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RUSIJA ZAHTEVA \$10,000,000,000 OD NEMČIJE

Molotov obdolžil zapadne sile kršenja sklenjenih dogovorov

BIDAULT OBISKAL STALINA

Moskva, 18. marca.—Ruski zunanji minister Molotov je zahteval, da mora Nemčija plačati Sovjetski uniji odškodnino deset milijard dolarjev v 20 letih in da mora zavezniška okupacija trajati dve desetletji. Del vojne odškodnine naj bi prišel iz sedanje nemške produkcije. Njegova zahteva je takoj izzvala odpor s strani ameriškega državnega tajnika Marshalla in britskega zunanjega ministra Bevana.

Drugi predlog je bil, da se kvota produkcije jekla v Nemčiji določi na 10,000,000 do 12,000,000 ton letno, kar bi bilo znižanje za polovico v primeri s produkcijo v predvojni dobi. Molotov je zahteval razveljavljenje dogovora glede ekonomske unifikacije za ameriško in britsko okupacijsko cono v Nemčiji.

"Nobene omejitve mirnega razvoja nemških industrij ne sme biti, čeprav se uniči vojni potencial," je rekel Molotov. V svojem govoru je obdolžil zapadne sile kršenja dogovorov, ki so bili sklenjeni na konferenci velike trojice v Jalti na Krimu in v Potsdamu, Nemčija.

Molotov je odgovarjal Marshall. Zagovarjal je nov načrt za Nemčijo, ki naj bi ustvaril pogoje za ekonomska in politična enotnost, zaeno pa je predlagal odpravo vseh konskih ovir in popolno svobodo kretanja v Nemčiji. Pobjal je predlog, da bi Rusija dobivala reparacije iz sedanje nemške produkcije in naglasil, da je bil informiran, da gre do velike količine blaga, produciranega v sovjetski okupacijski coni, v Rusijo. Dejal je, da obdolžitve in protibodolžitve nas ne bodo privedle nikamor. Pokazale se bodo le večje razlike, ki ne morejo rešiti problema. Kavsanje med nami povzroča le nove komplikacije.

Bevin je podprl Marshalla. Poudaril je, da mora ekonomska fuzija britske in ameriške cone ostati, dokler ne bo dosežen splošen sporazum o nemškem vprašanju. Vse kaže, da so zunanji ministri še daleč narazen glede mirovne pogodbe za Nemčijo.

Molotov je govoril s istim zanosom in energijo kot je na mirovni konferenci v Parizu v juliju preteklega leta, ko je potisnil nemška vprašanja v ospredje. Predmet njegovega govora so bile reparacije in ekonomija. Kritiziral je Veliko Britanijo, ki je prevzela premogovno, jeklarško in druge industrije v Porurju, katere bi morale biti pod skupno zavezniško kontrolo. Okraj je tudi Francijo zaradi enostranske akcije v sklenitvi carinske unije med njo in Posarijem. Molotov je prvič razkril, da so ruski stroški v vojni proti Nemčiji in Japonski znašali \$357,000,000,000. Škoda, katero so povzročile Hitlerjeve armade v Rusiji, znaša \$128,000,000,000. Nemci so razdeljali 1,710 ruskih mest, čez 7,000 vasi in naselbin in 6,000,000 posolpoj. 25,000,000 ljudi je ostalo brez strehe. Poleg tega so Nemci razdeljali čez 35,000 tovarn in 40,000 bolnišnic. Iz tega razloga je Rusija upravičena do vojne odškodnine \$10,000,000,000.

Ruski zunanji minister je zahteval tudi uničenje vseh traktorov in kartelov v zapadnih okupacijskih conah in ustanovitev skupne zavezniške kontrole v Porurju, ki je v britski okupacijski coni.

Japonski socialisti odklonili povabilo

Izrekli so se proti zvezi s komunisti

Tokio, 18. marca.—Socialistična stranka je odklonila povabilo komunistične stranke, naj se zvežeta in stopita v volilno borbo kot enotna skupina. Volitve se bodo vršile prihodnji mesec.

Socialistična stranka je podala izjavo, v kateri naglašala, "da mora biti značilnost vsake stranke pojasnjena, da bodo lahko volilci vedeli, kar je treba, in izrazili svobodno odločitev. Komunistična stranka je osvojila pravilo, da so generalne stavke ključ do ekonomske obnove dežele, socialistična stranka pa je proti političnim stvarkom. Komunistična stranka trdi, da so skupni napor komunistov in socialistov strastna želja ljudstva, naša stranka pa zavzema nasprotno stališče."

Sanzo Nozaka, vodja komunistične stranke, je dejal, da bodo komunisti, čeprav so socialisti odklonili povabilo glede skupne borbe, podpirali socialistične kandidate v nekaterih krajih.

Unija CIO zapretila z oklicem stavke

Cleveland, O., 18. marca.—Unija kavčukarskih delavcev, včlanjena v Kongresu industrijskih organizacij, je naznanila, da bo oklicala stavko prihodnjega nedeljo, ker so se mezdna pogažanja s kompanijami razbila. Štiri velike kompanije — Good-year, Goodrich, Firestone in U. S. Rubber—bodo prizadete v stavki. Tovarne teh kompanij so v Akronu in drugih mestih. Unija ima okrog 100,000 članov. Unija zahteva zvišanje plače za 16 centov na uro, kompanije pa so pripravljene zvišati plačo za 10 centov na uro.

Rudarji zbirajo prispevke za Lewisa

Pittsburgh, Pa., 18. marca.—Člani krajevnih rudarskih unij zbirajo prispevke za plačitev kazni \$10,000, katero je federalno distriktno sodišče naložilo Johnu L. Lewisu, predsedniku UMWA. Voditelji rudarskih unij trdijo, da je gibanje pristojevoljno. John P. Busarefio, predsednik petega rudarskega distrikt, ki vključuje Pittsburgh in okolice, je dejal, da so rudarji zaključili, da vsak član plača dolar za kritje kazni. V distriktu je okrog 24,000 članov rudarske unije.

AMERIKA NAJ BI VZDRŽEVALA GRŠKEGA KRALJA NA PRESTOLU

Washington, D. C., 18. marca.—Grški kralj Jurij lahko obdrži prestol, ameriški davkoplačevalci pa naj bi plačevali račune, dokler grško ljudstvo hoče imeti monarhijo. To je stališče ameriškega državnega departamenta zdaj, ko je pred kongresom vprašanje odobritve Trumanovega programa glede finančne in ekonomske pomoči Grčiji in Turčiji.

Uradniki departamenta niso izjavili ničesar glede zvišanja dohodkov grškega kralja, ki so padli na \$200,000 letno. Henry S. Villard, pomožni direktor divizije za zadeve Bližnjega vzhoda v državnem departamentu, je v svojem govoru po radiu dejal, "da je bil plebiscit v Grčiji, pri katerem se je večina ljudstva izrekla za restavriranje monarhije, pošten. Ameriški opazovalci so bili takrat v Grčiji. Vsi so poročali, da je plebiscit izrazil voljo večine grškega ljudstva. Trditev, da je Velika Britanija vsilila Grkom kralja, je brez podlage."

kal premijera Stalina. Govorila sta skora dve uri, toda predmet razgovora ni bil razkrit.

Vsi pomagajmo v tej kampanji!

Ničesar v naravi, kar hoče živeti, ne more dolgo stati mirno, ker tak je njen proces ali razvoj. Pri katerem koli podjetju, ko pride do zastaja v napredku, je tam tudi neizbežen začetek njegovega konca. Tega dejstva se zaveda glavni in izvršni odbor jednote in to resnico tudi ne sme podcenjevati članstvo organizacije.

Ako hočemo poživeti našo jednoto, tedaj bo potrebno, da se otresemo indiferentnosti ter stopimo v aktivnost, posebno v času razpisanih posebnih kampanj v pridobivanju novega članstva, kakršna je baš sedaj v teku. Kampanje te vrste morejo biti uspešne le tedaj, ako se vse članstvo v organizaciji zanima in na en ali drugi način prisloži na pomoč tistim članom, ki se s posebno odločnostjo zavzemajo za pospešitev novega članskega napredka. Komur ni mogoče po hišah ali drugih v agitacijske svrhe prikladnih prostorih, ta lahko pomaga s tem, da daje moralno oporo agitatorjem z dobro besedo in če treba, tudi z pojasnjevanjem o vrilnah ter drugih dobrih delih naše organizacije, v teku dobe njenega obstoja.

Kar smo duševnega pridobili v teku časa pod njenim okriljem, more pravilno koristiti, ako ob važnih momentih ali prilikah to izrabimo v vsestransko korist članstvu, kakor tudi delavnemu ljudstvu vobče. Sedanja naša kampanja nudi eno teh prillik!

Da bo pa vsaj delno poplačan trud onim agilnim ter podjetnim članom v jednoti, ki se bodo najbolj potrudili za doseg večjih uspehov pri podvzeti akciji, je glavni odbor osvojil liberalno priporočilo izvršnega odbora za nagrade, katerih bodo deležni posamezniki in poleg njih tudi društva kot celote. Društva, v katerih se boste člani zavzeli, da dosežete število novih članov nad kvoto, kot je v to svrhu in v posebnem cirkularju — ki smo ga na društva razposlali in bilo je že tudi objavljeno v uradnem glasilu — določena, bodo lahko dobila lepe nagrade. Člani onih društev, katerih finančno stanje ni mogoče posebno ugodno, imate sedaj priliko, da se vaše blagajne opomorejo. To priliko nikar ne zamudite, ker slična se vam najbrže ne bo tako kmalu nudila!

Bratje in sestre! Naša jednota ni izključno življenjsko zavarovalna ustanova, ampak ima tudi višje ter plemenitejšje cilje v tem, da pomaga svojemu članstvu do višje kulture in izobrazbe, vsled česar zasluži vso oporo od strani zavednega članstva.

Danes živimo v izrednih časih, v katerih nazadnjaštvo slavi svojo zmago v nekaterih deželah in koplje grobove vsemu, kar je naprednega, ampak tudi ti časi minejo in za njimi nastopi boljša doba. Cilji in principi, socialna pravičnost, svoboda in enakopravnost za vse ljudi, kateri so naš simbol akoro pol stoletja in simbol ljudskih mas na splošno, so naravna človeška zahteva in se ne dajo zatreči z zakoni, kakor tudi ne pokopati v grobove, kar prej ali slej spoznajo tudi oni, ki danes plešejo okrog zlatega teleta.

Ker je doba razpisa kampanje to pot zelo omejena in se konča že s 30. junijem, se apelira na vas, bratje in sestre, da greste takoj na delo! Vse naše dosedanje kampanje, največ po vaši spalnici bratje in sestre, so bile uspešne in tako pričakujemo, da storite svojo dolžnost tudi to pot, da pomozimo vrste našega članstva na najvišje stopinjo v zgodovini organizacije.

Vsi torej na delo v tej kampanji z geslom: ZGRADIMO MOČNA DRUŠTVA IN RAZSIRIMO MOČ NAŠE ORGANIZACIJE!

Na razna vprašanja od strani društev, ako se šteje članska doba članom, kateri so prišli pod okrilje SNPJ potom združenja, od dneva, ko so postali člani organizacij, h katerim so prvotno pristopili, ali z dnem, ko je bilo izvršeno združenje s SNPJ. Prizadetim naj bo povedano, da se članska doba članov, ki so prišli pod okrilje SNPJ potom združenja, šteje od dneva, ko so pristopili v svojo organizacijo in ne od datuma združenja. To tolmačenje velja za vse člane pridruženih organizacij s SNPJ in v tem smislu naj se upošteva prošnje za stare člane na podlagi resolucije, katero je osvojila trinajsta redna konvencija, vršena se v Evelethu, Minnesota. Dalje naj bo omenjeno, da se ta podpora, ki jo bodo prejemali stari člani v obliki asesmenta, ne bo v slučaju njihove smrti odračunala od smrtnine, za kar je bilo stavljenih več vprašanj.

F. A. Vider, gl. tajnik.

Amerika spet udarila ogrske komuniste

Budimpešta, Ogrska, 18. marca.—Ameriška vlada se je ponovno vmešala v ogrske notranje zadeve in obdolžila komuniste, da hočejo strmoglaviti sedanjo vlado. Obdolžitve je v drugi ameriški noti, ki je bila dostavljena ruskim okupacijskim avtoritetam. Prva nota s protestom je bila poslana generalu V. P. Sviridovu, poveljniku ruske okupacijske sile na Ogrskem.

Britska vlada dala koncesije rudarjem

Lopdon, 18. marca.—Vlada je naznanila, da bodo rudarji v britskih premogovnikih delali le pet dni v tednu po 5. maju. Znižanje delovnih ur zahteva rudarska unija. V premogovnikih sedaj dela okrog 700,000 rudarjev. Vlada je podprla premogovnike 1. januarja.

Kitajska dobila živila od UNRRA

Šanghaj, Kitajska, 18. marca.—Nov teror živil je došel sen na parniku Paul David Jones. Poslala jih je pomožna organizacija UNRRA. Kitajska je dobila že čez milijon ton živil od UNRRA.

MacArthur priporoča podpis pogodbe

Japonska naj bi prišla pod vodstvo Združenih narodov

Tokio, 18. marca.—General Douglas MacArthur se je izrekel za pospešitev podpisa mirovne pogodbe z Japonsko in odpoklic okupacijskih sil, da se konča ekonomsko zadrgnjenje dežele, ki je zdaj pod zavezniško kontrolo. V obratnem slučaju bo morala Amerika nositi vse stroške, ali pa dopustiti umiranje milijonov Japoncev.

MacArthur je podal to izjavo pred člani kluba časnikarjev, katerih gost je bil. On je predlagal, naj bi Japonska prišla pod vodstvo in okrilje Združenih narodov, Amerika pa naj bi obdržala nevojjaško kontrolo. Naglasil je, da sta dve fazi—vojjaška in politična dovršeni, tretja—ekonomska—pa bo dovršena s podpisom mirovne pogodbe.

"Pogoji mirovne pogodbe ne bodo pomenili odprave vseh kontrol zavezniških sil," je rekel general. "Ko se bomo mi umaknili, Japonska ne bo zaščitena. Korakati bo morala nazaj po poti in se zanašati na nezadno vojjaško silo za protekcijo. Organizacija Združenih narodov bo imela izredno priliko za prevzete vodstva. Japonska še ni demokracija, toda ona je na poti v demokracijo. Zavezniške sile še vzdržujejo ekonomsko blokado, ki je po učinkih strašnejša kot atomsko bombardiranje."

MacArthur je dalje rekel, da Japonska preživlja duhovno revolucijo, kakršne svet doslej še ni poznal.

Navali na urade japonske komunistične stranke

Tokio, 18. marca.—Člani japonske mladinske lige so uprizorili navale na urade komunistične stranke v Hakodatu in Sapporu. Bili so maskirani in oboroženi. Poročilo pravi, da so odnesli dokumente iz uradov.

Katoliški duhovnik hvali Ruse

Moskva, 18. marca.—Rev. George A. Laberge, edini ameriški katoliški duhovnik v Moskvi, je dejal, da so sovjetske avtoritete uljudne napram njemu in da lahko širi doktrine svoje cerkve brez vsakega oviranja.

On je prišel v Moskvo iz St. Louisa, Mo. Med verniki, ki prihajajo v njegovo cerkev, tvorijo večino ruski državljani. Laberge je dejal, da lahko obiskuje svoje vernike in bolnike v bolnišnicah in pridiga v svoji cerkvi brez vsakega vmešavanja s strani sovjetskih avtoritet.

SENAT NE BO ODOBRIŁ TRUMANOVEGA PROGRAMA BREZ DISKUZIJE

Washington, D. C., 18. marca.—Senator Vandenberg, republikanec iz Michigana in načelnik odbeka za zunanje zadeve, je naznanil, da senat ne bo odobril Trumanovega programa, naj Amerika da \$400,000,000 Grčiji in Turčiji, brez javne diskuzije. Ta vsota naj bi bila potrošena za ustavitve pohoda komunizma v obeh državah.

Vandenberg je pozval vse senatorje, republikance in demokrate, naj mu predlože listo vprašanj v prihodnjih 24 urah. Vprašanja bodo zahtevala kategorične odgovore s strani državnega departamenta o dejstvih in implikacijah ameriške intervencije proti komunizmu v vzhodnem Sredozemlju. Odgovori državnega departamenta na stavljenja vprašanja bodo objavljeni v javnosti kot uradni dokument.

Namen tega izrednega koraka je preprečenje možnosti tajne diplomacije v zadevi, ki predvideva najvažnejšo odločitev v ameriški zunanji politiki v mirnem času. Vandenberg je dejal, da bo zbral vprašanja in jih potem predložil državnemu departamentu. Odgovori na vprašanja morajo biti jasni, da bo ljudstvo natančno informirano, za kaj gre, preden se bo senat odločil za akcijo.

Domače vesti

Protest proti novi diplomaciji

Chicago.—Glavni izvršni odsek SNPJ je predsedniku Trumanu poslal brzojav, v katerem v imenu jednote protestira proti novi agresivni zunanji politiki, ki ne vodi drugam kot v nov svetovni požar. (Brzojav je priobčen v angleški sekciji.) Priporočljivo je, da tudi društva in posamezniki povedo svoje mnenje glede te nove zunanje politike vsem merodajnim krogom—Beli hiši, državnemu departamentu, svojim senatorjem in kongresnikom. Naglasiti je potrebno, da reševanje takih zadev spada Zdrženim narodom, ne pa posameznim državi.

Nov grob v Illinoisu

Peoria, Ill.—Po dolgi bolezni je 10. marca umrl Frank Muehlich, star 61 let, član društva 311 SNPJ in KSKJ. Bolehal je za sladkorno boleznijo in skoraj popolnoma oslepel. Zapustil je ženo, dva sinova in ovdovelo hčer z dvema otrokoma.

Is Milwaukeeja

Milwaukee.—Joe in Agnes Lajk sta obhajala 25-letnico zakonskega življenja v krogu prijateljev in znancev, Frank in Kristina Bregant pa sta praznovala 36-letnico zakonskega "jarna" tudi v večjem krogu prijateljev.—Matilda Demshar, vdova, mati štirih sinov in hčere, pa je praznovala 90 letnico.—Louis Barborich, zastopnik Prosvete je zbolel in se nahaja doma pod zdravniško oskrbo.—Louis Zajec je prestal operacijo in upa, da se kmalu vrne k svoji družini. Odkar je v bolnišnici, je že drugi čen hčeri sta porodili prvorojenčke, mladinski oddelek SNPJ pa je s tem pridobil dva nova člana.—Joseph Chokel, gostilničar, se je vrnil iz bolnišnice in se zdaj nahaja doma pod zdravniško oskrbo.

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Vsled zapisnika zadnje seje glavnega odbora so iz današnje Prosvete morali izostati vsi oglasi, kakor bodo morali tudi iz prihodnjih dveh srednjih izdaj. Prizadeti naj to vzamejo na znanje.

cerkve brez vsakega oviranja. On je prišel v Moskvo iz St. Louisa, Mo. Med verniki, ki prihajajo v njegovo cerkev, tvorijo večino ruski državljani. Laberge je dejal, da lahko obiskuje svoje vernike in bolnike v bolnišnicah in pridiga v svoji cerkvi brez vsakega vmešavanja s strani sovjetskih avtoritet.

Senator Taft, republikanec iz Ohia, je že potisnil važno vprašanje v ospredje. To je bilo, ali bo ameriško posojilo Grčiji in Turčiji uvod v vojno proti Sovjetski uniji. Drugi republikanci hočejo vedeti obseg vojaških misij, katere namerava predsednik Truman poslati v Grčijo in Turčijo, in kakšna bo naloga teh misij.

Kongresnik Eaton, republikanec iz New Jerseyja in načelnik odbeka za zunanje zadeve nižje zbornice, je izrazil dvom, da bi kongres sprejel potrebno zakonodajo glede posojila Grčiji in Turčiji do 31. marca, datuma, katerega je postavil Truman. Na ta datum bo Velika Britanija umaknila finančno in ekonomsko pomoč Grčiji in začela evakuacijo svojih čet iz dežele.

V Washingtonu je došel iz Aten Paul Porter, načelnik ameriške misije, ki je študirala ekonomsko in politično situacijo v Grčiji. On bo predložil Trumanu zaupno poročilo o nastali krizi v Sredozemlju. Porter je večerjal konferiral z državnim podtajnikom Achesonom. Ta teden bosta dospela v Washington Edwina C. Wilson in Lincoln MacVeagh, ameriška poslanika v Turčiji in Grčiji. Oba bosta nastopila pred senatnim odsekom za zunanje zadeve.

Zupan obtožen sprejemanja podkupnine

Hot Springs, Ark., 18. marca.—Okrajna veleporota je obtožila župana L. P. McLaughlina sprejemanja podkupnine. Obtožnica mu tudi očita, da ni predložil poročila o mestnih finančih in da je dajal denar iz mestnega sklada svojemu bratu in Elmerju Waltersu. McLaughlin je v županskem uradu 29 let.

LEWIS MORA ODVRNITI RUDARSKO STAVKO

Federalno vrhovno sodišče mu je dalo sedem dni časa

PREKLIC POGODBE Z VLADO

Washington, D. C., 18. marca.—Federalno vrhovno sodišče je dalo Johnu L. Lewisu, predsedniku rudarske unije UMWA, priliko do podvzetja korakov glede odvrnitve stavke rudarjev na polju mehkega premoga do 25. marca. Ako se bo Lewis pokoril odloku, rudarji ne bodo zastavkali 1. aprila.

Ako ne bo Lewis formalno obvestil federalne vlade do 25. marca, da stavka ne bo oklicana 1. aprila, ko poteče veljavnost pogodbe z rudarsko unijo, bo stalo slednje \$2,800,000. Federalni sodnik T. Alan Goldsborough je obsozil rudarsko unijo na plačitev \$3,500,000, Lewisa pa na plačitev \$10,000 zaradi žaljenja sodišča. Vrhovno sodišče je vzdržalo obsodbo, zaeno pa je znižalo kazen uniji na \$700,000.

Na podlagi prvotne aranžme bi imel Lewis priliko do odločitve do 5. aprila. Okrog 400,000 rudarjev na polju mehkega premoga je dobilo navodila, naj delajo le do 1. aprila. Federalni justični tajnik je apeliral na vrhovno sodišče, naj določi zgodnejši datum, da rudarji ne bodo stavkali pet dni brez kazni.

Ako ne bo Lewis preklical obvestila, da smatra datum 31. marca za razveljavljenje pogodbe med unijo in federalno vlado, bo morala unija plačati kazen \$3,500,000.

Kaj bo Lewis storil, ni znano. Mnenje prevladuje, da se bo pokoril odloku vrhovnega sodišča. Sporno vprašanje bo ponovno prišlo v ospredje, ko bo federalna vlada vrnila premogovnike privatnim lastnikom 30. junija.

Madžari apelirajo na zunanje ministre

Praga, Čehoslovakija, 18. marca.—Voditelji Madžarov, ki bivajo v Čehoslovakiji, so apelirali na zunanje ministre štirih vele-sil, ki so se sestali na konferenci v Moskvi, naj ustavijo izganjanje Madžarov iz krajev med Karpati in reko Donavo. Apel je komentiral Jan Kysucek, komunist v čehoslovackem zunanjem uradu. "Mi hočemo mir v Evropi," je dejal. "Iz tega razloga nočemo imeti sovražnikov v krajih ob naši južni meji v slučaju izbruha nove vojne." Kysucek je obdolžil ogrsko vlado sabotiranja programa izmenjave 200,000 Madžarov, ki bivajo v Čehoslovakiji, za 200,000 Slovkov, ki so na Ogrskem. Dejal je, da se ogrska vlada poslužuje terarističnih metod proti Slovkom, ki hočejo zapustiti Ogrsko.

Diskuzije o znižanju dohodninskega davka

Washington, D. C., 18. marca.—Člani vodilnega republikanskega kongresnega odbeka so začeli razpravljati o znižanju dohodninskega davka. Kongresnik Martin, predsednik nižje zbornice, je dejal, da odločitev še ni padla. Predloženi so bili načrti, ki določajo znižanje dohodninskega davka za 25 do 30 odstotkov onim, katerih dohodki so nizki.

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Borba med imperializmom in mirom

Ameriško ljudstvo ni že dolgo stalo pred tako važno odločitvijo kot stoji danes. V mislih imamo novo zunanjo politiko, katero je pred tednom naznanil v kongresu predsednik Truman. Ta politika je na vsej črti imperialistična in ne vodi drugam kot v še večje trenje med Vzhodom in Zapadom in eventualno v novo, atomsko vojno. O tem smo že napisali par člankov v dnevniku, toda ker je vprašanje izrednega pomena za vsa dežela in ves svet, mu bomo posvetili tudi ta članek. Čitatelji dnevnika pa naj nam oprostite, ako se komu vidi, da se preveč mudimo pri enem predmetu. Ampak vprašanje je tako globoko in široko, da ga v par kratkih člankih ni mogoče obdelati.

Vprašanje je, ali naj Amerika naslednjemu Anglijo kot nova svetovna imperialistična sila. Tega vprašanja nismo mi postavili, marveč drugi, predvsem Trumanova administracija in njeni podporniki, med katerimi so pri tem vprašanju tudi republikanci. Za novo Trumanovo politiko so se do danes izrekli tudi skoro vsi vodilni republikanski senatorji in kongresniki. In zanjo so se izrekli zato, ker ta politika ni Trumanova, marveč Wall streeta, generalnega štaba in državnega departmenta. Sledanja sta z Belo hišo vred seveda le v službi prvga—mogočnega ameriškega kapitala, ki hoče pomakniti uro časa nazaj v 18. in 19. stoletje. Truman je le sluga teh interesov in zato ima v zunanji politiki na svoji strani tudi skoro vse vplivne republikance.

Naj se nihče ne moti, toda pred kongresom je danes vprašanje nove svetovne vojne ali miru. Če bo kongres podprl administracijo na vsej črti, na vseh glavnih točkah in ciljih, ki se v bistvu dosti ne ločijo, ako sploh kaj, od osištinskih ciljev po svetovni dominaciji z oboroženo silo, tedaj bo na nebu zapisan nov svetovni požar, napram kateremu je bila zadnja vojna v svojih strahotah in razdejanju komaj "piknik". Od osištinskih ciljev se ločijo le toliko, da so zaviti v visokodoneče fraze o "demokraciji", "svobodi", "pravicah malih narodov" in podobno. "Demokracijo" si seveda tolmačijo na svoj način: iz nje izključujejo vse levičarske ljudske vlade, vanjo pa vključujejo take vlade kot je grški 90% fašistični režim. "Pravico malih narodov" pa si tolmačijo tako, da si prisvajajo pravico do lastne notranje intervencije, ali pa doseže iste cilje z odprto gonjo in provokacijami, ako nečejo plesati tako kot zahteva "naša" državni department.

Dobra ilustracija obeh metod sta Grčija in Jugoslavija, obe naši zaveznici v zadnji vojni in obe "priateljski". Da preprečimo strogolavljenje grške fašistične vlade po odhodu angleških čet, bomo "mi" zavzeli njih mesto, to je odprto intervenirali z orožjem, denarjem in strokovnjaki. Tega je seveda izredno vesela vsa grška reakcija. To bomo storili pod prevečo, da zadavimo "kooomunizem"—(to je bila tudi Hitlerjeva in Mussolinijeva parola)—in preprečimo vključenje Grčije v rusko sfero. V Turčiji seveda ni govora o kakšnem "kooomunizmu", kajti turški fevdalci ga znajo sproti zadaviti. Toda v bistvu gre za isto stvar.

Napram novi Jugoslaviji, kjer je odzvonilo vsemu kapitalizmu, domačemu in tujemu, kakor tudi vsem ljudskim pijavkam, tam se pa poslužujemo drugih metod za "protekcijo" njene "neodvisnosti". Napram nji so na dnevnem redu razne provokacije in klevetske gonje. Namesto da bi z njo skušali ustvariti prijateljske odnose, ki bi bili koristni obema deželama, jo direktno odbijamo, čim globlje potiskamo v naročje Rusije in v njej ustvarjamo strah pred zapadno intervencijo. Vse to je seveda le voda na mlin totalitarnih tendenc, ki so več ali manj na površju v vsaki deželi v dobi, ko gre skozi veliko socialno revolucijo.

Medtem, ko "naša" vlada ponuja težke milijone dolarjev grški in turški reakciji, ki je bila v najtežjih dneh na strani Hitlerja ali "nevtralna", in sicer ne kot posojilo, marveč kot politično podkupnino, izgleda, da Titova Jugoslavija ne bo mogla v Ameriki kupiti niti žita, da vsled velike dveletne zaporedne suše to pomlad prepreči stradanje kruha. V neki depesji iz Washingtona je bilo rečeno, da se je "naša" državni department zelo hladno izrazil glede jugoslovskega vprašanja, da-li bi mogla Titova vlada nakupiti potrebno količino ameriške pšenice. To delamo zato, ker smo—"demokratični"...

Toda vrnimo se k vprašanju, da-li naj Amerika postane dedič in naslednik angleškega imperializma, ki se ruši na vseh koncih in krajih. To vprašanje se je v tej deželi nenadoma pojavilo in udarilo kot strela z neba. Za kulisami se je vse to seveda že dalj časa pripravljalo, kakor smo že omenili v dnevniku. Ta "kriza" je prišla čez noč, ker hoče administracija naglo potisniti skozi kongres to, kar zahteva: sankcioniranje odprte intervencije v Grčiji, bolj zakulisane v Turčiji in po "potrebi" na oba načina tudi na vseh drugih točkah, s katerih se umakne gospodarsko oslabiljena Anglija in kjer ima nastati "vakuum". Ker taka politika stane denarja, Truman seveda zahteva težke milijone za financiranje te imperialistične eskapade. Za gradnjo tako potrebnih stanovanj za veterane in še za marsikaj drugega socialno koristnega seveda ni denarja, dovolj pa naj bo denarja za imperializem, militarizem in reševanje črne reakcije v Grčiji, Turčiji ali kjer koli. Vse to je treba hitro potisniti skozi kongres, vsaj do 31. marca, da v deželi ne bo moglo priti do kakšne organizirane opozicije proti tej novi dolarški diplomaciji! Kapitalistični politiki so se vsaj nekaj naučili iz predpearlborskih izkušenj!

Strinjamo se s Henryjem Wallaceom, ki je nastopil proti tej pogubnosni imperialistični politiki in dejal: Nobenega denarja Grčiji ali Turčiji za orožje, marveč samo za pluge! Po našem mnenju ne sme iti nobenega denarja grški reakciji niti za pluge, marveč samo novi, prenovljeni Grčiji s tako vlado, ki se bo lahko po pravici imenovala demokratična in ljudska. Toda do take vlade more priti le, če je potisnjena na stran vsa reakcija,

JUBILEJ DRUŠTVA
STRUGGLERS IN KAMPA-
NJA ZA NOVO ČLANSTVO

Cleveland, O.—Tukajšnje angleško poslujoče društvo Strugglers 614 SNPJ bo praznovalo svojo 20-letnico ustanovitve v nedeljo 13. aprila v Slovenskem delavskem domu na Waterlog rd. Popoldne bo program, zvečer pa ples. Ker je naše društvo v boj 53 SNPJ ustanovitelj tega društva, je naša dolžnost, da jim tudi ob priliki tega jubileja priskočimo na pomoč in posetimo priredbo v velikem številu.

Društvo Strugglers je v dobrih in večjih rokah. Predseduje mu Frank Ipavec, ki je bil delegat na zadnji konvenciji. On je nekak vez med mlajšo in starejšo generacijo. Tajnik pa je Ted Laurich. Že mnogo let je aktivna pri tem društvu Anna Zele (Straus), seveda, tudi mnogi drugi. Program bo zelo pester in podrobnosti lahko čitate v angleški sekciji Prosvete.

Društvo bo ob tej priliki izdalo tudi programno knjižico z oglašil in priporočljivo je, da si naročite oglaš. Naše društvo je naklonilo pol strani, zaeno pa kupilo deset vstopnic za popoldanski program.

Dajmo priznanje našim mladim, da bodo res dobri podjetarji, kajti prej ali slej bodo zavzeli vodilna mesta pri naših organizacijah.

Članstvo SNPJ naj ne pozabi na kampanjo za novo članstvo, ki je sedaj v teku. Na društveni seji sem dejal, da želim pri tej kampanji več sodelovanja od vseh članov. Za naše društvo je kvota 25 članov. Kampanja bo trajala štiri mesece, to je od 1. marca do 31. junija. Podpisani bo storil svojo dolžnost, dasiravbo je zaposlen na vseh straneh.

Pomnite, da se sprejema v društva mladino brez zdravniške preiskave. Potrebno je le odgovoriti na vprašanja in podpisati listino, nakar bo vaš malček član SNPJ. Prav tako se ni treba podvreči zdravniški preiskavi, kandidatom do 35. leta, ki se zavarujejo samo za \$1 bolniške podpore in do \$500 smrtnine.

Sedaj imate vse ugodnosti, zato ni nobenega vzroka, da ne bi pri našem društvu dosegli kvote, to je 25 novih članov. Ali jih bomo pridobili? Ne pozabite, da so razpisane lepe nagrade!

Prihodnja seja našega društva se bo vršila 13. aprila. Pričakujemo lepe udeležbe. Vsak naj pripelje vsaj enega kandidata. Potrebno je, da nadomestimo umrle člane z novimi. Pri našem društvu smo v tem letu izgubili že 4 člane. Treba jih je nadomestiti z novimi. Nadomestiti je treba tudi člane, ki vzamejo prestopne liste, prav tako one, ki odstopijo. Slednjih sicer ni veliko, vendar pa se dobi tu in tam kakšnega mladega člana, ki dovolj ne pojmuje našega, brateškega zavarovanja in odstopi. (Ostalo bo priobčeno v dnevniku.—Ured.)

J. F. Durn, tajnik.

19-LETNICA DRUŠTVA
CARDINALS 640 SNPJ

Bridgeport, O.—Vabim vse članstvo SNPJ ob blizu in daleč na veselično društvo Cardinals 640 SNPJ, na kateri bomo praznovali 19-letnico društvenega obstoja.

Ker je bila vojna, ni naše društvo priradilo veselice že pet let; večina vsi naši člani so bili v službi Strica Sama. Sedaj pa so se vsi naši vojaki povrnili srečno domov in tako bomo priradili veselico 26. aprila v Društvenem domu v Boydsvillu.

Naj omenim, da imamo zopet bolj živahne seje in društvo v

fašistični kralj pa zopet zapoden iz dežele—še bolje: postavljen pred sodišče z vsemi kvizlingi vred.

Če se naj kakšna zunanja sila umešava v notranje zadeve Grčije, ali katere koli druge države, tedaj naj bodo ta sila Združeni narodi! Le na ta način bo mogoče ustvariti novo svetovno organizacijo in mirno sožitje narodov. Dejstvo, da je Amerika danes najmočnejša kapitalistična država na svetu, ji še ne daje nobene moralne ali pravne pravice—kakor tudi ne Rusiji ali kateri koli sili—da se umešava v notranje zadeve kakšne strategično ležeče države ali države ter ji dikтира, kakšno vlado si naj ustvari ali kam se naj nasloni. To pravico naj ima le svetovna oblast, toda tudi to v omejeni meri in le v zelo izrednih slučajih. Ampak Truman in ljudje okrog njega so napravili tudi ta greh, da so šli v tej zadevi enostavno preko Združenih narodov. Ako kongres ne zavrne tega toka in odredi, da se mora administracija v po njej ustvarjeni grški krizi poslužiti Združenih narodov, tedaj je tej organizaciji že lahko zadan smrtni udarec.

splošnem napreduje; pridobili smo to leto že osem novih članov.

Za ples bo igral poznani Jack Guzeli iz Bridgeporta, Pa. Za lačne in žejne bo skrbel odbor, tako da se bomo laže malo zasukali po domače. Na veselično vabimo članstvo vseh sosednih društev, ob priliki vam bomo pa vrnil. Na svidenje 26. aprila! Mary Holub, tajnica.

VABILO NA BANKET
IN SEJO PODRUŽNICE

West Allis, Wis.—Jugoslovani v Milwaukeeju bodo priradili banket v počast Savi Kosanoviču, veleposlaniku Federativne ljudske republike Jugoslavije, v nedeljo, 23. marca 1947, v dvorani K. of P., 1925 W. National ave.

Dvorana bo odprta že ob 3. uri popoldne, večerja pa se bo servirala ob 5.30. Cena je samo \$1.50 za osebo. Vstopnice se dobi pri društvi in članih odbora, lahko pa tudi v dvorani.

Program bo lep; nastopila boista pevka kluba Naprej in Svoboda, med večerjo pa bodo igrali "Hrvaške hčere".

Na tem banketu bo podano poročilo o sedanjih razmerah v Jugoslaviji. Banketa se bodo udeležili tudi župani mesta Milwaukeeja, West Allisa in Cudahya. Torej ne zamudite te lepe prilike in pripeljite s seboj tudi vaše prijatelje.

Dalje sponosom, da se vrši seja podružnice 56 SANSa vsako četrto nedeljo v mesecu, in sicer popoldne. Prihodnja seja se bo vršila 23. marca, začetek pol ure prej, to je točno ob 1:30 popoldne v J. Reberniškovi dvorani na 6. ulici in W. Bruce st. Kot dobri in zavedni Slovenci, podpirajte organizacijo SANS, postanite član, če še niste, in ne zamudite sej, katere so važne.

Odbor podružnice 56 SANSa za leto 1947 je sledeč: Predsednik Frank Puncer, podpredsednik Anton Demshar, tajnica in blagajnica Mary Musich, 1917 So. 72 st., West Allis 14, Wis., telefon Gr. 4004, zapisnikar Chas. Kramer, nadzornik John Jenko, John Perme in Frank Primožič.

Ne zamudite kartne zabave, ki se bo vršila 27. aprila v Reberniškovi dvorani.

Mary Musich, tajnica.

VABILO NA LETNO SEJO
AMERIŠKO-SLOVENSKEGA
DNEVA V ZAPADNI PENNI

N. Braddock, Pa.—Vsaka organizacija, bodisi kulturna, podpora itd., obdržuje svoje redne seje od časa do časa. Na teh se razpravljajo o važnih problemih dotične organizacije in raznoterosti.

Iz tega razloga tudi odbor Ameriško-slovenskega dneva v sklicuje glavno letno sejo, katere se bo vršila v nedeljo, 23. marca, ob 2. uri pop. v Slov. domu, 57th & Butler st., Pittsburgh, Pa.

Na tej seji bo podano natančno poročilo o izidu in uspehu četrtega Ameriško-slovenskega dneva, ki se je vršil dne 3. avgusta v West View Parku. Izvoljen bo odbor za leto 1947 in začrtalo se bo delo za tekoče leto—za letošnji priraditev. Razpravljalo se bo tudi o važnih problemih naše organizacije in želja je, da bo tudi vaše cenjeno društvo ali organizacija častno zastopana.

Torej bratje in sestre, zelo važno je, da vzamete to vabilo na znanje, izvolite svoje zastopnike, jim naročite želje vaše organizacije, ker se bo upoštevalo vaše nasvete.

Torej na svidenje v nedeljo, 23. marca, v Slov. domu! Za večji in boljši Slovenski dan!

Anton Rednak, tajnik.

VAŽNE ČIKAŠKE
KULTURNE PRIREDBE

Chicago, Ill.—Sezona kulturnih priredb se bliža h koncu, vendar pa bomo imeli v Chicago še nekaj lepih in važnih kulturnih priredb v prihodnjih nekaj tednih.

Najprvo opozarjam slovensko javnost na shod, ki se bo vršil 26. marca v Ameriški dvorani (American-Bohemian Hall), 1440 W. 18 st. Glavna točka večera bo nastop Zlatka Balokoviča in njegove žene, ki sta se pred nedavnimi vrnila z obiska v stari domovini. Vstopnina je prosta.

V nedeljo, 13. aprila, bo imel svoj pomladanski koncert pevski zbor Prešeren. Priredba se bo vršila v dvorani SNPJ.

V nedeljo, 20. aprila, bo priradil varijantni program socialistični klub 1 JSZ. Atrakcija te priredbe bo nastop pevec in pevka zbora Zarje iz Clevelanda. Podrobnosti programa bodo pravočasno poročane. Priredba se bo vršila v dvorani SNPJ.

V nedeljo, 11. maja, pa bo vprizorjena krasna drama "Sin" pod avspicijo Centralnega odbora čikaških podružnic SANSa. Ves dobiček je namenjen za organizacijo SANS.

Udeležite se teh priredb in poželite, da se še vedno zanimate za naše kulturno udeleževanje!

M. M.

VABILO NA VESELICO
DRUŠTVA 135 SNPJ

Cleveland, O.—Članom in prijateljem našega najstarejšega društva na zapadni strani 135 SNPJ na znanje, da se bo vršila plesna veselica v soboto, 12. aprila, začetek ob osmih zvečer v dvorani Doma zapadnih Slovencev, 6818 Denison ave.

Ker je to prva prireditev v štirih ali petih letih, moramo iti vsi na delo, da bomo želi finančni in moralni uspeh, kajti naša blagajna se je začela nižati. Vstopnina samo 50c, tisti člani, kateri se ne bi udeležili veselice, pa bodo prispevali po \$1 v društveno blagajno. Upamo, da bo takih malo. Kooperacija od strani mladih članov bo velika, kajti iz dobička te priredbe upajo, da se bo podpiralo sportne aktivnosti, kot kegljanje itd.

V avgustu meseca pa bomo imeli piknik in prostori so že najeti v Domu zapadnih Slovencev. Torej vsi na delo! Na priredbo vabimo vse naše prijatelje in znance. Za ples bo igrala godba Jack & Eddie. Edward je sin našega blagajnika Johna Lužarja.

Carl Samanich, podpredsednik.

PLES "PRESENEČENJ"

Waukegan, Ill.—Sinočni ples "Starih dobri časov", ki ga je priradilo društvo Little Fort SNPJ v Slovenskem narodnem domu, se je vseh ozirih dobro obnesel.

Priprave za ples "Presenečenj", ki ga bo društvo priradilo prihodnjo soboto, dne 22. marca, ob istem času in v istih prostorih, kažejo, da bo to nekaj čisto novega. Igral bo zopet S. Gregorinov orkester, ki ima za ta ples vse polno presenečenj poc kapo. Vstopnina bo 50c. Dorothy Gabrovsek in Richard Peklay, ki načelujeta temu plesu, pravita, da bo to pot tudi prigrižek v kuhinji nekaj čisto nena vadnega, in sploh vse bo izvajano po popolnoma novem kopitu.

"Ples romantike" v soboto zvečer, 29. marca, bo zaključil plesno sezono društva Little Fort. Josephine Bezek in Eddie Leben bosta predsedovala ta večer. Podrobnosti bodo poročane pozneje.

Albina L. Furlan.

NA SESTANKU
MLADINSKIH KROŽKOV

Milwaukee, Wis.—Želim napisati nekaj o naši mladini. Danes je namreč bil prvi skupni sestanek vseh mladinskih krožkov milwauskih društev SNPJ. Nalašč sem se zakasnil pol ure, misleč, da bom razočaran, če ne bo udeležbe. Ko pa sem prišel tja, sem zagledal pred seboj mrvljišče mladine, ki je stopala v vrstah in izvajala svoje igre, a vrle članice-voditeljice na so vzpodbujale in skrbno pazile, da je šlo vse v redu.

Ob strani so sedele mamicine in ponosni očetje in se divili svojim ljubljencem, dočim so starejši vse to ginjeno gledali. Sam

pri sebi sem si mislil, glej, kot star pionir, ki sem v Ameriki več kot 40 let, si ucačal, da gledaš že tretji slovensko-ameriški rod.

Torej za prvi nastop več kot sto otrok, ni slaba udeležba! Zeleni je, da vsi društveni tajniki in mladinski ravnatelji ša nadalje vzpodbujajo starše, da pripeljejo uporabno svoje otroke na te skupne mesečne sestanke mladinskih krožkov. To bo pritegnilo tudi druge nove člane k društvu in krožkom. Taka propaganda bo imela dobre posledice za organizacijo. Seveda je logično, da mora odraslo članstvo tukajšnjih društev in prav tako glj. uporabno razviditi, da je treba za razvoj teh krožkov gnotne pomoči. Zeleti je tudi, da bi se starejše članstvo udeleževalo teh sestankov v velikem številu in bi na lastne oči opazovalo in spoznalo, da smo res zamudili mnoge prilike, vendar pa za pridobivanje mladine še danes ni prepozno. Edina potencialna moč in življenje naše organizacije je v mladini. Torej je potrebno, da z denarjem podpiramo mladinske aktivnosti.

Naj omenim, da je br. John Rebernišek dal dvorano brezplačno na razpolago. Lepa hvala! Najlepša hvala odboru mladinskih krožkov, kakor tudi vsem članicam, ki so aranžirale vse v redu. Ostanite še vnaprej zveste organizaciji!

Anton Ermenc.

SEJA PODRUŽNICE 1 SANSa

Detroit, Mich.—Redna seja podružnice št. 1 SANSa se bo vršila prvo nedeljo v mesecu, to je dne 6. aprila, začetek ob treh popoldne v SND na John R.

Apeliramo na vse člane in članice, da se je udeležijo v velikem številu. Rokaji in rojakinje, ki še niso vključeni v naši organizaciji, pa naj sedaj pristopijo, kajti potrebno je, da ta organizacija tudi v bodočnosti vrši svoje delo in še nadalje nudi vsaj moralno pomoč mladi jugoslovanski republikci, če že ne gnotno. (Ostalo bo priobčeno v dnevniku.—Ured.)

Katherine Krainz, tajnica.

JUBILEJ DRUŠTVA LILJE

Milwaukee, Wis.—Dan 13. aprila se bliža, ko bo društvo Lilija 764 SNPJ proslavljalo svojo 35-letnico. Priporočam občinstvu, da ta dan rezervira za to pomembno proslavo in ne bo nikomur žal, kajti program bo pester v vseh ozirih. Proslava se bo vršila v bivši dvorani S. S. Turn.

Na ta dan bo donela slovenska pesem kar treh pevskih zborov, in sicer: zbora Naprej, ki je znan že zadnjih 35 let s svojimi dobriimi pevskimi močmi, dalje pevskega kluba članov društva Lilije, ki se prav pridno učijo, da bo zadovoljil občinstvo; slišal sem jih na vaji v nedeljo zvečer in prav dobro zaingajo pod izurjenim učiteljem mr. Muškatevcem; tretji zbor pa je druge narodnosti, katerega tudi podučuje L. Muškatevc. Značilno od tega zbora pa je, da bo pei slovenske pesmi.

Na tej proslavi bomo imeli tudi dobre govornike. Ko so prišli glavni eksekutivni odborniki dne 12. sept. 1946 po blagajno Zveze Lilije, so med drugim tudi rekli, da se bo 35-letnica Lilije udeležil celokupen upravni osek. Upam, da bodo besedo tudi držali. Več o proslavi bomo še pisali v prihodnjih uradnih številkah Prosvete.

Dobro bi bilo, da bi se oglašilo v glasilu tudi kateri izmed starih funkcionarjev Lilije, na primer br. M. Geiser, ki je bil 20 let predsednik, prav tako 20-letni blagajnik br. John Selich, kakor tudi drugi, ki so bili bolj aktivni kot jaz, kajti aktiven sem postal šele z združitvijo z najboljšo slovensko organizacijo SNPJ, na katero smo lahko ponosni vsi člani Lilije. Glasovanje za združitve se je vršilo na izredni seji dne 24. februarja 1946. Ko pa je prejšnji tajnik br. Jos. Matoh podal resignacijo, sem kandidiral za tajnika in bil izvoljen na seji 19. aprila 1946, tajništvo pa prevzel I. maja.

Ker je prihodnja seja Lilije zadnja pred proslavo, apeliramo na članstvo, da se je udeležijo v velikem številu. Na seji boste dobili tudi vstopnice, da jih ne bo treba pošiljati na dom. To-

rej na svidenje na seji 21. marca v običajnem prostoru, to je v tretjem nadstropju. Asement bom pričel pobirati že ob sedmih.

Dalje priporočam članstvu, da se naroči na dnevnik Prosveta, če še ni, kajti z 1. majem se bo list podražil za \$2. Podpirajte svoj list!

Sedaj je v teku kampanja za novo članstvo. Naša kvota je najmanj 25 novih članov. N. delo, bratje, da dosežemo naš cilj! Vsi na delo za najboljšo in največjo podporno organizacijo SNPJ!

Jacob Rožič, tajnik.

NAZNANILO ČIKAŠANOM

Chicago, Ill.—Centralni odbor SANSovih podružnic v Chicago naznanja, da se je dan proslave druge obletnice osvoboditve Slovenije preložil na en teden kasneje.

Proslava se torej vrši v nedeljo, 11. maja 1947, namesto 4. maja, kot prvotno določeno, v dvorani SNPJ na 2657 So. Lawndale ave. Začetek ob 3. uri popoldne. Prosimo, da se ta sprejemba vzame na znanje. Več o tej prireditvi kasneje.

Za centralni odbor podružnic SANSa, Frank Smith, tajnik.

VABILO NA
SKUPNO VESELICO

Canton, O.—V nedeljo zvečer, 23. marca, bodo priradila tukajšnja društva št. 315 SNPJ, American Yugoslav Citizens Club in srbsko društvo št. 4045 IWO skupno veselico v Grškem domu, 10th st. in Ross ave., N. E., začetek programa ob sedmih zvečer.

Za ples bo igral ob 8. ure naprej Frank Zajc in njegovi polkatiarji iz Clevelanda, kateri igrajo dnevno na radio-oddaji WGAR. Za dobro postrežbo bo skrbel odbor. Vljudno vabimo vse članstvo in občinstvo, da nas posetite v čim večjem številu.

P. Chufar.

PLESNA VESELICA
DRUŠTVA 388 SNPJ

Purglove, W. Va.—Društvo 388 SNPJ bo priradilo plesno veselico v Dallasovi dvorani v Purglovu dne 1. aprila, začetek ob 8. uri zvečer. Igral bo orkester "Les Folk" iz Massontowna, Pa.

Vabimo vse ob blizu in daleč.

Na veselo svidenje!

Veselični odbor.

Društvene vesti

Trinidad, Colo.—Na seji društva 66 SNPJ, ki se je vršila 2. marca, sem bila izvoljena za tajnico. Društveni odborniki za 1. 1947 so sledeči: Predsednik Anton Udovič, podpredsednik Matt Kavčič, tajnica in zapisnikarica Polona Marinac, blagajnik Tony Valencič ml., nadzornik Matt Kavčič in Matt Trinašič, društveni zdravnik dr. Carmichael.

Naše društvo zboruje prvo nedeljo v mesecu v dvorani Elk. Prosti članstvo, da se obrne za vse zadeve, ki se tičejo tajniškega posla, na spodaj podpisano. Moj naslov je: Polona Marinac, 611 Park st., Trinidad, Colo., telefon 1055-J.

Želim, da vsi točno plačujete asement, kajti na seji je bilo sklenjeno, da se za nobenega člana ne plača iz društvene blagajne, jaz tudi ne bom mogla zalagati iz svetovni žepi, kajti moj mož je bil in bolniški podpori več kot leto dni in podpora je zadostovala komaj za zdravnika in zdravila. Torej, če bo kdo suspendiran, bo sam kriv.

Na članstvo tudi apeliramo, da se udeležijo društvenih sej v večjem številu.

Polona Marinac, tajnica.

Renton, Wash.—Na redni seji društva 377 SNPJ je bilo sklenjeno, da se opozori vse članstvo, da se v velikem številu udeležijo prihodnje seje, katere se bo vršila 13. aprila, začetek ob desetih popoldne.

Na tej seji bo stavljen predlog v korist društvene blagajne, in sicer da bodo morali plačevati vsi člani odraslega oddelka po 10c v društveno blagajno. Ako bo družbo sprejel, potem se bo krilo družbo tvene izdatke za vak mesec, dočim imamo sedaj primanjkljaj vsak mesec, to pa zato, ker 29 članov plačuje samo po dva centa v društveno blagajno.

Torej, bratje in sestre, vsi na prihodnjo sejo, da bomo laže prili do zaključka!

Fred Medvedec, tajnik.

Zapisnik polletnega zborovanja glavnega odbora Slovenske narodne podporne jednote

v glavnem stanu S. N. P. J. v Chicagu, Ill., dne 13. in 14. februarja 1947

PRVA SEJA—13. FEBRUARJA

Br. glavni predsednik prične sejo ob deveti uri s pozivom na smoteno zborovanje, ker predložene bodo važne zadeve, katere je treba rešiti v smislu bodo 13. redni konvenciji sprejeh zaključkov. To na 13. redni konvenciji sprejeh zaključkov. To na 13. redni konvenciji sprejeh zaključkov. To na 13. redni konvenciji sprejeh zaključkov.

Br. glavni tajnik A. Vider prečita imenik glavnih odborov; po prečitanih poročila, da nista navzoča br. I. glavni podpredsednik Raymond Travnik, in br. John Kobi, član porotnega odseka. Vreto na znanje.

- Br. gl. predsednik predloži naslednji dnevni red zborovanja:
- 1) Otvoritev seje.
 - 2) Čitanje imen odborov.
 - 3) Določanje časa zborovanja.
 - 4) Nujni predlogi.
 - 5) Poročila gl. odborov.
 - 6) Razprave in sklepanje o poročilih.
 - 7) Nedokončana opravila.
 - 8) Splošna opravila.
 - 9) Razno.
 - 10) Zaključek seje.

Soglasno odobreno, da se zboruje od 9. do 12. in od 1. do 5. ure z desetminutnim odmorom na dopoldanski in desetminutnim odmorom na popoldanski seji.

Soglasno sprejet predlog, da se predloženi dnevni red zborovanja odobri.

POROČILA GL. ODBORNIKOV

Poročilo gl. predsednika

Bratje in sestre gl. odborov!
Zbrali smo se k prvemu zborovanju celokupnega glavnega odbora po naši trinaesti redni konvenciji. In naša navada je, da vselej ko začnemo zborovati, najprej podamo svoja poročila in slišimo, kaj imamo poedini funkcionarji za poročati ter kako so rezultati naših aktivnosti za zadnjih šest mesecev naše poslovne dobe. Tako hočemo tudi topot, kajti rek, da je praktična izkušnja najboljši učitelj, velja tudi za nas. Potrebno je, da dobro premostimo in presodimo rezultate pretečenih aktivnosti, kakor tudi da proučimo različne potrebe in probleme organizacije ter nato poskušamo delati za ključke in potrebne sklepe za bodoče poslovanje po trezni razsodnosti in kakor najboljšo mogoče. To je naša sveta dolžnost, to članstvo pričakuje od nas in le tako se bomo izkazali vredni zaupanja konvencije, ki nas je izvolila in nam poverila vodstvo organizacije za prihodnja štiri leta.

Zadnja konvencija je, kot vam je znano, sprejela razne resolucije in zaključke ter dala glavnemu izvršnemu odboru nalogo, da jih izvede oziroma uveljavlja. To se je izvršilo, to se pravi—vse, kar je bilo od sedaj mogoče ali potrebno in ostalo, kar mora po svoji naravi priti na vrsto od časa do časa, pa še bo.

Ene važnih nalog, ki nam jih je dala zadnja konvencija, je bila ureditev pravil ali bolje rečeno, da ugodimo spremembi, ki jih je konvencija sprejela z rešitvijo obsejnih pravil. Potrdili smo se, da so bile spremembe inkorporirane in pravilno ugodene po želji konvencije, dali smo jih v potrditveni lističniškemu zavarovalnemu oddelku, kakor predpisujejo njih zahteve, nato pa skrbeli, da so jih v pravem času dobili v roke tudi komisariji ostalih držav, v katerih imamo dovoljenje za poslovanje.

Kakor običajno po vsaki naših rednih konvencij, tako smo tudi topot nameravali tiskati cela pravila, kakor hitro so bile spremembe vnešene in vse dobro pripravljeno za tisk. Toča topot nam radi pomanjkanja papirja in tiskarskih delavcev ni bilo mogoče slediti prejšnjim postopanjem. Prestalo nam ni nič drugega kot da smo dali ponatisniti spremembe v posebni knjižici in jih primeroma štore razposlali na razna društva ter s pojasnilom, zakaj nam ni bilo mogoče ponatisniti celih pravil ter da je vse ostalo, oziroma kar ni navedeno v spremembah, še naprej veljavno ter naj se v takih zadevah ravnajo po starih pravilih.

Kakor vsem, sje so tudi pretečeno leto potrudili, da bi se naša društva spet živo zainteresirala v razne organizacijske aktivnosti, kakor je kampanja za nove člane, kampanja za naročnike na dnevnik, prirejanje obletnic in drugih slavnosti s primernimi programi, atletični turnirami in tako dalje. Kot znano, so se naši člani—vojniki do tedaj večinoma že vrnilli in delalo se je precej dobro povsod in izgledi so bili, da bo pri naših društvih lahko spet veliko živahnosti ter mnogo važnih prireditvev in bomo v tem oziru dosegli vsaj isto stopnjo kot smo jo imeli pred zadnjo vojno. Na žalost pa se je kmalu pokazalo, da naše gospodarstvo radi vojnih posledic še zmeraj toliko trpi, da se bomo morali še naprej zadovoljiti le bolj z malim. Prišlo so nove odredbe glede odmerkov na jedkih in piščah, postajali so še ovire glede stanovanj in prevoza in tako dalje. Radi pomanjkanja pripomočkov, ki so potrebni, da so naše prire-

ditve uspešne, smo morali marsikaj opustiti, vključno narodno slavnost dneva SNPJ, ki smo jo nameravali za delavski praznik letošnega leta. Slavnosti in vse, kar smo kljub poteškočam poskušali izvesti v tem oziru, se je vršilo oziroma moralo izvesti le v bolj ozkem obsegu.

Kot vam je znano, smo pretečeno leto imeli kampanjo za nove člane, ki je bila razpisana že zadnje polovico prejšnjega leta ob priliki 20-letnice naših mladinskih društev, ter se nadaljevala v prvi četrti lanskega leta. Ista kampanja nam je veliko pripomogla, da na koncu leta izkazujemo spet prilicne napredek v številu članov. Ker v pretečenem letu nismo razpisali članske kampanje in ker je znano, da je to za enkrat edino efektivno sredstvo za nadomestitev zgubljenih članov in porast organizacije, je priporočljivo, da imamo tako kampanjo spet to pomlad, ki naj traja tri ali štiri mesece. Glavni izvršni odsek je o tem stvarno razpravjal že na par sejah in vam bo pozneje predložil tozadnji podrobni načrt.

Glavni izvršni odsek je nadalje razglabljal o vprašanju slavnosti dneva SNPJ in podvzeti so že koraki, da se bo naša velika narodna slavnost dneva SNPJ vršila ob priliki letošnjega delavskega praznika 30. in 31. avgusta ter 1. septembra. Clevelandska federacija naših društev nam je obljubila, da bo prevzela na svojo skrb vse potrebne priprave in tudi drugače poskrbela, da nam bo mogoče po parletnem presledku vsled vojnih razmer to našo tradicionalno prireditev zopet lepo in z odličnim uspehom izvesti. Federaciji gre priznanje in naša iskrena zahvala že vnaprej.

V zvezi z veliko narodno slavnostjo dneva SNPJ nameravamo imeti seveda razne konteste naših atletičarjev in drugo kot po navadi, zaemo pa naj bi se vršila konferenca voditeljev naših mladinskih krožkov, kar bo tudi v soglasju z zaključkom naše zadnje konvencije, in kar bo zopet nadaljnji eksperiment v naši organizaciji in upanje je, da bo rodil dobre posledice.

Glede atletike in atletičnih aktivnosti boste izvedeli več in vse podrobneje od brata Vrhovnika, v čigar direktno področje ta stvar spada. Istotako, kar se tiče aktivnosti naših mladinskih krožkov.

Kot ste deloma že informirani iz zapisnika gl. izvršnega odbora, nam je unija pisarniških delavcev, v kateri so vključeni usposleni v našem glavnem uradu, nekaj časa nazaj predložila nadaljnje zahteve za zvišanje plač za 35% in skrajšanje delovnika na sedem ur, kakor tudi za daljše počitnice in še nekatere druge izboljšave. Vpricno dejstva, da so se cene življenjskih potrebščin od časa zadnjega zvišanja plač našim usposlencem izdatno zvišale, sme mi itak že sami nameravali nekakšno zvišanje spet sedaj, toda ne v toliko kolikor so oni zahtevali. Na konferencah, ki so sledile, smo pristali končno, da se plače na splošno zvišajo 25% in da sedem in pol urni delovnik, ter dali še nekaj drugih manj pomembnih koncesij, glede par zahtev pa še sedaj nimamo popolnega sporazuma in pogodba še ni podpisana.

Kot je omenjeno, smo pretečeno leto kampanjili za nove naročnike na naš dnevnik in se nam je ta podvig vpricno dejstva, da slobenski čitatelji naglo izumirajo in kljub raznim drugim poteškočam, precej dobro obnesel. Podrobneje o tej stvari, kakor tudi o finančnih in raznih podrobnostih glede dnevnika in naših publikacij ter tiskarne sploh bo vam poročal brat Godina kot upravitelj teh naprav. Iz njegovih poročil boste tudi lahko razvideli, kako težko je splošna draginja prizadela naš dnevnik, ter da bo treba kmalu nekaj ukreniti, da bomo imeli večje dohodke, ako ga hočemo ohraniti pri življenju. Glavni izvršni odsek je na svojih sejah že parkrat obširno razpravljal o tem ter prišel do zaključka, da se mora zvišati naročnina in da je to za enkrat edini pripomoček, oziroma rešitev.

Iz poročil glavnega tajnika in blagajnika ter tajnika bolniških podpor boste izvedeli vse nadaljnje podrobnosti glede novopridobljenih in izgubljenih članov, številnih izplačil v smrtninah, bolniških podporah, operacijah in odškodninah ter koliko je ostalo prebitka v vsakem podzveznem skladu koncem leta. Iz istih poročil boste tudi izvedeli, koliko smo pretečeno leto napredovali v članstvu in premoženju.

Končno želim omeniti še, da so odnosi med člani in jednoto oziroma društvi in glavnim uradom zadovoljivi, kakor tudi odnosi med osebjem v glavnem uradu in da se jednota nahaja v splošno dobrem stanju.

V. CAINKAR, gl. predsednik.

Soglasno sprejet predlog, da se poročilo br. gl. predsednika vzame na znanje.

Br. Joseph Culkar, II. glavni podpredsednik, predloži naslednje poročilo v angleškem jeziku, katerega prosti prevod se glasi:

Poročilo II. gl. podpredsednika

Bratje in sestre glavnega odbora!

Za zadnjih pet let mi je bilo po članstvu povsem mesto podpredsednika I. okrožja; izvršil sem svojo službo kolikor mi je pač bilo mogoče v danih razmerah in okoliščinah najbolje v interesu organizacije. Kot je nam vsem znano, zadnjih par let je bilo izredno težko radi vojne. Na zadnji štvi 477 in 544 kupili vse vstopnice za koncert, Društvo 566: Njihova veselica je bila zelo uspešna; kupili so vse vstopnice za koncert mladinskega krožka. Društvo 614: Dne 13. aprila bodo praznovali obletnico. Društvo 135: Kupili so vse vstopnice; pridobili enega člana v mladinski oddelek; dalje poročila br. Samanich, da so društva na zapadni strani tudi zelo aktivna v atletiki. V tej sezoni so tudi reorganizirali kegljarsko ligo, in sicer skupno z organizacijami SNPJ, SDZ in KSKJ. Društva 135, 264 in 544 imajo svoje skupine v tej ligi.

Sprejet je predlog, da bo ravnatelj mladinskih krožkov tudi polno močen zastopnik pri federaciji.

Na seji so nas obiskali br. Fred Vider, glavni tajnik, Mirko Kubel, glavni blagajnik, in Jacob Zupan, član gospodarskega odseka. Br. Vider nam želi veliko uspeha in se opraviči, ker mora nocoj v Chicagu, vsled tega se ne bo mogel udeležiti koncerta mladinskega krožka.

Sprejet je predlog, da se da nalogo br. Lischu in Samanichu, da

konvenciji mi je delegacija poverila še bolj odgovorno mesto, mesto drugega glavnega predsednika.

Za zadnjih pet let kot podpredsednik I. okrožja so bili odnosi med menoj in ostalimi glavnimi odborniki kakor tudi glavnim uradom najbolj prijateljski v vseh ozirih. Z veseljem se udeležujem letnih in polletnih sej gl. odbora, na katerih razpravljamo in delamo načrte za porast organizacije in interese članstva.

V uradnem glasilu organizacije opažam, da se organizirajo novi mladinski krožki, in ob tej priliki moram izreči priznanje mladinskemu direktorju, br. Michael Vrhovniku za njegovo vestno delo. Pozabiti pa tudi ne smemo direktorjev mladinskih krožkov za njih poštovno delo. Zadnja konvencija je upoštevala važnost mladinskih krožkov, vsled česar je sprejela načrt širšega delokroga mladinskih krožkov in določila večje letne prispevke kot podpora mladinskim krožkom. Razne nagrade in pohvale, katere se daje od časa do časa mladinskim krožkom, so v veliko vzpodbudo, in opazil sem, kako ponosni so bili člani mladinskega krožka št. 47 ko je prejel prvo nagrado za najboljšo udeležbo.

Na Novega leta dan sem prisostvoval tekmi "Duckpin Bowling Tournament," ki je bila zelo dobro zasnovana, udeležba zelo lepa vpoštevajoč takratno vreme; uspeh je bil zelo dober v vseh ozirih. Odobravam spremembo časa, v katerem se bodo nadaljne tekme te vrste vršile, namreč spomladi, mesto v zimskem času, ker na ta način bo mogoče aranzirati večje tekme, ker bo lažje oddaljenim članom iz drugih nasebin se udeležiti. V zvezi s te vrste tekmi mi je precej dela in priznanje moramo dati v polni meri onim, ki imajo vodstvo tekem v svojih rokah, ker od njih je odvisen rezultat. Vse te tekme so v veliko korist organizaciji za agitacijskega stališča, kar je treba upoštevati.

Na tekočem zborovanju glavnega odbora bodo na dnevnem redu volitve novega atletskega odbora. Opažam, da so vsi kandidati zvesti lojalni člani jednote, in ker smo omejeni samo na malo število, bodo nekateri izostali. Po mojem mnenju naj bi se službena doba članov atletskega odbora podaljšala nad eno leto. Kajti, komaj se člani atletskega odbora dober seznanijo z njih službo, so drugi izvoljeni na njih mesta; v korist organizacije bi bilo, ako bi bil njih termin daljši.

V mojem okrožju smo imeli dva društva, ki sta poslovala v angleškem jeziku, in sicer društvo št. 684 in 712. Po mojem mnenju ni bilo dobro imeti v tako majhni nasebini dva društva, od katerih noben ni imel več kot 70 članov, in kot je z malimi izjemami pri vseh majhnih društvih samo nekaj v resnici aktivnih članov. Tudi iz agitacijskega stališča ni bilo priporočljivo imeti dva društva v tej nasebini, ker novi člani so se obotavljali pristopiti v eno od teh dveh društev, ker so prijatelji v obeh, zamertli se pa niso hoteli nikomur. In bilo je še več drugih vzrokov, katere bi lahko navedel, zakaj sem se odločil posredovati, da sta se oba društva združila v eno društvo, ki je dobilo novo številko 749.

To je vse moje poročilo kot član glavnega odbora, in iskreno želim, da bi bilo to zborovanje uspešno v vseh ozirih, in da bodo sprejeti zaključki povzgnili porast članstva.

J. L. CULKAR, prejšnji podpredsednik I. okrožja.

Soglasno sprejet predlog, da se poročilo vzame na znanje.

Br. John V. Cebular, podpredsednik I. okrožja pojasni, ker je šele s 1. januarjem nastopil svojo službo in ker še ni prejel nobenih naročil iz glavnega urada, nima za to sejo nobenega poročila. Se vzame na znanje.

Frank Gradisich, podpredsednik II. okrožja, poda enako poročilo. Vzeto na znanje.

Br. James M. Maglich, podpredsednik III. okrožja, predloži naslednje poročilo v angleškem jeziku, katerega prosti prevod se glasi:

Poročilo podpredsednika III. okrožja

Članom glavnega odbora:
Moje poročilo za zadnjih šest mesecev do 31. decembra 1946:

Zanimivo je opaziti, kako se večajo in množijo društvene aktivnosti s potekom mesecev, in opaša se vsepovsod podvojeno zanimanje za jednoto. Povod temu je vrnitev članov iz vojaške službe in konvencije v preteklem letu.

V zapadni Pennsilvaniji smo v preteklem letu imeli poleg drugih dve večji prireditvi, in sicer običajni letni dan SNPJ in Zogometno tekmo; omeniti pa moram tudi narodno tekmo "Duckpin Tournament" in lokalno golf tekmo. Vse navedene prireditve so izpadle v največje zadovoljstvo in uspeh je bil vsestranski. Med društvi je opažati veliko zanimanje za organiziranje mladinskih krožkov, in nekaj je že ustanovljenih. Kjer koli je mogoče, jaz sem pripravil pomagati, kolikor je pa mogoče v danih razmerah.

Za tekoče leto jaz resno priporočam člansko kampanjo, in tekoče zborovanje glavnega odbora naj sprejme zaedne načrte in takoj uveljavlja. Kljub moji zaposlenosti sodelujem in vseh prireditvah, katerih mi je mogoče se udeležiti, da tako na ta način pomagam k napredku SNPJ.

JAMES M. MAGLICH, podpredsednik III. okrožja.

Soglasno sprejet predlog, da se poročilo vzame na znanje.

Br. Joseph F. Fifolt predloži naslednje poročilo v angleškem jeziku, katerega prosti prevod se glasi:

Poročilo podpredsednika IV. okrožja

Br. predsednik in bratje gl. odborov!

Moje prvo poročilo kot podpredsednik IV. okrožja je naslednje:

Kdor se želi seznaniti, kako je glavni odbornik aktiven, naj čita uradno glasilu Prosveto, in kdor jo čita, si o meni lahko napravi sodbo sam.

Četrto okrožje zavzema precej velik delokrog, v tem okrožju je veliko društev, moral bi biti "stonožec," da bi mi bilo mogoče udeležiti se vseh priredb in aktivnosti. Odločil sem se napraviti popoln seznam ali imenik vseh društev v mojem okrožju ali distriktu, da mi bo mogoče obiskati vse, in biti navzoč na kolikor mogoče prireditvah poleg dopisovanja in oglašanja njih priredb.

Društvo "Comrades," katerega tajnik sem, je najbolj aktivno v Clevelandu. S svojo aktivnostjo si je to društvo pridobilo zaupanje pri drugih društvih v Clevelandu.

Na športnem polju so clevelandska društva smelo rečem na prvem mestu; organizirana so v svoji atletski ligi; sedaj v zimskem času je kegljanje najbolj šport, in kegljanje se vrši vsaki petek in nedeljo zvečer. Letošnja udeležba je največja od vseh prejšnjih let, in v aprilu se vrši tekma. Za narodno kegljasko tekmo, ki se letos vrši v Chicagu, se že izdelujejo načrti udeležiti se te tekme v velikem številu iz Clevelanda. Na ta način se vzbuja med ljudstvom zanimanje za SNPJ.

Na mojo vzpodbudo sedanjih predsednik društva Comrades bo prevzel upraviteljstvo SNPJ farme, kar bo gotovo v korist farme same, ker njegova družina z ostalimi njegovimi sorodniki šteje okrog 30 članov, vsi zavedni člani SNPJ. Društvo Comrades ima že v načrtu opremiti SNPJ farmo s potrebnimi orodjem za razne atletske in športne aktivnosti.

Mladinski pevski zbor v Clevelandu je še na dosti dobrem stališču; napreduje ne, nazaduje pa tudi ne. Ses. Josephine Tratnik, sedanja tajnica Clevelandske federacije in angel varuh mladinskega zbora, zasluži vse priznanje za delo, katerega vrši pri tem zboru. Pričakuje se z vso gotovostjo, da bo zanimanje za ta pevski zbor ponovno oživilo in da bomo glavni odborniki, ki živimo v Clevelandu, storili naše dolžnosti. Ta zbor je sedaj marljivo na delu s pripravami za letni koncert, ki bo 23. februarja, in o katerem upamo, da bo bolj uspeh, kot je lanski.

Da se pokaže priznanje našim članom, ki so bili v zadnji vojni, so društva, ki zborujejo na St. Clairju v zvezi s društvi v Collinwoodu sklenila imeti banket in ples v počast članov veteranov; ta priredba bo 1. marca. Prepričan sem, da bo ta priredba zopet poživila med člani zanimanje za SNPJ in jih navdušila za aktivnosti v organizaciji. Vsa društva odobravajo ta korak in so to tudi priznala na eden ali drugi način.

Precej članov v Clevelandu me je nekaterekrat vprašalo, kaj je vzrok, da člani glavnega odbora tako poredko prispevajo svoje članke v uradno glasilu Prosveta; čutijo namreč, da je dolžnost vseh glavnih odborov, katere so člani izbrali, da pišejo podučne članke. Zakaj ne, naj prizadeti sami odgovorijo.

Angleški del Prosvete se lahko še precej izboljša. Priročje ne se več slika, v prvi vrsti slika aktivnih članov. Novim prispevateljem naj se da vsa vzpodbuda od strani uredništva, da se jih na ta način pridobi za stalne prispevatelje.

Ses. Josephine Močnik me je prosila, da naj opozorim br. prediednika nadzornega odseka, da naj odgovori na njeno vprašanje, ali so se volitve članov onega odseka, v katerega je tudi ona kandidirala, vršile pravilno ali ne; ona smatra, da se niso, in da ji je bila izvršena krivica.

Moje priporočilo je, da naj se še v bodoče, kot so se v preteklosti, vršijo seje ali konference zbornih podpredsednikov dan pred pričetkom zborovanja glavnega odbora.

Ze precej članov SNPJ v Clevelandu se je pritožilo, zakaj ni na razpolago več jednotlivih znakov, in zakaj se jih ne naroči. Nadalje, precej tajnikov se je pritožilo, zakaj se niso na razpolago nove prenosne, s katerimi se sprejema v jednoto članc brez zdravniške preiskave, ker te prenosne bi morale biti na razpolago s 1. januarjem.

V kratkem bo že precejšnje število članov, katerih assessment v srtninski sklad bo odplačan polnoma, in ostali bodo zavarovani samo še za bolnišnice in odškodninske podpore. Smatramo, da je assessment v upravni sklad 22c, h kateremu je treba dodati še assessment v društveno blaginjo, preveliki žoleti je, da se o tem nekaj ukrene in ako le mogoče, zmanjša assessment.

Društvo "Pioneers of Strabane" je zaključilo, da se plača članom, ki dosežejo starost 65 let, assessment iz društvene blaginje. Vprašanje je bilo, ali je bil ta zaključek sprejet na vzpodbudo gl. urada, ali je to koristno za organizacijo, ali ne, in ali ne bi bilo koristno, da bi glavni urad vzpodbudil tudi druga društva.

J. F. FIFOLT, podpredsednik 4. okrožja.

Soglasno sprejet predlog, da se poročilo vzame na znanje.

Br. John Spiler, podpredsednik 5. okrožja, predloži naslednje poročilo, katerega prosti prevod se glasi:

Poročilo podpredsednika V. okrožja

Na sedanjem zborovanju gl. odbora so navzoči med nami novi odborniki, za katere bo to nekaj novega.

Upam, da bo novi glavni odbor nadaljeval po poti za napredke organizacije in koristi članov, in

da bodo vsi zaključki sprejeti v znamenju bratstva.

Ker se povračajo aktivnosti v normalnost, je polje za okrožne podpredsednike na široko odprto in zopet je prilika dana vsem za agitacijo za nove člane, organiziranje mladinskih krožkov, in oživiti ona društva, ki so bila dosedaj kolikor toliko mrtva.

Udeležil sem se zborovanja Narodnega bratskega kongresa države Missouri, ki se je vršilo 9. in 10. oktobra v Kansas City Mo. Kot vedno vsa prejšnja zborovanja, je bilo tudi to zborovanje bolj verskega in zabavnega značaja, kot pa da bi se razpravljalo o bratskih podpornih organizacijah. Ob tej priliki, ko sem bil v Kansas City, sem obiskal odbornike društva št. 690, "Hearts of America." To društvo je še precej aktivno, in ima priliko narediti veliko za SNPJ. Moje poročilo, katerega sem predložil izvršnemu odboru, vsebuje popolno poročilo o moji misliji v Kansas City.

V precej slučajih sem bil naprošen od SNPJ društev nastopiti kot govornik na prireditvah, katere so organizirali za odpomoč Jugoslaviji. Vedno, da je bila SNPJ prva, ki se je zavedala potrebe takega gibanja, sem se vedno odzval povabilu in pomagal k uspehu priredbe; kolikor mi je bilo le mogoče v danih razmerah. JOHN SPILLER, podpredsednik 5. okrožja.

Soglasno sprejet predlog, da se poročilo vzame na znanje.

Ses. Ursula Ambrozich predloži naslednje poročilo v angleškem jeziku, katerega prosti prevod se glasi:

Poročilo podpredsednice VI. okrožja

Glavni odborniki S.N.P.J.!

Po zadnji seji glavnega odbora sem prejela precej pritožb od društev v mojem distriktu. Tajnica od enega društva mi je sporočila, da ji je nemogoče vršiti tajniških dolžnosti; to je povzročilo veliko nevoljo med članicami dotičnega društva, ker ni nihče hotel prevzeti tajništva, in ostali odborniki so grozili z resignacijo. O teh neprilikah sem bila obveščena že prej, in uspelo mi je pogovoriti društvene odbornike, da so obdržali svoje službe in tako tudi ohranili društvo aktivno. To omenjam le radi tega, da bo jednota primorana prej ali slej spremeniti način društvenih odborov, ako hočemo obdržati društva.

Kot predsednica konvenčnega pripravljalnega odbora 13. redne konvencije, ki se je vršila na Evelethu v avgustu 1946, vam želim poročati sledeče:

Vam vsem je dobro znano, da so društva na Evelethu prevzela vso odgovornost za konvencijo. Delo je bilo ogromno, in vse je bilo izvršeno popolno—za zadovoljivo v vseh ozirih, akoravno ni bilo vse tako izvršeno, kot smo načrtali in naredili načrte, kar je povzročilo nekoliko nejevolje med člani prizadetih društev.

Stroški so bili veliko večji, kot smo sploh pričakovali, ker je ravno v istem času nastalo veliko pomanjkanje raznih živil, in prvi vrsti mesa, ki je takorekč popolnoma izginilo s trga; pomanjkanje je bilo tudi precejšnje raznih piščic. Primorani smo bili iskati vse naokrog in plačati cene, kakršne je prodajalec sploh zahteval, ker drugega sploh ni kazalo, da nam je bilo mogoče delegate pogostiti vsaj deloma zadovoljivo. Radi navedenega, preostanka ni bilo. Poleg tega smo imeli še druge izredne stroške, kot n. pr. okrajanje mestnih ulic s S.N.P.J. znaki, rožami in programi. Sprejeti so bili načrti za veliko parado, povabljene so bile godbe iz raznih mest sodelovati pri paradi; odzvala so se in na določeni dan tudi prišle, toda vsi delci smo morali parado preklicati. Lokalna mestna godba je parkrat nastopila za časa konvencije, in koliki orkester je igral med banketom.

Omenjam vam to le radi pojasnila zakaj so naši stroški tako izredno visoki, in zakaj so društva na Evelethu prosila konvencijo za finančno pomoč v svrhu kritja vsaj nekaj teh stroškov. Po konvenciji smo čakali in upali, da prejemo vzoto, katero je določila konvencija. Ker nismo prejeli nobenega sporočila, je tajnik pripravljalnega odbora, br. J. A. Ambrozich pisal br. glavnemu tajniku Fredu Vidu, in prosil za pojasnilo. Gotovo bo br. gl. tajnik to zadevo poročal in tako tudi poročal o dopisovanju med gl. uradom in pripravilnim odborom. Imamo še več obveznosti, katere moramo poravnati iz vsote, katero je konvencija nam odobrila.

Stališče, katerega je izvršni odsek v tej zadevi zavzel, me je zelo užalostilo, ker odklanja izplačati vsoto, katero je konvencija določila.

Dosedaj sem se vedno aktivno udeležila vsake članske kampanje in vse nagrade, katere sem prejela v gotovini, sem podarila ali našemu društvu ali pa mladinskemu krožku. To dokazuje, da sem vedno delala za koristi jednote in članstva, ne pa da bi delovala ravno nasprotno. Vsled tega bi pričakovala, da bi bila upravičena nekoliko več zaupanja. Evelethska društva št. jejo približno 700 odraslih članov, ki so vsi zavedni člani SNPJ, in njih namen ni koristiti se na račun jednote.

Mladinski krožek št. 48 je dobil novega direktorja, mlado progresivno učiteljico, in prepričan sem, da bo pod njenim vodstvom mladinski krožek napredoval v vseh ozirih. Ta krožek je priredil uspešno božično, društvena dvorana je bila natrpna; stroški te prireditve so znašali nad \$50.00, h kateri vsoti je društvo št. 130 prispevalo \$20.00, društvo št. 69 \$10, in ostale stroške je pa krožek kril iz svoje blaginje.

Ob zaključku svojega poročila izrekam izvršnemu odboru zahvalo za vsoto \$25.00, katero mi je naklonil kot nagrado za vodstvo mladinskega (Dalje na 4. strani.)

Federacije S. N. P. J.

ZAPISNIK CLEVELANDSKE FEDERACIJE

Cleveland, O.—Federacijska seja se je vršila 22. feb. v SND. Predsednik odpre sejo ob osmih zvečer. Zapisnik seje z dne 23. januarja sprejet kot čitan. Prošnjo društva Strugglers 614 SNPJ se odobri in navedilo se bo po najboljši moči, da nastopi mladinski pevski krožek na njih obletnici. Tajnica Josephine Tratnik poroča, da je bil mladinski krožek št. 2 reorganiziran in pridobil pet nadaljnjih članov.

Atletična liga: Zastopniki poročajo, da se nocoj vrši ples, dne 21. 22. in 23. marca pa se bo vršil "Eastern Invitational Bowling Tournament" v SDD na Waterloo rd.

Mladinski krožek: Kupili so vsem delotom narodne noše in se bodo slišali radi koncertu zbor spremljal za klavir Vera Slezko-Milavec. Poročila društvenih zastopnikov: Za društvo št. 3 poročajo, da so pri-

dobili štiri člane v mladinski oddelek in enega v odrasli; umri pa je en član. Pripravljajo se za veteranski banket skupno z društvi 129, 137, 147 in 56

Zapisnik polletnega zborovanja glavnega odbora Slovenske narodne podporne jednote

(Nadaljevanje z 3. strani.) kroška. S to vsoto sem privedla malo zabavo za mladinski krožek 11. februarja; preostanek od te vsote sem pa izročila v blagajno krožka.

Ko pride na dnevni red zadeva vsote \$1000,00, želim podati še več pojasnila k tej zadevi in odgovoriti na vsa vprašanja.

URSULA AMBROZICH, podpredsednica 6. okrožja. Soglasno sprejeto, da se poročilo vzame na znanje.

Br. John Petritz, podpredsednik 7. okrožja, predloži naslednje poročilo v angleškem jeziku, katerega prosti prevod se glasi:

Poročilo podpredsednika VII. okrožja

Bratje in sestre gl. odborniki! Moje poročilo je zelo kratko, ker je vam vsem znano, da sem svojo službo nastopil šele s 1. januarjem tega leta. Obiskal sem društva v Fontani, Calif. in kot sem razvidel, je tam ugodna prilika pomožni članstvo.

Nase društvo št. 615 v Los Angelesu ima sedaj v delu organiziranje keglijaste skupine, in od društva sem naprosil vprašati za finančno podporo.

V bližnji bodočnosti imam načrt obiskati kolikor mi bo pač mogoče razna društva in jih vzpodbujati za kulturno in atletske gibanje.

S tem zaključujem svoje poročilo kot član glavnega odbora. JOHN PETRITZ, podpredsednik 7. okrožja.

Soglasno sprejet predlog, da se poročilo vzame na znanje. Br. Frank Polsak, podpredsednik 8. okrožja pojasni, ker je nastopil svoj urad s 1. januarjem, za to sejo nima nobenega poročila.

Vzeto na znanje. Br. glavni tajnik F. A. Vider predloži naslednje poročilo:

Poročilo gl. tajnika

Bratje in sestre! Konvencija je za nami, pred nami pa zopet delo in razni problemi, kateri bodo zahtevali več naše pozornosti, kakor tudi akcije, če bomo hoteli kljubovati mogočnemu valu od strani komercialnih inšuranc družb, katere si indirektno, toda resno prizadevajo izpodrinuti zadnji odpor kompeticije, ki jim stoji nasproti od strani britaskih podpornih organizacij.

Opazili lahko ste, da še po nobeni naših dosedanjih konvencij ni bila taka tišina, bodisi javno ali na sejah, kot na primer naš po zadnji iz ozira na naše zaključke. Razen par tistih dopisnikov, ki mislijo, kako silno bi jih čitatelji pogrešali, če bi se vsak teden ne oglašali, je bilo vse mirno.

V sedanjih razmerah in okoliščinah, ko je dežela v objemu skrajnega konservatizma, je več ali manj oteženo stališče tistim posameznikom ali organizacijam, ki korakajo neustrašno naprej z lučjo prosvete. Ampak kakor ni trajna nobena stvar po zakonih evolucije, tako bomo prekoračili tudi to dobo, upajmo da brez hujših bolečin, ako se ljudstvo, medtem tudi naše članstvo, zdrami ali otrse iluzije, da nekdo nekatere opravi vse sam za blagor človeštva.

Tajniški posej pri društvih ni poseben prijeten, poleg tega so pa tajniki podvrženi mnogim neopraciranim in celo krivičnim kritikam, kar je poleg vzrokov, ki sem jih v člankih omenil, tudi krivo, da je vedno težje dobiti člane za ta posej. Dokler so prihajali rojaki iz domovine, ki so sprejemali društvene in druge odbore radi načel in principov jednote, je bilo v tem oziru precej drugače kot danes, ko se troram zanašati na tu rojeno mladino. Idealizem med njimi se pogreša, kakor se ga pogreša med ameriški delavskimi masami splošno in če se v tem oziru kmalu ne izboljša, bomo primorani slediti vzgledu pristnih ameriških bratskih podpornih organizacij, mesto volitev, nastavljanje krajevnih zastopnikov.

Glede članstva sнем poročati, da je organizacija v zadnji polovici preteklega leta zopet napredovala za 558 članov v obeh oddelkih, čemur je seveda pripomoglo združenje organizacije "Lilija". Zdrženje v organizacijo "Lilija" inkorporirano v državi Wisconsin in s sedežem v mestu Milwaukee, katera je imela eno društvo, je bilo končno izvršeno v mesecu septembru preteklega leta, katera imovina, članstvo in obveznosti je prevzela naša jednota. Skupna imovina prejeta v gotovini in vladnih zadolžnicah je znašala \$40,933.39 brez rezerve bolniškega sklada, za kar smo imeli poseben dogovor ali pogodbo, kot se je zahtevalo od zavarovalniških departamentov obeh držav. Tudi vsota \$16,000 na vsakega člana, zavarovalnega za bolniško podporo pri imenovani organizaciji, so nam uradniki že dostavili, toda ker so bili v večini U.S. bondi, ki so reprezentirali dotično vsoto in izdani na društvo mesto organizacijo, so bili vnjeni s priporočilom, da se jih vnovič in nazaj pošlje gotovino. V članstvu obeh oddelkov smo pa pridobili z združenjem 513 članov.

Omeniti moram, da so nam pri tej konsolidaciji bili vseskozi jako dobri na roko vsi glavni odborniki—izvrševalci prošnjega tajnika—in tudi nekateri drugi člani, kateri zaslužijo od naše strani prav toplo priznanje.

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Te številke nam narekujejo, da je potrebno stalno pridobivati nove člane, če hočemo, da bo jednota napredovala in rastle v članstvu tudi v bodoče, kajti članstvo neprestano izumira in odpada. Imejmo to v vidiku in delujmo vsak po svoji moči, da se bo to izvrševalo v polni meri.

Lodge 88 to Give Dance April 19

MOON RUN, Pa.—After a long period of social inactivity, SNPJ Lodge No. 88 is once more planning a dance, to be held on Saturday, April 19, at the Slovenian Hall in Moon Run.

An enjoyable evening is in store for all, young and old, and everyone is cordially invited to attend. Music to please everyone will be provided by Paul Dolinar and his orchestra from Library. Tasty refreshments will be served and a "saljiva pošta" will be held, which the committee feels sure will be a lot of fun.

This is the first dance our lodge has held in several years, so come one and all and help us make this affair a big success. We hope that all members will back this dance wholeheartedly and will give a little gift towards the "pošta." Such gifts can be left at Bob Macek's store or at the home of the writer. Once more, remember Moon Run on April 19.

ALBERT JERALA.

Strugglers' Star-Gazette

CLEVELAND, O.—This weekend finds the Eastern Invitational Tourney taking place at the Slovene Home Alleys on Waterloo rd. From the latest reports we are told that 76 teams have already placed their entries, which proves that this affair can't help but be successful.

Strugglers are having five men's teams and three ladies' teams. The captains have been notified of the time that their respective teams will bowl and they in turn will notify the bowlers. To the bowlers: PLEASE BE ON TIME! Otherwise it will throw everyone off schedule.

The committee has worked hard to try to satisfy all pertaining to the time they would like to bowl. A little cooperation on your part would be just a way of saying "Thank you" to those who are responsible for making this tourney a very successful one. And to those who are still in doubt about the time they have to be at the alleys, please get in touch with Sec'y Laurie at Potomac 0188 and he will give you all the necessary information.

Strugglers-Newsy-Notes

With the stork working on an overtime basis in Struggleville we should have a very definite gain in membership. This time he left a bundle of joy at the home of Dorothy Kurrent. Congratulations!

At the rate Frank Ipavec (our prey) is selling tickets for our 20th anniversary show April 13, the hall should be packed and the standing room only sign will be in evidence. The deadline for placing ads in our Souvenir Booklet is March 31. If you wish to place your name on our Patron List you can do so for the small sum of one dollar. Any of the following members will be glad to put you on the patron list: Frank Ipavec, Phil Sirca, Ted Lauric, Walter Lampe, Anne Zeld, Ed Leskovec, Paul Golob and Fred Perusek.

And to my pal Rose Mary Raines: Got some tickets for you for our 20th anniversary and will be seeing you this weekend. To all the rest of the SNPJs make it a date to be with us on April 13 at the Slovene Workmen's Home on Waterloo rd.
ANNE S. ZELE, 614.

Veronian News

VERONA, Pa.—We would like to make an announcement to our many friends and neighboring lodges. Every Saturday until further notice, will be dance night at the Club. So if you want to enjoy an evening, plan to come down and bring along your friends.

Bowling is still going strong. One team trying to outbowl another. Gets rather interesting, why not come up and join in the gaiety. Sorry the weather had to spoil our matches with Ambridge and Sygan. Shall we you in the future.

April 19 will be another day to remember, as it is the day of the Veronians' Benefit Dance, featuring the Musical Stylists. Make this a red letter day on your calendar.

Our meetings show the same old, same old time. Why can't we members take a few minutes to come down and help out in discussions put "on the floor." Really they're for our benefit and it helps to have opinions put forward. Surely your lodge means enough to give your vote for motion which will benefit all concerned.

Let's see more of you, at the April 19 meeting.

J. BURSIC, 650.

A Message to President Truman

The following message, protesting America's intended intervention in Greece and Turkey, was sent by the Supreme Executive Committee of the SNPJ to President Harry S. Truman, White House, Washington, D. C.:

Harry S. Truman
President, United States
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. President:

Acting on behalf of seventy thousand members of this fraternal organization, we beg to respectfully submit to you the following:

We feel quite indignant over your speech in Congress on March 12, 1947, in connection with the request for appropriation of four hundred million dollars to help Greece and Turkey.

We are gravely perturbed over this course of action by our Government, and consider it not only a complete departure from the principles we fought for in the great war of liberation, but, also a fatal blow to the United Nations organization, and that this country is being slowly dragged into the third world war.

We, like all true Americans and patriots, worked hard day and night and went to the extremes of our abilities in buying bonds to win the war that was supposed to bring liberation for all the peoples, and, therefore, voice our protest against this unilateral action which is an insult to the memory of our dead soldiers and our late President Franklin D. Roosevelt.

We request a change in the course of action by our Government in this connection, based on justice and true democracy and in the spirit of international cooperation without which a just and lasting peace cannot be made possible.

Very respectfully,

Slovene National Benefit Society

VINCENT CAINKAR, President

F. A. VIDER, Secretary

Universal Comets

UNIVERSAL, Pa.—This is a belated thanks to Avella for the "salt in your coffee" deal. Did you ever taste anything as bad in your life? The salt in our beer was fine, but we do prefer sugar in our coffee. Thank you again, Avella, the beer, coffee and sandwiches were appreciated. We'll try and treat you as nicely when we have our return game.

Universal has one of the most proficient booking agents in George "Gish" Remezo. The women's and men's Comet team started for Graham's last Sunday with expectation of bowling the ever-powerful gang from Ambridge. Who do you think we found waiting for us when we arrived? It was the other rough gang, the Morning Stars. Wires were crossed somewhere. Because there we had the Morning Stars ready and waiting and the Ambridge team on the way, "Gish" decided to go ahead with both matches. Our games with the Morning Stars were ending as Ambridge arrived, so it turned out for the best. Some people can fall in mud and come out looking like Clark Gable. Gish is one of the fortunate ones.

The Comets showed no partiality at the matches. We took one game from each team; that is the men, of course. The women took five of their six games. (They are going to be very unpopular at that rate.) Of the men's six games, Sam Bonardi had high score. Dependable Sam had a 209. Five strikes in a row add up in a hurry.

At this point, I want to congratulate Mr. Sam Bonardi and his wife, Edna, who presented Sam with a 6 lb. bouncing baby boy. If Junior is giving you any sleepless nights, Sam, try bouncing him. It may be the solution to your problem. (Bounce him on your knee, though, Sam!)

This intra-lodge bowling of the Comets is as exciting as the popular inter-lodge meets. At present, Henry "Center" Previc's team is fighting it out for first place with Max "Mighty-Man" Kumer's team. One game is now separating them. Henry has a string of formidable characters in Jenny "Oops" Previc, Rose "Tiny" Svoboda, Mary Caesar, and brother Matt and Bill "Big and Little Boom" Bertovich. Max has such stalwarts as Tom "Coons" Bertovich, Ann Yenets, Rose "Flea" Sechoha, "Sweet-Fio" Berg and Babo "Aw-Heck" Deming. The two teams meet Monday night. Fur is going to fly. So, girls, wear your cloth coats.

Sammy "Click-Click" Bonardi's team is a close third. Sam is mourning the loss of Ann "Lefty" Ward. Ann was lost through an operation. She is sitting out the rest of

the year. With Ann on the sidelines, he still has Ernie "Two feet over the foul line" Pivrotti, Ernie's mother, Mary, Frances "Mickey" Remezo, Mary "Mush" Fiala and Rose "Specs" Bertovich. Trailing in last place is Mike "One-Ball" Kumer's team. Mike was greatly entertained with the acquisition of Howard Ward. Wardie is a bad influence on Mike, though. With the Moose bar only a doorway away, and all Comet members also a Moose, Wardie has induced Mike into having a social drink after he finishes the one he just had. Mike is the quiet type, but he is now doing an Apache war dance on the runaways after each strike. "One Ball" has great hopes for his last placers now though. Another 213 game from Helen Strehar, and a few good games from Ann Kumer's tenpin ball and a 120 from May Kopal and Kumer each night and he should give all of us gray hair. Come on, Mike, betcha can't catch "Mighty Man" Max.

MATTHEW G. BERTOVICH, JR.

SNPJ Farm Board Meeting March 20

CLEVELAND, Ohio.—There will be a very special meeting of the SNPJ Recreation Farm Board, Thursday, March 20, at 7:30 pm at the SDD on Waterloo rd. All representatives are urgently requested to attend.

Members of all SNPJ lodges, especially presidents and secretaries, are invited to attend this meeting, to participate in the discussion of a subject which is of interest to all,

Spirit-O-Grams

ST. LOUIS, Mo.—The most important of today's news is our Veterans Party which will be held Saturday, March 22, at the Rose Bowl, 3323 S. Kingshighway Blvd. Dinner will be served promptly at 6:30 pm. Please make note of the exact time. We previously announced the time as 8 pm but due to unexpected circumstances the dinner will be served at 6:30 pm.

We will be served in the beautiful private dining room just off of the main dining room. The manager and owner of the Rose Bowl promises to serve a meal we all will remember for a long time to come. It will just melt in our mouth. And we can dance to our heart's content for the orchestra is there at our disposal. It's keen, all right. The place closes at 2:30 am so we'll have many hours of fun.

Several of the Spirits attended the

SNPJ Trojans Lodge No. 748

JOHNSTOWN, Pa.—It is nice to see the attendance improving at our regular monthly meetings. Keep it up members, and show your fraternalism. Let's show that we can be what our name stands for—the best and most active lodge in our district.

We're sure everyone enjoyed the accordion selections by Frank Miklaucic Jr. Frank has promised to come back and play for dancing after the next meeting, so why not join us, members, for another jolly time? Incidentally, V. C. Glavach, chairman of the attendance committee, suggested we start a kitty fund to encourage a large crowd at our meetings.

This month's winner was to have been Stanley Mrak, but since he was not present, the prize will be added to next month's amount. Come and try your luck on Sunday, April 13, at 7:30 at the Lorain Boro Slovene Hall. We initiated one new member, Agnes White. Welcome, Agnes. Genevieve Kapriva tendered her resignation as recording secretary, and Elsie Culkar was chosen to take over. Our sick members are Frank Urbas, and Mollie Tercek. We wish you both a speedy recovery. Members, why not pay them a visit?

Our lodge will sponsor its first dance on Saturday, May 10, at the Slovene Hall, Lorain Boro. Dancing will be from 9 to 12, to the music of Lew Kopler's orchestra, Johnstown's most popular Slovene Polkateers. Tickets will be on sale soon, so plan to be with us for a good time.

DANCE COMMITTEE.

Colorado Rockies Meeting March 25

DENVER, Colo.—The Colorado Rockies Lodge 645 SNPJ will hold their next meeting on the 25th of March at 8 pm at Sis. Della Smilanic's home, 531 Fox st. All members are requested to attend. Members, let's all help and make it a success.

Our February meeting was very successful in spite of the prevailing weather. Those who attended the meeting at Bro. Spangenberg's had a wonderful time, and all those delicious refreshments Sis. Spangenberg served after the bingo game.

Glad to hear that Sis. Frances Klipka and Bro. Jacob Lenich are well on to recovery after their illness.

ANN GHEDSEY, Rec. Sec'y.

Calls Meeting of 5 Lodges' Officers

PHILADELPHIA, Pa.—On March 11, I sent out letters to the secretaries of Lodges 56, 140, 540, 580, 687 and 756. These letters were for the purpose of calling together all presidents and secretaries for a special meeting to be held Thursday evening, March 27, at Bohemian Hall, 19th ave. and 17th st., Newark, N. J.

At this meeting, I plan to discuss the current SNPJ Lodge Campaign and the juvenile and sports activities. In my opinion Newark seems to be the central location of these various lodges.

I hope, with your cooperation, that we may be able to make the sports activities here in the eastern area just as active as those of the Pittsburgh, Cleveland, Chicago and Detroit areas. Therefore, I wish to urge you various officers to attend this meeting and lend your support.

JOHN CEBULAR,
1st Dist. Vice Pres.

namely, improvements on the SNPJ Farm.

FRANK PYKE, Sec'y.

Schedule of Campaign Awards and Quotas

The new membership campaign is known as "THE SNPJ LODGE CAMPAIGN" and is supported by the slogan, BUILD YOUR LODGE; STRENGTHEN YOUR SOCIETY. It is designed as a special contest for the lodges, grouped into three classes, as follows:

- CLASS A—All lodges having over 200 adult members
- CLASS B—All lodges having 101 to 200 adult members
- CLASS C—All lodges having 100 or less adult members

Quota for Every Lodge

Each lodge is assigned a quota of new members, starting with a minimum of FIVE for lodges having 50 or less adult members and graded proportionately upward, using the ratio of one new member for every ten adults until the maximum quota of 25 is reached, as shown in the table below:

Adult Membership	Quota	Class	Adult Membership	Quota	Class
50 or less	5 new members	C	151 to 160	16	B
51 to 60	6	"	161 to 170	17	"
61 to 70	7	"	171 to 180	18	"
71 to 80	8	"	181 to 190	19	"
81 to 90	9	"	191 to 200	20	"
91 to 100	10	"	201 to 210	21	"
101 to 110	11	"	211 to 220	22	"
111 to 120	12	"	221 to 230	23	"
121 to 130	13	"	231 to 240	24	"
131 to 140	14	"	241 to 250	25	"
141 to 150	15	"	251 or more	25	"

Awards for New Members

Attractive prizes shall be awarded to lodges and individual members as inducements for greater enrollment of new members, provided at least six monthly assessments have been paid. REGULAR PRIZES shall be awarded to the individual members, according to the following scale:

For each juvenile insured under Plan 1	\$1.00
For each juvenile insured under Plan 2 or 3	\$2.00
For each adult insured for \$500 or less	\$2.00
For each adult insured for \$1000 or more	\$4.00

SPECIAL PRIZES shall be awarded to the three highest lodges in each class who enroll the most new members over their respective quotas, as follows:

CLASS A	CLASS B	CLASS C
1st \$100.00	1st \$100.00	1st \$100.00
2nd \$ 75.00	2nd \$ 75.00	2nd \$ 75.00
3rd \$ 50.00	3rd \$ 50.00	3rd \$ 50.00

THE GRAND PRIZE shall be awarded to the lodge enrolling the highest number of new members over its quota in all three classes combined. This shall consist of an additional award of \$50.00 and a membership enrollment plaque, emblematic of the highest achievement in the campaign, upon which shall be engraved the names of all the members of the lodge who enrolled 5 or more new members.

The campaign shall have an HONOR ROLL and this shall contain all the lodges who attain or exceed their assigned quotas. Each lodge will receive a CERTIFICATE OF ACHIEVEMENT at the close of the campaign from the Society.

The Reveliers' Column

AMBRIDGE, Pa.—The Reveliers' regular monthly meeting was held Sunday, March 9, at 3:30 pm instead of at 7:30 pm, as was originally scheduled. No doubt this was the reason for the scanty attendance. The entertainment that was planned for after the meeting was canceled and will be held after next month's meeting on April 13. In addition to the planned entertainment there will be a party for the juveniles of both the Reveliers lodge and the Slovene-speaking lodge of Ambridge. The purpose of this party is to get the juveniles together and interested in forming a Juvenile Circle here in Ambridge. Here's hoping we achieve our goal.

Reminder to all softball players, rosters and friends: A get-together dinner will be held at the Slovene Home here Saturday, March 22, at 7 pm with the Ladies Auxiliary of the Slovene Home preparing the

meal. All those planning to attend can secure tickets from Tony Grandovic, our president. "A good meal and a good time for only \$1.50."

The Reveliers are ready to tackle another such dance as was held in Strabane March 8. We all had one grand time. The orchestra was tops, the crowd immense and you can count the Reveliers in favor of another dance like this one any time, you Pioneers. It was swell seeing all our "cousins" at the dance from Strabane, Sygan, South View, Avella, Pittsburgh and Aliquippa, and meeting new friends from Oakdale, Cleveland and elsewhere. We hand it to you fellows from Strabane. You certainly blended in well with the Yankovich orchestra on those toy instruments of yours. We still can't figure why Yankovich didn't sign you fellows up.

Congratulations to Alberta Vlasic on her recent engagement to Andy Ivan of West Aliquippa. Belated birthday wishes to Bradley Grandovic, Mary Anzur and Lou Rosenberger. Happy birthday to Janez Rosenberger and his twin sister, Marge!

On the Reveliers sick list is Andy Spolarich, who is confined to the hospital. The gang isn't complete without you, "Snakes," so hurry and get well.

Talk around the vicinity of the Slovene Home: Recently organized orchestra featuring Rizzo "Fingers" Uhernik and Eddie "Squeeze-it" Rosenberger on the accordions, Kaiser "On-the-beat" Cousins on the drums, and Joe "Piccolo Pete" Tekatar on the piccolo. You haven't really heard anything till you've heard these fellows swing it out.

The Reveliers will be heading Aliquippa way March 29 to be on hand for the Excelsiors dance which will feature Sygan's piano and joy, "Junior" Krek and his orchestra.

MARGE and BETTY.

Lodge 640 to Mark Birthday in April

BRIDGEPORT, Ohio.—The Cardinals, Lodge 640 SNPJ, will celebrate their birthday with a dance on Saturday, April 26, at the SNPJ Hall at Boydsville, featuring Jack Guzell and his Melody Mixers. Those of you who have heard him know what a swell music his band can play; those who have never heard him play, now will be the time for you to come and dance to his music.

Let us all get out and get our hats and coats—all of us Cardinals—and attend our big celebration April 26. All you folks who love polkas don't miss this dance. There is a good time in store for young and old, so please remember this date with the Cardinals in Bridgeport. What do you say, Strabane Pioneers? We are also hoping that Lodge 13 of Bridgeport, Lodge 4 of Neffa and Lodge 333 of Blaine will remember the date. There will be plenty of refreshments.

Cardinals, don't forget the campaign that is now on. How many new members do you have for the April meeting? The meeting will start at 7:30 pm sharp. Our new member, Carl Sutton, is donating hamburgers for this meeting, and Vida and Mary will prepare them. So all you Cardinals be sure and attend as a good time is assured for all after the meeting.

MARY HOLUB, Secretary.

Forest City Lodges Plan New Program

WILKES-BARRE, Pa.—It is urged that all members of SNPJ Lodges 45, 124, 372, 656, and especially the young English speaking members of these lodges, attend a very important meeting on Sunday, March 23, at 2 pm at Zvon Hall, Forest City.

On February 2, the officers of the above mentioned lodges held a joint meeting at which it was agreed to have a joint educational committee. Brother Anthony Bozich, of Lodge 372, was elected as temporary chairman and Frank J. Tomazich, of Lodge 656, as secretary of this committee.

Plans for future educational and sports activities will be made at this meeting on March 23, as well as plans for a membership campaign to build the SNPJ.

Our members are now or have been actively engaged in sports, but never as an SNPJ group. There will also be plans for the girls—such as bowling teams, dramatics, and many other educational interests.

The national SNPJ is anxious for all lodges to activate their members in any educational programs and will support the lodges both morally and financially in their undertakings.

FRANK VRATARIC.

Little Fort News

WAUKEGAN, Ill.—Everyone who attended the "Old Time Party" dance on March 15 had such a good time we are sure they will have just as good a time at the coming dance given Sat., March 22, at the SNH called "Nite of Surprises." The entertainment will be furnished by Stan Gregorin and orchestra. Admission for the dance will be 50c. Get your tickets ahead of time so that you will not miss this night of fun. Barbecue supper will be served from 8 to 10 pm.

Chairmen for the "Nite of Romance" dance planned on Saturday, March 29, are Josephine Bezek and Edward Leban. The orchestra engaged for the evening is Stan Gregorin and the price of admission is 50c. Supper will be served from 8 to 10 pm. Let's see you all for this night which closes our series of dances for this month.

The next Little Fort meeting will be held on Thursday, March 20, at the SNH at 8 pm. Plan to attend.

DOROTHY GABROSEK, 568.

Attention, Cleveland SNPJ Fed. Delegates

CLEVELAND, O.—Because of the Eastern SNPJ Invitational Bowling tournament is scheduled to take place here March 21-22-23, it was necessary to postpone the Federation meeting for one week, that is, March 29, at 7:30 pm.

This meeting will be very important. The Federation president will have some definite recommendations pertaining to the program for the National SNPJ Day celebration which will be held in our city next Labor Day. All lodge representatives are urged to be present without fail.

MATT PETROVICH, Pres.

NATIONAL BOWLING TOURNEY NEWS

By Michael Vrhovnik

Entries and fees for the National Bowling Tournament are slowly beginning to arrive. The very first to be reported was the **Pioneer 559** team captained by **Stanley Zele**, an old-timer in SNPJ bowling circles and an employee at the Main Office of the Society for the past 25 years. Brother Zele has the distinction of having won the SNPJ doubles title (with Isadore Zupancic) back in 1930 on a combined score of 1129, and the all-events honors with a nine-game total of 1745. He was also a member of the Pioneer squad which copped the national team title in 1938. Now, after a lapse of nearly eight years, he is re-entering the national bowling scene, this time heading a team of "youngsters" who will be bowling in their first SNPJ tournament. This is not a picked team, but is one that was organized at the start of the current season and has bowled together in the Pioneer League on Wednesday nights, and in the Westside SNPJ Inter-Lodge League every Sunday afternoon. The five bowlers carry a combined average of about 775 which means, if they're on as a team, they'll give many a Class "B" entry a run for top honors at the Cascade Bowling Center, come April 25, 26 and 27.

RECORD ENTRY OF 150 TEAMS POSSIBLE

The Chicago Pioneers, under whose auspices the tournament will be conducted, expect to enter about twenty teams in the two classes. The indications are very promising that at least nine other Chicago lodges will be represented in this eleventh annual bowling classic, with **Slavia**, the number one lodge of the Society, entering a team for the first time in its history. It is estimated that the Chicago lodges, alone, will enter 35 to 40 teams. Other lodges in the midwest area, including those in Waukegan, Milwaukee, West Allis, Sheboygan, La Salle, Joliet, Springfield, St. Louis, Indianapolis, etc. are almost certain to duplicate that number, which means a total of 75 to 80 teams for athletic districts 5, 6 and 7. With the four eastern districts, including such large bowling centers as Detroit and Cleveland and the smaller towns of Barberton, Strabane, Sharon, Johnstown, Ambridge, Verona, etc., sending large groups of kегlers to this national event, a record entry of approximately 150 teams is almost certain to be established. Both Class A and Class B, men's and women's divisions, will be well represented.

TOURNAMENT PRIZE FUND

The record prize fund of nearly \$2,000, set at Cleveland in 1946 on an entry of 99 teams, is expected to soar well beyond the \$3,000 mark this year. On an estimated entry of 150 teams, the Society's share of the entire amount, including the cost of trophies and engraving, will come to approximately one half of the total, as compared with \$800 appropriated from the athletic fund a year ago. This definitely assures the most attractive list of prizes we have ever had in a SNPJ tournament.

In addition to regular prizes for good bowling, there will also be consolation awards for every fourth team finishing out of the money. Now, to give you a better idea of how good your chances are of winning one of the many prizes in this year's tournament, here are the totals for 1946 in Cleveland—51 prizes for 99 teams, 75 prizes for 201 doubles, 120 prizes for 393 singles, besides 6 all-events and 4 high game prizes. With bowlers divided into two classes (A and B), the chances of the average SNPJ bowler landing among the winners are now, at least, a third better than last year and, what is not to be overlooked, the Class "B" bowlers will have their own big prizes to shoot at, just as will the Class "A" entrants. And that is the most important difference, for it puts the not so good bowler on a more equal level with the good and extra good bowlers in their respective classes.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

What is meant by an established average? By an established average is meant the average a bowler acquires or builds up through participation as a member of a bowling league. One who has never bowled in a league, according to this explanation, does not have an established average.

Must all bowlers give their averages? Only those who will participate in Class "B" are required to furnish their averages. In each case the bowler must furnish the latest established average, as of the date when the entry blank is filled out.

If a member bowls or bowled in two or more leagues in the same season, what average is he required to give? He shall furnish the highest average as of his last season of league bowling. For example, if one has an average of 163 in one league, 160 in another, and 157 in a third, his highest average would be 163.

Can a bowler participate in an event both in Class "A" and "B"? According to the Rules and Regulations of the American Bowling Congress, no one can enter or participate more than once in any event or any division of an event in a tournament of this kind. Therefore, you can enter and participate only once in the team event, only once in the doubles event, and only once in the singles event. If you bowl in the team event of Class "B," you cannot bowl in the team event of Class "A" (or vice versa); if you bowl in the doubles event in Class "B," you cannot bowl in the doubles event in Class "A" (or vice versa); and if you bowl in the singles event in Class "B," you cannot bowl in the singles event of Class "A." (We have several other questions which will be answered next week.)

IMPORTANT FOR YOU TO KNOW

In order to be eligible to enter and participate in the coming National Bowling Tournament, one must be a member in good standing of the lodge he will represent, having joined the SNPJ on or before February 1, 1947.

If recently transferred from one lodge to another, one cannot bowl for the new lodge unless he has been a member there for 90 days or longer. Any exception to this rule must be approved by the National Athletic Board.

All entries and fees must be sent to the tournament secretary not later than April 10, 1947. The postmark will determine the date mailed. Before signing an entry blank, the local lodge secretary shall, in each instance, furnish the certificate number of the bowlers whose names are entered thereon, and certify that they are members in good standing by attaching his signature and the lodge seal. The captain of each team shall be responsible for the averages furnished for bowlers entered in Class B.

Do not mix Class "A" entries with Class "B," or vice versa, on the same entry blank. Keep them separated. For example, you might have one or more Class "B" bowlers entered in the Class "A" team or doubles event. If such bowlers desire to enter the Class "B" singles event, as would be the natural thing for them to do, place his name for that particular event on a Class "B" entry blank. The same would also apply in the case of Class "A" bowlers entered in the team or doubles event of Class "B."

For the benefit of those lodges who did not receive entry blanks or failed to get enough of them, you will find a duplicate of the official blank in this section of the Prosveta. This one is for Class "B" entries, but it can also be used for Class "A" by changing the designation "B" to "A," disregarding the column for averages, and paying the higher fee for each bowler.

Southside SNPJ Interlodge News

SO. CHICAGO III.—Last week's games in the Southside Inter-lodge tennis league were nip and tuck affairs at the Rollaline Alleys. J. Zack's 586 (220) series was a big factor in helping the Delavec Mustangs strengthen their league lead by downing the Trailblazers' Ramblers twice. J. Poropat's 576 (204) marks provided the big guns in furnishing the upset of the week as 490's Rangers took two games from the Delavec Wolves. The Trailblazers' Tigers, with M. Kuhel's 596 (210) score, won two games from the Delavec Bears. L. Kuhel came thru with a 200 score in the last game to help the Sentinels take two from the Trailblazers' Panthers.

ALL THAT SORT OF THING. Here is the news the bowlers should be interested in. The prize list, as recommended by the league chairman, was approved at the recent meeting. The league will hold a Sweepstake's event on April 5 at the Rollaline alleys. All forty bowlers will participate. Twenty doubles' teams will be formed, listing each doubles' team according to league averages and handicaps. Each team will have an excellent chance to win a prize. Fee for entering the sweepstakes will be \$2.00 per person. Make your reservation to bowl early. For more details see the league officers. After the sweepstakes, April 5, the league will hold a party. League and sweepstakes prizes will be distributed at this party. Expenses for the party will be paid by all participating in the party. Do not fail to reserve April 5 for the sweepstakes' events and the bowlers' party. On March 29 SANS Branch 54 will hold its social and dance on Saturday at the IOS Hall on 101st st. and Ewing ave. All are invited to attend. Tickets can be gotten from Jack Briljavec or the committee. To be eligible for league prizes all bowlers must bowl in six of the last nine games scheduled in the league. Only two more weeks of league bowling. Be present for the final six games. So long, until again. L. K., 610.

SNPJ LADIES LEAGUE

CLEVELAND, Ohio.—With only seven more weeks of bowling we find the Concordians still leading by two games. Spartans in second place followed by Strugglers and Comrades-1. All have an eye and a chance for the top notch and the big trophy.

Last week's session made no changes in the set-up. Concordians walloped the Loyalties in all three games. Millie Mann the southpaw shooter moved them down for a neat 567 series for the Concordians. Jean Bebar (Opic) topped the Loyalty sheet with 462.

Spartans walked away with three wins from the Comrades-2 to retain a firmer grip on second place. Frances Zupancic being the topper with 459. Stella Zadel was high for the Comrades with 432.

Comrades-1 and the Strugglers' battle for 3rd place resulted in Strugglers 2, Comrades 1. Lillian Henikman and Marie Son scored 460 and 458 respectively. Antoinette Skok was high for the Comrades with 439.

Utopians-2 took two games from the Utopians-1 to cop 5th place in the league. Mary Perdan was high with 434 for the victors, while C. Lisch led the losers with 456.

Invitational tournament: Will be held this weekend. Every bowler is expected to do their bit in one way or another to help make it a success in every way. Girls, kindly be prepared to accept any task which you may be asked to do. Only with fraternal cooperation will we achieve success.

PAULINE ROSS, Sec'y.

BOWLING NEWS

WAUKEGAN, Ill. — Bowling strikes March 9: Furlans beat the Co-op two games and the No. Chicago Dairy beat the Gantars two games. Furlans hit the high series of 2207.

Among the men F. Belec hit high series of 537 and high game of 203. Among the ladies S. Smolich hit the high series of 400 while C. Stritar hit the high game of 180. March 16 Furlans beat Gantars two games and the Co-op beat the Dairy three games, Furlans hitting 2189 for their series. The standings are: Furlans 41-25, Gantars 33-33, Co-op 33-33, Dairy 25-41.

Those interested in bowling in the national SNPJ tourney should make themselves known so teams can be formed. A good place to form a team is by attending the Little Fort

We again wish to call your attention to hotel accommodations. As previously announced by the local tournament committee, a sufficient number of rooms have been reserved at the Morrison Hotel, located at Clark and Madison, Chicago 2, Illinois to accommodate the requirements of all out-of-town bowlers and visitors. This hotel is conveniently located to rail and bus terminals. Not only that, but from this point you need take only one streetcar to the Cascade Bowling Center, scene of the national tournament, or to within one block of where the social affairs will be held and meals and refreshments served. Special reservation cards have been mailed to lodges along with the entry blanks. Use these in making direct contact with the hotel. If you have no such cards or exhaust your supply, in that case any card or a letter will accomplish the same purpose. However, be sure to mention that you will be a bowler or visitor at the SNPJ bowling tournament.

Kegling Kapers

By J. J. Spilar

CLEVELAND, Ohio.—The league leading Cleveland-2 clubbers ran into a snag in the form of the determined Loyalty-2 gunners but retained their two and a half point lead as the second place Utopian squad was also squelched by the Comrades. Frank (Big Boy) Miklich headed the three point victory for the winners with a 532 series. Frankie Ostanek kept up his heavy blasting with a 597 set for the pace-setters. Shorty Zadel's band now has moved within a single point of their rival Loyalty-1 team. I warned you, Stan Zupon!

Bursting out in a rash of strikes which amazed their opposition, and themselves, the Comrade entry shot their highest series of the season in taking two games and three points from the Utopian-1 Red Raiders. Eddie Grum drummed out a 573 total for the Comrades who weren't chummy at all. Joe Zupanic recorded the same series for the ruffled Red Shirts.

Billy Schlarb and Eddie Centa starred for the Spartans who whipped the Loyalty-5 crew twice. Bill belted a 610 series and Ed backed him up with 562. And to think I had to pick out these two for a bet. No fair! Eddie Stefanic smashed a 238 game in a 572 series for the losers.

Team Results: Loy-2, 2, Cleve-2, 1. F. Miklich 532, F. Ostanek 597. Comrades 2, Utop-1, 1. E. Grum 573, J. Zupanic 573. Spartans 2, Loy-5, 1. B. Schlarb 610, E. Stefanic 572. Euclid 158-2, Loy-1, 1. J. Zgonc 510, J. Karr 572. Loy-4, 2, Utop-2, 1. J. Krall 598, N. Spehar 562. Loy-3, 2, Concordians 1. F. Zaman 575, A. Dusa 527. Cleve-1, 2, Lunders 1. J. Kuzmic 533, A. Primc 570. Utop-3, 2, Strugglers 1. W. Kronik 547, M. Podnar 480.

200 Circle: E. Stefanic 238, F. Miklich 232, J. Karr 228, J. Krall 227, E. Grum 225, F. Ostanek 223, A. Dusa 222, B. Schlarb 221-212, A. Primc 221, J. Matthews 219, L. Strukel 218, S. Zupon 214, W. Kronik 213, J. Zupanic 212, M. Krall 211, F. Zaman 204-203, N. Spehar 202, W. Leskovec 201, F. Jagodnik 201, P. Manillo 201.

78 Teams Establish Record Eastern Entry

CLEVELAND, O.—Seventy eight hopeful squads will vie for honors in the Eastern Invitational Tournament to be held March 21, 22 and 23 at the Slovenian Home Alleys. This is by far the largest entry for the annual classic which proves that the postwar trend tips heavily to the favorite sport of most SNPJ members. With fifty seven local aggregations and twenty-one out of towners, the competition should be keen and judging from the earliest reports of these groups, the National Tourney at Chicago next month will surpass last year's event which was staged in this city. Records are made to be broken and this is the year for the books.

The Young Americans 564 of Detroit head the invading contestants with seven teams followed by the Wolverines 677 of the same area and the Pioneers 589 from Strabane, Pa., with four apiece. Triglav 82 of Johnstown, Pa., and the Buckeye 626 of Barberton have two and Danica 105 of Indianapolis and the Pioneers 559 of Chicago one.

The local roll call finds the Loyalties 590 with fourteen, Utopians 604 ten, Strugglers 614 eight, Spartans 576 and Comrades 566 six, Concordians 185 four, Cleveland 126 and Nanos 264 two and Napredne Slovenke 137, Euclid 158, Lunder Adamic 28, Lodge 135 and Velebit 544 one.

The competition will start Friday evening, March 21, for the home town trophy hunters. The visiting kegling will be in to strut their stuff starting Saturday afternoon. Joseph Matthews, sec'y of the tournament and the committee composed of Agnes Jeric, Rosemary Raines, Alex Raines, Stanley Zupon and Louis Zadel are brushing up every last minute detail to make this meet an eventful gathering. Cleveland welcomes you, SNPJ members!

J. J. SPILAR.

Lodge dance Saturday nite for most of the kegling will be there.

The SNH choral group had intended to hold their program on a Saturday eve this year, but due to the circumstances the program will be held on Sunday, June 15, in the afternoon and a dance in the evening, featuring Stan Gregorin's orchestra. This will be the first program held by this group since 1941.

VIC BELEC, 568.

Young American Chit Chat

DETROIT.—Our regular monthly meeting was held on March 14. With the membership drive on, let us bring in as many members as we can. Our new members are Dora Junko, Neva Rozich, Nick Sadovy and Ernest Maggi. George Rozich is a transfer and Betty Barries is a juvenile transfer.

The SNPJ Federation is holding "game nite" on April 12, at 17153 John R. Donations will be accepted for this affair. With Mary Prim resigning as delegate of the federation, John Janc was elected in her stead. "As for the lodge doing its share of share buying, we aren't doing badly. We have bought 12 shares in the past month, which gives us a total of 32 shares for the lodge. This enabled us to elect another SND delegate. Frank Hostnik, our past secretary, was elected as our delegate. If anyone is intending to buy shares, do it now, don't keep putting it off. Contact our super-salesmen, Pauline Bence and Joseph Golia.

Plans are progressing nicely for our "G. I. Bust" which is to be held at 17153 John R. on March 29, at 8:30 pm. All Y. A. members, G. I.'s, their immediate family and sweethearts are invited to this affair. The invitations to all our G. I.'s are in the mail. So all you out-of-town G. I.'s pack your grips and head for Detroit and share the fun in this gala affair. There shall be plenty to eat and drinks, and we can dance our shoes off to the wonderful music of Pete Sokach and his orchestra from Cleveland. By the way, girls, bring along your prettiest aprons this particular evening. If we work together we can have everything rolling along fine. We want everyone to feel that they are welcome.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Korsic Jr. upon the arrival of a baby girl. They have a young son Paul. Is she going to be a juvenile member, June and Joe?

The SND sponsored a Patrick's Day party for the children on March 15. They all enjoyed themselves playing games and of course the cats. The Juvenile Circle is progressing nicely under the directorship of Dorothy Karun and Ann Stromar. Keep up the good work, girls. Ann Stromar has been ill the last few days. Get well soon and we will see you around. The juveniles will be given parts for the Mother's Day program Saturday, March 22, at 3 pm. Boys and girls, be sure to be there.

The Wolverines had a good crowd at their "game nite" March 15. The proceeds are to be used in buying shirts and blouses for their bowling teams.

Cleveland, watch our steam for we are rolling in Saturday for the bowling tournament. We have 6 men and 1 women teams entered. Come on gang, let's have a grand time and bowl our darrest. More data on the bowling tournament to be held in Chicago on April 26-27 next week. Any one interested in bowling or making this trip to Chicago please contact Joe Golia or myself and we will make the arrangements.

HELEN STIMAC, 564.

Badgerland News

MILWAUKEE, Wis.—Our hearty congratulations to the Barrington family who are the proud parents of a baby boy. Mrs. Barrington is the former Olga Lenko.

We are happy to state that Fred Cherne, Rose Grabner, and Eugene Schweiger have reported well. On the present sick list are Matt Gaus, 1411 W. Mineral st.; Eleanor Shaffer, 2108 S. 71st st.; Mary Rant, 3234 N. Julia st.; Frank Spek, 111 S. 14th st.; Selma Schneider, 901 S. 28th st., and Paulina Pink. Please visit the sick whenever possible. It should give you a good feeling inside to know that your visit has helped while away a few minutes for those not as fortunate as we are. Let's all be good scouts and do our good duty at all times.

We have it on good authority that a couple of Badger boys have been hit but good by old Dan Cupid. We have not been able to get the ladies' names so if these boys will be good enough to pass the names to our secretary, we will gladly put it in print.

Dates to Remember

March 28.—All good Badgers always remember that the fourth Friday of the month is the date of our regular monthly meeting. The attendance has been fair these past few months, but there is certainly room for improvement. So get on the bandwagon you guys and gals and let's have a big turnout for the March meeting. The meetings are interesting from beginning to end and then there is the social when you can eat, drink, and dance to your heart's content. Make this a date, won't you? Rebernick's Hall, 6th and W. Bruce.

March 30.—The women's lodge Venera will hold a card party on this date at Rebernick's hall. Card playing will start at 2 pm. Prizes will be given at each table. These ladies have always been staunch supporters of our lodge so keep this date in mind. Our secretary has tickets for this affair on hand so act accordingly.

Bowling Taps

Two Badger boys hit the gond in the Remic 875 loop. Matty Graf was tops with his 610 on games of 189-187-234. Al Maren started off with 231 and 208 and then whittled down to 168 for a nice series of 607. Just missing the select was Joey Glavan with a big 598 set. Others above the 550 mark were Carl Evannich 596, Lou Lonkner 589, Al Jerry 574, Louis Glavan 573, Ralph Simons 559, and Stan Sedmak and Eddie Sterbenz with 558.

The Badger mixed went thru two sessions with no honor scores. Stan Sedmak led the parade with a 580 set. Johnny (Curly) Brownell was next in line with 564. Lou Lonkner had a 560 series with a 209 game. Ozzie Dolensek had a good series as he cracked 553 with a big 233 game. Pacing the gals was Mickey Novak who spilled a nice 472 set. Occupying the second rung was Mary Remic who had a 466 series. Frances Debelak was third with her 445 set.

Tony (Zip) Verbeck was on the beam as he cracked the select group twice. In the Monday night's Ned Day 900 loop he had a nice series of 607. He came back in the Kuglitsch 900 circuit and cracked a neat 617 set. Nice going Zip, pass on

the recipe to me as I could stand some instructions. Clara Medved rang the bell twice too as she splattered the setups for a big 588 set in the Wisconsin Women's Classic and comes back in the Hank Merino's ladies' league and hits 539. No honor scores were shot in the Remic social. Tony Onluck and his southpaw slants led the onslaught with his 570. Lou Lonkner had 559, Harry Uhle 547, Eddie Ambrosch 530 and Vic Kouchich 537.

Time is drawing short so get on the beam on forming your teams for the SNPJ national tourney which will be held in Chicago April 25-26-27. Contact our athletic director, Stan Sedmak, as soon as possible. Another thing we highly recommend is the chest X-rays that can be had free of charge thruout the city. Thousands have taken advantage of this so far but every one should as TB has a slow way of working on a person and many are not aware of the disease until it has taken a good hold. Watch your daily papers for the schedule and have that X-ray taken now. More truth than poetry. The harder one works, the happier he is, says a philosopher. Which probably accounts for the fact that there so many sad people in the world. SALTY, 584.

Dance Dates at Sygan: March 22 and April 6

SYGAN, Pa.—On Saturday, March 22, the Woman's Club of Sygan will hold a dance. The music will be furnished by Al Medafor and his Polka-teers.

Lodge No. 6 has planned a dance on Easter Sunday, April 6, with music for your dancing and listening pleasure provided by the popular Sandy Wyse and his men. The ladies and Lodge 6 extend a cordial invitation to all neighboring lodges to attend.

The juvenile bowling teams under the direction of Marian Wirant, one of the Lodge's best women bowlers, is progressing very satisfactorily. The enthusiasm of these young bowlers is bound to carry them on to becoming the future champs of our community. L. M. WIRANT.

Yearly Meeting of Slovene Day Comm.

BRADDOCK, Pa.—The American Slovene Day committee in western Pennsylvania is calling a yearly meeting on Sunday, March 23, at 2 pm in the Slovenian Hall, 57th Street, Pittsburgh. At this meeting a full report of the 4th annual American-Slovene Day will be given. There will also be an election of officers for the year 1947 and various problems pertaining to work of the American-Slovene Day will be discussed. It is very urgent that your lodge or organization be represented at this meeting.

ANTON REDNAK, Sec'y.

The number of women in automobile factories, the iron and steel industry, and in nonferrous plants in September 1946 was double that in 1939, says the Women's Bureau, U. S. Department of Labor.

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Entries Close Midnight April 10, 1947

Spaces below for Tourney Sec'y Entry Fees Amount

Team
Doubles
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Bowling Fees
Total Combined

The members, whose names appear below, hereby make entry in the team and/or individual events of the S.N.P.J. National Bowling Tournament, and agree to abide by the rules and regulations which govern it.

(Arrange names of bowlers in the TEAM and DOUBLES columns in the order in which they will bowl.)

Team	Average	Cert. No.	Doubles	Singles
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Name of team _____ Captain _____ Address _____

ENTRY FEE: The entry fee in Class "B" is \$1.75 per bowler in each event. This includes the cost of bowling. Mail all entries and fees to JAMES JACHINO, Tournament Sec'y, 2610 S. Lawndale Ave., Chicago 23, Illinois. Remit only by U. S. Postal or Railway Express Money Order, bank cashier's draft or personal certified check. The deadline is midnight, April 10, 1947.

CERTIFICATION

(Seal)

This is to certify that the above listed bowlers are members in good standing of the S.N.P.J., Lodge No. at

Signature Lodge Secretary

Our Times

By Louis Beniger

TWO WEEKS ago I "predicted" here that America would embark on a new foreign policy under the guise of "save Greece from communism."

I also said that America will start to dish out millions of dollars to Greece because "there are too many who are blind to the rising tide of human progress and the inevitable changes. They are blind because they are immensely rich and seemingly all-powerful..."

This has now been confirmed by no less an authority than the President himself in his speech of last week.

In it he asks Congress to pour out millions to stem communism in Greece, where at this time there rules a monarcho-fascist regime put there by British bayonets. But President Truman would like to make us believe that in Greece there is a democracy!

If Congress condones, America will give full support to a puppet king and his fascist regime.

HENRY WALLACE was one of the first outstanding defenders of true democracy who vigorously condemned the Truman proposal.

It must be noted that the President wants to save still another "democracy," that of Turkey, lest that shining example of Turkish "freedom" is trampled by communism, too.

Whoever Truman's ghost writers may be, they certainly tried to put one over the American people when they tried to present Greece and Turkey as democracies. Turkey never was a democracy and the whole world knows that, including Truman and his advisers.

"Why then this hypocrisy?" as the Chicago Daily News calls this scheme. Is it not because of our imperialistic aspirations? That's it, dear readers, plus our dollar diplomacy designed to do the trick.

All this, including the oil in the Middle East, plus the Dardanelles, is behind the smoke screen of democracy.

"STOP RUSSIA at any cost!" is the cry of our new foreign policy. This slogan really tells the whole naked story.

It isn't democracy that we must save in Greece and Turkey, is it? We simply must stop the terrible Russians who threaten to gobble up the entire world and enslave us all. This is the refrain of the reactionary forces everywhere, and the naive will fall for it.

Not since Churchill's war-mongering speech of a year ago was the world treated to a more brazen proposal than the one heard last week, only the latter was immensely worse because it was made by the President of the richest and most powerful country in the world.

I still hope against a very slim hope that some voices will rise in Congress which will show enough sanity to oppose that proposal which, if carried out, would be the first direct step to World War III.

The Taxes Co-ops Pay

Consumers co-ops pay the following taxes:

1. Federal Income Tax (this is paid by all city co-ops; exemption is provided by federal law for co-ops that deal only with farmers, and about half of the farm co-ops claim it.)
2. Withholding Tax
3. Excise Taxes
4. Unemployment Insurance
5. Social Security
6. Personal Property Tax
7. Corporation Franchise
8. Milk License

Had enough? The tax exemption, to which Fulton Lewis Jr., Congressman Knutson, the Hearst newspapers, the National Tax Equality Association and others are referring with such bitterness, is extended only to such cooperatives as restrict their membership to farmers. It was meant as an aid to farmers, who within the memory of many still living have not had an income equal to city income.

However, city consumer, co-ops do not benefit by this exemption in any way. See, for confirmation, report of the House Small Business Committee, report of National Association of Manufacturers, report of Commerce and Industry Association of New York, et al.

North Dakota Bills Aimed at Co-ops

Remark, N. D. (CNS)—Six bills now before the North Dakota legislature are said to be aimed at Farmers Union co-ops in this area. Five of them deal with insurance, according to Bob Dugan, editor of North Dakota Union Farmer, and would put the Farmers Union insurance co-ops out of business. Mr. Dugan says the bills stand a good chance of being passed.

Family Life Topic At Toman Library

CHICAGO Ill.—Friday evening, March 21, at 8:30, at Toman Library, 405 W. 27th st., Judge Edwin A. Robson will speak on "What Has Happened to American Family Life." Admission is free.

Juvenile Circles

First Meeting Is Big Success

MILWAUKEE, Wis. — Our first Juvenile meeting was a huge success. About one hundred youngsters attended this affair. We had a good time playing games, coloring books, playing records, and we are looking forward in seeing you fellows and gals at our future meetings.

We will have a meeting once a month each third Saturday of the month at Rebernisek's Hall, 538 S. 6th st. from 2 sharp till 4 pm.

I want to take this opportunity in thanking the following people: Louise Seruga who has spent all of her spare time with me in preparing records, mimeographing, typing, and various odd jobs, to start us on our way; John Rebernisek who donated his hall in order that we could hold our first meeting; Mathilda Kukec, who donated a good number of the color crayon books, crayon and correspondence paper; Frances Debelak, who donated the "Tootsie Filled Suckers"; Otto Jereb for carbon paper; Lawrence Gornik who made the cute shamrocks; Mary Vasil for transportation; Florian Remitz for the use of the albums of records; Lillian Puncer, Martina Thompson, Guest Visitor, Joe Cvetan, Bill Udovich, Kenneth Chuck, Mrs. Mary Gornik, Mrs. Ambroschich, Mrs. Rodich, for their excellent assistance.

And to all you other directors who were there; to the older girls who helped in the cloak rooms, Helen Ruppe and assistants, to all you wonderful parents and to the swell group of fellows and gals who attended our meeting. Once again, "Thank you for coming."

Circle April 19 on your calendar. More details in future articles.

MARIE ERMENC, Director
Junior All Stars Circle.

Circle 54 Will Meet Saturday

SPRINGFIELD, Ill.—The March meeting of the Lincolnite Junior Circle 54 will be held this Saturday, March 22. All members are urged to attend, as final plans for our Easter Party will be completed at this time.

A handcraft session will follow the meeting and everyone will delight in making Easter baskets, cards, and other decorations to make our party a success. Games will be played and refreshments served to end a joyful afternoon for all who attend.

Several new members are expected to attend this meeting and all of us are again reminded to get to work during the membership campaign and encourage our friends to become members of our Lodge and Circle.

To our teen-age group: Don't forget bowling practice at the Spillway Bowling Alleys every Sunday afternoon at 5:30.

MARY AIDICH, Director,
Juvenile Circle No. 54 SNPJ.

To Give Mother's Day Play, Program

DETROIT, Mich.—Circle 29 had a party given by the SND. There was a large crowd present and plenty of refreshments. There was a white cake decorated with green candy on top of green shamrocks and there was different kind of candy on the table. We had sandwiches and ice cream with green candy on the top. We played games and had a program with prizes for the best things.

Beverly Slapsek sang "Open the Door, Richard" and other songs. After the party was over we all pitched in and helped clear up. We give thanks to Dorothy Karun and Helen Koshir for making the party a success. We are sorry to hear that Ann Stroman is ill and we all wish her a speedy recovery.

March 22 we are going to try out for our Mother's Day play, "Mother on Strike." So if you are interested in having a part in the play come to the SND Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock. We were glad to see Jo Ann Yuvan with us at the party after her illness.

FRANCES A. KOSHIR.

Circle No. 19 Plan Spring Activities

STRABANE, Pa.—In another week the first quarter of 1947 will have passed. January was rather quiet, in February we braced up, had our Valentine party, and at the meeting planned our spring activities.

Both boys and girls are anxious to enter the Juvenile Telegraphic Bowling tourney in April. Joseph Sedmak who was appointed captain and manager of boys' team, will line up the players as he sees fit. The best in girls, bowlers will be selected out of practice games. This tournament was much enjoyed last year and is looked forward to with even greater anticipation this year.

April is also SNPJ's anniversary month so our Easter dance was scheduled for Saturday night, April 5. For this dance we have booked the Melody Makers of Barborton, Ohio, of whom Frank Marsek is its foremost accordionist. He is well known here through his recent

marriage to lovely Josephine Laurich.

Since Circle 19 has never had a Mother's Day banquet, and the mothers have requested it time and again, we planned to have just that for Sunday, May 18. With musical selection, song numbers by the Circle chorus and Mother's Day poems in Slovene and English will round out the program nicely.

Quite a number of our members attained the transfer age. Some of those who have transferred are Virginia Boles, Bertha Pavcic, Eddie Kocian, Tony Sedmak and Henry Laurich. These we find hard to part with. Eddie, an ace bowler, who captained the bowling team last year, is already missed. The softball team this year will be minus Pooch and Henry. Bertha with the gay singing voice and Virginia a splendid pianist, who also has a talent for writing, were valuable to the Circle and its programs. Because we are proud of these young people we wish them every success in their new ventures.

With the campaign in full swing new members will be gained to make up the quota. The time has come when the name SNPJ speaks for itself. New members are easier to get than ever before. But we must choose only those who will be an asset not a liability to our Society, we are told. That is as it should be.

Juvenile Circle prospects are good when Circle members propose them. These are boys and girls of school age who are well liked through friendship at school and easily adjust themselves in the Circle. When the parents of these children are contacted and the object of a Juvenile Circle explained to them, they are ready and willing to have them join. "Just to make their boy or girl happy," is the way they put it.

FRANCES PETRO, Director
Juvenile Circle No. 19 SNPJ.

Perfect Circle's Easter Social

CHICAGO.—Youngsters members of Perfect Circle 28 attended the special story-telling session at Toman Library last Saturday morning. Miss Edna Becker, children's librarian told and described Kipling's "Elephant's Child" and one of the "Mary Poppin's" series quite vividly, and to a most enthusiastic audience. The youngsters enjoyed going to the library, and wish to go again, and we certainly will go sometime soon in the future. Perfect Circle wishes to thank the library for all courtesy and cooperation extended them, and also thank Miss Becker for making our visit very pleasant.

Handcraft Meeting Saturday

Perfect Circle members are having a short regular meeting this Saturday morning, March 22, at 10 o'clock. Directly after the meeting, a handcraft session will follow in which preparations for our coming Easter social will be planned and carried out. The Circle is going to have a "Humpty Dumpty" party on March 29, starting at 1 pm. What with egg games, egg decorations, and special "characters egg" contest as one of the features of the party, it looks like it's going to be "the egg and us."

Circle members are requested to bring as many hard-cooked eggs as they need for their characters and any special material needed for decorating them. Paste, colored paper, doliels, cotton, pieces of cloth, crayons, assorted seals, and stands for the finished eggs will be available for Circle members to use at the hall, but don't forget to bring your own scissors.

The "character eggs" will be on display during the party, and prizes will be given for those judged as best of the lot. Also sometime during these festivities on March 29, Perfect Circle will give away a nine-liquid quart Maid of Honor pressure cooker, and it's really a beauty. Parents are invited to attend the "Humpty Dumpty" party, as well as any of our SNPJ friends and followers.

Bowling Echoes

Since the first of the year, Perfect Circle members have been bowling on Sunday mornings. It's more of a "get-together" on most everyone's part, as we just have fun bowling and ribbing each other's scores. Our 12 year-olds, and under age group, are the enthusiasts of these sessions, always vying and trying to outdo each other. Last Sunday, Bradley Tichy's and RobAnn Sannemann's games of 144 and 134, respectively, sent them home cheering. Both are beginners of just a few weeks, and show signs of becoming good bowlers. Grace Ann Gerdanc was the top gal amongst the teen-agers with a swell game of 164. Other "good" games were rolled, and after each one was heard the lament "I only hope WE bowl as good in the tournament." Well, do your best, that's the most that can be asked of anyone, and I'm sure we'll get along fine. More about the Circle bowling plans in the SNPJ Tournament when definite plans have been discussed and formed. See you all at meeting on Saturday.

ANN SANNEMANN, Director
Perfect Circle No. 26-SNPJ.

Circlations

By Marion Cervenka

CHICAGO.—Hello, everyone! I'm the new "Inquiring Reporter" for the Perfect Circle, reporting to you any news concerning the Circle, it's—oops! That's how I started my last column. Can't use the same beginning twice in a row so I'll just say that in this report, I shall unfold to you the "Circlations" during the month of February.

The early weeks of that month found Perfect Circle preparing for their Valentine program, "The Hour of Harm," and their special guests, the Supreme Board members.

During one of the rehearsals for this program, Sylvia Trojar, the flute player in "Phil Spitt's All Girl Band," got her finger stuck in one end of her flute. Although we "laughed ourselves silly" at this episode, we began wondering whether or not she would have to go through life in this condition; but thanks to Mr. Spaga, the SNPJ hall custodian, who hastily pulled it off after other attempts to remove it failed, Sylvia can try to live this episode down.

The night of the Valentine program, before anything had started, I talked with Mr. Filoit, and since both of us are "columnists," I asked him if he had any news he could spare. Once again the thought, "Ask a silly question and you get a silly answer" occurred to me as I popped this one; for he replied, "I brought a toothache with me to Chicago."

The Circle's program turned out very well, and, at the end of the program, four Supreme Board members were asked to sing a song. Rudy Lisch, Joe Culkar, Andy Grum, and Joe Cebular made up the quartet, and Ruth Medic, our Circle pianist, was asked to play "Gremo na Stajersko," which she did, and well, too; but before the song was over, Ruthie was sitting back in the audience. The quartet didn't need any accompaniment the way they sang because everyone laughed so hard you couldn't hear them anyhow. It was very nice having them as our guests, and it was also very nice of them to give our director a big box of chocolates for us, too.

As time marches on, so do folks' ages; and February made older Josephine Slansek and Ruth Medic, Circle alumni who are always around to make sandwiches or wash dishes for us.

In school activities, Myra Andrea is president of her civics class; Joanne Rak is the secretary of her class; Freddy Reven is a member of the student council; and Frankie Michalek is secretary of the school he attends as well as president of his class.

In the musical world, Joanne Rak and Evelyn Ures are busily preparing for a piano recital which will be held at the Pickard School; Myra Beniger and Judy Zasadil, who take piano lessons from the same teacher, appeared in a class recital at Kimball Hall. Dorothy Galavan and Rosemary Merhaut, who play the accordion and guitar, have already displayed their talents at private parties. Ella Mae Selak and Sylvia Trojar were contestants in solo contests held at the Farragut High School, both of them receiving good marks. But, leave it to Sylvia to do something different with her flute, she played with the Boys' Club Band at the Brookfield Zoo when it was presented with a new deer. Too bad it wasn't a snake; Sylvia might have started a new career as a snake charmer.

On the sick list last month were Freddy Reven, who almost caught pneumonia, and Tommy Peknik, who had the chicken pox. Both of them, however, are much better now.

As far as new members are concerned, Ronnie Erickson was the new male addition to the Circle's roll call. Living up to true Circle tradition, he has been to both, lodges Nada's and Slavija's dances. At these affairs, he didn't pass up more than two dances. I'm not quite sure, but rumors say that he is run by jet propulsion.

A few weeks ago, our director, Ann Sannemann, went to Waukegan to "cook something up" between the Jolly Juvenile Circle and ours. As yet we don't know exactly what took place or what will take place; but, speaking of cooking, the Circle is giving away a pressure cooker at its Easter social which will be held in the very near future. Any Circle member will be happy to supply you, for a small fee, a ticket that could make you the lucky winner.

Give Combined Dance At Canton March 23

CANTON, Ohio.—On Sunday evening, March 23, there will be a dance sponsored by Canton Lodge No. 315 SNPJ, American Yugoslav Citizens Club and Serbian Lodge 4045 IWO at the Greek Hall, 10th and Rose Ave. N. E., beginning with a program at 7 o'clock. The music commencing at 8 will be furnished by Frank Zajc and his Polkateers of the Cleveland radio station WGAR. There also will be plenty of refreshments. We cordially invite all members and friends to come out and enjoy the evening with us.

P. CHUFAR, 315.

Strabane Pioneers

STRABANE, Pa.—The Pioneer Spring Festival is an event of the past, but it will be remembered as the biggest and most successful affair in the lodge history. The hall was crowded with SNPJ members and their friends and when we say crowded, well, if you attended the dance Saturday night, you'll know what I mean. Both the upstairs dance floor and the clubrooms were jammed to the last bit of space with members and friends, who came to hear and dance to Frankie Yankovich and his fine band.

Three busloads of SNPJ members were present from Pittsburgh Morning Stars, Cleveland, Brownsville, Verona, California, Turtle Creek, Library, Sygan, Midway and numerous other lodges throughout the tri-state district. Lodge 589 greatly appreciates your coming to visit us on Saturday night and we hope you all had a wonderful time. Our thanks to all of you who helped make the affair the big success it was.

As an added attraction on Saturday, the huge crowd was entertained by Joe Carson and his trio, featuring Marilyn Prosin of Sygan, who is a really fine singer. Mr. Carson is a blind accordionist of great ability and along with Miss Prosin, sang and played some fine songs to the delight of the crowd.

One thing we know is that, when you go to pick out the country's top polka band, you just have to pick Frankie Yankovich. Saturday night the huge crowd could not get enough of his music, so he generously played until three o'clock in the morning and then it seemed the crowd still did not have enough. We heard many fine remarks concerning the fine music, polkas and waltzes and the Pioneers sure are glad that they were able to bring this fine band to Strabane and thus give the SNPJ members of this district a fine treat.

Then, on Sunday beginning at 2 o'clock in the afternoon, Frankie and his boys started providing the music for the entertainment of members of Lodges 138 and 589. It was open house Sunday for members, free sandwiches, beer and free dancing to Frankie Yankovich. And again, it was a full house as members of Strabane's SNPJ flocked to the hall and spent a gala evening of dancing. And, from the youngest to the oldest, they danced to their hearts' content. Such a big hit did the two-day affair make with the lodges here, that arrangements are being made to bring Frankie Yankovich and his band back to Strabane sometime during the middle part of May. We'll pass on the details as soon as we can get them.

It really was a big weekend for the lodges here and again we wish to say "Thank you" to all of you who helped make it the big success it was. And to Lodge 589 entertainment committee, Frances Abacic, Jane Kenowski, Frances Zele, Harry Kaminski, Carl Podboy and James Podboy, Tony Tersheli, the club steward, and all who aided the committee, we say you did a fine job.

Bowling News

In the local city bowling league, the Pioneer team is in third place. They are only one game out of third place and have a good chance climbing toward the top this week. . . . Tomic Motors, sponsored by Pioneer member, James Tomic is in first place at the present time. . . . The three Pioneer men's teams and one ladies' team are in Cleveland this week participating in the Eastern Invitational tourney. . . . Bring home the bacon, boys and girls. . . . Anyone desiring to go to the National Tourney in Chicago April 25, 26 and 27 on the Pioneer Special see Jane Kenowski, Rudolph Krulac, Frank Podboy or Frank Kaminsky.

Pioneer Patier

Several added musicians helped to provide the music along with Frankie Yankovich at the Spring Festival. There was Al Medafor and his

boys, also Frankie Marse took a turn on the accordion. Then Billy Per-nisek and a few of his Streamliners gave out some good music. Joe Terpin, Pioneer's ace accordionist took over for a spell on Sunday along with Frankie Marsek. Quite a collection of musicians present. . . . Also on Sunday all those members of Lodge 138 who never before heard the "Club Ensemble" had their chance to see and hear this fine band. When they first appeared, eyes blinked as it looked like the old "Alexander Band" had come back to life. The boys with their toy instruments had their members laughing their heads off with their antics. Tony Movrich Jr. on the sax; Tony Tershel, trumpet; Carl Podboy, trombone; "Skinny" Kolklich, clarinet, and Joe Bradach, whistle. "Shades of Spike Jones," they are quite a band. . . . We haven't seen such a number of 138 members dancing as we did on Sunday in a long time. . . . Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Buchte are vacationing in California. . . . Also, Pioneer member Geo Hinton is spending the winter in Florida. . . . The drawing for the five hundred dollars, held by the Chicago Bowling League will be held on April 6. . . . Also, April 6 is the date for our next regular month-ly meeting. Let's have a nice turnout of members. . . . Get on the ACTIVE LIST and secure a new member during the campaign.

PUBLICITY COMM. 559.

Cooperative League Asks FTC to Investigate Lewis

WASHINGTON (CNS)—A petition calling on the Federal Trade Commission to investigate charges against cooperatives made in recent broadcasts by Fulton Lewis Jr., has been filed by John Carson, director of the Washington office of the Cooperative League of the USA. Joining in the petition are also the Potomac Cooperative Federation of Washington, Midland Cooperative Wholesale of Minneapolis, Central Cooperative Wholesale of Superior, Eastern Cooperative Wholesale of New York and Central States Cooperatives of Chicago.

Lewis' statements about cooperatives were "false in part" and "half true in part" and "confusing where they are true," Carson said in his communication to the chairman of the FTC, and were designed to defame and injure, and perhaps destroy "honorable cooperative business organizations."

Lewis began to broadcast two weeks ago a series of attacks on cooperative business. He broadcasts over Mutual, which he describes as a "cooperative" organization. He indicated that he intended to continue his attacks indefinitely.

Carson charged that there is a conspiracy now operating to inspire fear and hate of cooperatives, and pointed to the activities of an organization in Chicago calling itself the National Tax Equality Association, which tipped off its members beforehand that Lewis would attack cooperatives.

Pointing out that the FTC was established to induce and compel fair business practices which "would serve the common good," Carson asked the Commission to cite Lewis to appear and to substantiate his statements with facts, to compel Lewis to reveal for the record who is giving him financial assistance, to subject Lewis to cross-examination, and then to determine whether Lewis is guilty of violation of fair-trade practice regulations, and if so to inflict punishment which would deter others who plan to engage in the defamation of honorable business.

Newsprint Shortage Stops "Cooperator"

NEW YORK (CNS)—The supply of newsprint has run out for The Cooperator, bi-weekly paper of Eastern Cooperative League. Publication was suspended with the issue of March 3.

"Jugoslav Day" In Fontana April 6

FONTANA, Calif.—With conditions in Jugoslavia still at a low ebb and the need for assistance imperative, the Jugoslavs of Fontana, under the auspices of the American Committee for Jugoslav Relief, have organized Chapter 59 with the aim of aiding the indigent Jugoslavs.

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We invite one and all to spend Easter afternoon and evening with us; enjoy the varied entertainment and make the affair a huge success.

JOHN CEBULAR,
1st District Vice President.

SNPJ Wolverine News

DETROIT.—All SNPJ members of Detroit, why not make it a date on April 12 and attend the SNPJ Federation bingo party. This unit has a big job to do in the coming of the SNPJ convention here in Detroit in 1950. So why not give us your moral and financial support now, so that we can carry on in this convention project and other worthy causes which may arise.

Joe and Ann Kern, our hotel committee for the coming bowling tourney in Chicago, have already reserved 30 double rooms for our Wolverine members. So if you have not already done so drop the Kerns a card and let them know if you wish to have a room reserved. The address is Joe Kern, 19015 Littlefield, Detroit, Mich. The Wolverines have a committee working on chartering a special car as most of our members expect to travel by train. We expect to have more information on this subject in Millie Bernick's next week's article.

Friendly Views: Big John Ruzich, Detroit's butter and egg man, donated 4 dozen eggs for our bingo party. John Jane, popular president of the SND, donated a prize package of 2 1/2 cases of beer for our game nite and hopes to repeat this

This and That

By Peter Elish

Whose Isolation

C. Wayland Brooks was one of the leading prewar isolationists. Some of the most impassioned speeches on the floor of the senate in behalf of American isolation were delivered by the junior senator from Illinois. Up to the day of Pearl Harbor his voice and effort was for non-intervention.

Last week, on the senate floor, he stated that if the Republicans had prevailed in the prewar foreign policy decisions "and let the Germans eat up Russia," the emergency program to check Russia wouldn't be necessary.

Senator Claude Pepper of Florida made Brooks admit that the senator would favor any program to stop Russia even if it would mean war. "He didn't seem so anxious to go to war against Hitler," added Senator Pepper.

It is strange to see prewar isolationists pleading for intervention in Europe to stop Russian expansion. And it is equally strange to see former red-hot interventionists pleading for us not to interfere with European affairs.

History, too, will have a curious chapter to write on so-called statesmen who change their sentiments on important problems according to their selfish viewpoints.

And our country will suffer because of their selfishness.

Reaction Wants to Kill Foreign Press

PHILADELPHIA, Pa.—During the 3rd conference of the United Philadelphia Committee of American Slav Congress, a resolution was adopted that I think is most important to all SNPJ members. It reads:

"The committee on un-American activities of the House of Representatives recommended that legislation be enacted forbidding the use of the United States mails under second-class mailing privileges to papers in any language other than English which do not carry a full English translation in parallel columns next to the foreign language content."

This proposal is clearly an attack on freedom of the press and on democratic rights of foreign born Americans. Two hundred American newspapers printed in Slavic languages have been largely instrumental in effecting the purchase of hundreds of millions of dollars worth of war bonds by Slavic Americans and the donation of blood for our wounded soldiers on far-flung battlefields. Many Slavic papers are the means by which news of American life and American ideals and principles are brought to the masses of Slavic Americans.

"The foreign language press has been the means of integrating more firmly the foreign-born Americans into the life of our country. Without these papers it might have been impossible to develop to the fullest extent the cultural, scientific and economic contributions of this important section of our people to American life.

"We further call for the abolition of the committee on un-American activities of the House of Representatives because of its undemocratic character and its violation of our American tradition of freedom and equality."

Members, if this legislation is enacted, think what it will mean to our Prosveta and its Slovene section readers. It means 50% cut in news they are reading now. It means more cost to print the Prosveta. It means that this is another reward that our foreign born readers will receive for their help to build America for what it is under the corrupt capitalistic system. This all comes when our publication fund is running in the red along with the critical paper shortage.

I am urging all SNPJ members to contact their representatives in Congress pertaining to the resolution for the sake of our Slovene readers who are responsible for what the SNPJ is today.

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COMMITTEE.

Bankruptcy of a Policy

Britain's request that America take over some of her commitments in Greece is more than a confession of inability to carry out a policy. It is a petition in bankruptcy for the policy itself. The United States must have a clear idea of its own objectives before we assume a burden which the British are no longer able to carry.

There will be those to say that we have no stake in the eastern Mediterranean worth defending at the cost of supporting Britain in that area. This is, of course, a dangerous error. We have a stake everywhere. We can no longer find an easy recipe for world problems in retreat. Isolation is an illusion.

But if it is a truism to say that we must support our foreign policy, we need to be quite certain what the policy is, and how far we are right in it. There can be no question that we must "fulfill our responsibilities as a world power. But we must be clear on exactly what those responsibilities are.

Is it our obligation to back with dollars a British military occupation designed to saddle the Greek people with a reactionary government they don't want? Does our world position demand the dispatch of armed forces and economic ambassadors in all directions to serve the single negative aim of "stopping Russia" by any means? Is it the American destiny to maintain indefinitely a burdensome military establishment and a foreign policy based on the presumption of a future war which we keep telling ourselves civilization cannot survive?

Certainly that is not what the American people were thinking about when they made their historic decision to play their full role in the world. Americans have often been accused of impractical idealism, but their hard realism tells them that today nothing is so dismally impractical as the ancient dogmas of power politics and armed truce. The 19th century *pax Britannica*, so often cited as a model, ran into a dead end of two world wars within a generation. How can we expect anything better from a *pax Americana* to be policed by us as the heir and successor to the British Empire? Every balance of power ends in imbalance. Every armed truce ends in war. The American responsibility for peace demands a more creative idea than the sterile politics of power and militarism.

The people once thought they had hold of such an idea. They conceived our responsibility to be, not the manning of strategic bastions around the world, but the liberation of peoples from domination by anybody. Economic aid for such people as the Greeks, yes—but it was to be aid for the purpose of enabling them to live their own lives peacefully under governments of their own choosing, not aid for the purpose of "stopping Russia" by imposing a bondage of our own.

That there would be conflicts of interest among the great powers everybody knew; but the creative idea to solve them was to be compromise and conciliation, collective rather than militaristic security. It was evident in advance that empires would crumble and power relationships would change; but the American people never considered it their mission to assume imperial functions which others could no longer sustain. Rather our mission was and still is to help make the United Nations the heir of dying empires, as trustees for the subjugated peoples.

Our government and the British can justify halting the surge of Soviet power in the Middle East, but they cannot justify merely substituting a surge of their own power. Yet that is all the British offer in Greece. We shall make a ghastly mistake if we underwrite their policy without insisting on fundamental changes. Instead of blindly backing a reactionary and in some aspects outright Fascist regime, we must insist upon the formation of a broadly representative government that will bring the Greeks liberty and social reform instead of bondage and repression. We cannot morally sanction regarding any people merely as a strategic base.

The whole power principle, indeed, is bankrupt in Greece. Britain's basic trouble is that she cannot continue to devote 27 per cent of a strained national budget to military expenses. But, though our situation is not so immediately alarming, neither can we indefinitely afford to spend 30 per cent of our budget for military outlay. Nor can Russia indefinitely go on spending 22 per cent of hers.

The fact is that the world as a whole cannot afford the balance of power. We cannot afford anything but a peace and security which the balance of power has never produced. We cannot afford anything but a United Nations peace.

Before we take British responsibilities in Greece or anywhere else, we must make sure that our policy serves such a peace and not the ultimate catastrophe of atomic war.—Chicago Sun.

THE UPPER CRUST



"We've been in Florida, Bermuda, California—where shall we continue our vacation?"

Balokovic on Albania

By Zlatko Balokovic

When we were in Albania from the 22nd to the 25th of November, 1946, we found out the following:

About 17 years ago, an American engineer called Fultz, was head of an American Technical School in Albania. He stayed a number of years, learned the Albanian language and made many friends in the process of teaching young Albanians to become engineers.

After this last war, he was sent back to Albania as a member of our political mission. The entire U. S. mission was received with open arms and great public rejoicing—especially Mr. Fultz, who was greeted as an old friend. Fultz then proceeded to call together his former engineering pupils. He sounded them out as to their feelings for or against the present government of Enver Hoxha, and to those who were apposed, he presented a detailed plan for sabotaging a certain project on which many of them were engaged.

This was a project to drain Lake Maliq in Southern Albania in order to eliminate malaria in that region and provide more, desperately needed, arable land. 8000 volunteer workers were engaged on this project. Fultz' plan of sabotage was designed to provoke these workers into a revolt. He told his former pupils how to direct the diggings so that earth would fall on the men and bury them—or so that water would rush in upon them instead of flowing away from where they were working, and so on. Many men were killed as a result of this sabotage which was planned so cleverly from a technical standpoint that these disasters appeared to be genuine accidents and nothing was suspected for quite some time. The workers were also subjected to many minor annoyances such as having their food so salty it was uneatable one day, and entirely without salt the next day.

Eventually the workers themselves began to suspect that something was wrong and when a government inspection party came to see the progress of the work at about the time it should have been finished, and found it behind schedule, they were convinced that there must be sabotage involved because it is characteristic of these voluntary labor projects that they are completed ahead of schedule. An investigation was instituted leading to the arrest of this group of engineers. At their trials they confessed the entire plot including the part played by Fultz and added that he had told them that the Anglo-American troops would land in Albania and rid them of their present government and that the incidents on the Greek-Albanian frontier were instigated by the English and the Americans.

The Albanian government, of course, requested the U. S. government to recall Fultz, whereupon our State Department withdrew our entire mission on the pretext that the present Albanian government was refusing to recognize the obligations of the former government. Moreover, we insisted upon sending a warship to take away our mission. The Albanians objected, asking us to please send a civilian ship of some kind or an airplane. But no. It had to be a warship. The Albanian government thereupon refused to allow our warship to come inside Albanian territorial waters and ferried our people out to the ship. This occurred on the 13th or 14th of November, less than ten days before we reached Tirana.

About two days earlier, twenty-five British warships, without even asking permission, had steamed up to within 500 yards of the Albanian coast and shot off their guns, "firing at mines," they said. This was the culmination of another plot which has mis-fired. The British mis-

sion to Albania had been engaged in trying to organize an armed uprising among the Albanian people—a Major Smith, one of their mission, being the chief instigator. In order to cover up this scandal, the British had withdrawn their entire mission sometime before we withdrew ours. These latest provocations were timed to take advantage of the great distress caused in Albania by the worst flood in the memory of any living Albanian. News of this flood was apparently suppressed in the U. S. It might have aroused sympathy for the Albanians.

Is this the way for the richest and most powerful nation in the world to act towards the poorest and most defenseless people in Europe? We talk about our high moral principles. Where are they? And now the British accuse the Albanians of laying mines in the Corfu Channel. The entire Eastern Adriatic is full of mine-fields left over from the war. We saw the charts and practically scraped the rocks along the shore in order to avoid them during our trip down the coast. Some of these mines break loose in every storm.

The official American reading room in Belgrade was closed by the Yugoslav government because it was being used to spread vicious propaganda against the new government of Yugoslavia.

American Reading Room in Belgrade

Eric Pridonoff, while one of the officials at the American Embassy in Belgrade, was caught carrying on flagrant espionage activities. The Yugoslav government requested his recall and we recalled him. When Pridonoff got back to the United States, he wrote a series of articles for the Hearst press violently attacking the Yugoslav government and intimating clearly that if the Yugoslav people would revolt against their government, we would help them. These articles were mimeographed both in English and Serbo-Croatian, and distributed through the American Reading Room in Belgrade. We read them ourselves while we were there.

At the time of the airplane incident, there were people out in front of the American Reading Room handing out leaflets to the passers-by saying, "American Ultimatum to Yugoslavia."

The Yugoslav government informed our State Department that the American Reading Room could be re-opened as soon as the American government should guarantee that it would not be used as a center from which to distribute propaganda against the Yugoslav government. Our Embassy countered by refusing to hand over to the Ministry of Health a consignment of desperately needed medical books which were sent through the American Embassy to the Yugoslavs as a gift from an American Committee which, working in conjunction with the Library of Congress, is sending medical and other technical books to the devastated countries of Europe. A friend of ours in the Yugoslav Ministry of Health was invited to the American Embassy for tea, shown the books and told that, of course, they could not be released until the American Reading Room should have been re-opened. (We understand that it has now been re-opened.)

Only 24 States and the District of Columbia, reports the Women's Bureau, U. S. Department of Labor, have set 8 hours a day and/or 48 hours a week or less as the maximum time a woman may be employed, and these laws do not apply to all industries and occupations.

Comments

SPRINGFIELD, Ill.—In the news this past week have been reported three important stories which may, if put together, make one of the most momentous weeks of reporting in a long time. Let us not underestimate their significance to each of us.

At the first of the week we were told of the plot of the underground in Germany to revive Nazism, using bacteriological weapons against the army of occupation, and eventually against the Russians.

We have read that already the scientists have a poison so deadly that an ounce of it dropped into the water supply would wipe out a population of several hundred thousand. In this way an invader could wipe out the people of an industrial center and still have intact the factories, transportation facilities and other resources for their own use.

Now that the British and American forces have cracked down on this plot and have arrested the ring-leaders, what will they do with the knowledge gained?

Hardly had this story left the air, when we heard in the middle of the week of the report made by Herbert Hoover on his return to this country from an inspection of Germany. What message does he have for us? First, he says, we must feed the Germans; if we don't, Germany will go Communist, we are warned. What's more, we must finance their industrial economy to enable them to become self-sustaining again.

What if they develop their armaments industry to the point that they are again a menace to world peace? That, of course, does not worry Mr. Hoover. What he is interested in is building a strong bloc in Western Europe against Russia. If this is not done, the Communists may overrun all of Europe! France and Italy are already tottering, he fears.

What Mr. Hoover would like to see, of course is, Germany restored to her prewar status both industrially and in boundary lines. When the U. S. delegates get to Moscow we can expect them to ask that Germany's prewar eastern boundary be restored.

Considering the actions of the Germans in the past, should we again allow them to become so powerful? Certainly not, is the answer most people would give, especially those who did the fighting in Germany.

In the territories where the Russians are in control, do we hear of discontent? What is the news from these places? Are the people starving? Not that we have heard about. On the contrary, we hear that they are having a more abundant life than ever before. In three months' time unemployment was wiped out in Latvia, we read. Perhaps that is what has the British and the Americans worried. The Russians are providing what capitalism has failed to provide.

Important as the two above mentioned items are, the news that broke the last of the week far overshadows them both in terms of what it means to each of us. Britain has told the U. S. that she is no longer able to support the Greek government of King George, and has asked us to take over her commitments in that country after March 31. The gall of those—Johnny Bulls! Asking us to support the fascist government of Greece. How many dollars of our tax money would go to provide the airplanes, guns, and food to keep the British army in Greece? Would it end there? No, troops would be sent over, we are told. Haven't we heard that before? Why shouldn't all outsiders get out of Greece and let the Greek workers take care of King George? Remember, he was forced on them at the point of British machine-guns.

What will happen if our government complies with this British request? We can only guess, but certainly it will not be anything to benefit the American working class or the working class of other countries. MARY BRINOCAR.

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The Yugoslav Side . . .

By Don C. Matchan

NEW YORK—I have just spent an hour at breakfast with Sava N. Kosanovich, ambassador to the United States from Yugoslavia. Would that all of you who read this could have the same experience! It was enlightening, stimulating, inspiring if you please, to talk man-to-man with the person who represents the Yugoslav Republic in America.

Actions of our state department, as related in the press, tend to make our citizens believe that Jugoslavia, somehow, is a nation with which the U. S. should have no traffic. Various descriptions as a new "frontier of Bolshevism," "satellite of Russia," etc. etc., we have been led to think that the less we have to do with Jugoslavia, the better.

Meet the Ambassador . . . Ambassador Kosanovich, in the limited time he could spend with me, debunked those fallacious attitudes to complete satisfaction.

First, a little about the man: Fifty-two years old, a bachelor, he is a mild-mannered, gracious person with kindly gray eyes. I would have guessed his profession as professor; actually, he studied law but never practiced. He became a member of parliament in 1927 and served until 1941 when the Nazis forced the Yugoslav government into exile. He came here as an official part of the government-in-exile, and parted ways with that body later because he couldn't stomach its policies, bordering on collaboration with the enemy. He favored the resistance movement while many of his colleagues did not.

In 1944 he was made minister of information in the Tito cabinet of which he still is a member. In June of 1946 he became ambassador to the United States and Mexico.

Is Kosanovich a Communist? No, he is secretary-general of the Independent Democratic party, which with other parties has formed a coalition of progressives to speed rehabilitation of the nation and to strengthen the unity of the people.

The ambassador is anti-fascist, always has been. And he was a part of the struggle against fascism in his country. He saw it start in Italy, watched its spread to Germany, Austria, Hungary until it had engulfed the peoples of Europe. When he left Jugoslavia in 1941 his nation was surrounded by 160 millions under fascist domination.

He drove home one point that made sense to me. Simply, honestly he declared: "Fascism is still a problem. The democratic progressive forces must go along together with the communists against fascism. If one is neutral in the fight between fascism and communism, he is actually helping fascism. Hitler had his successes as long as the East and the West were split, the so-called democracies of the West, the so-called communism of the East.

"In our country, as in all the world, progressive democrats are being attacked as communists. We in Europe know what fascism is. We saw one country after another fall before it. Who is today fighting against a unity of the democracies? Those who lost the war!

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solidate the Serbs, Croats and Slovenes into one country and to recreate Jugoslavia as a nation.

"In our constitution we have effected a separation of the church and state, just as it is in your country. We are not a Godless land without religion. Faith and its rituals are free in our land. All that has been done is that under provisions of our new constitution the church is separated from the state. In your country that has been one of the basic principles of democracy from the outset.

Staging a Comeback . . .

"Jugoslavia went through terrible difficulties. No country suffered as much from the war. Every ninth person perished. More than 1,700,000 of our 18 million people died. Sixty-five thousand of the 80,000 Jews were exterminated and until fascism we had no anti-Semitism. There was a political and economic collapse after the war and we started from the bottom to rebuild. The first step was uniting all progressive forces. We fought together through the war, progressive democrats, communists and even conservatives. We are continuing that unity in the peace.

"We have been called a satellite of Russia. That is not true. Our relationship is based on realism and comes from the necessity for national existence and tradition, as well as the fact that we were friends in war, why can't we be friends in peace?

"We are succeeding in rebuilding. After the first world war we instituted agrarian reforms and after the last war more radically. We believe in private property and each peasant now has land, but no one man can own more than 85 acres. We are nationalizing a great part of the industries, such as mining, and the industries of all who collaborated with the Germans. We have the largest copper mine in the world. In 1935 it was paying dividends of 225 per cent and its workers were getting between 25 and 50 cents a day. That mine has been taken over by the people. We don't think it is communism if we try to correct this kind of exploitation.

"A great work is being done in education and the fight against illiteracy; also in hygienic service. Women's rights have been equalized with men's and now they can vote and hold office. The physical job of rebuilding will take time. Communications were hurt the most with 100,000 bridges destroyed.

"Let me leave this thought: It was at great sacrifice that we saved the unity of Jugoslavia, a sacrifice in terms of human life. It is natural that we shall guard that unity against any attacks by forces who want to split us; it is natural that we are suspicious of some people and influences.

"We want to live in a world of peace; we are striving for a better life for all our people and for people everywhere. We join hands with the progressives of all nations to achieve that goal!"

—Valley City (N.D.) Times-Record.

Social Security System Badly In Need of Immediate Improvement

No time should be lost in taking every feasible step to extend the present protection of the social security program, according to the Social Security Board in its 11th Annual Report to Congress.

The present system, the report points out, is seriously deficient in failing to provide adequately against the economic risks of old age, deaths, and unemployment for all families or to include protection against the costs of sickness. To this end, the report recommends to Congress a comprehensive national social insurance system, covering all workers and their dependents.

Translated into more specific terms, the major recommendations of the report are as follows:

Insurance Against Future

The report lists three major steps that need to be taken to strengthen our existing old-age and survivors system:

(a) Extension of this system to cover farm labor, the self-employed, domestic servants, employees in non-profit organizations, and government employment;

(b) Increased benefits, particularly in view of higher living costs; and

(c) Extension of benefits to cover periods of permanent total disability. Other recommendations include making women eligible for retirement benefits at 60 instead of 65; increasing the taxable amount of wages from \$3,000 to \$3,600; and increasing from \$14.99 to about \$30 the monthly amount a beneficiary is permitted to earn without having his benefits suspended.

Insurance Against Unemployment

According to the Social Security Board's report, extension of coverage to small firms and to most of the other excluded groups would go a long way toward protecting the twelve million workers now outside the scope of the unemployment insurance system. Along with increased coverage, the report recommends a maximum weekly benefit of at least \$25 to run for 26 weeks if an eligible worker should be unemployed that long. A worker should not be disqualified, according to the report, if he has good personal reasons for leaving or turning down a job. The report recommends that when a worker is disqualified his penalty be not more than a four weeks' postponement of benefits.

The report outlines two new methods for Federal-State financing of unemployment insurance, making possible smaller employer contribu-

tions. It concludes however, that a simpler, cheaper, and safer way to cope with the national problem of wage loss from unemployment would be through a national social insurance program.

Insurance for Health

Social insurance benefits, the report states, are available to only a small number of the daily average of two million or more individuals who, but for their sickness, would be working or out looking for work. California and Rhode Island are the only two States that provide cash sickness benefits to the employee out of work because of illness. Consequently, the report recommends insurance to cover all workers during times of both temporary and permanent total disability.

Equally as serious as the wage loss resulting from sickness is the problem of paying for adequate medical care. Free care on a means-test basis, the report states, is not the solution. Most would prefer to pay their doctors' bills on a prepayment basis rather than seek free care after they have been reduced to dependency.

As in former years, the report recommends national insurance for workers and their families against the costs of medical care. Such insurance would cover payments to physicians, dentists, nurses, hospitals, and laboratories.

Public Assistance

As an important buttress to an over-all social insurance system, the report favors an expanded program of public assistance that would provide cash payments and services to any needy person in the United States irrespective of the reason for need or the place of residence. This would make Federal funds available to the States for general assistance as well as for the three current programs: old-age assistance, aid to the blind, and aid to dependent children.

The report points out that such an over-all social insurance system, supplemented by a public assistance program, is needed to provide against all common hazards to a worker's livelihood.

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