

SPLOŠNI TEDENSKI PREGLED

VOJNA NA PACIFIKU
Ameriške in filipinske čete še držijo svoje utrjene pozicije v gorovju zapadno od Manile. Na Malajskem polotoku se britiške čete polagoma umikajo pred napadajočimi Japonci proti Singapuru. Vojne ladje Zedinjenih držav, Velike Britanije in Nizozemske dosedaj niso prišle v večje spopade z Japonci. Letalska sila vseh treh zaveznikov polagoma narašča. V teku enega meseca je Japonska izgubila 29 vojnih in transportnih ladij, Zedinjene države pa 6 vojnih brodov različnih tipov. Situacija na Pacifiku za zaveznike zaenkrat ni posebno ugodna, vendar pa tudi ni desperatna. Pri tem je gotovo, da so ojačenja na poti.

RUSKA OFENZIVA

Najbolj svetla točka v vojni situaciji zaveznikov je vztrajna ruska ofenziva, ki že nad en mesec drobi nemško vojno silo na vsej dolgi fronti. Dasi se Nemci umikajo le počasi, ostaja dejstvo, da se umikajo in da pri tem izgubljajo stotine vojakov in vojnih strojev. Ta ruska ofenziva je dosedaj prepredela, da Nemci niso mogli prirediti večjih operacij proti Gibraltarju, proti Turčiji in proti Afriki. Nemško umikanje na ruski fronti daje tudi novo korajžje ljudstvom zavojevanih dežel, kakor tudi prebivalstvu evropskih držav. Nemška vojna sila polagoma peša, medtem ko se zaveznikov narašča. To so znaki, da so tako v Washingtonu kot v Londonu silno veselje uspehov ruske ofenzive.

SOVRAŽNI INOZEMCI

Za sovražne inozemce se smatrajo vsi priseljenci iz Nemčije, Italije in Japonske, ki si niso pridobili ameriškega državljanstva. Lansko leto je bila odrejena registracija vseh inozemcev, bivajočih v Zedinjenih državah, ki nimajo oziroma nimajo imeli državljanjskih papirjev, to brez opzira na deželo njihovega rojstva. V bližnji bodočnosti bo odrejena ponovna registracija, in sicer samo za tiste, ki so podaniki Nemčije, Italije in Japonske. Število teh sovražnih inozemcev se ceni na 1,800,000. Dosedaj so ameriške oblasti aretirale samo kakih 3,600 inozemcev, ki so osumljeni pekokolonstva, sabotaže in špijonaze.

PREMEMBA POSLANIKA

Dosedanji ameriški poslanik v Rusiji, Lawrence A. Steinhardt, je bil premeščen v Turčijo. Steinhardt je smatran za izredno zmogljivega diplomata in pozicija Turčije v sedanjem svetovnem konfliktu postaja z vsakim dnem važnejša.

REGISTRACIJA

V skladu z nedavno sprejeto postavlo o splošni vojaški dolžnosti se bodo 16. februarja morali registrirati vsi moški v vojaški starosti od 20. do 44. leta, bivajoči v Zedinjenih državah ter v ameriških teritorijih in posejstvih. Izvzeti bodo seveda oni, ki so bili že prej registrirani. Registracija moških med 18. in 20. ter med 44. in 64. letom bo izvedena enkrat pozneje.

AMERIKA GOVORI

Pred člani obeh zbornic zveznega kongresa je dne 6. januarja (Dalje na 2. strani)

IZJAVA JUSTIČNEGA DEPARTAMENTA

Generalni pravdnik Francis Biddle je ravnokar izdal sledečo izjavo glede nameščenja inozemcev v privatnih industrijah. Pred dvema tednoma je justični departament izdal poziv na državne in lokalne izvršitelje zakona ter na splošno občinstvo, naj pomagajo doma varovati svobode naše dežele, za obrambo katerih je naša dežela sedaj bori, s tem da obvarujejo civilne svobode našega lojalnega ne-državljanstva prebivalstva. Odziv na ta poziv je bil vzpodbujalen—kazal ni skoraj nič histerije in onega nasprotstva napram inozemcem kot takim, ki je tako pokvarilo naš rekord za časa vojne pred dvajsetimi leti, in pripravljenost, da se poklicni federalni oblasti prepusti problem, da ravna z onimi nelegalnimi ali izdajalskimi elementi, državljanji ali inozemci, čje jih je še kaj.

Preostaja pa še vedno resen problem, pri katerem treba imeti našo veliko silo stalno pred očmi; to je problem zapostavljanja inozemcev v privatnem zaposlovanju.

Ne moremo predstavljati si bolj kratkovidnega, škodljivega ali neameriškega ravnanja v tem času, kakor izključevanje ne-državljanov od poštenega privatnega zaslužka. V prvi vrsti, to je jako učinkovit način, da se rodi nesloga, da se prelomi vera napram ljudem, ki so prišli v Ameriko kot zavetje svobode in pravičnosti. Tako počenjanje je popolno zanikanje naših ameriških institucij, naših svobod in načel, na katerih je bila ustanovljena naša demokracija.

Za se to doseže, smo morali pa sprejeti dejstvo mornariške inferiornosti napram Japoncem na Pacifiku. Naše mornariško razmerje na Pacifiku je bilo še nadalje skraćeno vsled učinkovitosti tega napada Japoncev na pacifično brodovje pri Pearl Harborju dne 7. decembra. Mala azijska flota ob Filipinskih otokih ni bila nikdar namenjena za drugo kot za nadlegovanje in zakašnjevanje sovražnika; pričakovalo se je, da povzroči Japoncem čim več mogoče škode, ali se ni nikdar pričakovalo, da bi mogla preprečiti izkrcanje Japoncev.

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V minulih treh tednih so mnoge enote brodovja vporabile čas s popraviljem; nekatere naprave v luki Pearl Harbor so morda bile v potrebi popraviljanja. Mnogo izmed ladij, baziranih v Pearl Harborju, je gotovo začelo takoj iskati japonske nosilke letal, ki so nosile aeroplanke, kateri so izvršili napad; druge ladje so bile brezdvomno zaposlene s patroliranjem proti podmornicam. Nekatere ladje so bile rabljene v to svrhu tudi ob zapadni obali, kjer se je že prej poročalo o prisotnosti japonskih podmornic, druge ladje so bile bržkone takoj pridržane za službo spremljevanja prevoznih ladij. (Dalje na 4. strani)

KAJ DELA MORNARICA

Spisal Hanson W. Baldwin
Ko so Japonci počasi pritiskali proti Manili in so japonske prevozne ladje nadalje izkrcavale vojske in zaloge na obali otoka Luzon, se je pozornost občinstva osredotočila na vprašanje, kje je in kaj dela mornarica Združenih držav.

Vzklík "Kaj pa dela pravzaprav naša mornarica" — dostikrat v spremstvu kake kletve in dostikrat ob popolnem nezumevanju vloge, ki jo mornarica igra v moderni vojni — se je slišal iz ust mnogih ljudi tekom minulega tedna, ko se je razvijala bitka okrog Manile.

Razdvojeno brodovje

Treba je upoštevati razne činitelje, po navadi nejasno pojmovane, ki komplicirajo naš mornariški problem. Najprej, stvar je ta, da mi začenjamo dvo-oceansko vojno s tem, kar je eno-oceanska mornarica. Da vzadostimo potrebam spremljevanja na Atlantiku, da preprečimo mogočnosti grožnje s strani bojne ladje Tirpitz, sestre ladje Bismarck, in dveh nemških matičnih ladij in da zagotovimo stalno zalaganje one trdnjave, ki je Velika Britanija, premestili smo začetkom minulega leta velik del naše mornarice na Atlantik in tako razdelili našo mornariško silo med dva oceana skoraj pol in pol.

To počenjanje je bilo koristno na Atlantiku. Od meseca septembra, ko je mornarica dobila povelje: "Ustrelj, čim zagledaš" in je začela spremljevati prevozne ladje, se je potapljanje ladij s strani Nemcev znatno skrčilo in nemška protiblokada je bila vsaj zaenkrat prelomljena.

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DRUŠTVENE IN DRUGE SLOVENSKE VESTI

Letno zborovanje glavnega odbora Ameriške bratske zveze se bo pričelo v ponedeljek 9. februarja v glavnem uradu v Elyu, Minnesota. Polletna revizija knjig in poslovanja se prične 4. februarja.

V Cornwallu, Pa., se bo v soboto 17. januarja vršila plesna veselica tamkajšnjega društva št. 159 ABZ.

Plesna veselica društva št. 190 ABZ v Butte, Montana, se vrši v nedeljo 25. januarja.

V Centru, Pa., se bo v soboto 24. januarja vršila plesna veselica tamkajšnjega društva št. 221 ABZ.

V Moon Runu, Pa., priredi tamkajšnje društvo št. 99 ABZ plesno veselico v soboto 31. januarja.

V proslavo predsednikovega rojstnega dne in v pomoč narodnemu fondu za pobijanje otroške paralize se bo v petek 30. januarja vršila prireditev bogatega programa v Slovenskem narodnem domu na St. Clair Avenue v Clevelandu, Ohio. Pričetek bo ob pol osmi uri zvečer.

V Slovenskem društvenem domu v Euclidu, Ohio, se bo v soboto 31. januarja vršila plesna veselica, katero priredi tamkajšnje društvo št. 132 ABZ. Pri tisti priliki bosta oddana dva obrambno varčevalna bonda po \$25.00.

V Pittsburghu, Pa., se bo v soboto 7. februarja vršila predpustna veselica, katero priredi tamkajšnje društvo št. 196 ABZ. Vstopnina za moške bo en dolar, za ženske 50 centov. Prostor: Slovenski dom na 57. cesti.

O nakupu obrambno varčevalnih ali vojnih bondov Zedinjenih držav iz društvenih blagajn so nas dosedaj obvestila sledeča društva Ameriške bratske zveze: št. 37 v Clevelandu, Ohio, št. 94 v Waukeganu, Ill., št. 133 v Gilbertu, Minn., št. 149 v Canonsburgu, Pa., št. 132 v Euclidu, Ohio, in št. 173 v Clevelandu, Ohio.

Adamič v Beli hiši

Dne 9. januarja je Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt, soproga predsednika Roosevelta, poslala našemu rojaku, pisatelju Louisu Adamiču brzojavko, ki se glasi v prevodu:

"Louis Adamič, Milford, N. J. Rada bi govorila z Vami, zato Vas vabim v torek, 13. t. m., na kosilo v Belo hišo, nakar bomo posetili Philadelphia Symphony koncert. Seveda, če bi želela priti tudi Mrs. Adamič, me bo to prav veselilo. Eleanor Roosevelt."

Kakor smo že poročali, je Mrs. Roosevelt v svojih člankih "My Day," ki jih piše za različne liste, dvakrat pohvalno omenila Adamičevo najnovejšo knjigo "Two-Way Passage." Dne 29. decembra 1941 pa je Mr. Adamiču z ozirom na omenjeno knjigo pisala sledeče:

"Dragi Mr. Adamič: Pravkar sem prebrala Vašo knjigo. Zdi se mi, da je to najboljša pojasnitev raznih trenj, skozi katere je moralo iti naše mešano (Dalje na 4. strani)

PACIFIČNI OCEAN

Pacifični ocean, imenovan tudi Veliko ali Tiho morje, ki se širi med Ameriko na eni strani ter Azijo in Avstralijo na drugi strani, je največja skupina vode na tem planetu. Površina tega oceana se ceni na 55 milijonov kvadratnih milj, kar je toliko, kot znaša skupna površina vse suhe zemlje. Kot znano, pokrivajo morja tri četrtine tega planeta in le ena četrtina je suhe zemlje. Drugo četrtino pokrije sam Pacifični ocean in dve četrtini odpadeta na vsa ostala morja. Na severu se veže Pacifični ocean s Severnim ledenim morjem potom Beringove ožine, na jug pa, po mnenju nekaterih, sega prav do ogromne ledne mase, ki obdaja južni tečaj. Pacifični ocean je na splošno tudi globlji kot so druga morja, dasi seveda ne povsod. Največjo dosedaj znano globlino so našli pri filipinskem otoku Mindanao, kjer je pokazala mera 34,210 čevljev globine.

Po Pacifiku je raztresenih nešteto malih otokov; mnogi so prav za prav gole koralne čeri, ki se dvigajo par čevljev visoko iz vode. Nekatere drugače neobdelane otoke so zadnje čase priredili za pristajališča letal. Večji otoki so v primerni bližini azijske in avstralske celine.

Sedanja vojna na Pacifiku, ki se vrši med Ameriko, Veliko Britanijo, Holandsko, Vzhodno Indijo in Avstralijo na eni strani ter med Japonco na drugi strani, ima tako ogromno "fronto", da je dva tisoč milj dolga ruska fronta v primeri z njo majhna. To bomo razumeli, če upoštevamo, da meri površina Pacifika toliko kot meri površina vse suhe zemlje na tem planetu. Razdalje so ogromne in pošiljanje ojačen ameriškega vojaštva na razne točke v Pacifiku iz kontinentalnih Zedinjenih držav ni igračka.

Razdalja med mestom Seattle v naši državi Washington in mestom Tokio na Japonskem znaša 4,757 milj. Razdalja med našo mornariško bazo v San Diegu, California, in Havajem znaša 2,656 milj, od Havaja do Manile na Filipinih je pa še nadaljnih 5,296 milj, torej skupno 7,952 milj. Na Havaju je močna ameriška mornariška baza, toda od tam do otoka Midway je 1,219 milj razdalje, od Midwaya do otoka Wake pa nadaljnih 1,250 milj. Na omenjenih dveh otokih sta bili mali, osamljeni ameriški postojanki, glavnih mest in nekaj sto kvadratnih milj Hercegovine in zapadnih Srbije.

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DROBCI POROČIL IZ JUGOSLAVIJE

Direktnih poročil iz razkosa ne Jugoslavije ne dobivamo že od pretekle pomladi. Vse, kar izvemo od tam, prihaja po stranskih potih, navadno iz virov, ki se jih z ozirom na nacijsko špijonažo ne sme navajati, da nacija, fašisti in kvizlingi teh virov ne najdejo in zadušijo. Da so pa poročila teh tajnih virov resnična, potrjujejo redka pisma, ki na en ali drugi način uidejo cenzuri in med vrstami namignejo, da je res, kar po tajnih potih izveemo, in še mnogo več.

Iz delov Slovenije, ki jo imajo zasedeno Nemci, so bili izgnani skoro vsi inteligenti, deloma v Hrvaško in Srbijo, deloma na Poljsko. Mnogo mladih mož, fantov in deklet je bilo poslanih "na delo" v Nemčijo. Vse boljše kmetije in posestva na Slovenskem so prevzeli Nemci in njihovi lastniki so bili izgnani brez odškodnine. Vsekakor pa je odpor prebivalstva tak, da so takoj požgane vse domačije, na katere se našelijo Nemci. Pregnani lastniki navadno pred odhodom tudi pobijejo svojo živino, izpušijo vino iz sodov in sploh po možnosti uničijo vsa živila in druge potrebščine. Tisoči mladih ljudi so se zatekli v gore in gozdove, odkoder vpriparjajo napade na zavojevalce in njihove komunikacije. V Sloveniji danes ni strank in stanovskih razlik; vsi so reveži in vsi so edini v brezmernem sovražstvu do Nemcev in Italijanov.

Med četniki v Srbiji, katere vodi polkovnik Draža Mihajlovič, je več tisoč Slovencev, in podpoveljnik četnikov je neki slovenski častnik. Mihajlovič se jako laskavo izraža o junštvu in patriotizmu Slovencev. Četniki dobivajo po tajnih potih razne potrebščine od zaveznikov.

Četniki so proti koncu decembra pričeli s splošnimi napadi proti nemškemu oddelkom v srednji in zahodni Srbiji in Nemci so bili na več krajih prisiljeni se umakniti proti severu. Nemška kazenska ekspedicija v Črni gori je doživela občuten poraz po četnikih, ki operirajo v zasneženem gorovju. Poroča se, da so se italijanski vojaški oddelki umaknili v Cetinje in Berane. Četniški oddelki zdaj kontrolirajo skoraj vso črno goro, razen nekaterih osamljenih ameriških postojank, glavnih mest in nekaj sto kvadratnih milj Hercegovine in zapadnih Srbije.

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VSAK PO SVOJE

Amerika je bila neprijetno presenečena na Havaju, ker je bila prezaupljiva. Zaupljivi pa morejo biti le pošteni ljudje in pošteni narodi, ki sami nimajo zahrbtnih in zlobnih namenov. Toda gorje lopovu, ki zlobno izrablja zaupljivost poštenjaka. O tem se bo prepričal tudi Japonec. Stric Sam si je zavihal rokave in se pripravil na dolg obračun, ki ne bo zaključen, dokler ne bo zatonilo krvavo japonsko sonce.

Iz Evrope so naznanile nemške fanfare, da je sam Hitler prevzel vodstvo nemških armad na ruski fronti. Pa se tudi pozna. Odkar sam Hitler sofiira nemško ofenzivo, nemške legije junško prodirajo—nazaj proti Nemčiji!

Nemci so v šestih mesecih prišli tako daleč v Rusijo, da so s pomočjo dobrih daljnogledov lahko videli Moskvo. Tam pa so jim Rusi dali nekaj poduhati in nemške horde se zdaj vračajo nazaj proti majki Germaniji, spremljane od grmenja ruskih salj in vriskanja zimske burje. Nemci so za enkrat še daleč v Rusiji, toda poroča se, da nazaj proti domu napredujejo trikrat hitreje kot so napredovali v smeri Moskve. Morda so se glede tega nekaj naučili od svojih zaveznikov Italijanov.

Pravijo, da si je Mussolini kupil veliko posestvo v južnoameriški republiki Uruguay, kamor upa iti v penzijo. Poroča se tudi, da namerava na tem svojem posestvu gojiti fige. To je pravilno: svoji k svojim!

V listih smo čitali, da je bivši vrhovni poveljnik nemških armad na ruski fronti, general Brauchitsch, odstopil, ker ga nadleguje srčna hiba. Takoj za njim je podal ostavko general Fedor von Bock; tudi vsled slabega zdravja. General Rommel, poveljnik nemške ekspedicije v Libiji, je baje odšel iskat zdravja v Švicco. Zdi se, da postaja klima na afriški in na ruski fronti za nemške generale zelo nezdruživa.

Prijatelj Cahej filozofira, da pocestnica, ki se proda za dolar, je že zelo globoko padla; pa magari, če je papirnata.

Včasih se zgodovina res ponavlja. Ko je bil Roy J. White v Coatesvillu, Pa., od vojnega departamenta obveščen, da je njegov sin padel pri obrambi Pearl Harborja, ni hotel verjeti. Za to je imel dober vzrok. Tudi on sam je bil tekom prve svetovne vojne oficijelno zapisan med tistimi, ki so padli na francoskem bojišču, pa se je po 11 mesecih zdrav in nepoškodovan vrnil domov. Njegov sedanji optimizem je bil upravičen, kajti pred par dnevi je dobil od svojega sina pismo, da je zdrav in ves navdušen za spopad z Japonci.

V Statesvillu, North Carolina, je neka patriotska puta izlegla jajce, ki je devet in četrt pala dolgo, meri šest in tri četrtine pala v obsegu in tehta šest unc. Tako je prav. Če so jajca dražja, naj bodo pa večja.

Vojna nas je v mnogih ozirih združila in izenčila, kar je dobro, v enem oziru pa naš bo (Dalje na 4. strani)

Jugoslovanski pomožni odbor

Seja društvenih zastopnikov in odbornikov lokalnega odbora št. 2 Jugoslovanskega pomožnega odbora v Clevelandu, Ohio, ki se je vršila 5. januarja 1942 v Slovenskem narodnem domu na St. Clair Ave.

Predsednik John Gornik otvoril sejo ob pol deveti uri zvečer. Pozdravi navzoče zastopnike ter se jim zahvali za udeležbo. Navzočim pove, da je bil na ta sestanek povabljen tudi župan Frank J. Lausche, ki je častni predsednik tega odbora, toda se radi zaposlenosti ne more udeležiti, zakar prosi, da se ga oprostijo. Nato predstavi odbornike lokalnega odbora št. 2, ki so povečini glavni odborniki naših bratskih podpornih organizacij, ki tvorijo Jugoslovanski pomožni odbor, slovenska sekcija, v Ameriki. Poroča, da je imel odbor že precej dela v preteklosti, ko je pomagal pri dveh prireditvah, ki sta bili vpriporjeni v pomoč pomožnemu fondu. Izpove nadalje, da se je z obema prireditvama doseglo dober moralen in finančni uspeh, zakar je odbor poslal že \$1500.00 na glavnega blagajnika Leo Jurjevca v Chicagu, a doma imamo še nekaj stotakov na rokah.

Tajnik lokalnega odbora čita imena zastopnikov, ki so bili izvoljeni pri posameznih društvah. Navzočih je okoli 40 zastopnikov in zastopnic, precej se jih menda ni udeležilo radi pretrglega vremena ali pa so pozabili na datum. Tajnik pove, da je poslal našim društvom in posameznim slovenskim skupinam 124 pismen, toda se vsi niso odzvali.

Predsednik pozove Janka N. Rogelja, da naj oriše delovanje lokalnega odbora JPO-SS ter razmere v domovini.

Odbornik Rogelj obrazloži pometek in organiziranje pomožne akcije, kateri načeljujejo gl. odborniki naših slovenskih bratskih organizacij v Ameriki, ki so zastopniki glavnih odborov. Izpove nadalje, da ima pomožna akcija postavno dovoljenje od državnega tajništva v Washingtonu, da sme nabirati denarno pomoč za naše trpeče in nesvobodne brate in sestre onkraj morja. Vlada v Washingtonu zahteva od tega odbora vsak mesec natančen račun glede finančnega stanja. S tem hoče poudariti, da tu ni na mestu nikako nezaupanje, ker nabrani denar je pod kontrolo glavnih odborov naših podpornih organizacij ter vlade Združenih držav ameriških.

Nadalje opisuje razmere naših ljudi onkraj morja. Pripoveduje, da se je po najnovejših poročilih izvedelo, da so se morali iz zasedenih krajev na Gorenjskem in štajerskem izseliti najprej vsi oni, ki so se v teh krajih naselili po prvi svetovni vojni. To so bili povečini primorski begunci, ki so iskali zavetja v Jugoslaviji. Za njimi je sledilo izganjanje vodilne inteligence, tako da ni ostalo tam več vodilnih mož in žena. Nato se je pričelo naseljevanje Nemcev na vse večje kmetije. Nazadnje so pričeli izganjati še druge Slovence iz vseh zasedenih krajev, katere sedaj pošilja jo na Poljsko.

Končno povdarja, da je sedaj Amerika v vojni, ter da bo potreba storiti tudi dosti za obrambo te dežele, ki je sedaj naša domovina. Apelira na društva, da naj kupijo obrambne hranilne bonde ter po svojih močeh darujejo ameriškemu Rdečemu križu. In ko storijo to prvo dolžnost, naj po danih močeh nabirajo tudi denarne prispevke za naše nesrečne brate in sestre onkraj morja. To nabiranje je popolnoma v soglasju z državnim

departментом v Washingtonu, katero nam je izdalo omenjeno dovoljenje.

Končno odbornik Rogelj sugestira navzočim, da naj stavijo vprašanja, če jim ni vse dovolj jasno, na katere bo radevolje odgovarjal.

Predsednik Gornik se zahvali govorniku za podani nagovor. Nato pa se izrazi, da bo najbrže glavni odbor JPO-SS za nabrani denar kupil obrambne bonde, tako da se bo s tem nabranim denarjem najprej pomagalo Ameriki, pozneje pa naši stari domovini.

Za tem pokliče predsednik odbornika Matt Petrovčiča, ki v dobro zamišljenem nagovoru pojasnjuje vprašanje, kako se moramo organizirati v Clevelandu in okolici. Posebno lepo je navzočim povdaril, da naš narod v domovini ne more pričakovati pomoči od nobenega drugega kot da nas ameriških Slovencev. Ako ne pride od nas, ne bo prišel od nikoder. Nadalje opiše glavni odbor pomožne organizacije, ki je najboljši zastopnik slovenskega naroda v Ameriki, kajti glavni odborniki so izvoljeni od demokratičnega zastopstva naših bratskih društev Ameriki. Zato ima lahko vsak Slovenec zaupanje v to pomožno organizacijo.

Nato priporoča, da bi se društva v Clevelandu organizirala okoli svojih domov, v katerih bode brezdomno tudi Japonci, čeravno ne tako hitro kot je španija. V Novi Dobi od dne 24. decembra je urednik opisal Filipinsko otočje. V informacijo našemu članstvu pa naj bo tukaj dodano kratko poročilo o prej omenjenih otokih. Havajski otoki so nekako v sredini Mirnega morja. Glavno mesto teh otokov je Honolulu. Do pred kratkim se je smatralo, da je bilo to otočje odkrito po špancu Juanu Gaetano, leta 1555. Pronašalo pa se je, da pravo odkritje vsemu civiliziranemu svetu se je izvršilo šele dne 18. januarja 1778, po kapitanu Jamesu Cooku, ko se je istega dne izkrcal pri Waimea na otoku Kauai. Tedanji domačini so ga smatrali za boga Lona. Na njegovem povratku, potem ko so bili domačini do njega navidezno prijazni, pa je bil ubit v boju z njimi dne 14. februarja 1779 v Kaawaloa, Havaji, kjer stoji njegov spomenik. Španec Juan Gaetano je najbrž plul s svojimi ladjami blizu teh otokov in jih videl, ali ako je temu bilo tako, so španci vse to držali v strogi tajnosti.

Originalni prebivalci teh otokov so bili sicer v glavnem arijskega plemena, ali v teku dobe so se zelo pomešali z drugimi Azijati. Prvo naseljevanje na te otoke iz Azije se je pričelo okoli leta 500 po našem štetju. Nekdaj so na teh otokih vladali kralji, in sicer so bila štiri kraljestva, dokler ni kralj Kamahameha I. napovedal vojno ostalim trem in končno vse otočje spravil pod svojo oblast leta 1813. Ta kralj je posebno poznan vsled tega, ker je organiziral bolj človekoljubno vladno, medtem, ko so bile prejšnje fevdalnega značaja in krute. Uničil je epsirajo in špansko piratstvo. Prepredil je Rusom namene, ki so jih imeli do teh otokov. Njegova vlada je bila tako zorna, da je nastal rek: "Stari ljudje, žene in otroci lahko mirno ležijo k spanju, pa magari na javnih potih, ne da se bi jim kaj pripetilo." Ti otoki so imeli leta 1940 malo manj kot pol milijona prebivalcev. Znamenito za te otoke je tudi to, da so na njih v presledkih vladale ženske, bodisi kot kraljice ali kot regentice. Zadnja izmed njih je bila Liliuokalani, katere ni bila samo vladarica, ampak je bila poznana tudi kot poetinja in skladateljica. Bila je odstavljenjena dne 17. januarja 1893, nakar se je ustanovila provizorična vlada, v namenu, da se to otočje aneksira k Ameriki. Ta vlada pa je padla in ustanovila se je republika z zelo moderno usta-

vo, in sicer dne 4. julija 1894. V letu 1895 je imela ustajo, katere pa ni bila uspešna. To otočje je bilo končno aneksirano po Združenih državah po ukrepu kongresa leta 1898. Jezik domačinov oziroma njih abeceda ima samo dvanaest črk. Šolstvo je zelo razvito. Imajo svoje javne in privatne šole kot tudi univerzo. Sedanje prebivalstvo je zelo mešano, kar je seveda povzročilo priseljevanje in čisto in polnokrvnih Havajcev je vedno manj.

Otok Guam je bil odkrit po Ferdinandu Magellanu dne 6. marca 1511, kateri je tudi prvi v zgodovini človeka naredil pot okoli sveta s svojimi ladjami. Dosegel je torej to, kar je nameraval doseči Columbus, kar se mu pa ni posrečilo, to je, dobiti morsko pot, ki naj bi vezala Evropo z Azijo. Magellan je bil, kot Cook, na Havaju tudi ubit po domačinih in sicer zahrbtno, ko se je vračal po obrežju k svojim ladjam. To je bilo dne 27. aprila 1521. Ta otok je oddaljen okoli 1,822 milj od Hong Konga, okoli 1,506 milj od Manile in 5,053 milj od San Francisco. Domačini niso državljani Amerike ampak samo nje varovanci. Naseljevanje sicer ni prepovedano, vendar pa nedržavljan ne more imeti lastninske pravice do zemljišča. Glavno mesto je Agana. Domačini so rodu Chamorro ali so jako pomešani s filipinskimi Tagalci. Njih govorica je dialekt Malajcev, pomešan s tagalsčino in španščino. Leta 1930 je imel otok enajst tisoč prebivalcev.

Otok Wake je last Amerike od leta 1899. Oddaljen je od Honolulu, Havaji, 2,104 milje in 1,334 milje od otoka Guam. Ta otok je bil neobljuden do časa, ko je Pan American Airways ustanovil postajališče za svoje prevozne zrakoplove.

Midway otoki obstoje iz dveh večjih in iz večjega števila zelo malih otokov. Od tam do Honolulu, Havaji, je 1,149 milj. Ta grupa otokov je bila zasedena v imenu Amerike po kapitanu Brooksu leta 1859. Formalno pa so ti otoki postali last Amerike dne 28. avgusta 1867. Anton Okolish.

republic. Ta konferenca bo z ozirom na dejstvo, da je naša republika v faktični vojni z Japonsko, Nemčijo in Italijo, gotovo najvažnejša v panameriški zgodovini. Zedinjene države bo na tej konferenci zastopal državni podtajnik Sumner Welles.

ZA DOMAČ PRIDELEK

Zvezni poljedelski department je pozval kongres, da takoj stori potrebne korake za pridelovanje domačih rastlin, iz katerih je mogoče pridobivati gumij. V to svrhu pride najprej v poštev neko grmičje, imenovano guayule, ki se že do neke mere kultivira na našem jugozapadu. Druga rastlina, ki vsebuje surovino za izdelovanje gumija, je neke vrste ruski regrat, ki bi uspeval v večini Zedinjenih držav. Ta regrat se že na veliko kultivira v Rusiji in ji daje že eno petino potrebnih surovin za izdelavo gumija. Pridelek je poraben že eno ali dve leti po posevju. Sedanje zaloge surovega gumija v Zedinjenih državah bodo za najnujnejše potrebe zadostovale morda za par let, do takrat pa bomo morali imeti na rokah razna nadomestila v dovoljnih količinah.

PRAVA ZIMA

Večji del Zedinjenih držav je pretekli teden obšla prava zima. Iz severne Minnesote se poroča o mrazu 30 stopinj pod ničlo. V Clevelandu, Ohio, smo dobili prvo tanko snežno odejo te sezone in toplomeri so beležili 9 stopinj pod ničlo, kar se smatra v teh krajih za izredno ostro zimo.

IZNAJDBE ZA ZMAGO

Justični department v Washingtonu ima poseben oddelček, ki se imenuje National Inventor's Council. Ta koncil sprejema nasvete, načrte in ideje za nova ali izboljšana obrambna sredstva in za nadomestila raznih surovin, ki so v vojnem času potrebne. Pri vsaki vpisani ideji se upošteva možnost morebitne praktične porabe. Dosedaj je bilo temu koncilu doposlanih že nad 40,000 najrazličnejših idej. Večina teh načrtov in idej je seveda brez praktične vrednosti, toda med njimi so obrambne oblasti našle nekaj zelo dobrih in so v obrambnih programih že upoštewane.

ZAVETJE V SVICI

Ena izmed malega števila evropskih držav, ki še niso v vojni ali podjarmljene in ki so še kolikor toliko samostojne, je Švica. In iz Švice prihajajo poročila, da je več vodilnih nemških nacijev kupilo domove v Švici in premestilo tja njihove družine. To znači, da hočejo nacistični veljaki svoje družine obvarovati pomanjkanja in angleških bomb, obenem pa samim sebi preskrbeti zavetišča za primer nemškega poraza in morebitne revolucije.

ZANIMIVA KNJIGA

V založbi Simon & Schuster je pravkar izšla zanimiva knjiga "Mission to Moscow," katero je spisal bivši ameriški poslanik v Rusiji, Joseph E. Davies. V knjigi je med drugim omenjeno, da je Maksim Litvinov, sedanji ruski poslanik v Zedinjenih državah, že leta 1937 omenil, da utegne Amerika v doglednem času imeti "problem" z Japonsko. Dalje pravi avtor knjige, da Rusija ni podpisala pogodbe z Nemčijo, ker je tako hotela, ampak ker jo je postopanje Anglije in Francije k temu prisililo. Pisatelj je tudi prepričan, da Stalin ne bo podpisal separatnega miru s Hitlerjem, razen v primeru, da bi postala situacija nevarna zaradi nezadostne materialne pomoči od strani Anglije in Amerike. Ruskemu ljudstvu pa bi bila ljuba smrt kot sužnost pod Hitlerjem in ne bo varčevalo z nobenimi žrtvami, da se Hitlerja porazi. Pisatelj tudi omenja,

VIŠJI DAVKI

Izdatki za vojno in vojne priprave nam bodo v prihodnjem letu naložili mnogo višje davke kot smo jih plačevali dosedaj. Dehodki od federalnih davkov za leto 1941, ki so plačljivi v tem letu, se cenijo na šest tisoč milijonov dolarjev. Davki za leto 1942 pa bodo morali prinesiti najmanj trikrat toliko. V kakih oblikah bodo ti davki naloženi, je odvisno od kongresa.

VAŽNA KONFERENCA

Dne 15. januarja se bo v glavnem mestu Brazilije, Rio de Janeiro, pričela konferenca zastopnikov vseh 21 ameriških

kako visoko je razvita ruska vojna industrija v notranjosti dežele. Knjiga predstavlja Rusijo in ruske državnike v vse drugačni luči kot je to delalo ameriško časopisje do nedavnege časa.

DOPISI

New York, N. Y. — Hitro napredujoča zdravniška veda nas neprestano postavlja pred svote nove in velike uspehe, od katerih se mnogi nam navadnim zemljanom, zdijo pravi čudeži. Med take "čudeže" spada tudi transfuzija — (pretok) krvi iz enega človeškega telesa v drugo, iz zdravega in močnega telesa v drugo telo, ki je bolno ali ranjeno in zato oslabele. Ta kirurški pojav se je zadnje čase tako spopolnil, da je mogoče iz človeškega telesa vzeti kri shraniti in jo dolgo držati "pri življenju" ter jo prenašati iz kraja v kraj in to pod različnimi klimatičnimi okoliščinami. Tako je mogoče ustvarjati večje rezerve take krvi za poznejši čas ter jo imeti pripravljeno za slučaje in kraje, kjer in kadar se potrebuje. Danes imajo že vse večje in moderne bolnišnice primerno zalogo človeške krvi na rokah za slučaj potrebe.

V novi svetovni vojni smo Nova bojišča se pojavljajo skoraj dnevno in človeške žrtve padajo kot bilke pod ostro koščev koso v rosnem poletnem jutru. Z naraščanjem novih bojišč narašča tudi število žrtev in sicer v povprečnem razmerju: eden mrtvec — dva ranjenca.

Vsa zdravniška veda je seveda brez pomena pri mrtvih, toda pri ranjenih pa igra nepopisno vlogo. Operacije in zdravlila rešijo življenje velikemu številu ranjenec; ne morejo pa rešiti življenja onim, ki so radi izgube ali pomanjkanja krvi preveč oslabele, da bi se njihove telesne sile mogle upirati smrti. Pritok nove in zdrave krvi pomenja za ranjence te vrste — življenje ali smrt.

Taka potrebna kri se ne da fabricirati v tovarnah in tudi ne izdelovati v kemičnih laboratorijih, temveč jo je mogoče dobiti samo iz zdravih človeških teles. Najti je torej treba dovolj takih zdravih ljudi, ki imajo dovolj človekoljubja, dovolj patriotizma, dovolj ljubezni in ušmiljenja do trepih žrtev, da so pripravljeni dati pajnt svoje krvi zanje ter iti skozi nekaj malenkostnih neprijetnosti, ki pa so popolnoma ničeve v primeri z žrtvami, ki jih doprinašajo vojaki na bojiščih.

Tudi pri nas v Ameriki se je kri v ta namen zbirala že precej časa, a to največ le potom privatnih organizacij in privatnih apelov. In ker do 7. decembra ni bilo številnejših vojnih žrtev pod ameriško zastavo, je bila kri namenjena večinoma za Anglijo. Ko pa je zločinski in zavratni napad Japoncev na Pearl Harbor prinesel našemu ameriškemu narodu na tisoče človeških žrtev in je bila naša država prisiljena iti v vojno, je pa stopilo vprašanje krvi za ranjence pred ameriško ljudstvo z vso resnostjo. Amerika je šla takoj na delo tudi v tem oziru. Pod okriljem Ameriškega rdečega križa se je organizirala in se še organizira obsežna akcija za zbiranje človeške krvi za ameriške vojne ranjence. Po vseh večjih krajih se upostavljajo aparati, ki bodo vršili ta del našega narodnega vojnega prizadevanja.

Da pa se to velevažno, plemenito in človekoljubno delo razširi tudi na tujake živeče milijone tujcev (nedržavljanov, se je v predvidevanju tega, kar se je 7. decembra zgodilo, pod vodstvom švicarskega zdravnika L. W. Tomarkina v New Yorku že zadnje poletje organizirala — The Legion of Alien Volunteer Blood Donors for National Defense (Legija tujsko-

dobrovoljskih darovalcev krvi za narodno obrambo).

V tej legiji so zastopani tudi iz 16 različnih držav, med katerimi je tudi Jugoslavija, češkoslovaška, Rusija in Poljska.

Pred kratkim je ta legija v Ameriki rdeči križ priredila eno-tedensko kampanjo za nabiranje darovalcev krvi med tujci v New Yorku in okolici. Uspeh je bil nepričakovan lep. Nad 1000 darovalcev se je priglasilo. To dokazuje, da tudi med ne-državljanji velja takih, ki so Ameriki 100 procentno lojalni ter da so pravilni storiti zelo veliko za zmago Amerike v tekoči vojni. Dalje ima legija namen razširiti svojo delavnost tudi v ven New Yorka in sicer z ustanavljanjem sodelovalnih odborov zlasti po onih mestih, kjer se tuji nahajajo v znatnejšem številu. Zaveda pa se, da je Amerika preobširna, da bi moglo delovanje legije dojeti razširiti, da bi moglo doseči vsaj tujski element.

Zato se apelira na tujce, ki prebivajo daleč od večjih središč, in ki so pripravljene darovati svojo kri za reševanje človeških življenj med vojnimi žrtvami, da se prijavijo najbližji stanici Ameriškega rdečega križa in dobili bodo vsa potrebna navodila o tem, kje in kdaj bodo lahko izvršili svoj plemeniti namen. Legija namreč smatra, da ni glavno, kje in kdaj se kri, temveč potom koga se da kri, temveč glavno, da dobi ameriška vojska dovolj krvi. Razume pa, da je v interesu tujakšnih tujcev samih, da dobe kredit, ki jim opravičeno pripada. Dvomim, da je mogoče na bolj razbit način dokazati lojalnost in ljubezen ter hvaležnost Ameriki kot ravno potom darovanja krvi.

Pripomnimo naj bo tudi, da se kri prejema od obeh spolov, to je od moških in žensk, sicer v starosti od 21 do 60 let. Samo po sebi pa se razume, da se sprejema samo popolnoma zdrava kri.

Posebej naj bo povdarjeno, da ta legija ne prosi in tudi ne zbira nikakih prispevkov, apelira pa na vse tujakšnje nedržavljanke, da v čim največjem številu in v čim največjem prispevajo za Ameriški rdeči križ.

Naslov te organizacije: L. W. Tomarkin, The Legion of Alien Volunteer Blood Donors for National Defense, 139 E. 36th St., New York, N. Y. Lahko pišete tudi slovensko.

Leo Zakrjavec

Pittsburgh, Pa. — Zapisnik zborovanja federacije društev Ameriške bratske zveze v zvezni državi Pensilvaniji, ki se je vršilo v nedeljo 28. decembra 1941 v Pittsburghu, Pa.

Predsednik Frank Kress otvoril zborovanje ob pol enajstih dopoldne, pozdravi zborovalce in jih poziva k dobremu delu in Ameriško bratsko zvezo. Nato se čitajo imena federacijskih odbornikov, ki so vsi navzoči. Predsednik imenuje na njegovo mesto dr. Franka Možina. Od glavnih uradnikov so navzoči: Anton Zbešnik, glavni tajnik; Paul Oblock, drugi gl. podpredsednik; dr. F. J. Arch, vrhovni zdravnik; Frank Kress, glavni prototnik.

Društva so po svojih zastopnikih zastopana sledeče: Dr. Možina št. 12, Pittsburgh; Nick Kovšek in Nick Zmikanec št. 31, Braddock; Martin Hladale št. 33, Center; Anton Bratkovich št. 57, Export; Andrej Drnjevič in Frank Bitenc št. 99, Moon Run; Frank Možina št. 116, Mount; John Korčec in William (Dolge na 3. strani)



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NOTICE OF AUDIT AND ANNUAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the annual audit of the books and accounts of the supreme secretary, supreme treasurer and manager of the official organ Nova Doba will commence in the Home Office, Ely, Minnesota, February 4, 1942, at 9:00 A. M.

The Supreme Board of the AFU will convene for its annual meeting in the Home Office, Ely, Minnesota, February 9, 1942, at 9:00 A. M. All matters for the consideration of the Supreme Board should be in the hands of the Supreme Secretary not later than February 5, 1942, otherwise they will not be submitted.

Fraternally yours,
John Rogelj, Supreme President; Anton Zbasnik, Supreme Secretary.

CENTER RAMBLERS

Center, Pa. — As the year 1942 swings into boom, let's take it into great consideration. First, let us re-dedicate ourselves to Americanism by doing everything possible in this great distress to defend our country. "America First." Second by Fraternism. Attending our lodge meetings regularly and on time also to give our lodge officers all the cooperation possible this year. Letting them do the job alone makes it no picnic for them and since we all benefit from our lodge activities, let's all do our share.

Attend All Meetings
The next Center Ramblers' meeting will be held January 14, 1942 at 2:30 p. m., Center Slovene Hall. Start this new year the right way and attend all the meetings you possibly can. We would like to see some of you members who have never been around to any of our meetings or affairs. I'm sure you would never miss another, once you get started.

The officers of Center Ramblers for 1942 are: Joseph Sobr, president; Helen High, vice-president; Paul J. Oblock, secretary; Frances Kuchna, recording secretary; Frank Kader, treasurer.

Bolster Treasury
At the annual meeting it was decided that all members in the adult department be levied an additional ten cents (10c) per month assessments during 1942. This extra ten cents per month will go into the lodge treasury. Payment of this extra assessment begins with the month of January. Our treasury has been run down so we have to

build it up to carry our lodge activities on. As we all know that in Pennsylvania we have strict laws which makes it hard to raise or make money at various affairs.

Victory Dance

Our first affair of 1942 is going to be a "Victory Dance" January 24, 1942 in honor of our lodge members who are serving in the U. S. Army and Navy. So far we have five members who have been inducted and enlisted to service for our great country. "America First." Now to show our Fraternism and Americanism, let's all turn out for this great "Victory Dance." We are pleased at the interest shown by our friends and members for this great Rambler affair. Tickets can be purchased from our lodge members. Let's put this affair over with a bang!

Joe Kramer's orchestra has been engaged for this affair. He is a featured radio artist and is very popular and liked by our dancers. He has never made an appearance in this vicinity, so plan on coming out January 24, 1942 and see him perform. I assure you that he will put rhythm into you and just make you swing it out. "Pa še kako!" I urge every one to make it a red letter day on your calendar (Jan. 24) and come to Center Slovene Hall for the Center Ramblers' "Victory Dance."

A cordial invitation is extended to all the neighboring lodges and their friends from far and near. Will be seeing you all. Everybody out, January 24.

Pub. Comm., 221, AFU.
Mary E. Oblock,

Export Ladies Bowl at Slovene Home in Claridge

Export, Pa. — With the beginning of the New Year, I extend happy greetings to all AFU'ers, hoping that peace will soon be ours.

Last night—Jan. 7—found the women of our Lodge 138, AFU, bowling team in the Slovene Home (above the "blue" room) in Claridge, Pa. The bowlers were: Mrs. Ella Kovacic, Mrs. Helen Kovacic, Mrs. Jenko, Violet Skerly, (wife of our athletic supervisor), Mrs. Frank Kuznik Sr., Mary Kohosok, Rose Kuznik, and Mrs. Frank Kuznik Jr. No kiddin' there was a lot of fun at the alleys.

Thanks to all AFU'ers who sent me those nice Christmas cards.

Next Meeting
Next meeting of Studenećki skalo will be held Feb. 8. Please attend. Those of you who haven't as yet received a calendar, may get one at the meeting or at our home at any time.

Attention All
Again I beg of all you brothers and relatives who have loved me in the Service to give us

their addresses. Have already asked the Balkovec brothers for the address of their brother but it was all in vain. So PLEASE send us their address so we can help make it possible for them to get a Nova Doba and so that we can write to them and tell of our lodge affairs. There are four or five of our members helping our uncle—Sam.

Below Zero

Quite cold here this week. Found the thermometer at 15 and 20 degrees below zero. This is the coldest we've had in years! Since it is so cold here, I wonder what it is like in Ely? Aren't you frozen yet, Florence Startz? ha ha!

Defense Bonds

That Defense Bond situation should remain in the minds of all Americans. Buy your share of Freedom today!

This is about all for the first 1942 article. Until next time, so long, and KEEP THEM WINNING!

Rose J. Kuznik,
Lodge 138, AFU.

Re-elect Officers, Purchase New Flag

Lorain, O. — The annual meeting of St. Aloysius Lodge No. 6, Lorain, Ohio, held December 21st, was very well attended. All the old officers were re-elected for 1942 with the exception of the Athletic Supervisors. A new entertainment committee was also elected.

The officers for the ensuing year are — John Tomazic, President; Louis Balant, vice President; Ludwig Vidrick, Secretary; John Brence, Treasurer; Matilda Ostanek, Recording Secretary; Hermina Zortz, Frances Dougan, and Frank Gradisek, Jr., Trustees; George Vinovich, Athletic Supervisor; Frank Tomazic, Assistant Athletic Supervisor; John Vidrick, George Vinovich, Frank Tomazic, Agnes Mejak, Julia Tomazic, and Pauline Vidrick, entertainment committee; Anton Jancar, Flag Bearer.

Purchase New Flag

At this meeting it was decided by the members to purchase a new flag and to send a Christmas gift to the boys of our lodge, who are serving our country. They are John Hribar, Joseph Pavlic and Victor Balant.

Brother Frank Anzele happened to be the lucky winner at this meeting. The meetings will be held as usual this year, every third Sunday of the month at one o'clock, Slovenian Home.

I hope the members will continue to attend the meetings in full number throughout the year and show some cooperation and work for the future progress of our lodge and a bigger and better American Fraternal Union.

Ludwig J. Vidrick, Secretary
Lodge 6, AFU.

Pittsburgher Lodge Slates Social Feb. 7

Pittsburgh, Pa. — Next red-letter day in Pittsburgh will be Feb. 7 when Pittsburgher Lodge 196, AFU, will hold their big Pre-Lenten Social for its members and friends.

Scene of this event is the Slovene auditorium in Pittsburgh. There will be plenty to eat and drink, some good music, and general glee and hilarity will prevail.

The entire entertainment is offered to each and everyone of you for the small admission price of \$1.00 for men and 50-cents for women. There will be nothing else to pay.

You who attended our birthday social will remember what a swell time was had by all. Since we have had more time to prepare this social we can promise an even better evening of entertainment and fun. So come out to the Slovene auditorium on 57th street Saturday evening, Feb. 7, and have the time of your life.

We especially invite our local AFU lodges and also those in our nearby vicinity. This social, I'm sure, will help bolster your morale in these trying days and help us all to bear our sacrifices with greater ease.

L. P. Boberg, president,
Lodge 196, AFU.

BRIEFS

Sgt. Joseph "Chubby" Cham-pa, popular member of Collinwood Boosters, Lodge 188, AFU, advised Secretary Anton Laurich that he has been transferred to Troop E, 107th Cavalry, Fort Ord, Cal. Located a few hundred feet away from the Pacific Ocean, he reported his unit prepared for any emergency.

Pittsburgher Lodge 196 is sponsoring a social for its members and friends at the Slovene auditorium on 57th St., Pittsburgh, Pa., Saturday, Feb. 7.

Help fight the battle against Infantile Paralysis. Attend the Roosevelt Birthday Ball in your city. In Cleveland the event will be held in the Slovene auditorium, 65th and St. Clair, Jan. 30.

Slovene photographer in Chisholm, Minn., Louis Propatnick has been named school director to fill out the unexpired term of John Gornik Jr., recently elected mayor.

Napredek Lodge 132, AFU, Cleveland, Ohio is sponsoring a Patriotic Dance in the Slovene National Home on Recher avenue in Euclid, Saturday, Jan. 31. Two \$25 Defense Bonds will be given away.

Pathfinders

Gowanda, N. Y. — Regular meeting of Pathfinders, Lodge 222, AFU, was held last month and it was nice to see more members present. Here's hoping they will be on hand at all meetings throughout the year.

Election took place and the officers for 1942 were picked as follows: Mary Batches, president; John Batches, vice president; Ruby Majcen, financial secretary; Mrs. Julia Bozich, recording secretary; Anne Kaluza, treasurer; Mary Voncina, Jr., Mary Krall, and Albert Voncina, board of trustees.

Entertainment Planned

Following the business session at the next meeting Jan. 20, a card party will be held and refreshments will be served. All members are urged to attend as we haven't had any kind of entertainment after meetings for some time. It would be nice to get together and have some good times with our fraternal brothers and sisters of the American Fraternal Union. Here's hoping to see you all at our meeting Tuesday, Jan. 20 at 8 p. m.

Anne Kaluza,
Amelia Bratosh,
Lodge 222, AFU.

Attention Lodge 231

Whiting, Ind. — The annual meeting of Saint Roch Lodge No. 231, AFU, will be held at the home of Michael Kobe Jr., 2516 Schrage Avenue at 7:30 p. m., January 19, 1942.

It is important that all members attend this meeting as election of officers will take place and matters concerning the well-being of our lodge will be discussed.

Albina Progar
Bette Kobe
Publicity Committee
Lodge 231, AFU.

Your Signature In Ink

Contributors to the columns of Nova Doba are reminded that their handwritten signatures must appear at the end of their article before they can be published in this paper. Typewritten signatures are not sufficient. The by-laws governing the printing and publishing of our official organ emphatically decree that contributors must sign their names and lodge numbers at the end of every article or letter submitted. Otherwise, the article cannot be published. Please bear this in mind and avoid disappointment in not having your material published in such cases. — Editors.

AFU Plays Big Role in Civilian Defense Work

By Little Stan

Cleveland, O. — Daily mail carrier brings news releases and letters from our many members throughout the nation which reveal what an important part our members are playing to rally 'round our Flag to

give their 100 per-cent cooperation to National Defense. Our lodges are investing in Defense Bonds. Our members are individually subscribing to the same and are engaged in "all-out" activity, determined that they shall not stop until our Axis foes are soundly beaten.

A casual survey of a situation can be begun at our Home Office city, Ely, Minn., where our Supreme Secretary, Bro. Anton Zbasnik is head of the Civilian Defense Council. To those unfamiliar with the situation in Minnesota's famous Iron Range we might state that 90 per cent of the world's output of iron ore is produced in Northern Minnesota and upper Michigan.

IN ELY, MINN., WHERE BRO. ZBASNIK IS CHAIRMAN OF LOCAL CIVILIAN (Continued on page 7)

PRIVATE STERLE AT CAMP CROFT

Strabane, Pa.—Mr. and Mrs. Frank Sterle, sr., of Wylie Ave., Strabane, Pa., have received word that their son, Private Frank Sterle, jr., is stationed at: Company "C" 31st Infantry Training Battalion at Camp Croft, South Carolina.

PRIVATE PELAN AT CAMP CROFT

Washington, Pa. — Private Anthony Pelan, a member of Lodge 75, AFU, of Meadowlands, Pa., and son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Pelan, Country Club Road, Washington, Pa., was inducted into Uncle Sam's Army Dec. 8, 1941, at New Cumberland, Pa. He was sent to his present base, 2nd Platoon Co. "C," 32nd Infantry Training Battalion at Camp Croft, South Carolina. He left home Dec. 12. Arrangements have been made to send him a copy of Nova Doba each week.

Mary L. Pelan,
Lodge 75, AFU.

PATRIOTIC DANCE FIRST PROJECT OF NAPREDEK JR'S.; SLATED JAN. 31st; DEFENSE BONDS TO BE PRESENTED

Euclid-Cleveland, O. — The rising tide of national unity and patriotism which is sweeping the country rolled into the annual meeting of Napredek Lodge 132 recently.

Here in a fine gesture of cooperation between the older and younger members of the lodge, the group decided to sponsor a Patriotic Dance, Jan. 31st in the Recher Hall—Euclid Slovene National Home.

In addition two United States Defense Bonds will be presented to certain persons attending the dance.

Napredek's two bowling teams, the "Cavaliers" and the "Bums" composed of the younger lodge members are in an "all-out" campaign to dispose of tickets. They have a mighty good reason for wanting to make this affair a success.

Noticing the fine activity of the younger members, the older directors of the lodge decided to allow the younger element to sponsor this event all by themselves. Outside of cooperating with them to help make this event a success, the older members will not participate in the

plans at all. They want to see how well the younger group performs on their own initiative.

Judging from the start already made, this Patriotic dance is destined to take its place among the many successful affairs already sponsored by various lodges in Cleveland.

To other Cleveland AFU Lodges, we'd like to urge them to step out and help toward the success of this big affair by buying tickets in advance as soon as they see a Napredek Bowler or other boosters selling tickets. Hop on the band wagon and you might be fortunate in receiving one — or maybe if you're really fortunate—both United States Defense Bonds!

Excellent music will be provided, and a grand time is assured. You'll feel even better knowing you were among those who helped the Napredek youngsters put this first project over with a bang!

WE'LL BE SEEING YOU AT THE PATRIOTIC DANCE SATURDAY, JANUARY 31st! —Ed.

AFU'ers FIGURE PROMINENTLY IN ELY, MINN., J. N. HOME AFFAIRS; PURCHASE \$2,000 IN U. S. DEFENSE BONDS

Ely, Minn. — Center of Slovene Fraternal activity in Ely, Minn., Home Office city of our American Fraternal Union, is the Yugoslav National Home, where lodge meetings and affairs are conducted. Representatives of 18 subsidiaries of fraternal societies are the nucleus from which officers are chosen to govern affairs of the unit.

At the annual session held in December, AFU'ers figured prominently in the list of officers elected. Besides the unit authorized the purchase of \$2,000 in United States Defense Bonds; appropriated \$25 to help Ely obtain an Iron Lung; and donated \$10 toward continuance of the popular Sunday Radio Hour.

With six of seven Ely AFU lodges conducting their meetings in the National Home, representing about 2,000 members, most of the officers elected are also members of AFU. Several also belong to other organizations.

List of officers are: John Mehle, president, also recording secretary of Lodge 2; Joseph L. Champa, vice president, and president of Lodge 2; Andrew Pirtz, financial and recording secretary; Joseph Milkovich,

treasurer, also secretary of Lodge 114; John Otrin, Chairman, Frank Erzar, Sr., and Jacob Kunstelj, board of trustees. Bro's. Pirtz, Otrin, and Kunstelj hold important positions with AFU lodges.

Frances Varoga is chairman, and Frances Kalan, secretary of the National Home Library committee.

In charge of the unit's Club emporium are Matt Vertin, chairman and manager; Frances Jenko, and John Dragavon, directors.

Besides being officials here, Bro. Vertin conducts the most modern restaurant in the Northwest and will be remembered by many juvenile, athletic conference, and honorary delegates during their pleasant days at conventions in Ely.

Bro. Dragavon, assistant cashier at the First National Bank of Ely, has accepted the position of cashier at the new First State Bank of Tower, Minn., recently organized. He is the son of John Dragavon, Sr., for many years a secretary of Lodge 5 in Soudan. This position was later accepted by Martin L. Stepan, who was a delegate to the 1940 Waukegan convention, who in turn, relinquished it to Herman Klun.

Lodge 99 Dance

Moon Run, Pa. — Opening of New Year's activities by Lodge 99, AFU, of Moon Run, Pa., will be marked by a dance to be held Saturday, Jan. 31st in the Slovene hall at Moon Run.

For this affair we have engaged the services of Martin Kukevich Jr., and his Slovene Commanders to furnish swing for the jitterbugs; waltzes for the old folks; and familiar polkas for everybody!

To all local lodges we extend a most cordial invitation. Plenty

of refreshments and a swell evening of entertainment are assured all.

Come one! Come all! Help us get off to a good start in the New Year by making this affair a success!

Charles Matyas, dance comm.
Lodge 99, AFU.

Center Ramblers Anniversary
Dance will be held Jan. 24th at the Center, Pa., Slovene Hall. Music will be supplied by Joe Kramer and his Slovene Trio,

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When Do We Eat!

UNCLE SAM'S XMAS MENU TICKLES PALATE

First Class Private Frank Pechaver, stationed with the 30th Infantry, Company "A", now at Fort Lewis, Washington, sent a program to his brother at the editorial offices of Nova Doba, showing how the Army took the "sickness" out of "home" at Christmas time.

Depicting the layout of the Company "A", the neat-looking folder gives one a generally good idea of routine life in Uncle Sam's Army.

The Christmas menu is a lot better than most of us have at home during the holiday season, and you'll agree when you read the delicious edibles. You can't eat them—just read them. Near supper time, you can't help but feel hungry when you see how Uncle Sam takes care of his boys!

The menu opens with a glass of tomato juice. You follow this

with oyster stew, crackers, celery hearts, and ripe olives.

Next you get apple and celery salad and some sliced tomatoes. Just to give you an appetite—which you'll need!

Follows generous helpings of roast turkey with oyster dressing and cranberry sauce. But you're not through yet!

Along comes some juicy, tender Virginia Ham with candied sweet potatoes. You follow this with spinach and a hard-boiled egg, some giblet gravy. For dessert you get your choice of layer cake, mince pie, pumpkin pie, mixed candy and mixed nuts. You have assorted bread, butter, coffee, cream, fresh milk! And after you loosen up every belt and suspender in the neighborhood of your bread box they pass out cigars and cigarettes and wish you a Merry Christmas!

WHO SAID BEANS!

NAPREDEK LODGE 132 PURCHASES

\$200 DEFENSE BONDS

EXPECT HUGE CROWD

Euclid-Cleveland, O. —Nearer and nearer comes the date of the grand Patriotic Dance sponsored by the junior members of Lodge Napredek in Euclid. The event will take place Saturday, January 31st, at the Slovenian Society Home on Reher Ave., to the tune of Vadal's orchestra. Preparations are in full swing and we feel that this is going to be an unusually happy and successful occasion. There is great enthusiasm among our young members, and even our neighboring AFU lodges are showing a lot of interest, and looking forward to it.

At the dance two U. S. Defense Bonds will be awarded, which we believe will be welcome prizes to the winners, as well as for Uncle Sam.

Incidentally, for the Patriotic Dance we particularly invite the attendance of any of our soldiers home on furlough; in fact they will be very welcome, without an admission ticket. We would certainly be happy to see some of our own lodge boys, who are now serving their country in various parts of the United States.

Our regular monthly lodge meeting was held Friday last. We were sorry to learn that Mr. Frank Zagar, our recording secretary, has asked to be replaced by another member, due to late working hours. For a similar reason, our treasurer,

Mr. Kunstel, stated he would be unable to perform his duties this year. We, therefore, need to hold elections for these two posts at the next monthly meeting, and we invite and urge all members to attend our session next month, Friday, February 13th, so as to have a voice in electing two new members to the executive board, or perhaps assume one of these positions themselves.

At the meeting it was moved that the lodge should invest in U. S. Defense Bonds. The vote was quickly passed that two \$100 Bonds be purchased. We believe this is very commendable on the part of our lodge, and we hope that many, many Slovenian groups and societies will fall in line by purchasing U. S. Bonds for Victory.

Not to overlook our bowling activity, the Napredek Cavaliers had some difficulties last Friday, and they were able to squeeze only one game from the I. V.'s No. 2. The latter, with the help of Little Stan, were in fine form, and hard to beat.

The "Bums" team did much better, taking three games from the Johnnies. We wish them continued luck in this third round of the season. For the high scorers of our two teams, read our Bowling Secretary's column by Joe Kozar. Tomorrow is another bowling

Lodge 37 Invests \$300 in U. S. Defense Bonds

Joseph Rudolf, Jr., Succeeds Dad As Secretary

Cleveland, O. — Following ten years of active splendid service as secretary of Lodge 37, AFU of Cleveland, Ohio, Bro. Joseph Rudolf of 15317 Shiloh Road voluntarily stepped out of his position at the annual December session. Members, in turn, vested the position in his popular young son, Joseph Rudolf, Jr., who at his young age has already made himself known to AFUers throughout the country.

Was Twice Delegate

For young Rudolf was twice delegate to National Juvenile Conventions and his sister, Lillian Rudolf, once. Apparently following in the footsteps of their good dad, they are destined to send Lodge 37 soaring to new and greater heights.

Grown Up

Since the Juvenile Convention, Joey Rudolf has grown to splendid manhood. Besides taking over the reins of Lodge 37's secretaryship, he is also employed in a Defense Plant, helping our Nation to "Remember Pearl Harbor!"

Lodge 37 Has Fine Record

In resigning his position to his son, Bro. Rudolf, Sr., expressed appreciation to all members for their excellent cooperation, and directed sincere thanks to the Supreme Secretary, Bro. Anton Zbasnik, for fine service between the lodge and the Home Office. He expressed hope this same fine service would exist in the future.

During the 10 years Bro. Rudolf was secretary, Lodge 37 showed an increase in membership. One of the largest lodges in Cleveland, Bro. Rudolf has set a mark as secretary which will be difficult to beat, and it is expected that his son will carry on with an equally superb performance.

Buy Defense Bonds

Among major business transacted at the annual meeting, Lodge 37 scored patriotically when members voted to purchase \$300 in United States Defense Bonds. An investment in the security of our Nation!

New President

Charles Vertovsknik succeeded Bro. Stanley Dolence as president of Lodge 37. Blaz Hace was elected vice president; Frank Laurich, treasurer; Joey Rudolf, secretary; Joseph Grdina, recording secretary; and John Petric, John Zalar, and Anna Filipic, trustees. Mike Ausek was elected sergeant-at-arms.

Ed Zalar Was Delegate

Noticing the name of John Zalar among elected trustees we are reminded that his son Eddie Zalar was the splendid guitarist and delegate to the Second Juvenile Convention at Ely, Minn., in 1937. Later we remembered he headed the popular Eddie Zay's orchestra.

Fighting 71st Johnnies

By Elsie M. Desmond

Cleveland, O. — YOU, as members of St. John's No. 71, AFU, are being asked through the Nova Doba, your official paper to be present at the meeting, Sunday, January 18th at 9 a. m., at the Slovenian Home, Holmes Avenue. As this is the first meeting of the New Year, our many young as well as old members are invited to attend. There will be much new business talked about with new ideas for St. John's activities and installation of newly elected officers. From our younger set we'd enjoy seeing the Kapel's, Poznik, Jane Dolenc, Celia Zaler, Helen Krass, Fran and Mary Klun, Frances Kapel, Tony Baraga, Bokai boys, Zagorec (we're positive of him), Clements, Osolin, Ruzic, Trebets boys, Johnnie Kogoy, Zabukovec, Yerrick's, Jermain, Starman and I could go on and on, but all the young people should really take more interest and come, so what about it folks? Hope to see you Sunday at our first meeting of the year!

Tony Malavasic, Betsy Ross member and leader of the Blue Jackets Orchestra who is leaving us next month to join the coast guards is paying a final tribute to his school, Collinwood High, as he will appear in the lead of the operetta, "The Emperor's Clothes." He will be the Emperor next Tuesday and Wednesday, January 20 and 21 respectively. The operetta will begin at 8 p. m., both nights at the auditorium of the school. It has three acts, being written by Frances Richards, music by Joseph Clokey. What about attending for a nice evening seeing a fine operetta presented by the students of Collinwood High with our AFU member, Tony as the main character?

Mark a round circle for Saturday, January 31st as this is Napredek's date out in Euclid

night, so come out you lodge fans and cheer the boys on.

For Napredek, AFU 132, Fr. Seseck.

at the S. S. H. when they will present their Patriotic Dance with Vadal's Orchestra.

The Ohio AFU Federation will take place at the Slovene Society Home on Reher Avenue, Euclid, Ohio, Sunday, February 1st. This is a reminder to all out of towners to be sure that their representative attends and to all Cleveland lodges as well.

Congratulations to Joseph Rudolf as new secretary of Lodge No. 37. Previously his dad, Mr. Rudolf held the job for a number of years. Yes, it shows that the younger generation is really taking an interest in our wonderful organization by taking up new offices and thus learning the tasks of the position. So "good luck" with your new job, Joe and let's see if you can spur some activities for the biggest lodge of Cleveland!

From members and friends of St. John's "the best wishes for a happily wedded life" to member, Tony Kristoff and his bride to be, Miss Frances Potopnik when the event occurs this Saturday, January 17th with a reception at the S. W. H.

And for a cause which is very worthwhile, the Infantile Paralysis Drive is a nation wide drive during this month. That's why the President's Ball every year draws hundreds of our young Slovenians to dance to the tunes of several well known orchestras to help out those victims of such a disease. Thus we hope that YOU will again be at the President's Ball, Friday January 30 at the Slovenian National Home to dance and also see a Variety Show, composed of those active personalities of the city. So let's all turn out 100% and be present at the Ball!

Elsie M. Desmond, No. 71, AFU.

Lodge No. 190, better known as Western Sisters, is sponsoring a dance Jan. 25th, 1942 in Butte, Montana.

Patriotic Beverly-- Lodge 92 Members Affirm Loyalty to A. F. U. and U. S. - Elect Officers



Cleveland, O. —Interest manifested in our Nation's National Defense Program by our young children is evidenced by pretty 4-year-old (3 and a half) to be exact Beverly Laurich, young daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Laurich, all members of Collinwood Boosters, Lodge 188, AFU where daddy is secretary.

Enrolled as an AFU member when she was but four hours old, Beverly grew to her present age with a remarkable sense of learning everything about everything. She had heard so much about buying Defense Bonds — over the radio, her friends, and in the papers. So just around Christmas she asked Daddy: "What's a bond?" Daddy had purchased one and he showed it to her. "I want a bond, too, daddy!" she declared. So mama and daddy opened up her liberty bell bank, counted the pennies and silver, and Beverly had a \$25.00 Defense Bond! She has already saved half the amount to buy her next one!

And so it is that four-year old "Patriotic" Beverly is doing her share to help "Keep 'em Flying" setting a wonderful example for other little children to follow. Are her parents proud of her? Well, you ought to see the patriotic smile on their faces!

Hey Kiddies, Grotto Circus Here

Cleveland, O. — The first wintry blasts herald the 13th annual Al Sirat Grotto Circus scheduled for Cleveland Public Auditorium, starting Monday, February 2nd to the 14th.

The Grotto will bring back to Cleveland 100 outstanding acts that have thrilled children and adults alike at past performances, and will be the only winter circus in Cleveland this year. Public Hall will again be used for the show.

Plans have been made to bring 50,000 school children to the Grotto Circus free of charge. Every fourth and fifth grade pupil, and orphans in Cleveland will attend the indoor show.

Despite the war, famous acts of the circus have been assembled under one big top. Headlining the show is Captain Terrell Jacobs and his thrilling wild animal act.

Other acts in the 100 act spectacle include The Flying Comets, a whirlwind trapeze act, Reynolds and Donegan, fast skating roller team; Ray Goody repeating the sensation of last year's event, the hair raising "Slide of Life."

The 1942 Grotto Circus also offers Don Francisco, the Roland Tieber Seals, an Aerial Ballet of 100 beautiful girls performing with ballet precision and grace in their "Swinging Ladders" high overhead.

No circus is complete without acrobats, wire artists, and mirth making clowns, and Grotto officials have lined up the best of these attractions. Reserved seats will go on

Rockdale, Ill. — Most of the entire world, including our beloved Homeland, America, is enveloped in a bitter war. Animosity between the Nations, lack of fraternity and brotherly love among the Nations across the seas has dragged our country into this chaos.

But on our side of the sea, the bonds of fraternalism and brotherly love have strengthened the government and its people. It seems to me that this situation is stronger than ever before. It also impresses me that we all realize the necessity of being interwoven more strongly during these chaotic times with real fraternity and brotherly love. Thus our bonds are united more closely together.

Fraternity Predominates

Members and officers of St. Michael's Lodge No. 92, AFU, have ended the year and inaugurated 1942 in such a splendid demonstration of fraternity and brotherly love that it leaves me very happy.

During the past year, we were not particularly outstanding in our activity, but we hope that we will be in the future. We are going to work and agitate for the progress of the lodge; for every individual member, and we are also resolved to increase our membership during the coming year. To attain this end we have the proper spirit and goodwill, and I hope that we will also accomplish this resolution.

Elected Officers

A fine attendance was present at our annual meeting held Dec. 28th, and it showed that with a large attendance business matters were decided upon more effectively for the progress of the lodge. Among other business, officers elected for 1942 were as follows: Victor Zadnik, president; Anton Oberstar, vice president; Miss Mary Shetina, 913 Otis avenue, secretary; Margaret Muha, treasurer; Louis Urbanic, recording secretary; Anton Penko, Anne Shetina, and Bernice Panion, board of trustees.

COLORADO SUNSHINE ANNOUNCES '42 OFFICERS; PLAN ACTIVE SEASON

Denver, Colo. — As a perfect stranger in the columns of Nova Doba and as newly elected secretary of Colorado Sunshine Lodge No. 201, AFU, I wish to extend most hearty wishes for a New Year to all.

Our newly elected officers for 1942 are as follows:

Mr. Frank Smole, re-elected president. If his future work is as well done as in the past, enough said.

Louis Pozelnik, vice president. He is our former secretary and I wish to congratulate him for the fine work he accomplished and I hope I can do as well.

Richard Clifford, re-elected treasurer. The highest of compliments to "Rich" for his work.

Joseph Mishmash re-elected recording secretary. He is one of our most dependable and sincere veteran members. Keep it up, Joe!

George Hranachak, re-elected chairman of our auditing committee. We are always sure of his loyalty. Mike Mavetic and Charles Chitwood a couple of grand energetic leaders complete the personnel of the auditing committee.

We have also elected a person sale January 19th in the lobby of the Union Commerce Bank and Music Hall Box Office.

The prices of tickets will be \$1.85, \$1.50, \$1.25 and \$1.00.

Indicate Loyalty
At this meeting, members showed also their loyalty to their lodge and Union and our Nation in their introduction of ideas relative to purchasing a new Flag for the lodge. More discussion on this idea will take place at the next meeting which is scheduled Jan. 18 in regular quarters at 9:30 a. m. We will show that none are more loyal Americans in our American Fraternal Union than we!

Bolster Treasury
It was also decided at our annual meeting that beginning January, 1942, all members in our Lodge 92, AFU, who carry death benefit insurance and are also insured in other funds will be subject to pay a lodge assessment of 10 cents each month. Every member knows that there are expenses in connection with operation of a lodge and funds are necessary to pay these.

Cooperation Stressed
Until now, we have been able to bolster our treasury with profits from dances and other affairs. In the future, it seems that this system will not be so effective, besides, whenever an affair is sponsored some members contribute a great deal while others do not pay anything. It appears that only most active members participate in these events, and others do not. The lodge treasury needs the cooperation of every member and that is why it is logical and fair that every member contribute this extra 10-cent local lodge assessment.

Urges Attendance at Meetings
I hope that our progress during the coming year will be efficient and fraternal. The New Year will undoubtedly bring us new problems to solve, and every problem must and can be solved more satisfactorily if more members attend regular monthly meetings. Therefore, please attend the next meeting, January 18th so that we may begin the New Year in fine style. A Happy New Year to all and we shall be seeing you. Mary Shetina, secretary, Lodge 92, AFU.

Wake Up, Americans!

Wake up, Americans! Make America answer your call over the world. Every citizen must back the United States Army and Navy to victory — back them with work and money.

Do your part: Buy United States Defense Bonds and Stamps at your post office bank or savings and loan association. Get Defense Stamps at your retail store or from the carrier of this newspaper.

A Dash From Dolly

By Florence D. Startz

Ely, Minn. — Old Man Winter waited until the holiday season was over before he gave the people of Ely a taste of what winter is really like. Today it is almost thirty below. How does that compare with Cleveland's weather, Little Stan?

Ely Honored

Ely got off with a fine start in 1942. Tribute was paid to the AFU's Home Office City as training, timber, and recreational center on a program broadcast from Duluth last night. Also a full page feature Ely was in one of the Minn., papers, showing pictures of Mayor Kopsch and other prominent citizens. Ely's fine public buildings were shown, Amelia Kohn, three times a delegate to conventions, was pictured as one of the students attending the Ely Junior College.

Births

There's a new arrival in the family of Ely's mayor—a boy to Mr. and Mrs. John Kohn on December 30th. Congratulations! And Mr. Frank Kohn, assistant supreme secretary, and his wife are the proud parents of a baby girl last month. So accept congratulations too.

Civilian Defense Head

The supreme secretary, Mr. Zbasnik is chairman of the civilian defense board. You can see how busy he must be. He is on many committees but chairman on quite a few. So you see it is not only his own but other people

too, who realize how many different talents Mrs. Zbasnik has.

Died at Tower, Minn.

A very popular business man of Tower, Minn., died recently. He is Mr. John Zobitz Sr. He is the grandfather of Irene and Mary Pavlich, contributors to the Nova Doba. The girls, who with their brother Jack, work in Chicago, were in Tower for the funeral. My mother and sister Margaret attended the funeral.

Named Bank Cashier

One of Ely's most popular citizens, a member of the AFU, Mr. John Dragavon, will soon make his residence at Tower, Minn., where he will be cashier of a new bank in Tower. At the present Mr. Dragavon is assistant cashier of the First National Bank of Ely.

War Clouds

In Ely, as well as in other parts of the world some of the joy of the holidays was overshadowed by the war, Albin Mrache was Ely's first war casualty. Reported missing in the Pacific war zone is William Loushin, a member of the marine corps.

Dolly—Ely "Sob Sister"—Reporter

Since Little Stan left for Cleveland to take up his duties as English Editor, there has been quite a slack in the number of articles appearing from Ely and I have been confronted by several Ely people to write weekly articles to the adult page. I'll try my best to represent Ely as well as you did, Stan. (This is an excellent start, Dolly. — Ed.)

LITTLE STAN'S ARTICLE

(Continued from page 5)

ARE SEVERAL WHICH ARE VITAL PRODUCTION OF FOR TANKS, GUNS, SHIPS!

of these precious resources the importance of a good patriotic local defense protecting the home from possible sabotage. This city are also over Slovenia, majority of members of the AFU.

through other cities on Range—Chisholm, Eve, Virginia, Hibbing, Aurora, Biwabik and further the Cuyuna near Crosby, Keewatin, and Nash-

22 miles from Ely is where is mined the grade of ore in the Here also, as in the cities, local defense de- the 100 per cent patrio- of every individual.

throughout the Ohio's manufacturing Pennsylvania's and West collieries, North, East and West—every- huns vast machinery our production to peak

holders, especially the tradesmen, are drawing salaries in history. Our ment program has forced of strict econ- We are urged to loan and more to the govern- in the form of defense

ABOUT THE WHOLE- COOPERATION EVERY CITIZEN, THE CANNOT BE WON! AT FRONT LINES AND AT HOMEFRONT EVERY WOMAN AND CHILD NECESSARY TO DO PART.

when can the defeat of be assured? A quick glance of the tre- impetus of defense makes us feel proud

Frank Slavec, Flying Cadet

Lafayette, Colo. — At Ellington Field, Texas, with the "A" Squadron, Aviation Cadet Frank Slavec is going through his paces in order to pass the stiff requirements preparatory to becoming one of Uncle Sam's war-birds who will help this country to wipe out the sting of the Japs' infamous raid on Pearl Harbor and Hawaii.

Cadet Slavec, a member of Lodge 21, AFU, of Denver, Colo., already has a colorful career back of him, according to a letter received from his dad, Victor Slavec of Lafayette. This story, too, marks the second of this nature from Colorado in this issue!

Juvenile contributors to the Magic Carpet Page will remember the articles submitted by other members of the Slavec family particularly Jack and Ann. They are a fine example of an AFU family.

Cadet Slavec's dad writes the Nova Doba, giving highlights of his son's career thus far. He graduated from Colorado University on June 10th, 1940, and then accepted a teaching position in Genoa, Colo. After three months he enlisted in the United States Army, then transferred to the Air Corps.

He was first stationed at Kelly Field, Texas. From here he was sent to Santa Maria, California then to Stockton Field, Cal. After seven months at Stockton Field he was elevated to the position of Postal Sergeant. From here he requested transfer to the Aviation Corps to take up his favorite job—flying. After a short six days at Lowry Field in Denver, he was transferred to Ellington Field where he is now stationed, studying navigation and bombardment maneuvers.

Mr. and Mrs. Albin Slavec of Del Paso Heights, Cal., visited their Lafayette Colo., home and their parents over the Yuletide holidays. They attested to their interest in Nova Doba, arranging to get the paper every week. In a recent letter home, Aviation Cadet Frank Slavec said: "The studies here indicate a lot of hard work, but I hope I will make it.*** I would like very much if you could send me the Nova Doba every week. Reason for that is I may be able to use the language in the near future and I want to keep up by reading some at least once a week! — Keep 'em flying, Cadet Slavec!"

Center Ramblers Lodge No. 221, AFU, are sponsoring a 11th Anniversary dance Saturday, Jan. 17th, 1942.

Guard Your Country . . . and Your Loved Ones

Right now, thousands of young American soldiers and sailors are risking their lives to protect yours. Patriotism, your own self-protection, demands that you do your part, now!

Start buying United States Defense Savings Bonds and Stamps immediately. Back down the aggressors with your dollars. Bonds are on sale at banks and post offices. They cost as little as \$18.75. Put your dimes in Defense Stamps and they, too, will go to work.

America needs your money for a very important reason—to safeguard your country, your life.

margins. It's grand fun and a good place to go on Friday nights—East 152nd Recreation alleys—and we've just got to go to press.

Boosters Gain 2nd Place; Prime Rolls 255

At last terminating the losing streak which befell them in the past several weeks, the Collinwood Boosters overtook the Iliriska Vila No. 1 team for three games. In setting back the Ivies the Boosters belted the maples for a 2534 count which was plenty good enough to send them into second place in the race. The three reversals now has extended the losing streak to nine games for the ill-fated Iliriska Vila No. 1 crew and dropped them into third place.

The only bright spot in Ivies' loss was Tony Prime's 255 game which ties the previous high single game rolled by Joe Jermain.

Again making good of every opportunity offered them, as the runner up crew was being drubbed, the Betsy Ross Flagmakers ran over the St. John Saints for three games. Thus extending their lead to seven games and putting a hurried halt to the Saints' winning streak. The three setbacks sent the Saints from sixth to seventh position. In their last twelve games the Flagmakers lost but one game, which accounts for their big lead.

The Napredok Cavaliers' victory march ran into a detour when they came to the Iliriska Vila No. 2 crew. The Ivies No. 2 team came out of the encounter with a two game win under its arms.

As result of their double win the Ivies No. 2 team gained a tie for third place with their kins the Ivies No. 1 team and the Napredok Cavaliers.

A hurried exit was made by the Napredok Bums from the cellar occupants the St. John Johnnies for three games. The triple victory sent the Bums into sixth place of the race and the reversal sent the Johnnie back into the cellar, which they vacated the previous week.

Laurich Boys Shine

The big noises in the Collinwood Boosters triple win over the Iliriska Vila No. 1 team were the Laurich boys "Ludie" and Tony. Ludie led the Booster barrage with a 563 and was followed closely by his brother Tony who had a 560 total. For the ill-fated crew of the Iliriska Vila No. 1, Tony Prime with 568 and Mike Poklar with 537 were high. Prime's total was the highest rolled for the evening which included his 255 game but it just couldn't seem to bring a win for the Ivies.

Flagmakers Increase Lead
The mainstays for the continuance of the winning form of the Betsy Ross Flagmakers were Ivan Rozanc and "Blackie" Krall with 542 and 521 respectively. For the three time defeated St. John Saints Jim Ruzic with 484 and Frank Znidar with 482 were high. "Ike" Kocin with a ??? total was low for the Flagmakers. Should I tell them the total, Ike?

Ivies No. 2 Tie For Third
With Stan Pechaver and Laddie Debevec with 488 and 470 respectively leading the way for the Iliriska Vila No. 2 team the Ivies gained a two game win over the Napredok Cavaliers. The Cavaliers gained their lone victory in the final game of the encounter by a margin of only eight pins. For the Cavaliers Frank Sesek with a 492 series and Frank Smrtnik with a 487 count were high.

Bums Climb Out of Cellar

The Napredok Bums registered the second clean sweep of the evening as they downed the St. John Johnnies. Leading the way to Bums' white-wash task was Johnny Krince with 463 and Bill Kern with 448. For

the cellar occupants the St. John Johnnies, Teeny Yerick with 477 was high.

Two Hundred Circle

The select two hundred circle was entered by: Tony Prime, 255; Mike Poklar, 208; Ivan Rozanc, 203; Frank, 202; Ludie Laurich, 201 and Gustie Fortuna, 200.

American Fraternal Union Standings, Jan. 9th, 1942

	W	L
1 Betsy Ross	33	15
2 Collinwood Boosters	26	22
3 Iliriska Vila No. 1	24	24
4 Iliriska Vila No. 2	24	24
5 Napredok Cavaliers	24	24
6 Napredok Bums	22	26
7 St. John Saints	20	28
8 St. John Johnnies	19	29

Team High 3 Games

Iliriska Vila No. 1	2566
Betsy Ross	2562
St. John Johnnies	2544

Team High 1 Game

Betsy Ross	925
Collinwood Boosters	908
Iliriska Vila No. 1	894

Individual High 3 Games

Stan Zagore	623
Ivan Rozanc	592
Jim Ruzic	579

Individual High 1 Game

Joe Jermain	255
Tony Prime	255
Wm. Quinn	244

Individual Averages

1 Rozanc	174
2 Poklar	170
3 Quinn	170
4 Zagore	167
5 Kozar	166
6 Martich	166
7 Prime	164
9 L. Debevec	163
9 L. Laurich	162
10 Ruzic	162

Schedule For Friday, Jan. 16th

Alleys 1-2	Napredok Bums vs Collinwood Boosters
Alleys 3-4	St. John Saints vs Napredok Cavaliers
Alleys 5-6	St. John Johnnies vs Betsy Ross
Alleys 7-8	Iliriska Vila No. 1 vs Iliriska Vila No. 2
	Joe Kozar, Sec'y

SIX MEMBERS IN ARMY

Lodge 106, AFU, 1942 Officers

Davis, West. Va. — Officers elected by Lodge 106, AFU, for 1942 are: Joe Sluger, president; Mike Ujcic, vice-president; John Kerzic, secretary; Frank Okolish, treasurer and recording secretary; Frank Mahnich, Frank Tekavec, and Frank Lascar, trustees; Dr. J. S. Scar, lodge medical examiner.

Pay Dues on Time

All members whether they live near or far away are asked to take care to see that their assessments are paid before the last day of the month. The secretary cannot pay assessments of other members from his own pocket and there isn't any money to cover this in the lodge treasury. Whoever does not have their assessments paid on time will be suspended and it will be his own fault. No one can't say they have no work or money to pay their assessments.

Six in Army

Six of our young men of Lodge 106 are in the Army of the United States. They are: Andy Arhar, Frank Semich, Victor Ujcic, John Sluger, Albert Kerzic, and Joe Kerzic. All are members of AFU Lodge 106. May they always be fortunate in their different paths of life.

John Kerzic, secretary, Lodge 106, AFU.

Spaghetti Supper Feb. 1 Heads No. 205 1942 Activity

Canonsburg, Pa. — The American Fraternal Union, Lodge 205, held their annual December meeting and re-elected practically all the officers for another year. John Pankiewicz, president, re-elected for third year. Stephen Lombardi, vice-president, third year. Josephine Sustich, treasurer, seventh year. Louis Polaski, secretary, eighth year. Athletic supervisor, Louis Polaski. Trustees: Edith Lombardi, Pauline Fartro and Frances Polaski. Social committee: Frank Elish, Frank Skittle, Pauline Fartro, Josephine Sustich, Stephen Lombardi, John Pankiewicz and Louis Polaski. A full co-operation by the membership was promised the elected officers in their work.

Spaghetti Supper

At this session the members decided to hold a "Spaghetti Supper" on Sunday evening, Feb. 1st, 1942, hours from 5 to 8. Refreshments of all sorts will be served at this affair and those who have attended our last supper, well remember the wonderful time they had. Come around hungry and we assure you that you won't feel disappointed when you get away from the table. Just thinking of the large dish of spaghetti with delicious meat balls and plenty of sauce makes my mouth water. Yum, yum, and some.

Help Bolster Treasury

This eating session will be held in the new home of the secretary, (Louis Polaski) at 24 Second St., Canonsburg, Pa. Admission 35 cents. All neighboring lodges are cordially invited to attend and I'm quite sure you'll be saying, when are you going to hold another such affair. Come one, come all; our success depends on you and you can also help us to start the year 1942 with a bang. Social and entertainment committees all know that when they undertake the task of raising money for their lodge treasury, they work hard to make a success of it, but without the co-operation of its members and their friends, there's but one meaning, "failure." After such affairs when someone mentions about holding such and such affair at a meeting what can you expect from the committee but, what's the use.

Plan Four Events

We intend to hold at least four various doings this coming year and the outcome of the

Infantile Paralysis Campaign Jan. 20-30

Attend the Annual Roosevelt Birthday Ball in Your Community!

Cleveland, O. — Postmaster Michael F. O'Donnell, general chairman of the Cuyahoga County Chapter of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, Inc., announced yesterday that Richard L. Kroesen, Cuyahoga County commander of the American Legion, has been named campaign chairman of the Infantile Paralysis Campaign to take place in Cleveland January 20 to 30.

Initial plans call for a campaign kick-off dinner at Hotel Hollenden, January 14, the campaign to continue until January 30 which is President Roosevelt's sixtieth birthday.

This campaign will mark the ninth year in which the President's birthday anniversary has been celebrated throughout the country with parties, festivals and other events to raise money for a national infantile-paralysis eradication campaign.

President Roosevelt has already proclaimed a need for the continuation of this work in the war emergency as a means for safeguarding health and preventing epidemics which might weaken national production.

Postmaster O'Donnell pointed out to those attending the meeting that increased funds in Cuyahoga County were necessary this year because of the fact that one hundred and ninety-five cases of infantile paralysis were reported in 1941 as compared with forty-two cases in the county in 1940. He also stated that within the next week the committee would receive a report of activities consummated with the funds collected in the 1941 campaign.

Lodge No. 190, AFU, of Butte, Montana, is sponsoring a dance January 25, 1942.

Lodge 159, AFU, Cornwall, Pa., is sponsoring a dance Saturday, Jan. 17th in the lodge hall. Everyone, especially friends in Reading, Pa., is invited.

Remember Pearl Harbor! Buy U. S. Defense Savings Bonds!

coming spaghetti supper hangs the answer. (P. S.) John and Fannie Yenke, you are invited.

Remember the date, Sunday, February 1st. Time, 5 to 8. Place, 24 Second St. Admission, 25 cents. Be seeing you, I hope. Louis Polaski, sec'y Lodge 205, AFU.

PRIVATE JOE PALOOKA SAYS—

IF YOU CAN'T JOIN UP WITH ME, THE NEXT BEST THING TO HELP US LICK THEM MAD DOGS IS TO BUY ALL THE UNITED STATES SAVINGS BONDS AND STAMPS YOU CAN!!



HAM FISHER

Marta Ostenso

Klic divjih gosi

IV

Vsa družina z Lindo vred, kateri je bilo to nasilje čisto novo, je bila ob polsestih pri zajtrku.

To zgodnje vstajanje je bilo, da se tako izrazimo, nekam prisiljeno: človek je moral hočeš nočeš gledati plaho svitanje. Svitalo se je, kakor da bi se odpiral velikanski cvet na robu nebesnega svoda. Zemlja je bila jasna in temna, kakor da bi jo človek gledal skozi modro steklo. Prvikrat se je tedaj zavedel, da stoji na obliki, ki se suče ritmično skozi svetovni prostor. To je bil čas kristalnočistih zaznav.

Toda zajtrkovanje je bilo dolgočasno opravilo. Ela je bila blede od bolečine na nogi in Amaliji sta trgali srce materinska skrb in zavest ženske podvrženosti. Kaleb in Martin sta se razgovarjala o prodaji živine; niti z besedico nista omenila Juditinega bika, dasi je Martin sklenil skrbeti za to, da bo namesto prodanega dobila drugo.

Ko je Judita izpila čašo kave, je planila ven in pričela kiti dati gnoj na voz. Roke so ji bile sicer še otele in ranjene, toda ponos ji je branil, da bi potožila. Če je mogla prenašati zaradi Amalije Ela, je mogla tudi ona.

Ela in Martin sta odgnala bika, preden se je mogla učiteljica posloviti od njiju.

Stekla je ven in gledala, ko sta polagoma izginila na cesti; Martin je sedel na vozu sklonjen kakor truden starec, a Ela je sedela nenaravno trdo.

Kaleb Gare je šel z doma k seji cerkvene občine v Yellow Postu. Četudi mu je to prikrajševalo čas za lastne zadeve, ga je vendarle veselilo, da je zaupnik cerkve, kakor je zaupnik šole. To veselje je izviralo predvsem iz njegove čuječnosti, da se nobeden od ostalih varuhov cerkvenega premoženja ne bi okoristil s tem denarjem.

Tisti dan pa je šel k seji zlasti zaradi tega, ker je malce sumničel Bjorna Aronsona, ki je bil blagajnik cerkvenega imetja.

Skoraj med vsa sejo je opazoval mlajšega brata Fusija Aronsona, dasi so bili vsi zborovalci trdno prepričani, da je denar, ki so ga zaupali Bjornu, varno shranjen v trdni blagajni na Aronsonovi farmi. Kaleb si ni mogel pojasniti, kako si je mogel kupiti Bjorn v tem letnem času tri čistokrvne Jerseyske krave od "pogana" Klobacza, ki ni niti pripadal cerkveni občini. Kaleb je opazil v čredi nova živinčeta in jih je takoj spoznal.

Po seji je naglo stopil za hrbet Bjornu, ki je odvezoval konje na privezovališču.

"Kakor vidim, imaš nekaj novih krav," je dejal in potpreljal mladega moža po rami. Bjorn se je zdrnil, Kaleb se je zasmel.

"Daa, tako je," je odvrnil Bjorn.

"Si jih kupil na postaji?"

"Naak. Od Klobacza. On potrebuje denar, preden odide," je rekel Bjorn. Oči so mu begale nekod po poti; Kaleb se je ponovno zasmel in se zamišljeno zamajal na petah. Bjorn je sedel na voz in oddrdral naravnost proti Yellow Postu, priganjajoč z bičem konja.

Bjorn ni bil takega značaja ko njegov brat, ali ker je bil Fusij postenjak, so bili v Oelandu mnjenja, da so vsi ljudje njegove krvi postenjakoviči. "Pa se malo motijo," je mislil sam pri sebi Kaleb in si čestital, da je odkril pego na Aronsonovem ščitku, ki bo lahko kazal s prstom nanjo. Ne, že dolgo časa ve, da Bjorn ni tak dečko ko njegov brat. Bjorn si ni niti prizadeval, da bi se naučil angleško, kakor je to storil Fusij. Kaleb je skle-

nil, da na poti domov obišče za trenotek Fusija.

Bila je pa še neka druga stvar, ki bi se bilo po Kalebem mnenju vredno pozabavati z njo. Skočil je na voz, zamokkal konju in ga zasukal proti Klobaczevi domačiji. Bil je lep dan in Kaleb je bil izredno dobre volje. Ko je okrenil konja proti zapadu, je imel pred očmi svoja polja, ki so bila že vsa v zelenju in mnogo obetajoča. Na vzhodu je ležalo pusto, kamnitno zemljišče Antona Klovacza, kjer je imel ta nekaj jutrov borne timotejke. Posmehljivo se je zarežal ob misli, da je prišel Mark Jordan na ta borni košček zemlje, ki ga bo Anton Klovacz čez nekaj mesecev pustil svojem, seveda, če mu bo sreča mila in mu bo država, ki je od nje odvisen, pripoznala lastninsko pravico!

Kaleb je zakrenil z vozom na ozko, malo izvoženo gozdno pot, ki je držala mimo Klovaczevih stranskih gospodarskih poslopij. Vozil je počasi in je zavozil s ceste, tako da so koleša tekla po travi in delala čim manj šuma. Iztegoval je vrat, da bi mogel objeti z očmi kar največ Klovaczevo posestvo.

Preteklo je več mesecev, odkar je zadnjikrat govoril z Antonom, ali v Yellow Postu je zvedel, da mož naglo hira in pojde prav kmalu v mesto, da ga preišče izkušen specialist. Toda te novice so le potrjevale poročilo Barta Nugenta, ki je s svojim zadnjim pismom naznanil Kaleb, da je Mark Jordan iznenada odpotoval in namerava oditi na Klovaczevo domačijo.

Bart je bil razborit človek in je vse življenje zvesto služil Kaleb, ne da bi bil slutil, da čemu. Menil je dobrohotno, da se Kaleb zaradi Amalije tako živo zanima za Marka. Kot živinozdravnik in posestnik hlevov je lahko vzdrževal z Markom Jordanom prijateljske stike tudi po vojni in je zvesto poročal Kaleb, o vsakem koraku, ki ga je bil mladenič napravil. Kaleb se je smehljaj sam pri sebi, ko je imel v mislih pred očmi ta položaj. Bart mu je bil dober pomagač. A sedaj —

Kaleb je potegnil iz žepa pri telovniku njegovo zadnje pismo s tistim vred, ki ga je bil prejel od uprave bolnišnice. Zmajal je z glavo in v oči se mu je pojavil izraz, ki ga je bilo le redkokdaj opaziti v njih. Amalija ne sme nikoli zvedeti, da je Bart Nugent umrl. Kajti baš Barta in njegovega zvestega poročanca o Marku se je žena tako bala. Bart je bil edini stik, ki ga je imel Kaleb z vnanjim svetom. Četudi bo morda Amalija kdaj zvedela, da živi Mark na Klovaczevi farmi, ne sme nikoli zvedeti, da je Bart Nugent mrtev. Mark Jordan se nedvomno vrne v mesto in Kaleb izgubi sleherni sled za njim, ali Amaliji ne sme biti to očito. To bi namreč pomenilo konec njenega strahu pred Kalebom.

Kaleb je tihotapsko vozil mimo jelševja, čigar cvetje se je kakor vrhnja zasirjenega mleka dvigalo med potjo in Klovaczevo farmo. Začul je glas dveh možakarjev, ki sta se mu bližala z nasprotni strani ograje. Prvi glas je bil vreščec in tenek kakor otroški, podoben skoraj rezkemu cviljenju vetra v dimniku; drugi je bil krepak in samozavesten. Kaleb je hipoma občutil mržnjo do globoke sigurnosti drugega glasu. Nagon mu je razodel, da je to glas Marka Jordana. Prvi je bil glas Antona Klovacza, ki je polagoma umiral za jetiko in je imel dom na državnem zemljišču.

Skozi gosto omrežje grmičja je Kaleb naglo ujel postavi obeh mož. Jordan je bil visok in ple-

čat, a Anton Klovacz še višji in ozek ko smrekova deska. Njegova pleča so imela podobno lopate, a v obraz so ga bile same kosti in vrtine. "Moj Bog, kakšen je!" je rekel Kaleb sam pri sebi. Bolezen — razpadanje — same stvari, ki se jih je bal — stvari izven človeške oblasti.

Ko sta bila možakarja odšla, se je Kaleb obrnil nazaj ter ogledoval postavbo Marka Jordana, da so ga oči bolele od napevanja. "Oh, kako je podoben očetu! Vsemogočni, kakor oče hodi!" Bes ljubosumja mladostni let je vzplamtel Kaleb, v srcu kakor uničujoča bolezen, ki jo je dolgo časa zadrževal in je v tem hipu bruhanja na dan silne neje nego kadarkoli prej. Golglav, z iztegnjenimi dolgimi rokami trdo med kolena in s stisnjenimi pestmi je sedel na vozu. Vajeti so prosto viseli ob konjih, ki so nestrpnost potopali po tleh. Drog v sosednjem jelševju je tiho, zvedavo zagostolel. Toda Kaleb je sedel nepremično in je pozabil na ves svet. Saj ni njegov sin, saj ni njegov sin ta zastavni fant! Mark je sin Amalije in rejenega Del Jordana, ki ga je bik prebodel. A kaj so Kalebovi sinovi, Kalebovi otroci? Res, rodili so se v postenju in niso pankrti. Toda krevljasti so in skrivljeni, krkljavi in kilavi kakor grmičje na njegovem zemljišču, pusti ko njegove njeve, preden jih ni zalil s svojo srčno krvjo, da mu rodijo boren pridelek. Kaleb se je glava povela tako, da se mu je brada dotikala prsi. Nežni vetrič mu je gladil kosmuljaste lase in v tem nevidnem dotiku je bilo znamenje neskončnega sožalja.

V.

Kaleb je zakrenil z vozom na pristavo Fusija Aronsona. Obraz so mu prevlekle poteze krutega veselja. Saj je prišel tja, kaj z izbornim namenom. Visoki Islandec mu je prikorakal nasproti in mu osorno voščil dobro jutro.

"Bjorn je baje kupil od Klovacza nekaj živine," je izpregovoril Kaleb mehko in je skočil z voza. "Menda ima denar to pomlad."

"Klovacz je s tem poravnal neki dolg pri njem," je odvrnil Fusij kratko.

Kaleb se je zasmel. "O ne, saj ni bilo tako, Fusi, Klovacz je dobil za tiste krave lepe denarce."

Fusij se je zdrnil. "Kaj hočeš s tem reči, Gare?"

Kaleb je stopil bliže k Islandcu in pomenljivo privzdignil obrvi.

"Seveda bo dal denar nazaj v blagajno, Fusi. Cerkev potrebuje denar, kakor ti je znano," je dejal prijazno in položil prst velikemu možancu na prsi. Obrnil se je, da bi šel. "Ni se ti treba kajpada bati, da bi jaz kaj črnil o tem," je dodal.

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z otroci ali z mladostjo... toda z vsem na svetu lahko prisežem, da sem prisiljen oženiti se.

— Zakaj pa prisiljen?

— Pa tako... Kako naj povem, navadil sem se že, ženiti se. Razen tega pa, da preženem grde sanje...

Nakljub vsem tem tako prepričljivim razlogom mati cerkev vendar ni hotela popustiti.

Ampak ker se v tej naši deželi lahko v vsaki nepriliki najde špranjica, skozi katero se lahko človek izmuzne, je tako bilo tudi z gospodom Jovom. Šel je nekoč, pa je dolgo, precej dolgo šušljal z nekim advokatom. Nato je šel in šušljal še z nekim diakonom. Kaj so šušljali, tega živ krst ne ve povedati, toda kar se ve, je tole: gospod Jov je po tistem šušljanju popravil nekakšen dokument. Najprej je radiral z nožem, potem je nekaj pripisoval. Še da-

nes ne vemo, ali je gospod Jov falzificiral otroke, glavno je samo, da je mož po silnih mukah in naporih dobil od matere cerkve dovoljenje, da lahko stopi v četrti zakon, čim plača sto dinarjev takse za blagoslov.

Evo, zato je gospod Jov tako rad rekel:

— One prve tri so mi bile brezplačne, takole... "fraj," a tale četrta me stane 100 dinarjev.

II.

Gospa Anča, bivša vdovica, je v ostalem nekakšna takšna ženska, da je kakor ustvarjena človeku za poslednji, najslabši zalogaj. Bože mi oprostite, taka je, kakor da ji je sam Bog pri ustvaritvi rekel:

— Vi, gospa Anča, boste četrta žena!

Urna je in drobna, kakor bela miška. Človeku se zahoče, da bi jo vzel v roke, jo zavil v volno, jo vtaknil v žep in, kadarkoli bi se mu zahotelo, bi jo vzel v roko in jo poljubil, pa spet stisnil nazaj v žep. Kadarkoli jo pogleda gospod Jov, ga pogreje pri srcu in pomisli:

— Bože moj, kdo bi rekel... četrta žena, pa tako ljubka... Pravcati dojenček!

In gospod Jov je upravičen do primerjave, kajti na zakonski klaviaturi je odsviral vse štiri akorde. Tu in tam mu pride, da zamiži in v spominu pregleda in nadzoruje vse štiri žene. Vidi jih, kakor da so se postavile po vojaško v fronto; on pa prihaja z desnega krila — vedeti morate, da je rezervni narednik — in jih pozdravlja s salutiranjem:

— Pomozi Bog, junaci!

— Bog ti pomogaj, gospodaru! — odvrnejo vse štiri v en glas.

In potem se postavi pred nje in jih nadzira. Ona na desnem krilu — to je prva žena, ki leži na parceli številka 17 — se mu zdi kakor podoficer, ki je odslužil več rokoy. Ona druga — druga — da, to je druga žena — parcela številka 36 — zdaj se mu zdi kakor vojak, ki v zakonu nikakor ni hotel hoditi vstrie. Tretja v vrsti — to je poslednja pokojnica, parcela številka 41 — o, ta je pa doma kar dezeriral izpod zakonskega prapora in se je dejansko bolj borila pod lastnim praporom kakor pod onim, ki ga je bil razvil mož. A na levem krilu, poslednja v fronti — ona, gospa Anča. Ta se mu prav za prav sploh ne zdi vojak, marveč kakor udomaćeno jagnje, ki stopica z bataljonom.

In to jagnje ga stane samo 100 dinarjev. O kolikokrat nam je gospod Jov to pred vso družbo ponovil:

— One prve tri so mi bile brezplačne, takole... "fraj," a tale četrta me stane 100 dinarjev.

III.

In kar je najlepše, gospa Anča ni samo podobna prikupljivemu jagnjetu, marveč je tudi po duši nežna kakor jagnje. Postavim: druga žena je vrgla sliko prve celo na hodnik, tretja je vrgla drugo v obednico, a Anča je tretjo odnesla v sprejemnico... Samo toliko pač ker je ni mogla pustiti v spalnici, da se — Bog mi odpusti — ne bi srečala z njenim pogledom morda prav v trenutku, ko hoče zaspati. Tega pač ni mogoče zahtevati niti od blage gospe Anče.

Vsekako je ona neprimerno bolj znosna in popustljiva kakor vsa prva serija Jovovih žen. Njej na primer ni nevedno govoriti pri kosilu ali večerji z gospodom Jovom o njegovih prejšnjih ženah. Nasprotno, on sam noče o nobeni povedati imena. On imenuje vse pokojnice po številu parcel, v katerih pač počivajo.

— Jovo, menda se ne boš jezil, ono modro bluzo tvoje druge žene sem dala danes za par piščancev.

— Katero modro bluzo?

— Veš, ono, ki je bila v skrinji na podstrešju.

— A, že vem, to bluzo si je napravila parcela številka 36 za svoj rojstni dan.

Ali na primer reče ona:

— E, danes ti bom napravila zrezke v omaki. Vselej praviš, da jih je tvoja prva žena znala odlično pripraviti.

— Kako bi rekel, dušica! Že res, parcela številka 17 je prav dobro napravila zrezke v omaki, toda vanje je namerala mnogo česna zgolj iz nagačivosti, ker je vedela, da česna kratko in malo ne trpm.

Tako torej je gospod Jov vedno odgovarjal, samo da ne bi izgovoril imena katere svojih bivših žena in da se Anča ne bi razjezila. Toda Anča je celo obiskovala grobove svojih prednic. To je skoro težko verjeti, a je vendar resnično. Vstane zjutraj gospa Anča, pokriža se in reče:

— Nocoj, Jovo, se mi je sanjalo o tvoji tretji ženi.

— Parcela številka 41 — odgovori gospod Jov izpod odeje.

— Moram na pokopališče, da ji prižgem svečo.

— Le pojdi dušica!

Naslednjo noč je Anča sanjala o drugi ženi in je potem zjutraj spet odšla na pokopališče prižgati svečo. Tretjo noč je sanjala o prvi ženi, pa spet na pokopališče.

Gospodu Jovi to že kar ni všeč. Kaj so se zdaj za vrage zbrale njegove prve tri žene, pa mu hodijo strašiti v hišo, kjer mirno živi s svojo nežno stvarco.

— Pa dobro. Anča, kako bi bilo, da pokličemo popa, naj blagoslovi hišo in se rešiš nevšečnih sanj?

— A, ne verjamem, da bi to pomagalo.

— Vendar, kako to, da kar vsako noč sanjaš o svojih prejšnjih ženah.

— Pa, zato za boga, ker sem jaz četrta. Če bi bila prva, ne bi imela o čem sanjati.

— Nemara bo res, tako! — odgovarja gospod Jov in se pomiri z usodo.

Gospa Anča pa še kar dalje sanja o prejšnjih ženah in dalje obiskuje parcele številka 17, 36 in 41.

Lepega dne pa se zgodi nekaj čudnega. Gospod Jov je po kosilu legel h kratkemu počitku. Ko se zbudi, že spet ni gospe Anče doma. Sede na divan, začne bingljati z nogama in razmišlja:

— Je pa že spet odšla na pokopališče. Saj je rekla zjutraj, da je sanjala o parceli številka 36. In zdajci pade gospodu Jovi na um misel, ki mu prej še nikoli ni šinila v glavo.

— Kaj pa, če so neprestane sanje moje Anče maslo njenega prvega moža!? Nemara on podpihuje pokojnice, da me vznemirjajo, a Anča se nikoli ne spomni, da bi tudi zanj prižgala svečo. Da, treba jo je tudi njemu prižgati. Ali pa morda ona pričakuje, da bom jaz to storil. Naj bo, če ona prižiga sveče mojim ženam, je pravično in pošteno, da jo jaz prižgem njenemu možu.

In komaj se je tega domislil, že obuje čevlje, obleče suknjo in se napoti na pokopališče.

— Bom vsaj tam našel Ančo, pa se skupaj vrneva.

In tako stopa proti pokopališču, srečen, da je našel način, kako bo razgalil hude sanje svoje četrte žene. Stopi na pokopališče in se napoti naravnost proti parceli številka 36, ker je pač Ančina preteklo noč sanjala o tej parceli.

Pa se zaziblje zemlja pod njim in zazdi se mu, da so se vsi grobovi odprli, pa so se pojavili mrtvi in pred vsemi njegove tri prve žene, ki se mu režijo v obraz. Zamegli se mu pred očmi, zameži, spet odpre oči, pa spet zameži in tako nekajkrat zapored, da kar mežika.

Na klopici precej daleč od parcele številka 36, je sedela go-

spa Ančica z mladeničem, ki po vsem videzu ni mogel biti nič drugega kakor tajnik kakšnega oblastva.

Gospod Jov se ni upal kreniti tja do klopi, znova je zamišljal, se obrnil in hitel domov, da se izjoče. Ko se je Ančica vrnila, ji ni rekel žale besede. Hotel je lepo o vsem razmisli, da bo pametno storil, kar bo pač storil in rekel.

Naslednjo noč se sanja gospe Ančici o parceli številka 17 in spet se zjutraj odpravi na pokopališče. Gospod Jov za njo in na isti klopi opazi zdaj poleg gospe Ančice stasitega poročnika.

Tretji dan je sedel na isti klopi z Ančico suhljati diakon. Nu, tega mu je bilo dovolj. Odšel je domov ves potr in polomljen in je šepetal samemu sebi:

— One tri so mi bile vsaj brezplačne, takole... "fraj," a ta me stane še sto dinarjev.

IV.

Mislil je, mislil je, mislil je, mislil je... brez kraja in konca. Gospod Jov bi bil o tej zadevi še dolgo razmišljal, ko ne bi bilo treba te historije končati. Domislil se je naposled, da se obrne na mater cerkev, in je zavoljo tega odšel k duhovnemu očetu.

— Pa gospod pop, kako naj povem... prišel sem vas vprašat, kaj naj storim, kajti glejte... moja četrta žena... in... razume se, ono, kar sem plačal blagoslova za njo, pa... kako naj povem... pregrešila se je zoper cerkev.

— Ju! — klikne pop in se zdrzne kakor vdovica, če jo kdo včepne — kako za boga se je pregrešila zoper cerkev?

— Pa, zasačil sem jo z nekim diakonom.

— Ju! — se znova zdrzne pop.

— Ampak, počakajte vendar — prekine gospod Jov njegovo začudenje — nisem je zasačil tako...

— Nego?

— Zasačil sem jo drugače...

— Ampak kako, brate?

— Pa na klopi, v razgovoru, ljubimkalo sta.

— Pa vendar ni?... — Ni, gospod pop, marveč sem jo zasačil tudi z nekim poročnikom...

— Aha! — se iznenadi pop.

— Pa tudi z nekim tajnikom.

— E, zdaj pa dovolj, jaz mislim, da je dovolj! — prepričevalno reče pop.

— O, tudi jaz mislim, da je zdaj dovolj.

In zdaj?

— Pa, zdaj... prišel sem v svet, kaj naj storim. Vam sem plačal sto dinarjev za blagoslov in zdaj je pravično, da mi stujete.

— Ej, sinko moj — odvrne pop po kratkem razmišljanju — vedel sem takoj, da ti ne bo pristilo tisto, ker si pomorel v ta v krstnem listu in se napotil mlajšega.

— Pa, obneslo se mi je!

— E, obneslo se ti je v oblastvi, toda pri ženi ti to pomagalo.

— Res je! — vdano prišede gospod Jov.

— In zdaj, kaj naj ti rečem? Ti si zdaj neke vrste pop in moraš tudi obnašati kakor pop.

— Za božjo voljo, kakšna pop? — se začudi gospod Jov.

— Pa, tako. Kadar Bog za nas duhovne, nas pač mora za vedno. Naj bo naša žena kršnakoli, potrpeti moramo, ti če jo izgubimo, nimamo tiče jo izgubimo, vnovič ženimo, tako, vidiš je tudi s teboj, tiče se ne moreš oženiti, če cerkev ne dopusti. Pri prvi ne treba trpeti, pri drugi trpeti, ni treba trpeti, pri tretji ni treba trpeti, ali pri četrty moraš prestati, ali pri četrty moraš prestati vse, če nočeš vse življenje biti brez žene.

— Pa... se potehnila gospod Jov in globoko vzdihne — vite, moram potrpeti?

— Moraš, ko imaš vendar trto ženo!

Gospod Jov globoko vzdihne, nekaj se mu prelomi v duši, meži in spet odpre oči in se laži, da mora trpeti, da hoče, ko ima vendar četrto ženo! In ko se vrne domov in ne najde v hiši gospe, začuti bolečino in duši, vendar pomiri. Utrujen se samo sebi petati:

— One prve tri so mi bile vsaj brezplačne, takole... "fraj," a tale četrta me stane 100 dinarjev.

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