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St. Mary's buys St. Joseph's farm

It's official. As of May 1, 1997, St. Mary's parish is the owner of St. Joseph KSKJ Farm on White Road in Willochby Hills, Ohio. The property consists of almost 30 acres. Within the next month, a committee will be formed from St. Mary and St. Vitus Parishes to begin preliminary plans for the proposed Slovenian Cultural Center.



Pictured are Albina Mrsnik of Richmond Heights, Ohio, left, and her brother Paul Renko, and Albina's daughter Rose Mary Toth standing in front of the Lobster Trap Restaurant in Oxnard, California. They celebrated Albina's 90th birthday and Paul's 80th birthday, recently.



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Hollis Resnik is 'Folksy and Funky' in Chicago musical about Patsy Cline

By Richard Christiansen
Tribune Chief Critic

All gussied up and newly installed with a full-out star performance by Hollis Resnik, "Always ... Patsy Cline" has moved from its sold-out six-week performance in Evanston to what is clearly going to be a long, long run at the Apollo Theater in Lincoln Park.

Here is one of those simple, but rare and elusive, shows that gets people who don't go to the theater to go to the theater.

It's very lightweight; nothing serious beyond down-home sentiments about love and marriage. It's informal; at the Apollo you can bring your soft-drink cups and beer bottles into the auditorium. It's communal; there's much hand clapping and audience participation. It's folksy and funky; lots of country songs and funky phrases ("He looked like death eatin' a cracker"). And, above all, it's about a popular singer who's even more beloved in death than she was when she was live.



Hollis Resnik

At the time she was killed in a 1963 plane crash, Patsy Cline, then just 30, already had established herself as a tremendously successful singer who could cross over in a big way from the country-western circuit to the mainstream. Her hits, played and replayed on jukeboxes over the years, include "Crazy," "I Fall to Pieces," "Honky Tonk Merry Go Round," "Sweet Dreams" and "Three Cigarettes in an Ashtray."

They're all present here, with more than a dozen more, belted out by Resnik with buoyant power and mazing fidelity. She's not at all like Cline in looks, but she's got real country twists and twirls in her singing, and she's a dynamite star presence, besides.

The show is basically a concert of Cline hits that have been strung together on a sweet little storyline, conceived by Ted Swindley, about Patsy's friendship with one of her devoted fans.

At the Apollo, in director Brian Russell's staging, there are four expert musicians led by Luke Nelson in the background, some great Patsy Cline-esque costumes by Nan Cibula-Jenkins and Karin Kopischke, and, as a key factor in the show's appeal, a shrewd, endearing performance by Sarah Underwood as the good ol' girl who takes Patsy into her heart.

Naturally, after the play has ended and the standing ovation has started, she and Resnik join in a final rousing duet of Cline hits. It holds a lovely surprise, and it's terrific.

The Patsy Cline show will end in June. Then Hollis Resnik is off to Santa Fe to appear in "Tartuffe" and "The Guardsman." She is the daughter of Betty and Reginald Resnik of Cleveland and Jadran Singing Society.

Spirited, Independent Slovenia

By Marie Harris
New York Times

I love border crossings. They somehow make me feel as though I'm in a black-and-white movie with subtitles. So the border between Trieste, Italy, and Kozina, Slovenia, was a minor disappointment. The most challenging question we were asked by the cheerful customs officers was whether we could demonstrate that our red Fiat was properly insured.

In the restaurant of the nearby tourist information center, equally friendly personnel served us Slovenian beer and wine. We then bought a detailed road map, collected several pamphlets and a hotel rates booklet, and, armed with a guide to Slovenia written by Ed Lenarcic, a Canadian of Slovenian descent I'd met on

the Internet, set off with no particular destination beyond Lipica (called Lipizza under the Austro-Hungarian empire), home of the Lipizzaner horses.

In June 1991, Slovenia, along with Croatia, seceded from Yugoslavia, plunging the area into war. The Yugoslav army invaded, and encountered fierce resistance. Surprised and unprepared, Belgrade withdrew. The European Community recognized Slovenia as an independent country in January 1992 and that May it was admitted to the United Nations as its 176th member. Slovenia's war of independence lasted just 10 days and claimed the lives of 66 people. According to a United States State Department Consular Information Sheet issued in February 1996 (the most recent one issued) on

Slovenia, the country was "essentially unaffected by the war in Bosnia-Herzegovina."

And indeed, there was no evidence of a military presence anywhere when we traveled thorough Slovenia last spring, nor did we see many police. There was one thing, though. "You'll notice in this area a funny noise apparently coming from your tires as you drive," wrote Ed Lenarcic about Pivka, the first town we passed after Kozina. "During the independence conflict, many tanks chewed up the road on their excursions from a nearby military base." We heard that noise, the final vibrations of a brief war as we drove to Lipica.

About 20 minutes into Slovenia from the border, at the end of a lane overhung

(Continued on page 7)

Jim's Journal

By Jim Debevec



AMERISKA DOMOVINA, MAY 15, 1997

Was a little tardy going to work this week because I was watching "Good Morning, America" which originated from the Scandinavian countries. Monday they were in Copenhagen, Denmark, and Tuesday in Bergen, Norway.

I suppose some of the best dividends derived from going on vacation is being able to reminisce. A few years ago we visited Scandinavia and were at the very places the morning shows were broadcast. Scandinavia is perhaps one of the most world's most unique locations to visit. There are the low sunny lands in Sweden, followed by the mountains and lakes and fjords of Norway.

The Scandinavians are very protective of the ecology. We found that out in the first 10 minutes in Stockholm. Two passengers were arriving from a different airline and we had to wait 15 minutes for them. Everyone had to get off the bus because it was warm and it was against the law to run a bus engine at idle speed. They don't want the air polluted with noxious fumes.

That was the warmest day of the entire two weeks.

We spent a lot of time on the water. We sailed overnight on a ship that went on the North Sea between Copenhagen and Oslo. Just about every day we either crossed a body of water on a ship big enough to carry 10 buses and 100 cars, or else we cruised down rivers surrounded by over 200 waterfalls.

The railroad trip from Oslo to Flam is one of the most scenic in the world, ranking right up there with the Durango to Silverton trip in Colorado.

In Norway you are either on the mountains looking at the fjords or actually on the

sea. In July the snow was so deep, it was higher than the bus. On July 4th we stopped and watched the locals snow ski. They were getting ready for the Winter Olympics in nearby Lillehammer. We had hot chocolate and tossed a few snowballs at each other, just for the fun of being able to do it in the middle of summer.

If you saw the Good Morning show, you may have noticed one commentator on the side of a mountain was shivering so hard, it was uncontrollable. It was often that way in the summer, too.

In Bergen, Norway, on TV they showed the hotel where we stayed, then spent the rest of the program sitting around the picturesque U-shaped harbor. In the summer, this is where the market is located. We purchased a sweater for Madeline from a local designer, Susan Fosse. I liked a certain design, but they didn't have my size. She said she would custom-make a sweater and send it to me. Sure enough, three months later, it arrived in the mail.

They have a progressive social system where the government pays for all your schooling and retirement. It is costly, though; taxes are over 50% (some estimate up to 70%). That's why you see a lot of bicycles. There are special paths for them right alongside the auto highways and streetcar tracks. For vacation Norwegians like to stay in tiny cottages they buy which are clustered together in friendly villages.

Scandinavia was one of our most adventuresome vacations, yet exciting with extremely beautiful scenery. We had gone with Tauck Tours and stayed at some of the most majestic hotels in the world. At the 600-year-old Toftaholm we sat around after dinner, drank coffee, and told jokes for 3 hours and laughed until our sides ached. That laughter lasted the entire trip. In a small town in Sweden, I discovered the "Polka Grizer" a peppermint candy. The memories in those two weeks would take a year to

tell and a lifetime to remember.

It is said certain people help influence your life. John Mercina is writing about a friend whose mother stressed the importance of reading. His friend is very fortunate to have such a wise mother. In my case, it was my brother, Ed, who helped instill the love for reading. One summer he brought me to the library and urged me to take out a book whose story centered around sailors trapped in a submarine. My wife also instilled reading in our son since his infancy. To this day, we spend a great deal of time in book stores.

On the other hand, my brother, Bob, stressed the importance of getting out and living a little adventure, especially during vacation. As you can see I still follow both of their wonderful advice.

As our new young writer Frank Tursic correctly guessed, movies have played a small role in my life. As a youngster I watched the serial, "Don Winslow of the Navy." What happened? I joined the Navy. I never got to be a Commander as Winslow was, but I met one, Commander Ernie Ryavec, now residing in California.

A few years ago my lovely young bride and I were watching the film, "Misery." It took place in the mountains of Colorado. That summer we toured the entire state of Colorado.

Then a Christmas TV special had Perry Como singing in Ireland. That summer, we visited Ireland.

A favorite movie is "North by Northwest" starring Cary Grant. The ending took place on Mount Rushmore. That's where we vacationed last year.

Where are we going this year. Hint: we rented the movie, "Anatomy of a Murder" with Jimmy Stewart. What's the movie all about? You'll have to ask Elizabeth Delene of the Bishop Baraga Association who is doing her thesis on the film.

Speaking of Colorado, I saw in the "Glasilo" news-

100 WORDS MORE OR LESS by John Mercina



BLAME IT
ON MAMA !

A friend of mine, who is not Slovenian, but who refers to his mom as "mama", tells the following true story: "Already at an early age, my mama instilled the love of books in me. She always told me that she did not care what I read, as long as I read. Library became a best friend for me. It meant cool drinking water at the fountain as well as quiet atmosphere and helpful library ladies. I escaped to other worlds by reading the books. One day, while walking to my 5th grade class, three miles away, I found a Playboy magazine on the sidewalk. I took it to school and began to read. The kind teacher noticed what I was reading and called my mama to come to school. What could my poor mama say. She told me she did not care what I read as long as I read and I followed her advice." My friend is now an FBI Agent and his MAMA is sure proud of him!

point. The average height is 10,152 feet.

Thanks for letting me reminisce a little. Hope you enjoyed the trips as much as I did.

In 1991 we stayed at the very same hotel. Besides being located near the Air Force Academy, the food there is terrific, and features one of the best desserts in the world, a birds-nest type of ice cream waffle. It was so perfectly delicious, I can still taste it, six years later.

The first day in Colorado, our local guide, told us to go into the Air Force Academy souvenir shop and purchase a quart of soda pop with the Air Force insignia on it. When finished, he said to keep the container and fill it with water twice a day. He urged us to drink two quarts of water every day to avoid being sick from the high altitudes. It worked, no one was sick, although we had seen other tour members suffer from extreme dehydration.

Speaking of Colorado, stock broker Phil Hrvatin pointed out that Leadville is the highest incorporated city in North America with 10,430 feet at its highest

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The May meeting of the American Slovenian Club of South Florida was presided over by vice-president Ed Blatnik. No meetings will be held in June, July or August. With Memorial Day approaching, the deceased members' names were read following a moment of silence.

Ellie and Stan Meuser had planned to be away, to attend Stan's granddaughter's first communion in the northeast, followed by a large celebration in Cleveland to honor Ellie's 80th. But fate changed that. The car Ellie was driving home from church on April 19 in Palm Beach county, was hit broadside by a car crashing a stoplight. She suffered a ruptured diaphragm and is still hospitalized in ICU in serious condition. Keep her in your prayers.

Tillie Hocevar and her sister from Chicago are visiting Slovenia.

Members with May birthdays are Ed Blatnik, Agnes Davis, Anna Carzillo,

The oldest bank in the U.S. in continuous operation is the Bank of New York, founded in 1834 by Alexander Hamilton.

Marion Wojtyna and Ellie Meuser.

Gus Gselman, cook-extraordinaire, prepared the delicious fresh ham, and members' food contributions made for a bountiful buffet.

Dan Novak on the button box and Emil Podracky on the guitar provided the toe-tapping music.

Frances Vranicar, for years, has been making new name tags for each meeting, always something in keeping with the season. This meeting she brought permanent name tags - very attractive, bearing the flags of the USA and Slovenia. The computer graphics were done by her son, Robert. We thank you both.

Our club was established 23 plus years ago by retirees. Now we have grown old at roughly the same time. "Sunrise, sunset, quickly fly the years."

"Enjoy yourself, it's later than you think." Have a healthy, safe summer. See you in September.

--Paula Beavers,
Treasurer

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Next Year All St. Mary's Students Will Visit Slovenia

Next year, the St. Mary's (Collinwood) Slovenian school will take all students able, on a two week excursion into beautiful Slovenia.

The plan is to get a busload of students (kindergarten and up) and family to visit various parts of Slovenia. It should be quite an experience and quite a large undertaking for those involved to venture across the ocean with so many children.

The idea is for the students to be able to relate what they're studying in school to what they will see in Slovenia.

For example, they plan to study "Martin Krpan," a play, during the school year. A drama club in Studenc will perform it for the kids while they're there.

Another example is the "kmetska turism" or tourist farm. The students will visit an actual working farm to show the children how it all works. They will also visit Joe Novak's brother and mother who run a farm.

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--Stan Krule

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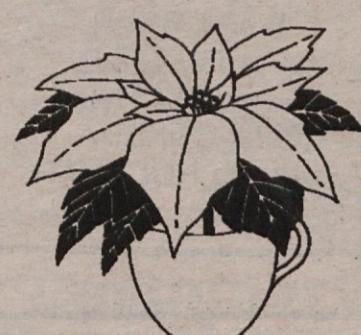
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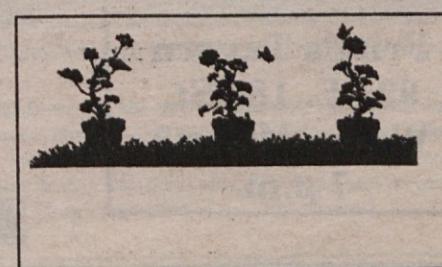
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4 Waterloo Pensioners News

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A delicious dinner of salad, breaded pork chops, potatoes, dessert and coffee prepared by Sophie Mazi will be served at 1:00 o'clock. Three hours of music by the Rhymaires will begin at 3:00 p.m. Cost is only \$10.00 which includes dinner and gate admission. If you care to join us for dancing only, the gate admission will be \$3.00.

Dinner tickets must be purchased in advance by calling Tillie Vranekovic at 486-1505 or any of the WPC members. Dinner tickets will not be sold on the day of the picnic.

We are looking forward to seeing some of our members and friends who are now residing at the Slovene Home for the Aged attend our picnic. They have been invited by the Farm Board members. The S.H.A. will provide the transportation in their specially equipped van. This will be an excellent opportunity for these seniors to see all the improvements that have been made at the SNPJ Farm. Inasmuch as the new restroom facilities are completed and are handicapped accessible, we are sure they will enjoy their day. The Waterloo Pensioners will be pleased and happy to assist them in any way.

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SLOVENIANS ON INTERNET by Frank Tursic

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- DNEVNIK in Ljubljana — <http://www.k2.net/~dnevnik/index.html>
- REUTERS HEADLINE NEWS — <http://www.yahoo.com/headlines/current/news>
- TOTAL BASEBALL HISTORICAL STATS AND BIOS — http://www.totalbaseball.com/nav/player/play_def.htm
- OFFICIAL SYDNEY OLYMPIC GAMES SITE — <http://www.sydney.olympic.org/>
- MOVIE DATABASE — (Jim, this one is for you!) <http://us.imdb.com/m/multi-search> (learned that 69 different Tarzan movies were made)
- PATENT SEARCHES — <http://sunsite.unc.edu/patents/intropat.html>
- Also learned from the CENSUS page that as of 7:48:09 EDT on 5/12/97, there were 267,245,452 of us residing in the U.S.

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Sydney 2000 Games Logo



The Millennium Athlete, the Sydney 2000 Games logo, represents the promise made in Sydney's Bid to host a Games dedicated to the athletes of the world.

The figure, formed by instantly recognizable Australian shapes and colors captures the essence of Sydney's aspirations for the Games.

The boomerangs and suggestions of sun and rocks, the colors of the Harbor, beaches and red interior evoke the unique Australian landscape and its original inhabitants.

The new design emphasizes that the whole country is an integral part of the 2000 Games.

Olympic Plan

For the first time in Olympic history, all athletes

will live together in one Village, and many will be able to walk to their events. All Olympic events will be held in metropolitan Sydney.

All competition venues will be within 30 minutes travel of the Olympic Village.

Sydney Harbor

Sydney Harbor, one of the world's most beautiful waterways, is the centerpiece for Sydney's second Olympic zone. The Sydney Harbor Zone will be the venue for 10 Olympic sports.

Sports

There are currently 28 sports on the program for the 2000 Olympic Games. They are:

- Archery
- Basketball
- Equestrian
- Handball
- Rowing
- Softball
- Triathlon
- Athletics
- Boxing
- Fencing
- Hockey
- Sailing
- Table Tennis
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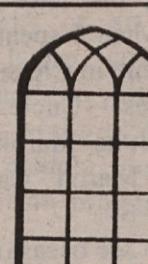
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6 Hot Cleveland Polka Happenings

By Tony Petkovsek

Muldoon's Saloon on Vine in Willowick, Ohio seems to have really caught on with its Sunday night polka parties. This pleasant, kind of 50's atmosphere tavern fills a longtime void for regular Sunday evening dancing from 5 until 9 p.m.

One of the owners, Dan Gentile, is pleased with the polka patrons ever since Muldoon's began in February. On other nights they feature rock or country and, of course, good food is served seven days a week with everything from munchies to full course dinners.

Some of the regular bands revolving are Eddie Rodick and Bob Kravos plus Harry Faint, Don Wojtila, Frank Moravcik and Joey Tomsick. Muldoon's Saloon and eatery (not associated with the E. 185th St. establishment) is at 32911 Vine Street.

Meanwhile the leading public establishments on Saturdays are Sterle's Country House and the Hofbrau Haus, both on E. 55th Street south of St. Clair and the Nottingham Tavern at 18526 St. Clair Avenue. The Friday leader is the Croatian Lodge in Eastlake and the West Park Slovenian Home at 4583 W. 130 St.

Other than those fine establishments, the picnic and festival season is also upon us with the SNPJ Farm, Chardon and Heath Roads in Kirtland every Sunday and the AMLA Recreation Center in Leroy on occasion, such as Memorial Day, with two bands, Joe Fedorchak and Fred Ziwich. Fedorchak is the newest inductee into the International Polka Hall of Fame based in Chicago.

Among the outstanding polka events this summer is the East 185th Street Festival scheduled for five days, July 30 through August 3, with a dozen different polka bands plus ethnic performers at the Perry School lot and outdoor dance area at Schenely Avenue.

You can get more details on our daily Polka Radio (Cleveland-based) programs on WELW-1330 AM (Lake County) and soon to be expanded and simulcast daily on WRKG-1380 AM (Lorain County), Monday thru Friday 3:15 until 6:00 p.m., Saturdays 11 a.m. until 2 p.m., and 5 p.m. until 6 p.m. (Walt Ostanek), plus Sundays from 9:30 a.m. until noon. These programs give you the update on all of the polka happenings.

Vadnal Retirement Party

Talk about polka happenings, the Vadnal retirement bash will go down as one of the all time great mid-week polka events on the Cleveland polka scene. Just over 1000 attended festivities on Wednesday, May 7, at Slovenian Workmen's Home, saluting the entire Vadnal musical family and especially Johnny.

The event was promoted primarily on local WELW radio and through the Quarterly direct-mail newsletter of the National Cleveland Style Polka Hall of Fame, which benefited from the event. The Slovenian Home on Waterloo Rd. also reported record sales in their food and beverage concessions.

Most touching was Tony Vadnal's first appearance in a year since he suffered a stroke. His appearance in a wheel chair on stage and singing and yodeling brought the house down.

Also on stage were Richie, sister Valerie Fortuna, Johnny and Mary Vadnal representing Frank, plus their respective families.

Former Vadnal musicians joined on stage for one heck of a show. There were 20 bands all total and numerous musicians from local as well as out-of-town areas.

New Subscriber

Enclosed is my check for a one year subscription to the American Home newspaper.

I was a regular reader during the late 1940s and 50s, when I spent considerable time in Cleveland at my relatives - Uncle Tony and Aunt Julia Marolt, proprietors of Marolt's Cale at 1128 E. 71st St.

I do see occasional copies now, mainly from my cousins in Windsor, Ontario John and Mary Gubenc, and a good friend in the Detroit area, Ann Stromar.

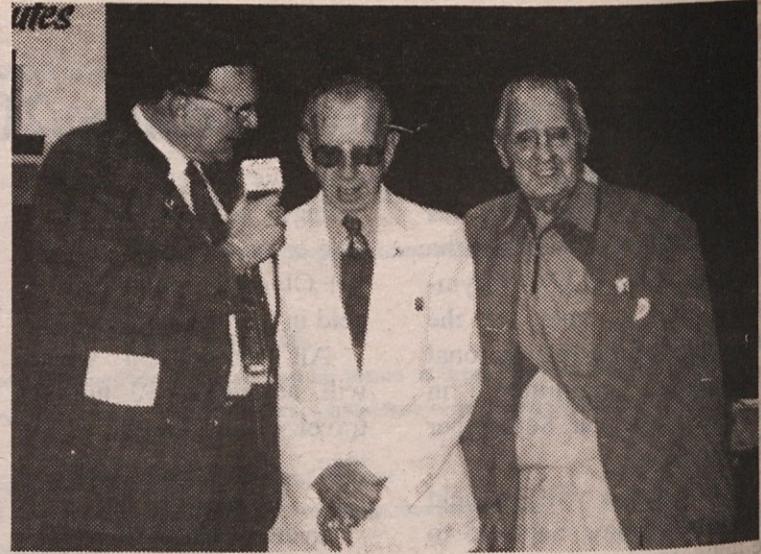
We visit Cleveland frequently, and enjoy keeping up on news of local events. Your paper does an excellent job in handling this kind of information.

My wife, Fran, and I look forward to our first copy.

-Eddie Adamic
Warren, Mich.

SWU Br. 25 Meets at Sterles

Slovenian Women's Union Branch 25 Mother of the Year dinner is rescheduled for Sterle's Slovenian Country House on East 55th street in Cleveland for Sunday, May 18th at 2 p.m.



"Kings" John Vadnal (center) and Frank Yankovic (right) on stage, both announcing retirement during Tony Petkovsek's (left) remote broadcast on WELW 1330.



Tony and Pearl Vadnal making first appearance following Tony's stroke of a year ago.



Some of the 1,000 people at Waterloo Hall.
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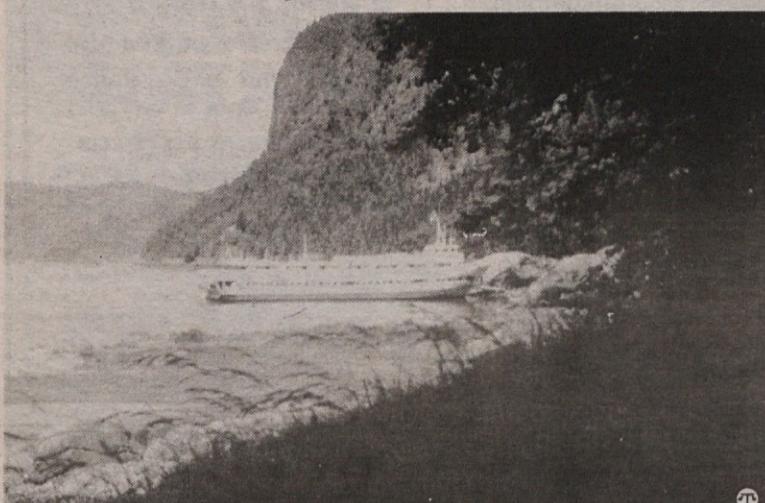
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Spirited, Independent Slovenia

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with ancient lindens and oaks, is the Lipica stud farm founded in 1580 by the Austrian Archduke Charles, grand-nephew of Ferdinand and Isabella of Spain. Here the magnificent horses developed for the Spanish Riding School in Vienna are bred. Over the centuries, the Lipizzaners have survived the upheavals of many wars, and were involved in a celebrated episode at the end of World War II, when Gen. George Patton, saved them from extinction.

The herd has now rebounded to its original number and, as their white elders wandered in ample pastures, soot-colored colts jostled each other to nibble grass from our hands. Two reasonably priced large resort hotels on the grounds offer indoor swimming, tennis, restaurants and nightclubs. But most visitors come here for the dressage performances (the championships will be held June 13 to 15). And wonder of wonders, one can actually ride these horses; 60 are available for lessons and outings.

Our visit was short, and after wandering the grounds we headed north, stopping at a roadside restaurant outside Sezana for our first taste of Karst ham — a dry and delicate version of Italian prosciutto — accompanied by a small pitcher of the deep red regional wine called Teran.

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To Je Moj Dom (This is my home). Pictured here is a typical church structure that dots the many hillsides and valleys in Slovenia. This church is referred to as "Cerkle." It is located near Spodnji Brnik (Lower Brnik), a small town/village located approximately 40 miles from the capital city in Slovenia, Ljubljana.

We continued north through greening valleys, stopping whenever a village or a view beckoned. We used most of the afternoon to travel the 30 miles to Ajdovscina, where we ate a delicious dinner of veal and pasta and spent the first night of the trip in the Hotel Planika.

For the next six days we traversed the countryside, from the Julian Alps in the north to the eastern forests and back west to the Adriatic coast, where we sat in shirt-sleeves by the sea. We felt the Karst wind and drove through one late spring snow squall in the mountains, the only bad weather on our trip. We saw whitening fruit trees and acres of vineyards as we followed river and acres of

vineyards by valley roads from town to town in this predominantly rural country.

The secondary roads are paved and meticulously marked. Everyone drives at breakneck speed, blithely passing wherever there's a car-length of space, be it on a highway or a mountain switch-back. A superhighway, not far from completion, runs from the coast to the Hungarian border, but even on back roads, the country can be navigated north to south or west to east in under five hours.

Slovenia is an art-filled place. In every town, churches are crowded with painting and sculpture, their exterior walls decorated with murals. Roadside shrines are numerous and elaborate. Museums, often in buildings that are works of art in themselves, house collections that range from suits of armor to the works of Old Masters and modern Slovenian painters and printmakers.

Since it was off season — we saw only a scattering of foreign tourists and no Americans, but crowds of Europeans come to this area in the summer — we were given what amounted to private tours. In Idrija our guide turned off the hot plate under her lunch to walk us through the Town Museum, in a castle that rises over the core of this 500-year-old mining town. The city sits on the second-richest mercury ore deposit in the world, and one can tour one of the disused mine shafts dating from 1500. Well-displayed exhibits trace the history of the mine.

In other rooms are collections of Idrija's exquisite lace, often sold in Italy as Venetian. We saw one enormous piece — made as a

gift to Tito — that took 15 women two years to make. The craft is still taught in Idrija and one can buy bobbin lace at the school in town at half the price charged by the shops.

In Kostanjevica, in the Krka River valley east of Ljubljana, a woman escorted us through the whitewashed half of a monastery turned gallery. We were shown through the Iron Museum in Kropa, a tiny village south of Bled, by the curator and his wife. But of all the museums we visited, the most wonderful was the Beekeeping Museum in Thurn Manor, down the street from the Church of St. Peter in nearby Radovljica.

In the Slovene language there are two words for death: one for humans and one for other animals. Only a bee's death merits the human word, so important is it to the country's folklore and its culture. The history, biology and hand-made tools of Slovenian beekeeping are displayed in a series of exhibits labeled in English, German and Slovene. There are three enormous hives, carved in the shapes of a church, a castle and a man. In summer visitors can also observe a working hive.

What most distinguishes this museum is its remarkable collection of wooden beehive front boards, decorated not only as a practical way of distinguishing among individual hives but also to ward off evil, often through religious scenes and symbols. The oldest is dated 1758 and depicts a Madonna and Child.

On neutral backgrounds, in strong dark contours filled with luminous colors, Noah's sons hide their father's drunkenness with a shroud and Wise Men ride fat ponies to Bethlehem. Human foibles are satirized in scenes like one showing four worthless tailors sitting on a scale, outweighed by a goat. For less than \$10 each, we bought several reproductions of considerably higher quality than what we found in markets.

(To Be Continued)

Triglav Picnic

The Triglav Cultural Society of Milwaukee will hold their Memorial Day picnic on Monday, May 26 at Triglav Park in Wind Lake, Wisconsin.

Other picnics scheduled there this year are June 22 (Prvi Picnic), July 13 (Mission Picnic), August 17 (Drugi Picnic), and Sept. 21 (Wine Festival - Vinska).

Speedy Recovery to Rev. Wolbang

Rev. Fr. Charles A. Wolbang, C.M. of Princeton, Plainsboro, N.J., is presently staying at the Infirmary of the Vincentian Fathers in Philadelphia for the purpose of regaining good health.

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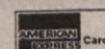
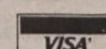
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Each Memorial Day holiday sees the opening for the outdoor season of the AMLA Recreation Center on Kniffen Road in Leroy Township. The occasion is a polka picnic featuring two great polka bands. This year the event will take place on Monday, May 26 — Memorial Day. The gates will open at noon and the music will begin at 1:00 p.m. and continue throughout the afternoon until 7:00. On the bandstands will be the Joe Fedorchak Orchestra and Fred Zwich and his International Sound Machine. As in the past at this annual event, Slovene singing virtuoso Ed Kenik has been invited to sing along with Joe Fedorchak.

Admission is \$7 per person at the gate, but you can save by buying in advance. Advance tickets are available for \$6 from the AMLA Home Office, Fairport Slovenian Club, or by calling Stan Modic in Painesville at 1-354-4756. Sponsors of the picnic are AMLA's Lodge 30 (Fairport area) and Lodge 32 (Warren area).

The kitchen will be open, of course, and will be serving roast beef and sausage sandwiches, french fries, hot dogs, coffee and desserts. The fully stocked cash bar will have a complete range of liquid refreshments available to suit every taste.

Spring has been a long time coming this year. Plan on getting an enjoyable start to the outdoor season by stopping by the AMLA Recreation Center on Memorial Day, May 26!

DID YOU KNOW Slovenia... Joseph Zelle

Rev. Joza Vovk was a writer and poet who lived and died in Carinthia (Koroška), Austria. He was born in 1911 and died in 1957. He is especially remembered for his stories for young readers. Most famous of his works is titled *Naš Bucsk*. On a memorial plaque in his honor are his words, "My poem was born of pain, most terrible, most dear homeland". (DRUZINA IN DOM)

Artist Kiki Kogelnik was born on January 22, 1935 and spent most of her life in Vienna, Paris, and London. But she returned to her hometown of Pliberk (Carinthia), where she died recently.

For your reference: You can reach the Vatican Home Page via the Internet: <http://www.vatican.va>

Archbishop and Metropolitan Dr. Franc Rodič, the new archbishop of Ljubljana has received members of the Slovenian Pastoral Council. It is composed of Bishop Msgr. Alojz Uran, Jozef Golicnik, Peter Kvaternik, and Gašper Rudolf. The group discussed evangelization in all three Slovenian dioceses. Preparations were also planned for the celebration of the third millennium, the year 2,000.


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DEATH NOTICES

MARY VIDMAR

Mary Vidmar (nee Miklavcic), 78, a lifetime resident of Cleveland, passed away in Euclid Meridia Hospital on Tuesday, May 13th.

Mary was the wife of William; the mother of Bernadette (Mrs. Joseph) Sterk, and Bill (wife Marie); grandmother of Audrey, Bill, Sharon, Christie, Bernie, Dan and Gina; great-grandmother of Victoria and Kenny; sister of the following deceased: Frank, Joseph, Harry, Rose Krotky, Jennie Kovach and Ann Snyder.

Friends may call at Zele Funeral Home, 452 E. 152 St., Thursday, May 15 from 2-4 and 7-9 where services will be held Friday at 9:15 a.m. and at St. Vitus church at 10 a.m. Burial will be in All Souls Cemetery.

Slovenian National Art Guild news

The Slovenian National Art Guild will meet on Monday, May 19 at 7 p.m. at the Slovenian Society Home, 20713 Recher Avenue, Euclid, Ohio.

Coming Events:

Friday, May 16

Annual Meeting of members of the Slovene Home for the Aged at Slovenian Workmen's Home, 15335 Waterloo Rd., Cleveland, 7:30 p.m.

Friday, May 16

Dance at West Park Slovene Home, 4583 W. 130 St., Cleveland, music by Frank Moravcik.

Saturday, May 17

Korotan concert at St. Vitus Auditorium, 7 p.m. Dance music by Stan Mejac Ensemble. Admission \$8. Tickets call 486-4343.

Friday, May 23

Annual May Devotions in honor of Our Lady of Bregje at 7:30 p.m. at Our Lady of Lourdes Shrine, Chardon Rd., Euclid, Ohio sponsored by Ohio Federation of KSKJ Lodges.

Monday, May 26

AMLA Memorial Day Polka Bash at AMLA Center in Leroy Township, Ohio.

Monday, May 26

Slovenian Cultural Society (Triglav) of Milwaukee, Memorial Day Picnic at Triglav Park at Wind Lake, Wisconsin.

Sunday, June 1

Friends of the Slovenian

National Home (St. Clair) Dinner and program 10th Year Anniversary.

Sunday, June 8

St. Mary (Collinwood) Slovenian School Picnic at Slovenska Pristava. Dinner, music, games.

Friday, June 20

Pork, kraut and dumpling dinner 5:30 to 8 p.m. at Slovenian National Home, E. 80 St. Donation \$7.

Sunday, June 22

First Picnic (Prvi Picnic) of Slovenian Cultural Society (Triglav) at Triglav Park in Wind Lake, Wisconsin.

June 22 - 29

200th anniversary of Bishop Frederick Baraga's birth celebration in Marquette, Michigan. - Slovenian Mass on Sat., June 28 at 7:30 p.m. in St. Peter's Cathedral. -Sunday, June 29: English Mass at 4 p.m. Banquet and Annual meeting 6 p.m. in Superior Dome.

Wednesday, June 25

Waterloo Pensioners Picnic at SNPJ Farm on Heath Rd., with dinner at 1 p.m., dancing at 3. Cost is \$10. Tickets call 486-1505.

Sunday, June 29

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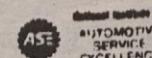
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In Memory

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--Frank and Eleanor Zernic

Mihevc Grants

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Applications are available at the parish office. Completed forms must be returned by June 10.

May you look back on the past with as much pleasure as you look forward to the future.

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Sadly missed and loved by:
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Of the 15th Anniversary



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No one knows the bitter pain we have suffered.

Since we lost you life has never been the same.

In our hearts your memory lingers, Sweetly tender, fond and true. There is not a day, dear mother, That we do not think of you.

Sadly missed by:

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Spiritual Director Rev. Anthony Rebol; President: Angela Winter; Vice Pres. Helen Krof; Secretary Josephine Winter, 3555 E. 80th St.; Treas. Laura Berdyck; Auditors: Anna Winter, Theresa Zupancic, Helen Krof; Rec. Secy. Angela Winter; Rep. for Slov. Nat'l. Home, E. 80 St. Laura Berdyck; Rep. for Slov. Nat'l. Home, Maple Hts. Helen Krof; Reps. for Federation: Angela Winter, Josephine Winter. Physicians: all Slovenian & Family. Athletic Director: Rock Supan.

Meetings are held every first Wednesday of the month at 2:30 p.m. in school hall of St. Lawrence School on E. 80th St.

ST. MARY MAGDALE LODGE NO. 162 KSKJ

President: Frances Nemanich; Vice-Pres.: & Rec. Sec'y.: Betty orehek; Sec.-Treas.: Maryann Mott, 760 E. 212 St., Euclid, OH 44123, Ph: 531-4556; Auditors: Josephine Ambrosic and Dolores Krause; Activities Chairperson: Valerie Baznik; Ohio KSKJ Representative (Fed.) Betty orehek, Frances Nemanich; Spiritual Advisor: St. Vitus Pastor: Rev. Joseph Božnar.

SACRED-HEART OF JESUS LODGE No. 172 KSKJ

Duhovni vodja: Rev. Joseph Boxznar; Castna predsed.: Ludmila Glavan; Predsednica: Angela Bolha; Podpred.: Frank Kuhel; Tajnik-blag.: Draga Gostic, 19831 Lockerie Ave., Euclid, OH 44119, tel: 531-5678; Zapisnikarica: Gabriela Kuhel; Revizorji: Joseph Lach, Aurelia Zadnikar, Gabriela kuhel. Athletic/Youth Director: Joseph Lach; Sergeant-at-Arms: Josephine Tomsic.

Meetings every 3rd Wednesday at 5 p.m.

Društvo SV. JOŽEFA št. 169

Duhovni vodja Rev. John Kumšek; preds.: Eugene Kogovšek; podpreds.: Anthony Tolar; fin. taj. Anton Nemec, 708 E. 159 St., Cleveland, OH 44110, tel. (216) 541-7243; pomožna taj. Anica Nemec; bolniška taj. Helena Nemec, tel. 481-0024; blag. Jennie Tuma; zapis. Mary Okicki; nadzorniki: Phil Hrvatin, Karen Kretic, Frank Znidar; dir. Za atletiko Gregory Clack, tel: 731-9285; dir. Za ženske aktivnosti Jennie Tuma; vratar Cliff Verderber; por. v angleščini Frank Znidar; por. v slovenščini Tone Nemec; pregledniki prošenj za bolniško podporo: Cathy Clack, Jennie Schulz.

Seje se vrše vsak tretji četrtek v mesecu ob 7.30 zvečer v Slov. domu na Holmes Ave. v Collinwoodu. Društvo sprejema člane od rojstva do 90. leta starosti za življensko zavarovalnino in "ANNUITIES". Licencirana prodajalca za društvo sta: John Nemec, tel. (216) 541-7243 in Gregory Clack, tel. (216) 731-9285.

KRISTUS KRALJ

št. 226 – KSKJ

Duhovni vodja: Rev. Jože Božnar; predsednik: Joseph F. Rigler, tel: (216) 256-3137; podpredsednik: Raymond Zak; tajnik in blagajnik: Frank Šega, 2918 Emerald Lake Blvd., Willoughby Hills, OH 44092-2718, tel: (216) 944-0020; zapisnikarica: Rosemarie Zupancic; nadzorni odbor: Anthony L. Rigler, John Zupančič in Robert McDonagh; Direktorica mladinskih aktivnosti: Judy A. Ryan; športni referent: Ronald Zak; vratarica: Antonia Šega.

Seje društva vsako drugo nedeljo v mesecu ob 12. uri v SND, 6417 St. Clair Ave., Cleveland, Ohio.

KSKJ vam nudi mnogovrstno življensko zavarovanje za vsote od \$1,000 naprej. Poleg življenskega zavarovanja vam KSKJ nudi tudi večvrstne naložbe >annuities<. Vse pod zelo ugodnimi pogoji. Za podrobnosti se brezobvezno obrnite na tajnika društva.

OUR LADY OF FATIMA

LODGE No. 255 KSKJ

Spiritual Advisor: Rev. John Kumšek; President: Robert A. Schulz; Secretary-Treasurer: Connie Schulz, 5705 Forest Dr., Willoughby, OH 44094, tel: 944-2015; Auditors: David Furlich and Julie Furlich; Athletic Director: Darlene Schulz.

Meetings 2nd Wednesday of month, 6:30 p.m. at Schulz's residence, 5705 Forest Dr., Willoughby, OH 44094-3075.

Ameriška Dobrodelenja Zveza American Mutual Life Association

ST. ANNE LODGE No. 4 AMLA

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

NAPREDNI SLOVENCI No. 5 AMLA

President: Frank Stefe; Vice-President: Edward Pecjak; Secretary & Treasurer: Frances Stefe; Recording Secretary: Harold Telich; Auditors: Joseph M. Chrzanowski DDS, Joe Zadell, and Edward Pecjak.

Meetings 3rd Sunday of the month at 1482 Dille Rd., Euclid, OH 44117.

"SLOVENSKI DOM"

LODGE No. 6 – AMLA

President: Joseph F. Petric, Jr.; 1st Vice-Pres.: Carol Maruszak; 2nd Vice-Pres.: Theresa Aveni; Secretary: Albin Banko; Treasurer: Virginia Kotnik; Recording Secretary: Anne Cecelic; Audit Chairman: Janice Verch; Auditors: Caroline Lokar, Louise Fabec; Lodge Reporter: Karen Alich; Fraternal Coordinator: Karen Alich; Junior Coordin'r: Carol Maruszak.

DRUSTVO NOVI DOM ST. 7

Predsednik Anton Svilj; podpreds.: Anton Sker; taj.-blag. Franc Kovacic, 21880 Miller Ave., Euclid, OH 44119, Tel.: 261-2743; zapis. Jennie Antloga; nadzorniki: Joze Gabric, Marija Gabric, Ana Mihelich. Zdravnik: vsak po zakonom priznani zdravnik v Ohio. Seje: prva nedelja v mesecu, ob 10, dop., na domu tajnika.

KRAS NO. 8

President: Vida Zak; vice-president: Celeste Frollo; secretary/treasurer: Anton Lavrisha; recording secretary: Sophie Matuch.

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

CLEVELAND No. 9

AMLA

President: Albert Amigoni; Vice Pres.: Stanley G. Ziherl; Secretary: Patricia Amigoni, 21051 Arbor Ave., Euclid, OH 44132, tel: 531-8468; Treasurer: Robert Menart; Rec. Secy.: James Pavlik; Auditors: Gertrude Menart, Robert Modic; Fraternal Affairs Coordinator: Albert Amigoni; Physicians: Any Slovenian Medical Doctor. Meetings 1st Sunday of the month at AMLA Home Office, 19424 S. Waterloo Rd., at 10 a.m.

LODGE RIBNICA No. 12

President: Louis Silc; Vice-President: James E. Czeck; Secretary: Carole Czeck, 988 Talmadge Ave., Wickliffe, OH 44092; Treasurer: Carole Czeck, Recording Secretary: Gina Ilacqua; President Audit. Comm: Gina Ilacqua; 1st Auditor: James E. Czeck; 2nd Auditor: Philip J. Yan Sr.

Meetings Sundays, 2 p.m. at 30417 Oakdale Rd. on April 20, July 20, Oct. 19, and Dec. 21.

CLEVELAND SLOVENIAN LODGE No. 14 – AMLA

Honorary President: Mike Vidmar; President: Vinko Lipovec; Vice President: Jean Zigmund; Recording Secretary: Susan Zigmund; Secretary/Treasurer: Louis Zigmund.

QUEEN OF PEACE

Lodge No. 24 – AMLA

President: Anna Perko; Vice Pres.: Frances Cazin; Secretary: Alice Arko, 3562 E. 80 St., Cleveland, OH 44105, tele: 341-7540; Treas.: Rosemary Pozarelli; Corres. Sec.: Angela Musil; Trustees: Dores Hrovat, Angela Musil, Harriet Fashinpaur; Lodge coordinator: Alice Arko.

Meetings 2nd Wednesday of the month at 2 p.m., Slovenian National Home, E. 80.

DRUŠTVO SV. CECILIJА ŠT. 37

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

Slovenska Ženska Zveza Slovenian Women's Union

SLOVENIAN WOMEN'S UNION NATIONAL BOARD

President: Jean Karsman - MN; Vice-Pres.: Kathleen Dorchak - OH; Secretary: Evelyn Majercik-OH; Treasurer: Beverly Menart - MN; Heritage Director: Irene Odorizzi - VA; Women's Activities: Kathleen Emerson - MI; Editor Zarja: Corinne Leskovar - IL; Auditor I: Cirila Kermavner - OH; Auditor II: Majorie Church - OH; Auditor III: Patricia Figwowski - IL; Junior Activities: Kathy Schroeder - WI.

SLOVENIAN WOMEN'S UNION BRANCH 10

Spiritual Director: Rev. John Kumšek, President: Stephanie Segulin, Vice Pres.: Mary Podlogar, Sec. & Treas.: Theresa Dagg, 1910 Rosemont Rd., E. Cleveland, OH 44112 Phone No. 681-5379; Recording Secretary: Ann Stefancic, Sunshine Ladies: Joyce LeNassi, Faye Maro, Auditors: Helen Suhy, Mary Princ; Reporters: Ann Stefancic, Theresa Fiercolli; Sgt.-at-Arms: Lucy Romik.

Meetings: 4th Wednesday of every other month at 1 p.m., Slovenian Home, Holmes Ave.

SLOVENIAN WOMEN'S UNION Branch 14, Euclid, O.

President: Martha Koren, Vice-Prs.: Vera Bajec, Recording Sec.: Addie Humphreys, Secretary/Treas.: Diane Varney, Auditors: Antoinette Zubukovic, Stana Grill, Sunshine Rose Rodgers, Banner Lally: Josephine Kastigar, Sentinel: Jennie Fitzthum, Spiritual: Father F. Sterk of St. Christine Church. Reporter: Alice Kuhar.

1997 Mother of the Year: Victoria Lindic

Meetings first Tuesday of each month (except Jan., Feb., July, Aug.), 6:30 p.m. Recher Hall.

SLOVENIAN WOMEN'S UNION

BRANCH 25

President: Fran Gavzoda; Secretary: Cirila Kermavner, 6610 Bliss Ave., Cleveland, OH 44103, ph: (216) 881-4798; Recording Secretary: Jan Krivacic; Auditors: Frances Kotnik, Danica Chemas. Meetings second or third Sunday of month.

SLOVENIAN WOMEN'S UNION

Branch 32, Euclid, Ohio

President: Ann Cooke; Vice President: Alma Eppich; Secretary-Treas.: Charlotte Perdan, phone: 289-6316; Recording Sec.: Frances Ogoreuc; Auditors: Josephine Gornik, Josephine Comershik. - Meetings held every third Wednesday during the month of February, March, April, May, June, September, October, November and December at Slovenian Society Home, Euclid, Ohio, at 7 p.m.

S.W.U. BRANCH 47

Garfield Heights, Ohio

President: Olga Dorchak; Vice President: Ann Harsh; Secretary & Treasurer: Mary Taucher; Rec. Secretary: Elsie Spellacy; Auditors: Elsie Lavrenic, Kathy Dorchak.

Meetings 1 p.m. in Maple Heights Slovenian Home on the Second Sunday of March, September, November. The First Sunday of May, December.

SLOVENIAN WOMEN'S UNION

Branch 50

President: Ann Tercek; Vice President: Mary Miller; Secretary: Mary Marin; Membership Secretary: Evelyn Pipoly; Treasurer: Jean Miller; Auditors: Frances Kajfez, Anne Skebe; Sentinel: Josephine Smith; Dawn (Zarja) Reporter: Vi Moravchek. Mother of the Year: Dorothy A. Winter.

PSWA NATIONAL BOARD

Headquarters: 15335 Waterloo Clev., OH 44110 Florence Unetich, Pres.: Joyce Plemel, Vice-Pres.: Vida Zak, Sec.y./Treas.: Dolores Dobida, Rec.-Sec.; Auditors: A. Turk, F. Marn, M. Sterle; Education and Welfare: Helen Joca (also Historian); Julie Zorc, E. Riznar, and M. Gombach.

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

PROGRESSIVE SLOVENE WOMEN OF AMERICA CIRCLE 1

President: Betty Rotar; Vice Pres.: Dorothy Gorjup; Financial Secretary: Vida Zak; Recording Secretary: Sophie Matuch; Auditors: Dorothy Silc, E. Riznar and Martha Meglich. Education & Welfare: Ellen Downer, Dorothy Gorjup & Pat Nevar. Historian: Roberta Haic.

PROGRESSIVE SLOVENE WOMEN OF AMERICA, CIRCLE 2

President: Josephine Turkman; Vice-Pres.: Agnes Turkovec; Honorary V.-Pres.: Frances Legat; Sec'y.-Treas.: Margaret Kaus, 342 Rdige Rd. #505, Willoughby Hills, OH 44094; Rec.-Sec'y.: Florence Zalokar; Publicity: Florence Zalokar; Sunshine Lady: Christine Ujeich; Cookbooks: Agnes Turkovec; Auditors: Frances Piletec, Jennie Zaman.

Meetings are held every 3rd Wednesday in Eddie Kenik Room of the Slovenian National Home at 12 noon. New members are welcome.

PROGRESSIVE SLOVENE WOMEN OF AMERICA Circle 3

President: Dorothy Lamm; Recording Secretary: Diane Varney; Financial & Membership Secretary: Marion E. Bocian, 29137 Edgewood Dr., Willowick, OH 44095-4739, 585-2845; Sgt.-at-Arms: Caroline Lokar; Auditors: Marilyn Bilicic, Mickey Frank, and Marie Gombach; Reporters: Marilyn Vogrig and Fran Ogoreuc; Cookbooks: Mickey Frank, 481-8693; Bingo: Dorothy Gilmore; Sunshine: Dorothy Gilmore; Elersich 291-4162.

Meetings held every Third Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. at Slovenian Society Home, 20713 Re

Roster of Organizations

Imenik slovenskih društev

Slovenski narodni domovi Slovenian National Homes

FEDERATION OF SLOVENIAN NATIONAL HOMES

President: Patricia Ipavec Clarke; 1st Vice President: Tony Mannion; 2nd Vice President: Robert Hopkins; Financial Sec.: Jean Fabian; Recording Sec.: Helen Urbas; Executive Sec.: Charles Ipavec; Corresponding Sec.: Celeste Frollo; Auditors: Lou Grzely, Bob Roger, Anna Mae Mannion; Historians: John Habat, Joe Petric.

SLOVENIAN NATIONAL HOME

6409 St. Clair Avenue

Hon. President Emeritus, Edward F. Kenik; President: Robert A. Hopkins; Vice Pres.: Jean Krizman; Recording Sec.: Sylvia Plymesser; Business Sec.: Geraldine Hopkins; Treasurer: Larry Hocevar; Board Members: Jean Chohaney, Patricia Ipavec Clarke, Stanley J. Frank, Charles F. Ipavec; John Leonard; Dale Lunder, Donald Mausser, Ann M. Opeka, Sophia Opeka, Mike Radenkov; Christine Ujechich, Theresa Vegg, James Vokac, Jeff Zabukovec, Antonia A. Zagar. Alternates: Charles T. Ipavec, John F. Vatovec, Zachary Zak.

COLLINWOOD SLOVENIAN HOME

President: Evelyn Pipoly; Vice Pres.: Joyce Segulin; Treasurer: Alba Plut; Financial Secretary: Frank Ferra; Recording Secretary: Jennie Tuma; Correspondence: Josephine Wutchiett; Auditors: Mike Pipoly, Mary Podlogar, and Joyce Segulin; House Committee: Dominic Cekada, Cazimer Kozinski and Carl Schultz; Directors: Jim Krann, Florence Urankar, Stefie Segulin and Stan Erzen.

SLOVENIAN WORKMEN'S HOME

15335 Waterloo Rd. Cleveland, OH 44110
President: Celeste Frollo; Vice-President: Dorothy Gorjup; Financial Secretary: Millie Bradac; Treasurer: Joe Frollo; Recording Sec.: Martha Meglich; Sunshine: Eleanor Godec (944-3281); House Chmn. & Auditing: Don Gorjup; Auditors: Ken Kleinhenz, Ralph Urbancek, Fred Nevar. Trustees: Henry Kapel, Al Meglich, Pat Nevar, Joyce Plemel, Harold Volpe. Alternates: Les Reade, Cheryl Reade.
Office hours: Monday, Tues, Wed.: 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. or by appointment, phone 2111-5378 or 481-0047.

SLOVENIAN SOCIETY HOME

20713 Recher Ave - Euclid, OH 44119
President: Max Kobal; Vice President: William Kovach; Secretary: Joseph Stavanya; Treasurer: Esther Podboy; Recording Secretary: Dorothy Kapel; Audit: Karen Alich, Steffie Smolic, Albert Pestotnik; House Committee: Robert Cigoy, Rudy Urbanick, Dorothy Lamm; Honorary Treasurer: William Frank.

SLOVENIAN SOCIETY HOME LADIES AUXILIARY

20713 Recher Avenue - Euclid, Ohio 44119
President: Rose Mary Toth; Vice President: Dorothy Lamm; Treasurer: Ruth Korelec; Recording Secretary: Esther Podboy; Auditors: Ann Adams, Norma Hrvatin, Christine Kovach.

LADIES AUXILIARY OF S.N.P.J. FARM - Heath Rd.

President: B. Rotar; Vice President: S. Matuch; Recording Secretary: D. Dobida; Financial Secretary: V. Zak; Auditors: M. Koren, D. Gorjup, H. Sumrada.

SLOVENSKO AMERISKEGA PRIMORSKEGA KLUBA

President: Sabina Milavec; Vice Pres.: Hermina Bonutti; Treasurer: Stefan Durjan; Secretary: Lucy Colo, 24120 Charidon Rd., Euclid, OH 44143 (486-8096); Board members: Julian Bremec, Miroslav Gorjup, Joseph B. Jenko, Joahim Mejac, Kristan Sedmak, Danilo Manjas, John Slevc, Drago Udovich. Review Board: Stefan Durjava, John Slavec, Julian Bremec, Daria Druzina.

AMERICAN SLOVENIAN CLUB OF SOUTH FLORIDA

President: Ellie Meuser; Vice President: Ed Blatnik; Treasurer: Paula Beavers; Recording Secretary: Agnes Davis; Trustees: Bill Zupanc, Paul Tucker, and Frances Vranicar.

Meetings at 2 p.m., first Sunday of the month at Nob Hill Hall, 10400 Sunset Strip, Sunrise, Florida 33322.

AMERICAN FEDERATION OF SLOVENIAN SENIOR CITIZENS

Cleveland, Ohio

President: Don Gorjup; Vice-President: Matt Kajfez; Recording Secretary: Matt Zabukovec; Treasurer: Ralph Urbancek; Auditors: John Habat, Harry Brule, Frank Sadar.

ST. CLAIR AVENUE PENSIONERS CLUB

6409 St. Clair Ave., Cleveland, OH 44103

President: Edward Karnak; Vice Pres.: Irene Toth; Recording Sec'y.: Frances Nemanich; Fin. Sec'y.: Stanley J. Frank, 5919 Prosser Ave., Cleveland, OH 44103, Tel.: 391-9761; Auditors: Frances Kotnik, Anthony Brodnik, Helen Pisek; Tour Coordinator: Frances Karnak.

Meetings are held on the third Thursday of each month at 1 p.m. in the Kenik Room of the St. Clair Slovenian National Home.

SLOVENIAN PENSIONERS CLUB

of Euclid, Ohio

President: Dorothy Lamm; Vice President: Frank Kalamasz; Treasurer: Frank Kosten, 4999 Highland Dr., Willoughby, OH 44094-5726 Ph: 946-3878; Recording Sec'y.: Patricia Habat; Financial & Membership Sec'y.: Marion E. Bocian, 29137 Edgewood Dr., Willowick, OH 44095-4739 Ph: 585-2845; Auditors: Frank Sadar, Stana Grill, Jeanette Yert, Alt.: Peggy Smerke; Sunshine Lady: Marie Selan 732-9172; Sergeant-at-Arms: Robert Lamm.

Meetings: 1st Wednesday of month at 1 p.m. at Slovenian Society Home, 20713 Recher Ave., Euclid, OH 44119-2439.

FAIRPORT SLOVENIAN RETIREES CLUB, Fairport, Ohio

President: Ann Barbish; Vice-Pres.: Rose Bradack; Treasurer: Rudy Stefancic; Recording Secretary: Frank Minello; Sergeant-at-Arms: Mary Shume; Auditors: Fran Marn, Chairman, Elsie O'Hara, Jo Minello; Sunshine: Betty Kozar, Pearl Vukcevic; Entertainment: Frank Shume, Esther Gerkosky, Nick Vukcevic

Meetings: Second Wednesday of month at 2:00 p.m. at the Fairport American-Slovene Club, 617 Third St., Fairport, Ohio.

HOLMES AVE. PENSIONERS CLUB

Honorary President: Gus Petelinak; President: John Habat; Vice President: Matt Zabukovec; Recording Secretary: Jennie Tuma; Corresponding Secretary: Ann Beckert; Financial Secretary: Louise Fujda; Sergeant-at-Arms: Frances Kajfez; Sunshine: Ann Eichler (731-9433); Auditors: Caroline Stefancic, Helen Pavsek, Edward Fujda. Federation Representatives: Matt Kajfez, Frances Kajfez, Matt Zabukovec, Mary Blatnik, John Habat, Alternate: Jennie Tuma.

Meetings are held every second Wednesday of each month at 12:30 p.m. in Collinwood Slovenian Home on Holmes Ave.

WATERLOO PENSIONERS CLUB

Cleveland, Ohio

President: Don Gorjup; Vice-President: Pat Nevar; Recording Secretary: Grace Marinch; Treasurer: Ralph Urbancek; Auditors: Tilly Vranekovic, Pat Nevar, Al Marinch.

Meetings: 2nd Tuesday of each month, 1 p.m. at Slovenian Workmen's Home.

BARBERTON SLOVENE PENSIONERS

President: Tilden Steiner; Vice-Pres.: Martin Kumse; Rec. Sec.: Sarah Kumse; Sec.-Treas.: Mary R. Lavko, 14895 Calabooone Rd., Doylestown, OH 44230, telephone: (216) 658-2643; Advisor: Jennie Nagel; Federation Reps.: Martin Kumse, Frank Kumse, Sarah Kumse, Mary R. Lavko, Jennie Nagel; Alternate: Tilden Steiner.

Auditors: Mary Poje, Ann Novak, Jennie Nagel

Meetings every 1st Thursday of the month at Sacred Heart Church Hall, 1263 Shannon Ave., Barberton, OH 44203 at 12:00 noon.

KLUB UPOKOJENCEV SLOVENSKE PRISTAVE

Predsednik: August Dragar; 1. podpredsednik: Tone Vogel; 2. podpredsednik: Pepca Kastigar; tajnik: Lojze Bajc; blagajnik: Viktor Kmetič; zapisnikar: Frank Urankar; nadzorni odbor: Vinko Vrhovnik & Jože Sojer.

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President: Mimi Stibil (843-8727); Vice President: Florence Mirtel; Financial Secretary: Dick Galla (234-9833); Recording Secretary: Clara Hrovat; Auditors: Louis Champa, Frank Urbancic, Tony Kaplan.

Meetings held 4th Wednesday monthly.



SLOVENSKA PESEM

1400 Main St., Lemont, IL 60439 (708) 257-2494

President/Treasurer: Michael A. Vidmar; Vice-Pres./Secretary: Nandi Puc; Director/Accompanist: Helen Rozman Williams.

Rehearsals every Sunday, except the first Sunday of month, 5:30 p.m., at Baraga Dom, Lemont, IL. New Singers Are Welcome!

GLASBENA MATICA

President - Olga Klancher
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Second Vice-President - Mathew Dolenc
Secretary - Lori Sierputowski
Treasurer - Robert Klancher
Librarian - Sylvia Plymesser

PEVSKI ZBOR KOROTAN

Predsednica: Rezka Jarem; podpredsednika: Mary Ann Vogel in Franc Sever; tajnica: Maruša Pogačnik, 1991 E. 226 St., Euclid, OH 44117; blagajničarka: Mari Nemec; nadzornika: Zdenka Zakrajšek in Janez Nemec; odborniki: Nada Gregorc, Paula Hauptman, Martina Jakomin, Cirila Kermavner, Mimi Kozina, Frank Lovšin, Kristina Sedmak, Andreja Sever, Milena Stropnik in Marjanca Tominc; pevovodja: Rudi Knez.

JADRAN SINGING SOCIETY

Cleveland, Ohio

President: Betty Rotar; Vice-President: Don Gorjup; Treasurer: Dorothy Gorjup; Recording and Corresponding Secretary: Dolores Dobida, 929 Connor Dr., Eastlake, OH 44095; Auditors: Clarence Rupar, Valerie Traska, Pat Nevar, Alternate: Florence Unetich; Librarians: Florence Unetich, Josephine Kapla; Musical Director: Reginald Resnik; Accompanist: Thomas Rotar.

Rehearsals are held every Wednesday from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. at the SWH on Waterloo Rd., Room #3. Everyone Welcome.

1997 Concert dates: April 12 and November 22

SLOVENIAN SINGING SOCIETY ZARJA

President: Edwin M. Polsak; 1st Vice Pres.: James J. Kozel; 2nd Vice Pres.: Rosemary Marn; Recording Sec'y.: Marilyn Vidmar; Corresponding Sec'y.: Sophie T. Elersich, 1755 Spino Dr., Euclid 44117, Ph: 531-8402; Treasurer: Barbara T. Elersich, 5936 Dorwood Dr., Mentor, OH 44060, Ph: 1-216-257-2540; Director: Douglas F. Elersich; Asst. Dir.: Edwin Polsak, Jo Turkman, Richard Tomsic; Auditors: Rudy Kozan, Irene Kelley, Vern Perme; Audio-stage Mgrs.: Ed Ozanich, James Kozel; Planning Committee: Orelia Meden, Irene Kelley, Vicki Kozel, Bea Pestotnik, Mimi Stibil, Emma Delach.

Rehearsals: Every Wednesday 7-9 p.m., SSH, 20713 Recher Ave., Euclid (on stage).



CIRCLE 2 SNPJ JUNIOR CHORUS

President - Brian Blanchard
Vice-Pres. - Anne Young
Recording Sec'y. - Elizabeth Yuko
Att. Sec'y. - Brian Lennon
Treasurer: -- Chip Alich
Historian - Milan Tomsic
Music Director - Cecilia Dolgan

Meets Thursday, 7 p.m., Slovenian Society Home, Euclid, Ohio

MISIJONSKA ZNAMKARSKA AKCIJA

Cleveland, Ohio

Duhovni vodja: Rev. Charles M. Wolbang, C.M.; Predsednica: Marica Lavriša; Podpredsednica: Jelka Kuhel; Tajnica: Mari Celestina, 4935 Gleeten Rd., Richmond Hts., OH 44143, tel. 381-5298; Blagajnik: Stefan Marolt, 5704 Prosser Ave., Cleveland, OH 44103, tel. (216) 431-5699; Nadzornice: Ani Nemeč, Tončka Urankar, Ivanka Tominec; Odborniki: Rudi in Anica Knez, Viktor in Nežka Tominec, Marija Ribič, Mary Ann Mlinar, Frank Kuhel, Marija Prosen. Namestnika: Pepca Tominc in Janez Prosen.

ST. VITUS ALTAR AND ROSARY SOCIETY

President: Ms. Lillian Zeleznik; Vice-Pres.: Mrs. Marija Gorsek; Recording Secretary: Mrs. Jelka Kuhel; Corresponding Sec.: Mrs. Julka Smole; Treasurer: Mrs. Maria Leben; Sergeant-at-Arms: Mrs. Ivanka Pretnar; Auditors: Mrs. Frances Kotnik, Mrs. Anne Brinovec; Honorary Pres.: Mrs. Mary Marinko.

Oltarno društvo fare Marije Vnebovzete

Duhovni vodja: Rev. John M. Kumse; Predsednica: Ivanka Kete; podpredsednica: Marija Ribič; blagajničarka: Paula Hauptman, 25922 Highland Rd., Richmond Hts., OH 44143, telefon 481-1871; tajnica: Marica Lavriša; zapisnikarica: Tončka Lamovec; nadzornice: Tončka Urankar, Mary Podlogar, Maria Frank; zastavnošinja: Josepine Sežun. Skupno sv. obhajilo vsako prvo nedeljo v mesecu pri sv. maši ob 10. dop. Isti dan popoldne ob 1.30 ura molitve, po blagoslovu pa seja v sobi za sestanke in soli.

ST. MARY'S P.T.U.

Holmes Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio

Spiritual Advisor: Rev. John M. Kumse; Spiritual Chairperson: Sr. Nina Vitale O.S.U.; Honorary President: Marcia M. Mlachak; President: Tom McNulty; Vice President: Laura Gorshe; Treasurer: Charlene Struna; Recording Secretary: Lisa Johnson; Corresponding Secretary: Linda Cindric.

HOLY NAME SOCIETY of ST. MARY'S PARISH (Collinwood)

Spiritual Director: Rev. John Kumse; President Victor Nemeč; Vice-President: Herman Doefer; Secretary: Louis Koenig; Treasurer: Henry Skarbez.

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Meetings held the 3rd Thursday of the month. Call Fin. Sec. for location of meeting.

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

Roster of Organizations

— Imenik društev —



SWU Branch 25

News

Woman of the Year dinner will be held on Sunday, May 18, at Sterle's Slovenian Country House at 2 p.m.

Slovenian Women's Union Branch 25 is trying to update our list of addresses and birthdays, so that we can send greetings for major events in our members' lives. Make sure we have your correct address and birth-date (including the year) by contacting our Sunshine Lady, Peg Moore, at the address below. Also feel free to contact Peg with the names and addresses of other Branch 25 members who are ill, or have special events coming up.

Peg Moore

West 62 St.

Brooklyn, OH 44144-3403

Phone (216) 741-7397

AFTER 7 p.m.

Cyril & Mary Grilc at new location

Cyril and Mary Grilc, formerly of Pompano Beach, Florida, are now residing at St. Augustine Towers in Ohio.

Friends can call them at 216 - 961-4020.

Lemonade Pie

1 small can frozen pink lemonade

1 small container Cool Whip

1 can sweetened condensed milk

Mix together until smooth and pour into graham cracker crust. Chill until set (overnight). Tastes like lemon pie, looks gorgeous, and is so simple.

Lavrisha on WKTX

Paul Lavrisha can be heard on WKTX Radio AM 830 on your dial.

He broadcasts on Sundays from 11:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. His program is called "Slovenia."

Paul can be reached at (216) 391-7225. His address is Lavrisha Construction, 6507 St. Clair Ave., Cleveland, OH 44103.

WKTX Radio serves Cortland, Warren, Youngstown, Cleveland, Akron, Canton, Northeast Ohio and Western Pa.

ST. VITUS HOLY NAME SOCIETY

6019 Glass Ave.

Spiritual Director: Rev. Joseph Božnar, President: Charles Winter; Vice President: Frank Cerar (Slov.), Joseph Hocevar (Engl.); Rec. Sec'y.: John Hocevar, 1172 Addison Rd.; Treasurer: Lovro Milos.

Group Communion every second Sunday of month at 8 a.m. Mass. Breakfast-meeting following Mass in the church hall.

ST. VITUS LADIES' AUXILIARY CATHOLIC WAR VETS #1655

President: Irene Toth; 1st Vice Pres.: Catherine Ostrunic; 2nd Vice Pres.: Marcie Mills; Secretary: Ann Clemense; Treasurer: Agnes Briscar; Welfare Officer: Helen Pisek; Historian: Mitzi Andrews; Ritual Officer: Josephine Sustarsic; Trustee, 3 year: Ann Bunevic; Trustee, 2 year: Rose Poprik; Trustee, 1 year: Mary Babic.

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Meetings are held the first Thursday of January, April, July, and October at 7 p.m. in St. Vitus Social Room. Dues are \$5 per year.

CATHOLIC WAR VETERANS

ST. VITUS POST 1655

Commander: Steve Piorkowski; 1st Vice Commander: Robert Mills Sr.; 2nd Vice Commander: Ed Mishic; 3rd Vice Commander: Raymond Jasko; Adjutant: Thomas J. Kirk; Treasurer: Joseph Grdina, 6101 Glass Ave., Cleveland, OH 44103; Judge Advocate: Al Lipold; Historian (open) Anthony Grdina; Officer of the Day: Tom Tulloch; Service Officer: Robert Mills Sr.; 3rd Year Trustee: Joseph S. Baskovic; 2nd Year Trustee: Ray Hrovat; 1st Year Trustee: John J. Kirk; Auxiliary Liaison: Joseph Mismas; Chaplain: Father Richard Evans.

TRIGLAV SOCIETY

Milwaukee, Wisconsin

1997 Picnic Dates:

Held at Triglav Park in Wind Lake, Wis.

Memorial Day - May 26

First Picnic (Prvi Picnic) - June 22

Mission Picnic - July 13

Second Picnic (Drugi Picnic) - Aug. 17

Wine Festival (Vinska) - Sept. 21

1997 Board Members:

Spiritual Leader: Rev. Dr. Joze Gole; President: Tony Limoni; Vice-President: Leon Sagadin; Treasurer: Fran Logan; Secretary: Vida Docherty; Park Manager: Janez Mejac; Asst. Park Mgr.: Joze Ornik; Rec. Sec'y.: Marija Kadunc; Kitchen Cook: Helen Frohna/Lynn Rozina; Bar Manager: Don Mejac; Choir Director: Mara Kolman; Sports Director: Frank Mejac; Delegate for Uspeh: Josephine Janezic; Reporter for Ameriška Domovina: Mara Kolman; Auditors: Joe Ornik, Anne Sagadin, Vicki Maierle; Judges (Court of Arbitration): Ivo Kunovar, Miha Mejac, Aloj Galic.

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Meetings held the last Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m., Recher Hall, Euclid, Ohio.

SLOVENSKA FOLKLORNA SKUPINA

"KRES"

Predsednici: Metka Gobetz in Katja Zakrajšek; Tajnica: Nadia Domanko; Blagajnjarka: Suzi Rihtar; Organizacija Družabništva: Kati Košir; Publiciteta: Diana Pugel; Odbornik: Ronnie Rus.

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STAJERSKI CLUB,

Predsednik: Martin Walentschak; Podpredsednik: Edward Srok Jr.; Tajnica: Slavica Turjanski; Blagajnjica: Kristina Srok; Gospodar: John Gorican; Pomocnik: Joze Simicak.

Odbor: Frank Fujs, Angel Radej, Cazimir Kozinski, Jerica Prelog, Tonica Simcak, Branko Senica. Nadzorni Odbor: Marija Walentschak, Angela Pintar, Angela Moser, Kristina Ferlinec, Elza Zgoznik. Razsodisce: Lojzka Fegus, Marija Gorsek, Jozse Rajs.

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Monthly meetings every third Monday, 7:30 p.m. at Slovenian Society Home, Euclid, Ohio.

WATERLOO BALINCA CLUB

Slovenian Workmen's Home

President: Don Gorjup; Vice President: Fred Nevar; Recording Secretary: Eleanor Godec; Treasurer: Pat Nevar; Corresponding Secretary: Dorothy Gorjup. Auditors: Harold White, Matt Kajfez, Hank Skarbez.

Join us for INDOOR BALINA all winter.

ST. MARY'S COURT NO. 1640

CATHOLIC ORDER OF FORESTERS

Rev. John Kumse: Spiritual Director; Kathleen Spilar: Chief Ranger; Mary L. Jesek: Vice Chief Ranger; Jennie Jesek: Secretary; John Spilar: Financial Secretary; Vicki Skarbez; Treasurer; Alan Spilar, Gerry White, Hank Skarbez: Trustees. Dick Kuhar (838-1889) General Agent; Martin Hood: Youth Director; and Alan Spilar, Past Chief Ranger.

Meetings are held every 4th Tuesday of the month at St. Mary's Baraga Hall, 15509 Holmes Ave., Cleveland.

AMERICAN SLOVENE CLUB

President: Gene Drobnič; Vice-President: Emilee Jenko; Secretary: Terry Hocevar; Corres. Secy.: Emilee Jenko; Treasurer: Agnes Koporc.

Meetings: First Monday of the month at Gateway Manor at 7:00 p.m.

BALINCARSKI KROŽEK
SLOVENSKE PRISTAVE

Predsednik: Lojze Mohar; podpreds.: Tone Vogel; tajnik: Feliks Breznikar; blagajnik: Tone Skerl; odborniki: Jože Bojc, Janez in Rezika Breznikar, Tončka in Janez Švigel, Ani Breznikar, Jože Marinko, Mici Mohar, Ferdinand Sečnik, Angelca Hribar; nadzorni odbor: Jože Sojer, Lojze Hribar, Filip Oreh

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Mailing address: Mr. Lonny Beck, 7527 Apple Blossom Ln., Chesterland, OH 44026-1701.

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Practice every Tuesday, 7:30 p.m., at West Park Slovenian Hall, 4583 West 130 St.

WEST PARK SLOVENIAN NATIONAL HOME

4583 West 130 St. Cleveland 44135

President: Jim Warmuth Sr.; Vice-Pres.: Chuck Gove; Recording Secretary: Robert Royer; Finance: Joe Lach; Treasurer: Jim Warmuth Jr.; Auditors: Albina Capek, Eleanor Cham, Mariam Royer.

For rentals call Rich 941-3224.

SLOVENSKE PRISTAVE

Predsednik: Metod Ilc; 1. Podpredsednik: Frank Lovsin; 2. Podpredsednik: Tone Vogel; Tajnik: Milan Ribic; Blagajnjarka: Maria Leben, Zapisnikar: Pavel Intihar; Pomozna tajnica: Mary Ann Vogel; Pomozni tajnik: (Clanske karte) Stane Mrva; Pomozni blagajnik: Marjan Perič.

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VESTI IZ SLOVENIJE

Glasovanje o pridružitvenem sporazumu z Evropsko zvezo odloženo za teden dni — NATO države in Rusija dosegle pogojno soglasje o razširitvi zveze

Včeraj je državni zbor odložil glasovanje o ratifikaciji pridružitvenega sporazuma z Evropsko zvezo. Sporazum je bil dosežen že junija lani, a ga slovenski parlament še ni ratificiral. Parlamentarne stranke so se sicer izrazile v prid ratifikacije, vendar so skupine, ki trdijo, da je sporazum protiustaven. Če bi namreč Slovenija postala polnopravna članica Evropske zveze, bi morala uskladiti svoje zakonodaje z merili, ki veljajo za vse druge članice. Za slovenski primer bi v naslednjem triletnem obdobju bilo treba za začetek spremeniti okoli 80 zakonov, ki posegajo na različna področja, od sociala do bančništva. Najbolj sporna potrebna sprememb bi pa bila v sami slovenski ustavi, v kateri bi bilo treba črtati 68. člen, ki se glasi dobesedno:

68. člen

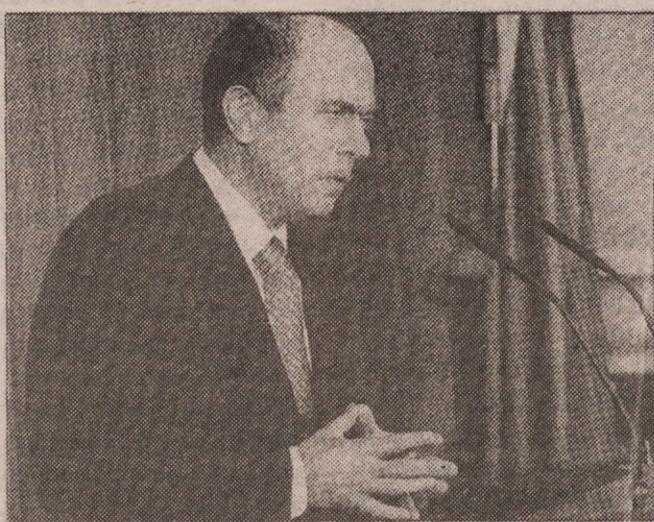
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Tuji lahko pridobivajo lastninsko pravico do nepremičnin pod pogoji, ki jih določa zakon.

To zemljišč tuji ne morejo pridobiti lastninske pravice, razen z dedovanjem ob pogoju vzajemnosti.

V Sloveniji so dokaj močni glasovi, ki nasprotujejo tej zahtevani spremembi kot pogoj za polnopravno članstvo v EU, ker se bojijo nevarnosti, da bi mogli tuji priti do lastništva večjega dela slovenske zemlje. S tem v zvezi poteka pobuda za referendum o ustanosti samega pridružitvenega sporazuma z EU in včerajšnja odločitev državnega zabora, naj o tej (ne)ustavnosti spregovori Ustavno sodišče Slovenije.

Vse kaže, da razpolaga vlada z večino pri samem pridružitvenem sporazumu, vendar želi premier Drnovšek doseči tudi že vnaprej potrebno dvotretjinsko poslansko večino za črpanje spornega 68. člena Ustave. Teden prej potrebovala je vprašanje, če ga bo dobil. Jasno je pa, da brez uskladitve slovenske zakonodaje oz. Ustave z osnovno zahte-



JANEZ DRNOVŠEK PRED NOVINARIJU PRETEKLI PETEK

vo Evropske zveze, Slovenija ne bo mogla postati članica le-te. Evropska komisija je že opozorila na primer, da ima le Slovenija še takšna ustavna določila.

V zvezi s še vsaj za silo odprto možnostjo, da bo Slovenija povabljeni k pogajanju o načrtovani širiti NATA že v prvem krogu, je pomemben sporazum, ki so ga članice NATA zveze dosegle včeraj z Rusijo. Ta sporazum, ki sicer ne potrebuje ratifikacije parlamentov NATO-ih članic in tako ne spreminja bistva zveze, vendarle pomeni določeno sprijaznitve Rusije s tem, da bo do razširitve NATA proti njenim mejam vendarle prišlo, in ji daje določeno besedo pri ukrepih v zvezi s to razširitvijo.

Stališče Clintonove administracije je, da je širitev NATA zgodovinska priložnost za delno popravo napake iz časa Jalta in zelo močan prispevek k utrditvi varnosti in demokracije v večjem delu Srednje in Vzhodne Evrope. Posebno aktivna v tem argumentiranju je državna sekretarka Madeline Albright, sama češkega rodu, in Henry Kissinger, močno besedo ima tudi splošno cenjeni češki predsednik Vaclav Havel, ki je te dni v ZDA. Na drugi strani brega pa prednjači še zelo vpliven poznavalec Rusije oz. bivše SZ George F. Kennan. Obširno poročanje v današnjem *New York Times* predvsem poudarja možnosti Poljske, Češke in Madžarske.



Obnova ljubljanskega gradu gre v zaključno fazo, vendar mesto Ljubljana potrebuje pomoč od države za kritje stroškov. Župan dr. Dimitrij Rupel je zato povabil vladno delegacijo, da si grad ogleda. Delegacija je bila pod vodstvom podpredsednika vlade Marjana Podobnika. Ta teden, po več letih, so odstranili gradbeni žerjav, ki je motil podobo grajskega griča. V juniju in juliju bo Ljubljana središče letosnjega evropskega meseca kulture in je predvidenih dolga vrsta prireditiv.

Iz Clevelandia in okolice

Koncert Korotana—

Pevski zbor Korotan ima to soboto koncert v farni dvorani sv. Vida. Pričetek bo ob 7h zv. Sodelovali na koncertu bodo tudi učenci obeh slovenskih šol. Po koncertu bo za zabavo in ples igral orkester Staneta Mejača. Vstopnice so po \$8 in jih boste lahko dobili tudi pri vhodu.

Zajtrk—

To nedeljo bodo graduirali učenci 8. razreda Slovenske šole pri Sv. Vidu. Po slovenski maši (prčetek ob 10.30) in po graduaciji bo v avditoriju zajtrk, prebitek katerega bo pomagal kriti stroške potovanje nekaterih učencev in bivših učencev v Slovenijo julija letos. V avditorij lahko pridete od 11h dop. dalje.

Spominska sv. maša—

V nedeljo, 25. maja, bo pri Lurški Mariji na Chardon Rd. spominska maša za žrtve 2. svetovne vojne in po njej. Maša bo ob 12. uri, ob 3h pop. bodo molitve na pokopališču Vernih duš.

Novi grobovi

Mary Vidmar

Dne 13. maja je v Euclidu Meridia bolnišnici umrla 78 let stara Mary Vidmar, rojena Miklavčič v Clevelandu, žena Williama, mati Bernadette Sterk in Williama, 7-krat stara mati, 2-krat prastara mati, sestra že pok. Franka, Josepha, Harolda, Rose Krotky, Jennie Kovach in Ann Snyder, člana ADZ, Materinskega kluba pri Sv. Vidu in Kluba upokojencev St. Clair Ave. Pogreb bo jutri, v petek, iz Želetovega zavoda zj. ob 9.15, v cerkev sv. Vida ob 10., od tam na pa pokopališče Vernih duš. Ure kropljenja bodo danes pop. od 2. do 4. in zv. od 7. do 9.

Edward F. Strumbel

Umrl je 85 let stari Edward F. Strumbel z Mentorja, prej živeč na Floridi in v Euclidu, mož Caroline, roj. Petric, oče Barbare Strumbel in Carol Ferritto, 2-krat stari oče, brat Franka, Jennie Komar ter že pok. Josepha, Anthonyja in Josephine Strumbel, bivši lastnik Strumbel and Radell Quality Meats v Clevelandu. Pogreb je bil 14. maja s sv. mašo v cerkvi sv. Marije v Mentorju.

Joseph Blatnik

Dne 5. maja je umrl 81 let stari Joseph Blatnik, mož Carolyn, roj. Valentine, oče Carol Kramer in Linde Smiley, 6-krat stari oče, 6-krat prastari oče, brat Helen Zele, Marie Sprenger, Freda ter že pok. Johna, Josephine Sidak, Anne Holm, Agnes Gulan in dvojčice Gertrude Erne. Pogreb je bil privaten.

Slov. dom za ostarele—

Jutri zvečer ima Slovenski dom za ostarele svojo letno sejo. Seja se bo pričela ob 7.30 v SDD na Waterloo Rd. Registriranje tistih, ki imajo glasovalno pravico, se bo pričelo že ob 7h zv. Seja sama je odprta javnosti. Med drugim bo izvoljenih 5 direktorjev od vsega skupaj 15 za triletno dobo.

Zdaj je uradno—

Iz bulletina župnije Marije Vnebovzete: »Od 1. maja 1997 naprej, je sv. Marija Vnebovzeta lastnica »farme« na White Rd., ki je bila do sedaj last društva sv. Jožefa štev. 169 KSKJ. Ta prostor obsegajo skoraj 30 akrov. V naslednjih nekaj mesecih bomo organizirali odbor zainteresiranih ljudi iz slovenskih skupnosti pri Mariji Vnebovzeti in Sv. Vidu, da bo začel s predprpravami načrta za slovensko kulturno središče. Če se zanimate in ste voljni pomagati, pokličite župnika Fr. Kumšeta.«

Primorski klub ima sestanek—

To nedeljo ima Primorski klub sestanek v SDD na Waterloo Rd. Pričetek bo ob 3h pop. Med drugim bo beseda tekla o potovanju v Kanado 22. junija na piknik tamkajšnjega kluba Simon Gregorčič. Novi člani dobrodošli.

Polka piknik—

V ponedeljek, 26. maja, na sam Spominski dan, ste vabjeni na tradicionalni polka piknik, ki ga na letovišču ADZ na Kniffen Rd. v Leroyu sponzorirata društvi ADZ št. 30 in 32. Glasba traja od 1. pop. do 7. zv., igrali bosta godbi Joe Fedorchak in Fred Ziwich. Vstopnice v predprodaji (gl. urad ADZ) so po \$6, pri vratih na dan piknika pa \$7.

Ob desetletnici—

V nedeljo, 1. junija, priredi obed ob svoji desetletnici po-možna organizacija »Friends of the Slovenian National Home« in sicer v SND na St. Clairju. Obed bo serviran ob 2. pop., na programu bo zbor Glasbena Matica. Vstopnice so po \$16 za člane »Friends« in \$18 za nečlane. Za več informacij in rezervacijo vstopnic, pokličite Gerri Hopkins na 361-5115 ali pa Stanleyja Frank na 391-9761. Rezervacije potrebne do 27. maja.

Pohvalno o Sloveniji—

Preteklo nedeljo je v svoji prilogi o turizmu *New York Times* namenil kar tri članke o privlačnosti alpskih krajev s posebnim in zelo pohvalnim poudarkom na Slovenijo in tudi Trst. Ob člankih je bilo tudi več lepih, barvnih fotografij. V angleškem delu najdete začetek teksta enega teh člankov.

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Vrnitev nekdanjega begunca v domovino vzbuja spomine...

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Potovanje v srednjo Evropo za konec tedna ni posebno prijetno, če je samo za poldrugi dan. Na ljubljansko letališče sem priletel v soboto opoldne in se vrnil že zgodaj v ponedeljek.

Nisem namreč imel izbire: ko me je prijatelj, ki sem ga spoznal pred pol stoletja v begunškem taborišču v Spittalu na Dravi, v Avstriji, povabil kot enega od svojih dveh posvečevalcev pri njegovem posvečenju za ljubljanskega nadškofa, sem se vabil odzval.

Ko sva se po končanem obredu objela, sem mu rekel: »Dolga je bila pot od Spittala!« Seveda ne zemljepisno, pač pa v prenesenem pomenu.

Takrat smo bili begunci iz lastne domovine, preteže z navedeno nenehnim komunizmom. Ker se nam je takrat zdelo, da nam je bila pot v domovino zaprta, smo se ozirali po deželah, ki bi nas hotele sprejeti za svoje. Družina novega nadškofa se je preselila v Argentino, moja družina pa je pristala v Kanadi. Novi nadškof se je pridružil redu sv. Vencencija Pavelskega, je študiral v Parizu, se vrnil sredi šestdesetih let v domovino in predaval na teološki fakulteti v Ljubljani.

Novi nadškof ni bil pohlevno molčeč, kar ga je zavedlo v neprilike s takratnimi komunističnimi političnimi privrženci. V začetku osemdesetih let je odšel v Rim, kjer je prevzel službo v papeškem tajništvu za dialog z neveruočimi in ka-

sneje postal tajnik papeškega sveta za kulturo. Njegovo ime je FRANC RODE.

Moj obisk je bil kratek, toda vreden spomina. Znamenit, ker mi je priklical preteklost, tudi zato, kar me je spoznal s sedanostjo.

Eno od jutranjih nedeljskih maš sem opravil v domači fari, kjer sem bil rojen in krščen. Pred maš sem srečal enega od bivših sosedov, kakšni dve leti starejši od mene, ki je bil zaradi mladoletnosti ohranjen pri življenju ob masovnem morenju tisočev drugih mladih mož nasprotujočih komunistom v juniju 1945. leta. Odkar je komunizem leta 1990 padel, so sed lahko svobodno pripoveduje, kako se je moral vsa leta pretvarjati, da ni vedel o pokolih, ki jih še do danes zločinci nočejo priznati.

Po maš sem imel zajtrk pri bližnjih redovnicah in poslušal njihove zgodbe o ponizjanju, ki so jih dan za dnem doživljale celih petnajst let, in kako težko jim je bilo najti primer na stanovanja.

Kamorkoli sem šel sem poslušal pripombe o sedanjem stanju v državi. Leta 1989-90, kakor mi je izrazil prijatelj, je Slovenija prešla iz pol-diktature osemdesetih let v pol-demokracijo devetdesetih. Razlika ni majhna. Če ste 1985. leta uporabljali besede, ki so bile politično nepravilne, ali izražali resnico, ki je bodla v oči, ste šli v zapor. Sedaj pa morda zaradi tega izgubite samo službo.

Sloboda tiska je dovoljena, toda zelo malo novinarjev jo poslužuje. Tudi debate v par-

(dalje na str. 16)

SLOVENSKI DOM,
3. majnika 1997

Dvajset let »SLOVENSKE PESMI»

CHICAGO, Ill. - Pred 20 leti je čikaška slovenska skupnost zedinila svoje glasbene moći v močan zbor in orkester. Kot nalašč smo imeli takrat dovolj kapacitet, dobre volje in umnega vodjo patra Vendelina dr. Špendova. Ob strani je ostal samo pevski zbor »Prešeren«, zaradi svoje dopadljive tradicije, ki je ni kazalo ugasniti.

Tiste čase smo imeli lepo število krepkih slovenskih družin, ki so rastle in zrastle v talentirane pevce in/ali godbenike. Še eno; imeli smo plodovitega mojsta, kot omenjeno, v osebi svetoštefanskega župnika p. Vendelina, ki je ocenil trenutek: zdaj ali nikoli! Božja volja nam je primaknila še skrbnega orglarja Alfreda Fišingerja, ki je molče dal svoje zadnje moći domovini na oltar... In vzklopelo je...

Sledili so koncerti, leto za leto, čedalje lepši, mikavnejši; dvorana že ni mogla sprejeti vseh slušateljev in smo najemali mogočno cerkev sv. Pavla v Chicagu, ter hram sv. Jožefa v Jolietu. Na spored so prišli tuji velikani, nikogar se nismo »ustrašili«.

Ob pevcih je zrastel naš lastni orkester, ki je razvil nekliko solistov — ponos patra Vendelina, ki ni miroval, dokler ni izklesal kvalitetno in ugodje. Poslušna mu je bila čreda, vadila je tudi doma in se je ni sramoval postaviti na oder. Gostovanja so nam širila sloves, ponosno smo predstavili slovenske in klasične modele našim rojakom — in domačinom — v Jolietu, Milwaukeeju, Clevelandu, Toronту in še kje.

Vendar se je ta ura polagoma iztekal, ko nam je mladina dozorevala za - razhod - za

Izpod stolpa sv. Marije Vnebovzete

CLEVELAND, O. - Kar precej lepega smo doživeli v tej dobi pod našim stolpom.

Sredi aprila je bil prvi koncert naše pihalne godbe pod vodstvom Janeza Nemca. Polna šolska dvorana je lepo nagnila pihalni zbor z bučnim aplavzom. Hvala Vam za ves trud in še veliko korajže za naprej!

Na zadnji sobotu v aprilu, je bila prodaja peciva Oltarnega društva. Hvala vsem za vse prineseno, vsem delavkam in kupcem vsega.

Zadnjo nedeljo v aprilu, je bil sestanek Zveze Oltarnih društev v župniji sv. Lovrenca. Najprej smo se ustavile v cerkvi, počastile Jezusa z litaniami in prejele blagoslov, potem smo se podale v šolsko dvorano, kjer smo poslušale poročila o delovanju posameznih oltarnih društev iz slovenskih župnij. Hvala Vam za vso gostoljubnost.

Prvomajska nedelja nam bo ostala v lepem spominu. Pri deseti sv. maši sta prepevala otroški in mladinski zbor, pod vodstvom g. Jožeta Černeta in

šolami, za poklici, za utemeljivo novih družin.

DRUGO DESETLETJE

Zivljenjska nuja je jela redčiti naše vrste. Drug za drugim so odhajali izurjeni mladeniči, v krogu celotnih družin, ki so zapuščale oder. Takšne mene pač prineso družinski problemi, individualni in nepreložljivi, zato jim ni oporekati. Naštale vrzeli je skušal maštiti »Prešeren«, tudi pod taktirko p. Vendelina, in je uspelo nekoliko predstav. Le-ta ni imel vidnejšega podmladka, a pešati je pričel tudi sam vodja, dolej večno mlad in neizčrpnan.

Ostalo je vse na starejših plečih, kar ne pomeni perspektive. Krčil se je tudi program, od predstave do predstave in izpadal je, žal, dragoceni skladateljski opus p. Vendelina (Turki na Slevici, Pozdravljenina, in druge). Hrbtenico je sicer nadomestil dopolnjeni klavirist Filip Arko, vendar se je tudi to veliko upanje umaknilo in je le trdna volja preostalih moći še vzdrževala pevsko izročilo.

Zbor se je ugledno trudil in ohranil svoja vodila, medtem ko se je orkester ugasnil za vselej (razen občasnih solističnih vključkov). Prišlo je do tesnejše povezave z graditelji Slovenskega doma na lemontskem pobočju in z razvitjem Pastoralnega centra. To je odtegnilo koncentracijo za negovanje umetnosti — petja, folklora in godbe.

V nastali krizi na vrhu je tedaj blagohotno prevzela vodstvo zborna klaviristka ga. Helena Rozman-Williams, da bi ostale vajeti v domači roki. Njeno prizadevanje krepi tudi sicer ljubezen do slovenske pesmi, pri kateri je več let nasto-

pala kot talentirana Vendelova učenka.

Njen nastop je živahan, vendar strogo ritmičen, dojemljiv za razpoložljivo kapaciteto; reši jo tudi primerna družavnost. Svoj zbor ona smatra nosilcem, ne samo izvrševalcem danih nalog. Sprejemljiva je za kritiko in opazke, torej prilagodljiva odrskim težavam in publiki.

KONCERT 3. MAJA

Na pragu tretjega tisočletja nudi »Slovenska pesem« ne samo mikaven spored, marveč tudi tiho - neizrečeno - zagotovo, da ne bo odnehalo, ampak vzdrževala pristno povezano med odrom in dvorano. Prav demokratično je izbrala spored, s cvetkami iz prejšnjih časov, kot nekakšen povzetek nepozabne preteklosti, a po okusu samih pevcev. Izvili se je venec prijetnih, gostolečih in harmoničnih skladb, katerim se je največ ploskalo zadnja in predzadnja leta; nežen šopek, mehek in čustven, majsko pojoč toda le delno posvečen nebeski Materi. Pevnost je prišla do izraza vseskozi, z večjimi in manjšimi poudarki.

Dvorana se je domala napolnila. Zvesti gostje iz Milwaukeeja so nas počastili nič manj kot prejšnja leta. Kako lepo je peti prijateljem, ve vsakdo, in menda upravičeno upamo, da jih bo rado spet zaneslo v Lemont ob vsaki takšni prireditvi. Klavirska spremjava je zadovoljila.

Ker je šlo v glavnem za ponovitev nekdanjih pesmi, jih ne naštevamo, razen z opombo, da je bilo odpeto tudi nekaj ameriških vzorcev, ki jih je zbor dorastel (z ozirom na nižjo zahtevnost) in jih je podal z dopadljivim učinkom. Težišče je ostalo v mirnih vodah zlasti pred koncem koncerta. Izjemo je nudila pozdravna vabljivka »V hribih se dela dan« kot zaključek.

V veliko veselje smo si šteli pojav samega patra Vendelina med slušatelji, saj je na tistem gotovo mojstroval vsaj s svojimi spomini. Le prirojena mu blaga skromnost ga je morda zadržala, da ni planil na oder in objel svoje gojence, ki mu podaljšujejo priznanja za dvajsetletno vnemo, katera je za Slovensko pesem bila prav blagoslov. Naj mu nameni ljubi Bog še mnogo let lemontskega zraka, majskih rož in ptičjega petja ob prijazni goščavi; saj vemo, da bo z enim očesom vselej opazoval prizadevanja svoje črede, ki ji je bil Dober Pastir.

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Kaj se dogaja v Sloveniji?
Z Ameriško Domovino boste vedno na tekočem!

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SKD Triglav v Milwaukeeju...

Bila je čudovita majska nedelja, ki jo je ljubi Bog naredil prav za nas Triglavane, ki smo se letos prvič zbrali na Parku v večjem številu. Park se prebuja v zelenju - vse je počiščeno in bregovi so posuti z rožicami, kot bi bili pokriti z vijoličasto preprogo. Mize in klopi so tudi že pomite in razpostavljeni okoli doma. Kuhinja je pospravljena in bara že čaka na goste. Celo leseni muzikant pri drevesu že vleče svojo harmoniko.

Bila je naša prva seja. Povedali so, da so tri generacije čistile park; ni čuda, da je vse tako lepo. Medtem, ko smo mi modrovali in delali načrte za novo sezono, so se najmlajši z vozički in kolesi prevažali po parku.

Pričeli smo z materinskim dnevom kot vsako leto. Najmlajši so se dobro pripravili in so počastili svoje mamice in stare mame.

Naslednja slovesnost bo Spominski dan, 26. maja. »Memorial Day« obhajamo vsako leto, odkar smo od doma. Spominjamo se vseh naših dragih, ki so se že poslovili od nas in odšli v nebeški Park. Mašo bo tudi letos daroval naš duhovni vodja, dr. Golé. Po maši bo komemoracija za vse naše mučeniško potite domobrance. G. Jože Rus je običajno organiziral spominsko proslavo v Chicagu, letos pa bomo skupno obhajali proslavo na Parku. Vsi, ki ste dobre volje, se nam pridružite za to priliko.

Po proslavi bo, kot običajno, piknik — toda brez muzike in plesa.

Naslednji piknik bo 22. junija, kot vedno z muziko in vsemi dobrotami.

Pa še nekaj novic. Na cvetno nedeljo so se naši najmlajši v narodnih nošah zbrali pred cerkvijo Sv. Janeza Evangelista z butaricami, ki so jih naredile mame in stare mame. Otroci so bili silno ponosni nanje. Gospod kaplan jih je pričakal pred cerkvijo in jih v procesiji popeljal pred oltar. Tudi je vernikom razložil, da je to naša tradicija, ki smo jo prinesli od doma.

V dolgih zimskih večerih, ko ni bilo mogoče iti na Park, so naša dekleta in mlade mamice enkrat na teden igrale odbojko oz. volleyball, za Triglav, in spet doble prvo mesto, za kar so jim vsi Triglavani čestitali. Seveda, »ta stari« tudi niso samo sedeli pri TV, ampak so hodili »bovlat«, da si ohranijo svojo mladostno prožnost v pripravi na poletno balinanje na Parku. To se je dobro izkazalo, ko so po sestanku uradno odprli balinarsko sezono.

V načrtu je, da otroci dobijo nov drog za košarko in pa nov čoln. Velikonočni »egg hunt« je letos odpadel, ker vreme ni bilo primerno.

Solsko leto se bliža koncu. Je čas za prvo sv. obhajilo in za graduacije. Bilo je kar pet prvoobhajancev, naših Triglavčkov. Naslednji bodo graduanti iz osmega razreda in iz »high school«. Nekaj jih gre naslednje leto na univerzo Marquette v Milwaukeeju, eden pa celo na univerzo Yale.

To je že naša tretja generacija. V drugi generaciji pa imamo doktorje, odvetnike, zdravnike, učitelje in vse mogoče uradnike in uradnice, le »ta stari« smo ostali brez vseh teh »titelnov«, ker smo le delali, da se bo našim otrokom bolje godilo.

Vsi skupaj pa imamo naš Park, ki nas druži in nam je v veselje. Kdor ne verjame, naj nas pa pride pogledat in bo videl, da smo vsi Veseli Slovenici, stari, mladi in srednji!

Za konec se pa spomnimo še naših bolnikov: Jože Butinar, Ralph Coffelt in Ana Levičar, in jim vsem želimo ljubega zdravja, da čim preje pridejo spet med nas na Park.

Na Veliki četrtek je Triglav dobil še eno novo članico, malo Nino, ki ji želimo doberga zdravja in dobro rast, da se bo kmalu pridružila trumi malčkov pri gugalnici pod zelenim drevjem.

Vsem želimo eno lepo pomelad in na svidenje v Parku!

Mara Kolman
Waukegan, Illinois

Bralci
Ameriške Domovine:
Priporočajte naš list!

V BLAG SPOMIN NA NAŠE DOBRE STARŠE

Roman Švajger ml.
Umrl 18. maja 1973.

Hermina Švajger
Umrla 21. julija 1969.

Kako smo srčno Vas ljubili,
prezgodaj ste nas zapustili.
Preljubi starši Vi,
naj večna luč Vam zdaj gori.

Gospod! S pomočjo Tvoje milosti naj bosta vredna uživati blaženost večne luči!

Žalujoci:

Sinova — Roman ml., Jurij
Hčerka — Marjetka por. Selan
Snahi — Vida, Marjeta

Zet — Ciril

Vnuki in vnukinje, ter ostalo sorodstvo.

Cleveland, O., 15. maja 1997.

Pisatelj ALOJZ REBULA

Kulturni razgled iz Trsta po Srednji Evropi

Trst/Gorica — Za kulturni razgled nad Srednjo Evropo je Trst - vsaj geografsko - najprimernejše opazovališče, saj na njegov poldnevnik gravitirajo narodi tega prostora.

Vendar se postavlja vprašanje: je Srednja Evropa zgolj geografski ali tudi kulturni pojem? Pred leti je namreč tekla o tem diskusija med nekaterimi kulturniki iz srednjeevropskih dežel. Nekateri so zagovarjali tezo, da Srednja Evropa dejansko predstavlja neko realno kulturno obnebje, izrazito različno od drugih. Drugi pa so posebnost tega prostora zanikal. Tako je na primer nemški pisatelj Handke menil, da je Srednja Evropa meteorološki pojem.

Dejansko je za obe stališči mogoče navesti argumente za in proti.

Da utegne Srednja Evropa predstavljati neki skupen kulturni prostor, v prid tej tezi vsekakor najveljavnejše govori argument skupne zgodovine narodov, ki so nekoč živelii v okviru iste države, namreč avstrijskega cesarstva. Avstrijski Nemci, Madžari, Slovenci, Hrvati, Čehi, Slovaki, deloma Italijani, Srbi, Romuni in Poljaki so stoletja imeli isto prestolnico Dunaj, istega vladarja, isto valuto, isto državno upravo, da ne govorimo o istirimskokatoliški religiji.

Tako si je težko predstavljati, da ne bi ostalo v tem prostoru nekaj zgodovinske usedline te skupne preteklosti. Onej vsekakor pričuje arhitektura, ki z nekaterimi značilnostmi povezuje na primer Trst, Zagreb, Lvov, Krakov, Prago, Budimpešto.

Sicer pa je bila do nastopov modernih nacionalizmov pripadnikom teh različnih narodov skupna tudi državna zavest in do neke mere tudi skupno avstrijsko domoljubje. Dva velika avstrijska vojskovođa, Radetzky in Boroevič, na primer sploh nista bila Nemca, ampak je bil prvi Čeh, drugi pa liški Srb.

Lahko govorimo tudi o živem kulturnem pretoku znotraj tega prostora, ki je imel tako svetovno izžarevajoče središče, kakor je bil glasbeni, gledališki in znanstveni Dunaj. Naj omenimo na primer predstitev mlade psihoanalize v Trst ali dramsko afirmacijo Slovencev Cankarja v drugem močnem žarišču države, v Pragi Kafke in Werfla.

Bilo bi torej nenačrno, če bi se ta prostor med Jadranom in Tatrami ne navzel kakšnih značilnosti nekdajnega velikega skupnega imperija.

Vendar pa je na drugi strani mogoče postaviti tudi vprašanja kakor: kakšne skupne poteze pa je mogoče razvideti v duhovni zgodovini omenjenih narodov?

Ce se ustavimo pri literaturi, tej verodostojni zgodovinarki duše narodov, so razdalje med temi dušami znatne. Kaj imata na primer skupnega Slovenec

Cankar s svojim evangeljskim zanosom in italijanski Žid Svevo s svojim buržujskim psihologiziranjem? Ali kaj imata skupnega češki Žid Kafka s svojo metafizično tesnobo in Hrvat Krleža s svojo ekstroverzno družbeno kritičnostjo?

Saj naj prihajajo nasprotujoča si sporočila celo iz istih območij: če je na Češkem Kafka grozljivo zazrt v skrivnost bivanja, se nam prav od tam oglaša proletarsko razuzdani smeh »dobrega vojaka« Švejka; če se v prvih desetletjih tega stoletja mladi Evropejci napajajo z marksistično estetiko madžarskega filozofa Lukacsa, se drugi mladi lahko hranijo z nasprotnim, evangeljskim sporočilom njegovega sorojaka, škofa Totha Thamera. Prav tako imajo mladi Slovenci med obema vojnama na voljo tako različne duhovne izvirke, kakor so na primer neotomizem Aleša Ušeničnika, stalinizem Edvarda Kardelja in personalizem Edvarda Kocbeka.

Razlike med vsemi temi duhovnimi sporočili so tako velike, da nas navajajo k misli, da bi bilo prej kot skupne srednjeevropske poteze med njimi smotrno iskati globlje psihološko sorodstvo: na primer občutje moderne tesnobe, ki je tako ali drugače skupno vsem, po izgubi tradicionalnega krščanskega središča.

Isto seveda velja za narode, katerih dušo izražajo. Človek bi sicer rad videl povsod vladati ono čudovito dunajsko Gemütlichkeit, ki je dajala življenu poseben čar. A v tem stolnju je Srednja Evropa že plen demonov nacionalizma.

Naj torej v tem prostoru ne vidimo prav nobene skupne civilizacijsko-kulturne poteze?

Mogoče jo je zaznati v podobnih zgodovinskih usodah, saj so narodi tega prostora vsi po vrsti postali v zadnji vojni žrtvě istega napadalca. Da bi jim mogli pripisati neko izrazitjo miroljubnost? Morda če bi vzeli za merilo način, kako sta se državno razšli Češka in Slovaška, a ne, kako se je zadnje čase obnašal nekoč avstrijski Balkan.

A če bi te svoje misli spravil na neki skupni imenovalec v nравih Srednje Evrope, bi tvegal domnevo, da okrog našega poldnevnika le diha neka sjevrstna civilnost: da na tem, srednjeevropskem poldnevniku, človeški osebek morda kvotira više kot druge.

In Trst, ki je naše razgledišče?

Vlaki so vozili vanj z Dunajem in iz Prage, a njegova duša je ostala emporijska. Rilke je prišel na jadranski breg pesnit svoje Dunajske elegije in Werfel se je sklonil nad mitom Miramar, a italijansko tržaško kulturo je morala vzeti v roke judovska kolonija.

V fašističnem dvajsetletju je bila slovenska navzočnost pokopana: kaj šele slovenska kultura. Vendar je prav v tem času rodila enega svojih največjih lirikov, Srečka Kosovela, ki je sredi kraške gmajne, kakšen kilometer nad Trstom, izpel svojo smrtno ekstazo. Rodila je genialnega skladatelja Marija Kogaja. Rodila je slikarje Pilona, Černigoja, Spacala.

Slovenski pisatelj, prebivalec srednjeevropskega območja med madžarsko pusto in Jadrano, morda najlepšega med vsemi, diha njegov zrak in njegovo zemeljsko in človeško darovitost, vendar pa njegovo sporočilo nosi posebno stigmo do včeraj nesamostojnega naroda.

Ta stigma je še izrazitejša, če gre za avtorja iz narodne manjšine in preživelca fašističnega kulturnega genocida. Takšen pisec, ki se je moral jekika, v katerem piše, ilegalno naučiti sam, ne more pojmovati literature kot zgolj estetski fenomen: pojmovati jo more le kot sporočilo človečnosti.

Pri tem mu je večinski romanski svet v kulturno in tudi estetsko spodbudo. Čuti se na oknu in razgled mu gre na široko, od Jadrana do italijanskih Alp v zahodni dalji.

(Uvodnik je pisatelj prebral v oddaji Srednjeevropski obzornik - tržaški radio ga je odhalil v nedeljo, 16. marca.)

Mladika, štev. 2-3, 1997

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Posvet o medijih v Sloveniji

Javna glasila v tranziciji?

JURIJ PALJK

Trst/Gorica — V lepo prenovljeni stavbi Zavoda sv. Stanislava v Šentvidu nad Ljubljano je bila v soboto, 19. aprila, okrogla miza o temi *Javna glasila v tranziciji* s podnaslovom *Prispevek k demokratizaciji in pluralizaciji medijev na Slovenskem*. Prireditelj zelo tehtnega pogovora je bil Radio Ognjišče.

Osrednja nit vseh posegov na okrogli mizi je bilo mnenje, da so slovenska sredstva obveščanja še vedno v rokah t.i. »leve garniture«, se pravi: v rokah ljudi, ki so tudi v času Jugoslavije imeli odločilno vlogo v sredstvih obveščanja.

Na javni tribuni o slovenskih medijih, ko se z ne ravno najlepšo besedo reče danes sredstvom obveščanja, je nastopilo sedem slovenskih mož, ki so tako ali drugače povezani z mediji.

Tadej Labernik, ki je direktor Slovenske tiskovne agencije, je spregovoril na temo *Demokratizacija in sprememb medijskih sistemov* in bil mnenja, da v demokratični Sloveniji žal še vedno velja pravilo, da so novinarji v službi oblastnikov in močnih, vplivnih ljudi in politikov. Med svojim iskrenim posegom se je Labernik tudi dotaknil časnikarske etike in dejal, da je v Sloveniji zelo razširjeno pisanje »komentarnih poročil«, ki žal prevečkrat zamenjujejo objektivno poročanje o nekem dogodku. Pluralizacija po njegovem mnenju na področju sredstva obveščanja v Sloveniji teče prepočasi.

Žarko Petan, znan režiser, dramaturg, duhovit pisec aforizmov in bivši generalni direktor Radio-televizije Slovenija, je spregovoril na temo *Pluralizacija javnega zavoda RTV Slovenija*. V svojem živem posegu je dejal, da se je že takoj v začetku, ko je sprejel službo direktorja RTV Slovenija, zavedal, kaj ga na tem delovnem mestu čaka. Dejal je, da je sprejel službo predvsem zato, ker je bila glavna naloga v novi državi pluralizacija medijev.

Petan je dejal, da se ni dalo kaj dosti spremeniti predvsem zato, ker takratni Demos ni bil enoten, saj so različne komponente gledale na sredstva obveščanja različno; predvsem je povedal, da ni bilo dovolj do-

brih kadrov, ki bi lahko zamenjali dotedanje časnikarje. Zadari tega tudi ni bila možna t.i. »lustracija« sredstev javnega obveščanja; s tem izrazom se danes v Sloveniji označuje menjava vodilnih kadrov v slovenskem javnem življenju.

Petan je dalje dejal, da je prav zaradi majhnega števila časnikarskega kadra v Sloveniji na RTV Slovenija ostalo tako kot prej, saj nikogar niso vrgli iz službe in nikogar zamenjali. Bil pa je mnenja, da v Sloveniji ne more biti samo endel družbe demokratičen, ampak mora celotna slovenska družba stremeti za demokracijo in pluralizacijo.

Pokazal je še na odvisnost medijev od tistih, katerim so namenjeni, in zatrdil, da v Sloveniji še velja pravilo: »Danes krojijo medije lastniki in uredniki!« Obenem je dejal, da je RTV Slovenija vseeno postala najbolj objektiven medij v Sloveniji, in to tudi po zaslugu urednika Lada Ambrožiča. Bil je tudi mnenja, da je zelo odvisno od vsakega posameznega časnikarja.

Dr. Alojzij Ambrožič
(nadaljevanje s str. 14)

lamentu so svobodne, toda se ponavadi končajo v napadih in protinapadih, v podtikanjih in sumničenjih, zlasti, če se večinska stranka v vladi čuti ogrožena. Pravično sodstvo je še vedno samo v sanjah. Sedanj oblast imajo v rokah še vedno isti ljudje kot prej: ideološko neutralni so se pridružili komunistični partiji, kot je pikro pripomnil drugi prijatelj, si pridobili dobre položaje, se zdaj pretvarjajo, da so demokrati z namenom, da ostanejo na oblasti.

Toda situacija še zdaleč ni brezupna. Cerkev, ki je bila in včasih še je edina pomembna opozicija vladajoči nomenklaturi, je močna je čuječa. Zdi se, da kljub vsem prepirom, pomanjkanju discipline, podkupljivosti in političnega manjvrednostnega kompleksa, postajajo resnično demokratične stranke močnejše.

Novega nadškofa moto, ki je bil povzet iz pridige o teoloških vrednotah vere v šestnajstem stoletju, je: Stati inu obstat — to je stati pokončno in vztrajati v teh časih. Točno se zaveda, kaj je s tem izraženo.

(KONEC)

Petan je dejal, da se ni dalo kaj dosti spremeniti predvsem zato, ker takratni Demos ni bil enoten, saj so različne komponente gledale na sredstva obveščanja različno; predvsem je povedal, da ni bilo dovolj do-

Saša Veronik, znan slovenski časnikar s televizijskih zagonov, je podal *Kritični pogled na novinarsko prakso*. Bil je mnenja, da so vsa sredstva obveščanja v Sloveniji slaba, saj ne upoštevajo osnovnih pravil časnikarskega kodeksa, da o deontologiji niti ne govorimo. Nanizal je tudi vrsto oslarij, katerim smo priče tako na televiziji kot v časnikih, saj smo vsak dan priče nenatančnemu poročanju o politiki, hujskanju lokalnih dopisnikov proti državi, priče smo prestevilnim mladim poročevalcem, ki ne pozna težav starejših ljudi in zato o njih ne poročajo. Dejal je tudi, da v Sloveniji še ni videl enega TV posnetka poročila, ki bi bilo korektno oblikovano.

Omenjal je korupcijo, ki da je med novinarji v Sloveniji zelo razširjena, in bil mnenja, da se bo Slovenija v svetu promovirala le s tem, da bo gospodarsko in pravno napredovala.

Nasploh je bil Veronik mnenja, da je slovenski žurnalizem grob in aroganten; v podporo tej trditvi je nanizal vrsto sočnih primerov iz vsakdanje slovenske časnikarske prakse. Menil je, da se »medijska tranzicija« v Sloveniji še ni začela.

Predsednik krščanskih demokratov **Lojze Peterle** je v Zavodu sv. Stanislava nastopal s posegom, kateremu je dal naslov *Sodobnost medijev in politike*.

Povedal je, da so mediji ključni predpogoji demokracije in demokratizacije slovenske družbe. Rekel je, da je bivše partijsko prilaščanje medijev v Sloveniji sedaj zamenjalo strankarsko prilaščanje javnih občil. Kot politiki, ki je aktivno sodeloval v Demusu, je tudi dejal: »Prepričan sem, da Demos ni padel samo zaradi privatizacije, ampak in predvsem zaradi vprašanja medijev.«

Ko se je Peterle spominjal na začetke pluralizacije medijev v Sloveniji, je povedal, kakšne težave je imel sam, ko je s svojo stranko SKD priboril frekvence za Radio Ognjišče. Takratni premier mu je namreč dejal: »Lojze, sedaj vas bom vrgel ven iz vlade!«

Ko je govoril o vplivu politike na delo časnikarjev, je navedel primer nekega političnega mogočneža, ki se v slovenskem parlamentu rad pohvali z besedami: »Mi pokrivamo 80 odstotkov slovenskih novinarjev!«

Peterle se je na okrogli mizi

zavzel za vprašanje človekovih pravic, ki jih morajo bodisi spoštovati časnikarji kot zahetati bralci. Zavzel se je za »kritično distanco« časnikarjev in to do vsega družbenega dogajanja.

Janez Markeš, časnikar tedenika Mag, je govoril na temo *Avtonomija(e) medijev*. Tako je začetku je pribil, da je avtonomija medijev v Sloveniji prej izjema kot pa pravilo. Hkrati je bil mnenja, da je Slovenija prostor izgubljenih priložnosti.

Markeš je opravil tudi dober zgodovinski pregled odnosa do medijev; menil je, da se o svobodi tiska ni mogoče pogovarjati, če ni demokracije. Je tudi prepričan, da so sredstva obveščanja dejansko res četrta veja oblasti, sila, ki mora oblast nadzirati, jo kontrolirati in opozarjati na njene napake. Prepričan je, da v Sloveniji še ni avtonomije novinarstva, ker še ni vzpostavljena moderna država.

Za njim je spregovoril urednik tedenika Mag **Danilo Slivnik**, ki je v dvorani naletel tudi na najbolj radodarne aplavze.

V nasprotju z ostalimi je Slivnik brez dlak na jeziku povedal, da slovenski časnikarji točno vedo, kaj delajo, ker jih t.i. levica pripravila do tega, da so ji še naprej v službi in ji tudi opravlja levji delež vsega umazanega posla. T.i. levica se je kapilaro oprla na slovenske časnikarje, ki so ji tudi v današnjem času ostali zvesti in so dejansko njeni dvorni norčki.

Malce privoščljivo je Slivnik tudi dejal, da nastopi tragedija takrat, ko se politika ukvarja z mediji samo takrat, ko je sama v težavah. Izredno jasno je tudi nakazal manipuliranje z resnico in mediji, ko je povedal, da t.i. levica v Sloveniji investira tudi v edino dobro komercialno TV mrežo POP TV; tako skrbi, da se pozornost slovenske javnosti odvraca od politike.

Bil je tudi mnenja, da je staro nomenklatura v bivši Jugoslaviji tudi na slovenskih tleh vedno zelo skrbela za medije in jih obvladovala; to se danes žal nadaljuje.

(dalje na str. 18)

V SPOMIN IN ZAHVALO

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Urednik AD

BEFORE THE COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS OF THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

VIOLATIONS OF HUMAN RIGHTS IN SLOVENIA

STATEMENT OF FRANC IZGORŠEK, PRESIDENT OF THE SLOVENIAN ASSOCIATION OF FORMER OWNERS OF NATIONALIZED PROPERTY

Adamič Lundrovo nabrežje 2, Ljubljana, Slovenia

Our association represents the interests of over 200,000 Slovenians (ten percent of the total population of Slovenia) including citizens of the United States whose property was seized by the communist regime shortly after the end of World War II. Using "revolutionary" laws, the Yugoslav government expropriated apartments, houses, shops, buildings, agricultural land, forests, manufacturing plants and enterprises. Property acquired and held through many generations was confiscated to achieve total economic and political control. During this process, lives were taken and many persons were forced to emigrate.

We are aware that the consequences of the former regime cannot be undone overnight. Political changes in 1991, when Slovenia seceded from (the) Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia, held forth the promise of reinstatement of fundamental values of a democratic and civilized society: personal freedom, respect for human rights, and market economy based on private ownership.

At the end of 1991, the Slovenian Parliament enacted the Denationalization Law. This legislation was adopted despite the vigorous opposition of the communists, who still remain politically very strong and united in a party under the name of Party of Democratic Renewal.

The Denationalization Law is one of the most important pieces of legislation enacted by the new democratic Slovenian government. Its intent is to make amends for the political, moral, and material wrongdoing of the communist regime, to restore the seized property to its owners or their heirs, and to affirm the right to personal property as provided by the Slovenian Constitution and Article 17 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

The communist revolutionaries and their successors, who continue to hold the majority of the responsible political and economic positions in Slovenia, are blocking implementa-

tion of the law, hoping eventually to annul it. They continue holding our property and in some cases are trying to transfer it to their supporters.

The law required that denationalization be the first phase of the ongoing and by now nearly completed privatization process. Unfortunately, the record of the implementation is dismal: only some 30 percent of the denationalization claims, amounting to not more than 10 percent of the total value of all 46,000 claims, have been processed so far.

We, the former owners of the nationalized property, continue to demand restitution of our seized assets. Although our rights are guaranteed under the Slovenian Constitution, we are confronted with a systematic obstruction of the law by the authorities. This systematic obstruction shows the intent of the Slovenian government to continue the unjust practices of the past. In numerous instances the authorities continue to trade or otherwise dispose of the property of the dispossessed owners and refuse to return it.

With the new Constitution and a number of new laws Slovenia has, at least in theory, changed its social and political order. This change can be meaningful only if the economic order also undergoes a change. Yet such change remains impossible unless the most important articles of the new Constitution (as well as the articles of international conventions concerning basic human rights to which the Republic of Slovenia is a signatory) are implemented. Only then will Slovenia become a

true member of the democratic European community.

The Congress, in enacting amendments to the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 and (the) Foreign Trade Act of 1974, required that "The Secretary of State shall transmit to the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Foreign Relations of the Senate, by January 31 of each year, a full and complete report regarding the status of internationally recognized human rights, within the meaning of subsection (A) in countries that receive assistance under this part, and (B) in all other foreign countries which are members of the United Nations and which are not otherwise the subject of a human rights report under this Act" 22.U.S.C. 2151n (d) (1).

The responsibility of the United States to speak out on behalf of international human rights standards was formalized in the early 1970s. In 1976, Congress enacted legislation creating a Coordinator of Human Rights in the U.S. Department of State, a position later upgraded to Assistant Secretary for Democracy, Human Rights and Labor. In 1994, the Congress created a position of Senior Advisor for Women's Rights. Congress has also written into law formal requirements that U.S. foreign and trade policy take into account countries' human rights and workers rights performance and that country reports be submitted to Congress on an annual basis. The first reports, in 1977, covered only 82 countries receiving U.S. aid; in 1995 a total of 193 countries, including Slovenia, were covered.

The State Department's Human Rights Report for the Republic of Slovenia of March 1996 does not report the failure of the Slovenian government to observe the human rights of all persons to own and enjoy property, an internationally recognized human right specifically set forth in Article 17 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

The report for Slovenia, prepared by the American Consul in Ljubljana, Slovenia, to

whom our members have repeatedly communicated complaints concerning the violations of this right by the Slovenian government. (*Op. ur., tak je tekst, ki ga posredujem brez bistvenih popravkov, saj gre za tekst, ki so ga pač videli ameriški kongresniki idr.*) We have taken this matter up with the Country Officer for Slovenia in the Department of State as well as with the Deputy Office Director in the Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights and Labor in the Department of State.

Both officials felt that the Department of State may not be required to consider the human right to own property equal in importance to other human rights. Since they could not point to a published policy of the Department of State or any other authority United States substantiating their views, they promised to seek clarification from the Department's legal counsel. Attorney Nigel Purvis in the Department of State's Office of Legal Adviser subsequently held that Congress determined the priorities of human rights problems to be included in the report and that property rights were not included among these; he, however, cited no published directive of Congress.

We respectfully ask the Congress to direct the Department of State to report fully and completely the results of its investigation of the observation of the right to own and enjoy property in Slovenia and to comment on the reports and complaints that have been brought to the American foreign service officials and consular personnel in Slovenia.

In the earlier settlement of American claims against the Yugoslav government, those American citizens who were naturalized after the year 1945 were excluded by the Department of State and the Foreign Claims Settlement Commission. The present situation, however, deals with a right conferred by the Slovenian law enacted in 1991 on all claimants who were citizens of Yugoslavia in 1945 regardless of their citizenship status in 1991 when the Law on Denationalization was enacted. Several thousands of persons entitled to the settlement of their property claims under the new Slovenian legislation were American citizens prior to the enactment of that legislation and are thus entitled to recover their property interests. These American citizens are experiencing a *de facto* denial of their claims.

We believe that the American diplomatic representatives in Slovenia should protest vigorously against the discriminatory treatment of the American citizens who have filed claims for the return of their property under the 1991 Denationalization Law.

The Foreign Assistance Act of 1961, Title 22, United States Code, Section 2370 (e)(1)(C), provides that

the President shall suspend assistance to the government of any country which has taken actions, which have the effect of nationalizing, expropriating, or otherwise seizing control of property owned by United States citizens.

We respectfully ask Congress of the United States of America to ensure that the Administration apply Title 22, United States Code, Section 2370 (e) in case of the Republic of Slovenia by suspending all assistance and support to that government because it has, after it enacted the Law on Denationalization in 1991, again *de facto* expropriated, seized and taken control of property of United States citizens and continues to violate, deliberately and systematically, Article 17 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. The suspension should remain in force until such time as the Republic of Slovenia fully and fairly settles all the outstanding denationalization claims.

Respectfully submitted,
Franc Izgoršek, President
Slovenian Association of
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Zbor narodnih predstavnikov Narodnega sveta koroških Slovencev (NSKS) je na svoji zadnji seji (petek, 4. aprila 1997) sklenil, da mora Naš tednik izhajati v manjšem obsegu (16 strani) in to samo še v črni barvi. Po mnenju ZNP naj bi to služilo reševanju finančne krize, v kateri se nahaja NSKS in Naš tednik.

V tem so konkretno finančne težave in zakaj je do njih prišlo, lahko berete v stališču izdajateljev NSKS oz. njegovih zastopnikov predsednika Nantija Olip in osrednjega tajnika Franca Wedeniga (op. ur. AD: objavljeno v sosednjih stolpcih na tej strani). Kot uredništvo Vas želimo opozoriti na posledice, do katerih bo prišlo v primeru, da ne bi uspelo čimprej zagotoviti izhajanje Našega tednika v dosedanji obliki.

- Krčenje obsega Našega tednika pomeni precej manj informacij o življenju naše narodne skupnosti, zlasti še, kar zadeva dogajanje v naših občinah. Pri tem se dobro zavedamo, da bi lokalni dogodki pravzaprav potrebovali še več prostora — sploh še, če želimo nagovoriti nove naročnike.

- So področja, ki so bila dolej, mdr. zaradi pomanjkanja prostora, oskrbovana dokaj mačehovsko. Tako na primer gospodarstvo in mladina. V primeru zmanjšanega obsega Našega tednika bo gotovo več ko težko, to zadevo zadovoljivo rešiti.

- Vsek časopis se zaveda, da mora poleg krajših obvestil posredovati tudi obširnejše prispevke (npr. reportaže), s katerimi naj bi posredoval poglobljeno informacijo o pomembnih zadevah. Čim manj ima za to na razpolago prostora, tem težje lahko zadovolji to potrebo.

- Da igrajo pri posredovanju informacij slike izredno

pomembno vlogo, je vsakomur jasno. Kako to žurnalistično nujnost upoštevati ob skrčevanju časopisnega obsega?

- Kakšen pomen imajo za časopis barve, je prav tako vsem, ki imajo opraviti s časnikarsko stroko, jasno kot beli dan. Ni niti enega časnikarskega strokovnjaka na Koroškem in zunaj nje, ki bi si lahko predstavljal časopis samo še v črni barvi. To sta nam mdr. tudi potrdila glavna urednika Reinhola Dottolo (koroška Kleine Zeitung) in dr. Hellwig Valentin (KTZ).

- Pomen atraktivnega oz. večbarvnega tiska so prav tako poudarili tisti, ki so bili odgovorni za uspešni volilni boj SJK, EL oz. samostojnih občinskih list. Zelo dobro se zavedajo, da oblika posredovanja informacij danes ne more biti enaka kakor npr. pred 20 leti.

- Najmanj tako pomembne pa so barve tudi za tiste, ki želijo v časopisu inserirati. Izkušnje Karla Sadjaka, ki je pri Našem tedniku odgovoren za oglase, so več kot zgovorne. Vsekakor lahko izhajamo iz tega, da bo časopis samo v črni barvi imel negativne posledice tudi za postavko »dohodki iz oglasov«.

- Navsezadnje pa ne gre preteti, da smo z letošnjim letom povisili letno naročnino na 500.- šilingov. Dvomimo, da bodo naši naročniki radi več plačevali za nekaj, kar je postalo okrnjeno in manj vredno.

Ce ne bo uspelo zagotoviti finančne podpore za izhajanje Našega tednika v dosedanji obliki, je Naš tednik obsojen na smrt na obroke. Tega se ne zavedamo samo v uredništvu, o tem so prepričani tudi vsi tisti, ki imajo bogate strokovne izkušnje na časnikarskem področju.

Zato pozivamo slovensko in avstrijsko vlado, da hitro u-

krepata in sistematično zagotovita obstoj ter sodoben razvoj slovenskega časnikarstva na Koroškem.

Uredništvo

Ur. AD: Ta članek je vseboval celotno prvo stran NT z dne 11. aprila in bil objavljen z močnim okvirjem.

JAVNA GLASILA...

(nadaljevanje s str. 16)

Prof. Justin Stanovnik je govoril na temo *Medij-sodobni učitelj ljudstva*. Najprej se je na glas vprašal, če sploh vsi vemo, kaj tranzicija pomeni, saj je to veliko več kot le prehod iz nekega stanja ljudi v popolnoma drugo. Boji se, da bodo na Slovenskem tudi nove sile iz nekega izključujočega sistema prišle v drug izključujoč sistem, saj je obče znano, da hočejo stare sile obdržati oblast v rokah.

Prof. Stanovnik se je zavzel predvsem za to, da bi v Sloveniji tako šolstvo kot vse demokratične sile dosegle »zdravo distanco do medijev«, kot je sam poimenoval odnos do sredstev obveščanja. Bil je tudi mnenja, da hoče prejšnja oblast »na način manevra obdržati svojo oblast in bi zato morala biti vodilo časnikarjem predvsem kritika«.

Ko je govoril o sedanjem trenutku v Sloveniji, je dejal:

»Vsi govorimo neučinkovit, mrtev jezik! Svoje usode nismo vzeli v roke, ker govorimo neresničen jezik.« Citiral je tudi pesnika Eliota, ki pravi: »Toliko trpljenja, toliko trpljenja, a tako malo spoznanj!«

Prof. Stanovnik je tudi dejal, da je slovenski človek precej emancipiran, saj si drugače ne zna razlagati izidov zadnjih volitev, ko je več kot polovica volivcev dala svoj glas pomladnim strankam, ki dejansko nimajo velikega vpliva na medije. Slovenski človek je torej kritičen do slovenskih medijev!

»Problem medijev je problem demokratizacije!... Slovenci žal nismo imeli zrelih politikov, ki bi že v času totalitarizma ustvarili nove koncepte, nove vizije za Slovneijo,« je dejal prof. Stanovnik. Po njegovem mnenju je sicer res, da je medijska kultura razpršena kultura.

Ob koncu svojega posega je prof. Stanovnik od šole in Cerkve naravnost zahteval, naj poskrbite za zrele ljudi, »naj vzgojita ljudi, ki bodo imeli distanco do medijev«.

Seveda ni potrebno posebej poudarjati, da se je po posegih razvila več kot dveurna debata, v kateri so bili posegi vseh nastopajočih še poglobljeni. Govorilo se je tudi o zlomu časnika Slovenec in o veliki potrebi po novem dnevniku, ki ne bi bil v rokah t.i. levice. Predvsem je bilo številnim prisotnim populoma jasno, kako pomembna so sredstva javnega obveščanja in kontrolo nad njimi.

NOVI GLAS

24. aprila 1997

NAŠ TEDNIK

Beseda izdajatelja

Drage bralke, drage naročnice in naročniki Našega tednika!

Kmalu bo zaokroženo peto desetletje obstoja Narodnega sveta koroških Slovencev in izhajanja njegovega glasila »Naš tednik«. To bo v letu 1999, tik pred prestopom v trete tisočletje. Prezgodaj je še za jubilejno razpoloženje. Zdaj nas tarejo drugi problemi. Narodni svet se je namreč z Našim tednikom vred znašel v okoliščinah, ki resno ogrožajo nadaljevanje obetavne poti v novo obdobje. Brez ovinkarjenja povedano: finančni položaj Našega tednika je alarmant. Bremenijo nas milijonski dolgori in primanjkujejo nam ustrezena finančna sredstva za nadaljnje izdajanje Našega tednika v običajnem obsegu in znani obliki.

V tem trenutku nam veleva odgovornost, da opozorimo članstvo in bralstvo, pa tudi avstrijske in slovenske oblasti, ki jim je prav tako naložena skrb za ohranitev slovenske manjšine na Koroškem, na krizno finančno stanje, ki ga v glavnem povzroča nekritite dolgov in izdatkov Našega tednika.

Če gre pot prestrmo navzdol, je treba potegniti zavore, da zavilijo. Prav to je Narodni svet kot izdajatelj NT zdaj storil, in sicer po sklepnu Zbora narodnih predstavnikov: omejitev obsega NT na 16 strani in ukinitev barvnega tiska. Samo to seveda še ni nobena rešitev, saj bi čez leto razbremenilo proračun zgolj za nekaj sto tisoč šilingov, hkrati pa ima takoj zelo negativne posledice. Zato naj bi bil to le kratkoročen ukrep, neprislišen signal, da je potrebna nujna pomoč, za kateror se imajo zdaj brigati vsi pristojni organi naše organizacije.

Gotovo ne pretiravamo, če trdimo, da je Naš tednik osrednjega pomena za narodno-politično, kulturno, športno in gospodarsko življenje celotne narodne skupnosti.

NT je stalna živa vez med bazo in centralo, je dosleden zagovornik in glasnik samostojnega političnega gibanja koroških Slovencev, kar potrujejo tudi Enotna lista s svojimi frakcijami po občinah, druge samostojne liste in Skupnosti južnokoroških kmetov. Podobno se da trditi o vlogi NT za kulturna društva, za združništvo in za iniciative na drugih področjih.

Naloga in vloga NT sta torej najtesneje povezani z življennjem slovenske narodne skupnosti in z uspehom njenih organizacij in ustanov. Tako poslanstvo pa NT lahko izpolnjuje le pod pogojem, da se ravna po kriterijih medijske stroke, da razpolaga z ustreznim obsegom in da je sodobno oblikovan.

Sami skušamo krizo blažiti z doslednim varčevanjem pri izdatkih, z večjo delovno storilnostjo in z izboljšanjem na do-

hodkovni strani - tudi naročnino smo že zvišali. V resnici pa s takimi potezami ni mogoče rešiti problema, ker zeva prevelika luknja. Če želimo - v narodnostenm interesu - držati raven in kontinuiteto dejavnosti organizacije in izdajanja NT, je treba držati tudi kvalificirano delovno osebje in zagotoviti osnovne delovne pogoje. To, menimo, je nesporno. Izvod torej ne more biti v »uničevalnih ukrepih«, kot bi to bila odpoved (itak številčno skromnega) osebja in nadaljnja redukcija Našega tednika, marveč samo v prepričevanju dajalcev subvencij za nujno rešitev krize in zagotovitev osnovnih pogojev delovanja z višjimi dotacijami.

Dejstvo je, da sta tako Narodni svet kakor tudi Naš tednik eksistencialno odvisna od podpor, tistih iz Avstrije, še bolj pa onih iz Slovenije. Dodatki iz naročnine, oglasov in drugih prispevkov krijejo le pičlo četrtno izdatkov. Podpora je bilo v letu 1996 precej manj kot prej, stroški pa zaračunajo draginje iz leta v leto rastejo, letos grozi nadaljnje skrenje sredstev. O tem nevarnem razkoraku smo informirali dajalce subvencij, le da doslej ni bilo ustreznih reakcij.

Če vse strukture naše narodne skupnosti, ki jim je NT prisluh, želijo časopis, ki po svojem obsegu nudi dosti prostora poročanju z raznih področijih dejavnosti narodne skupnosti in je po zunanjji obliki in z barvnim tiskom bolj privlačen, se morajo tudi zavedati finančnih potreb in pomena solidarnega zadržanja.

Kakor je samoumevna zadostna podpora npr. vzgojno-zobraževalnim ustanovam, naj bi to veljalo tudi za financiranje kakovostnega časnika. Izdajanje NT tako spada med prioritetne zadeve pri razdeljevanju podpor in zahteva sistemsko rešitev. Samo če o tem ne bo dvoma ne v naših vrstah, ne na avstrijski strani in ne v Sloveniji, bo problem rešljiv. Upamo na vaše razumevanje in vas prosimo, da nas podprete v prizadevanjih za rešitev Našega tednika.

Nanti Olip,
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Opazil sem tudi v letih sodelovanja, da se mnogi starejši bojijo, da bi njihovi otroci ali potomci vedeli za take darove. Seveda je to žalostno znamejne, ki dokazuje, da je vera mlajših šibka ali vsaj zelo sebična, ker misijo v takih slučajih predvsem, da bi sami dobili po smrti staršev ali sorodnikov čim več.

Boga hvalimo za mnogoštene vilne zveste sodelavce in pionirke naše MZA. Ne smemo pa spregledati, da je med našimi rojaki, tako pri starejši kot pri mlajši generaciji, veliko takih, ki niso nikdar v življenu o misijonih niti slišali. Dovolj, da vsak teden čitate imena umrlih med nami v naši četrtekovi AD. Iz testametov smo dobili zadnja leta za MZA malo. Če bi večina vsaj nekaj zapustila, bi letno imeli veliko več pomoći za vse naše misijonske garače.

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Dolgoletni pionir MZA

Frank Staniša, iz Geneve, Ohio, je v bolnici. Leta poseben dobrotnik Karmeličank v Sori. Molimo zanj!

Salezijanski brat Ludvik Žabret za zlati redovni jubilej in misijonar Pavel Bernik, oba v Indiji, sta v Sloveniji preko poletja. Na zdravljenje pride z Madagaskarja tudi lazariš dr. Janez Puhan. Za druge še ne vemo, dasi jih bomo verjetno kasneje doma opazili. O. Podgrajšek omenja, da bo v septembri v Kanadi, kjer je upal srečati tudi mene, če bi bil kje v bližini.

Francka in Jože Škrjanc iz Pueblo, Colorado, sta bila ob 90 letih starosti zelo srečna, ko ju je njihov duhovni sin, leta podpiran pri študijih v Rimu, povabil za mašniško posvečenje za praznik Sv. Petra in Pavla, 29. junija, ob 9. uri v ljubljansko stolnico sv. Nikolaja, in 6. julija ob 10. v župnijsko cerkev v Trebnjem za novo mašo. Novomašnik Ro-

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Frančiškan o. Hugo Delčnjak

se je oglasil z lepim pismom 8. aprila iz Altagracia župnije v Venezueli. Spominjam se ga iz dela v državici Togo v Afriki pred leti. Bil je prijatelj o. Filipa Inocencia Ferjana dolga leta. Tako piše:

»Ko prosimo odpuščanje, prosimo ne samo za to, kar smo slabega naredili, ampak tudi, kar smo dobrega opustili. Prosim, da mi odpustite, ker samo tako dolgo odlašal in opustil zahvalo za prejeto pismo in poslani ček za \$500 in to vse od lanskega decembra. Z menoj imate slabe izkušnje glede korespondence in to je krivda z moje strani.

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Pravkar minulo praznovanje Kristusovega odrešilnega Vstajenja je potekalo v velikem odzivu ljudi, to leto bolj kot prejšnja. Morda je stiska, ki jo ljudje prestajajo (velika gospodarska kriza) pripomogla, da iščejo ponovno pot molitve, prisluh božji besedi in prejemanje zakramentov. Daj Bog, da bi se pač uresničilo, da tistim, ki Boga ljubijo, vse priomore k dobremu.

Glede gradnje župnišča

je stvar toliko napredovala in se dokončala vsaj toliko, da sem se v novo župnišče že vselil. Kar dobro se počutim, posebno še, ko imam pralni stroj in tekočo vodo - hočem reči in-

stalacijo -, saj voda je vedno tekoča! Tudi kuhinjo s štedilnikom, ko sem preje imel samo majhno električno pečko. Ko sem prišel iz zakristije v novo hišo, sem se počutil prve dni, kot da sem v hotelu!

Iz domovine izvem malo stvari, odkar je propadel *Slovenec*. Škoda, da je prenehal. Ali je res, da so otroci tega sveta pametnejši od otrok luči? V svetnih rečeh prav gotovo, kar se je v 'demokratični' Sloveniji že večkrat izkazalo.

Z gospodom Janezom Grilcem se vidim občasno. Je zlat človek in duhovnik in veliko pomaga. Hvala Bogu, da se njegovo zdravje zboljuje. Pred letom dni mi je tožil o raznih nadlogah.

Tako še enkrat Bog naj Vam poplača, Vam in vsem dobrotnikom v MZA dragoceno pomoč, ki sem jo že toliko let deležen z Vaše strani. Prilagam podpisano potrdilo. Prisrčno Vas pozdravlja p. Hugo.«

Župnik Janez Krmelj

z Madagaskarja piše 19. aprila: »Zelo me je razveselilo Vaše drago pismo. Vidim, kako ste solidarni z nami v teh hudi dneh lakote.

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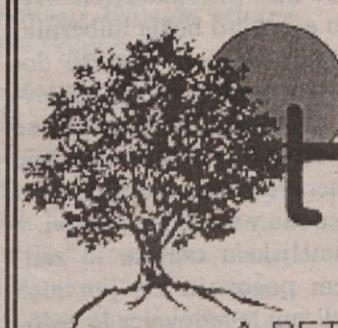
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Počivaj, dragi, u miru božjem. Svjetlost vječna nek ti sveti. Bog predragi nek te primi. Sreči puči da ne tješi nuda da jedan put čemo biti opet skupa sretni, kad čas življenja nam postane vječni.

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