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NAZAJ K LUČI

Na severni zemeljski poloublji imamo v tem času najkrajše dneve in najdaljše noči. Sončni žarki obsevajo naš del zemljejo poševno in z zmanjšano močjo. Megla in oblaki, iz katerih pada dež ali sneg, nam še te medle sončne žarki pogostoma zastirajo. Pogrešamo sonca in hrepenimo po luči in bisernih žarkih. V tem hrepenenju in mračnem razpoloženju se tolažimo z zavestjo, da je sonce za to leto doseglo najnižjo točko na nebu ter da se bo od zdaj zanaprej dvigalo višje in višje na nebesni svod ter nam bo pošiljal voč v več luči in gorkote. Mi vemo, da to pride in da pride v določenem času.

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Milijoni ljudi na svetu, ki že dolgo hirajo v najbolj črni temi suženstva, pa ne morejo na koledarju izracunati, kdaj jih bo obsijalo sonce svobode in kdaj se jim bo nasmejala pomlad novega življenga. Naš pesnik Prešeren je pred mnogimi desetletji zapisal, da "manj temna noč je v črni zemlje krilu kot so pod soncem sužnji dnevi." Tako temno noč sužnjih dni prenašajo milijoni naših slovenskih bratov v Evropi, med njimi tudi naši ožji bratje Slovenci. Noben košček starokrajske Slovenije ni svoden; vsa je zavita v temo in napojena s krvjo in solzami. Svobodna je samo ameriška Slovenija. Morda se tega zavedamo, toda zdi se, da se zavedamo vse premalo.

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Razvoji na svetovnih bojnih frontah kažejo, da se pologoma vračamo proti soncu. Najčrnejšo dolino teme smo srečno, dasi z velikimi težavami in žrtvami, prebrelli in stopamo s težkimi koraki v smeri sonca. Zavezniški počasi potiskajo sovražnika nazaj na vseh frontah, toda pot do sončne zmage je še dolga. Kakor je po božični sezoni, ki predstavlja zimski sončni obrat, to je povratek proti soncu, običajno še mnogo zime in snežnih viharjev, tako je pred zavezniški še mnogo hudih in krvavih bojev, predno bo pregnana s sveta črna in mrzla noč nacifašizma. Vemo, da bo izšlo sonce zavezniške zmage, čimer bo sledil kristalni svetli dan zaželenjega miru; toda tega dneva nam za enkrat ne pove še nobena praktika. Za enkrat moramo računati le še s trdo zimo živev, ki bodo delež vseh, za nekatere v večji, za druge v manjši meri.

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Američani smo izmed vseh ljudstev, ki so aktivno zapletena v vojno, še najbolj srečni, ker smo dejansko najmanj prizadeti. Res je, da morajo naši sinovi na razne fronte sveta, res je, da nas težijo visoki davki, naporna dela ter razne omejitve in regulacije, toda res potrebnih življenskih potrebščin nam ne primanjkuje, in, kar je najbolj važno, sovražnik še ni pustošil po naši deželi, ni pobijal ali vlačil v sužnost naših mladenk, naših otrok in starcev, naših stanovanj še niso razbijale sovražne bombe, naša mesta so razsvetljena in naša svoboda je neokrnjena. Res je, da plačujemo visoko ceno za poraz sovražnika in za ohranitev naše svobode, toda ta cena je mnogo nižja, kot je cena, ki jo plačujejo naši zavezniški. Dobro bi bilo, da bi se na to spomnili, kadar nas prijema nevolja zaradi kakih resničnih ali namišljenih potežkoč.

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Vseh navedenih ugodnosti smo dežni tudi ameriški Slovenci in bi morali to toliko višje ceniti pri spominu na naše brate in sestre v starem kraju. Pa ne samo to. Za te naše nesrečne rojake bi morali zbirati tudi pomoč. To bi moralo veljati posebno za nas, ki smo člani Ameriške bratske zveze. Naša Zveza, kot že samo ime kaže, ni samo ameriška, ampak je tudi bratska. To bratstvo seveda velja v prvi vrsti za naše društvene sobrate, toda pravo bratstvo ni ozkosrčno, ampak širokogrudno. Raztezati bi se moralo tudi na naše brate in sestre v starem kraju, ki so tega bratstva posebno potrebeni. Njihova dežela je okupirana in opustošena po steklih nemških volkodlakov, in najboljši sinovi in hčere male Slovenije se aktivno borijo proti sovražniku in s tem pomagajo k zmagi Ameriki in njenim zaveznicam. Po vojni bodo tisti naši bratje in sestre, ki bodo preživeli vojno vihro, potrebovali vsega: živil, oblike, stanovanj, zdravil. Koliko jim bomo mogli mi pomagati? Res je, da Jugoslovanski pomožni odbor, slovenska sekacija, zbira v to svrhu odpomožni fond; toda ta fond je še zelo skromen, če upoštevamo veliko potrebo. Ali ne bi mogli nekoliko pohititi, nekoliko globlje poseči v žepe? Posebno zdaj, ko se zdi, da se osvobojenje Slovenije naglo bliža!

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Ta sezona je sezona dobre volje ter božičnih daril in voščil. Ali ne bi bilo lepo in primerno, da bi se z božič-

nimi darili spomnili tudi naših nesrečnih bratov in sester v naši rodni Sloveniji? Naš glavni predsednik in glavni tajnik sta nas že opozorila na tako lepo in plemenito gesto. Kljub temu ne bo odveč, če to poudari tudi vaš urednik. Ali ne bi bilo lepo, če bi vsak naš član prispeval za fond Jugoslovanskega pomožnega odbora, slovenska sekacija, dolar, dva, pet ali več? To naj bi bilo božično darilo za naše rojake v starem kraju. Kaj se dandanes povprečnemu našemu rojaku v Ameriki pozna dolar ali par dollarjev! Božična sezona je sezona dobre volje in bratstva. Pokažimo našo dobro voljo tistim, ki so jo najbolj potrebeni, na način, ki bo najbolj učinkovit. Kot člani Ameriške bratske zveze pokažimo našim bratom in sestram v rodni Sloveniji pravo ameriško bratstvo, bratstvo, ki se ne izraža v ceni besedi, ampak v dejanju!

VSAK PO SVOJE

(Nadaljevanje s 1. strani)

ne bodo več na stenah in plotovih, ampak na tleh in na strelah.

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Včasih se čudimo, kako da španski diktator Franco še vedno na vse možne načine pomaga Hitlerju. Pa je to čisto logično. Hitler je pomagal Francetu, da je zadušil napredno špansko republiko in slednji skuša zdaj vsaj nekoliko poplačati stari dolg.

V Ameriki gre vse na veliko. Na veliko produciranju in na veliko uničujemo. Nekoč smo na veliko izdelovali avtomobile, zdaj pa jih na veliko pošiljamamo v Zedinjenih državah. Res je tisto zlato last rumunskega naroda, toda kralji so že taki, da smatrajo narodov denar za svojo last. Pa se zdi, da bo Karol moral še nekaj časa izhajati s tistimi par milijoni, ki jih je iztihotaplil iz Rumunije v Meksiku.

V letošnji predbožični sezoni vaš poročevalci ni mogel posvetiti kaj prida pozornosti tej kolonii. Vreme je bilo mrzlo in sneženo, Liza je nagajala in kašljala in vaš poročevalci je krepjal. Pijača, s katerimi se je krepjal, in cigare, s katerimi je kadil prihajajoči zimi, so bile zanič, oziroma skoro zanič. Vse delavnike se je lovil v poplavni dopisov, telegramov in telefonskih klicev, vse nedelje in včeraje je romal od seje do seje, od sestanka do sestanka, od predritev do predreditve, vse noči je pestoval near flu. Tako se je guncala ofenziva na naši domaći fronti, brez posebnih zmag, vendar s korajo, ki se za te čase spodobi. Tolažila je vašega poročevalca zavest, da 20% naših postavodajalcev v Washingtonu tudi jezeri near flu, pa vseeno delajo postave. Zato so také. V tej koloni ni postav, zato čitatelji na vso vsebino lahko kihnete, če imate flu ali near flu kot jo ima vaš poročevalec.

Znano je, da je tako zadnjivo svetovno vojno kot sedanjo vojno pričela Nemčija, z namenom, da se razširi na račun svojih sosedov ter zavlada Evropo, in, če mogoče, vsemu svetu. Najbolj na poti so ji Slovenci, katerih je v Evropi največ. Anglia in Francija s svojimi sistemmi "ravnotežja" nista mogli vzdržati miru v Evropi in nista mogli obdržati Nemčije v njihovih mejah. Bodiča zveza vseh svobodno ljubečih narodov sveta bo zmožna to storiti, če se uresniči; ta pa je za enkrat samo še v meglem obrisu. Mislimo, da pride do tega, toda, ako ne pride, bo morda najboljša obramba proti bodoči nemški agresivnosti močan blok slovenskih držav z veliko Rusijo kot najmočnejšo, Slovenci niso agresivni, niso v novejši zgodovini pričenjali vojn, ne marajo tujega ozemlja, ampak hočejo le to, kar je njihovo, pa mir pred napadi, da se svobodno razvijajo na svoji zemlji. Mislimo, da se vemo, kako se bodo stvari razvile v Evropi, in naša razmotritvanja ne bodo niti najmanj vplivala na te razvoje. Ne škodi pa, če včasih razpravljamo o tem zaradi razčiščenja pojmov med nami samimi.

Sezonsko razpoloženje v teh časih ni tako kot je bilo v naših otroških letih, v nasmejanih mladostih in nasmejani Sloveniji. Ni tako kot je bilo pred leti, ko se je Amerika zihala v udobnosti, namišljeni varnosti in preobilici vseh potrebščin in nepotrebščin. Marsikaj, kar nas nekoč veselilo, nas dandasne nekaj sodbe sami napravimo. Kako napačno bi bili informirani, če bi na primer imeli priliko čitati o Mussoliniju le tisto zgodovino, ki so jo napisali njegovi lajki in oboževalci, ko je bila fašistična pšenica v klasih!

Zgodovina, pravijo, je dobra učiteljica. Včasih je morda to res, včasih pa ni. Posebno, če se je gotova zgodovinska dejstva, iztrajajo iz celotne slike in para dirajo pod strankarsko marelido. Zgodovina se pozabi, če ni zapisana. Pisajo jo različni pisci, eni tako, drugi tako. Dobro je, da vsaj pri nas v Ameriki lahko čitamo zgodovino, spisano od različnih piscev, in si lahko nekaj sodbe sami napravimo. Kako napačno bi bili informirani, če bi na primer imeli priliko čitati o Mussoliniju le tisto zgodovino, ki so jo napisali njegovi lajki in oboževalci, ko je bila fašistična pšenica v klasih!

A. J. T.

PRIVESKI NEMČIJE V ZAGATI

(Nadaljevanje s 1. strani)

ne in grške gerilce. Tako Jugoslavija kot Grčija sta zasedeni po nemških četah, vendar so v obeh državah močne gerilске aktivnosti. Te aktivnosti partizanov in gerilcev pomagajo zavezničkim vladam v Kairu in med zamejno jugoslovansko vladu v Belgradu. Vlado v Belgradu je baje privelo do nekakega sporazuma, po katerem se obe vladi smatrata za provizorični in bosta obe odstopili, kadar bo osvobojeno jugoslovansko ljudstvo Jugoslavije imelo priliko, da si svobodno izbere vlad, kakršno bo želelo. Bolgarija je v velikih skripcih. Če bi ljudstvo imelo besedo, bi danes stopilo na stran Rusije in zavezničkih vlad. Ta se je že mudi v severni Afriki, da se z generalom Eisenhowjem dogovori o vsem potrebnem z ozirom na prihod brazilskega vojaštva.

Finci, Madžari in Rumuni pa samo čakajo, kaj bo. Ko bo pada Nemčija in ko bodo njeni priveski primorani vrnilti naropani plen pravim lastnikom, se bodo pa emerili in javkali o krovici. Pa jim ne bo pomagalo.

Ne pozabimo na Pearl Harbor in na Bataan! Kupujmo vojne bonde in znamke!

PREGLED SLOVANSKIH DEŽEL

(Nadaljevanje s 1. strani)

kanu, dasi se jih za enkrat ne omenja.

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Da je Češkoslovaška sklenila prvo takoj pogodbo z Rusijo, se ni čuditi. Velika Britanija in Francija sta Češko slovaško sramotno izdali in prodali Nemčiji za "mir za naš čas," ki ga ni bilo. Rusija je bila pripravljena priti Češkoslovaški na pomoč, pod pogojem, da to storita tudi Anglia in Francija, kar je določala tozadnevna pogodba. Anglia in Francija se za to niti zmenili nista in sta brez vsakega posvetovanja z Rusijo prodali Češkoslovaško Hitlerju. Poljska je pa celo zavrela, da se bo uprla z vojaško silo, če bi hotele priti ruske armade Češkoslovaški na popoč. To je zgodbina, katere rusovrčci navadno ne omenjajo. Kdo se bo potem čudil, da se Češkoslovaška ne zanese več na tako zvane zapadne demokracije, posebno na Anglijo in Francijo, ampak se je naslonila na Rusijo. Iz teh vzrokov se bodo morda pozneje pridružile Rusiji tudi druge slovanske države na podlagi pogodb priateljstva in medsebojne pomoči za primer nove nemške agresivnosti.

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Balkanska situacija je polna dinamita in zdi se, da do prave zavezniške invazije Balkana ni večdaleč. Letalski napad zavezničkih načinov na našo sredisočje v Jugoslaviji, Bolgariji, Grčiji in Albaniji se izvaja v vedno večjem obsegu. Velika Britanija in Amerika sta uradno priznali, da posiljata neprimerno več materialne pomoči jugoslovanskim partizanom kot Mihajlovićevim četnikom iz enostavnega razloga, ker so ravno partizani resnega upoštevanja vredna odporna sila proti Nemcem. Anglia ima že tam svojo vojaško misijo in, kot je bilo poročano, jo pošlje tudi Rusija. Med novo provizorično partizansko vlado v Jugoslaviji in med zamejno jugoslovansko vlado v Kairu je baje privelo do nekakega sporazuma, po katerem se obe vladi smatrata za provizorični in bosta obe odstopili, kadar bo osvobojeno jugoslovansko ljudstvo Jugoslavije imelo priliko, da si svobodno izbere vlad, kakršno bo želelo. Bolgarija je v velikih skripcih. Če bi ljudstvo imelo besedo, bi danes stopilo na stran Rusije in zavezničkih vlad. Ta se je že mudi v severni Afriki, da se z generalom Eisenhowjem dogovori o vsem potrebnem z ozirom na prihod brazilskega vojaštva.

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SPOLOSKI TEDENSKI PREGLED

(Nadaljevanje s 1. strani)

Hull je izvajanja senatorja McCullougha v celoti potrdil in izjavil, da neosnovane trditve senatorja Butlerja ne prispevajo k utrjevanju dobrega sosedstva med Zedinjenimi državami in latinaskimi republikami.

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SOEDA BRAZILIA

Ministrski predsednik Britanije, Winston Churchill, je 30. novembra obiskal F. J. Arch, vrhovni zdravnik v Innsbrucku na Italijanih strani. Dalje so razbiljavili, da bo dolgi železniški potovanji, ki so napredovali v vseh podvezjih, posebno pa, da bi bili uspešni.

F. J. Kress, četrtni gl. poročnik

Najboljše sezonsko razpoloženje vso srečo v bodočem željemu vsem članom in članicam Ameriške bratske zveze, posebno onim, ki služijo v vojnih silah Zedinjenih držav, bodisi ali v inozemstvu.

Ignac Zajc, četrtni gl. poročnik



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Christmas -- 1943

It's grim and terrible for millions of people throughout the world. Ruin and misery stalk conquered countries. Our fighting men over there have a first-hand chance of comparing the plain, honest living habits of a free America with the terrors that the "new order" has inflicted upon subjugated peoples. They are fighting, determined that they will prevent this from happening here. Many of our men will spend their Christmas in fox holes, in planes, tanks, ships and tents. Our thoughts this Christmas go out to our boys where ever they may be. These boys will think of their families back home, of the lighted Christmas trees, gaily decorated store windows and they will know that "these are the things we are fighting to preserve."

This year, however, our hopes are brighter than last Christmas. The tide of the battle has turned in our favor and we can begin to hope that they'll be home, perhaps in time to spend next Christmas with their loved ones.

The youngsters in America are as yet, untouched by the war as far as Santa Claus is concerned. While it is true that most of their toys this year are made of plastic, wood and paper, there are toys aplenty for all. Santa comes to American children, war or no war, and will continue to come; that's what our boys are fighting for.

This holiday season we also think of the homeless war orphans, widows, wounded and war prisoners who will have so little to celebrate Christmas with. We, in America, have so much to be thankful for when we think of war-torn European cities. We hope that soon the words of "Peace on earth — good will toward men" will again find their true meaning.

AFU members everywhere are sending holiday greetings to one another and we, the editors of the Nova Doba, add our greetings for a wish that all of you shall spend a very merry Christmas day in person with your loved ones around you, and in spirit with those who are far away. Merry Christmas to all!

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

Be cheerful! Give this lonesome world a smile; We stay, at longest, but a little while. Haste we must, or we shall lose the chance To give the gentle word, the kindly glance, Be sweet and tender; that is doing good; 'Tis doing what no other good deed could.

Season's Greetings

It is in the spirit of hope and courage and our faith in better days ahead and I wish to convey to the members a message of good will and my best wishes for their happiness in the coming year.

F. J. Kress, Fourth Supreme Trustee.

SEASON'S GREETINGS

I wish all AFU members at home and in the service of their country, a very Merry Christmas and a healthier, happier New Year.

Dr. F. J. Arch, AFU Supreme Medical Examiner

GREETINGS!

As many of our members are fighting in the far corners of the world to protect and preserve the sanctity of the American Home, the right to live, to learn, to work and to worship according to the dictates of Freedom, may we on the home front continue to do our share—for our country and our American Fraternal Union so that all of us and our children—and our brothers' children—may thrill to the joy of many Christmases to come. My best Christmas and New Year wish to all readers of these lines is: Victory and Peace in the days to come.

Frank E. Vranicar, 1st Supreme Trustee.

SEASON'S GREETINGS

The season's greetings for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to the entire membership, especially to those on the front lines who will not be able to see their homes, and for those who will be concluded successfully in the very near future.

Frank Tomsich Jr., Assistant Supreme Secretary.

INSIDE THE AXIS

Croat Puppets Demand "Love" The puppet police of Dr. Andrej Pavelich in Croatia have promulgated an order requiring the inhabitants of towns occupied by Croat-German troops to welcome them with "confidence and love" on pain of being regarded as partisans and having their property confiscated, the controlled Croatian newspaper Hrvatski List disclosed recently.

The proclamation, as quoted by the newspaper, read as follows: "Croat-German armed forces have taken over towns and villages to protect the population against the War Bonds."

Daniel Webster once said: "Good grants liberty only to those who live it and are ready to defend it." You can show your love of liberty by buying

Lodge 21 Re-elects Same Officers

Denver, Colo. — I wish to announce to the members of Lodge No. 21, AFU who were not present at the annual December lodge meeting, that the entire 1943 board of officers was reelected for 1944. Therefore, any member who has any business with the lodge secretary is asked to get in touch with the undersigned. I shall try, with the help of the members, to continue to promote and work for the progress of our lodge. I would also like the members to attend the meetings more regularly during the coming year. The AFU Convention will be held next year and members should begin now, at our meetings, to discuss the improvement of our By-laws.

The Slovenian National Home here, which is also our property, will again this year as in the past, hold a social on the last day of the year, Dec. 31st. The members are invited to attend this last social of the year and say fare-well to the old year and greet the New Year in the company of their friends. Tickets for this entertainment may be secured from the undersigned. Fraternal regards to all.

Frank Okoren, Sec'y
Lodge No. 21, AFU
Denver, Colo.

4th War Loan Drive to Open Jan. 18th

Ohioans will be asked to buy \$312,000,000 in War Bonds in individual purchases during the Fourth War Loan campaign, opening January 18, Harold H. Bredlow, executive director of the Ohio War Finance Committee, announced today.

Mr. Bredlow said that \$174,000,000 of this amount has been assigned to sales of Series E, "the people's War Bond." This quota exceeds by \$33,000,000 the amount of Series E bonds purchased by Ohioans during the Third War Loan Drive.

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With the increased amount of Series E bonds to be sold, all efforts during the first thirteen days of the drive—January 18 to February 1—will be concentrated on solicitation for sales to individuals. The slogan for the campaign is "Let's All Back The Attack."

"It's a tremendous job we have ahead of us," Mr. Bredlow said. He estimated that over 140,000 volunteer workers will be needed in Ohio during the drive.

"Our surveys show," Mr. Bredlow said, "that personal solicitation—one person asking another, either at work, or at home—is the most effective way to sell War Bonds."

Mr. Bredlow said the solicitation campaign in the September drive reached about twice as many people as during the Second War Loan. The result was that individual sales for Ohio were up approximately \$130,000,000 over the Second War Loan total.

In addition to the \$312,000,000 quota for individual purchases, the state has been assigned a goal of \$360,000,000 in sales of War Bonds to corpora-

New Officers of Lodge No. 1, AFU

Ely, Minn. — At the meeting held Dec. 12th all the present officers of Lodge No. 1, AFU were re-elected with the exception of two trustees who were not present and others were named in their stead. The new officers are as follows: Joseph Kovach, president; Joseph Shikonya, vice-president; Frank Tomsich, Jr., secretary; Joseph J. Peshel, recorder; Frank L. Kotzian, treasurer; Joseph Shikonya, Jr., trustee; Joseph Mishash, trustee, and Marko Dušich, trustee.

As we had sub-zero weather, we had a very small attendance but I hope that future meetings will be better attended, for they will now be held at 7 p. m. in the main hall of the Yugoslav National Home on the second Sunday of each month.

At this writing I wish the membership a Merry Xmas and a Happy New Year, for a bigger and better American Fraternal Union.

Frank Tomsich Jr., Sec'y
Lodge No. 1, AFU
Ely, Minn.

AFU SPECIAL

By Pfc. Steve Babich

Hello Members: I want to thank all of you for writing to me. I can't explain how good it makes a fellow feel to receive so many letters. I would like to express my appreciation to the following people who have been writing to me regularly: Mother Glavic, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Glavic, Mary Kolar, Miss Mary Puz, Miss Chrissy Lustick, Miss Agnes Thomas, Frank Vlosich, Elsie Yankovich, Miss Olga Sutton, Elsie Butcher and Florence Zupancic.

I also heard from my old pal, Ed Glavic. We were pals for 17 years. He left for the Army about 4 months before I did. I also received a very nice letter from Barberton, Ohio from none other than Miss Rose Casserman. She really keeps me going on letter writing. Keep it up, Barberton! We'll be back when this is over and show you how to play base ball and bowl again. Mary Balint is also a good AFU pal. She certainly tries to enroll as many new members as possible in her lodge. When we discussed Cleveland, Ohio we spoke of "Little Stan" and how well he can write about the army. One day I wrote to him and asked why he doesn't write any more. He answered that he's keeping it all in his head and will write about it when he gets home.

He answered that he's keeping it all in his head and will write about it when he gets home. I have a new pen pal from Seattle, Wash. He is Frank Turk of Roslyn, Wash. I also heard from Ed Slabe of Struthers, Ohio who is at Camp Haan, California. I must not forget the first AFU member who wrote to me. None other than Alice Perucin of Seattle, Wash. To all my pen pals and to all AFU members I wish a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. God be with all of you. Sincerely,

Pfc. Steve Babich, 15322552
Ft. Lawton Post Office Dep't
Seattle, Wash.

tions. The total state quota for the drive is \$672,000,000. Area and county quotas for both individual and corporation sales are being worked out, and will be announced soon, Mr. Bredlow said.

—War Finance Committee of Ohio.

Meeting of Pennsylvania AFU federation

The annual meeting of the Federation of AFU lodges of Western Pennsylvania will be held on Sunday, December 26, 1943, at 2:00 p. m. at the Slovener Auditorium, for the purpose of electing officers, receiving and acting upon the reports of the officers, and of the plans arising therefrom and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

F. J. Kress, President

News of AFU Yanks



Pvt. Fred J. Startz of Ely, Minn. was home on furlough recently visiting his mother,

Mrs. Mary K. Startz and sister, Margaret. Pvt. Startz serves in the Communications Department of the Caucasus Infantry Division. Fred writes he has recently changed his military address as follows and wants the Nova Doba to be sent there:

Pvt. Fred J. Startz,
37326999

Hq. Co. 409th Inf. APO 470
Camp Howze, Texas.

He enjoyed his furlough but missed his sister, Florence, who is employed by the FBI in Washington. However, he says he is with her in spirit when he reads her weekly column, "Washington News Flashes" in the Nova Doba. He adds: "I wish all my friends, the AFU Supreme Officers, the Editors, and all AFU members a very merry Christmas and a happy New Year."

(Photo cut through courtesy of Mrs. M. Startz.)

Seaman First Class Sam Smallo, member of Lodge No. 199, AFU of Dawson, New Mexico, is home on a week's furlough. He is stationed at Brookings, Oregon and is a member of the U. S. Coast Guard. We hope you spend a very happy furlough at home with your family and friends, Seaman Smallo!

Greetings from our boys are pouring in every day. Victor Slavec sends us a V-Mail Christmas card and writes: Merry Christmas and a very happy New Year to all the members of the great American Fraternal Union. The South Seas are wonderful but still there's no place like home. Please send the Nova Doba to my new address.

Thank you, Vic, and we wish you the same. Friends may write to Victor at the following address:

Victor Slavec, F3C
Navy 131, c/o Fleet P. O.
San Francisco, Calif.

Stan Barba sent your editor an unusual V-Mail card from North Africa wishing us a Merry Christmas. The following day your editor was surprised to receive a letter from him from "somewhere in Italy." Stan certainly is getting to see the world!

Annual Meeting Review of Lodge No. 4, AFU, of Presto, Pa.

Presto, Pa. — Lodge No. 4, AFU held its annual meeting Dec. 12th and the attendance was very poor. Out of 57 members only 9 attended the meeting.

It's a shame that members do not have about 20' or 30 minutes to spare to attend this important lodge meeting of the year. How can we progress if we never get together? Right now the lodge is on the very end of the string and is slowly dropping off. It was decided at this meeting that all members pay their assessments by the end of every month or they shall be suspended. We will no longer wait for 2 or 3 months for payments as we did in the past. Please keep this in mind!

At the meeting it was also decided that a one dollar (\$1) special assessment be levied for each member. This must be paid by the end of February or no assessments will be accepted. Some members will not like this but if they would come to the meetings and hear the report of the treasurer, they would think differently.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Demsher who became the proud parents of a baby girl; mother and baby are doing fine. We also wish Brother John Kerzisnick a speedy recovery from his present illness.

Any member who did not receive the AFU 1944 calendars is asked to stop at the secretary's home and get them.

Officers elected for 1944 are as follows: Joseph Demshar, president; Anton Subic, secretary; John Klemencic, treasurer; and Lawrence Klemencic, Martin Klemencic and John Primozich, auditors. In conclusion I wish to remind all members not to forget the next lodge meeting which will be held Jan. 9th. Remember the date and let's all be present!

Anton Subic, Sec'y
Lodge No. 4, AFU
Presto, Pa.

Napredok Notes

The Napredok Lodge No. 132, AFU of Euclid, Ohio held its meeting Dec. 10, 1943 at the Slovener Society Home on Recker Ave. It was well attended and we wish that it will keep up that way.

At this meeting, the election of officers was held. Mr. Ludwig Prosen was elected president, Mr. John Tanko was elected vice-president, and unanimously elected were Mr. John Cecelic, secretary, Mrs. Adalyn Cecelic, treasurer, and Mrs. Anna Prosen, recording secretary. The following were elected auditors: Mrs. Anna Slopko, president, Mrs. Antonia Sterlekar and Mr. Frank Chukayne. Dr. A. Skur and Dr. C. Rotter were chosen as medical examiners.

Mr. Jacob Gruden Sr. and Mr. Peter Andolsek, president and vice-president respectively who held these offices for the year of 1943 did a very fine job. Mr. Ludwig Prosen, our newly-elected president, has been a member of the Napredok Lodge for the past year, having transferred from the Ilirska Vila Lodge of which he was one of the founders. Mr. and Mrs. L. Prosen are very loyal members.

After the meeting, a social was held and a good time was had by all. The collection of assessments will be held Dec. 23, 1943 starting at 6:15 p. m. at the Slovener Home on Recker Ave.

We of the Napredok Lodge wish all of the AFU lodges a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Fraternally yours,

John Cecelic, Sec'y
Lodge No. 132, AFU
Euclid, Ohio

CARDINAL HIGHLIGHTS

Last week the list of new officers of Lodge No. 229, AFU of Struthers, Ohio was listed incorrectly. The following officers were elected: John Pogacnik, president; Joe Zlogar, vice-president; Jennie Millosin, secretary-treasurer; Jennie Mikolich, president of the auditing committee, and Dr. Yauman, lodge physician.

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Chicago AFU Liberty Bell Bowling League

Golenko lost! His team, the Maryton Cafe, handed all three games over to the Gottlieb Florists. The reason: The team captain, Anton Krapenc was absent. Bowlers without a captain are like soldiers without a general. What Golenko said to Krapenc when he saw him, I don't know so I cannot report it, but I'm quite certain it wouldn't be printable. The Florists were also in danger of not having their captain, Max Bruckman, with them since he is very busy selling Christmas trees but he hired someone else for the evening and he came to bowl to save the honor of his team.

This is all the bowling for this year, for the next two Fridays, Christmas and New Year's eves, we shall not bowl; we meet again on Friday, Jan. 7, 1944. The bowlers will get a rest, the readers will have a vacation and everyone will be happy. I wish everyone a very merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

Standings, December 17, 1943:

	W	L
Gottlieb Florists	23	16
Maryton Cafe	22	17
Hujans Tavern	19	20
Fox River Hotel	15	24

Team High Three Games:

Gottlieb Florists	1857
Maryton Cafe	1745

Team High Single Game:

Gottlieb Florists	681
Maryton Cafe	638

Individual High Three Games:

Dolmovich, Louis	543
Bruckman, Max	536
Gomilar, Joseph	531

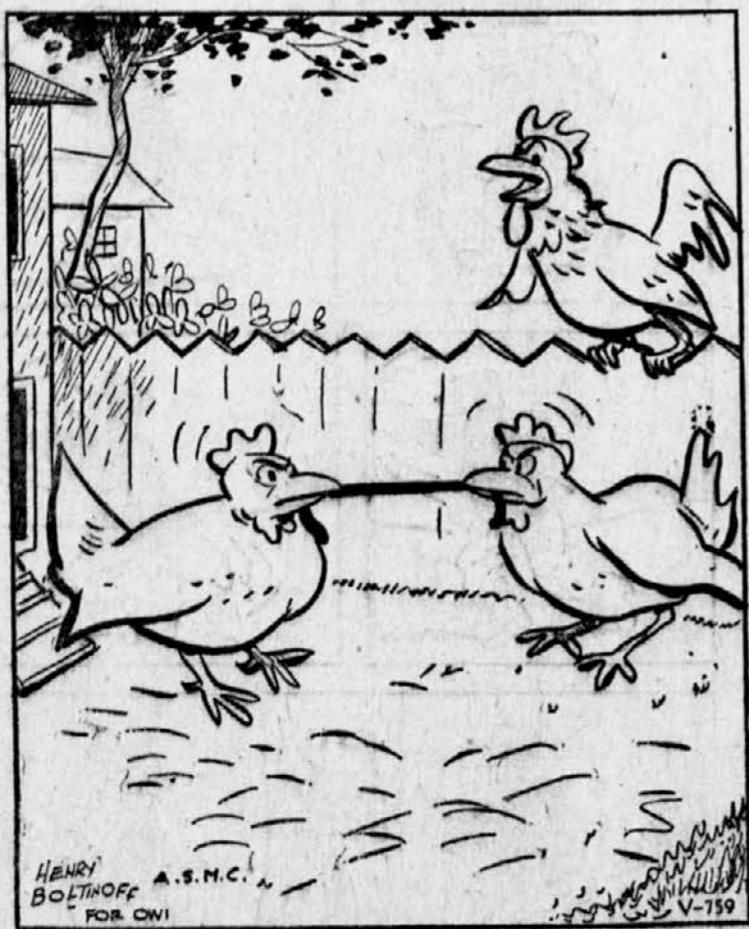
Individual High Single Game:

Gomilar, Joseph	222
Dolmovich, Louis	212
Bruckman, Max	210

J. Gottlieb, Sec'y
Chicago AFU Bowling
League

Conductor: "Can't you see that sign, 'No Smoking'?"

Sailor: "Sure Mike, that's plain enough but there are so many dippy signs here. One says, 'Wear Sure-Fit Corsets' so I ain't paying any attention to any of 'em."



"THE PEOPLE AT THE BIG HOUSE ARE STRETCHING
THEIR MEAT, SO I DON'T SEE WHY WE CAN'T DO IT
HERE, TOO."

RESOLUTION

Adopted at the Celebration of the 25th Anniversary of the Yugoslav National Unity, December 5, 1943, Chicago, Ill.

continue its work in conformity with this resolution.
Zvonko Novak
Acting Chairman

A MESSAGE OF GREETINGS

Adopted at the Celebration of the 25th Anniversary of the Yugoslav National Unity and Sent to the President of the United States December 5, 1943

Mr. President:
We, the American citizens of Yugoslav ancestry, gathered in the Pilsen Park Pavilion, 3049 West 26th Street, Chicago, Illinois, on the 5th day of December, 1943, in celebration of the 25th anniversary of the Yugoslav National Unity, are definitely loyal to the United States. We are unwaveringly supporting its war efforts in this gigantic fight for liberty, justice, and democracy, and the workers in America's war industries who are of our blood are contributing day and night in energy and money to those war efforts to the utmost of their ability.

We, Yugoslav Americans, have bought tens of millions of dollars worth of War Bonds. Tens of thousands of our sons are serving this great country in the armed forces, and a great number of our daughters are being active in the auxiliary war units as well as in the defense work on the home front. Hundreds of thousands of our men and women are working in essential war industries. We are fully conscious of our duty to do all we can for the winning of the war and the peace.

As Americans, we always consider America first, yet we cannot suppress our feelings for the land of our origin—for Yugoslavia. We are painfully aware of its terrible plight which is a heartbreaking tragedy under the occupation of German Fascists and their satellites. We deeply admire the gallant resistance of the Yugoslav people and their heroic fighting forces which are beside the victorious Red Army of Russia the most effective allies of the United Nations on the Continent of Europe. We heartily join them in their cherished aspirations for a new, united and democratic Yugoslavia, which we feel is essential to the future peace of Europe and the world as a whole.

Zvonko Novak
Acting Chairman

A MESSAGE OF GREETINGS

Adopted at the Celebration of the 25th Anniversary of the Yugoslav National Unity, and Sent to Dr. Ivan Ribar, the First President of the Newly-formed Parliament of the Yugoslav Provisional Government, December 5, 1943.

Dr. Ribar:

We, the U. S. citizens of Yugoslav origin and descent, gathered at the Pilsen Park Pavilion, 4049 West 26th St., Chicago, Illinois, on the 5th day of December, 1943, in celebration of the 25th Anniversary of the Yugoslav National Unity, send you, Dr. Ribar, and through you to Marshal Tito the Yugoslav Liberation Army, our sincere greetings.

Your heroic struggles against the Axis occupationists and the despicable quislings make every American of Yugoslav descent proud of his kinsmen in the old country and help to inspire all other American Slavs to greater efforts in mobilizing this country for the impending offensive action in Europe.

We exult in the thoughts of knowing that we are your brethren; and we pledge to help you liberate the Yugoslavs from tyranny and oppression. We and the rest of the democratic people throughout the world are with you! The dawn of your freedom is breaking. The hour of your liberation is close. We hail your heroic struggle against Hitler and his quislings. We hail the victory of the Anglo-Soviet-Yugoslav-American fighting alliance; a plague and death to the German fascist invaders, their State, their "New Order in Europe"! Long live the freedom and independence of all nations!

4. To appeal to the proper U. S. rehabilitation authority to aid economically the oppressed peoples of Yugoslavia as soon as the Axis is expelled from their soil;

5. To demand that the Yugoslav territories inhabited by Slovenes, Croats and Serbs and taken from them during and before this war shall be restored and returned to Yugoslavia;

6. To express our sincerest sympathy with Yugoslav fighting forces in Yugoslavia, and our deep admiration of the fighting spirit in their valiant fight for liberty and better future of a new, independent, united and democratic Yugoslavia;

7. To wholeheartedly approve the Declaration of the historic Moscow conference, which we think is the first real step toward the age of the common man, and

8. To ask the Committee of Yugoslav National Unity to

FIGHTING JUGOSLAVIA

The Struggle of the Slovenes

By BORIS FURLAN,
Professor of Political Philosophy at the University of Ljubljana (Jugoslavia)
(Continuation)

We can get a true picture of the extent of the fighting in Italian Slovenia, which is about the size of Long Island, N. Y., and has approximately 350,000 inhabitants, if we consider that the Italians must have on hand for the pacification of these regions 80,000 soldiers of the regular army, with the accompanying artillery, tank and air forces. Not included in this number are very strong contingents of safety guards, fascist militia, forest militia, etc. For every three Slovene inhabitants there is one Italian soldier.

As an example of the extent of the fighting operations, we quote from a communiqué of August 10, 1942: "The fifth group of the Delen guerrillas has announced the details of its fighting activities during the month of July. Several dozens of railroad tracks were destroyed, 20 bridges blown up, 10 locomotives destroyed, 13 trains derailed, several hundred Italian soldiers killed or wounded."

An extensively planned offensive which the Italian occupation forces began on July 15 against the Partisans, engaged four Italian divisions with strong detachments of

Resolutions Committee, and who was advised by a prominent Serbian leader to draft the greetings, was unable to reach the other two Resolutions Committee members before acting so they asked me to draw up greetings to the Army of Liberation and its leaders. I did so early Sunday morning, and gave the copy to Mr. Novak to be read by him to the audience for their approval or disapproval.

The overwhelming majority of the audience of 3,500 expressed vociferous approval and acceptance of the greetings while only three members of the audience disapproved.

These greetings coincide with the sentiments of Mr. Adamic and Mr. Buncic whose speeches received tremendous acclaim.

Should any see fit to criticize Mr. Novak's action in presenting the resolution, we would refer to their consideration, President Jefferson's decision in the case of the Louisiana Purchase, when he, Jefferson, confronted by urgent necessity, acted without consulting Congress, and thereby acquired for \$15,000,000 the vast Louisiana territory for the United States, thus adding to the country's domain untold wealth in land beyond the western frontier.

Mark Basic
For the Publicity Committee

tanks, guns, planes and infantry mortars. Over the areas occupied by the Partisans, they first rained bombs from their planes and reduced tens of villages to ashes. In one sector which is on the present Italian-German boundary-line, southwest of Ljubljana (the Polhovgradec Valley), the German troops operated, by previous agreement, with the Italians. On one German column alone, numbering 3,000 men, the volunteers inflicted the loss of several hundred men, destroyed the house can spruce up his dress clothes, too, for the new leather shoes available with a ration stamp.

Beginning Dec. 18, OPA announced, women's and Misses' evening slippers of all types go off the ration list. The man of the house can spruce up his dress clothes, too, for the new leather shoes available with a ration stamp.

OPA said evening wear shoes have been slow to move because coupons have been needed for essentials.

Office of Civilian Requirements of WPB now warns that the promised production of electric irons, refrigerators and fans for civilian use is "on paper only," and cannot be put into operation until the army and navy cut back their production programs and release plant capacity for such civilian uses.

Are you happy that your son or husband is getting a furlough or leave from camp for the holidays? Then just a word of warning. If, in the course of family conversation, he drops bits of information about his outfit—what it's doing, what it's going—keep it strictly under your hat. It may sound consequential to you, but if you pass it along and it's picked up by the wrong people, it can be a world of harm. Best rule to follow is: If you HEAR it from anyone, don't repeat it; if you SEE it yourself, don't report it; but if you READ it in the newspapers or magazines hear it on the radio, then talk about it.

Plan your food budgets to include some slight price rises in fruit preserves, jams and jellies made from apples and grapes, and in these frozen foods; Concord grapes, peaches, blackberries. The increase on the first group of OPA, will average two cents on a one-pound jar of the frozen foods, prices going from 3/4 cent to 3 cents a pound.

Put on your spectacles and take a look at the page of your row black-and-white stamps next to the stamps in the back of Ration Book Three. On these stamps you'll find the picture of an airplane. Stamp No. 1 is the only stamp in Book Three you can now use for shoes. Some people have been confused by these pictures haven't distinguished them from the stamps bearing pictures of guns, tanks or ships, and as a result, says OPA, have been trying to spend the stamp for new shoes. This airplane stamp No. 1 is good indefinitely, as will stamp No. 12 in Ration Book one.

Tomato catsup, absent or least scarce on many grocery shelves for a long time, is coming back into circulation the second time in a month. The Food Administration has leased nearly a million cases that had been set aside for government use, making a total for the month of 1,800,000 cases now available for tables.

UNITED NATIONS FACTS

WINNING THE PEACE.
"IF THE PEACE... IS TO BE PRESERVED AN INTERNATIONAL LEGAL BODY MUST BE SET UP"
TO WATCH OVER IT".

PIERRE DUPONT

PRIME MINISTER OF LUXEMBOURG

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WOMEN IN HOLLAND ORDERED TO WORK FURIOUSLY WHILE NAZI INSPECTORS ARE WATCHING, BUT UNRAVEL THEIR WORK AS SOON AS THE INSPECTORS' BACKS ARE TURNED...



The Boom in Soy-beans

Rubber substitutes, cloth, high-protein food, plastics and vegetable oil are just a few of the manifold guises of the soybean. About 200 million bushels of beans are now roaring into hoppers of the American processing plants to produce these and other products.

It's a new crop to many farmers. War has shot planting up to 14,000,000 acres. The soybean is one of the oldest crops used by man, however, being described in Chinese writings nearly 3,000 years before Christ.

In this country, production has been slow in developing. But now great fields of legume are being harvested in this country. The government is also adopting soybean products as part of the rations for the armed forces. The Army will be using soya in pork link sausages, bakery goods and macaroni products. Millions of men will thus be introduced to soybean foods through the Army. When we return to normal conditions, it seems likely that soybeans will become an accepted part of the American diet.

Oil obtained from soybeans can be used to replace the vegetable oils and fats formerly imported. This a primary reason why the government has promoted the soybean program. Plastics have also been produced from the soybean meal. Automobile distributor parts, steering wheels and car accessories are a few examples. Oils were extracted to make superior paints. The protein was converted into fiber having many of the characteristics of wool. Developed as an upholstery fabric, may also be used for clothes and blankets.

—Condensed from Science Service.

DID YOU KNOW THAT?

The correct basis for determining excess fat is the body's specific gravity. Fat is lighter than water; lean flesh and bones are heavier.

A light anti-aircraft battery uses up enough ammunition in one minute of intensive firing to fill a three-ton truck.

The first woman to be elected to Congress was Miss Jeanette Rankin of Missoula, Montana. She was elected representative at large in 1916 and served from 1917 to 1919 in the 50th Congress which was a war Congress. In 1940 she was again elected to the 77th Congress which, fate decreed, was to be another war Congress. Miss Alice M. Robertson, Muscogee, Oklahoma, was the second woman to serve in Congress (1921-1923).



Annual Meeting Notice of Lodge 144

Detroit, Mich. — The members of Lodge No. 144, AFU are invited to attend the next meeting in as large a number as possible. The meeting will be held Sunday, Dec. 26 at the usual place. At this time it will be necessary to elect new officers for the year of 1944. Therefore the members should attend this meeting and elect officers which will be satisfactory to them. AFU calendars for 1944 will also be distributed at this time. Do not forget the meeting on Sunday, Dec. 26th!

I wish all members of the American Fraternal Union a very merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

Mike Bahor, Sec'y
Lodge No. 144, AFU
Detroit, Mich.

Alone

By Simon Gregoric

(Translated from the Slovene by Ivan Zorman)

Alas for him who sighs in grief alone;
Nor happy he who drinks his joys alone.
Is Heaven kind to thee, O brother mine,
Then from thy fellows turn not eyes of thine.
The noble mind all pain alone will bear,
But happiness will with another share,
Thy heart, thy hand wide open lay,
And seek to wipe a brother's tear away,
Seek thou an orphan's sorrow to allay.
He who would drink his joys alone,
Shall shed his tears in grief alone.

BEWARE THE KAMPS!



War Secrets Dug From Books

The New York Public Library has been up to its neck in the war for a long while. It went into action before Pearl Harbor, to the best recollection of Robert W. Henderson, in charge of book stocks, when it loaned the Canadian government its copy of Berlin classified telephone directory.

From this seemingly innocuous book R.C.A.F. commanders easily determined the location of the German capital's business and manufacturing centers. Newspaper headlines have proved the directory was put to good use.

The library has always maintained an up-to-date file of telephone books for the world's important cities. When the War Department was planning the North African campaign, it borrowed directories of that area. Most of these have been returned, and today you can check telephone numbers and addresses in Casablanca, Port Lyautey, Rabat—or if you choose, Dar Bel-Amir and Dar Caid.

Should the War Department be interested, telephone books for Poland, Rumania, Singapore, Spain, Sweden and Syria, to name a few, are also on the shelves. Mr. Henderson's department has performed myriad services. The navigator of a bomber, for example, must know the geodetic, or astronomical, as well as the geographical position of his object.

All travel books with pictures of ports and harbors are useful of course. Other departments have done their share toward winning the war. For years, Rollin A. Sawyer, chief of the library's economics division, has been busy collecting the annual reports, official gazettes, journals and blue books of colonial administrations.

Even more valuable as a source of pictorial data and information for both military and civilian agencies is the immense picture collection. It is used to explain the enemy—his customs, habits, how he eats and sleeps. When the Army is moving into new areas of combat, it provides air views of roads, railroad terminals, pictures of native dwellings and of the natives themselves. It helps to train soldiers to build civilian morale at home and to propagandize abroad.

Requests for material on Japan represent no problem. Some months before Pearl Harbor the New York Travel Bureau of Japan donated its collection of more than 1,000 photographs to the library. These were turned over to the Army Air Force in January, 1942 for filming and enlargement. In the Army's own words, they have been of "inestimable value."

Saturday Review of Literature.

He: The bank has returned that check!

She: Isn't that splendid, what can we buy with it this time?

When television finally gets perfected, it's going to cause the complete cure of a lot of those sick friends we used to sit up with!

Naša pomožna akcija

Zbiranje oblike za stari kraj

Kot znano, smo ameriški Slovenci takoj po vpadu nacističnih tolovalskih vojnih čet v Jugoslavijo zaslutili, da bo naša staro domovino strašno veliko trpela. Ne samo, da bo ljudstvo

preganjano in mučeno ter do-prinašalo velikanske krvne žrtve, temveč bo tam nastala tudi nepopisna beda. Zaeno pa smo se zavedali, da bo naša dolžnost pomagati, kajti nesrečno slovensko ljudstvo nima nikogar, h komur bi se moglo z upanjem obrniti, razen do svojih boljše situiranih bratov in sester v daljni Ameriki. Zavedali smo se nadalje tudi, da bo naša pomoč najbolj zanesljiva, aka se za pomožno akcijo organiziramo in to nas je dovedlo, da smo ustanovili Jugoslovenski pomožni odbor, slovenska sekacija.

Da se v tej slutnji nismo vraili, najboljše pričajo številna poročila, ki kljub strogi cenzuri in drugim zaprekam polagoma prihajajo do nas vse od tedaj. Naše ljudstvo je bilo okradeno in oropano vsega in z velikim upanjem se obrača do nas. Potrebuje hrane, obleke, orodja, semen, živine, poslopij in sploh vsega. Veliko bo torej treba zbrati, da bo naša pomoč res kaj zaledila. Zato, bratje in sestre, posežimo spet v žep in dajujmo v to svrhu, kakor največ moremo! Baš sedaj, ko so božični in novoletni prazniki, ko je skoraj vsak izmed nas nekam posebno razpoložen, da kaj podari, je pravi čas, da se spomnimmo tudi naše nesrečne rojake v starem kraju.

Ker zadnje čase o pomožni akciji nismo posebno pisali, so se nekateri očividno že začeli batiti, da bomo pustili stvar zapsati. Temu pa ni tako. Pomožna akcija gre s svojim tokom naprej — počasi pa sigurno. Najboljši dokaz zato so poročila o prejetih prispevkih, ki jih priobčujemo vsak mesec sproti. Ako nismo bili poslednje čase posebno glasni glede pomožne akcije, je največ vzrok, ker smo hoteli dati SANSu ali naši politični akciji, ki je tudi potrebna, nekaj več priložnosti. To pa naj ne zadržuje nikogar. Obe akciji sta potreben in vsakdo lahko prispeva za prvo ali drugo, najboljše pa bo storil, aki daruje za obe!

V pomčno akcijo bi seveda spadal tudi zbiranje obleke za stari kraj, glede česar se nekateri tako ogrevajo. Ni dvoma, da bi se nabralo precej ponosenje pa drugače še dobre obleke med nami, in tudi ne more biti dvoma, da bi v starem kraju to hvaležno sprejeli. Toda z zbiranjem obleke je ta križ, da je to je treba kmalu odpeljati, kakor delajo Rusi in drugi, ki imajo prevozne ladje na razpolago ter uvoz dovoljen. Za Slovenijo in sploh za Jugoslavijo je to za enkrat še izključeno. Ako bi pa najeli prostore za skladišče, bi morali imeti tudi osobje za upravo, čiščenje in pažnjo itd., ker pa preveč stane in mi nimajo denarja za to.

Z zbiranjem obleke v kaki centrali se torej za enkrat ne moremo začeti. Priporočljivo pa je, da si vsakdo, ki želi darovati, pončno ali kakršnokoli obliko, nabavi zato sposoben zaloj ali bakso, v kateri naj jo dždi, dokler ne pride čas, da bomo tudi mi lahko poslali direktno v stari kraj. Seveda je tako obleko treba najprej dobro očistiti in poskrbeti, da je moli ne žro. To se nam zdijo za enkrat najbolj priporočljivo in nedvomno bo tudi najceneje. Upamo, da se bodo tudi ostali strinjali z namo glede tega.

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predsednik JPO, SS

TOBAKARSKA RAZVADA

(Nadaljevanje s 1. strani)

Tobakovo rastlino se more privoljati skoro v vseh delih sveta, toda kako je tobak v veliki meri odvisna od kraja, kjer je bil pridelan. Kakovost iste vise tobaka se zelo razlikuje, je bil pridelan, na primer, v Turčiji, na Cubi ali v naši dr-

žavi Virginiji. Skoro vse vrste nik jugoslovenskih partizanov, maršal Tit.

UBOGA DEMOKRACIJA

Uboga demokracija, kako jo ljudje mrevarijo, razteza jo in tolmačijo po svoje! Pretekli teden je v madžarskem parlamentu grof Anton Sigray povsem resno trdil, da je Madžarska vedno bila demokratična in da je vedno zasledovala demokratično smernic v najboljšem pomenu besede. Poudarjal je tudi, da mora biti madžarska monarhija upostavljen, ker to bo interesu miru za vso jugovzhodno Evropo. Kako demokratični so Madžari, bi vedeli najbolj povedati Slovaki, Podkarpatski Rusi, Jugoslovani in deloma tudi Rumuni. Poleg Nemcev in Italijanov so Madžari zadnji, ki bi se smeli bahati z demokracijo.

NOVO OROZJE?

IZ Švice poročajo, da Nemci eksperimentirajo z ogromnimi raketa, s katerimi nameravajo bombardirati Anglijo preko Rokavskega preliva. Rakete so po 45 čevljev dolge in morejo teoretično leteti 160 milj daleč. Tehtajo 12 ton in eksplozija tako rakete povzroči silno razdejanje. Nemci so precejšnji ekspertri v izdelovanju raznih vrst raket za bojevanje, toda doseči so zavezniški še vselej našli dobre obrambne načine proti istim.

NEKAJ PRIZNANJA

Japonski oblastniki potom radijo pozivajo prebivalstvo, da žrtvuje do skrajnosti vse za obratorevitev in za dosegajo zmag. Pri tem poudarjajo, da se ne sme podecenjevati Amerike in Anglije, ki sta močni državi in imata neizcrpne vire za nadaljevanje vojne. Priznavajo tudi, da se ne more reči, da ima Japonska vojna mornarica situacijo pod kontrolo. Vpričo nedavnih izmišljenih ali silno pretiranih japonskih poročil o njihovih velikih zmaghah se to priznanje nekoliko čudno sliši.

JUGOSLOVANSKI PARTIZANI

Radio "Svobodna Jugoslavija" je naznani, da se maršal Tito bavi z načrtom federativne Jugoslavije, ki naj bi bila formirana po vojni in ki bi bila razdeljena v šest federativnih edinic. Te edinice bi bile: Šrbija, Hrvatska, Slovenija, Črna gora, Bosna-Hercegovina in Sandžak-Makedonija.

Po poročilih Associated Press se najhujši boji med Nemci in partizani vršijo v vzhodni Bosni, kjer Nemci napadajo s tanki in motoriziranimi četami od štirih strani: Od Sarajeva, od Tuzle in Zvornika, preko reke Drine in iz Srbije. V okrožju Tuzle so partizani porazili dva tisoč mož brojajo nemško kolono. Ubith je bilo 350 Nemcov in mnogo ranjenih. Partizani so zasegli tudi precej plena. V okolici Brcke so Nemci izgubili 370 mož. Nemci so zavzeli mesta Plevlje, Duvno, Grahovo in Livno. V okolici Plevlje so partizani obkrožili in likvidirali 800 Nemcev. Ko so partizani dobili ojačanja, so Nemcem iztrgali Livno.

Ruska vlada je načnala, da bo postala v Jugoslavijo vojaško misijo, ki bo sodelovala s partizani. Izjav britiškega zunanjega ministra Edena in ameriškega državnega tajnika Hullu je razvidno, da bosta tako Anglia kot Amerika pošljena večno pomoči maršalu Titu, poveljniku Ljudske osvobodilne armade. Informacijski biro ruskega zunanjega urada je postal izjav: "Aktivnosti četnikov pod Mihajlovićem, po informacijah, ki so na razpolago, doseči niso pomagale ampak so škodovale borbi jugoslovenskega ljudstva napram nemškim okupatorjem in v sledi tega na morejo izboljšati odnosjev Sovjetske Unije napram njim".

