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**RAZPRAVA O ODNOŠIH MED CERKVIJO
IN DRŽAVO V SLOVENIJI SE NADALJUJE**

Pismo jugoslovanskih škofov, ki smo ga v celoti objavili v preteklih dneh na tem mestu, je jasno. Opozorja na določena dejstva in jih skuša reševati z vso mirnostjo in razumevanjem. V njem ni nobene bojevitosti, še manj katega "klerikalizma", ki so mu ga očitali nekateri komunisti v raznih listih in drugod.

O tem pismu in njegovih vsebin so se razgovarjali slovenski škofovi s podpredsednikom vlade SR Slovenije Ruđijem Čačinovičem 4. decembra lani. O tem smo poročali v našem listu 19. decembra lani. Na podlagi poročila o tem sestanku, ki ga je prineslo ljubljansko "Delo", smo priporočili, da so "slovenske cerkvene vodnike doma privili, jih ustrahovali, da preklicujejo svoje lastne izjave in se pri tem še zahvaljujejo".

Verski tednik "Družina" je 16. decembra 1973 o tem sestanku poročal obširnejše in zapisal, da se je ljubljanski nadškof in metropolit Pogačnik podpredsedniku "zahvalil za jasno informacijo o stališču državne oblasti do škofovskega pisma, pa povedal od svoje strani, da je bilo pismo izdano v jugoslovanskem okviru".

"Z njim škofovi niso hoteli kritizirati države in njene oblasti kot take, temveč so hoteli odgovoriti na ČASNIKARSKE NAPADE na Cerkev v zadnjem času," naj bi bil nadškof Pogačnik dejal podpredsedniku vlade SR Slovenije. Pogovor naj bi bil trajal dve uri in so škofovi že na kraju samem potrdili metropolitovo misel: "Slovenski škofovi tudi po odprttem pismu ne vidimo nobenega razloga, da bi ne mogli še naprej skupno reševati tekočih problemov, kakor smo jih doslej na Komisiji za verska vprašanja SRS."

Čačinovič naj bi bil menda izjavil, da bo poskrbel, da bodo napadi na Cerkev v časopisu prenehali. Pa je vendar na pisanje "Družine", da so škofovi hoteli odgovoriti na ČASNIKARSKE NAPADE na Cerkev, Jože Šircelj v ljubljanskem "Delu" skoraj objavil sestavek "Prilika o grešnem kozlu", v katerem trdi, da so časnikarski napadi v škofovskem odprttem pismu komaj kje omenjeni in da škofovi v njem "časnikarjev in njihove napadljnosti niso prida jemali v misel".

Ko je Šircelj navedel to v odgovor, poudarja v svojem sestavku: "Časnikarji gradimo pisanje o verskih skupnostih in položaju vere v družbi pri nas na dokumentih, ki niso nobena skrivenost: na programu Zveze komunistov Jugoslavije, na ustavi, na sklepih Zveze komunistov in Socijalistične zvezde". Nato zaključuje:

"Zatorej more biti... bolj malo uspešna delavnost, ki meri na to, da bi prek sklicevanja na 'časnikarske napade' napadali takšno opredeljenost družbe do vere in vernikov in cerkve."

Tako Jože Šircelj v svojem sestavku malo previdno in po ovinku ponovi očitek, da naj bi šlo tu le za napade na opredeljenost komunistične družbe in na njeno postopanje napram veri in Cerkvi. Razlaganje slovenskih škofov in njihovega lista "Družina" ga ni ne pomirilo in ne sprembrnilo.

Pri "Družini" so med tem vso reč razmisli in se oglašili znova v letošnji 3. številki 20. januarja pod naslovom "Kazen za dobronomernost". Članek smo na tem mestu objavili pretekli tened v celoti. V njem je poročilo o konferenci ZKS Ljubljana-Vič, kjer so škofovsko pismo ostro obsoledili in zahtevali, da avtorji in podpisniki zanj "kazenko odgovarjajo, ker se kršili zakone in ustavo". "Družina" je to mirno, pa vendar kar odločno zavrnila in pisca poročila s konference, oziroma to samo opozorila, da ni prav poučena ne o škofovskem pismu in ne o tem, kar je bilo z njim v zvezi in tudi ne o razgovorih med predstavniki Cerkve in državne oblasti. Na koncu je pozvala k mirnemu in resnemu razpravljanju o vprašanjih, ki zadevajo obe strani.

V naslednji številki 27. januarja 1974 je "Družina" prinesla članek "Korak naprej", v katerem opozarja na neznanega avtora, ki je v rubriki "Razmišljanja o pismu" v slovenski izdaji Komunista 14. januarja 1974 v obliki vprašanj in odgovorov zapisal:

"So posamezniki, ki vidijo klerikalizem na vsakem karku. Nekdo, ki je morda samo veren, je zanje klerikalec. S tem delajo veliko škodo napredku naše družbe. S tem seveda ne mislim, da klerikalizma ni in da nima ponekod nevarnih razsežnosti, ko poskušajo posamezniki zlorabititi religijo za politične namene."

(Odgovor) Soglašam z vami, da moramo biti budni na obeh straneh: proti zlorabljanju vere v politične namene in proti sektašem v naših vrstah, ki ne ločijo med vero in klerikalizmom. So takšni, ki misijo, da uresničujejo vlogo člena Zveze komunistov z golj z izpovedovanjem nekakšne-

ga borbenega ateizma, morda celo z napadi na vero in vernika. S tem v spopadu z resničnim klerikalizmom ničesar ne prispevajo, temveč samo še spodbujajo klerikalne težnje. Na strečo take sektaške težnje nimajo nevarnejših razsežnosti, mislimo takih, ki bi imelo večje negativne posledice v praksi. Zveza komunistov se je znala vedno uspešno in o pravem času zoperstaviti sektaštvu v lastnih vrstah, naperjenemu proti veri in vernikom."

"Družina" smatra navedeni sestavek v "Komunistu" za "korak naprej", pa opozarja nato na pisanje v drugih listih v Jugoslaviji, ki kažejo, da je protivno "sektu", ki ga omenja "Komunist", močno razširjeno med komunisti po vsej Jugoslaviji, drugod še bolj kot v SR Sloveniji. To svoje gledanje podpre z več primeri. Svoj sestavek zaključuje Družina z izrazom upanja v "nadaljevanje dialoga", ki naj bi pripeljal k resničnemu sožitju.

BESEDA IZ NARODA

ŠŠK keglja


CLEVELAND, O. — Moštvo Us in Številka 2 sta preteklo nedeljo zopet kegljali za 1. mesto. Us so dobili 5 točk in pomagali Asom, da so prišli na 2. mesto, same dve točki za 1. mestom. Drugo nedeljo se bo videlo, ali se bodo Asi mogli obdržati na 2. mestu, ko bodo kegljali z moštvom Us. Kegljenci so bili v dobrni formi, saj so kegljali kar 4 nad 200-igre in 6 nad 500-serije.

Rezultati kegljanja so bili:

Asi : Nevarni 7-0
Gus Kofol je kegljal 518-serijo za Ase, ki so dobili vseh 7 točk in se pomaknili na 2. mesto.

Spretné žabe : Lisice 7-0

Vsi kegljenci moštva Lisice so kegljali pod svojim povprečjem in so zgubili vseh 7 točk. S 6. so se pomaknili na 7., Spretné žabe pa s 7. na 6. mesto.

Kosmati : Žandarji 5-2

Kosmatim se je posrečilo dobiti 5 točk, ker so Žandarji slabo kegljali. Kosmati so napredovali za eno mesto, medtem ko so Žandarji šli za eno mesto nazaj.

Us : Številka 2 5-2

Stara nasprotnika sta se zopet pomerila za 1. mesto. Toda Us so tako odlično kegljali, da Številka 2 ni imela možnosti, da bi dobila več kakor 2 točki.

K. Gorišek, F. Praznik in T.

Sejnowski so za moštvo Us kegljali nad 500-serije; Gorišek 538-serijo (220-igro), Praznik 545-serijo in Sejnowski 546-serijo. Številka 2 je rešil pred popolnim porazom Marty Tominc s svojo 552-serijo.

Štiri punčke : Gobe 5-2

Čeprav je samo Tina Cerar kegljala nad svojim povprečjem, se je Štirim punčkam posrečilo dobiti 5 točk, ker so Gobe s labo kegljale. Štiri punčke so zaradi zmage prisile na 10. mesto.

Ravbarji : Slapnik Jr., Fl. 4-3

Za Ravbarje je Miha Perčič kegljal 211 in 223 igre (554-serijo), pa so klub temu odnesli samo 4 točke. Trn v peti je bil Zino Žnidarič s svojo 214-igro (554-serijo). S pomočjo J. J. Vidmarja so prepustili Ravbarjem samo 4 točke. Tako imajo Slapnik Jr., Florist, Ravbarji in Spretné žabe vsi po 55 točk na lestvici. Kosmati in Nevarni imajo

vsek po 47 točk. Takole zgleda lestvica:

Moštvo	Dobili	Zgubili
1. Us	70	35
2. Asi	68	37
3. Številka 2	64	41

4. Slapnik Jr., Fl.	55	50
5. Ravbarji	55	50
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12. Gobe	36	69

Najvišjo igro (223) in najvišjo serijo (596) med moškimi je kegljal Miha Perčič; med ženskami si delita najvišjo igro (162) Cathy Tominc in Kati Sedlock, najvišjo serijo (451) pa je kegljala Cathy Tominc.

V četrtek, 24. januarja, je moško odbojkaško moštvo začelo temovati v mestni ligi. Ker mesto nima denarja, morajoigrati po različnih privatnih televadnicah. To pot so igrali v West Park YMCA proti East Side Turners in zmagali z 2:1. Drugo igro so igrali z West Park YMCA in zgubili z rezultatom 1:2.

Zenska odbojkaška skupina bo začela igrati v ligi prihodnji mesec. Od časa do časa imajo prijateljske tekme z drugimi. Tako so igrale z moškim moštvom Wickliffe Vinery in dobile 3 in izgubile 3 igre. Igrale so tudi z Euclid All-Stars in dobile z 3:0. Obema skupinama želimo veliko uspeha v bodoče!

Miro

Dobi ženi v spomin

CLEVELAND, O. — Skoraj verjetno se mi je zdelo, ko mi je v ponedeljek 21. januarja, Mr. John Petrič rekel: "Žalostna novica ... gospa Marija Zorenč je umrla!" — Samo teden dni poprej smo se z Zorenčevima srečali v pogrebnom zavodu, ko smo prišli kropiti Jožeta Grindina. Kako bi si takrat mogeli mislit, da samo čez teden dni časa bo sama na tem prostoru in se bomo poslavljali ob njej ...

Ko se tako pogosto vrste smrti, začutiš, kako se teden na tednu zožuje krog tistih, ki so nam bili dobri prijatelji, znanci in sodelavci. S smrto vsakega slovenskega človeka na tujih tleh nastane nova vrzel, ker z njim umre tudi drobec narodnega življenja, ki ga ni mogoče nadomestiti. Dvakrat več pa pomeni oseba, ki se je narodno ali versko udejstvovala in je bila delavna in vidna kot je bila rajnka Marija Zorenč.

Ne spominjam se, kdaj sem se z njo prvič srečal. Vem le, da ne samo na mene, ampak na vsakega, ki se je z njo srečal, je vplival njen mirni značaj, iz njenih oči je sijala odkritostnost in dobrota, da je človeka osvojila. Kdor jo je poznal, jo je po njenem vedno prijaznem vedenju moral ceniti in spoštovati.

Vem, da drugi, ki ste živeli v njeni bližini in ste jo boljše poznali kot jaz, bi vedeli še marsikaj povedati o njeni neumorni delavnosti, Večerja bo pripravljena torek tako, kakor se za pustno veselico spodobi!

Triglavova kuhinja že tako in tako uživa med ljudmi svoj sloves radi sposobnega kuhrskega osebja. Kar pišeš tiče, so dejali možje, da mora priti na mizo ta boljše vino, ker je pust samo enkrat na leto. Tudi o maskah se

krožka in Misijonske znamkarje dosti govorilo. Sklenili so, da bi jih naj bilo čim več in vse vrst. Ker so ob tej priliki obljubili veliko lepih nagrad za maskare, se bo izplačalo obleči. Nagrada je nagrada! Dobro je, če jo dobiš!

Dvorano bodo okrasili in mize z belim pogrnji, da bo lepše vzdušje. Godba bo tudi. Rekli so, da bo taka, ki bo igrala za mlade in stare — pa še za tiste, ki jih noge bolijo. Izgleda, da bo luštno!

Ker sva na tistem sestanku

s predsednikom slučajno skupaj sedela, me je dregnil s komolem v rekel: Ti pa kaj v Ameriško Domovino napiši!

Povabi vse naše prijatelje in prijatelje dobrih klobas, naj pridejo, če le morejo na takoj domačo veselico.

S seboj naj pripeljejo vse svoje

dobre prijatelje, če jim privo-ščijo lep večer. Jaz mislim, da bodo tako storili!

H koncu tega pisanja kličemo

vsem: Na svidenje na veselici!

Fr.

Snežnik in burje zunaj ples, mi netimo si v peči kres. A na samotnih cestah tam, brezdomci vi, kako je vam? O. Župančič

Z listom sem zadovoljen in Vam želim veliko nadaljnega uspeha.

Prejmite vsi sk

MISIJONSKA SREČANJA IN POMENKI

192. O. Radko Rudež o zambijskem misijonu (I).



Misijonarji v Zambiji. — Od leve proti desni: br. Dolber Ilja, p. Kokalj, br. Rovtar, p. Tomažin.

Iz Kasisi Mission se 30. nov. vedno glava naše skupine. Ima 1973 oglaša o. Rudež. Radko mu središčno župnijo, ki je druga je ime, čeprav si je prizvzel an- najboljše organizirana v mestu gleski prevod na terenu, ko je (prva je tista, ki jo vodijo Beli postal o. Hilary. Takole piše: "Vaše zaledje je res čudovito delalo v zadnjih petih letih, od kar so namreč prišle naše nove sile v Zambijo, da smo res postali 'signum contradictions - znamenje, ki se mu bo nasprotnovalo': eni se srčno veselijo naših vidnih uspehov, drugi pa kar tega ne morejo prebaviti. Vse je prišlo tako nenadno in nepričakovano. Pri vsem tem imate še posebno uslugo Vi, ki vedno in povsod širite in vzpodobujate misijonsko misel. Bog daj našim mladim misijonarjem istega žara.

Pošiljam Vam kopijo pisma ljubljanskim bogoslovjem. Oprostite, da pisma nisem nasloval na Vas. Morda je boljše tako, da ni bilo preveč treme. Ni lahko pisati o misijonskem delovanju izkušenemu misijonarju. Tudi tako boste mogli razbrati, da je nemalo pomankljivosti — vsaj pri meni. Bilo je veliko potovanja in tekanja, toda pre malo globinskega dela. To delo bi prišlo na vrsto sedaj, ko so me razbremenili enega od dveh področij in je marsikaj zgrajenega, kar mi utegne olajšati delo, ki pa ne bo šlo tako hitro. V jeziku Lenje še ne znam pridigati. Se pogovarjati se ne upam v njem. No, sedaj bo več časa in več prilik. Mnogo božjega blagoslova za Božič in Novo leto. Pozdravlja vse Vaš v Gospodu o. Radko Rudež, S.J."

Rad bi povzel iz njegovega pisma ljubljanskim bogoslovjem, čim več lepih misli. Po zahvali za njihova mis. voščila jih sam vrača in dodaja: "Torej, zopet je eno leto za nami. Iztekelo se je za nas mirno in kar plodonosno. Naš misijon je zopet dobil nekaj mlade krvi v osebah p. Mlakarja in bogoslovca Grošelja. Čez dva tedna gre p. Tomažin na počitnice (seveda najprej za dva meseca k mami v Argentino) in boste zopet imeli priliko, da nekaj slišite o naših. P. Tomažin je morda najboljši od vseh misijonarjev naše lusaške nadškofije na vseh treh področjih: gradbenem, pastoralnem in duhovnem. Mi se mu samo čudimo. V 4 letih je zgradil kar 4 cerkve in zadnja, na obmejnem mestecu Feira, je res nekaj le-pega.

Toda še bolj čudovito je to, kar je naredil na pastoralnem področju. Na vseh desetih podružnicah je organiziral zelo delavne župne svete. Ko je pred par dnevi prišel k njemu na obisk njegov naslednik, je pripejal šest članov teh svetov v sredisce Katondwe, da jim ga je predstavil. In — prazno je človeško delo, če ga Bog ne blagoslov. Njegova moč je pred tabernakljem, kjer se rad spočije, po vseh dolgih in mučnih poteh. In vedno nasmejan, vedno veder. Ljubimec nadškofa in provinciala. 'Takih mi dajte,' pravi nadškof.

Seveda ostaja p. Kokalj še

Poderžaja in priložile zanj ček za \$25 v imenu vseh članic, kar smo mu takoj odposlali po pionirki Pograjčevi.

Tako bo dobaloval, v kolikor je MZA znano, že 48 misijonarjev in misjonark petkovo ali dnevo A M E R I Š K O D O M O V I N O . Iskreno prosimo še novo dobrotnike, ki bi bili pripravljeni kako novo naročnino za petkovo AD prevzeti, da jo damo VSEM in CIMPREJE. Je to tudi prelepa vez med dobrotnikom(-co) in misijonarjem(-ko).

Molimo za rajno pionirko go. Helen Nachtigal, umrlo lani v Brooklynu.

Polno zahval prihaja vedno znova s terena, od misijonarjev in misjonark, za razne dobrotnike in pionirje(-ke) v MZA, kar vsem čimprejje razpošljemo.

Fr. Iggy Beran je spet nekaj plošč daroval. Dosedanje zahvale pričajo, da je napravil mnogo res veliko veselje, s svojo osebno žrtvijo za Božič. Tako bo možno osrečiti še več takih, ki jih med prvimi 50 obdarjenimi niso prejeli.

Za gradnjo cerkve v misijonu Koenenhof bomo lahko oddali za teden od 18. - 25. tele vste:

Mrs. Victoria Jelusic, Fontana, Cal., \$11; Neimenovana iz Colarada v spomin ravnega moža Antona \$50; Mrs. Theresa Rutherford, R.N., Tampa, Fla., \$70; Anton in Cecilia Starin, Cherry Valley, N.Y., \$1; ga. Pauline Vrečar, Bessemer, Pa., s svojo sestro, \$2; ga. Marija Brajovič, Florida, \$2 in Rev. August Zavbi, Winnemucca, Nevada, \$25.

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Rev. Charles A. Wolbang, C.M. St. Joseph's College Box 351 Princeton, N.J. 08540

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Prof. Milko Jeglič, South Bend, Indiana, je prispeval \$2 v tiskovni sklad, ko je obnovil naročnino. Iskrena hvala!

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Milan Pezerovic, Cleveland, Ohio, je daroval \$2 za tiskovni sklad, ko je obnovil naročnino. Najlepša hvala!

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Bob Novak says no to Muny light raise



ROBERT NOVAK

Councilman Robert Novak (D-23) was the only Cleveland City Councilman to vote against Muny Light's new rate increase at Monday's Council gathering.

The new rate increase, which passed 31-1, is to compensate Muny Light for increased fuel costs and will amount to about a 1% to 2% increase in electrical costs to the average consumer.

Councilman Novak said he voted against the ordinance because the individual consumers have from the start had to bear

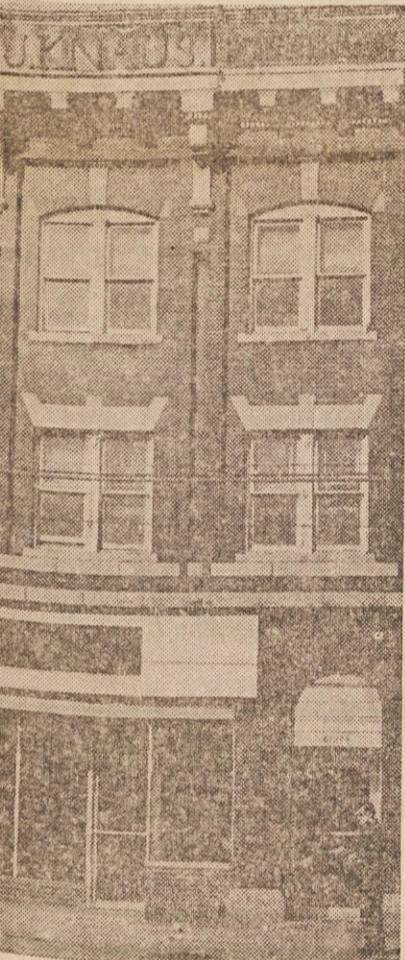
the brunt of the energy crisis. Novak remarked, "Everyone is prospering during the energy crisis except the little consumer who has to pay the price."

Novak added, "Although Muny Light may be in need of more money to pay higher fuel costs, I cannot let Muny Light shift the burden to the consumer."

"The consumer has been the main victim of the energy crisis and the city light plans should not add to that burden."

Remember the old halls?

By FRANK ZUPANCIC
Around the turn of the century, our early Slovenian pioneers lived a very rugged and taxing existence. They toiled 10 hours per day, six days a week and were paid very meager wages. The work was mostly of the back-breaking variety



A view of the exterior of the Knaus Hall building today. This facility was used greatly by our pioneers, especially before the Slovenian National Home was erected in 1924. The author (right) takes a few notes.

and at the day's end, they trudged homeward, fatigued and exhausted.

Yet, somehow, they never-the-less enjoyed an active social and cultural life, especially on the week's end. Concerts, stage presentations, meetings, dances and weddings afforded them a temporary escape from the drudgery of their week's toil.

Where these social events took place is historically significant and also might prove interesting to our readers.

In the St. Clair neighborhood, a total of eight halls were in use by our early settlers! Most of the halls were not very large, accommodating at the most, a few hundred persons, and nearly all were on upper floors.

In retrospect, it must be considered exceedingly fortunate that a major fire never occurred



The late Jernej Knaus, who constructed Knaus Hall in 1904.

for surely many casualties would have resulted.

The eight halls in use around the year 1900 and later were:

ST. VITUS HALL

1110 Norwood Rd.

It was located on the third floor of the old St. Vitus School. Here was enacted the first Slovenian dramatic presentation by the first theatrical group in America, "Slovenian Catholic Cultural Society". Also served

as the clubroom for K.S.K.J. branches and Catholic Order of Foresters.

The wooden building was demolished in the early forties, and was replaced with a modern auditorium-gym complex in 1957.

KNAUS HALL

6131 St. Clair

Mr. Jernej Knaus built the first private Slovenian hall in 1904. This facility served as the early cultural center until the Slovenian National Home was constructed in 1924. Many fraternal groups, dramatic clubs etc. availed themselves of this popular site. Located on the third floor, in later years was the home of the American Legion Post #273. Building is still in existence, however, not being used for Slovenian activities.

STOCKES HALL

6021 St. Clair

Became GRDINA'S HALL in 1911 when John Grdina Sr. assumed management of the establishment. It was located on the second floor and was the scene of many dances, plays,

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St. Vitus Hall is seen in the right side of the picture, adjoining the steeple. The hall was located on the third floor and was built in 1903. It was the first Slovenian auditorium on St. Clair.

JACOB STREKAL

NEW DEAL, FAIR DEAL SQUARE DEAL, RAW DEAL



NEWS

★ The well known pioneer Anton Seliskar, 7215 Hecker Ave., celebrated his 90th birthday on Jan. 18th. Many people know him from long ago when he used to have a farm in Madison and he would bring his fresh produce to Cleveland. Now he is retired and lives on Hecker Ave. Congratulations and wishes for many happy and healthy birthdays!

★ Anton and Paula Adamic, 447 E. 156 St., celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary on January 21. Congratulations and wishes for many more happy and healthy anniversaries!

★ A former Clevelander, widow Mrs. Antonia Repic, who has moved from East 156 St., to the old age home in California, is feeling very lonely and would like to hear from her old friends. New address is: Mrs. Antonia Repic, Slovenske Rest Home, 8320 Cypress Ave., Fontana, Calif. 92335.

★ On January 26th, Frank and Pauline Zefrin, 11927 Granger Rd., Garfield Hts., O., celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. Congratulations and best wishes for many more happy and healthy wedding anniversaries!

★ Mrs. Frances Benko of 1930 E. 228 St., has been taken to Woman's Hospital, E. 101 St. Visitors are allowed. We wish her a speedy recovery!

★ John and Josephine Knific, 18322 Neff Rd., celebrated their Golden Wedding with a family dinner on January 27th at the home of their son, Rudolph of Grand Blvd., Euclid.

They were married on January 28, 1924 in St. John's Cathedral in Cleveland.

They are the parents of Rudolph, John and daughter Gloria McNeal of Chardon. They have nine grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

Congratulations and wishes for many more healthy and happy anniversaries.

★ John J. Stih has been named assistant vice president for mortgage loans at Ohio Savings Association.

Stih, 32, is a 10-year veteran with the firm and has served both as loan officer and branch manager at the Willowick office, 25500 Lake Shore Blvd., where he will continue to be headquartered.

★ Mistakes in parcel post packaging and addressing each year cause millions of Americans unnecessary delays in the delivery of their mail.

A frequent mistake made by many customers in packaging is putting the address on both sides of a parcel. Since postage and postmarks go on only one side of a package, clerks handling the parcel may see the opposite side and assume the package was mailed without postage. This results in delays and flopping packages over to see if postage was paid and occasionally damaging address labels in the process, the U.S. Postal Service says.

Some customers make the mistake of marking packages 'Special Delivery' without paying for the extra service. When this happens, the parcels arrive 'Postage Due.' Other customers write endorsements on parcels, such as 'Please Rush'.

One of the most economical ways to 'rush' a parcel is by buying 'Special Handling' for 3rd and 4th class mail. For as little as 25 cents a package weighing up to two pounds can be sent.

America was once a leader in all phases of industry, manufactured many kinds of machine tools and aeronautical as well as navigational equipment, in medical fields, many different chemicals and drugs. A leader in science, knowledge and engineering.

Immigrants came by the millions to help and promote in its progress. Tradesmen were proud of their work and their products.

The last few decades the New Deal, Fair Deal, Square Deal, and other raw deals made the incentive so low and is almost depleted.

Large manufacturing concerns were forced by the government

to divest their holdings, and many moved to other countries.

Since the new deal was formed in 1933, many varieties of associations began to form, mostly non-profit, amongst them were many trade and street civic groups, all preying on the high flying cloud nine politicians who wanted to achieve higher office by being their yes man and giving these non-profit, non-taxpaying groups permissive privileges.

Television as well as cabinets are imported; cameras and movie equipment are scarce and high labor costs make them almost prohibitive to purchase. Watches, jewelry, clothing and leather goods now are imported.

The once proud "Made in America" label is largely being replaced with "Made in Hong Kong", Japan or other countries.

Our yes men congressmen and senators should be made aware of this. They bark before election only. How about a meeow after?

In 1933 they gave the president executive powers, since then they sound like they are only executive advisors.

JIM DEBEVEC

THE \$2,000 TOILET SEAT



My wife, Madeline, came home from our friendly neighborhood grocery store with a new \$5.00 toilet seat. But it was an expensive item because it cost me \$2,000 to install!

"Let's call in a plumber and have him install it," she suggested, paying absolutely no attention to the hurt look in my eyes.

"Don't bother, I'll do the job myself and save us a few dollars," I erroneously reasoned.

To insert the new seat, the first thing, of course, was to take off the old one. Logical. But a problem developed: the nuts holding it on wouldn't budge. They were badly rusted. I called my father-in-law and asked him for advice.

He said, "Put some penetrating oil on the bolts."

I did, but they still refused to move. The directions on the oil can suggested to keep squirting more on and give the troubled spot a little tap with a blunt instrument to work in the lubricant. That's exactly what I did, and yet the darn thing still refused to turn.

"A little damage control practice never hurt anyone. As you can see, first we flood the room, then we see if we can shut off the water before the house sinks."

Then everything else was replaced; the entire project took over a year to complete and cost around \$2,000.

It still amazes me when I remember the entire episode started with the purchase of a \$5 seat in a grocery store.

I called my wife's father again. He suggested, "Use more penetrating oil."

I emptied the entire contents on the resisting bolts and nuts. Then I went out and bought a giant (economy size) half gallon of loosening oil and poured that on the defiant and unyielding spot and gave it a couple of good whacks with a hammer.

Two things happened: One, the entire floor became slippery and messy from the grease; and two, the toilet broke in half. Water shot in the air, soaking the floor, ceiling, walls, fixtures, and me.

"Geez, what's going on here?" Madeline asked, oblivious to the scene before her.

"I'm having a little 'abandon ship' drill in case we're ever in the middle of the Caribbean Sea on a cruise ship which strikes an iceberg," I answered sarcastically.

Death which knows no time, no place, or no age, struck 35-year-old Joze Sifrer of the famous Lojze Slak Ensemble of Slovenia on Jan. 16.

Joze sang many of the leading renditions that the quintet of male vocalists and instrumental trio made famous. His most recent and most popular tune of 1973 in Ljubljana was "Glas Harmonike" (title of their latest album), or "Sound of the Accordion" which he sings the lead on.

Sifrer, best described as the shortest in height of the members, was apparently driving through Škofja Loka late at night on his way home to the

village of Praprotna and struck a bus going around a bend in the road.

Considered the "Golden Voice" of the group, they were to have celebrated the tenth anniversary of the ensemble with another concert appearance here in America and Canada in May. They initially performed here in 1970 before thousands at several shows throughout the country. Of course, it is too soon to determine if they'll be coming this year or not although they will undoubtedly try to find a replacement eventually.

The singers known as the "Fantje S Praprotna" were born and raised as neighbors on the

TONY PETKOVSEK

DEATH STRIKES JOZE ŠIFRER



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Grotto 'Circus with a purpose' opens Weds.**VICTOR JULIAN AND HIS DOGS AT GROTTO CIRCUS**

After a sorely missed absence of several years, Victor Julian rings Gene Mendez, "the world's and his captivating canine greatest high wire artist," Arturo friends return to the center ring ro, famed heel-and-toe stylist, at the Al Sirat Grotto "Circus and the Feller Boys and Dodo low-wire stuntment, will perform spine-tingling feats.

These little super-stars of the dog world will charm you with their clowning and dancing, each has his own special music and glittering jeweled or feathered costume. They are guaranteed to delight all young at heart, age 2 to 102!

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Reserved seat tickets are now on sale at Cleveland Convention Center (Public Hall) Box Office. Bring your family and friends for 2½ hours of wholesome, spine-tingling entertainment that benefits Cerebral Palsy, Assn., American Cancer Society, and Dentistry for the handicapped.

MASSERA, PRAZNIK, TOMINC, DROBNIK SHINE**St. Vitus Men's League**

January 24 Results
There were six changes in the team and single board with the pins falling in record fashion. Rudy Massera Sr. just missed a sensational 700 series by only seven pins as he blasted out a torrid 255-243-693. Frank Praznik hit season's high game 256-609. Mike Tominc had a sizzling 214-233-636, while Tony Drobnik burned the alleys with his 210-233-622.

Hofbrau Haus spilled the mangles for high scores of 1103-3143. Other "200 club" members were: F. Gibbs 205, R. Voging 202, M. Percic 215, P. Delic 205, T. Urbas 214, D. Telban 202, F. Oblak 202, J. Slapnik 210 and Elmer Kuhar 212.

Cimperman Market climbed into first place with a two game win over Sterle's Country House. Rudy Massera's brilliant 255-243-693 starred for the winners.

Cimperman M. 963-1031-990-2984
Sterles 1015-959-976-2958
Grdina Recreation upset Mezic Insurance two times. Tony Drobnik's big 210-233-622 paced the victors.

Grdina Rec. 928-981-1012-2921
Mezic Ins. 974-935-928-2837

Kurtzner Radiator vanquished C.O.F. Central Chapter in two games. Frank Praznik's hot 256-609 sparked the Radiators.

Kurtzner Rd. 977-1023-1000-3000

Central Chap 986-956-904-2846
Norwood Men's Shop flattened C.O.F. No. 1317 twice. Bud Koporc's 577 stood out for the Haberdashers.

Norwood M.S. 895-1067-1029-2991

COF No. 1317 987-900-895-2782

Lube's Lounge blanked KS-KJ No. 25. W. Stangry with his 547 paced Lubes.

Standings Jan. 24

Team	W	L
Cimperman's Market	7	2
Kurtzner's Radiator	6	3
Lube's Lounge	6	3
Sterle's	5	4
Norwood Men's Store	5	4
Norwood Drug	4	5
Central Chapter COF	4	5
C.O.F. 1317	4	5
Grdina Recreation	4	5
Hofbrau Haus	4	5
Mezic Insurance	3	6
KSKJ No. 25	2	7

Schedule Feb. 7

Alleys	
1-2 Hofbrau vs Grdina Rec.	
3-4 Norwood D. vs Cimperman	
5-6 COF 1317 vs KSKJ 25	
7-8 Lube Lounge vs Kurtzner	
9-10 Cent. COF vs Norwood M.	
11-12 Mezic Ins vs Sterles	

Team High Series

Hofbrau Haus	3143
Norwood Pharmacy	3085
Grdina Recreation	3048
Sterle's	3043

Team High Single

Lube's Lounge	1129
Norwood Pharmacy	1107
Hofbrau Haus	1103
Grdina Recreation	1091

Individual High Series

F. Praznik	256
T. Drobnik	255
R. Massera	255
D. Mihelic	252

JOE WOODS**I GET DISGUSTED**

Sometimes when I sit down to write, it is rather hard to find a subject. Politics, religion, race seem to be the most talkative subjects and I find myself writing about them. These subjects are important, they are our way of life.

As I was going to write, it began to dawn on me, how many of us crack rotten jokes on these subjects? Now I don't mean humorous, but filthy ones. Take these Polish jokes. Some are runny, but some are really filth. Why should a man's background be subjected to low form of comedy? I admit that the person telling the joke is mentally

limited, but that does not give that person a right to insult. sult ones nationality can be held as a misdeameanor.

Then here are those that insult religious, such as priests or nuns. Why should they be insulted? After all, are they not our representatives in our religion? And why should the good Lord be recipient of a joke? Has He not got enough troubles just trying to keep us from killing each other?

And why should a black man be insulted? Because he is black?

Oh, how I get disgusted with such individuals by the way this year there is a law that to in-

once housed the Sorrowful Mother Slovenian Catholic Church in 1907. It was under the pastortship of Rev. Kasimir Zakrzek, O.F.M. and was designed for all Slovenians living west of east 55th. The church, however, soon was dissolved and merged with St. Vitus.

ULMER HALL
5707 St. Clair

In later years it was known as TIEBER'S. Not very much is known about this establishment, however the late Frank Turk, pioneer historian, wrote that it was used as the headquarters for petitioning the City of Cleveland to erect the St. Clair Bathhouse at E. 63rd and St. Clair. Old timers will remember the fort-like appearance of the turret-clock tower. This entire Tieber block was razed a few years ago to make room for a gas station.

GERMANIA GARDENS
1357 E. 55

Also later known as KINDSVATER GARDENS. This was not really a hall, as such, but an outdoor summer picnic grove on the east side of E. 55th St. halfway between St. Clair and Bonita. We are including Germania Gardens since there was performed one of the first Slovenian drama presentations on the outdoor bandstand, without the benefit of any sets or scenery.

This was also the sites of many picnics, religious services and musical concerts. An industrial firm, the Leiden Cabinet Co. stands on the approximate site of the Germania Gardens.

JAITES HALL
6004 St. Clair

Later known as BIRK'S Hall. Here began the Ivan Cankar Dramatic Society. In 1907, young magician John Grdina appeared in the People's Theater and displayed great conjuring abilities. There were other live acts, including jugglers, singers, etc. on the program.

This hall was the first public auditorium in the E. 55th area around 1870 and was razed in the late 1960's to make way for the new, modern Cleveland Trust Bank.

ULMANN'S HALL
1400 E. 55 St.

Later known as SACHSENHEIM and now is the Hofbrau Haus restaurant. This facility

Slovene Home for the Aged says 'thanks'**Letters To The Editor****Editor:**

the care and maintain the highest standards.

In the name of the Board of Trustees, the Staff and our Residents at the Slovene Home for the Aged, I want to thank you for the many articles published in your paper.

As a Slovenian I am proud that our rich heritage is so lovingly portrayed and maintained in your fine newspaper. With your help we continue to receive donations to our building and operating funds. Without the support of the many benefactors we would not be able to provide the services in our home in a manner that the dignity and respect of our residents can be maintained.

Some of our residents do not pay the full cost. Support of our many Slovenian friends helps us to continue to render

Past presidents honored on Founders Night**St. Mary's PTU**

St. Mary's P.T.U. will celebrate its 29th Anniversary on Founders Night, Feb. 14th at 7:30 p.m. in the school auditorium.

The Unit was organized on October 3, 1945 under the direction of our present pastor, then assistant Rev. Victor Tomec and Mrs. Josephine Turner of St. Mary's. Mrs. Matthias Skufca served as first president. Our current president for 1973-74 is Mrs. Anthony Opalek. The Unit

supports every school improvement and has helped with many projects. This year so far office equipment, art supplies for the students, bibles for each class and large bulletin boards have been purchased by the P.T.U. for the school.

Past presidents will be honored at this meeting and there will be a short history of the Unit. All members and friends are invited. We hope to see many fathers there also.

Refreshments will be served. MRS. PETER DeNARDO Corresponding Sec'y.

Anzlovar's have big sale!
Anzlovar Department store will begin its 20% off all merchandise sale on Monday, Feb. 4th and will continue for two weeks, until Sat., Feb. 16.

Everything in the store will be offered at a 20% reduction, and everyone is cordially invited to come in and browse around, there is no obligation to purchase.

Death Notices
KOVACIC, FRANK — Father of Josephine S., Mrs. Carmen (Julia) Grida. Residence at 22294 Arms Ave.

SHIMITZ, KATHERINE (nee Delisimunovic) — Mother of Mrs. Michael (Mary) Medic, Mrs. Catherine Adamec, Mrs. John (Ann) Adamec, John Shimitz, Mrs. Dorothy Strnisa and Mrs. Josephine Pajk.

Best wishes!

St. Vitus Bake Sale set for Feb. 23 and 24

The traditional St. Vitus Parish Lenten Bake Sale will be held on Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 23 and 24 in the auditorium.

On Sat. home baked pastries may be purchased in the auditorium from 2 to 7 p.m.

On Sun. (Feb. 24) people are invited to the auditorium after all Masses to enjoy a cup of freshly-brewed coffee and some pastry, all for the nominal sum of only 30¢. Baked goods (breads rolls, poticas, strudel, cake and cookies etc.) will be on sale from 7 to 1 o'clock.

In past years ladies of the parish have been most generous donating their favorite baked goods. If our ladies will cooperate again this year our Bake Sale should be a tremendous success.

Entire proceeds benefit the church and school.

May God bless all for their work on behalf of our parish!

FR. RUDOLPH PRAZNIK

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