





# MLADINSKI ODDELEK -- JUVENILE DEPARTMENT

Vinko Bitine:  
**BELA JAHTA**

Se rikoli v svojem življenju ni bil Bregajev Nacek iz Binklja tako srečen kakor v letosnjem poletju; izpolnila se mu je namreč vroča želja: videl je morje!

Se več, prebival je ob njem skoraj dva meseča, kopal se v njegovih valovih, sočil se na njegovih bregovih in se vozil ptičjem na ladjo.

Takrat, ko se je odločevalo, kdo vse bo mej tistimi izbranci, ki pojdejo s počitniško kolonijo k morju, Nacek je skrbi in pričakovanja ni mogel ne jesti, ne spati.

Ko pa je med imeni svojih šolskih tovarišev zaslišal tudi svoje ime, je od vesela kar zavriskal.

Kaj pa mislite — morje! To se ne vidi vsak dan in za Nacka je pomenilo to največje doživetje.

V prekrasnem poletnem jutru so se odpeljali kolonisti proti jugu — v sončno Državico.

Zivljenje, ki se je pričelo tam, je bilo Nacku povsem novo, tako vabiljivo, da bi Nacek dal ne vem kaj, če bi mogel za mizerij ostati ob morju.

Vsač takoj je menil prvi dan, ko se mu še ni bilo oglašlo v sreu — domotožje.

Pa tudi ni bilo časa misliti na to, zakaj dčki, zbrani iz vseh krajov Slovencije, so bili siherni dan zaposteni z najračnejšimi igrami, s kopanjem, z leteti po morju in peš po bližnjih okolicah.

Zvezri so utrujeni, toda polni zdajanja in nočnih načrtov za naslednji dan, pospal po ležiščih kakor bi snope pomotali.

Nacek pa neke noči kar ni mogel zaspati. Dolgo se je prematal po postelji, zrak na levo, zdaj na desno, pa spet vznak, z rokami pod glavo.

Po hrbtu ga je žgal kakor z žerjavico, zato Nacku ni bilo treba dosti premisljivati odkod nepečnost, temveč je takoj ugani, da mu je včeraj vroče dalmatinsko sonce pritisnilo svoje prečat.

Pa ne samo Nacek, tudi njegovi tovarisi so se nemirno premikalci po posteljah, ker je sonce bržkone tudi njezino.

Vendar so slednjši drug za drugim pospal, le Nacek ni mogel.

K telesni bolečini ki je pridružila še — duševna. Nacka je namreč na vsem lepotnem zgrabilo silno domotožje.

Globoko je vdihnil in solze so mu napolne oči, ki mu misli na očko, na matiko, ki bi mu doma gotovo oljalša preko bolečino na hrbtu s kakšnim zdravilom, ali vsa je na teložilno besedo.

Tu pa ni nikogar.

Gospod učitelj, ki nadzoruje kolonijo, je bil že zaspal, učiteljici, ki gospodinjuje, tudi pa je počivata v svoji sobi.

Nacek se je dvignil, zlezel iz postelje in si nastaknil hlače dokolenke.

Potihem se je spazil ki oknu, skozi katerega je padal pramen mesečine v sodo.

Okno je bilo samo priprto; Nacek ga je odprahl na stežaj in pred njegovimi čemi se je razgrnila prelepa mesečina roč. Nacek je strelil kakor očaran.

Temna gladina morja se je lesketala v sliu in srebru, v daljavi so zarele luči malega pristaniškega mesta na otoku in le raho pljuvanje in sumenje valov je motilo to nebesko lepo tišino.

A tam — kaj je tam?

Nedaleč od kolonije, ob levi obali leži nekaj belega. Kaj neki je to, ladja ali — morski strah?

Nacek je se nasmehl, ker na to zadnje splošni ni veljal. Čeprav še desetletje, je bil pameten, prebrisani in korajen deček.

Na mah se je odločil, da bo šel pogledati. Toda kako?

Okno je nekoliko previsoko, čeprav je spalnica v pritličju, vrata pa so zaklenjene.

Nacek ni dolgo premisljeval. Po prstih je stopil nazaj k postelji, potegnil z nje rhujo, šel in jo privezel za čelezeno na okno.

Nato je zlezel skozi okno in se po rjavih spustil na tla.

Lahen nočni hlad, ki je objel Nacka, ga je počivil, da je z urnimi koraki stopal po obrežni poti mimo hiš in ribških koč. Še nekaj straljajev dalje pa je stala samotna visoka hiša, podobna gradinču. In tam je Nacek obstal, zakaj na sproti te hiše je bila zasidrana v morju popolnoma bela ladinja — bela jahta, čudo, ki ga je Nacek opazoval z okna.

V hiši je bila luč, drugače pa je bilo vse tisto, nobenega glasu od nikoder in vse duše nikjer.

Cudna želja, da bi nekaj doživel, je prevzela Nacka. Oziral se je naokrog in zagledal majhen mostiček, držeč naravnost na belo ladijo.

Nacek je brez obotavljanja stopil na mostiček, ga prekoracil in že se je znašel na krovu bele ladlige.

Tu je bilo vse tisto, nikogar nijker. Nacek se je skoraj zbal in če bi ga laju ni bilo svetlo kakor po dnevi, bi ga bila gotovo minila vsa goorenjska koča.

Tako pa je Nacek hodil nekaj časa okrog po krovu in občudoval hienost, s katero je bila zgrajena ladljica.

Tedaj je zaslišal glasove. Prihajali so od gospoške hiše na obali in se bili žalji ladji.

Deček se je prihulli in se skril za nastavki, ki se je dvigal sred krova. Od tam je opazoval več ljudi, ki so se bili žalji ladji. Med njimi je bila ženska, ki je peljala po roko majhnu dečku, približno takega kakor je bil Nacek.

Pred ladjo so obstali in Nacku se je zdelelo, da se poslavljajo ženska, očividno dečkova mati, je dečka objela in požubila. Nato ga je velik, močan gospod,

## The Father of Modern Music

Haydn has been called the Father of Modern Music because it was he who set the standard of such forms of music as the sonata, the symphony, the string quartette and other similar forms, and his work is the basis which is today used as a model to be followed by all musicians. His parents were very poor Austrian peasants and though he

he was singing in the choir young Haydn had sought to amuse himself by clipping the pigtail, which was then the fashion, from the head of the boy next to him. The choirmaster, who was much displeased with this prank, took the first opportunity to dismiss the boy from the choir, and Haydn was left to provide for himself in any way that he could. Many were the hardships that he endured. He played the violin at dances and on the street, and he became a great singing teacher's servant, but his spirit did not sink nor did his courage fail. During the time of his greatest hardships he was perfecting himself in composition. One day, when the sky was darkest a set of sonatas which he had written came to the notice of a wealthy countess and she helped him to procure many pupils. After that his life was comparatively easy.

In 1760 Haydn married and the following year he entered the service of the Esterhazy's, one of the richest families in Austria, in whose household he held the position of bandmaster, for in those days rich people had their private bands. While he lived in style in the household of a rich man, Haydn continued to compose music. This life continued for nearly thirty years and the Esterhazy band separated and Haydn journeyed to London. While there he wrote, among other things, the Austrian National Hymn which most of us know as a church hymn. His symphonies number about one hundred and fifty, and they are all marked by grace and beauty of composition. It was during a performance of his famous oratorio "The Creation" that Haydn cried out, "Not I but a power from above created that." The excitement proved to be too much for the old man and that appearance was his last public one. As he was being led from the hall they passed Beethoven, who happened to be there, and he bent down and fervently kissed Haydn's hands and forehead—his last act of homage to a great master.

When the French army besieged Vienna, Haydn, who was ill and dying, struggled up in his bed to reach towards the piano that he might drown the sound of the French guns by playing the Austrian hymn which he had composed, and thus he died, while the city which he loved fell under the French fire.

When the earth is growing sober

## THE JUNIOR COOK

### GINGERBREAD

Put into mixing bowl:

1 cupful molasses.  
2 eggs.  
½ cupful sugar.  
1 teaspoon salt.  
2 rounding teaspoonfuls ground ginger.

1 rounding teaspoonful cinnamon.  
2 tablespoons vegetable oil.

Beat till smooth.

Add one cupful of warm water into which has been stirred two level teaspoonsfuls of soda.

Stir well.

Add three cupfuls of sifted flour and beat till smooth and light.

Grease a large baking pan, pour the dough into same and be sure it is spread out evenly.

Bake 25 minutes in a moderate oven.

Serve at once or when cool as desired.

This is very easy to make if directions are followed carefully and with cold milk makes a fine luncheon or supper dish.

## OCTOBER

When the earth is growing sober  
And puts on her robe of brown—  
Richly trimmed with red and yellow,  
Such is her reception gown—

We are glad to greet October

Where we meet, in field or town;

It would be a surly fellow

Who would turn aside and frown.

If we welcomed June for flowers

And her violet-scented breeze,

Welcome all the hours of pleasure

To be spent beneath the trees;

How October's golden bowers

Should, with harvest melodies

And the whole year's gathered treasure,

Wake our gladdest ecstacies.

Come, you children, earth is calling

To the feast October spreads!

Every street and lane will lead you

To her table decked with reds.

While the purple grapes are falling

Where the apples lie in beds,

For your merry laugh she'll need you,

Weaving chaplets for your heads.

Blue the sky will be above you

Till the sunset crimson glows,

Rarely sullen days or dreary

Bright and fair October knows.

Come and bring the hearts that love you

Day by day the feasting goes—

Here's enough till all are weary—

Take the harvest where it grows.

Come, each child, each little reaper;

Nature planted, love has long

Tended vine and fruit tree, hoping

That your lips may ring with song

Song that praises—that no weeper,

Crowded by the very strong

In the press where all are coping,

May be found amidst the throng.

But the boy became intensely interested and quite excited when, near the end of their course, they saw a moose swimming from an island to the mainland and the Indians rushing out from their encampment, leaping into their canoes and giving chase.

The clumsy beast could not swim as fast as the Indians could paddle and

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## Contributions From Junior Members

### FALLS CREEK, PA.

DEAR EDITOR:  
This is the second and final installment of my story, "Shouldn't tell a lie." "Don't get scared, Fred. This is just the doctor. He has some pills for you," said his wife.

"I won't take any medicine. I'm too sick," said Fred.

"What? You are too sick to take medicine?" inquired his wife. "Don't be afraid."

"We will take him to the hospital tomorrow morning at 6 a.m. for an examination." Dr. Hot said before leaving the house.

Fred did not hear what was going on. Then Mrs. Fair came to Fred and said, "We will take you to the hospital in the morning. You will be better."

Fred screamed and kicked. "Fred, do not lose your temper so quickly," his wife chided him.

"What is the matter with me?" asked Fred.

You told me your nerves were bad," said his wife.

"Oh, no! I didn't. I told you I was scared."

"Oh, my. I thought you said to call Dr. Hot and that your nerves were bad. I will call Dr. Hot and tell him it was a mistake."

Mary Margaret Kozel  
No. 13, SSCU

### GOWANDA, N. Y.

DEAR EDITOR:  
Bean picking time is just about over, what a relief. Now school has

started and this means that all of us have to get our brains a-working. It's a wonderful sight to see all of the children walking to school. First the little girls with their newest dress proudly walking to school and with a happy smile on their faces and then the little boys with rather sad looks on their faces strolling along slowly to school and picking up each thing on the street scene of interest to them. (My father was collecting junk once, he said, he had no time, so I guess I was no better. Then the high school pupils were walking along wondering if we ever finish going.)

September is here and you sure can tell it for the days are getting shorter and colder and the wind is always blowing and this month always has a lot of rain. This month is also a busy month, housewives busy canning and farmers busy getting ready for winter. This is also a busy month for me for I'll be signing off till next month.

Violet Widgay (Age: 16)

No. 89 SSCU

### DENVER, COLO.

DEAR EDITOR:  
First I would like to thank you for the dollar that I received for my pre-

view article. Now to start out my article on the convention.

Again I would like to greet all my friends and members.

I sit here writing this article, it re-

writes to my folks. I wish the conven-

tions could have lasted longer, but all things must come to an end.

The end of a glorious vacation came before we could turn around. Now we are on our way back to school.

Next, I would like to thank Mrs. Hu-

sein for being so kind to the four dele-

gates from Denver. I was sorry to leave

the minute of the stay in Ely, and at

the house at which I was staying.

When he arrived in Omaha we were

met by Charles Broderick's uncle. He

had took us to Charlie's home where we

had a fine lunch. We were all hun-

gry when we got there but when we left

we were all fit and ready to go again. I

had to thank Mrs. Broderick for being

so kind to all the delegates,

friends and members of the SSCU.

William Mauser (Age: 15)

No. 21, SSCU

### ELY, MINN.

DEAR EDITOR:  
Do you recall in my last letter that I

might be made happy? Well, I

have been very happy recently.

A month now I sang "Oh where, oh

where is my little kitten? Oh where, oh

where can she be? With her black silky

fur, and white spotted face, oh where, oh

where can she be?"

Autumn or Indian Summer is here

and the trees are "tres beau" with their

many colored leaves. Jacky Frost surely

has admirable power with his paints.

Everything seems so calm and peaceful.

The time is here "when the frost is on

the pumpkin" and the potato harvesting

has begun. Most families in Soudan

have small farms for gardening at the

end of the town. It surely is fun picking

pumpkins, squashes, and cabbages, es-

specially when one finds the largest one.

On Sept. 2nd, I had the good fortune

of answering an invitation presented to

me by Frances Korinkik, an athletic

delegate from Gilbert. She invited me

to the Nova Doba in February,

and from February 1938 on she

never missed writing to the Nova

once a month, which is about 21

consecutive months. She wrote other

articles for the regular English page.

I hope to equal her record.

We have an office, with a toy

telephone and a typewriter. Florence lis-

tened to the radio for news and then

re-wrote news. I act as a reporter and she

to play minkin papers with extra-extra

news. I think this is lots of fun.

I learn to write and spell this way,

and I need very much. Florence has

several scrapbooks full of published ma-

terial, and is now starting on her third.

One is just her SSCU scrapbook, which

is already filled up. I started my scrap-

book last Christmas, but it is a miscel-

laneous one. I do not read very much,

and for that reason my scrapbook has

many pictures.

I just started to take xylophone les-

sons from Mr. Di Nino. I will rent the

school xylophone. I like it very much.

Piano lessons given me by Florence

helped me a lot in note reading. Flor-

ence still gives me piano lessons every

day. She is teaching me "Home on the

Ridge." I just love this song.

Irene Pavlich  
No. 5, SSCU

### ELY, MINN.

DEAR EDITOR AND JUVENILES:

School has been going on for three weeks now. I've joined two clubs this year in school, a Journalism club which

meets on Mondays and the G. A. A. (Girls Athletic Association) which meets on Friday. Everyone in the high school

must belong to at least one club. There

was a long list of clubs to choose from,

Glee Clubs, Writing Clubs, Chefs Clubs,

Radio Club, etc.

It is a long time since I last contrib-

uted a letter to the Nova Doba, and it

is about time for me to write. I never

miss reading the letters written by the

juveniles.

Choir practice has started again and

also "scout" meetings. We have a new

scout teacher. Her name is Miss Gret-

chen Webber. She is young and pretty

and we girls all like her. Recently she

gave a talk to the mothers of the

Washington School P.T.A. on girl scouting.

It was very instructive as she ex-

plained every little detail of scouting

very thoroughly. She is a marvelous

talker. I'm certain that I will enjoy

scouting this year.

My school chum, Angela Vertnik, has

started to take clarinet lessons. She

says she likes to play the clarinet very

much. At the next conventions you

might see Angela playing in the school

band. I introduced Angela to many of

the delegates. We had a swell time

during the convention, didn't we, Ange-

la.

Something gave Mae a hint that

Francis would get square with her. The

next morning about six o'clock Mae

put a long string across her bedroom.

On the string were attached two cans

of water, bells, rattles, etc.

Sure enough he came into her room

with some things in his hands. She held

her breath and shut her eyes, but in

a moment she heard a crash and saw

Francis lying on the floor, (and if she

remembered correctly) wet as ever, and

the bells were ringing. Mae laughed so

hard that her mother heard her down-

stairs and she came up. Seeing the wa-

ter on the floor, she commanded, "Since

you have planned to wash the floor, to-

morrow, you will scrub it."

The next day while she was scrub-

bing, Francis stood there, laughing. All

he said was, "Revenge is sweet-some-

times, but not with you."

Annie Zugell (Age: 15)

No. 1 SSCU

### SOUAN, MINN.

DEAR EDITOR:

It seems to me that some of our read-

ers should be puzzled, for sometimes I

head my article with Soudan, Minn., then again, the next time with Tower, Minn. I am really from Soudan—I was

born there and lived there until I went

to high school. (Incidentally we call

high school from the ninth through the

twelfth grades.) Then, since there were

no high schools in Soudan, I went to

the one in Tower. The school in Tower

is called the Tower-Soudan High School

because we have students of both lo-




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**Nova Doba**  
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**MORE THAN A SPORT**

About this time of the year the cool evenings in the north make indoor sports and social gatherings very popular. Picnics, baseball teams, and outings are laid on the rack for the summer of 1940, while bowling, dances, basketball, and the like are placed on the preferential list.

Several SSCU lodges already have made plans for the 1939-1940 indoor sports program, and leading the list is bowling. Many of our lodge bowling teams have entered bowling leagues.

In Cleveland, O., John P. Lunka, fourth supreme vice president, again called together various lodge representatives interested in tenpins, to continue the Cleveland SSCU Bowling League this season. The league was first organized in 1935.

The Cleveland SSCU Bowling League meets every Sunday, at 1 p.m. at the Waterloo Recreation on Waterloo Rd. The first session took place on October 1st.

In Pennsylvania, where duckpins are preferred over tenpins, the SSCU lodge teams again are expected to go into action. In other years, there have been organized and maintained SSCU duckpin leagues in Pennsylvania. In Center, Pa. the two lodges, 33 and 221, had several teams entered in their own league.

Several years ago, Chicago, Ill. produced a bowling league of its own. Unfortunately, the sports movement in the windy city has quieted down for no apparent reason, but may be resumed at any time.

In the principal SSCU city of Minnesota, Ely, the seat of our Organization, came to life with tenpins last year, when four new alleys were constructed. For several years, Ely has been without bowling alleys, and for that reason our SSCU lodges' interest in tenpins dwindled accordingly. Last year, several SSCU teams were entered in the local league, and the ladies team from Arrowhead Lodge, 184, traveled a thousand miles to participate in the SSCU's annual tenpin tournament in Cleveland. Little Stan Pechauer, director of publicity in the juvenile division, accompanied the team.

Bowling truly can be classified as a sport for fraternal lodges. For many, bowling once a week is almost as much fun as attending a lodge meeting once a month. The same people are present every week at the bowling alleys, while at the lodge meetings the observer will note that the same group of active members make it their business to attend lodge meetings once a month. Small wonder, then, that some lodge legislative action is discussed on the bowling alleys.

Perhaps the greatest compliment that can be given bowling as a fraternal sport is the unity it effects between the senior and English-speaking members. Let the younger generation follow its "fandangled" ideas, and let the senior generation entertain itself with memories of the good old days. But, when it comes to bowling, with the senior and the junior element throwing the ball side by side, the gap of years disappear, and both are on equal footing. They are pals, rooting and kidding each other good naturedly.

Both the Slovene-speaking and English-speaking members of our Union agree that bowling, whether tenpins or duckpins, has created a better understanding between them. Where in other years each has been flying through a cloud of his own, today, in bowling, the two clouds form an eclipse, with both groups only too anxious to become better acquainted.

**Center Ramblers**

Center, Pa. — Saturday, October 28 in Center. Mark these few words in a very conspicuous place, because I assure you, it is a date and a place you don't want to forget about. You guessed it. It is the annual Hallowe'en Dance of the Center Ramblers.

This year the affair which we always make the biggest event of the year will be held in the Slovene Home in Center. Here in this town we always make each succeeding dance bigger and better, so look forward to a super-super event on this night in Center.

Did you ever attend a party or dance in costume? Don't you have loads of fun? Why not masquerade on October 28 at our dance? You will not only have fun, but you have a chance of walking away with one of those swell prizes that we will offer. It is impossible to lose by making an appearance at our Hallowe'en Dance, the date you reserved to spend with us years ago when we decided to make this an annual affair.

The selection of an orchestra is a part of the planning which

usually requires much concentration. This time, however, we decided we would please everybody, so we hired the Center Rhythm Boys. After telling you that, I am sure you have decided to come. You have shown us that this orchestra is also your choice by appearing in such large numbers at our past affairs when they played.

Dance again to this distinctive style of music at our Hallowe'en Dance.

I think I have told you just about enough to induce you to be in Center on the last Saturday in October. Yes, it is going to be a grand affair, and we will expect you to be there — that includes all of you who usually attend our dances, and everybody else.

In your book of dates to be remembered, enter on the most important page these words: Hallowe'en Dance, Saturday, October 28 in Center.

Isabell Erzen  
Rec. Sec'y, 221, SSCU

Geography Teacher — Now, class, remember Iceland is about as large as Siam.

Johnny (in test paper) — Iceland is about as large as teacher.

**Betsy Ross News**

Cleveland, O. — On Saturday evening, Oct. 21, the Betsy Ross Lodge, 186, SSCU is sponsoring its annual anniversary, the twelfth, with a dance at the Slovene Workmen's Home, on 15325 Waterloo Rd. In the previous years, our annual dances turned to be extraordinary successes, and this one, we hope, will be no exception.

A cordial invitation is extended to all members and friends of the SSCU in the community and neighboring vicinity. We can say this about our previous dances: Our guests have had an evening of real entertainment, and we know that on Saturday evening, Oct. 21, they shall not be disappointed. Leave it to the committee in charge to make sure that all details incidental to the dance will be taken care of.

Frank Jankovich and his orchestra will please the most exacting dancers at our dance on Oct. 21. Their melodious tunes are catching. If you want to find out the secret of their melodies, come to our dance.

Admission shall be only 35 cents a person. Now this is not a great deal of money for an evening of entertainment. Dance will start at 8 p.m. and continue until the wee hours in the morning. Yes, plenty of refreshments for the thirsty, and a light lunch for the hungry. And who doesn't get hungry and thirsty at a real dance?

Cupid shot a couple of arrows at two Betsy Ross members. Result: Matrimony. Bro. Joe Kovitch and Sis. Stella Rozar were united in matrimony on Saturday, Oct. 8th. Congratulations to the couple, and may the future hold only happiness for them. Both are members of Betsy Ross Lodge.

John P. Lunka, Sec'y No. 186, SSCU

**With the Cardinals**

Struthers, O. — Cardinals Lodge, 229, SSCU will hold a dance on Saturday, October 21, at the Croatian hall at 199 Lowellville Rd. Music will be played by Jack Burns and his orchestra. Dancing for young and old. We invite all neighboring lodges to help us celebrate this gala affair.

The regular monthly meeting has been changed to Thursday, October 12, instead of Friday. We want to see a 100 per cent attendance. We want all of our team which won the Ohio SSCU softball crown to attend. Meeting will begin at 7:00 p.m. sharp. A light lunch and refreshments will follow the meeting, which is to take place at the home of John Pogacnik, 32 Grace St.

We want to thank all those responsible for our good time in Cleveland. Especially Phil Sirca, chairman of the Cleveland SSCU softball league, who accommodated the team with a place to change into uniforms, and soap, water and towels after the game.

Congratulations to Tony and Mary Brncic, who became the proud parents of a brand new baby boy. "Swede Wampun" Jacson says hereafter he will take lessons on public speaking. Phil Sirca is figuring on a SSCU bachelor club, with yours truly as honorary member. Champ Adams found a real friend in Cleveland in the person of "Peepers."

Edward T. Glavic, Sec'y

**BRIEFS**

*In Rock Springs, Wyo.*, Lodge 202, SSCU will hold a Balloon Dance on Saturday, October 14. Paul's orchestra will furnish the music for the dance, which is scheduled to begin at 9:30 p.m.

*On Saturday, October 14*, Lodge 183, SSCU of Yukon, Pa., will hold a dance in the Yukon Slovene hall. Frank Rebarnik Jr. and his orchestra will furnish the music.

*In Cleveland, O.* Betsy Ross Lodge, 186, SSCU will hold a dance on Saturday, October 21.

*Annual dance of Cardinals* Lodge, 229, SSCU of Struthers, O., is scheduled for Saturday, October 21, at the Croatian hall on Lowellville Rd.

*United SSCU lodges* of Chicago, Ill., will hold a dance on Sunday, October 22, at 2657 So. Lawndale Ave.

*Masquerade dance* will be held by Lodge 44, SSCU of Barberton, O., on Saturday, October 28, at Lodge Domovina hall.

*In Braddock, Pa.*, will be held a joint dance on Saturday, October 21, sponsored by the following lodges: 31, SSCU; 300, SNPJ and 239, SSPZ. The dance will be held at the Lithuanian hall on 828 Washington Ave., starting at 8 p.m.

*Western Pennsylvania Federation* of SSCU lodges will meet on Sunday, October 29, in Herminie, Pa.

*On Saturday, October 28*, Lodge 29, SSCU of Imperial, Pa., will hold a dance at the Slovene National Home, starting at 8 p.m.

*In Detroit, Mich., on Saturday, Nov. 4*, Brigadiers Lodge, 234, SSCU will observe its first anniversary at the home of Ann Bahor, treasurer.

*Twentieth anniversary* of Lodge 203, SSCU of Cheswick, Pa., will be observed with a dance on Saturday, November 11.

**Thank You**

Strabane, Pa. — I want to thank everyone who helped make our picnic on September 17, a successful one. Frank Mekina of Barberton, O., arrived on Saturday night, so he would not miss a thing. I got to see him even before Stan Progar because the latter wasn't home at the time of Frank's arrival. Francis Sneler, Bobby Jurgen and his mother and father came Sunday. Thank you, folks, for coming to our picnic.

Frank and his trio provided excellent music for the dance, while "Teeney" was singing the popular numbers. Songs were dedicated to Frances Sneler, Bob Jurgen, his mother and father, and Frank Mekina. A number was also played for Matt Vertin of Ely and Eleanor Lange. The jitterbugs all went to town, even Stan Progar helped a bit. Once again I want to thank everyone who helped to make our day a success, and I wish the visitors from Pittsburgh and Barberton would come again.

— Bureau of Public Relations, Cleveland Police Department.

Veronica Barbic (Age: 14)  
No. 149, SSCU

**Lodge 207**

McIntyre, Pa. — Lodge "Vilhar," 207, SSCU will hold a dance on Saturday, October 14, at the Union hall. Bergant sisters of Lisbon, O. will furnish the music. At the Sept. 10th meeting it was decided to impose a special assessment of 45 cents upon members carrying all benefits; and to those insured for only death benefits, an assessment of 25 cents. This must be paid during the months of October or November, of this year. This assessment must be paid by all members of our lodge, whether or not they attend the dance.

Our dance on Oct. 14 will be the first this year. Therefore I hope it will be well attended not only by SSCU members, but also by members of other lodges in the community. Friends also are invited to attend. The committee in charge will make sure that the guests enjoy themselves at our dance.

Vincent Yaksetich, Pres.

**Lodge 106**

Davis, W. Va. — At the meeting of Lodge "Sv. Janeza Krstnika," No. 106, SSCU, held on September 17, it was decided to hold a dance, proceeds to go into the lodge treasury. This dance will be held on Saturday, October 28, in Benet's hall in Davis. John Sligar's trio will furnish the music for the dance, which will begin at 7 p.m. All members of the SSCU who reside in this community, as well as members of other lodges, and friends, are cordially invited to attend. The entertainment for the evening will please the most exacting. And when other lodges hold dances, we shall endeavor to return the favor extended to us by their members in attending our dance.

John Kerzic, Sec'y.

**Lodge 183**

Yukon, Pa. — Our Lodge "Zdruzeni Slovenci," 183, SSCU is holding a big dance in the Yukon Slovene hall on Saturday, October 14th. We wish to see the members from other SSCU lodges, far and near, attend this dance. Music will be provided by Frank Rebarnik Jr. and his well known White Eagle orchestra. This band plays both Slovene and popular tunes. Refreshments of all kinds will be served. We'll be seeing you in Yukon Slovene hall on Saturday, Oct. 14.

Anna Rebarnik, Sec'y

**Safety Note**

Wet weather and leaves on the pavement form a major hazard for the motorists. It is hard enough to bring a car to a safe stop when the road is wet and even harder when the road is covered with wet leaves. Each year skidding causes many serious accidents. Play safe and reduce your speed.

— Bureau of Public Relations, Cleveland Police Department.

Judge Gruff — Speeding, eh? How many times have you been before me?

Speedmore — Never, your honor. I've tried a number of times to pass you on the avenue but my old car won't go over 50 miles an hour and your new limousine does 80.

**Indian Summer Romanceland**

By Little Stan

Ely, Minn. — Typical of this famous Arrowhead country of North-eastern Minnesota is the season of the harvest moon. For it is during this time that Mother Nature weaves her magic spell of romance which makes you wish the weather would remain throughout the year.

It kinda gets you in many ways. You may feel disconsolate when things aren't going right. You might be in the throes of discontent, enveloped in the blues, perhaps hoping and wishing everything would end, and thusly put you out of your misery. For in this world there is so much suffering and want.

Perhaps you may be in this frame of mind. But if you are, a trip to this Indian summerland would take every little kink out of you, send you back whistling a tune of happiness with every care stuffed somewhere way back where you couldn't reach it.

For right now a warm autumn sun helps Mother Nature in her work. Foliage, on trees, brush, and plant life is undergoing its annual change. Like the work of some mysterious artist, beautiful colors blend into the scenery. Driving or walking, the scene in front of you cannot be unnoticed. You drink in every color, every corner and you gaze over a landscape that makes your imagination and spirit swirl, causes your chest to expand as you drink hungrily of nature's handwork.

The air lends a light touch of crispness, yet you are not cold for the sun is warm. The acrid smell of burning brush lends a tang which leaves a sweet taste in your nostrils, makes you feel grand to be a part of this. You know, something or somebody must have hit Little Stan with a tomahawk or something. It's been sometime since he swung on to a parody on nature. Perhaps he was just in the mood for that sort of thing and the beautiful October Indian summer weather did have a hand in it.

Lending to this mood perhaps

was a misfortune which occurred last Thursday morning. Dad

was preparing for the winter

and was on the porch roof wash-

ing windows preparatory to putting

on the storm windows. It

was raining, and the roof was

slippery. Dad slipped and fell

to the ground. Rushed to the

hospital it was found he suf-

fered a broken wrist and two

fractured vertebrae. This will

keep him indisposed for at least

six or eight months. But here,

too, is where our own SSCU

steps in. Dad is treasurer of

Lodge No. 2 in Ely, and imme-

diate assistance from genuine

and true fraternal brothers and

sisters was forthcoming. Thanks

to the lodge, to the SSCU, the

hardship will be eased consid-

erably.

Down in Kemmerer, Wyom-

ing way there's a fellow by name

of Emil Zebre who must think

Little Stan is an awful chump.

For sometime ago, Bro. Zebre,

who was a delegate to the sec-

ond athletic conference, sent

Little Stan a lovely letter (In-

Indian Summer Romance? Ahh)

and with it two souvenirs, one

a crated sample of Wyoming

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## DOPISI

**Davis, W. Va.** — Na seji društva Sv. Janeza Krstnika, št. 106 JSKJ, ki se je vršila 17. septembra, je bil sklenjeno, da priredimo veselico v korist društvenih blagajn. Ta veselica se bo vršila v soboto 28. oktobra v Benevoti dvorani na Davisu. Za vesakrštna okrepila bo poskrbljen in godbo bo proizvajal tri Johna Slugarja. Začetek ob 7. uri zvečer. Vsi člani JSRJ, ki bivajo v tej okolici, pa tudi člani drugih društev, in sprolvi vsi posamezni rojaki in rojakinje so vabiljeni na poset te veselice. Zabave in postrežbe bo dovolj za vse. Ob prilikih predstavljanju drugih društev bomo skupaj posetiti vrtni. Druga društva v tem okrožju prosimo, da ne bi na isti datum, to je na soboto 28. oktobra, prirejala svojo veselico, in jih obenem vabiemo, da posetijo nas. Na svidanje 28. oktobra! — Za društvo št. 106 JSKJ:

John Keržič, tajnik.

**Center, Pa.** — Članom in članicam društva Sv. Barbare, št. 33 JSKJ, naznanjam, da je bilo na redni mesečni seji 17. septembra sklenjeno, da se spet zapobirati mesečni prispevki po 10 centov od enakopravnih članov in članic in po 5 centov od neenakopravnih članov in članic kot prispevki za društveno blagajno. Pred petimi leti, ko smo imeli precej denarja v društveni blagajni, smo bili sklenjeni, da opustimo asesment na državne stroške za toliko časa, dokler se društvena blagajna ne skriči do določene vstopne. Društvena blagajna je sedaj pod dočišči vstopne, in na seji je bilo sklenjeno, da se spet zapobirati omenjeni društveni asesment po 10 in 5 centov, da asesment ostane v veljavljaju. Člani našega društva, ki pošiljajo svoje asesmente po drugih osebah, so proti, da društveni sklep upoštevajo in dodajo k svojim dosedanjim asesmentom po 10 ali 5 centov za društveno blagajno, takor zahteva njihovo stališče, če so enakopravni ali neenakopravni. Bratski pozdrav! — Za društvo št. 33

Frank Schifrar, tajnik.

**Eveleth, Minn.** — Članstvo št. 25 JSKJ pozivam vsem potom, da se polnočestilne deleži prihodnje seje, ki se bo svobodna v nedeljo 22. oktobra v nekdanjih prostorih. Na dnevnem redu seje bo več važnih za-

Bela žena tudi našemu društvu ne priznaša. V letosnjem letu nam je pobrala že štiri člani. Zadnji, ki smo ga spremili in vedeni počitku, je bil Jože Kostelic, ki smo ga po cerkvenih pokopali na tukajšnjem pokopališču dne 30. septembra. Dne 4. julija je bil tačno na kapi in dne 27. septembra posledično iste bolejnega pokojnika. Je bil rojen v Osencu pri Krki in Jugoslaviji. Tu na Evelethu zapušča soprogo Johano in žensko Jennie ter sestro Jožo Pugel, dalje brata Antonija Clevelandu in brata Louisija v West Virginiji. V Jugoslaviji pa zapušča brata Josipa in soprogo Marijo.

Bodi pokojnemu s ohranjenim blagom spomin, žaljučno ostalim pa bodi izraženo iskreno sožalje! — Za društvo št. 25 JSKJ:

John Laurich, tajnik.

**New York, N. Y.** — Ameriškim Slovencem. — Veliki in zgodovinski so časi, katere preprosto tudi za nas. Za stoletja naredili so znova odločno usodo našemu narodu, tudi našega. Vsak narod ima pa tako usodo, kakoršo si nalaga. Zato nalagajo ti

veliki časi vsem narodom, tudi našemu, velike naloge, kakorši morda, — saj naša ni nikdar do sedaj imel. S toliko krvijo je kupljena naša narodna svoboda in naša država Jugoslavija, izven katere za nas ni rešitve.

V velikih časih je pa zato pred vsem potrebna skrajna sloga in edinstvo, je potrebna velika narodna zavest, velika hrabrost, pa tudi mogočna skupna volja, ki nas bo naredila zmožnost izrednih žrtv v izredne delavnosti za naš narodni obstoj. Kakor še nikdar v naši zgodbini smo pa ravno sedaj Slovenci razkosani, da mora boleti srce vsakega Slovenca. Nad osemsto tisoč imamo bratov za mejami naše države. Nad štiristotisoč naš je razkropljenih širrom sveta kot izseljenici. Samo polovica, en milijon tristotisoč, nas je v Jugoslaviji. To dejstvo mora pretresti do kosti vsakega Slovenca.

Bolj kot kedaj preje je zato potrebna naša krepka narodna skupnost, pa naj nas tudi ločijo gore in vode. Telesa so lahko ločena, srca in duh so pa lahko združeni.

Ameriški Slovenci ste državljani najmogočnejše države sveta, pa tudi države največje svobode in demokracije. Kot taki imate pa ravno vi v teh velikih časih največje dolžnosti. Kakor v zadnjem svetovni vojni, gleda tudi danes naš narod ravno na vas in upolnimi in prosečimi očmi. Domovina želi, da ste veliki Amerikanci, pri tem pa zvesti in skrbni sinovi svoje uboge stiskane matere domovine. Ali boste to razumeli? Se tega zavedali?

To sem vam prišel povedati s svojim kratkim obiskom. Želel sem sicer obiskati vse večje našeljive, da se spet zapobirati omenjeni društveni asesment po 10 in 5 centov, da asesment ostane v veljavljaju. Preklica. Člani našega društva, ki pošiljajo svoje asesmente po drugih osebah, so proti, da društveni sklep upoštevajo in dodajo k svojim dosedanjim asesmentom po 10 ali 5 centov za društveno blagajno, takor zahteva njihovo stališče, če so enakopravni ali neenakopravni. Bratski pozdrav!

Zato lepo prosim vse naseljence, katerih nisem mogel obiskati, da mi to oproste.

Zelo sem bil razveselen, ko sem bil povsod sprejet z izredno in nepričakovano prijaznostjo in razumevanjem. Povsodi, na obeh straneh našega svetovnega zornoznega in političnega prepranja, sem našel izredno razumevanje teh velikih časov in izredno veliko dobre volje za skupno delo za korist ameriške Slovenije, pa tudi matere domovine. Ne, ni še to kaka umirajoča Slovenija, temveč čila in zdravava, polna dinamike, ki samo čaka inicijativnega vodstva in sprememb v srednjem roku. Zlasti v ameriški slovenski mladini sem našel toliko lepega duha in toliko izredno dobre volje, da sem se razveselil v dno duše.

Zato odhajam pred časom sicer s težkim srcem, vendar pa z velikim veseljem domov, kjer bom poročal o vsem tem.

Zato pa pri odhodu vse prav iskreno pozdravljam in lepo prosim, bratje, bodimo v velikih časih veliki in velika bo naša pridostnost. Naš veliki voditelj dr. Korošec je pred kratkim zapisal zlate besede: "Slovenci, vedite, vaša zgodovina se še je začenja." Kako mogočne besede! Zato pa vsemi na veliko delo, da bo ta naša zgodovina velika. Res je, majhni smo po številu. Toda za veliko zgodovino kakega naroda ni treba, da je velik po številu, temveč je važno, da ima velike možnosti, veliko hrabrost, veliko narodne pridostnosti, pred vsem pa da je velik v žrtvah in velik v delu, pa bo tudi majhen narod velik v svoji zgodovini. Ameriška Slovenija, iskreno pozdravljen!

Vsem pa prav iskrena Zahvala za vse dokaze naklonjenosti in ljubezni, izkazane mi v tem kratkem obisku.

Rev. Kazimir Zakrajšek.

**Chicago, Ill.** — NAŠ PEVEC TOMAŽ CUKALE. — Pred dvostrukim dvema letoma sem se seznanil s Tomažem Cukalem, na neki pevski vaji čikaškega

pevskoga zbora "Prešerna," kamor sva tedaj še prav pridno zahajala oba.

Ko sem kmalu potem zvedel, da se Tomaž tudi posebej uri v petju ter pripravlja za opernega tenorista, sem se začel še bolj zanimati zanj ter spridoma zasledovati razvoj njegovega glasu.

Fant je menda sam začutil to moje zanimanje, pa se mi je približal ter ostal z mano v tesnih stikih in zaupnem prijateljstvu do danes, čeprav sem mu včasih kar brez vsakršnih ovinkov posvedal, kaj mi ni všeč v njegovem petju in kaj bi bilo treba zboljšati pa opiliti v njem. Zdi se mi, da ga je ta moja odkritosrčna in blaghotna kritika še bolj prizvezala name. Prav gotovo pa je vsaj nekaj pomoglo.

Razlika med njegovim glasom pred dvema letoma in sedaj je naravnost velikanska, in človek mora ob tem priti nehote do zaključka, da se fantu naposled odpre vrata do konca in zmore še končne stroške za neizbežno potrebne tehnične glasbene študije.

Ko sem maja meseca letos zadnjici slišal njegov glas na Waukeganškem koncertu Jugoslovanske katoliške jednotne, sem bil bolj uverjen kakor kdaj prej, da se Tomaž Cukale bolj in bolj bliža svojem ciljuameriški operi.



TOMAŽ CUKALE

Če se je Tomažev glas tako kreko razvijal in izpopolnjeval od zadnjega maja sem, kakor se je v zadnjih mesecih pred tistem nastopom v Waukeganu, potem pač ni nobenega dvoma o tem, da se še vse bolj izkaže na svojem prvem koncertu, ki ga nam poda dne 15. oktobra popoldne v veliki dvorani Slovenskega narodnega doma v Waukeganu, kjer je pred dobrimi 29 leti zagnan v spremteni rok. Zlasti v ameriški slovenski mladini sem našel toliko lepega duha in toliko izredno dobre volje, da sem se razveselil v dno duše.

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Če se naše vrlo slovenstvo v Waukeganu tako živo zanima za svoje kulturne in gospodarske ustanove, med katerimi je na kulturnem polju tako uspešno tamošnje pevsko društvo, na gospodarskem pa poleg stavbinskega društva zlasti Slovenska zadružna, če se waukeganski Slovenci prav sedaj resno pečajo z vprašanjem, kako bi si ustavili prepotrebno šolo za slovenščino in angleščino, če že mnogi željno pozvedujejo, kdaj že pride vendar moj novi besednjak na trgu, potem sem lahko trdno predpričan, da bodo naši Waukegančani dne 15. oktobra popoldne napolnili dvorano svoje lastne narodne hiše do zadnjega kotička ter s tem pokazali, da se prav dobro zavedajo, kolikoga pomena je umetno petje za našo kulturno in našo veljavno v ameriški javnosti.

Obenem pa je tudi pričakovati, da bo tudi naša čiščaška naselbina častno zastopana na tem koncertu, ki bo poskrbel dejstvo, da se Slovencem

tudi na polju umetnega petja ni treba skrivati pred javnostjo.

Vstopnina znaša za osebo 45 centov. Koncert se prične ob treh popoldne. Na koncertu so delujejo z prijaznosti waukeganško slovensko pevsko društvo. Tomažev pevski učitelj bo spremljal Tomaža na klavir v njegovem petju ter pokazal obenem v samostojnem nastopu, kakor mojster je v igranju na klavir.

Po koncertu, na katerem bo pel Tomaž tudi posebej uri v

tudi na polju umetnega petja ni treba skrivati pred javnostjo.

Stanley Fink, predsednik

**Republic, Pa.** — Društvo "Vsi za enega, eden za vse," št. 171 JSKJ, priredi plesno veselico v soboto 14. oktobra zvečer. Veselica se bo vršila v Hrvatski dvorani v Republic in se bo pričela ob 7. uri zvečer. Sviralo bo tamburaški zbor "Blue Danube" iz Fayette City, Pa. Gostom bodo na razpolago razna okreplja, med njimi tudi na raznem pečenju.

Zdaj pa naj nekaj opisem moje potovanje na Ely, Minn., kot tajnica društva št. 88 JSKJ v Roundupu, Mont.

Z našima dvema delegatinama mladinskega oddelka, Marie Stimac in Rose M. Banovetz smo

zapustile Roundup z vlakom 2.

avgusta ob 1.55 zjutraj. V St.

Paul, Minn., smo dospeli ob 11.

uri isti večer. Na Union postaji

smo se sestale z delegacijo iz

drugi delov Montane, kot

Miss Smith iz East Helene, Mrs.

Crawley in Mrs. Predovich iz

Butte ter s skupino mladinske

delegatin iz društva št. 190 iz

Butte. Potem smo se seznanili

še z delegacijo iz drugih zapadnih držav. Pozdravili smo se s Frankom Okornom, 3. glavnim

podpredsednikom, in njegovim

čebulom Helen iz Denverja, Colo.

Ob 11.59 zvečer smo odpotovali

z St. Paula proti Duluthu.

Delegacija je postajala zaspala

v vladnem konduktoru nam je

pokazal, kako se dajo iz sedežev

napraviti zasilne postelje. Nekateri smo se sestali z delegacijo iz drugih

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RADIVOJ REHAR:

## SEMISIRIS

ROMAN

"Vem. Preveč novo ti je to. In prav zaradi tega je potrebeno čakanje, da doumeš. Kar sem domislila, hočem uresničiti. Zato vedi, da bom tvoja samo tedaj, če doumeš in si voljan sprejeti kar terjam!"

"Ti se pogajaš?"

"Da."

"To je proti sklepu twojega in mojega očeta."

"Morda, a je moja odločna terjatev."

"In če je ne sprejemem?"

"Ne bom twoja."

"Prisilijo te lahko."

"Nikoli in nihče!"

"Motiš se."

"Ne, ne motim se. Oblast nad menoj imate le, dokler sem živa..."

"Ti bi bila pripravljena..."

"Na vse."

Abusiris se je zdrznil. Kri mu je nemirno zaplala po žilah in mu silila v možgane. Živeci so mu trepetali. Le z največjim naprom je zatrl izbruh divje jeze in ostal navidez miren in vdan. Zavedal se je, da bi mogla vsaka nepremišljenost na mah prekrizati vse načrte, porušiti vse visokoleteče upe. S krotenim, a vendar malo tresočim se glasom je dejal:

"Morda si in ljubim te. Oprosti mi, da sem se vznemiril. Tvoje besede so mi bile preveč nenavadne, preveč nove. Mimo tega me je pritiral do drhtijanja tudi bojazen, da bi se mi odstujilo tvoje srce, o lepa, najlepša! Najvišji namen življenja si mi, najvišja izpolnitve vročih ljubezenskih sanj."

"Razumem te," je odgovorila Ofirija hladno, "zato ne potrebujem obrazložitve in opravičila. Hotela sem ti le govoriti iz srca, tako kakor čutim. V svojem premišljevanju sem doumela velike, nove stvari, ki jih hočem uresničiti. Če me resnično ljubiš, ti ne bodo v oviro, sprejel jih boš in mi še sam pomagal, ustvariti tisto, po čemer sem zahrepnela."

"Ljubim te in uklanjam se tvoji volji, najdražja. Samo do dna moram prej doumeti."

"Zato je potreben odlog za najino združitev."

"Težko bo čakanje."

"A tem slajša bo izpolnitev."

"Poizkusil bom zatreti svojo nestrnost."

"Samo kdor jo obvlada, najde pravo pot do sreče in postane mož."

"Za plačilo tvoje nagrade se uklanjam, o bistra!"

"Hvala ti!"

"Pozdravljen! Pojd in premisi moje besede!"

"Pozdravljen, cvetka dehteče orhideje, biserina kapljiva jutrnje rose, najlepša med najlepšimi! Tvoj suženj se klanja tvoji lepoti."

Abusiris se je naglo dvignil in izginil. Ofirija je ostala zopet sama, a prejšnja vedrina je izginila z njenih rožnih lic. Njene žive oči, ki so bile ves čas pogovora ostro uprte v Abusirisa, so opazile vse. Kakor na dlani je stala jasno pred njim vsa prava notranjost njenega snubca. Vedela je, da so bile vse njegove besede samo besede, hinavščina, ki naj zakrije brezobzirno, nago sebičnost, pred katero se je zdrznila njena čista duša. In če ji je bil prej Abusiris vedno tuj, ji je bil sedaj celo odvračen. Zamrliza ga je kakor gada, ki leži pohlevno in nedolžno na tleh, a čaka prav in tej svoji nedolžnosti s sirovim pohlepom na plen.

"Njegova? Ne!" je vzliknila na glas, ko je izginil. "Sedaj še vse bolj živo čutim ogromni razloček med njim in Asarhadonom. Tu pohlepna strast, tam nežna in plemenita vdanost. Ljubim le tebe, moj dragi!"

Dvignila se je, izročila papiruse s pesmimi sužnji in poklicala komornico.

"Poišči mi mladega faraona iz dežele jutrnih planjav!" ji je naročila. "Toda bodi previdna! Govoriti moraš z njim tako, da te nihče drugi ne bo slišal. Povej mu, da ga pričakujem v grmovju ob ribniku v parku."

"Zanesi se na mojo previdnost, gospodarica!" je odgovorila komornica in izginila.

Ofirija se je napotila v svoje sobane, se preobleklia in potem nestrpno čakala, da se komornica vrne. Zdela se ji je, da poteka v čakanju neskončno dolge ure. Ko se je služabnica vrnila, je skoraj planila k nej:

"Si ga našla?"

"Da, gospodarica. Bil je pri učeniku Amurabisu."

"Pride?"

"Tako."

"Spremi me!"

Malomarno, kakor da gresta na nedolžen sprechod, sta zapatili Ofirija in komornica palačo ter krenili v prostrani dvorni prit. Zunaj je bilo vse čudno mirno in tiko. Nikjer živ duše Park je dremal v pozrem popoldnevnu, ki se je že rahlo nagibal k večeru, pretečemu z novo nevihto. Listje je viselo po vejah mrtvo in negibno in še ptice se niso oglašale. Samo v ribniku so skakale rike za mušicami nad gladino in čotfataje padale spet v vodo. Ofiriji je nemirno bilo sreč, ko se je približala skrivališču, v katerem jo je čakal on, ki ga je ljubila z vsem ognjem svoje prve in edine dekliške ljubezni.

"Straži in sporoči mi vsako najmanjšo nevarnost!" je naročila komornici ter izginila v varni goščevni.

Skril med najgostejsim zelenjem, je čakal Asarhadan, in ko je opazil, da se mu bliža, je ves vztrepatel ob gladke sreče. Brez pozdrava, brez besed je razprostrel roke in ona se ga je skoraj obupno oklenila. Šele čez dolgo je odtrgal svoje ustnice od njenih in vprašal boječe:

"Kaj se je zgodilo, najlepša?"

"Obiskal me je Abusiris in me silil k združitvi..."

"In ti?"

"Premotila sem ga z besedami in prisilila k čakanju."

"Se je vdal?"

(Dalje prihodnjie)

Fran Milčinski:  
Muhe

Kulturem sem človek in po kolisu rad legnem. Počitek po kolisu pospešuje telesno lepoto in zraven čitam SHS-slovstvo iz zadnjega meseca. Kajti sem kulturen človek.

Najmlajše slovstvo sicer vobče ni v prid telesni lepoti, ker ima pregloboke misli in prenaporne. Duševni napor pa škoduje lepoti. In sploh se mi zdi, kjer je napor, tam se neha lepot.

Vendar se ne bojim, da mi bo slovstvo v kvar, ker kmalu zaspim, in zaspim hitreje s slovstvom v roki, nego brez njega. Počitek brez misli pa resnično pospešuje telesno lepoto, to je dejstvo. Često čujem za seboj zavistne glasove: "Lep je, tristo petelinov! Koliko mora počivati in kako malo misliti!" Pa tudi dame lahko to dejstvo opazujejo druga ob drugi.

Skratka, po kosilu rad legrem in bi stvar bila tako daleč v redu.

Ce bi ne bilo muh!

Ali je prišla jesen, prišla sta dež in hlad. In so prišle muhe. Zunaj jih je pregnal mraz — niso me vprašale, nisem jim dovolil, kar priselile so se mi v stanovanje.

Muhe so brez koristi za socialno skupnost. Ne delajo nič, zato nobeno niso rabo, še za takrok niso. Le v nadlegu so in mislim, če jih ne bi bilo, ne bi jih pogrešal.

Pa se mi vendar vedejo v stanovanju, kakor da nisem jaz tisti, ki plačuje bridlek najemnino z gostaščino vred in dimnikarjem, nego da so najemnike muhe in da je stanovanje njihovo in da sploh ni na ljubem svetu nikogar poleg njih. In mojih bliskih, ki že visi na ključki, počitena kranjska duša, in verno in vdano pričakuje, da se vrnejo prijazni solnčni dnevi, mojih slavnih, mislimo, da je ustvarila dobrotljiva narava edinole zato, da na njem dajejo duška svojim mračnim občutkom.

Nič ne bi rekel — vsi smo kožji otroci, tudi muha mi je sestra v Bogu in stanovanje je desti veliko, lahko bi v miru živel drug poleg drugega, vsak po svoje, jaz po svoje, muhe po svoje, in bi hvallil Boga, vklungena očeta.

Nak! Ne zadošča jim stanu primerna, obzirna souporaba glanovanja. Ampak so si izbrali za torišče svojega dejanja in nehanja baš moje roke in moje lice.

Pripravljen sem ob primernih pogojih umreti junaško smrt, ako gre za očetnjava. Ali takoj ali še rajši po prvem. Muhi in njih terorja pa nisem kos trpeti.

Prekil sem si zlekni glavo z robcem, le toliko me gleda izpod robca, da ze silo diham in da vidim dve vrsti slovstva. Nezaposleno roko, ono brez slovstva, sem vtaknil z žep.

Zastonj! Vse stanovanje jim je na razpolago, tla, stropi in stene, okna, vrata in pohištvo — ne! Ne vidijo dobre volje, ne upoštevajo dalekosežnih concepcij, ki jih uživajo po moji pustljivosti, skratka — nočejo! Na vsem širnem svetu se jim hoče samo tistega malega končka moje golote.

In te najde muha in ti sede na roko, sede na lice. Brusi si sprednji nogi, pogledi si glavo, pogledi si peroti, vse počasi in temeljito. Potem se požene, da šeta korzo po koži. Požene se dvakrat, trikrat, že spet postoji, da si brusi nogi in si gladi krili in glavo. Ne razumem, kakšen ji vse to nuditi užitek. Morebiti je perverzna. In je ne moti, če stresem glavo ali roko, da bi jo pregnal. Mirna in neprizadeta počaka, da mine potres, potem nadaljuje korzo.

Stresati ne pomaga, zamahni moraš po njej, potem zbeži,

Toliko zbeži, da se koj zopet vrne, točno na stari prostor, od koder si jo pravkar pregnal. Ne vem, ali so tako neumne ali so tako zlobne.

Berem in se otresam in ham in je čudovit užitek najmlajše slovstvo SHS, združeno z bojem zoper muhe.

Muham nemara ni prav, da se jih branim. Užaljene so in ogorčene, srđte in bojevine in psujejo me. Gotovo me psujejo. Ena mi je rekla: "Batinash!" Ena mi je "Macedonca" zabrusila v lice. Ena pa je strupeno sknila: "Bankokrat!" — ta je jadno zbežala, bala se je, da bo ob glavo, če mi pride v pest.

Potpričljiv sem človek in mirjuben. Prosil sem, prigovarjal in preprečeval: "Sestre v Bogu, ne tako! Bodite pravice! Če ljubite svobodo, dajte še meni, da diham svobodno in uživam slovstvo in počitek! Bodite kulturne!"

No! Zopet ena na roko, ena kraj očesa!

Zamahnuti sem moral, da sta odleteli. Ali kako sta se repenčili razjarjeni, razlegalo se je tostran Sotle in onkrat, in še sta me šli tožiti svetilki in oknu, kakšen da je moj režim, in tudi ogledalu sta pustili svoj vizitki!

Te dve sta se tožarili, tačas so me pričele mrečvariti že tri druge.

Izprevidel sem, da je treba drugičnih mer, in sem vstal. Nebogljeno mlado slovstvo sem dal iz rok, brisačo sem vzel v roke. Muham sem proglašil boj — in sem v boju zmagal.

Tri je ubila brisača, med njimi ono, ki me je zmerjala "bankokrata." Tako plačuje Bog! Dve sem ujel živi in ju vrgel skozi okno; pa mi je skoro žal, da sta odnesli življenje, ker vsem, da me bosta obirali po svesti.

Najbolj čudno pa je bilo to: misil sem, da jih je legion, pa jih je bilo vseh vkljuge le pet — teh pet je bilo nadležnih za legendu.

In sedaj je mirna Bosna.

## DOPISI

Nadaljevanje s 7. str.

pri tisti priliki Mrs. John Movern. Z družino Movern sem se pozdravila leta 1935, ko sem se vracala z mladinske konvencije.

Takrat je Mr. John Movern še živel. Žal, da to pot smo mogle posetišti le Mrs. Movern in sin, ker John Movern že počival v grobu. Nameravala sva ostati na posetu le par ur, toda Mrs. Movern naije je zadržala čez noč.

Druži dan je razkazala mnogo mestnih znamenitosti.

Mrs. Vogrich je odpotovala še v neki drugi kraj v Minnesota, jaz pa sem se še vrnila k Mrs. Movern na dom. Poslovila sem se ob 10.30 zvečer, da dobim moj vkljuge za povratke v Montano.

Iz Dulutha sem se odpeljala ob 11.40 zvečer in sem dosegla v St. Paul okoli 7. ure zjutraj; po Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul železnični sem se ob 8.40 zjutraj odpeljala proti Montani. Drugi dan, to je bilo 12. avgusta ob 4.21 zjutraj, sem izstopila na postaji v Roundupu. Vesela sem bila, ko sem dosegla v Dillon. Jaz sem bila o tem sporočila Mrs. Predovich v Butte in mladinske delegacije tamkajšnjega društva št. 190 JSKJ so naši članici počakali na postaji. Mrs. Petritz sta ju pričazno pospremili.

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