happy Easter to all AMLA members.

—Madeline D. Debevec

In Memory

Enclosed is a check in the amount of \$25.00 for the Ameriška Domovina in memory of Joseph and Rose Baskovic from Mr. and Mrs. Joseph S. Baskovic.

In Manor Care

This letter is to let you know that my Mother, Mrs. Louis (Amelia Skrlj) Oswald, is in the rehabilitation home of Manor Care, Lake Shore, 16101 Lake Shore Blvd., Cleveland, after suffering several strokes while being a patient at Euclid Meridia. She is 90.

She and Dad were generous patrons of St. Mary's Church in the past since that is where they were married in 1925. (Dad died in December, 1990.)

Walter L. Oswald

Albums salute Slovenia

Hans Reber of Mervar Records, 6919 St. Clair Ave., Cleveland, OH 44103 — (216) 361-3628, announces five new cassette tapes at \$9 each include a "Musical Salute to Slovenia" with the Hank Haller Ensemble. Another cassette is simply titled "Slovenia" with the Ensemble Hank Haller featuring Ken Umeck.

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Jadran's Concert

On Saturday, April 4th, the Jadran Singing Society under the direction of Reginald Resnik will sponsor its "Carnival in Slovenia" program at the Slovenian Workmen's Home, 15335 Waterloo Road.

Preceding the concert, a delicious home-cooked meal consisting of chicken dumpling soup, breaded chicken, roast pork and stuffing, home-fried potatoes, vegetable, salad, roll, butter, coffee and dessert will be served with Steffie Smolic at the helm, starting at 5:30 p.m.

"Predpustna," "Zapojmo Pesmico," "Potrkan Ples," "Mi Slovenci Taki SMO" and "Mi Ga Spet Žingamo" are just a few of the selections which will be done by the entire chorus. Interspersed will be lively music by the button box ensemble, women's chorus, a solo by Florence Unetich and a duet by our "Jadran Songbirds" Florence Unetich and Angela Zabjek.

Following the program, there will be dancing to the Ray Polantz Orchestra.

This delightful evening can be yours for a mere \$15 per person. Tickets are available from any Jadran member by calling either Angela Zabjek at 531-3979 or Betty Rotar at 481-3187.

Meeting

The United Altar Society is having its yearly meeting at 1:30 on Sunday, April 26 at St. Mary of the Assumption Church, 15519 Holmes Avenue. Invited are all members from St. Vitus, St. Lawrence and St. Christine parishes.

We will meet in the church for prayers, rosary and benediction. After benediction we will go to the hall to continue with our meeting.

The time has come to again talk about our pilgrimage to our beautiful Marija Pomagaj shrine in Lemont, Ill.

—Marie Amigoni

Sen. Dixon supports Slovenia

U.S. Senator Alan J. Dixon, Illinois Democrat, delivered the following statement before the U.S. Senate on Jan. 22:

"Mr. President, I am pleased to co-sponsor the resolution introduced by the distinguished Republican Leader (Dole) urging the President to extend full diplomatic relations to Croatia and Slovenia.

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good weather, outdoor bars and cafes radiate in all directions, including along the river banks, over which loom grand five-story mansions from Austro-Hungarian Empire days. In all weathers, the outdoor market is active, sheltering brass pots and woodcarvings, fresh fruit and vegetables, and big bins of spices beneath a riverside arcade.

Tourists simply aren't traveling these days to Ljubljana and the rest of Slovenia, as a result of widespread confusion about the tragic situation among the blazing shards of Yugoslavia farther south. That's a shame, both for the tourists and for the hospitable Slovenians.

Most Americans have a negative image of the Balkans that is not entirely inaccurate. The terms suggests an ethnic tinderbox, the sort of place where people start conflagrations — World War I, for example. Well, Slovenia is definitely not Balkan.

It is an Alpine, Central European nation that, while serving as a bridge between East and West, has based its culture firmly in the West. On Titova Cesta, Ljubljana's main business street, an electronic sign gives the Slovenian stock-market quotations. This is not necessarily comforting, but it sure isn't communism, either.

"Our 10-day war was last June," said entrepreneur Branko Simonovic while we were checking out the facilities at a 1,200-boat marina at Portoroz, on the coast. "Now there is heavy fighting in Slavonia. Even the Italians don't seem to know the difference between Slovenia and Slavonia."

The border with Italy is only 15 miles away from where we stood. Slavonia, a region of eastern Croatia, is hundreds of miles away, on the Danube River.

"Maybe they are avoiding Slovakia, too," Simonovic joked, referring to the southern portion of Czechoslovakia and yet another source of confusion for foreigners unschooled in Slavic place names.

Beyond Ljubljana, many of Slovenia's pleasures feature the wide outdoors. Having traveled here repeatedly since

1984, I would be hard-pressed to think of an area of wholesome outdoor activity that doesn't beckon.

Every fourth Slovenian is an active skier, and the new nation sent 28 athletes to last month's Winter Olympics in France — a presence spotlighted on CBS television by Charles Kuralt, whose heritage is Slovenian.

Hiking, canoeing, hang-gliding, farm holidays, exploring one of 10,000 karstic caverns, and scuba-diving in the salt-buoyant Adriatic are only a few of the adventures that come to mind.

I crossed the border from Austria on the fast EuroCity train from Munich. Dr. Ernest Petric, head of the new Office of the Republic of Slovenia in Washington, had assured me I'd need no visa. He was right. An official on the train stamped my passport with "Jesenice," the Slovenian border post, with no questions. No customs inspector ever appeared.

Slovenia was the most prosperous, Westernized and democratic republic in former Yugoslavia, even when it had to pay lip service and an awful lot of money to communism and the rapidly souring idea of South Slav unity. Though its 2 million people represented only 8 percent of Yugoslavia's population, Slovenia accounted for 27 percent of the country's exports.

Obvious comparisons of Slovenia with Austria are, while oft repeated, valid nevertheless. It isn't just the snow-covered peaks and high meadows, the orchards and pastel green of the buildings, the hay drying neatly in racks called kozovc, or even the yodeling folk dancers in knickers and dirndls. It's the instinctive need to reason things out and to speak freely.

Slovenia is far more than snow-capped Alps and a baroque capital. Only a couple of hours from the highest peaks are the subtropical resorts of Slovenian Istria.

On my drive from Ljubljana to the coast, I started out on a modern Autobahn, spent the middle of the journey winding through green mountains, saw the Adriatic sparkling in the distance, then coasted down to the sea along an avenue of pollarded pines.

The road led me to Portoroz, which means Port of Roses. You might call Portoroz a manageable resort. One road, divided by a linear garden of roses and small palms, goes from one end of town to the other and it would be difficult to get lost. The hotels stand mostly empty these days, but management seems determined to keep them buzzing.

The strand is dominated by the green-shuttered Palace hotel, which was built in 1911. When normalcy brings tourist dollars back to Slovenia, and the hotel gleams anew, I would like to stay there for a week.

Near the seaside in Portoroz, I enjoyed a fine lunch with a half liter of wine for \$3.85 in Restaurant Ljubljana.

In under three hours, I drove from Portoroz to Lake Bled, a sparkling gem with an island-set church in the middle and a cliff-stuck castle hanging over one shore.

I would never go to Bled without visiting the dark-beamed Okarina Restaurant, one of the best in that part of the world. Photographer Borut Sraj, one of two owners, has imported his chefs from India, and the magical combinations of Continental and Indian cuisines remain treasured in my memory. The Okarina is also one of the few restaurants in Central Europe that has a no-smoking section.

Lake Bled is off the beaten path, but farther up into the Alps, there's an even more idyllic lake. I drove up a chalky green glacial river to Lake Bohinj, which seems to have been scooped right out of the primeval forest. A small village at one end offers places to stay, and there's a hotel and woodland tavern at the far end. But mostly the lake and its spruce-crowding shores are just as nature made them.

A man at the small tourist office in the village of Bohinj gave me a local map and told me about a circuitous way to drive from Bohinj back to Bled. I crossed a bridge over the river that flows out of the lake and drove through the most unpretentiously beautiful villages I have ever seen.

Slovenia is piquant and different, the kind of place adventurous travelers dream about. Traveling there is adventurous to the extent that not many other people are doing it, but I couldn't claim you have to be courageous. It's fun to think about it that way, though, and it does no one any harm.

Thanks to Joe Zelenz of Cedar Hill, Texas for submitting this article.

Spaghetti

Spaghetti dinner, sponsored by Saint Mary (Collinwood) Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts will be held on Sunday, April 5 from 11:30 a.m. until 2:30 in the school cafeteria. Donation is \$4.50 for adults and \$2.50 for children.

This ol' boy was at a party. He suddenly realized his wallet was missing. He got up on a table and said, "There is \$500 in that wallet, and I'll give 50 bucks to the first person who returns it."

A voice from the other side of the room piped up "I'll give \$75."

Kirkpatrick on Yugoslavia

Jeane Kirkpatrick wrote an article in the Monday, March 16 edition of the *Washington Post*. Speaking about U.S. foreign policy she says,

"With the Cold War over, there is no Soviet threat to the independence of Yugoslavia, and no reasonable chance that the Yugoslav spark could ignite a divided Europe."

"Why then was America's national interest served by the administration's long refusal to recognize Croatia and Slovenia, a refusal that lasted

for months after most of Europe had already done so?

"Americans have no stake in the preservation of a Communist China or of Serbian hegemony in what was Yugoslavia. But we do have a major stake in encouraging civilized standards of respect for human rights and peaceful settlements of the issues of ethnic separatism and nationalism. We have a major stake in democratic outcomes."



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Waterloo Pensioners Club News



Chuck and Carrie Miklavcic and "Justice" Louis Prebevsek



Tony and Fran Kristoff

Our January meeting was cancelled because of a snowstorm, a first for us. The February meeting was nice for that time of year, but when we came out at 3 p.m. what greeted us: snow and ice. Hope everyone made it home safely.

Coming home soon from their Florida vacation will be vice president Don Gorjup and Dot, also secretary-treasurer Ralph Urbancek and Jean.

We celebrated the 50th wedding anniversary of Tony and Fran Kristoff and Chuck and Carrie Miklavcic at our February meeting. Escorting Fran down the aisle was Tony Silc and escorting Carrie down the aisle was Phil Marencic, while the members hummed "Here Comes the Bride." Thanks to Mitzi Yeray who is in charge of the anniversaries. She presented each couple with a cake and a gift. Don't forget if you are celebrating a 50th anniversary, contact Mitzi Yeray at 951-9926.

Our sympathies are extended to the Skabar and Mihelcic families. On March 8th member Rudy Strancar passed away, husband of Irene.

Belated birthday greetings to our member Anna Skok on her 95th.

At the March meeting we were entertained by the Prime Players of Chagrin Falls. The skit was "Room for Rent;" hope you enjoyed the performance.

Our picnic tickets will go on sale at the April meeting. Handling the tickets will be Tillie Vranekovic. See her in

the lobby of the hall. Tickets are \$8.50 for dinner and gate; the menu for the day has been approved by the membership.

Welcome to new members:

Christine Verch
Valeria Traska
Jennie Filipis
Bill and Emily Kern
Gus and Sadie Barko

At our April 14 meeting speaking on "Nutrition" at 1 p.m. will be Bob Weber of Webers Health Foods.

Have you paid your dues for 1992? If not, be at the April meeting to do so.

The following members are on the Honorary List:

Frank, Albina Bittenc, John Bonach, Millie Bradac, Sutton and Justine Girod, Mary Kaferle, Ann Kristoff, Joe Kolman, Walter and Mary Lampe, Joe and Elsie Muzic, Amelia Perko, Louis and Mary Prebevsek, Steve Shimits, Jane Slejko, Rudy and Zora Urbanick, Tillie Vranekovic, Helen Vukcevic, and Cecelia Wolf.

If you know of someone you think should be on this list, submit their name and a short history of them, then present the letter to any board member and they will look in to it.

Sandwiches and coffee will be served before and after the meeting — only 50¢.

Member John Lokar is now at the Wickliffe Country Place, 1919 Bishop Rd., Wickliffe, Ohio 44092-2586. Send him a cherry card.

See you Tuesday, April 14 at 1 p.m.

—H.V.

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ASSETS

1.	BONDS.....	10,352,990.
2.	STOCKS.....	81,119.
3.	REAL ESTATE.....	811,015.
4.	CERTIFICATE LOANS AND LIENS.....	209,334.
5.	CASH AND BANK DEPOSITS.....	1,574,102.
6.	LIFE INSURANCE PREMIUMS AND ANNUITY CONSIDERATIONS DEFERRED AND UNCOLLECTED.....	449,564.
7.	INVESTMENT INCOME DUE AND ACCRUED.....	195,657.
8.	ELECTRONIC DATA PROCESSING EQUIPMENT.....	68,638.
TOTAL.....		13,742,419.

LIABILITIES, SPECIAL RESERVES AND UNASSIGNED FUNDS

1.	Aggregate reserve for life certificates and contracts.....	6,877,751.
2.	Aggregate reserve for accident & health certificates.....	318,525.
3.	Certificate and contract claims: 3.1 Life.....	135,000.
	3.2 Accident & Health.....	410,000.
4.	Premiums & annuity considerations received in advance including accident & health premiums.....	126,615.
5.	Commissions to fieldworkers due or accrued: Life and annuity.....	6,049.
	Accident & Health.....	29,908.
Total.....		35,957.

6.	General expenses due or accrued.....	60,000.
7.	Taxes, licenses & fees due or accrued.....	15,224.
8.	Unearned investment income.....	5,233.
9.	Mandatory securities valuation reserve.....	140,180.

TOTAL LIABILITIES..... 8,124,485.

10.	Unassigned funds.....	5,617,935.
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TOTAL..... 13,742,420.

SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS (ACCRUAL BASIS)

1.	Premium and annuity considerations.....	3,990,355.
2.	Net investment income.....	1,040,084.

TOTAL..... 5,030,439.

3.	Death Benefits.....	983,497.
4.	Matured endowments.....	15,111.
5.	Annuity and old age benefits.....	3,400.
6.	Disability, accident & health benefits.....	870,671.
7.	Surrender benefits.....	207,331.
8.	Increase in aggregate reserve for life & health certificates & contracts.....	515,931.
9.	Commissions on premiums & annuity considerations.....	470,841.
10.	General insurance expenses & fraternal payments.....	1,731,621.
11.	Insurance taxes, licenses & fees.....	53,591.
12.	Increase in loading on and cost of collection in excess of loading on deferred and uncollected premiums.....	54,191.
TOTAL.....		4,906,211.

13.	Net gain from operations before refunds to members.....	124,221.
14.	Net gain from operations after refunds to members.....	124,221.
15.	Net realized capital gains or (losses).....	(-2,041).
16.	Net income.....	122,181.

UNASSIGNED FUNDS AND SPECIAL RESERVES ACCOUNT

1.	Unassigned funds and special reserves December 31 previous year.....	5,475,000.
2.	Net income from operations.....	122,181.
3.	Change in net unrealized capital gains or (losses)	71,771.
4.	Change in non-admitted and related items.....	(-37,131).
5.	Change in mandatory securities valuation reserve.....	(-13,901).
6.	Net change in unassigned funds and special reserve for the year.....	142,801.
7.	Unassigned funds and special reserves December 31 current.....	5,617,901.

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112 folks attend Holmes meeting

We had 112 members brave the weather March 11 for the Holmes Avenue Pensioners meeting. Members were reminded of the April 5 anniversary dinner-dance. Cost is \$12.00. Invite your friends. Tickets available by calling Matt 943-3784 or Louise 261-1678.

New members were introduced and welcomed: Fran Kajfez, Joe Marovich, Ann Kranjc, Tony and Betty Lovsin.

As it was featured previously on TV regarding Collinwood Memorial school fire with President John Habat and Councilman Mike Polensek.

Being a member of the Pensioners I must say we are a very close-knit group and this was shown when one of our well-known members Jack Vedetic passed away. At least 50 members came to pay their respects at Zele Funeral Home. Services were at St. Mary's Church. Fr. John Kumse eulogized Jack as a person willing to help at church or the Holmes Hall.

Fr. Kumse said, "There is a popular polka called 'Jack on St. Clair,' but we had our own 'Jack on Holmes Avenue.'" Members wish to extend condolences to his wife, Ursula and family. He sure will be missed.

Last chance: Dues have to be paid to stay in the club.

Program for pensioners was on "Senior Crime Prevention and Protection" presented by Lou Grove. Each lady present

received a whistle.

We need to recognize two dedicated members, Frank and Mae Fabec who do such an excellent job on 50/50 raffle, making it a success at every meeting.

We wish to let our members know if we do not see you around for awhile; we are concerned.

Hope to see Hank Kersman back with his button box to keep those finger moving again. Carl Schultz was missed as he had spent a few days in the hospital.

After the meeting we celebrated Joe Jerkic's 90th birthday. He received a cap with the Slovenian emblem, and to do a fast get-away, a Lincoln Town Car. The cake was also decorated with the Slovenian emblem. He received a proclamation from the State of Ohio. Joe is a quiet man, but he sure was lost for words. Another young 92 years of age John Grill was presented with a "Batman's Car." And he in turn presented a step-stool to be raffled at our dinner-dance April 5. He said, "All done by hand and no nails." We will have additional prizes to be given away that day. P.S. — the cars were "match box" size.

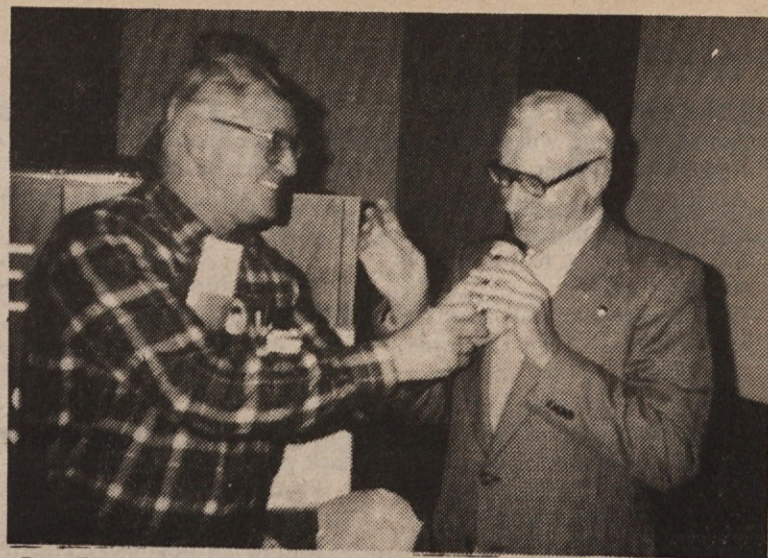
Not to forget our members at the Slovene Home for the Aged, we continued birthday celebration there for Mary Komidar 104 years, Josephine

Sustarsic, 99 years, Steve Cernigoy, Antonia Nemec, Mary Sherry, Frank Urbancic. They received a "goodie" Easter basket and proclamations.

We have to thank Millie Budnar with her button box, Alice Ourednik playing the tamburitza and while at the Home, Steve Valencic stayed on to play with Millie and Alice. — A good time was had by all.

Please remember our members at the Slovene Home for the Aged and other Collinwood residents. They enjoy seeing you and reminisce of days gone by.

V.P. Matt Zabukovec/
Jennie Schultz reporter



Joe Jerkic, right, 90 years young and vice president Matt Zabukovec.

Feighan writes Bush about Slovenia

March 31, 1992

Dear Mr. President:

I am writing you to express my strong support for the independence of Slovenia and Croatia and to urge United States recognition of both without delay.

Early last year, the people of Slovenia and Croatia called upon their national leaders repeatedly to consider in good faith a new political structure for Yugoslavia. When their peacefully expressed desires went unheeded, they felt they had little choice but to declare independence.

Those declarations were answered with a brutal onslaught by the Yugoslav Federal Army and the worst period of violence seen in Europe since World War II. The determination of the people of Slovenia and Croatia to persevere despite the assault on their homelands and to continue to implement democracy and freedom in their respective countries demonstrates their commitment to independence.

It has long been a central tenet of United States foreign policy to support the self-determination of peoples worldwide. Slovenia and Croatia fully deserve the independence they seek. I respectfully urge you to fulfill America's historic mandate and extend full diplomatic recognition to Slovenia and Croatia without delay.

Sincerely,
Edward F. Feighan
Member of Congress
(19th District, Ohio)



Illinois First Lady Brenda Edgar, awarded Emilia Razman with a certificate from Governor Edgar for participating in the 1992 Ethnic Art Exhibit sponsored by the Governor's Office of Ethnic Affairs.

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Slovenian Art Guild reports:

The "Slovenian Culture and Traditions" classes for children ended on February 22. The overwhelming success of this project was due to the combined efforts of the entire team which consisted of Patricia Habat, Doris Sadar, Justine Skok, Michael Podboy, Jr., and Sylvia Mocnik.

The cooperation of the Slovenian National Art Guild and the Euclid City Schools made these classes possible.

Ethnic Days in Minnesota

An early notice from Iron-world USA in Chisholm, Minnesota announces Ethnic Days will take place there from July 11 to the 26th.

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Prep. time: 5 minutes.

Microwave time: 8 to 9 minutes.

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1 cup water

1/2 cup yellow cornmeal

1 tablespoon sugar

1/4 teaspoon salt

Butter

Maple syrup or honey

Combine milk, water, cornmeal, sugar and salt in 2-quart microwaveproof casserole with lid.

Microwave covered on high 8 to 9 minutes, whisking halfway through, until very thick. Whisk again. Serve with butter and maple syrup. Makes 2 servings.

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1/2 tsp. paprika

1/2 of a 24-oz. pkg. frozen wedge-cut potatoes with skin

1 Tbsp. margarine or butter

In a plastic food-storage bag combine Parmesan, onion salt, and paprika. Add potatoes; close bag. Shake till coated. Arrange potatoes in an 8x8x2-inch microwave-safe dish. Set aside 1/2 teaspoon Parmesan coating.

Micro-cook potatoes, uncovered, on 100% power

(high) for 4 minutes; give the dish a half-turn. Cook for 2 to 4 minutes more or till tender and hot.

In a 1-cup glass measuring cup cook margarine or butter on high for 30 seconds to 1 minute or till melted. Carefully stir in reserved coating; pour over potatoes. Makes 4 servings.

OATMEAL BREAD

2 packages active dry yeast

1/2 cup warm water

1-1/2 cups boiling water

1 cup quick-cooking rolled oats, uncooked

1/2 cup molasses

1/3 cup shortening

1 tablespoon salt

6-1/4 cups all-purpose flour

2 beaten eggs

1. Soften yeast in 1/2 cup warm water

2. In large bowl, combine 1-1/2 cups boiling water, rolled oats, molasses, shortening, and salt. Cool to lukewarm. With wooden spoon, stir in 2 cups flour; add eggs, beat well. Stir in softened yeast, beat well. Add remaining flour about 2 cups at a time and mix well. Mix vigorously until smooth, about 10 minutes.

3. Grease top lightly. Cover tightly, place in refrigerator at least 2 hours or overnight.

4. Turn out on well-floured surface; shape into 2 loaves. Place in 2 greased loaf pans. Cover; let rise in warm place about 40 minutes or until dough is doubled. Bake at 375°F. about 40 minutes. Makes 24 servings.

TOMATO-MUSHROOM SOUP

1 medium onion, halved, thinly sliced, and separated into rings

1 clove garlic, minced

1 Tbsp. margarine or butter

1 Tbsp. olive oil or cooking oil

4 cups sliced mushrooms

1 10-1/2-oz. can condensed chicken broth

1-1/4 cups water

1/4 cup sweet vermouth or dry sherry

1/4 cup tomato paste

1/4 tsp. pepper

1/4 cup grated Parmesan cheese

2 Tbsp. snipped parsley

In a quart saucepan cook onion and garlic in hot margarine or butter and oil about 5 minutes or until onion is tender. Add mushrooms. Cook, covered, about 5 minutes or until mushrooms are tender. Stir in broth, water, vermouth or sherry, tomato paste, and pepper. Bring to boiling; reduce heat. Simmer, covered, for 20 minutes. Sprinkle each serving with Parmesan cheese and parsley. Makes 4 servings.

FRUIT-FILLED MUFFINS

2/3 cup milk

1 Tbsp. vegetable oil

1 egg

2 cups Bisquick baking mix

2 Tbsp. sugar

1/4 cup fruit preserves (any flavor)

Glaze (below)

Heat oven to 400°. Grease bottom of 12 medium muffin cups, 2-1/2 x 1-1/4", or line with paper baking cups.

Stir milk, oil and egg in medium bowl until blended. Stir in remaining ingredients except fruit preserves and glaze just until moistened.

Divide batter evenly among cups. Drop 1 level tsp. fruit preserves onto center of batter in each cup. Bake 13 to 18 min. or until golden brown. Cool slightly.

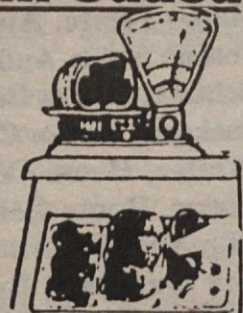
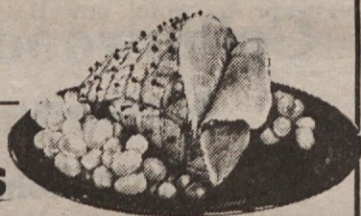
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1 2-ounce jar diced pimientos, well drained
½ 8-ounce package pasteurized process cheese spread, diced
1 tablespoon grated onion
1 cup milk
½ cup buttermilk baking mix
3 large eggs



ABOUT 1 HOUR BEFORE SERVING:

1. Preheat oven to 400°F. Grease 9-inch pie plate. In pie plate, mix first five ingredients; set aside.
2. In medium bowl, with wire whisk, beat milk, baking mix, and eggs until well mixed. Stir egg mixture into salmon mixture in pie plate. Bake 35 to 40 minutes until pie is set and top is golden. Makes 6 main-dish servings. Each serving: About 205 calories, 11 g fat, 138 mg cholesterol, 580 mg sodium.

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VESTI IZ SLOVENIJE

Težaven začetek pogajanj o nasledstvu bivše Jugoslavije — Sporna zahteva Srbije in Črne gore, da sta naslednici Jugoslavije

Agencija *Reuter* poroča o včerajšnjih pogajanjih v Bruslju med predstavniki Evropske skupnosti pod vodstvom lorda Carringtona na eni ter predsedniki in zunanjimi ministri šestih republike bivše Jugoslavije. Včerajšnji sestanek je bil deloma pod vtisom obnovljenih spopadov v Bosni in Hrvaški. Poglavitna točka pogajanj je nasledstvo bivše Jugoslavije, se pravi, katere republike in v kolikšnem deležu za vsako bodo postale lastnice premoženja in tudi obveznosti oziroma dolgov pokojne SFRJ. Gre med drugim za veleposlaništva po svetu, drugo premoženje, denar, orožje itd.

Lord Carrington, ki načeljuje mirovni konferenci o Jugoslaviji, je dejal novinarjem po včerajšnjem sestanku, da so se republike obvezale v principu, da bodo odpravile vse ovire za medsebojno trgovanje, ki so jih bile lani postavile. To je Carrington ocenil za velik korak naprej.

Carrington je pa priznal, da ni bilo znaka soglasja glede problema nasledstva Jugoslavije. Spor je v tem, ali sta Srbija in Črna gora, ki želita ohraniti ime Jugoslavije, res neposredni naslednici te države in kot taki upravičeni do njenega premoženja, med drugim do veleposlaništev, do sedeža SFRJ v Združenih narodih, do zastopstev Mednarodnem denarnem skladu itd. Republikam zagovarjata svoje stališče s trditvijo, da pač nista proglasili odcepitve od Jugoslavije in tako tudi nista prosili za mednarodno priznanje, kar so storile druge štiri republike. V prejšnjih izjavah je bil Carrington dejal, da to stališče ni sprejemljivo za ES, kar pripominja tudi komentar agencije *Reuter*.

Carrington se v Bruslju tudi ukvarja s problemom Bosne in Hercegovine. Danes je izjavil novinarjem, da je bil dosežen precejšen napredek, kajti so voditelji treh poglavitnih bosanskih narodnosti, namreč Srbov, Muslimanov in Hrvatov, soglašali o ustvaritvi treh ločenih delov BiH, v katerega vsakem bi prevladovala najštevilčnejša skupnost, vendar s polnimi garancijami za druge. Tudi to je zelo velik napredek, je dejal lord Carrington. Prihodnji teden namreč naj bi se ES odločila o tem, ali bo priznala BiH in tudi Makedonijo, čeprav v zvezi s slednjo dela silne težave Grčija, ki je izjavila, da sploh ne bo nikoli sprejela na svoji severni meji države, ki se imenuje preprosto »Makedonija«. Grki izražajo bojazen, da bi se taka Makedonija kdaj spomnila njenega »izgubljenega« ozemlja, to naj bi pa bilo v grških očeh severna Grčija. Zato zahtevajo Grki od Makedoncev, naj si izberejo drugo ime za njih država, morda, predlagajo, »Slavistična Makedonija«, kar pa Makedonci odklanjajo. Zadeva je baje izredne notranjepolitičnega pomena za Grčijo in nekateri komentatorji pomena za Grčijo in nekateri komentatorji celo pravijo, da bi grška vlada padla, če bi ES prezrla grške pripombe in prihodnji teden priznala Makedonijo. Tudi ZDA omenjajo občutljivost Grčije kot delni izgovor za odlašanja glede priznanja vseh štirih jugoslovanskih republik, ki so se za to odločile. Vendar je pisal prejšnjo soboto v *New York Timesu* dobro informirani David Binder, da kljub morebitnemu krajšemu odlašanju, bodo ZDA vsaj Slovenijo in Hrvaško »kmalu« priznale. Sestanek ES prihodnji ponedeljek se bo neposredno ukvarjal z vprašanjem priznanja BiH in Makedonije. ZDA so že izjavile, da bodo sledile odločitvi ES glede tega priznanja, vendar je Binder pisal, da so pripravljene ZDA ukrepati tudi na lastno roko.

Demokratski predsedniški kandidat Clinton za priznanje Slovenije in Hrvaške

Sinoči je v intervjuju na programu javne televizije McNeill-Lehrer dejal demokratski predsedniški kandidat William »Bill« Clinton, da je za ameriško priznanje Slovenije in Hrvaške. V intervjuju, na katerem je sodeloval tudi drugi še aktivni demokratski kandidat Jerry Brown, je Clinton kritiziral predsednika Busha med drugim zaradi odlašanja v zvezi s priznanjem obeh republik.

Slobodan Milošević in Franjo Tuđman ločeno iščeta srečanje s predsednikom Bushom — Bela hiša zelo odklonilna

Srbski predsednik Slobodan Milošević že dva meseca želi priti na obisk v Washington, da bi se srečal s predsednikom Bushom in drugimi visokimi predstavniki ameriške vlade. Njegovi poskusi so bili zavrženi, zadnjič pretekli petek, ko se je sestal z namestnikom državnega sekretarja Lawrenceom Eaglerburgerjem srbski zunanji minister Vladislav Jovanović. Ko je slišala za Miloševićevo potezo, je hrvaška vlada predlagala obisk hrvaškega predsednika dr. Franja Tuđmana. Tudi Tuđman naj bi se srečal z Bushom. Kakor Srbi, so bili tudi Hrvati odklonjeni. Bushova vlada namreč meni, da sta Tuđman in Miloševića precej odgovorna za izbruh vojne med njunima državama lani.

Ljubljana in Budimpešta kmalu povezana z letalsko linijo — Zagrebško letališče Plešo odprto — Dobri znaki za slovenski turizem

Slovenska tiskovna agencija je poročala včeraj, da sta se Slovenija in Madžarska sporazumela za letalski koridor med državama, ta bo pa omogočil letalsko povezavo med Ljubljano in Budimpešto. Kmalu se bodo sestali predstavniki Adria Airways in madžarsko letalsko družbo Malev ter se dogovorili o podrobnostih v zvezi z rednimi poleti.

Včeraj zjutraj se je prvič od 31. avgusta lani odprlo za promet zagrebško letališče Plešo. Pristalo ob 12.45 zj. je namreč letalo ruske družbe Aeroflot. Vendar beograjski kontrolorji niso dali dovoljenja za ta polet, zato je bilo letalo prisiljeno pristati v Budimpešti in je moglo do Zagreba priti s poletom nad Avstrijo in Slovenijo. Zavarovanje za polete v Zagreb krije ruska vlada, vse zahodne letalske družbe, ki želijo leteti v Zagreb pa morajo dobiti zavarovanja od znanega podjetja Lloyds, ki pa postavlja visoko ceno za take polete. Hrvaška letalska družba je pa izjavila, da bo začela z rednimi poleti od Pleša že to nedeljo.

Leopold Pirc, turistični predstavnik Slovenije v Frankfurtu, je STA povedal, da je v zadnjem času opaziti precejšnje zanimanje nemških turističnih agencij za potovanja oziroma letovanja v Sloveniji. Pirc je poudaril, da gre tu za največje nemške agencije.

Razni podatki o slovenskem gospodarstvu

Slovenski inštitut za statistiko poroča, da je Slovenija lani izvozila blago v vrednosti 3 milijard 858 milijonov US dolarjev, kar je bilo za 6,3 odstotka manj kot v letu 1990. Uvozila je pa blago v vrednosti 4 milijard 136 milijonov dolarjev, kar je bilo za 12,5 odstotka manj kot v 1990. Izvoz v države s trdo valuto je bil višji za 4,1, uvoz pa manjši za 9,2 odstotka v 1991 v primerjavi z 1990.

Inflacija v Sloveniji je še vedno na precej visoki stopnji. Cene v februarju so bile 11 odstotkov višje kot v januarju, rast cen od konca decembra do konca januarja je pa bila še višja, 15,2 odstotna. Samo v februarju npr. so se cene poštnih storitev povečale za dobro četrtino.

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Članski sestanek—

Dramatsko društvo Lilija ima članski sestanek v ponedeljek, 6. aprila, ob 8. zvečer v Slovenskem domu na Holmes Ave.

Lep uspeh »Lilije«—

Dramatsko društvo Lilija je preteklo nedeljo uprizorilo veseloigro »Dve nevesti«; z njo je vzbudilo med občinstvom mnogo veselja in smeha. Dvorana Slovenskega doma na Holmes Avenue je bila zasedena do zadnjega kotička. Liliji, vsem nastopajočim in sodelujočim iskrene čestitke in zahvala! (Ocena na str. 3)

Kosilo—

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Društvo SPB Tabor priredi v soboto, 25. aprila, v Slovenskem domu na Holmes Ave. zabavno prireditev. Postreženi boste z okusno večerjo. Po večerji pa bo ples. Prijazno ste vabljeni, da se udeležite tega večera. Za vstopnice, pokličite 851-4961 ali pa 731-0195. (Dopis na str. 2)

Pevski zbor Zarja—

Pevski zbor Zarja vabi na svoj koncert, ki bo v soboto, 25. aprila, v SDD na Recherjevi ulici in bo združen z večerjo in plesom. Vstopnice so po \$15 in jih imajo člani zbora. Zarja je lani praznovala 75-letnico.

Letna seja ZOD—

Zveza oltarnih društev bo imela letno sejo v nedeljo, 26. aprila, pri Mariji Vnebovzeti na Holmes Avenue. Vabljeni so članice oltarnih društev iz Marije Vnebovzete, sv. Vida, sv. Lovrenca in sv. Kristine. Pričetek bo ob 1.30 pop. Na seji bo beseda tekla tudi o letošnjem romanju k Mariji Pomagaj v Lemont.

Zlata poroka—

Birmanska botra ge. Marie Bombach Dye, ga. Pauline Deska (r. Kochivar) in njen mož g. Jerome (Harry) Deska, bosta praznovala zlato poroko 18. aprila. Zdaj živita v Warrenu, Mich., prej pa sta živela v Detroitu. Imata dva sinova in sta tudi stara in prastara starša. Čestitamo ter jima želimo božji blagoslov!

Gremo na poletni čas—

Ne pozabite, da se že to nedeljo začne tkim. poletni čas. V soboto zvečer pomaknite kazalce ur za eno uro naprej.

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Društvo Ribnica št. 12 ADZ bo imelo sejo v nedeljo, 12. aprila, na domu predsednika, 30417 Oakdale Rd. v Willowicku, ob 2. pop.

Zanimiva priloga—

Pretekli ponedeljek je angleški časopis *Financial Times* objavil posebno prilogo o Sloveniji. Priloga je obsegala šest strani in je imela oglese raznih slovenskih podjetij ter več člankov, ki so se ukvarjali, razumljivo, predvsem z gospodarskimi zadevami. Vse članke je napisala novinarka Judy Dempsey, ki redno in tudi zelo pozitivno poroča o Sloveniji za omenjeni list, njeni dopisi so pa od časa od časa ponatisnjeni tudi v ameriških listih.

Politična presenečenja—

V zadnjih dneh je bilo kar precej novic na lokalnem političnem prizorišču. Val teh je začel kong. Ed Feighan, ki je izjavil, da ne bo kandidiral za ponovno izvolitev. Precej je bil Feighan oškodovan zaradi vpletenosti v bančnem škandalu Predstavnškega doma. Za njegovo mesto v sicer novem kongresnem okrožju, v katerem živi precej Slovencev (okraj Lake), se je takoj javil avditor okraja Cuyahoga, 47-letni Tim McCormack, ki je imel vedno precej podpore med Slovenci in se je glasno zavzel za priznanje Slovenije. Pojavljajo se pa še drugi kandidati, kajti vidijo mnogi ambiciozni politiki nepričakovano možnost za znatno uveljavitev. Drugo presenečenje je kandidatura okrajnega komiserja Timothy Hagan za kongresno okrožje, ki ga sedaj zastopa Mary Rose Oakar. Tudi Oakarjeva je bila vpletena v bančnem škandalu, a to ni prvič, ko so bila v zvezi z njo sumljiva početja. Vedno je pa lahko računala na priljubljenost med volilci. Tokrat bo mogoče drugače. Oakarjeva se ni nikoli zanimala za priznanje Slovenije, Hagan pa, ki je sicer sporen politik in se je mnogim zameril, je bil vedno pripravljen sprejeti predstavnike nove slovenske oblasti, med njimi Peterleta, Rupla, dr. Bučarja, lani pa ob spremeljavil urednika AD dr. Janeza Dularja in dr. Ernesta Petriča. V omenjenem okrožju pa živi sorazmerno malo Slovencev.

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»Slovenija v Združenih državah«

Gre tu za predrugačitev posebej v Sloveniji zelo v modi izraza »Slovenija v svetu«. Kot vemo, so v številnih državah po svetu večje in manjše naselbine slovenskih izseljencev in njih potomcev. Slišati je celo, da je kar dobra tretjina slovenskega »naroda« naseljena izven Republike Slovenije. To morda drži, če sprejemamo, kot to delajo nekateri psevdo-znanstveni raziskovalci in publicisti, da sploh vsakdo, ki ima v sebi še kakšno kapljico slovenske krvi oziroma slovenskega porekla, spada v omenjeno »tretjino« in to celo, če se te pripadnosti ne zaveda, ne prizna ter jo morda celo izrecno odklanja.

Sodeč po zadnjih razpoložljivih demografskih podatkih, zbranih na ljudskem štetju v ZDA, je morda največ nekaj čez sto tisoč v tej deželi živčih ljudi, ki so pripravljeni javno potrditi, da so slovenskega porekla. Morda. Za dobro večino teh bi se po vsej verjetnosti dalo trditi, da gre za ljudi, ki vedo največ o svoji »slovenskosti« to, da so prišli njih predniki (ali vsaj eden ali nekaj njih) iz Slovenije. Trditve torej o prisotnosti v Združenih državah kar nekaj sto tisočev ljudi slovenskega rodu so več kot smešne brez potrebnega pojasnila oziroma dodatka, da gre v tem primeru zgolj za »biološke« Slovence in, še več, v sedaj najbrž večini primerov že za potomce narodnostno mešanih zakonov.

To dejstvo v zvezi z ameriškimi Slovenci vse premalo poznajo in tudi premalo upoštevajo v novi, demokratični Sloveniji. To še posebej velja za tiste, v in izven Slovenije, ki so aktivni pri Svetovnem slovenskem kongresu. V Sloveniji govorijo o Slovencih v svetu kot o ljudeh, ki so povsem podobni Slovencem, ki živijo v Sloveniji. Edina razlika naj bi bila, da eni živijo v Sloveniji, drugi v neki drugi državi, so pa vsi Slovenci. To do neke mere morda drži za prave izseljence, vendar za mnoge teh samo za omejen čas. Za njih potomce pa z redkimi izjemami sploh ne. V ZDA rojeni potomci slovenskih priseljencev se imajo za Amerikance v polnem pomenu besede. Taki Amerikanci so, kot so Slovenci rojeni v Sloveniji Slovenci. Dandanes so ti tisti, ki v ameriški slovenski skupnosti prevladujejo. Smatrati te ljudi za člane slovenskega naroda v diaspori se morda lepo zveni v Sloveniji in pri izseljencih-starših v tujini, ne odgovarja pa resnici. Definirati je treba natančneje, kaj taki koncepti pomenijo, kajti vsakdo uporablja več ali manj lastno definicijo, te pa večkrat pridejo navzkriž ena z drugo.

Z redkimi izjemami tu v ZDA sedaj — pred 40 in več leti je bilo drugače — predstavljajo priseljen-

ske generacijo ljudi, ki so prišli sem po drugi vojni kot politični ali ekonomski izseljenci, ne pa tisti, ki so prišli pred vojno. Zaradi predanosti slovenstvu in tudi precej jasnih ter ostro definiranih političnih gledanj in zahtev, igrajo nekateri vodilni člani te poveljne predvsem politične emigracije vplivno vlogo v predstavljanju stališč tistega dela ameriško slovenske skupnosti, iz katerega izhajajo, določenim in njim naklonjenim krogom slovenske oblasti in javnosti. To predstavljanje stališč in mnenj je pa treba »pluralizirati« tako v slovenskih medijih kot na znanstveni ravni, in sicer tako, da bodo upoštevani pogledi tistega ogromnega deleža naše skupnosti, ki ne pripada in je ne predstavlja politična emigracija oziroma njeni zastopniki. Še posebej mora biti ta različnost ameriške skupnosti upoštevana v delovanju Svetovnega slovenskega kongresa. Tudi o tem bo treba še marsikaj povedati.

Dr. Rudolph M. Susel

Slovenski dan v New Yorku

Letošnji Slovenski dan v New Yorku bo v soboto, 25. aprila. Po podatkih, poslanih iz New Yorka, je razvidno, da bo prireditev tako zabavnega kot tudi znanstvenega značaja.

Naj v začetku povemo, da bo prebitek Slovenskega dne darovan v pomoč Kliničnemu centru v Ljubljani. Prireditev organizira Liga slovenskih Amerikancev.

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Slovenci brez slovenskega državljanstva (Slovenec, 25. 3. 1992)

V *Slovenecu* je bil 10. marca objavljen članek Biserke Karnezr z naslovom: Slovenci brez slovenskega državljanstva — Tujci zaradi prepričanja.

Ministrstvo za zunanje zadeve Republike Slovenije noče komentirati političnega namena tega članka, ki izhaja iz podnaslovov in same vsebine, temveč želi dati le strokovno pojasnilo, s tem pa zanikati tendenciozne trditve avtorice. Prav tako nima namena pojasnjevati primer Jožeta Adamiča, saj ureditve državljanstva ni mogoče pojasnjevati zgolj z enim primerom, poleg tega pa konkretnih primerov po zakonu o varstvu osebnih podatkov in po zakonu o državljanstvu Republike Slovenije ni mogoče objavljati brez privolitve posameznika.

Zato dajemo naslednje pojasnilo in napotek slovenskim izseljencem. Tudi novi slovenski zakon o državljanstvu vzpostavlja pravno kontinuiteto s prejšnjimi pravnimi sistemi, veljavnimi na območju Slovenije v preteklosti. Slovenski izseljenci (torej Slovenci), ki so imeli »jugoslovansko državljanstvo«, so imeli tudi slovensko državljanstvo, saj le-to obstaja že od 28. 8. 1945. Če jim jugoslovansko in slovensko državljanstvo ni prenehalo z odvzemom, odsotnostjo ali odpustom na lastno prošnjo, so še vedno slovenski državljani. O prenehanju državljanstva na navedenih osnovah je morala biti izdana odločba. Da bi to ugotovili je treba preprosti napisati vlogo za ugotovitev državljanstva, v kateri je treba navesti le osebne podatke (priimek in ime, datum in kraj rojstva), in zadnje prebivališče v Sloveniji pred odhodom v tujino. Osebe, ki so bile 28. 8. 1945 mladoletni ali so bile rojene po tem datumu, morajo poleg svojih podatkov navesti tudi podatke o svojih starših. Osebe, ki so bile pred 6. 4. 1941 v javni službi, morajo navesti tudi mesto službovanja. Vlogo je treba oddati na slovenskem diplomatsko konzularnem predstavništvu v tujini, če pa tega ni, jo je treba poslati neposredno ministrstvu za notranje zadeve. Osebe, za katere je bila izdana odločba o odvzemu državljanstva ali o prenehanju državljanstva z odsotnostjo, lahko do 25. 6. 1992 zaprosijo za ponovno pridobitev državljanstva. Če s tem niso bile seznanjene, lahko v zahtevku za ugotovitev državljanstva postavijo tudi zahtevo za ponovno pridobitev državljanstva Republike Slovenije, če bi se ugotovilo, da jim je državljanstvo prenehalo z odsotnostjo ali z odvzemom. Za urejanje teh zadev lahko dajo pisno pooblastilo sorodniku ali znancu v Sloveniji. Pooblastila ni treba overjati.

Ministrstvo za notranje zadeve je dolžno svoje naloge upravljati v skladu z zakonom, tako materialnim kot tudi procesnim. Kot je že navedeno, je zakon o državljanstvu sprejela skupščina, ki je s tem zakonom odločila tudi o tem, da bi bila za osebe, ki niso državljani Republike Slovenije, avtomatična pridobitev ali avtomatična izguba državljanstva v nasprotju z osnovnimi načeli prava, saj je bil to avtoritaren akt države, ki bi za posameznika lahko pomenilo prisilo, lahko pa tudi morebitno prenehanje državljanstva države, v kateri oseba živi. Avtomatične pridobitve državljanstva tudi po prejšnjih predpisih ni bilo (razen pridobitve državljanstva po starših). Zato je tudi trditev o avtomatični pridobitvi državljanstva s stalno naseljitvijo, ki jo avtorica članka povzema iz »razgovora« z Jožetom Adamičem, neresnična.

Ministrstvo za notranje zadeve
— Uprava za upravno pravne zadeve

Komentar dr. Jožeta Bernika

Že od tedaj, ko je bil objavljen slovenski zakon o državljanstvu (razglašen 5. junija 1991), je bilo glede tega zakona mnogo nejasnosti med izseljenci. Ko se je zakon sprejemal, slovenskih izseljencev ni nihče vprašal za mnenje. Slovenska izseljenska matica ni bila prisotna. Slovenska konferenca Svetovnega slovenskega kongresa je pa poslala svoje komentarje šele 29. maja 1991. Takó potrebe slovenskih izseljencev v Evropi kot v prekomorskih deželah niso bile zadosti upoštevane, morda zaradi nepoznanja ali česa drugega.

Kasneje se je pokazalo, da ta zakon vsebuje mnogo nejasnosti in v izvajalni praksi povzroča mnogo težav. Pa še tiste interpretacije, redke kot so, prinašajo več zmede kot jasnosti. Nekaj komentarjev:

Prvič, nihče se ni potrudil, da bi ta zakon in proceduro pri izvajanju razložil, tako da bi ljudje izven domovine razumeli zakaj gre in kako naj bi se

lotili urejanja teh stvari v domovini.

Drugič, konzularni oddelek zunanjega ministrstva v Ljubljani je 14. januarja 1992 in kasneje poslal preko svojih predstavništev v Kanadi in Washingtonu svojo interpretacijo o tem, kako naj »slovenski izseljenci« pridejo do slovenskega državljanstva. Izraz »slovenski izseljenec« se pojavlja v 12. členu zakona o državljanstvu, sicer pa v zakonu ni definiran. Jasno pa je iz konteksta, da se ne nanaša na politične in druge izseljence, ki so Slovenijo zapustili v in po letu 1945. Interpretacija konzularnega oddelka je povzročila razumljivo razburjenje med povojnimi izseljenci. Po členu 12 si namreč »izseljenci« morejo pridobiti slovensko državljanstvo le z naturalizacijo, kar pa ni enostavno in za mnoge praktično nemogoče. Po splošnem mnenju bi vsi povojni izseljenci in njih direktni potomci morali biti še vedno slovenski državljani po 3. členu za-

kona. Edino kar bi ti izseljenci morali sedaj narediti, je vnos v matično knjigo.

Tretjič, do objave notranjega ministrstva, ki je bila objavljena v *Slovenecu* 25. marca letos, ni bilo nikoder mogoče dobiti nobenih pismenih navodil, kako naj povojni slovenski izseljenci ravna pri urejanju slovenskega državljanstva. Kar se povojnih izseljencev tiče pa je ta objava nepopolna, in po nepotrebnem neprijazna in polemična.

Četrtrič, pričakovati bi bilo, da bi notranje ministrstvo, skupaj z zunanjim ministrstvom in ministrstvom za Slovence po svetu izdelalo okrožnico, ki bi izseljencem nekatere osnovnih kategorij razložilo, kaj zanje zakon o državljanstvu pomeni in kakšni so postopki v vsaki kategoriji. Na primer, kako postopati tistim izseljencem, ki so imeli državljanstvo predvojne Jugoslavije in so zapustili domovino v začetku maja leta 1945. To bi bilo potrebno narediti čimprej, kajti 41. člen zahteva, da tisti, ki so izgubili državljanstvo z odvzemom ali z odsotnostjo, morajo vložiti prošnjo za slovensko državljanstvo »v enem letu od uveljavitve tega zakona«, kar pa je že 25. junija letos, če je datum v zgoraj omenjeni objavi pravilen.

Petič, že v Celju lani novembra je bilo sklenjeno na glavnem odboru Svetovnega slovenskega Kongresa, da bo posebna komisija pregledala probleme okoli zakona o državljanstvu s stališča izseljencev. To je v teku.

Šestič, na podlagi slabih izkušenj drugih izseljencev (čeprav jih podpisani sam ni imel) je videti, da se izvajanje zakona pri izseljencih čisto zatakne. Mnogo je menda odvisno od dobre volje krajevnih uradnikov, morda pa tudi vpliva prevelika birokratičnost, pedantnost, formalizem in še kaj, kar je do neke mere hipoteza dolgoletnega centralistično urejenega komunističnega režima.

Sedmič, Slovenci v izseljenstvu bi pričakovali, da jim bo domovina naklonjena in da bo tistim, ki to žele, omogočala vključevanje v slovensko družbo. Povsem razumljivo je, da mora ministrstvo za notranje zadeve opravljati svoje naloge v skladu z zakonom. Ker smo navajeni živeti v pravnih državah, je za nas to samo po sebi umevno. Želeli pa bi, da bi v tem ministrstvu bilo več razumevanja in tudi znanja o stiskah in potrebah slovenskih izseljencev po svetu. Isto velja tudi za zunanje ministrstvo.

Končno, omenjeni zakon je bil sprejet v slovenski skupščini pred skoraj enim letom. Škoda, da slovenski zakonodajalci tedaj niso upoštevali skušenj narodov, ki imajo po svetu mnogo svojih izseljencev, tako kot Irci, Izraelci in celo Japonci. Te države do svojih izseljencev niso nič mačehovske in so izseljencem zelo naklonjene. Morda bo prihodnji slovenski parlament to upošteval pri izboljšavi tega zakona. Med tem pa upamo,

Dramatsko društvo LILIIJA »v novo pomlad« z Golarjevo veseloigro »Dve nevesti«

CLEVELAND, O. - Dramatsko društvo Liliija je preteklo nedeljo obhajalo štiridesetletnico svojega vstopa »v novo pomlad« z Golarjevo veseloigro »Dve nevesti«. Pred 40 leti je namreč skupina mladih rojakov in rojakinj, ki so prišli v Cleveland iz evropskih begunskih taborišč, poživila Dramatsko društvo Liliija, ga popeljala v novo pomlad. Liliija po štiridesetih pomladih še živi in poganja vsako pomlad novo cvetje.

Preteklo nedeljo popoldne je Liliija priredila v Slovenskem domu na Holmes Avenue Golarjevo veseloigro »Dve nevesti«. Predno se je razgrnila odrska zavesa, je stopil pred njo Janez Tominc in pozdravil številno občinstvo. Na kratko je orisal Liliijino delo preteklih 40 let, se spomnil vseh, ki so bili v to delo vključeni in predstavil najpožrtvovalnejše od njih. Te je Liliija počastila s posebnimi priznalicami. Zbrano občinstvo je vsem navdušeno ploskalo. Počastjeni so bili: Julka Zalar, Avgust Dragar, Ivan Hauptman, Ivan Jakomin, Miro Odar, dr. Milan Pavlovčič, France Hren in Srečo Gaser.

Pesnik in pisatelj Cvetko Golar je bil po rodu Gorenjec, svoja zrela leta pa je večji del preživel v Ljutomeru na Štajerskem. S prvimi pesmimi se je pojavil leta 1901, v času »slovenske moderne«. Kasneje se je lotil pisanja kmečkih povesti in napravil nekaj »dramatskih poskusov«, kot je zapisal Anton Slodnjak v svojem »Pregledu slovenskega slovstva«. Slodnjak meni, da Cvetko Golar ni dojel »socialnih in individualnih bojov kmečkega človeka, njegov svet in človek sta izraz neresne, erotične idilike, ki išče v vsem samo svoje čustvo«. »Kljub hvaležnim motivom«, ki jih je Golar izbral za svoje igre, »kljub domačemu jeziku, polnem ljudske zgornosti in barvitosti«, sodi Slodnjak, »je Cvetko Golar postavil na oder lutke namesto ljudi«.

Od treh Golarjevih dramatskih del je prva groteskna komedija »Vdova Rošlinka«, ki sta ji sledili »Dekle z rožmarinom« in »Dve nevesti«. V prvi je Golar zaman poskušal zgraditi resno dramo o prastarem erotičnem problemu, v poslednji pa obnavlja to snov v komedijski obliki, pravi A. Slodnjak. Kljub taki oceni so bila Golarjeva dela ponovno na odrih v Sloveniji.

Liliija je hotela v teh težavnih, resnih časih postaviti na

oder nekaj veselega, zabavnega — občinstvo naj bi se sprostito in nasmejalo. To je dosegla.

Igra je bila živa, igralke in igralci so se postopoma vživljali v dejanje in dajali osebam, ki »jih je pisatelj postavil na oder kot lutke«, kar precej življenja.

Zgodba se dogaja na Gorenjskem v »starih, dobrih časih«. V njej nastopajo: kmet Melhar (Florjan Osredkar), njegova žena Melharica (Lenka Mismas), njuni hčeri 24-letna Liza (Vera Maršič) in 19-letna Minica (Marta Stefančič), gorjanski kmet Miha Močerad (Tomaž Gaser), njegov stric Andrejka (Srečko Gaser), bogati kmet Napoljon (Peter Dragar), njegov sin Nace (Peter Hauptman), potovka Neža (Metka Zalar), mlinarjev hlapec (Mitja Pavlovčič) in kmet Rožnikov Tone (Tomaž Slak).

Igro je režiral Srečko Gaser, maskiral dr. Milan Pavlovčič, gospa Julka Zalar je skrbela, da dogajanje na odru ni obtičalo, Miro Odar pa je pazil, da je bilo na odru vse nared, ko se je zavesa razgrnila.

Programski list je bil izredno lep. Naslovno stran je krasil motiv treh lilij, zgornja kota bordure pa dve maski. Izdelal ga je g. Janez Povirk. Čestitke in hvala!

Dramatskemu društvu Liliija iskrene čestitke k njenemu uspešnemu delu tekom dolgih štirih desetletij, priznanje, da se je spomnila svojih delovnih, požrtvovalnih članov, pa tudi čestitke in zahvalo za prijetno nedeljsko popoldne.

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Vendar je vsemu temu prav toliko dodanega v obliki svari-la, da je z gradnjo doma treba začeti. Nihče ni zanikal pred-sedniku Hozjanu pripombe, da se v bodoče moramo sra-movati svojega odlašanja, »če smo res Slovenci in sploh mi-slimo na svoj rod in njegovo prihodnost«. Mislil je na končne, odločilne prispevke.

Na sestanku se je to v naj-krajših stavkih ponovilo: pre-štel se je skupiček in odleglo nam je, ko se je pokazala iskra na konec dolgega tunela. Iskra, ki bo vse vidnejša, širša in bolj plamteča. Doma se mora postaviti, kajti doseda-nje zbiralnice pri Sv. Štefanu je ogroženo. Izumiranje mu je namenjeno, a tega ne želimo doživeti, če nismo poskrbeli za preselitev — na boljše, večje, primernejše in trdnjše. Iskro vidimo in zavihali bomo roka-ve...

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Še nekaj je prišlo na dan: Da nas je premalo pri tehtanju in odločanju; sum, da morda ne pomenimo res vso našo sre-njo in da morda nismo dovolj pooblaščen, v skrčenem števi-lu, da bi odločali o interesih vseh zdomskih Slovencev, vseh naših rojakov, tistih, ki jim obljublamo novo žarišče družabnosti in omike.

Spomnili smo se, da je bilo lepo število tukajšnjih pripad-nikov poklicanih v delovni od-bor pred dvema letoma, a marsikoga izmed njih nismo vselej videli na svojih shodih. Odsotnost je bila tu in tam upravičena, toda čedalje bolj neprimerna za vlogo in odgo-vornost, in čedalje bolj po-gostna. Tudi opravičila so jela izostajati, se pravi, vnema je šla po vodi in z njo vred tudi vloga pri sodelovanju.

Pravijo, da so takšni pojavi normalni pri vsaki organizaci-ji, ki terja vidnejšo aktivnost in da se šele po več letih utrdi članstvo zanesljivih sotrudni-kov in požrtvovalnega dela. Ne more se predvideti že ob prvem srečanju, koliko je ta-kih, ki ne poznajo umika. V tem oziru ni bilo napake.

Bilo bi pa neodpušljivo do-pustiti mlačno, rezignirano članstvo, ki popušča ob prvem razočaranju in se preplaši vsa-kega vetra, mrmranja, zastoja ali spotike. Malodušnost vodi

v razkranje, v dvome in omahovanje. To so pogubne tendence, ki se morajo odpra-viti.

Zato je na sestanku padla beseda o našem članstvu in od-boru. Oboje hkrati terja preo-snovo, ki bo utrdila prepriča-nje v uspeh projekta in v nu-jnost neomahljive podrejenosti nalogam. Kolikor smo bliže dejanskemu izvajanju, toliko več naj bo resničnih prijateljev našega programa; tudi med ti-timi, ki še niso bili vabljeni v odbor, toda se želijo približati in se oprijeti »motike ali lopa-te« z vso vnemo. Možnost se jim mora ponuditi, da izkaže-jo plemenite nagibe.

Novi občni zbor bo privedel takšno zamenjavo do rešitve. Nihče ne bo omejeval števila prizadevnih; odbor se lahko podvoji, če to pokaže resnoba kandidatov in postanemo krepkejši, odločnejši in dalj-novidnejši, kajti spleta se gne-zdo tudi za tiste, ki še niso niti rojeni, a vemo, da jim je na-menjeno podaljševanje našega rodu na tujih tleh.

Odprto vabilo

Bralcem, vsem našim prija-teljem, bo nedvomno všeč, ko mislimo, da izbira prvih delav-cev ni malenkostna skrb; na-sprotno, da prav ta previdnost nudi spoštljivo zanesljivost na-ših namenov. Še bolj jim bo po godu odločitev z našega se-stanka, da jih povabimo v čim večjem številu na udeležbo na-šega odprtega sestanka, ki bo opravil vlogo občnega zbora, z volitvami.

Kdorkoli čuti klic domovi-ne, osvobojene Slovenije, ki pravi, da moramo skrbeti za njene interese na tujem, naj se nam pridruži. Naša dežela rabi svojo razpršeno deco, kot za-slombo, kot krepitev, kot za-gotovilo, da se ni izgubil niti eden od njenih otrok. Če sliši-te ta klic, to prošnjo in rotitev, ne bodite ravnodušni, pristopite ustanavljanju slovenskega hrama, ki bo obenem dom, šola in oder naše omike, ter vz-trajnosti in nepreklicne vdanosti Sloveniji!

Pridite na skupni sestanek dne 26. aprila v Baragovem domu in spregovorite z odpr-tim srcem in z odločnostjo o svoji pridružitvi in vdanosti začrtanim nalogam, o zmogljivi-vosti svojih telesnih in dušev-nih pobud, ki bodo žrtvovane domovini na oltar, in o mot-njah, ki so vam doslej prepre-čevale sodelovanje; morda jih skupno zmanjšamo, ali celo odklonimo, v prid plemenite-mu namenu. Trenutek je ne-odložljiv, zadeva je pereča, a zadoščenje bo najlepše plačilo. Vloga SKC-a bo nagradila Vašo odločitev.

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Daljši bo ta korak, če se sklep za začetek odloži. Krajši bo, če nemudoma primaknemo rešil-ni delež, bodisi z darili, ali s posojili (med nami samimi!). Premislimo o tem in predložimo na sestanku. Vsak prijatelj Slovenskega kulturnega doma naj seže, prvič ali drugič, po prihranku ali rezervi in položi na oltar svojega hrama, ki bo poveljeval tudi njega, njego-vo družbo in njegovo potom-stvo.

Sestanek nas je prepričal, da je nastopila najresnejša ura. Vodil ga je podpredsednik An-drej Remec ob udeležbi naj-trdnjnjih članov. Sprostili bomo hišni red, da privabimo vse zveste prijatelje, ki se naj priključijo kot brezpogojni graditelji *svojega* doma, svoje-ga centra, ognjišča in središča mnogoterih dejavnosti.

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Novi grobovi

Dorothy B. Zagar

Dne 28. marca je v Rich-mond Hts. bolnišnici umrla 67 let stara Dorothy B. Zagar, ro-jena Menart v Clevelandu, vdova po l. 1973 umrlemu Flo-rianu, sestra Mary Sustersic, Magdaline (Peggy) Dobnikar ter že pok. Johna, Rudolpha in Edwarda, prijateljica Lu-cille Romih, teta, zaposlena kot knjigovodkinja pri Guar-dian Glass 10 let, do svoje upokojitve l. 1985, članica ADZ št. 51, SZŽ št. 10, ZSA št. 32 in Kluba upokojencev na Holmes Ave. Pogreb je bil 1. aprila iz Želetovega zavoda na E. 152 St. v cerkev Marije Vnebovzete in od tam na Kal-varijo. Družina priporoča da-rove v pokojničin spomin cer-kvi Marije Vnebovzete ali pa Hospice of Western Reserve, 5786 Heisley Rd., Mentor, OH 44060.

Edward H. Demshar

Dne 25. marca je na svojem domu v Willoughbyju za ra-kom umrl 47 let stari Edward H. Demshar, rojen v Clevelan-du, mož Betty, roj. Lieske, oče Deborah, Kathleen in Garetta, brat JoAnn Rahal, Jamesa in Jacka, lastnik gradbenega podjetja Demshar Builders, ki ga je bil leta 1910 ustanovil njegov stari oče Joseph Dem-shar, zelo aktiven v raznih po-slovnih in dobroteljskih ustano-vah. Pogreb bo danes, v četr-tek, s sv. mašo v cerkvi Imma-culate Conception na 37950 Euclid Ave. dop. ob 10. Druži-na priporoča darove v pokoj-nikov spomin Hospice of the Western Reserve, Inc.

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II. del

• Mesto škofa Rožmana v slo- venskem narodu?

Menim, da je bila po zaslugi škofa Gregorija Rožmana ob vsej zunanji organiziranosti te-danega katoliškega občestva, posebno pri mlajših generaci-jah, bistveno bolj prisotna mi-sel osebne vere in osebne od-govornosti, kot smo jo opazili pri mladinskem gibanju. Skla-dno s tem pa je družil v sebi škof nekatere lastnosti na na-čin, ki ga modernisti niso po-znali. Bil je miselno jasen, po-žrtvovalen, globoko veren, Cerkev in narodu zvest ter po-gumen mož. Ni si zakrival oči pred nevarnostmi, ki so tedaj pretile slovenstvu in krščan-stvu, a njegov odgovor nanje je bil osnovan na realizmu, ki bi moral biti vedno temelj krš-čanskega mišljenja in delova-nja.

Da mrtev narod nima priho-dnosti, je bilo jasno škofu Rožmanu že pred vojno. Poziv k moralni prenovi je bil klic k poživljanju med nami.

Podobno je bilo tudi med vojno. Ohranjanje slovenskih življenj je bilo njegovo osebno in pastirsko vodilo. Višek hi-navščine je, da so mu očitali tako tedaj, kakor še danes, da je premalo storil za žrtve oku-pacije, obenem pa, da je sode-loval z okupatorjem. Dokaz za slednje naj bi bili prav tisti sti-ki, ki jih je moral imeti, če je hotel s svojo škofovsko avtoriteto reševati, iz internacije in zaporov celo komuniste, ki so mu grozili s smrtjo. V tej točki sta se popolnoma ujemali stališči dr. Natlačena in dr. Rož-mana.

Škofovi napor, da okupaci-ja ne bi postala smrt sloven-stva in krščanstva na naših tleh, ostajajo nepoznani. Ta molk si je zaslužil Gregorij Rožman s tem, da je svaril, podobno kakor tudi odgovor-ni politiki tiste dobe, da pome-nijo prezgodnje oborožene ak-cije proti okupatorju narodni samomor. Le komunisti, ki jim ni bilo mar naroda, so te-daj na naših tleh s slovensko krvjo branili Sovjetsko zvezo. Ko so po vsej zahodni Evropi zaživele nacionalne in komuni-stične ilegalne enote, ki so se pripravljale za kasnejši odpor proti okupatorju, so bili po definiciji slovenske KP vsi, ki se niso podredili njeni OF, u-smrtitve vredni izdajalci. Zato se je škof Rožman ponovno postavil za življenje in proti smrti. Tako je tudi njega zadel pečat izdajstva.

Ker je poznal filozofsko o-snovo tako nacizma kakor ko-munizma, je vedel, da sta za narod življenjsko nevarna, za-to pa tudi za kristjana nespre-jemljiva. Bila sta enakovredna nosilca sovražstva. Vendar je bil nacizem tako vsestransko odbijajoč, da je bila njegova nevarnost zunanja in časovno omejena. Med Slovenci na splošno ni bilo nacistov in nemški poraz je bil vprašanje

časa. Komunizem pa je pričel svoje razkrojevalno delo od znotraj, s terorjem in s preva-ro. Uporabljal je gesla, ki so bila blizu vsakemu navadnemu Slovincu. Kdor ni upošteval, da je laž bistveno sredstvo ko-munističnega delovanja, je kaj lahko sledil besedam, ki so iz-ražale želje večine naroda. Najvišje narodne vrednote iz-rablja v svojo korist le tisti, ki jih ne ceni.

Pogoji za tržno gospodar-stvo bodo dani šele, ko bosta storjena oba prej omenjena koraka. Trg se ne pričinja pri prostih cenah, temveč pri last-nini in redu. Seveda bodo ne-kateri skušali doseči kaj po-dobnega na lažji način, na pri-mer s pomočjo nekritičnega dotoka tujih kapitalov. To je tehnično prav in mogoče. Ker pa še nimamo reda v lastni hiši, bi pomenila prehitra na-vezava na tujce izgubo iniciati-ve celo na lastni zemlji. Skuš-njava, da bi dobro živeli brez korenitih družbenih reform bo velika, a cena, ki bi jo narod plačeval, če bi se tej skušnjavi predal, bo visoka in njeno od-plačevanje dolgotrajno.

Gledano z zgodovinske per-spektive ne bi smelo biti več dvoma o pravilnosti Rožma-novega ravnanja. Jasno je vi-del v prihodnost, pogumno je svaril pred zablodami, ki so ogrožale slovensko življenje in reševal, kar je mogel, ne glede na lastno varnost. Obsojal je neodgovornost in zločin ter upal, da bodo tisti redki kato-ličani, ki so si od revolucije obetali svobodo, vendarle spregledali. Bil je mož prero-ških razsežnosti, ki je po zgle-du svojega Učenika sprejemal z dolžnostjo učiteljstva ne le njega osebno, temveč ves slo-venski rod.

Da škofu Rožmanu v domo-vini še danes ne izkažejo javno časti, ki mu pripada, kaže, do kakšne mere je bil uspešen ko-munistični propagandni apa-rat. Kaže pa tudi na izredno brezbriznost do resnice.

• Pot v begunstvo in Slovenci: kakšen pomen za slovenski na-rod naj bi imel ta križev pot?

Množično begunstvo pred komunistično zasedbo Slove-nije vsebuje tragiko pa tudi mogočno epiko, ki bo nekoč našla svojega rapsoda. Prisi-ljeno zdomstvo je velika krivi-ca ne le za tiste, ki ga trpe, marveč za ves narod. Rodolju-ba odtrga od svojega rodu, na-rod pa v veliki meri oropa bio-loške, moralne in intelektualne potencialnosti zdomcev. Ob tej priložnosti ne bom razmiš-ljal o še vedno neporavnanih krivicah; omejil se bom le na nekatere možnosti, ki jih odpi-ra ta del slovenske nesreče.

Nekoč smo bili vajeni gleda-ti na izseljenstvo kot na rano, iz katere se izteka naša kri. Nič

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Kanadski Slovenski Kongres

Nova pokrajinska organizacija v Winnipegu

TORONTO, Ont. - Dne 21. marca 1992 so slovenski rojaki v Winnipegu in njegovi okolici po daljših razgovorih z glavnim odborom KSK ustanovili pokrajinsko kongresno organizacijo, ki bo tudi pokrivala oziroma povezovala slovenske rojake v Manitobi.

Ustanovnega občnega zbora sta se ob sicer številni udeležbi winnipeških in manitobskih rojakov udeležila tudi dr. Srečko Pregelj, podpredsednik glavnega odbora KSK, in g. Ivo Bergant, podpredsednik KSK za Vancouver in Britansko kolumbijo. Kongresna predstavnik sta prisotnim posredovala organizacijsko kakor tudi idejno plat kongresnega gibanja. Poudarjala sta, da kongresna organizacija ne odpravlja obstoječih organizacij ali društev, ampak jih povezuje v vso-slovensko skupnost v Kanadi, s tem pa krepiti skupne nastope v prid slovenskim rojakom pred kanadskimi oblastmi kakor tudi posreduje pri slovenskih oblasteh.

Po precej obširni izmenjavi mnenj so prisotni izvolili naslednji odbor:

Predsednik: Stane Vršnik; I. podpreds.: Andrej Kostanjevič; II. podpreds.: Stana Orel; Bolf; tajnik: Viktor Križnik; blagajnik: Viki Matjašič; odbornika: Tone Mulhal, Mario Kostanjevič; preds. nadzornega odbora: M. Sobočan, in član: J. Časar.

Razveseljivo je dejstvo, da se je tega prvega srečanja udeležilo lepo število mladih slovenskih rojakov, ki bodo neposredno sodelovali pri razvo-

ju kongresne organizacije v Manitobi. Občni zbor se je vršil v prostorih slovenske župnije v Winnipegu in važno je zabeležiti, da je v razgovorih krepko sodeloval tudi župnik č.g. Čarga CM, ki kot župnik in misijonar skrbi ne le za župnijsko občestvo v Winnipegu, ampak ima na skrbi tudi misijonsko dejavnost v zahodni Ka adi. G. župniku Čargi ter župniji se glavni odbor KSK najpristrčneje zahvaljuje za njuno dobrohotnost.

Zelo delavna je tudi osrednja kanadska kongresna organizacija. Pripravlja se prvi redni občni zbor, ki bo v soboto, 23. maja 1992, v dvorani župnije Marije Pomagaj v Torontu, ob 1. uri popoldne. Vsekakor bo to prvi vse-kanadski občni zbor KSK, na katerem bodo sodelovali posredno ali neposredno člani kongresnih organizacij iz Vancouverja, Winnipega, Windsorja, Londona, Hamiltona, Ottawa, Montreala ter Toronta.

Občnemu zboru bosta predloženi ustava (konstitucija) in pravilnik, ki sta že registrirani pri federalnih oblasteh in sta v popolnem soglasju z osrednjo konstitucijo Svetovnega slovenskega kongresa. Seveda pa bo občni zbor kot najvišji organ kongresne organizacije odločilen pri sprejemanju tega važnega dokumenta. Zelo važna točka dnevnega reda bo tudi poročilo o razvoju osrednje organizacije SSK.

Vsekakor bo občni zbor zelo odmeven dogodek med slovenskimi rojaki v Kanadi.

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Pesizimizem širijo tisti...

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pozitivnega nismo videli v njem. Zaradi raznih težav se je moralo toliko in toliko ljudi izseliti in tako odmrsti za narod. Zanimala nas je kvečjemu še njihova oporoka. Stric iz Amerike je bil le vir anekdot in zapuščine.

Tožili smo nad našo majhnostjo, hkrati pa fanatično prezirali približno četrtno naroda, ki je živel na tujem. To je bilo res omejeno gledanje na svet. Treba je bilo, da se je naselilo proti svoji volji v tujini nekaj tisoč slovenskih političnih beguncev, da smo začeli razmišljati o potencialni vrednosti diaspore za narod. Zrasla je zamisel Slovenije v svetu. Slovenstvo se more širiti po svetu s pomočjo svoje lastne gospodarske osnove, kulturnega življenja in politične povezave. Asimilacija ni nujnost, temveč je le posledica pomanjkanja smisla za samostojno življenje. Tok odplavlja le tiste, ki ne plavajo, ker nočejo živeti.

Vzgoja za demokracijo se pričinja v družini in nadaljuje v šoli. Dokler bo šola sledila starim metodam ter bo družina brezbržna do družbenih vprašanj, kolikor se ne tičejo dnevnih koristi, bodo struktu-

re lahko demokratične, miselnost pa še vedno masovna in kot taka dovzetna za kakršenkoli prikrit totalitarizem. Demokratičnost se mora v družbo vrstiti iz korenin. Od tod bistvena vloga vzgoje in kulture, ki omogočata tisto samozavest, brez katere je demokracija formalno mogoča, a ostaja lahko le lupina brez jedra.

Ker imamo Slovenci razmehoma majhno ozemlje, bi morali gledati na ves svet kot na oder slovenskega gospodarskega, kulturnega in političnega dogajanja. Narod bo živel, če bo hotel živeti, če bo znal povezovati vsako iskro slovenskega življenja, kjerkoli naleti nanjo. Naša narodna strategija bi morala biti seštevanje, kar pa zahteva sprejemanje in spoštovanje različnosti. Tudi geografske.

Ko se bo Slovenec privadil misli, da ima brate in sestre po vsem svetu, tedaj bo močna slovenska diaspora lahko srečna posledica velike nesreče. Če pride med rojaki doma do takih sprememb v mišljenju, potem trpljenje zdomstva ni bilo zaman.

V zdomstvu je mogoče ohranjati narodnost in živeti samostojno, dokler si pripav-

ljen za to žrtvovati, dokler vidiš v narodnem občestvu vrednoto in smisel. Ko v domovini ni bilo ne notranje in ne zunanje svobode, smo iskro prostosti ohranjali zunaj. Zdaj pa pričakujemo razumevanje in odmeve tudi slovenske države. Dokler slovensko državljanstvo ne bo dostopno vsem rojakom in ne bo slovenska država naravni dom vseh Slovencev ne glede na kraj bivanja, dokler ne bodo imeli državljanov v zdomstvu pravice, da so odločajo pri volitvi državnega predsednika in poslancev državnega zbora ter volijo svoje zastopnike v državni svet, bo Slovenija v svetu, kljub občasnim manifestacijam, prepuščena sama sebi kot še nedosežen ideal. Žalostno bi bilo, ko bi se domovina prepozno zavedala možnosti, ki jo predstavlja diaspora za narodno rast.

Slovenci v svetu pa bi se motili, če bi zdaj ob slovenski državi in demokraciji pričakovali, da bo življenje prihajalo mednje od tam. Življenja ni mogoče uvažati. Živeti je treba iz lastnih korenin, vendar ob zavesti, da si del občestva, ki te kot takega ceni in sprejema. Le seštevanje življenja veča skupno moč.

• **Nova realnost v Sloveniji: demokratične volitve, samostojnost, mednarodno priznanje: kaj vam pomeni vse to, kaj Slovincem po svetu?**

Samostojnost z demokratično notranjo ureditvijo je bil naš starodavni sen. Zdaj je resničnost, na kateri je treba graditi. Ta veliki dosežek ne upravičuje počitka, temveč narekuje le drugačno metodo dela. Demokracija odpira nove možnosti, a tudi demokratična družba ni boljša kot so ljudje, ki jo sestavljajo. Kvaliteto življenja si je treba prigrati. Dosegli smo zunanji pogoj dozorevanja, zdaj gre za preizkus naše zrelosti. Ne smemo se predajati prevelikemu optimizmu, v še večji meri pa se je bati neupravičenega pesimizma, ki ga širijo prav tisti, ki so še včeraj naivno verjeli in nasilno propagirali raj na zemlji. Gre za neodgovorno nihanje med nekdanjo iluzijo in sedanjostjo skepso. Marsikdo posveča večjo pozornost vprašanju, kako čim prej doseči novega tujega sponzorja, kakor okrepiti lastno samozavest in utrditi samostojnost.

Lepo je imeti spet svobodno domovino, lepo od sveta priznано očetnjavo. Žalostno pa je, da ta mlada, samostojna država v svojem temeljnem zakonu ne varuje življenja nerojenih Slovencev in Slovenk. Številčno upadanje Slovencev v lastni državi je dejstvo, do katerega ne smemo biti ravnodušni. Prazno je govoriti o svobodi in napredku, kjer ni življenja. Bojazen pred življenjem pa si podaja roko s strahom pred resnico. Obe vrednoti zahtevata od človeka odgovornost.

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In potem tole drugo vprašanje: Kdo je slovenski komunistični stranki dal pravico in oblast, da prav ona presoja o tem, kdo je narodni izdajalec, in da naj nad njim izreka smrtno obsodbo? Nihče! Šlo je za čisto navadno načrtno odstranjevanje tistih najbolj narodno zavednih Slovencev, ki so komunisti zanje vedeli, da bodo odločno razkrinkovali njihove lažne namene, ko bo šlo za ustanavljanje in organiziranje OF!

Ne, niso bili narodni izdajalci: svetniški duhovnik Lambert Ehrlich, zadnji slovenski ban Marko Natlačen (ki je v svoji poštenosti in rodoljubnosti dal celo uničiti seznam komunistov, predno so prišli okupatorji, da bi jim ne padel v roke), skoro vsa Mravljetova družina in stotine poštenih Slovencev! Vsi ti naj bi bili narodni izdajalci? Ali vam ne bi morali že ti množični umori že na početku odpreti oči in vas prepričati, da komunistom ni šlo za osvoboditev naroda, temveč za boljševistično revolucijo?

Geslo o osvobodilnem boju je bilo le privlačna krilatica, pod katero so zakrivali svoje resnične namene. Žal jim je mnogi Slovencev nasedlo. Mnogi so tudi prevaro spoznali, premnogi sicer prepozno, spet drugi pa so se izneverili svojemu prvotnemu prepričanju in so prestopili v komunistični tabor.

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Komunistična stranka je seveda morala prikrievati svoje prvotne namene. Če bi jih

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odkrito povedala na vsem početku, bi zadela na splošen odpor. Komunistična stranka je že v mirnem času pri nas delovala. Ljudje so poznali njen program in njeno ideologijo. In prav zato, ker so jo poznali, jo je narod odklonil. Nikdar ni mogla zajeti množic. Le životarila je v našem političnem življenju. Po demokratični poti bi nikdar ne mogla priti na oblast. Ni predstavljala skoraj nikogar v našem narodnem življenju.

In prav to dejstvo nam vsiljuje novo, odločilno vprašanje: Kako, da se je prav komunistična stranka, ta v našem narodu komaj koga predstavljajoča stranka, čutila za pooblaščenca, da v imenu vsega naroda zaneti »osvobodilni boj« proti okupatorju? To bi bila kvečjemu stvar skupnega dogovora večinskih strank. Te so pa storile ravno nasprotno: V svoji politični modrosti in resnični ljubezni do naroda so spoznale, da bi bil vsak takšen poskus v tistem položaju prav narodno samomorilno dejanje. Torej, samozvano in proti vsem drugim strankam, ki so zastopale praktično ves slovenski narod, je komunistična stranka napovedala okupatorju »osvobodilni boj«.

Začeti oboroženo vstajo proti takrat še tako močnemu sovražniku je moglo biti narodu samo v pogubo. Slovincem ni manjkalo narodne zavesti. Nasprotno, prav iz narodne zavednosti, iz resnične ljubezni do naroda in najosnovnejše politične modrosti je sledilo, naj začasno sklonemo glavo in potrpežljivo čakamo, da nam rešitev pride od zunaj, kajti samo od tam nam je lahko prišla. Vsak poskus oboroženega boja proti okupatorju bi bilo neodgovorno, naravnost zločinsko igranje z narodovo usodo. Večji narodi kot je naš, so to spoznali in sprejeli. Bilo je treba realistično gledati na položaj: če je redna jugoslovanska vojska v nekaj dneh klonila pred sovražnikom, je bilo noro misliti, da ga bomo z gverilskim bojem premagali.

A komunistični stranki tega ni bilo mar, ker ji ni šlo za osvoboditev naroda. Hotela je le uporabiti zgodovinsko priložnost okupacije za doseg svojega pravega cilja: priti na oblast. Tega seveda ni smela narodu povedati. Zato je svoj resnični namen skrila pod krinko »osvobodilnega boja«. Brez ozira na ceno trpljenja in opustošenja, ki bi ga takšen boj prinesel (in lakho je slutila, kakšna cena bo), je pahnila narod v to strahotno avanturo. Ko bi ji šlo zares za blagor naroda, bi poslušala glas pameti in vesti ter resničnih interesov naroda in bi se pridružila odločitvi velike večine naroda, da je treba čakati in ne še slab-

(dalje na str. 8)

Misijonska srečanja in pomenki

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dneve, ko bo pravkar nabavljeni ček prejel kot odgovor na njegovo prošnjo, objavljeno v MSIP 934 (»malo večja uta /hišica/, kamor se bodo lahko vsedle in odpočile ter poučevale Sunday School za dekleta in žene. Treba bo misliti tudi na preprosto stranišče. Kakih tristo dolarčkov bi kar prav prišlo. Kaj praviš, ali bi mi priskočila MZA na pomoč?«) Govoril je o sestrah Matere Terezije.

Pravkar sem v banki ček zanj vzel, ker se je več dobrotnikov oglasilo: Sonja Ferjan in Štefan Novak iz Scarboroughja, vsak s stotakom; Pavle Kveder iz Lethbridgea, Alberta, s kanadskim stotakom in Vid z Marijo Rovanskem iz Sudburyja, Ont., z \$200 U.S. V nekaj dneh bo lahko z denarjem razpolagal in Boga hvalil za dobra srca misijonsko čutečih rojakov. Naj Bog vsakemu povrne po njegovih potrebah.

Rovanskovi tudi pišejo, da mislijo v juniju v Slovenijo, da bi obiskali hčerko s. Vido Marijo, ki sedaj živi in deluje v ljubljanski komuniteti sestra Krščanske Ljubezni M. Terezije.

Clevelandska MZA je 22. marca imela Misijonsko kosilo. Preds. Marica Lavriša je telefonirala 25. marca, da je lepo uspelo kljub slabemu vremenu, z močnim viharjem vse dopoldne in padanjem dežja, mešanega s snegom. Pridelali so preko 8000 dolarjev. Po odbitju stroškov bo ostalo za vse blizu \$7000. Prirediteljem, vsej organizaciji clevelandske MZA in zvestim sodelavcem in sodelavkam: Iskren »Bog povrni!« Točno poročilo bo objavljeno, čim ga dobimo. Zahvalo bo v AD objavila ga. Lavrisheva sama. Poletni piknik MZA bo letos 23. avgusta. Razlog za prestavitev je obisk mnogih rojakov poleti v Slovenijo.

Cela vrsta bogoslovcev

in novomašnikov iz Afri-

ke se je zadnje tedne oglasila in smo pisma razposlali vsem dobrotnikom in dobrotnicam na tem kontinentu. Nekaj pisem bo pa še prišlo in potrpežljivo čakamo. Molimo za vse te kandidate, ki veliko obetajo, da bi vztrajali, vzdržali in postali zares dobri duhovniki, predani svojemu poslanstvu in goreči v zvestobi Cerkvi.

Enoletno vzdrževalnino \$300 so zadnje tedne poslali: Družina Teda Horna iz Monterey, Kalif.; dobra Mary Kebe, ki je sedaj v Ottawi v starostnem domu, se je oglasila po hčerki iz Orleansa, Ont., ki bo poslala mamin obrok za eno leto v čeku; Council of Catholic Women, Gilbert, Minn.; Neimenovani iz srca Minnesote; Neimenovana iz Clevelanda za dve leti \$600.

Sestra Therese Benigna Šteh iz Južne Afrike se zahvaljuje S.F. za \$150, ki jih je poslala v pomoč domačinskim bratom v njihovem misijonu, ki so v formaciji za bodoče delo z domačini v Cerkvi.

Ivanka Sodnik je darovala v Gilbertu, Minn., za najbolj potrebne \$15 in prosi molitve za zdravje svojega moža in družine. Pavla Vrečar in Marija Kette iz Bessemers, Pa., sta darovali za najbolj potrebne \$50. Za Misijonska Obzorja v Ljubljani je naročnino poslala A. Tusharjeva zase, za Frances Ošaben iz Barbertona, O., Marijo Štrukelj v Minn. in Pavlo Vrečar v Pa.

Celi vrsti domačih bogoslovcev, novomašnikov in študentom teologije, smo odposlali darove dobrotnikov in dobrotnic, ki so kaj za vzdrževance darovali za osebno uporabo in potrebo. Več se jih je že zahvalilo in čim od koga pošto dobimo, jo pošljemo dobrotniku(-ci). Denar gre vedno preko škofa, za katerega škofijo kandidat študira in od katerega je dejansko med študiji vzdrževan.

Nanovo prevzemajo vzdrževanje bogoslovca v Ljubljani:

Družina Ralph in Mary Coffelt, Milwaukee, Wis.; Mary Mernik iz Franklina, Wis., ki ima moža v starostnem domu, in Frances ter Joseph Škrjanc iz Puebla, Colo., ki želita poravnati takoj za štiri leta, kar bo \$1200. Tako bomo vzdrževalnine pošiljali letno že za 25 slovenskih bogoslovcev.

V Gilbertu so pokopali začetku marca našo sodelavko dolgih let go. Ivano Škrbec. Njen mož John je umrl pred 5 leti. Naj oba počivata v miru!

Sestra Frančiška Flajšman se zahvaljuje ge. Tusharjevi iz Južne Amerike za božični dar MZA in dodaja: »Hvala Bogu, da še morem delati v naši kliniki. Ko vidim okrog sebe težke bolnike, mislim, da sem jaz še najbolj zdrava. Vsak čas življenja je božji dar. V tem času moramo dokazati svojo ljubezen: v delu, molitvi, posebno pa v trpljenju. Mnogo molim za mojo preizkušeno domovino. Kaj vse bi mati rada storila za svojega otroka. Težko mi je, ko vidim, da zaozstajam v velikodušnosti storiti vse za dobrega Boga, ki je zame toliko trpel. Tu Vam prilagam rabljene znamke. Najprišrčnejše Vas pozdravljam, kot tudi vse sodelavce v MZA.«

Ga. Tusharjeva v vsakem pismu redno pošlje nekaj sv. maš za naše misijonarje. Bog povrni! Sedaj že iz Afrike mladi novomašniki včasih prosijo za nekaj intencij in jim ravno nekaj pošiljamo te dneve.

Bratu Kešpretu v Indiji je obnovil naročnine Ameriške domovine Štefan Novak iz Scarboroughja. Za g. Ivana Bajca pa so poravnali preko ge. Tusharjeve v Gilbertu.

Lazarist Ivan Štanta

piše 13. februarja: »Iz srca se Ti zahvaljujem za lepo vsoto denarja. V Zazafotsy sem odprl menzo za predšolske otroke. Jih pride napolnit »rezervarčke« okoli 50. Vaša pomoč od MZA je dobrodošla kakor mana. Lansko leto smo imeli sušo in letos ni dosti boljše. Posledica je pomanjkanja riža. Ljudje živijo iz manjoke in raznih korenin.

16. junija preteklega leta sem blagoslovil novo cerkvico v Zazafotsyju. Posvečena je sv. Vincenciju Pavelskemu. Sezidana je južno od Betanije naselja za onemogle, pri poti iz Fianarantane proti Ihosyju. Že skoraj pol leta delujem spet severno od Ihosyja. Veseli me, da lahko delam neposredno za revne in zapornike.

Vse najboljše Ti želim za 50-letnico nove maše. Bog naj Te blagoslovi! in »na mnogaja letat!« Prirčen pozdrav.

Ivan Štanta«

Izgleda, da ima g. Štanta žilico o Cukaleta in o. Kosa, da prav rad pesnikuje. Tokrat je poslal pesem z naslovom: *Enkratna je pomlad*, ki je takole sliši:

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APRIL

4. — Pevski zbor Jadran priredi spomladanski koncert v SDD na Waterloo Rd.

25. — Tabor, DSPB Cleveland priredi družabni večer v Slov. domu na Holmes Ave. Začetek ob 7h zv.

MAJ

3. — »Priatelji SND na St. Clairju« priredijo »brunch« v podporo temu domu.

15. — Slovenski dom za ostarele ima letni občni zbor, v SDD na Waterloo Rd. Pričetek ob 7. zv.

17. — Slov. šola pri Sv. Vidu priredi Materinsko proslavo, v dvorani sv. Vida.

17. — Klub upokojencev na St. Clairju priredi kosilo, v SND, od 1.30 do 3. pop., sledi zabava do 5. pop.

23. — Pevski zbor Korotan priredi koncert. Začetek ob 7h zv.

24. — Društvo S.P.B. obhaja vsakoletno proslavo za vse žrtve 2. svetovne vojne in revolucije. Sv. maša ob 11.30 pri Lurški Materi božji na Chardon Rd., ob 3h pa molitve na Vernih duš pokopališču.

25. — SKD Triglav, Milwaukee, Wis., priredi Spominski dan.

31. — Otvoritveni piknik Slovenske pristave.

JUNIJ

7. Slov. šola pri Mariji Vnebovzeti priredi piknik na Slovenski pristavi.

13. in 14. — Tabor, DSPB Cleveland priredi spominsko proslavo pomorjenim domobrancem in vsem žrtvam komunistične revolucije, pri Spominski kapelici Orlovega vrha Slov. pristave.

28. — SKD Triglav, Milwaukee, Wis., priredi Prvi piknik na Triglavskem parku.

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JULIJ

5. — »Slovenski dan« na Slovenski pristavi.

19. — Slov. šola pri Sv. Vidu priredi piknik na Slovenski pristavi.

26. — MZA Milwaukee priredi Misijonski piknik na Triglavskem parku.

AVGUST

16. — SKD Triglav, Milwaukee, Wis., priredi Drugi piknik, na Triglavskem parku.

23. — Misijonska Znamkarska Akcija priredi Misijonski piknik na Slovenski pristavi. Pričetek s sv. mašo opoldne.

SEPTEMBER

13. — Slovenska pristava priredi Vinsko trgatve.

20. — Oltarno društvo fare sv. Vida priredi letno kosilo, v avditoriju pri Sv. Vidu.

27. — Društvo S.P.B. prireja vsakoletno romanje v Frank. O.

27. — SKD Triglav, Milwaukee, Wis., priredi Vinsko trgatve, na Triglavskem parku.

OKTOBER

3. — Fantje na vasi prirede koncert ob 15-letnici, v SND na St. Clairju.

4. — »Priatelji SND na St. Clairju« priredijo »brunch« v podporo temu domu.

18. — Občni zbor Slovenske pristave.

24. — Štajerski klub priredi vsakoletno martinovanje v SND na St. Clairju. Igra Tone Klepec orkester.

NOVEMBER

14. — Pevski zbor Jadran priredi jesenski koncert v SDD na Waterloo Rd.

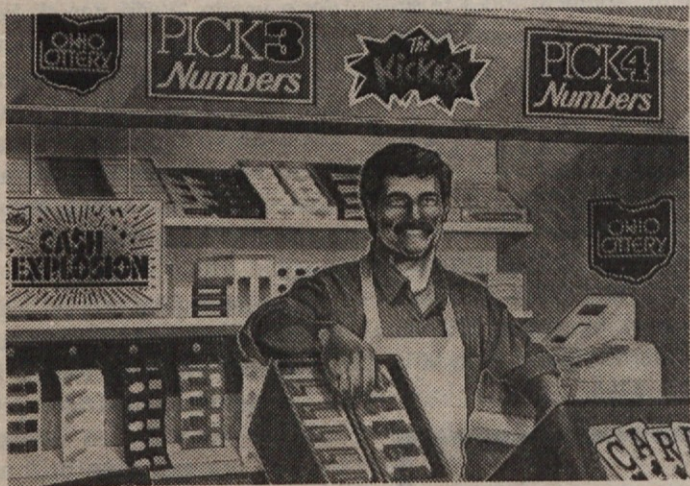
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Juliana Kobal

Umrta je 62 let stara Juliana Kobal, rojena Zakrajsek, mati Linde Gray in Maxine King, 6-krat stara mati, hčerka Franka (pok.) in Juliane (r. Jarc) Zak, sestra Marilyn Vidmar, svakinja Pauline Skrabec, Olge Pozar in Mary Traven. Pogreb bo iz Želetovega zavoda na E. 152 St. v soboto, 4. aprila, v cerkev sv. Roberta dop. ob 10. in od tam na Vernih duš pokopališče. Ure kropljenja bodo nocoj od 7. do 9. ter jutri, v petek, pop. od 2. do 4. in zv. od 7. do 9. Družina bo zelo hvaležna za darove v pokojničin spomin Slovenskemu domu za ostarele, 18621 Neff Rd., Cleveland, OH 44119.

Edward A. Bernetich

Dne 31. marca je umrl Edward A. Bernetich, mož Frances, roj. Passarello, oče Edwarda, Roberta in Garyja (pok.), 2-krat stari oče, brat Dolores, nekdanji lastnik Bernetich Meats. Pogreb bo jutri, v petek, iz Brickmanovega zavoda v cerkev sv. Viljema dop. ob 9.30 in od tam na Vernih duš pokopališče. Ure kropljenja so danes pop. od 2. do 4. in zv. od 7. do 9.



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Društvo SV. VIDA št. 25

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Društvo zboruje vsako drugo nedeljo ob 10.15 dop. pod cerkvijo sv. Vida. Mesečni asessment se prične pobirati pred sejo in tudi 25. januarja in 25. julija od 6. do 7. ure zvečer v društveni sobi avditorija pri Sv. Vidu. V slučaju bolezni naj se bolnik javi tajniku, da dobi zdravniški list in kartico.

DRUŠTVO SV. LOVRENCE ŠT. 63 KSKJ

Duhovni vodja: Rev. Anthony Rebol; preds. Joseph L. Fortuna; podpreds. Isabelle Godec; taj. Ralph Godec, 847 E. Hillsdale, tel. 524-5201; zapis. Mary Ann Sray; blag.: James T. Weir; nadzorniki: Anthony B. Lausche, Olga Sray, Virginia Fortuna; zastopniki za SND na E. 80 St. Joseph Fortuna in Ralph Godec; zastopnika za atletiko in "booster club" Joseph Fortuna in Ralph Godec. Doctor of your choice.

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Duhovni Vodja: Rev. Joseph Božnar; Preds.: Frances Nemanich; Podpreds. in Zapisnikarica: Betty Orehek; Tajnica: Maryann Mott, 760 E. 212 St., Euclid, OH; Blag. in Redateljica: Rosalia Palcic; Nadzornice: Frances Macerol. Mary Palcic in Josephine Gorencic Zastopnice za Ohio KSKJ Fed.: Betty Orehek, Frances Novak in Frances Namanich.

Zdravniki vsi slovenski. Seje se vrše vsako prvo sredo v mesecu ob 1:30 pop v družabno sobi sv. Vida avditoriji.

Društvo SV. JOŽEFA št. 169

Duhovni vodja Rev. John Kumse; preds. Eugene Kogovsek; podpreds. Anthony Tolar; fin. taj. Anton Nemec, 708 E. 159 St., Cleveland, OH 44110, tel. 541-7243; pomožna taj. Anica Nemec; bol. taj. Helena Nemec, tel. 441-7243; blag. Jennie Tuma; zapis. Mary Okicki; nadzorniki: Frank Znidar, John Obat, Charles Erzen; direktor za atletiko John Obat, tel. 481-6129; dir. za ženske aktivnosti Jennie Tuma; vratar John Jackson; zdravniki: dr. Maks Rak in vsi družinski zdravniki; por. v angleščini Helena Nemec; por. v slovenščini Tone Nemec.

Seje se vrše vsak tretji četrtak v mesecu ob 7.30 zv. v Slov. domu na Holmes Ave. Društvo sprejema člane od rojstva do 70 let za zavarovalnino od \$2,000 naprej.

SACRED HEART OF JESUS LODGE No. 172 KSKJ

Duhovni vodja: Rev. Joseph Božnar; Častna predsed.: Ludmila Glavan; Predsednica: Angela Bolha; Podpred.: Frank Kuhel; Tajnica-blag.: Draga Gostič, 19831 Lockerie Ave., Euclid, OH 44119, tel. 531-5678; Zapisnikarica: Gabriela Kuhel; Revizorji: Joseph Lach, Aurelia Zadnikar.

Seja se vrše vsako tretjo sredo v mesecu v Baragovem Domu, 6304 St. Clair. Od aprila do oktobra ob 6. uri in od novembra do march ob 5 uri zvečer. Pobiranje asessmenta pred sejo in po seji.



CHRIST THE KING SOCIETY NO. 226 — KSKJ

Duhovni vodja: Rev. Jože Božnar; Presednik: Joseph F. Rigler, tel. 585-4749; Podpredsednik: Raymond Zak; Tajnik & blagajnik: Frank Šega, 2918 Emerald Lake Blvd., Willoughby Hills, OH 44092-2718, tel (216) 944-0020; Zapisnikar: Eva M. Verderber; Nadzorni odbor: Anthony L. Rigler, John Zupančič in Robert McDonough; Director mladinskih aktivnosti: Judy A. Ryan; Vrtar: Antonia Šega; Zastopnik z SND, 6417 St. Clair ave., Anthony Rigler.

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Ameriška Dobrodela Zveza American Mutual Life Association

ST. ANNE LODGE No. 4 AMLA

President: Josephine Novak; Vice President: Madeline D. Debevec; Secretary: Marie Orazem, 20673 Lake Shore Blvd., Euclid, OH 44123, 486-2735; Treasurer: Josephine Ambrosic; Rec. Secy.: Janet Krivacic; Auditors: Frances Kotnik, Frances Macerol, Josephine Mohorcic; Youth Coordinator: Madeline D. Debevec; Reporter: Madeline D. Debevec.

Meetings are every second Wednesday of the month at 1:30 p.m. in the social room at St. Vitus, E. 62nd and Glass Ave. New members may go to any Slovenian physician for physical.

Društvo NAPREDNI SLOVENCİ št. 5

President Frank Stefe; Vice-President Edward Pecjak; Secretary Frances Stefe, 1482 Dille Rd., Euclid, OH 44117; Treasurer Frances Stefe; Recording Secretary Harold Telich; Auditors: Mark Telich, Dr. Joseph Chrzanowski, Edward Pecjak; Fraternal Affairs Officer Mark Steven Telich.

Meetings the 3rd Sunday of month at 1482 Dille Rd., Euclid, OH at 10 a.m.



Lodge SLOVENSKI DOM št. 6

President Joseph G. Petric, Vice President Marie Hosta, Secretary Albin Banko, 6805 Mayfield Rd. No. 726, Mayfield Hts., OH 44124, Treasurer Virginia Kotnik, Recording Secretary Anne Cecelic, Auditors: Jean Fabian, Caroline Lokar, Louise Fabec, Youth Coordinator: Jean Fabian, Medical Examiner Dr. Anthony Spech.

Meetings: First Thursday of the month, 7:00 p.m. at the Slovenian Society Home, Recher Ave., Euclid, Ohio.

Društvo NOVI DOM št. 7

Predsednik Anton Švigelj; podpreds. Anton Škerl; taj.-blag. Franc Kovačič, 1072 E. 74 St., Cleveland, OH 44103, tel. 431-7472; zapis. Jennie Antloga; nadzorniki: Jože Gabrič, Slavko Gabrič, Ana Mihelich. Zdravnik: vsak po zakonu priznani zdravnik v Ohio. Seje: prva nedelja v mesecu, ob 10. dop., na domu tajnika.

KRAS NO. 8

President: Vida Zak; vice-president: Celeste Frolo; secretary: Anton Lavrish; treasurer: Ivanka Kapel; recording secretary: Sophie Matuch.

Meetings the second Thursday of the month at 7 p.m., Slovenian Home on Holmes Avenue.

Lodge CLEVELAND No. 9

Pres.: Albert Amigoni; Vice Pres.: Stanley G. Zihler; Secretary: Patricia Amigoni, 21051 Arbor Ave., Euclid, OH 44123, tel: 531-8468; Treasurer: Robert Menart; Rec. Secy.: James Pavlik; Auditors: Frank Ahlin, Mary Champa, Andrew Champa; Fraternal Affairs Coordinator: Albert Amigoni; Physicians: Any Slovenian. Meetings 1st Sunday of the month at AMLA Home Office, 19424 S. Waterloo Rd., at 10 a.m.

Lodge RIBNICA No. 12

President Louis Silc, Vice-President John Cendol; Secretary Carole Czeck, 988 Talmadge Avenue, Wickliffe, OH 44092; Treasurer Carole Czeck; Recording Secretary Gina Ilacqua; Auditing Committee: Gina Ilacqua, John Cendol, Louis Silc.

Meetings at the home of the President, 30417 Oakdale Road, 2:00 p.m. April 12, July 19, October 18, Dec. 13, 1992.

Lodge COLLINWOODSKE SLOVENSKE No. 22 — AMLA

President Tina Collins; Vice-President Joyce Segulin; Secretary-Treasurer Frank Koncilja, 6050 Thunderbird Dr., Mentor, OH 44060, Tele: 257-1021; Recording Secretary Stephanie Dagg; Auditors: Joyce Segulin, Stephanie Segulin, Tina Collins; Fraternal Affairs Officers: Annie Dagg, Stephanie Dagg.

Monthly meetings are held the 2nd Wednesday, 6 p.m. at the Collinwood Slovenian Home, 15810 Holmes Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio 44110.

Društvo KRALJICA MIRU št. 24

Preds. Anna Perko; podpreds. Frances Cazin; taj. Alice Arko, 3562 E. 80 St., Cleveland, OH 44105, tel. 341-7540; blag. Rosemary Pozarelli; zapis. Angela Musil; nadzornice: Dolores Hrovat, Angela Musil, Harriet Fashinpa; mlad. koordinatorka Alice Arko. Seje so vsako drugo sredo v mesecu ob 2. pop. v SND na E. 80 St.

Društvo SV. CECILIJA št. 37

Preds. Anna Šilc; podpreds. Frances Stepic; taj.-blag. Florence Zak, 24085 Glenbrook Blvd., Euclid, OH 44117 Phone: 481-6681; zapis. Marie Bond; nadzornice: Anna Ribic, Bertha Vidmar. Zdravniki: vsi slovenski. Seje so vsak prvi tork v mesecih feb., apr., jun., sept. in nov., ob 1.30 pop. v šoli sv. Vida.

Slovenska Ženska Zveza Slovenian Women's Union

PODRUŽNICA ŠT. 10

Spiritual director: Rev. John Kumse; president: Dorothy Zagar; vice-president: Steffie Segulin; trasurer: Theresa Dagg; recording secretary: Ann Stefancic; sunshine chairladies: Faye Moro, Joyce Lenassi; auditors: Helen Suhy, Dorothy Zagar; sgt.-at-arms: Lucy Romik.

Meetings held at 1 p.m. at the Slovenian Home on Holmes Avenue. Five meetings per year: January, March, May, June, Sept., Nov., Dec.

PODRUŽNICA ŠT. 14

Duhovni vodja Rev. Francis Sterk; preds. Martha Koren; podpreds. Vera Bajec; taj.-blag. Diane Varney, 1155 Easton Drive, Akron, OH 44310; zapis: Addie Humphreys; nadzornice: Marilyn Fitzhum, Antoinette Zabukovec, Mary Jane Stanic; poročevalka, Ilene Collins; zastopnici za Klub društev: Martha Koren, Mary Jane Stanic, Ruth Kurilec. Seje vsak prvi tork v mesecu ob 7. zv. v SDD na Recher Ave. v Euclidu.

PODRUŽNICA št. 25 SWU

Duhovni vodja Rev. Jože Božnar; preds. Josephine Mohorcic; taj.-blag. Cirila Kermavner, 6610 Bliss Ave., Cleveland, OH 44103, tel. 881-4798; zapis. Janet Krivacic; nadzornice: Mary Turk, Frances Kotnik.

Seje se vrše vsak drugi tork v mesecu, ob 1.30 pop. v društveni sobi avditorija pri Sv. Vidu. Asessment se pobira pol ure pred sejo.

SLOVENIAN WOMEN'S UNION BRANCH 32

President: Dorothy Lamm, Vice President: Faye Starman; Treasurer: Ann C. Ke; Recording Secretary: Frances Ogourec; Secretary: Charlotte Perdan, phone 289-6316.

PODRUŽNICA ŠT. 47

Duhovni vodja Rev. Anthony Rebol; preds. Olga Dorchak; podpreds. Mary Mundson; taj.-blag. Mary Taucher, 15604 Shirley Ave., Maple Heights, OH 44137, tel. 663-6957; zapis. Jennie Praznik; nadzornice: Anna Harsh, Elsie Lovrencic, Marge Bizjak; zastopnici za vse SND: Jennie Grk in Mary Taucher. Seje so na drugi nedelji v mesecih marca in septembra, ob 1. pop. V mesecih maja in decembra pa na prvi nedelji, ob 1. pop., v Slov. domu 5050 Stanley Ave., Maple Hts. Ohio.

SLOVENIAN WOMEN'S UNION Branch 50

President: Anne Tercek; Vice Pres.: Mary Miller; Membership Sec.: Evelyn Pipoly; Rec. Secy.: Mary Maxim; Treasurer: Jean Miller; Zargja Reporter: Vera Sebenik; Auditors: Violet Moravchak, Anna Lukek; Sentinal and Historian: Josephine Smith; Woman of the Year: Angela Shine.

Progressive Slovene Women of America

PSWA NATIONAL BOARD

Headquarters: 15335 Waterloo Cleve, OH 44110

President: Florence Unetich, First Vice Pres.: Joyce Plemel; Second Vice Pres.: Millie Bradac; Secretary-Treasurer: Vida Zak; Recording Secretary: Frances Mauric. Auditors: Julianna Kobal, Fran Marn, Joanna M. Jadrich; Education/Welfare: Caroline Lokar, Helen Joca, Dolores Dobida; Historian: Joanna M. Jadrich.

National Board meetings are held the second Monday of January, March, April, July, September and November at Slovenian Workmen's Home, 15335 Waterloo Rd., Cleveland, OH 44110 at 7:30 p.m.

CIRCLE 1

President: Betty Rotar; vice president: Josephine Kapla; recording secretary: Dolores Dobida; secretary-treasurer: Vida Zak; auditors: J. Skolaris, J. Kobal, D. Silc; alternate: J. Tomsic; education welfare committee: R. Haic, D. Gorjup, A. Zabjek.

Meetings 1st Thursday of the month at Slovenian Workmen's Home, 15335 Waterloo Road.

CIRCLE 2

President: Josephine Turkman; Hon. vice pres.: Frances Legat, Anna Filipic; 1st vice pres.: Agnes Turkovic; secretary-treasurer: Margaret Kaus, 34200 Ridge Rd. No. 505, Willoughby, OH 44094; recording secy: Florence Zalokar; publicity: Florence Zalokar; auditors: Jean Chohaney, Mary Turk; sunshine lady: Christine Ujcich.

Meetings: 3rd Wednesday, 1 p.m. SND annex. New members are welcome.

CIRCLE 3

President Dorothy Lamm; 1st Vice Pres.: Marilyn Fitzhum; 2nd Vice Pres.: Molly Sodja; Fin. Secy.: Miss Fran Marn, 1541 E. 191 St., No. K104, Euclid, OH 44117, tel.: 486-2643; Rec. Secy.: Diane Varney; Sgt.-at-Arms: Caroline Lokar; Auditors: Loretta Hlabse (Ch.), Millie Pike, Fran Ogorenc; Reporter: Regina Burja; Sunshine Marie Shaver; Bingo: Stella Kostick; Cookbooks Mickey Frank, tel. 481-8693.

Meetings: Second Wed. of each month, at 7 p.m., at the Slovenian Society Home, Recher Avenue, Euclid, Ohio.

PROGRESSIVE SLOVENE WOMEN OF AMERICA, CIRLCE 7

President: Julie Zorc; Vice Pres.: Edith Zele; 2nd Vice Pres.: Irene Strancar; Recording Sec'y.: Pauline Krall; Treasurer: Frances B. Weyant; Auditors: Angie Baranowski, Mary Krnel, and Esther Larabee. Reporters: Hildegard Kazan, Esther Larabee, Ann Stefancic; Sunshine Lady: Katherine Kohnal; Bingo Chmn.: Pauline Krall.

Meetings first Thursday of month, 1:30 p.m., Slovenian Workmen's Home, 15335 Waterloo Rd., Cleveland, OH 44110.

PROGRESSIVE SLOVENE WOMEN OF AMERICA

President: Betty Rotar; Vice President: Josephine Kapla; Recording Secretary: Dolores Dobida; Financial Secretary: Vida Zak; Ed./Welfare: R. Haic, D. Gorjup, A. Zabjak; Social: M. Jurcic, A. Martincic, C. Miklaucic; Auditing: J. Kobal, J. Skolaris, D. Silc, alt.: J. Tomsic; S/A.: Ann Kozinski.

Meetings: First Thursday of the month at Slovenian Workmen's Home, 15335 Waterloo Road.

SLOVENIAN JUNIOR CHORUS

President: Jennifer Skrajner; Vice President: Jennifer Trebec; Secretary: Patrick Kelly; Treasurer: Ann Dolgan; Historian: Martin Tomsic; Music Director: Cecilia Dolgan.

Meet Thursdays, 7 p.m., Recher Ave. Hall.

Roster of Organizations — Imenik društev —

DRUŠTVO NANSVETEJŠEGA IMENA SV. VIDA

Duhovni vodja: Rev. Jože Božnar; Predsednik: Charles Winter; Podpredsednika: Emil Goršek (slov.), John Hočevnar (angl.); Tajnik: Joe Hočevnar, 1172 Addison Rd., Cleveland, OH 44103; Zapisnikar: Dan Postotnik; Blagajnik: Anton Oblak.

Skupno sv. obhajilo vsako drugo nedeljo v mesecu, pri sv. maši ob 8h zjutraj. Po maši sledi seja v cerkveni dvorani.

ST. VITUS CATHOLIC WAR VETERANS Post 1655; Headquarters: 6101 Glass Ave., Cleveland

Commander: Steven P. Piorkowski; Vst V.C.: Robert W. Mills, Sr.; 2nd V.C.: Matthew F. Nousak; 3rd V.C.: Anthony L. Cimperman; Adjutant: Thomas J. Kirk; Treasurer: Richard J. Mott; Judge Adv.: Edmund J. Turk; Welf. Off.: William Lipold; Historian: Anthony W. Grdina; Off. of Day: John Burchard; Service Off.: Robert W. Mills, Sr.; Director/Trustee 3 Yr.: John J. Kirk, Jr.; Director/Trustee 2 Yr.: Frank A. Ljubi; Director/Trustee 1 Yr.: Joseph S. Baskovic; Chaplain: Rev. Joseph P. Boznar. Meetings 3rd Tuesday of each month.

ST. VITUS LADIES AUXILIARY CWV AUX 1655

President: Mary Babic; 1st Vice President: Georgette Paul; 2nd Vice President: Marcie Mills; 3rd Vice President: Patty Nousak White; Treasurer: Aggie Briscar; Welfare Officer: Bonnie Schropp; Historian: Irene Toth; Ritual Officer: Irene Rieman; 3 Yr. Trustee: Rose Popik; 3 Yr. Trustee: Linda Kabat; 1 Yr. Trustee: Helen Snyder; Secretary: Laura Shantery.

ST. VITUS CHRISTIAN MOTHER'S CLUB

Spiritual Director Rev. Joseph Boznar; Principal Sr. AnnMarie Kanusek, S.N.D.; Pres. Marie Azman; 1st Vice Pres. Beverly Hetman; 2nd Vice Pres. Karen Matuszewski; Rec. Secy. Pam Slogar; Corr. Secy. Pam Savoca; Treas. Michelle Hrstic; Publicity Chmn. Marion Rozman.

Meetings are held on the first Wed. of each month, except July and August. Dues are \$3.00 and paid in September for each school year.

ST. VITUS ALUMNI

Spiritual Director: Rev. Joseph Boznar; President: Dorothy A. Stanonik; Vice President: Josephine Perpar; Recording Secretary: Vera Hlad; Corresponding Secretary: Daniella Avsec; Treasurer: Joseph G. Brodnik, 344 Claymore Blvd., Richmond Hts., OH 44143, phone 531-3485; Assistant treasurer: F. Raymond Gobec; Sergeant at arms: Louis Shenk; Trustees: Joseph Zelle, Mathias Perpar and Albina Pozelnik. Auditors: Florence Hotujac and Marie Orazem; Publicity: Helen Glivar; Membership Committee, Chairperson: Albina Pozelnik, 6603 Schaefer Ave., Cleveland, OH 44103, phone 391-2768.

Meetings are held on the first Thursday of January, April, July and October at 7 p.m. at St. Vitus auditorium social room. All former students of St. Vitus school are invited to join. Dues are \$5.00 per year.

SLOVENSKEGA AMERISKEGA PRIMORSKEGA KLUBA

President: Frank Cendol; Podpredsednik: Rudolf Susel; Blagajnik: Stefan Durjava; Tajnica: Hermina Bonutti, 29399 Shaker Blvd., Pepper Pike, OH 44124. Odborniki: Olga Valencic, Zdenka Kaucic, Jože Leban, Danilo Manjas, Miroslav Gorjup, Mirko Klamic, Rudy Ujčić; Nadzorni odbor: Rudolph M. Susel, Danilo Manjas, Olga Valencic; Redanji: Juljan Bremec, Lojze Cenčič; Pregledni Odbor: Olga Valencic, Danilo Manjas, Jože Leban.

KLUB LJUBLJANA

Predsednica Christine Kovach; podpreds. Sophie Skopitz; tajnica Stephanie Segulin; blag. Mary Ster; zapis. Jane Novak; nadzorni odbor: Ceil Znidar, Joseph Mateyka, Caroline Lokar; poročevalka Jane Novak. Seje se vrše vsak zadnji torek v mesecu ob 7.30 zvečer v Slovenskem društvenem domu na Recher Ave., Euclid, Ohio.

SLOVENSKA FOLKLORNA SKUPINA KRES

Co-presidents: Veronika Stropnik, Metka Gobetz; secretary: Diana Pugel, 7945 Wedgewood Dr., Chesterland, OH 44026; treasurer: Mike Rus; publicity: Katja Zakrajšek; costumes: Nadine Grčar.

BELOKRANJSKI KLUB

Predsednik: Milan Smuk; Podpredsed: Matija Hočevnar; Tajnica: Vida Rupnik, 1846 Skyline Dr., Richmond Hts., OH 44143, tel: 289-0843; Blag: Matija Hutar; 2 Zapis: Milena Duvich; Nadzorni odbor: Janež Dejak, Rezka Smuk, Danica Čemas; Gospodar Frank Rupnik; Kuharci: Marija Ivec, Milena Dovič.

ŠTAJERSKI KLUB

Predsednik: Martin Walentschak; podpreds. Rudi Pintar; tajnica Slavica Turjanski; blag. Kristina Šrok; gospodar Ivan Goričan; pomočnik Jože Benko; odbornik: Rozika Jaklič, Angela Radej, Tonica Simičak; Kazimir Kozinski, Jelica Prelog, Branko Senica; nadzorni odbor: Marija Walentschak, Angela Pintar, Angela Moser, Frančiška Benko Kristina Ferlinc; razsodišče: Lojzka Feguš, Jože Rajsp, Marija Goršek.

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President: Dr. Karl B. Bonutti; vice president: Joyce Ann Hribar Esq.; secretary: Dana L. Leonard; treasurer: James E. Logar; at-large: August B. Pust, Dr. Rudolph M. Susel, Ann M. Opeka; research specialist: Frances Babic; newsletter editor: Mary Cermelj Esq.; past presidents: Hon. August Pryatel, Frederick E. Krizman Esq., Edmund J. Turk Esq., Dr. Vladimir J. Rus.

SLOVENE HOME FOR THE AGED 18621 Neff Rd., Cleveland, OH 44119

President: Dr. Rudolph M. Susel; Vice Pres. Rudy Kozan; Treas. Alma Lazar; Rec. Secy. Agnes Turkovich; Corr. Secy. Rosemary Toth; Trustees: Vera Candon, John Cech, Sutton J. Girod, Stanley Laurich, Elmer Nachtigal, John Pestotnik, Marie Shaver, Maria Stepec, Richard Tomsic, Ronald Zele; Alternates: Marian Candon, Robert Price; Administrator: Agnes Jeric Pace, N.H.A.; Hon. Trustees: Frank Kosich, James Kozel, Albin Lipold, Frederick E. Krizman, Jean Krizman, Agnes Pace, Cecelia Wolf; Statutory Agent and Parliamentarian Paul J. Hribar, L.P.A.

SLOVENE HOME FOR THE AGED AUXILIARY

Co-Chairpersons: Genevieve Drobic, Eleanor Cerne Pavey; Recording Secretary: Helen Levstick, Corresponding Secretary: Bertha Cerne Walden; Treasurer: Emilee Jenko, 331 E. 266 St., Euclid, OH 44132, tel.: 261-3427; Publicity: Madeline Debevec.

The Auxiliary-meets four times a year at the Slovene Home for the Aged on Neff Rd.

SLOVENIAN NATIONAL ART GUILD

President: John Streck; Secretary: Marge Cigoy; Treasurer: Josephine Turkman; Auditors: Sophia Opeka, Anne Opeka, Ron Maruzak; Membership: Carole Maruzak; Exhbits: Mildred Hoegler, Mary Ellen Rechner; Program coordinators: Frances Babic, Sylvia Mocnik; Sunshine Mary H. Sell; Newsletter: Pat Habat, Doris Sadar; Bylaws: Nancy Walden; Historian: Emily Jenko; Heritage Stitchery: August Pust, Doris Sadar; Federation of Slovenian Homes Representative: John Habat; Legal Counsel: Michael Perme.

Meetings every third Monday of the month at the Slovenian Society Home, 20713 Recher Ave., Euclid, OH, at 7:30 p.m.

AMERICAN SLOVENE CLUB

Gene Drobic, President; Emilee Jenko, Vice-President; Terry Hocevar, Secretary; Bertha Walden, Corres. Secretary; Esther Rossman, Treasurer.

ASC regular monthly meetings are held the first Monday of the month unless otherwise stated, at Euclid Public Library, 231 E. 222 St., at 7:30 p.m. 1991 schedule: NO Jan. or February meeting. Regular 1991 meetings will be March 5, April 2, May 7 and June 4.

ST. CLAIR RIFLE AND HUNTING CLUB

Predsednik Milan Dekleva; podpreds. Alojz Pugel; taj.-blag. Renato Cromaz; zapis. Gus Babuder; odborniki: Frank Cendol, Eugene Kovsek, Ed Pecnik

BALINCARSKI KROŽEK SLOV. PRISTAVE

Predsednik: Toni Švigelj; Podpred.: Feliks Breznikar; Tajnik: August Dragar; Blagajnik: Tone Skerl. Odborniki: Jože in Poldi Bojc, Jože Marinko, Ani Breznikar, Lojze in Angelca Hribar, Jozze in Mici Mohar, Cilka Švigelj, Janez in Tončka Švigelj, Tone in Mici Vogelj, Vera Znidaršič; Nadzorni odbor: Frank Dolinar, Ferdo Sečnik, Jože Sojer. Seje se vrše po dogovoru.

»Partizan nekoliko drugače«

(nadaljevanje s str. 5)

šati že itak težkega položaja okupirane Slovenije.

V najvišjem interesu naroda je bilo tedaj, da ne izzivamo okupatorja, da mu ne dajemo najmanjšega povoda za kakšne represalije, saj smo lahko slutili, da bi okupatorju takšno izzivanje še celo godilo, da bi tako navidez upravičeno lahko nastopal proti nam. Zato je bila naša takratna dolžnost le ta, da se varujemo vsakega nepremišljenega koraka.

Kljub vsemu temu pa je slovenska KP pognala narod v strahotni »osvobodilni boj«. Pod ciničnim geslom »Žrtve morajo biti« je zanetila boj, ki je slovenski narod stal toliko žrtev kot še nobeden v zgodovini. Seveda se bajka o »osvobodilnem boju« še danes ponavlja. Je zaman čakati, da bi komunistična stranka priznala svojo zgodovinsko prevaro. Če torej na to priznanje navezujemo spravo med Slovenci, potem do te sprave nikdar ne bo prišlo. A hvala Bogu, je tudi brez tega priznanja po drugi poti mogoče priti do res-

nice in tako končno tudi do narodne sprave.

Ne mislim naštevati strašnega gorja, ki ga je »osvobodilni boj« prizadel našemu narodu. Ga sami poznate tako dobro kot jaz ali še bolje. Koliko Slovencev je moralo v koncentracijska taborišča, stradanje in umiranje! Koliko talcev, nedolžnih Slovencev, je padlo pod streli okupatorja kot represalija za umore njihovih vojakov. Kako uničenega narodnega premoženja, zlasti pa koliko duhovnega razdejanja, katerega posledice trpimo še danes in jih bomo morda še dolgo!

Ne vemo sicer, kako bi okupator z nami ravnal, ko bi ne bilo OF. Gotovo pa je, ker nam o tem priča zgled drugih podjarmljenih narodov, da se ne bi tako razdivjal nad nami, kot se je, če ne bi bilo OF.

Koncentracijska taborišča so se pričela polniti s Slovenci šele, ko se je na terenu pojavila OF in je hotel okupator preprečiti rekrutiranje zanj. Streljanje talcev se je začelo, ko je OF začela pobijati njegove vojakove. Požiganje naših vasi se je začelo kot represalija na napade na njegove postojanke.

Res je, da glavna krivda za to zločinsko početje zadene okupatorja, res je pa tudi, da mu je OF dajala povode za njegove krute represalije. Žal, brezpomembne in brezkoristne! Kajti čeprav zveni za partizane skoro bogokletno, je vendarle treba povedati znova tudi to resnico: svobode našemu narodu ni priborila OF, ta je bila čisto preprosta posledica in učinek zavezniške zmage nad osnimi silami.

Partizani niso pregnali okupatorja z naše zemlje, svoboda nam je bila dana, ko je sovražnik kapituliral pred zavezniškimi silami. OF je prevzela oblast na izpraznjenem prostoru — slovenski zemlji. S tem nočem omalovaževati velikih žrtev in trpljenja, ki ste jih partizani morali pretrpeti v letih svojega obstoja, a nič manj ni res, da se v resnici niste borili za svobodo naroda, temveč za zmago komunistične partije in s tem za boljševizacijo Slovenije. Večina za to ni vedela, drugi so vedeli in so pristali na to. Nekateri pa so bili toliko pošteni, da so vsaj po spregledanju, leta po koncu vojne junaško povedali vso resnico. Mislim tu predvsem na dr. Klepa in njegovo skupino. V tej skupini bi rad našel tudi vaše ime, pater Cerar.

Morda ob tem razmišljanju tudi vi meni stavite vprašanje: ali ne bi bilo s strani našega naroda sebično enostavno čakati, da nas drugi osvobodijo, medtem ko bi sami držali križem rok? Ne, ne bi bilo in ni bilo sebično, ker nam ni bilo mogoče nič drugega storiti.

(se nadaljuje)

