

Komentarji

Komunizem je vrgel rokavico demokraciji!

Tedensko glasilo unij železnih delavcev "Labor" v Washingtonu je v svoji zadnji številki, datirani 9. januarja, objavilo značilen članek, ki ga prinašamo v celoti prevedenega v sledečih vrsticah:

"Komunizem je vrgel rokavico demokraciji! Rusija je začela z novim petletnim načrtom, da ekonomsko zavaruje svojo ljudstvo! Amerika mora začrtati nekaj boljšega!"

"Sovjetska vlada je pravkar naznanila svoj drugi petletni načrt presenetljivega obsega in velikosti. V tem času upa zgraditi 7000 milj novih železnic, odpreti 178 novih premogovnikov, podvojiti farmake pridelke in početveriti zalogo tovarniških izdelkov. Skratka: Rusija namerava podvojiti mezo svojih delavcev, dvigniti življenjski standard sto odstotkov in izpolniti svojo deklaracijo ekonomske neodvisnosti v prihodnjih štirih ali petih letih."

"Tak je bojni poziv komunizma kapitalizmu. Še več: to je bojni poziv komunizma tudi demokraciji! Ameriška demokracija mora odgovoriti na ta poziv ali — poginiti."

"Naj se nihče ne smeje novi sovjetski petletki. Rusija je imela nepričakovano dober uspeh od svoje prve petletke. Veliko bližje je prišla k svojemu cilju kakor pa smo mi realizirali svoja pričakovanja v istem času."

"Demokracija in komunizem imata toliko skupnega, da oboje zahtevata blagostanje za preproste ljudi. Demokracija bi rada dosegla ta rezultat s "privatno iniciativo", dočim komunizem koncentriira vse v državi."

"Komunizem ne ugaja ameriški pameti, toda glad in zmrzovanje nam ugajata še manj. Rusija je bila daleč pod nami, ko je začela s preobratom, vendar pa neprestano pleza navzgor, dočim se Amerika pogreza."

"Naše mnenje je, da je demokracija lahko najboljša forma vlade na svetu; sodimo tudi, da je večina Američanov tega mnenja. Ampak, če se po-kaže, da demokracija ne bo mogla kontrolirati požrešnosti in stupidnosti kapitalizma, bo moralo ameriško ljudstvo poskusiti z drugim načrtom!"

"Kaj bo kapitalizem storil? Ali se je sploh česa naučil iz izkušnje v zadnjih štirih letih? Ali bo omehčal svoje trdovratno stališče napram delavcem? Da li olajša breme farmarjem? Bo prenehal z obiranjem žepov odjemalcem?"

V prihodnjih dveh ali treh letih se odloči, usoda kapitalizma, kakršnega poznamo v Ameriki. Odločitev zavisi v največji meri od kapitalizma samega."

Tako "Labor".

Ker nam je znano, da je ta list zelo konservativen — kakor so konservativne tudi unije, katerih glasilo je — je gornji članek naravnost revolucionaren. Ameriška demokracija mora zdaj pokazati, če je zmožna dati ljudstvu splošno blagostanje, ali pa se mora umakniti in ameriško ljudstvo naj poskusi s čim drugim!

List vprašuje, kaj bo storil kapitalizem? Nič ne bo storil! Ameriška demokracija s svojo privatno iniciativo ne bo tudi nič storila!

"Labor" ima za svojo geslo: Industrial Democracy! Tega se naj drži in v tem smislu naj uči železniške delavce. Industrijska demokracija! To je edina demokracija bodočnosti. Tudi pot ruskega komunizma, če bo pač uspeh, drži v to demokracijo.

Kakor hitro se ameriško delavstvo odloči za industrijsko demokracijo — ki je druga beseda za socializem — se mu ni treba bati nobene ruske petletke.

Konkurence se nam ni treba bati!

Naša jednota je še vedno najcenejša in najsigurnejša zavarovalna organizacija

Nekateri člani SNPJ mislijo, da bo težko dobiti slovensko mladino v našo jednoto, kajti ameriške zavarovalne družbe in razne bratske organizacije močno konkurirajo z nami.

To je prazen bavljav. Konkurencija, kolikor še straši, ne more škoditi SNPJ, samo če naši člani razumejo pravi položaj naše jednote in drugih organizacij.

Bila so leta, ko je bila SNPJ v srditi tekmi z zavarovalnimi družbami in našimi starejšimi bratskimi organizacijami; iz onih let je izviralo precej tistega zla, katerega se je SNPJ v dobri meri iznebil na 10. redni konvenciji v zadnjem letu. Konkurenčni boj je zakrivil gospodarsko politiko v znamenju "dosti za malo," ki nas je tepla prva tri leta velike krize.

Danes se nam ni treba bati konkurence. Zavarovalne družbe so tako pritisnjene k steni, da še komaj dihaajo. Cela vrsta teh družb je propadla in zavarovalnici so se večinoma obrisali za vso, kar so vplačali. Baš zadnji teden je spet ena zavarovalna družba zaprla vrata v St. Louisu. Druge, ki še dihaajo, so se obdržale pri življenju s pomočjo od vlade. Kdor še trdi, da je za slovenskega delavca bolje, če se zavaruje pri zavarovalni družbi, ta ne ve kaj blebeče in treba ga je pomilovati.

Druge bratske organizacije, ki skušajo pomnožiti svoje članstvo, so zadnja leta tudi revidirale svoje gospodarske sisteme in nekatere so zvišale asessment, da danes prekaša našega. Assessment SNPJ je z ozirom na podpore, ki jih naša jednota izplačuje svojim članom, povprečno veliko nižji kakor je pri večini drugih organizacij.

Če pa je katera organizacija (tu ne mislimo jugoslovanske), ki lovi nove člane s trditvami, da daje velike podpore skoro za nič, naj naši člani, ki pridejo v dotik z agitatorji dotične organizacije, povedo agitatorjem v brk, da takšna agitacija je le za tepce, ne pa za člane, ki hočejo biti stalno zavarovani!

Naši člani, ki se udeležijo letošnje kampanje SNPJ, so lahko brez skrbi zaradi konkurence. Naša jednota ima najboljše pogoje za otroke v mladinskem oddelku in za mlade člane v oddelku odraslih! In za pridobitev teh za SNPJ se vrši naša kampanja!

Slovenska mladina v Ameriki, ki se hoče dobro in poceni zavarovati, ima najboljše priložnost pri Slovenski narodni podporni jednoti!

Največji francoski slepar umrl s kroglo v glavi

Stavicki najden ustreljen. Ali se je sam? Finančni škandal trese Francijo. Minister resigniral

Pariz, 9. jan. — Aleksander Stavicki, rojen v Rusiji, ki je upropastil veliko zastavnic in banko Credit Municipale v Bayonu s svojimi sleparijami in nekaj dni pred božičem izginil, je bil najden včeraj mrtev in s kroglo v glavi v samotni villi v Chamoni pod francoskimi Alpami. Iz Pariza je pobegnil v avto in menda je hotel priti v Švico, toda debel sneg ga je zadržal, da ni mogel naprej.

Pariški listi se zdaj pripravajo, če se je Stavicki sam ustrelil ali so ga detektivki, ki so mu bili za petami. Policija poroča, da je bil samomor, toda "Populaire", organ socialistične stranke, je mnenja, da tega ne verjame. Nasilna smrt največjega sleparja v povojni zgodovini Francije je zagonetka.

Albert Daladier, minister kolonij, je podal ostavko, ko se ni mogel izmazati iz škandala z zastavno banko. Dokazi so jasni, da je priporočil izdajanje dolžnic Stavickijeve banke. Zapleten je tudi prefekt pariške policije Jean Chiappe, o katerem poročajo, da je bil s Stavickijem v gledališču zvečer pred begom bankirja.

Veliko senzacije je povzročila vest, da je 180 odličnih oseb in državnih uradnikov prizadetih v tem škandalu. Ministrski predsednik Chautemps se še oteplje in vztraja, da vlada ni vedela ničesar o sleparijah, ki so povzročile izgubo ene milijarde frankov.

Zdravniški načrt za socializiranje medicine

Chicago. — Illinoiska zdravniška zveza, neodvisna organizacija zdravnikov, ima načrt za socializiranje medicine — za brezposelne. Načrt določa, naj vlada upošlji brezposelne zdravnike pri zdravljenju brezposelnih in revnih oseb po zdatno znižani ceni, ki bi bila polovico ali celo dve tretjini nižja kakor navadno računajo zdravniki. Ameriška zdravniška zveza se bo temu gotovo upirala.

Mlekarska stavka se nadaljuje z nasiljem

Vai poskusi za poravnane konflikta so se do danes izjevolili

Chicago. — Mlekarska stavka 18,000 farmarjev v čikaški okoliici traja že tri dni in vsako dovažanje mleka v mesto je popolnoma ustavljeno. Zaloga mleka v mestu je bila že v ponedeljek pičila in v torek zjutraj so listi naznanili, da bo čez dan izčrpana in ljudje se morajo poslužiti nadomestil. Stavkarji so dovolili od zunaj le toliko mleka, da ga dobe otroški zavodi in invalidi.

Pogajanja med farmarji in lastniki velikih šestih mlekarn ter zastopniki federalne vlade so bila do torka brez uspeha. Vse kaže, da se bo stavka nadaljevala v sredo in morda še v četrtek. V največjih stiskah so neodvisne mlekarske družbe, katerih je okrog sto v Chicagu in katere se odločno protivijo višjim cenam, ki jih zahtevajo farmarji.

Nasilje, s katerim si pomagajo piketne straže na cestah, se je povečalo. Na tisoče kvortov mleka je bilo uničenega. V ponedeljek so piketi zaznali tri truke z mlekom v čikaško reko. Ustavili so tudi tovorne vlake in pobrali mleko iz njih. Mnogo oseb je bilo aretiranih. Stavkarji in njihovi pomagači so dobro organizirani.

140 nacijskih bomb v Avstriji v osmih dneh

Dunaj, 9. jan. — Dollfussova vlada je včeraj proklamirala postrežno kampanjo za "brezobzirno potlačanje" hitlerizma v Avstriji in pozvala vse "lojalne Avstrijce", naj pomagajo policiji Obenem je vlada sporočila, da je bilo od novega leta v Avstriji 140 bombnih eksplozij, za katere so naciji odgovorni. Ta vest je povzročila veliko senzacijo, kajti časopisje nič ne poroča o nacijskih nasiljih, ker ne sme.

Konvencija brezposelnih v Washingtonu

New York. — Dne 3. februarja se bo vrnila v Washington konvencija Unemployed Councila, ki so pod komunističnim vodstvom. Imela bi se vrtila že te dni, ampak je bila preložena radi težkoč pri zbiranju finančnih sredstev. Za transportacijo in prehrano potrebujejo tri tisoč dolarjev.

KOMPAJNIJSKE UNJE SO VSE PO ENEM KOPITU

Pravila so skoraj dobesedno enaka v mnogih slučajih. Inspirirana so bila najbrž po detektivski agenciji

New York. — (FP) — Velika kampanja za organiziranje kompanijskih unij po vsej deželi ni le slučajnost, ampak je iz raznih pravil razvidno, da ima enotno vodstvo. Wall Street Journal je imel nedavno članek, v katerem je bilo rečeno, da so kompanijske unije pridobile veliko več članov v dobi "novih dealerjev" kakor pa delavske unije.

V tej kampanji so aktivne vse večje in manjše openšapske družbe. Najbolj značilno pri tem je, da so vse te unije, vsaj pa mnoge, organizirane po enem kopitu.

Bratovščina Edisonovih delavcev je newyorški NRA te dni predložila kopiji pravil dveh kompanijskih unij, New York Edison Co. in njenih podružnic ter Todd Drydock Engineering korporacije, ki ima tri ladje-delnice na vzhodu. Pravila obeh kompanijskih unij so skoraj dobesedno enaka.

V obeh slučajih je rečeno z enimi in istimi besedami, da so načrt sestavili delavci skupno z upravami. Znano pa je, da delavci niso imeli ničesar opraviti pri sestavljanju. Dana so jim bila le na glasovanja v celoti. Točka za točko v obeh previlih ima identično besedilo.

Voditelji Amalgamated Association of Iron, Steel and Tin Workers unije so nedavno preštudirali pravila sto kompanijskih unij v jeklarski industriji. Niti malo niso bili presenečeni, ko so doznali, da so pravila vseh kompanijskih unij do pike enaka.

Kdo je oče teh pravil, ni znano. Znano pa je, da je ob pričetku "novega deala" neka spijskopska in stavkolomna agencija ponudila svoj "new deal service" vsem večjim korporacijam, katere je zagotovila, da se jim ni treba bati delavskih unij, če ji dajo priliko — in bakšiša — da reši njih delavsko vprašanje.

Kljub temu, da Edison Co. in Todd Drydock tajita, da bi kaka zunanja agencija imela prave vmes, so unijski voditelji vseeno prepričani, da je glavni inspirator Corporation Auxiliaries Co. ali pa kakšna druga špijska in štrajkolomna agencija.

Najvišje sodišče podprlo "new deal" v Minnesoti

Moratorij za hipoteke, sprejet za dve leti, je ustaven

Washington, D. C. — Zvezno vrhovno sodišče je zadnji ponedeljek izreklo prvo razsodbo v zadevi "new deala". Zadeva se tiče moratorija za dolgeve na posestvih v državi Minnesoti, ki je bil sprejet v zadnjem maju in velja do 1. maja 1935. Razsodba najvišjega sodišča je deželi se glasi, da je ta moratorij ustaven in nihče ga ne more legalno ovreči. Pet članov sodišča je odobrilo ustavnost, štirje so pa bili proti.

Tožitelj za razveljavljenje moratorija je bila Home Building & Loan Association v Minneapolisu, ki je hotela prodati nekatera posestva zaradi zapadlih posojil; organizacija je argumentirala, da je moratorij protustaven, ker uničuje pogodbe z dolžniki, toda izgubila je pravdo na vsej črti.

Republikanci napadajo "new deal"

Washington, D. C. — Voditelji republikanske stranke so te dni začeli napadati Rooseveltov program obnove. Zlasti so se

Roosevelt ima poštne čekovne račune v načrtu?

Vloge v poštne hranilnici so se potrojile v zadnjih dveh letih in danes znašajo 1200 milijonov dolarjev

New York. — "The New York Herald Tribune" poroča v dopisu iz Washingtona, da Rooseveltovi svetovalci razmatirajo možnost vključenja čekovnih računov v sistem poštne hranilnice. Čekovni računi, ki bodo omejeni le na manjše vsote, bodo nedvomno potetverili ali popetetrili vloge v poštne hranilnice in bodo od silne koristi in manjših mestih.

Washington, D. C. — Letno poročilo zveznega poštnega oddelka o poslovanju poštne hranilnice dokazuje, da je stric Sam danes največji bankir v Združenih državah. Vloge v poštne hranilnice so se potrojile v zadnjih dveh letih, kar je dokaz, da je poštne hranilnice še edini denarni zavod v Ameriki, ki ima popolno zaupanje ljudstva.

Dne 1. julija 1931 je znašala skupna vsota vlog v sistemu poštne hranilnice nekaj čez 300 milijonov dolarjev, eno leto kasneje je pa bilo v poštne hranilnicah 1,545,190 vlog v skupni vsoti \$784,820,623. Leto dni pozneje, 1. julija 1933, je bilo 2,342,133 vlog v skupni vsoti \$1,187,186,208, torej brez malega 1200 milijonov dolarjev in ta vsota je gotovo bila preokračena ob koncu leta 1933.

Ob koncu prve polovice leta 1933 je bilo v Združenih državah 7888 krajevnih poštne hranilnic, oziroma 339 več kakor pred šestimi meseci.

Za vloge v poštne hranilnice jamči federalna vlada in vse vloge so investirane v federalnih obligacijah.

Domač drobiž

Nov grob v starem kraju

Eveleth, Minn. — Jakob Semič, član društva št. 69 SNPJ, je prejel vest, da je v loki vasi pri Igu umrla njegova mati Marija Semič v starosti 84 let. Pred dvema mesecema mu je umrl oče v starosti 85 let. V Ameriki zapuščata dva sinova, tam pa dve hčeri. Drugi sin, John Semič, biva neznano kje. Ako kdo čitatelj Prosvete ve zanj, je naprošen, naj ga opozori na to novico.

Novi grobovi

Cleveland. — Umrla je Jennie Praznik, rj. Stukelj, stara 48 let in doma z Iga. V Ameriki je bila 32 let in tu zapuščata moža, štiri sinove in tri hčere.

V Argentini je umrl Anton Prele, star 29 let in doma iz Kala pri St. Petru na Krasu. V Argentini je bil pet let in zapuščata žena ter enega otroka, v Združenih državah pa dva brata in omoženo sestro.

Ubit v avtni koliziji

Cleveland. — Stanley Lourin, star 22 let in rojen tu, je umrl v bolnišnici za poškodbami, ki jih je dobil zadnjo soboto zvečer, ko je drugi avto treščil v njegovega v Gordon parku. Ponesrečeni mladenič je bil sin pionirja Antona Lavrina, ki bo težko pogrešal izgubo mladega sina.

Tudi učitelji zahtevajo "običajne" plače

Springfield, Ill. — Konvencija državne učiteljske asociacije, ki ima 39,000 članov, je na vlado naslovila zahtevo, da brezposelni učitelji, ki dobe delo pri CWA, prejamejo isto plačo kako kvalificirani delavci ali pa "običajno" plačo, če je in kjer je slednja nad lestvico CWA.

spravili nad proračun in pravilo, da je to "strašna potratna" denarja, ki ogroža kredit Amerike in vodi v divjo inflacijo. Republikanski kongresniki in senatorji so se tudi oglašili v obema zbornicama z jedkimi kritikami "new deala."

JEKLARSKI TRUST HOČE SVOJ STARI 'DEAL'

Labor Boardu je zopet povedal, da ne bo priznal rudarske ali kakšne druge unije. — Modifikacija delavske sekcije zakona

Washington. — (FP) — Zadnji petek je vladni delavski odbor zopet imel "skušnjo" s predstavniki jeklarskega trusta radi afere Frick Coal Co., ki je in ni priznala U. M. W. of A. "Skušnjo" je vodil William Green od Ameriške delavske federacije, ker je bil odsoten senator Wagner.

Pričela se je v Johnsonovem uradu, kjer je delavski odbor skušal priti do jasnega, ali je jeklarski trust priznal U. M. W. ali ne. Johnson je modro mož, ki tvori delavski odbor, zagotovil, da sta predsednik Frickove družbe Thomas Moses in predsednik U. S. Steel korporacije W. L. Irvin naredila pogodbo z Johnom L. Lewisom kot predstavnikom rudarske organizacije in ne kot zastopnikom samega sebe.

Ko je delavski odbor to izvedel, je dal poklicati predse deputacijo jeklarskega trusta in Lewisa in pričel s starim, dal že večkrat pretrganem poglavjem. Oborožen z Johnsonovo izjavo, je delavski odbor skušal prisiliti na kolena predstavnike jeklarskega trusta, med katerimi je bil tudi bivši governor države New York Miller, ki je sedaj odvetnik trusta.

Iz Millerjevega nastopa pa je razvidno, da trust smatra vse skupaj le za farso. On je rekel, čeprav je prišlo med Lewisom, Mosesom in Irvinom do nekakega sporazuma, ni imel jeklarski trust nikdar namena priznati U. M. W. Tudi nima namena priznati je ali pa katere druge unije. Ko ga je Lewis zavrnil, da trust priznava rudarsko organizacijo v Illinoisu, mu je Miller odgovoril, da to valed tega, ker v Illinoisu ne more noben neorganiziran rudar dobiti rudarskih papirjev.

S tem je bilo konec — skušnje. Delavski odbor je zapahnil duri in pričel razpravljati, kaj naj stori s Frickovo premogovno družbo oziroma jeklarskim trustom. Kaj so modri možje sklenili, je tajnost. Najbrž pa so sprevideli, in to je ponovno, da jeklarskemu trustu in sploh nobenemu večjemu delodajalcu ne morejo do živega. Igrajo le vlogo modrijanov in nič več. So brez moči.

Senator Wagner bo delavskemu odboru skušal dati več zobjn več moči. Kolikor je sedaj znano, bo skušal modificirati delavsko sekcijo industrijskega zakona s sledečimi dodatki:

1). Delodajalci bodo morali priznati večino delavcev kot reprezentante vseh delavcev v tovarni. Kompanijskim unijam bo to vzelo pravico do inštaliranja do posebnih "pogodb" kot je na primer slučaj pri Frickovi družbi. Za katero unijo se bo večina izrekla, to bo veljalo.

2). Izrečna pravica delavskega odbora, da lahko odredi volitve kjerkoli hoče. Na zahtevo mu bo moral dati vsak delodajalec imenik upošlenih delavcev v svojo aranzirano volitev. To bo preprečilo sličen flakso, ki se je zgodil pri Weirton Steel kompaniji, kjer je družba odklonila dati odboru imenik, valed česar se niso vršile volitve pod njegovim nadzorstvom.

3). Dati delavskemu odboru pravico, da sme vsakogar pozvati na pričanje in to pod kaznijo, nadalje objaviti svoje zapiske in zaključke ter nastopiti sodnijsko proti krilcem njegovih odlokov. Sedaj je odvisen le od justičnega departamenta in zvezne obrtne komisije, ki se doti ne zmenita za težkoče delavskega odbora.

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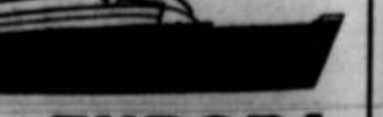
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DOKUMENTARNI PODATKI K ZGODOVINI RAZVOJA NAŠIH PRVIH DRUŠTEV IN NAŠE JEDNOTE

Piše Frank Zaitz

XIV.

"Intelektualni vodja"

Frank Medica je v prvem zapisniku Slavije označen poleg Martina Konde za ustanovitelja društva. Bil je tedaj urednik Glasu Svobode. Meseca junija 1903 se je preselil s Kondo iz Puebla, Colo., v Chicago in tu sta nadaljevala z izdajanjem lista. Ustanovila sta ga v Pueblu 23. oktobra 1902.

Medica in Konda sta izvršila vse glavne priprave k sklicanju prvega sestanka za ustanovitev društva, zato ju je zapisnikar Anton Mladič označil za ustanovitelja. Ta njegova ugotovitev nima zgodovinske vrednosti, kot že pojasnjeno v enem prejšnjih člankov. Medica in Konda sta dala le praktično sodelovanje ideji, ki so jo v Chicago gojili že več let in ji naklonila pomoč ter vzpodbudo v Glasu Svobode.

Bil je Medica, ki je na prvi seji predlagal, naj se novo društvo, ki so ga v početku zvali klub, imenuje Slavija. Na seji 4. oktobra 1903 je Fr. Medica predlagal, naj bi Slavija delovala skupno s Hrvati, bodisi za pridruženje k Hrvatski Narodni Zajemnici ali pa za ustanovitev nove skupne jednote. Večina članstva Slavije je bila proti njegovemu predlogu, ker je želela ustanovitev slovenske narodne jednote. V politiki je bil Frank Medica liberalnih nazorov v smislu starih liberalcev tedanjih dni, sodeloval pa je tudi pri ustanavljanju socialističnega kluba (zdaj klub št. 1 JSZ) in agital zanj v Glasu Svobode.

V društvu je sprejemal Frank Medica razne manj važne odbore. Bil je med vsemi edini, ki se je izsolal v starem kraju, zato so člani njegova izvajanja radi poslušali, četudi so mu odklonili precej predlogov. Bil je izvoljen za tajnika ustanovne konvencije in bil je prvi glavni tajnik SNPJ. Na ustanovni konvenciji je predlagal, naj se nova podporni organizacija imenuje "Jugoslovanska narodna jednota."

V Glasu Svobode z dne 20. maja 1904 je Frank Medica naznanil, da je vsled preoblegla dela odložil uredništvo Glasu Svobode. Svojo polovico lastnine Glasu Svobode je prepustil Kondi. Za urednika je prišel Jože Zavertnik iz Clevelanda, ki ga Medica v omenjenem naznanilu imenuje "vrlega moža, vrednega vsega zaupanja." Istega meseca (maja 1904) sta Frank Mladič in Frank Medica prevzela Narodno dvorano na Centre (zdaj Racine) aveniji in 18. cesti, kjer sta obrabovala salun in oddajala dvorane v najem.

Službo gl. tajnika je Frank Medica imel le dobra dva meseca. Ob koncu junija 1904 je resigniral. V Glasu Svobode z dne 8. julija 1904 je Frank Medica objavil sledečo notico:

"V slovo! Ob svojem odpovedanju v staro domovino, zavoljo družinskih razmer, ključem vsem soprotnost našim SNPJ, posebno pa svojim ožjim prijateljem-znancem, od katerih se nisem mogel osebno posloviti, krepki-bratski Na zdar!"

V Ameriki je bil Frank Medica okrog tri leta. Oženil se je v Chicagu kmalu po konvenciji. Po povratku v stari kraj je imel trgovino nekje na Tirolskem, potem pa se preselil spet na Slovensko. Doma je od St. Petra na Krasu. Danes je star okrog 60 let.

Leta 1930 ga je obiskal v Ljubljani Ivan Molek, ki je poročal o njem v Prosveti sledeče:

"Med ostalimi bivšimi Američani, ki sem jih obiskal, je tudi Fr. Medica, ustanovitelj in prvi gl. tajnik SNPJ. Našel sem ga — že napol sivega, dasi še krepkega — v neki prodajalni v Ljubljani, kjer je uposlen. Medica se rad spominja svojih ameriških časov in nekdanjih prijateljev v Pueblu in Chicagu, veseli ga napredek naše jednote, toda Amerika v splošnem ga ne zanima več. Saj je tudi ne bi več poznal!"

Energičen pionir

Franjo Klobučar je bil eden izmed najdelavnejših ustanovnih članov društva Slavije in SNPJ. Udeležil se je vseh sestankov, na katerih so se posvetovali o korakih za organiziranje društva in

končno sklenili sklicati dne 26. septembra 1903 ustanovno sejo. Drugi seji Slavije je predsedoval že on in dne 4. oktobra 1903 je bil izvoljen za njenega predsednika. Dobil je 17 glasov in Jos. Wershay 11. Naslednja leta je bil Klobučar izvoljen za predsednika društva običajno brez opozicije. Njegov vpliv v Slaviji prva štiri leta je bil velik. Izpodkopala mu ga je afera z znaki, ki ji imela svoj početak v l. 1906. Skušal se ji je ogniti z obširnimi pismom J. Zavertniku, v katerem je sebe odvezal vsake krivde, jemanja "komišna" pa je obtožil Johna Stoniča in Martina Kondo. Zavertnik je dotično Klobučarjevo pismo priobčil v novembrski številki mesečnika Proletarca 1. 1906. Pismo obsega skoro celo stran v listu. Frank Klobučar pravi v njem, da je razkritje njegova zasluga, toda Jože Zavertnik je doživel krivde vse tri, namreč predsednika Stoniča, tajnika Kondo in blagajnika Klobučarja. O tem boju zaradi naročenih znakov, pri katerih je dala tvrdka okrog \$70 "komišna", ki so ga prizadeji odborniki jednote potem vrnil, sem na kratko omenjal že v prejšnjih poglavjih.

Frank Klobučar je bil predsednik prve konvencije SNPJ in prvi glavni blagajnik. Na III. konvenciji septembra 1907 v La Sallu, Ill., je bil zaenot s svojimi kolegi poražen in odborniška mesta v SNPJ so prevzeli novi ljudje. Zmagala je takozvana Zavertnikova skupina. Frank Klobučar pa ni hotel oddati blagajne novemu blagajniku. Za razlog je navedel, da je bil novi glavni odbor izvoljen nepravilno in zato ni legalen. Spor z njim zaradi blagajne je trajal zelo dolgo. Obe stranki sta iskali zaisiomo na sodiščih. Bila je sklicana izredna konvencija, da bi dosegla izravnanje afeze, toda duhov ni pomirila.

Na seji Slavije 8. dec. 1907 je bila predložena okrožnica glavnega odbora, ki je pojasnjeval, da Klobučarjevo postopanje onemogoča redno poslovanje v SNPJ, ker je blagajna v njegovih rokah, dasi bi jo moral oddati. Zapisnik Slavije z omenjenega dne pravi, da so navzoči bratje Klobučarja ostro prijemali radi tega. Na te očitke je Klobučar odgovarjal, da novi odbor na konvenciji ni bil pravilno izvoljen "ker se je javno glasovalo." Jos. Wershay in John Duller sta bila na imenovanju seji s Klobučarjem enakega mnenja.

Po razpravi je Frank Bostič predlagal, da se Klobučarja vsled njegovega postopanja napram novemu glavnemu odboru izključi iz Slavije. Predlog so podpirali mnogi člani.

Klobučar, ki je predsedoval, je dejal, da tega predloga nikakor ne da na glasovanje. Zapisnik zaključuje: "Po tej Klobučarjevi izjavi se bratov poprime splošna razburjenost. Razburjenost je postala še večja, ko eden bratov naznanil, da so skrivni policaji pred vrati in priporočajo, da naj se mirno razidejo."

Tako je ta seja minila, ne da bi člani utegnili ali mogli izvoliti na nji novi društveni odbor. Stori se to na izredni seji 22. decembra (1907). Za predsednika Slavije so kandidirali Frank Podlipec, John Meden in Frank Klobučar. Prvi je dobil 41, drugi 23 in Klobučar 21 glasov. Pri ožjih volitvah je bil izvoljen za predsednika Ivan Meden. Na tej seji je zatoni vpliv Fr. Klobučarja v Slaviji popolnoma. Le mala skupina prijateljev mu je ostala zvesta ne glede na njegove napake, ki jih je izvršil s kljubovanjem novemu glavnemu odboru.

Na seji Slavije 12. januarja 1908 je Frank Bostič znova predlagal izključitev Klobučarja iz društva, "ker neče dati jednote ne blagajne novemu glavnemu odboru in s tem ovira redno poslovanje poleg pa povzroča nepotrebne stroške in škodo celi SNPJ."

Zapisnik pravi:

"K temu predlogu je govorilo več sodelavcev, ki so ostro obsojali Klobučarja."

Brat Klobučar se zagovarja, da je delal po postavah Zdrženih držav in da naj delamo previdno v tem oziru.

Na to je sklenjeno, da se o predlogu glasuje.

Br. Zavertnik vpraša Klobučarja, hoče li, da se glasuje o predlogu za izključitev javno ali tajno.

On odgovori, da mu je vseeno, pač pa bi najraje, da bi se kaj takega z njim ne postopalo.

Na seji je 60 članov. 29 članov je glasovalo za izključitev, 16 proti, 15 članov pa se je vzdržalo glasovanja.

Iz glavnega urada so Slavijo obvestili, da je bila izključitev Klobučarja pravilna in da je "pravovelnjavna".

Meseca februarja 1908 je društvo Narodni Vitezi predlagalo Slaviji skupno sejo, "na kateri naj bi se skušalo končati to dolgotrajno tožbo med centralnim odborom in Klobučarjem." Martin Potokar je dejal, da je res treba nekaj ukreniti. Društvo je sklenilo sklicati skupno izredno sejo na 12. februarja.

Na nji je bil poročevalec o aferi Martin Potokar, za njim pa sta govorila Zavertnik in Fr. Krže. Nad dvanajst tisoč dolarjev enotnega denarja je v Klobučarjevih rokah, so poročali članom.

Član More je svetoval, "da naj se napravi z njim (Klobučarjem) kratek proces in naj ga dasta obe društvi še enkrat zapreti pod tolikšno varščino, da ne bo mogel na prostu."

Končno so se sporazumeli, da izvolijo skupni odbor šestih članov, od vsakega društva tri, ki naj skuša stvar urediti. Stroške ki bi nastali, bi pokrili obe društvi enako. Sprejeli so še resolucijo, ki jo je predlagal J. Zavertnik, s katero so ostro obsojali Fr. Klobučarja, "ker ni upravičen držati denarja in drugega premoženja, katero spada SNPJ."

Vzile mnogim poskusom Klobučarjeve afeze je niso mogli izravnavati. Vsi predlogi za poravnavo so se razbili. Glavni svetovalec Fr. Klobučarja je bil Frank Bernik. O aferi so pisali in polemizirali dopisniki in uredniki v Glasilu SNPJ, Glasu Svobode, Proletarcu in tudi v drugih listih.

V društvih je ta boj ubil idealizem in zaupanje. Precej članov je odpadlo, dasi je SNPJ v številu društev rasla.

Ker je bilo treba nevzdržnemu stanju zaradi blagajne napraviti konec, je bila sklicana v ta namen izredna konvencija. Pričela se je 11. maja 1908 v Chicagu.

Večina na tej konvenciji je

bila za pomirjenje s Klobučarjem. Sklenila je, prvič, da je bila III. konvencija v La Sallu veljavna, in zato blagajnik Frank Klobučar ni imel pravice odkloniti imovine novemu blagajniku. Velika večina je bila kljub tej ugotovitvi proti kazenskemu postopanju. Sprejela je predlog, da se Franka Klobučarja sprejme nazaj v SNPJ, ako izroči blagajno že tej konvenciji. Nato je Fr. Klobučar prišel na zborovanje v spremstvu svojega odvetnika, ki je podal zagovor v prilog svojemu klijentu. Po doseženem sporazumu je konvencija sklenila, naj Slavija Klobučarja spet sprejme za svojega člana ter mu nato izroči prestopni list k društvu Delavec v So, Chicagu. Ta prestopni list mu je izpolnil tedanjaj tajnik Slavije Ivan Molek.

Klobučarjeva afera je bila s tem za nekaj mesecev zaključena. Bila je obnovljena znova potem, ko so med glavnimi tajniki in par člani nadzornega odbora na eni strani, ter Fr. Klobučarjem ter nadzornikom Fr. Bernikom na drugi, nastala nesoglasja zaradi Klobučarjevih računov. Frank Klobučar ni bil do III. redne konvencije le blagajnik, nego je nekaj mesecev do imenovane konvencije izvrševal tudi posel glavnega tajnika, ker je bil tajnik Martin Konda obsojen v zapor radi razpošiljanja brošure "Žrtve razmer" po pošti kot že pojasnjeno v XII. članku. Klobučar je navajal gotove tirjave in izplačila, medtem ko so gl. tajnik in dva nadzornika trdili, da je izročil \$480.24 premalo.

Dne 12. novembra 1908 je glavni odbor sklenil, da se Klobučar ni točno ravnal po sklepih in pogojih izredne konvencije, objavil je kršitve in razloge za kazni in v Glasilu sporočil društvom, naj glasujejo o krivdi ali nekrivdi in o kazni. Večina društev je predlagala izključitev Klobučarja brez nadaljnega sodnega postopanja, manjšina pa je zahtevala izključitev in da se ga poleg tega izroči tudi sodišču. Glavni odbor je na izredni seji 4. februarja 1909 osvojil predlog večine društev in tako je bil Frank Klobučar drugič izključen iz SNPJ.

Afera zaradi Klobučarja je prišla še večkrat na dnevni red in tudi pred IV. redno konvencijo v Clevelandu. Izključenje je ostalo v veljavi.

(Poglavje o Fr. Klobučarju in njegovem delu bo končano prihodnjo sredo.)

(Dalje prihodnjič.)

Federacije S. N. P. J.

Društvene aktivnosti in federacije

West Newton, Pa. — Na seji westmorelandske federacije društev SNPJ dne 22. oktobra je prišlo na dnevni red vprašanje pridruženja društev k federaciji. V okraju Westmoreland je okrog 30 društev SNPJ, toda pri federaciji jih je samo deset. Kaj je vzrok, da ni večje število društev v federaciji, ne vem. Nekoliko so krive delavske razmere nezadostno zanimanje za federacijo in pa, ker deseta konvencija ni dala nobene moči federacijam, da bi lahko reševale probleme v svojih okrožjih in jednotine stvari v smislu pravil.

Westmorelandska federacija je bila ustanovljena v februarju l. 1932, torej bo kmalu stara dve leti, vendar pa ne izkazuje velikega napredka v tej dobi. Nadejali smo se, da se bodo vsa društva pridružila k federaciji in nam tako pomagala do uspeha, kar pa se ni zgodilo.

Res je, da je mnogim članom prišla pasivnost prav, imamo pa tudi veliko število lojalnih članov, ki so upravičeni, da jih obdržimo v pasivnosti. Pri tem moramo priznati, da jih je veliko, ki se okoristijo na račun članstva.

Večina članov se ne strinja s točko glede pasivnosti in nekateri menijo, da je gl. odbor nekakšen diktator, ker vztraja pri zaključkih, da mora vsak član po šestih mesecih pasivnosti poravnati ves neplačani assessment v smrtninski sklad. Tudi jaz se s vsem ne strinjam, toda če stvar dobro preučimo, bomo prišli do zaključka, da druge poti ni, ako hočemo, da bo starim članom zajamčena smrtnina, za katero so zavarovani.

Ako mi ne bi bilo znano miš-

ljenje članstva, bi priporočal, da SNPJ odpravi pasivnost. Zavedam se, da nisem upravičen zahtevati ničesar, ako ne plačujem, toda če hočemo, da SNPJ ostane še nadalje podporni organizacija, bomo morali podvzeti drastične korake. Tako delajo vse druge zavarovalne družbe, pa kljub temu propadajo.

Ako bi se člani zanimali za jednoto in društvo, h kateremu spadajo, bi prihajali v velikem številu na seje; zlasti letne, na katerih se volijo društveni odborniki, bi se moral udeležiti vsak član. Nekateri člani so tako brezbržni, da sploh ne prihajajo na seje. Nihče ni tako zaposlen in reven, da se ne bi mogel udeležiti seje vsaj na vsake štiri mesece. Članstvo bi se moralo zavedati, da napredek društva zavisi od odbora. Posvajajte se in ne zanemarjajte svojih dolžnosti. Na sejah se spoznavamo med seboj in razpravljamo o naših problemih. Vedeti moramo, da smo vsi enako izkoriščani pod sedanjim sistemom in da je sloga med nami potrebna.

Med nami je mnogo članov, ki so zaljubljeni v NRA in v Roosevelt. Mnogi mislijo, da jim bo Roosevelt prinesel preobrat in boljko bodočnost na krožniku. Ampak to je mnenje nevedne mase, kajti bodočnost zavisi od delavca samega. On mora izvajati svoje pravice, to pa lahko doseže s pomočjo organizacije.

Posameznik nima moči, kajti moč in uspeh sta v organizaciji.

Društva SNPJ v okraju Westmoreland vabim, da se udeležijo prihodnje konference federacije, ki se vrši dne 28. januarja ob 10. dopoldne v Slovenskem domu, West Newton-Collinsburg, Pa. — Joseph Zorko, blagajnik.



—Federated Pictures.

Athos Terzani, mlad italijanski antifašist, ki je bil obtožen uboja nekega italijanskega fašista, je bil na sodišču oproščen.

Kansaška federacija

Gross, Kans. — Izčrpek zapisnika seje kansaške federacije SNPJ z dne 24. dec. Predseduje Wm. Strah. Zapisnik prejšnje seje sprejet kot čitan. Zastopanih deset društev. Navzočih je več članov (ic).

Poročila zastopnikov: John Tratar, zastopnik federacije, poroča s četrtletne seje Zadrugnega pogrebnege zavoda, ki se je vršila v oktobru, da zavod primeroma dobro uspeva in računi izkazujejo nekaj preostanka poleg okrog \$4.000 vrednega imetja in vsega plačanega dolga. Možno je, da bo ob koncu leta razpisanih nekaj dividend na delnice. Če bi se članstvo in rojaki še bolj zavedali pomena združništva, bi ta zavod silajno uspeval. Apellra se za večjo kooperacijo s tem zavodom v letu 1934 in vabi na letno sejo 21. jan. pop. v Frontenacu. Slede poročila društvenih zastopnikov, ki so več ali manj važna, ki pa jih radi omejenega prostora v Prosveti ne navajamo v podrobnosti.

Slušajo se pritožbe različnih društvenih tajnikov, da prejemamo premalo točnih pojasnil iz gl. tajništva tikajočih se poslovanja po novih pravilih. Več točk v pravilih ni popolnih, ali so pomanjkljive, kar je priznala tudi zadnja konvencija, zato je dala gl. upravniemu odboru moč, da tolmači nejasne ali pomanjkljive točke enotnih pravil. (To ni samo po deseti konvenciji, ampak po vsaki konvenciji v preteklosti.) Radi abnormalnih razmer pa se pojavlja še toliko več koeljihv zadev, ki zahtevajo točnih tolmačenj in pojasnil, vsled katerih vemo, da ima gl. tajništvo polne roke dela. Kljub temu se apelira na gl. tajnika in uslužbence v njegovem oddelku, da dajejo točna in jasna pojasnila društvenim tajnikom, da se kolikor mogoče harmonizira poslovanje med gl. uradom in društvi. Menda je po vsaki konvenciji nekaj nevolje in konfuzije, ki se pa poleže, čim se poslovanje spravi v normalni tir.

Slušaj se še več vprašanj o novih točkah pravil, ki pa se na pojasnilo drugih članov z zadovoljstvom vzamejo na znanje. Poročilo blagajnika se vzame na znanje. Ročna blagajna: \$51.46.

V letu 1934 obhaja naša jednota 30 letnico svojega obstanka. Dolžnost naša je, da sodelujemo vsi. Ker pa bo tudi društvo št. 9 v Yalu praznovalo svojo 30 letnico, se sklene, da apelira to društvo, da skupno jednota in društvo št. 9 proslavi ta izredni jubilej. V ta namen se izvoli odbor: Martin Stefančič, Jos. Bratkovič in Ant. Sular, ki naj kooperirajo z društvom št. 9 v aranžiranju proslave 30 letnice naše organizacije.

Odbor za l. 1934: Predsednik Wm. Strah, podpreds. John Tratar, tajnik-blag. Martin Stefančič, zapisnikar John Sular. Nadzorni odbor: Jos. Bratkovič, John Miklavc in Mary Ameršek. Umrlj člani: Elizabeth Terlep, 6. nov., št. 27; John Kožuh, 7. nov., št. 235.

Prihodnja seja se vrši četrti nedeljo v feb. (25. feb.) ob dveh pop. v Frontenacu.

Radi izčrpane blagajne se ne bo plačevalo dnevne društvenim zastopnikom. Eventualne stroške zastopnikom bodo morala pokriti društva sama.

John Sular, zapisnikar.

Senator Copeland balzamiral važno predlogo

Konzumenti izgubili bitko pred odsekom. Mazači in šarlatani se vesele zmage

Washington. — (FP) — Predloga poljedelskega podtajnika Tugwella za protekcijo konzumentov pred različnimi mazači in šarlatani je prišla pred-senatno zbornico v radikalni spremembi. Do kože jo je ostrigel senator Copeland, ki je vodil zaslišanje in jo tudi predložil zbornici.

Proti Tugwellovi predlogi, ki bi onemogočila prodajanje slabih, ničvrednih ali pa celo nevarnih medicin, kozmetike in raznih nostrumov, so vsi prizadejki — tovarnarji, lekarnarji in oglaševalci — organizirali močno lobijsko, ki je imela na svoji strani tudi senatorja Copelanda. On zadnje čase oglašuje po radiu produkte Fleischman Yeast kompanije in je logično, da je bil proti originalni predlogi.

Iz predloženega osnutka so populjeni vsi zobovi in v obstoječi formuli le malo zboljšuje Pure Food and Drug Act. V prvi bitki so zmagali ne le tovarnarji medicine in kozmetike, nego tudi časopisi in revije, ki so bile proti originalnim določbam vsled tega, ker bi publikacije izgubile mnogo oglasov.

Teorija o neumrjčnosti nedokazana, pravi dekan

Vera v neumrjčno dušo ima slabše posledice kakor pa zavest, da je s smrtjo vse končano

New York. — Dr. Howard Lee McBain, dekan za absolvirance na univerzi Columbijski, je zadnje nedeljo predaval o teoriji osebne neumrjčnosti. Govoril je v kapeli univerze med spominskimi obredi za onimi na univerzi, ki so umrli v prejšnjem letu. Dr. McBain je navedel vse avtoritete, ki pričajo za osebno neumrjčnost, in jih po vrsti odklonil. Vsi ti dokazi — dogma krščanskih cerkva in špekulacije različnih filozofov, ki bazirajo na metafiziki in čustvovanju — so nesprejemljivi, je izjavil govornik. Fakt je, da je osebna neumrjčnost nedokazana.

"Morda je bolje, da neumrjčnost ni dokazana," je rekel dr. McBain, "kajti za mislečega človeka ima vera v osebno neumrjčnost slabše posledice kakor pa zavest, da je s smrtjo vse končano za posameznika".

Podjetniki zagrozili s stavko proti NRA

New York. — Stavka med podjetniki proti NRA bi bila nekaj novega. Z njo so zagrozili tovarnarji klubov in čepci v Elizabethu, N. J., ki so zahtevali in tudi bili uslišani v Washingtonu, da je NRA suspendirala točko pravilnika nanašajočo se na minimalno plačo. Podjetnikom je pomagala trgovska zbornica.

Kakor hitro so o tem zvedeli drugi podjetniki v New Jerseyju, so stakovi dvignili glas, zahtevajoč enake udobnosti. Slučen glas je prišel tudi iz Texasa, kjer pravijo, če NRA ne odgodi pravilnika, bodo pa tovarne zaprli.

Unije zahtevajo osvoboditev Mooneyja

New York. — Med unijami, ki apelirajo na predsednika Roosevelta, naj intervenira v prid Tomu Mooneyju, je tudi tukajšnja krajevna unija Pulp, Sulphate & Paper Mill Workers bratovščine. Poleg apeliranja na predsednika se je obrnila tudi na mednarodno unijo s sugestijo, naj stori isto in pozove vse krajevne unije, naj se zavamejo za Mooneyja.

Leto 1933 ni bilo slabo za — delničarje

Washington. — Prav kar minulo leto je bilo nekoliko boljše za delavce kot leto 1932, ker se je zaposlenost dvignila 3.2%, in veliko boljše za korporacije oziroma delničarje. Lansko leto so dividende znašale 169% več kot v zadnjem Hooverjevem letu — 1932.

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Glasovi iz nasebin

Zanimive beleške iz raznih krajev

Iz urada "Zveze" čikaških društev SNPJ

Chicago, Ill. — Društvom št. 39, 131, 270, 610, 631 in 632 SNPJ v Chicagu in okolici, pripadajočih k Zvezi:

Tem potom odbor "Zveze" čikaških društev naznanja vsem prizadetim društvom sklep zadnje redne seje, vršče se dne 11. okt., t. l., da so odborniki in zastopniki te organizacije po daljšem diskuziranju odločili, da se "Zveza" čikaških društev razpusti iz sledečih razlogov:

1.) Ker so zastopniki in odbor uvideli, da se Zvezi godi krivica zaradi objave, ki se čita v angleški koloni, številka 179 jednotinega glasila, kot sledi: The Chicago District Federation of SNPJ has been granted a Charter under the new rules of SNPJ.

2.) Ker so odborniki in zastopniki omenjene Zveze zavedamo, da je gl. upravni odbor SNPJ prezrl šest društev SNPJ s tem dovoljenjem, da federacija lahko posluje svojo pot s tremi društvi.

Na septemberski seji te Zveze je bila čitana gori omenjena objava. Na tej seji je bil sprejet sklep, da tajnik Zveze piše tajniku SNPJ za pojasnila. Poslano je bilo pismo sledeče vsebine:

Chicago, Ill., 19. sept. 1933.

Tajništvo SNPJ.

Cenjeni:

Podpisani se tem potom obračam na Vaš urad za pojasnila v sledeči zadevi. Kakor vam je znano, v Chicagu obstoji "Zveza" čikaških društev, ustanovljena leta 1931. Namem iste je bil v prvi vrsti pomagati članstvu SNPJ v tej delavski krizi s tem, da se potom prostovoljnih prispevkov posameznikov in pa potom prirejanja raznih veselje in piknikov pridobi kaka vsota za podporo onim, ki so v skrajni stiski, bodisi radi življenja ali oblike in tako dalje.

Naša Zveza je to človekoljubno delo vršila še tretje leto v danih razmerah v zadovoljstvo vseh, ki so prosili kakšno pomoč. Knjige izkazujejo, da smo podpirali tudi nečlane naše Zveze in s tem vršili agitacijo za Slovensko narodno podporno jednoto, pod katere okriljem posluje.

Naša Zveza je izdala vsemu članstvu podpore, odkar posluje, v vsoti \$898.56. K Zvezi pa spadajo društva št. 39, 131, 270, 610, 631 in 632.

V jednotnem glasilu št. 179 z dne 13. sept. se čita sledeče v angleški koloni: The Chicago District Federation of SNPJ has been granted a charter under the new rules of the SNPJ.

Želim torej vedeti, če sme naša Zveza še nadalje poslovati, ali mora imeti tozadevni charter. Do tega povoda mi daje vprašanje, sklep zadnje redne konvencije, ki pravi, da sme poslovati v vsaki nasebini ena federacija ali ena Zveza, in o tem odloči gl. upravni odbor SNPJ.

Upajoč, da mi pojasnite v doglednem času, z bratskim pozdravom, Victor Zupancic, tajnik Zveze.

Odgovor ali pojasnilo gl. tajnika SNPJ kot sledi:

27. septembra, 1933.

Mr. Victor Zupancic, 2421 S. Lawrence Ave., Chicago, Ill.

Cenjeni sobrat,

Na vaše pismo glede vprašanja obstoja Zveze čikaških društev SNPJ ne moremo odgovoriti drugega kot to, da se ravnamo v smislu pravil, člen 69. (Ako pravil še niste prejeli, jih prejmite v najkrajšem času, ker se že razpošiljajo). Upravni odtok ne more v tem slučaju storiti ničesar, ker pravila določujejo, koliko federacij sme obstojati v enem kraju; kakor tudi, da morajo biti prijavitelne in odobrena po glavnem odboru.

Z bratskim pozdravom,

Fred A. Vider, gl. tajnik SNPJ.

Ker odborniki in zastopniki Zveze prav dobro vedo, da je 10. redna konvencija sprejela pravila za vse članstvo enaka in ravno tako za gl. odbor, so po našem mnenju ravno ista.

Zato protestiramo, ker je gl. odbor storil krivico Zvezi in jo namenoma prezrl za poštvalnost in agitacijsko delo ter s nevhvaležnostjo opisal 69. člen jednotnih pravil. Ni se oziral na število reprezentiranih društev pri Zvezi, ne na po-

kor ga poznamo le v Ameriki; skratka: ko je kazalo, da je vse urejeno in da je miza pogrnjena, je začel idealizem padati.

Nik več se ni bilo treba žrtvovati!

Vsak je hotel biti le dostojno plačan za svoje delo.

Izgledalo je, kakor da je zavladala prava prosperiteta okrog Doma SNPJ.

Prišla pa je kriza, in razmere so se zaobrile. V gospodarskih trdnjavah so nastale gospodarske razpoke.

Vrednost naših nabavljenih bonrov in drugih vrednostnih papirjev se je skrčila. Iz omar, kjer so shranjeni naši certifikati so se čuli kot umetni glasovi: "Neizogibne zopetne žrtve."

Tako se pogrezamo navzdol v "žrtvovanje". Kdo bo prizadel se ne vpraša. Janez ali Tone, Martin ali Gregor, stari ali mladi. Največkrat bodo pač stari, ki so že izžepani.

Vse postaja trdosrčno, ozkosrčno in grenko, in v tem znamenju bodo eni dvakrat križani; eni bodo žrtvovali druge.

Kako se bo vse to zavrnilo je težko reči. Eno pa je gotovo: vedno ne bo šlo tako. Počasi bodo prišli naši bratje do spoznanja, pa se bodo morali pobrigati za temeljno preureditev.

Stopnji kamen te preureditve je pridobivanje novih virov jednot. To je članstvo. Vse drugo izvira iz tega. Čim več članov pridobimo v letu 1934, tembolj zmanjšamo možnosti nastajajočih žrtv.

Kako pa naj to dosežemo?

Treba je organizacije in trdega dela, kot smo ga poznali pred 30 leti.

Treba bo obnovljenja idealizma.

V normalnih časih — v časih takozvane prosperitete so bili enostavni apeli za pridobivanje novih članov zadostni. Potrebni so bili le bolj za tiste, ki so za nemarjali svoje dolžnosti valed brezbrizja.

Vse drugače bo glede teh aplov v bodoče.

Po dolgotrajni gospodarski krizi, ki je otopila ali pa docela umorila celo vrsto človeških čutov do dolžnosti napram samim sebi in drugim, se bodo ljudje kaj radi izogibali tistim dolžnostim, katerih koristni viri pridejo šele po ovinkih, to je v slučajih bolezni, nesreče ali smrti; prednost pažnje pa bodo dajali tistim apelom, ki bodo nudili navidezno takojšnje koristi.

Tesnejše, bolj skope življenjske razmere bodo usiljevale delavcem več pomislekov za odločbo, da li se vpišejo v podporno društvo ali ne. Zato bodo mimoideči apeli, če ne bo gonilne sile za njimi, ostali večinoma neodzvani.

Samo organizacija, ki bo imela odtok za smoteno gonilo delo in bo sledila temu delu z vseh vidikov — specializirano — bo mogla računati na obstanek in si zagotoviti mesto v bodočih zadrugah te vrste.

Koliko bi stala taka organizirana zamljenska kampanja, ni mogoče reči definitivno. Vse je pač odvisno od zasega osnutka.

Lahko pa govorimo o nabavi sredstev na splošno. Te dosežemo na sledeči način:

Jednota založi ali fundira iz upr. ali drugega sklada gotovo vsoto, obenem pa razglasi načrt za zbiranje prostovoljnih prispevkov — "agitacijske svrhe". Sem spadajo preostanki veselje kolekte pri društvih itd. itd. Vsa kaka prilika velja. Iz teh kolekt, preostankov veselje itd. se po-kriva založeni fond, ki ga je bila dala jednota na razpolago; dokler se ves ne pokrije. Tako bi prišli do pokritja tega fonda, ne da bi utrpel kdo radi tega. So pa še drugi viri.

S tem mislim je dognana zadeva glede pokritja stroškov. O podrobnem delu organizirane kampanje in zbiranja tozadevnih prispevkov pa prihodnjé.

Bratje in sestre, kaj mislite o tem načrtu? Frank Petrich, 86.

Društvo št. 8 staro 30 let

So. Chicago, Ill. — Citam dopise v Prosveti in vidim, da se oglašajo dopisniki od drugih društev, mlajših nego je naše društvo "Delavec" št. 8 SNPJ. Društvo "Delavec" je eno pionirskih društev pri SNPJ.

Meseca aprila bo naše društvo obhajalo 30-letnico svojega obstanka.

Na prvi pogled te starosti bi človek mislil, da smo res vsi

člani št. 8 SNPJ že tako stari, da smo se zarinili vsak v svoj brlog, in radi tega se več ne oglašimo v javnosti. Ker se nihče ne oglašil, sem se odločila, da se oglašim jaz (morda kakim splanje članstva).

Poročati imam nekoliko novic, ali bojim se, da mi bo kdo rekel, zakaj se vrtkam v delo društvenega odbora. Tega se bojim zato, ker je naš predsednik povedal na letni seji, da nobeden ne sme nič pisariti, dokler ne bo on dal svojega "okej" na dopis.

Zastopnika publikacij še nimamo, ker je rekel predsednik na letni seji, da ga ni treba, ker bo on kot tak dal tajniku vsa navodila glede dopisov. Dokazano je bilo, da preda, ni vedel zakaj je določeno v pravilih, da se voli v upravni odbor še omenjeni odbornik za publikacije. Ravno tako ni razumela večina članov na seji.

Prepričana sem, da se veliko naših ljudi zanima za dnevnik Prosveto, ali na žalost, zastopnika nimamo, da bi vzbujal že tako iskrene želje našega članstva in somišljenike, da se na list naroče. Od današnjega dne bom naročnica dnevnika Prosvete in nihče mi več ne bo branil, da ne smem za istega agitirati. Član oziroma društveni odbornik brez tega dnevnika, posebno delavskega, je to kar je lovec brez puške.

Predsedniku našega društva svetujem, ako njemu ne ugaja dnevnik Prosveta, ki pravi, da ga ni treba, naj vsaj nam dovoli to svobodo, da si ga mi naročimo in agitiramo za njega.

Dalje želim poročati, da je bil izvoljen sledeči dobor pri št. 8 SNPJ: Frank Košič, predsednik, Jos. Vučić, tajnik, John Dejak, blagajnik in Frances Mutz, zapisničarica. Nadzorni odbor: Jos. Vučić, predsednik, John Košir in Frank Košir, odbornika. Na seje federacije, je rekel preds., da nima nihče drugi pravice pohajati kakor preds., taj. in blagajnik. Kako bi bilo, če bi zapisnikar(ica) enkrat prišel na sejo federacije?

Dalje želim poročati, da se je ustanovil soc. klub, katerega članica. Klubu se je priključila skupina članov iz Pulmana in ostala je stara številka 224 JSZ. Dne 20. januarja ima klub svojo sejo, na kateri se bo sprejelo večje število novih članov. Po seji bodo soderuginje priredile dober prizrizek in zabava se bo nadaljevala lahko pozno v noč, ker naslednji dan bo nedelja, da bomo lahko spali, dokler se nam poljubi. O tem bom poročala še pozneje, da bo ljudstvo naše nasebine izvedelo, da je skrajni čas, da enkrat odpremo oči in se organiziramo na političnem polju, kar je edino sredstvo za korist delavskega razreda.

Rada bi čitala dopise Ane Krasna, kakor sem jih nekda. Torej naj se oglašil; njene članke smo vedno radi čitali. — Ob priliki kaj več.

Pozdrav čitateljem Prosvete! Frances Mutz, zapisničarica društva št. 8.

Veselica soc. kluba

Bridgeport, O. — V tem letu bomo morali povečati naše aktivnosti. Na seji društva št. 13 je bil sprejet predlog, da se opozori glavni odbor SNPJ, naj sklene, da jednota v tem letu, ko obhaja tridesetletnico, sprejme otroke po enem letu starosti brez vstopnine in mesečne na prvo leto pri vstopu v SNPJ. Druga naša dolžnost je, razširiti Prosveto, kar naj bi nadomestilo izgubo v letu 1933. Treba bo tudi agitacije, da povečamo število članstva v odraslem oddelku.

Vse to bomo lahko storili, ako se bomo oprijeli dela z zavestjo, da ni boljše podporne organizacije ko SNPJ. Poleg tega pa ne smemo pozabiti na soc. stranko. Stavke v zadnjem letu so nam pokazale, da so bili delavci povsod prezirani in NRA jim ni dala pravice, o katerih govori točka 7. Spomniti se je treba na dogodke v Weirtonu, ki govore, da delavci ne bodo dosegli svojih pravic, dokler ne postavijo soc. stranke na vladno krmilo. Za ta cilj dela tukaj soc. klub št. 11, ki zboraže vsako tretjo nedeljo v mesecu v društveni dvorani.

Ta klub bo imel v soboto, 13.

januarja, veliko maškarnado veselico v prid soc. stranki, na kateri se bodo tudi razdelile nagrade. Uljudno vabimo vse od blizu in daleč, da nas posetijo na ta večer, za kar jim bomo hvaležni. Za odbor—Tony Kravanja, 13.

Dan SNPJ za La Salle in okolico

La Salle, Ill. — Ze od pamti-veka je običaj, da posamezniki ali skupine praznujejo obletnice različnih dogodkov v svojem življenju. Ob takih prilikah se snjejo skupaj, da pregledajo preteklost ter se skupno spominjajo doživljanja, zaradi katerih se take slavnosti vršijo.

Tudi članstvo SNPJ bo letos na eden ali drugi način proslavilo 30 letnico obstoja naše jednote. Seveda je nemogoče, da bi vse članstvo skupaj priredilo to slavnost, pač pa bomo po posameznih nasebinah gledali na to, da ta obletnica naše organizacije ne gre mimo nas neopažena in pozabljena.

Društva naše jednote v La Sallu, Oglesbyju in De Pueju so sklenila praznovati 30 letnico naše jednote (tako tudi društvo "Triglav") v nedeljo, dne 11. februarja, v dvoranih Slov. nar. doma v La Sallu.

Skupni odbori naših društev so že imeli par sej in sestavili program za slavnost, ki se vrši kot omenjeno ter se začne ob 1:30 popoldne in se nadaljuje tudi zvečer.

Mladinsko društvo "Mohawk" bo prispevalo največ k temu programu, in sicer priredilo bo dve igri, eno popoldne in drugo zvečer. Popoldne bo uprizorjena Molekova "Nova igra," seveda v slovenščini, zvečer pa dvodejanka v angleškem jeziku "Parlor Matches." Igralci nam garantirajo, da bo z igrami vsak zadovoljen.

Ker je ta slavnost velikega pomena za članstvo naše jednote in ker se bomo ob tej priliki spominjali začetka naše jednote, je odbor skupnih društev preskrbel tudi za dobre govornike. Glavni govornik ne bo nihče drugi ko naš bivši Lasallčan in sedanji gl. blagajnik brat John Vogrich. On je bil pri zibelki društva "Triglav" št. 2 SNPJ meseca oktobra 1903. Z njim na odru boste videli tudi druge, še živeče člane-ustanovitelje društva "Triglav" in SNPJ. Iz uljudnosti je odbor sklenil povabiti na popoldansko slavnost tudi našega župana dr. Orra, ki je obljubil, da se bo rad odzval temu vabilu. Odbor je nadalje sklenil, da naj bodo vsa društva, ki sodelujejo pri tej slavnosti, zastopana na odru po svojih predsednikih oziroma predsednicah.

Odbor skupnih društev apelira na vse članstvo iz La Salle, Oglesby, Peru in De Pue, da vsak gotovo pride na to slavnost, posebno popoldne. To ne bo navadna veselica posameznega društva, ampak to naj bo manifestacija našega članstva za našo organizacijo. Ta slavnost se ne bo vršila za gmotni uspeh kakšne blagajne, pač pa, da dostojno proslavimo 30 letnico društva Triglav št. 2 ter skupne SNPJ.

Skupni odbor je sklenil, da se prodajajo vstopnice za slavnost (popoldne in zvečer) po 25c in da vsak član vzame eden ticket, kajti kolikor dobro stoječih članov ima katero prizadetih društev, toliko vstopnic bo društvo prevzelo. Finančni dobiček se bo razdelil na društva po razmerju članstva. Ker stroški ne bodo veliki, posebno pa ker bomo imeli spodnje prostore, nam je zagotovljeno, da bodo društva prejela nazaj v obliki prebitka denar, ki ga bo članstvo plačalo za vstopnice. Sicer je pa vsota za vstopnice zelo nizka.

Gmotno stran smo preskrbeli, "eli pa ta odbor, da je ta naša slavnost z agitatoričnega stališa največji uspeh kar jih je še naša nasebina videla. Zato članstvo in prijatelji SNPJ v La Sallu in okolici, rezervirajte dan 11. februarja za slavnost 30 letnice SNPJ v Slov. nar. domu v La Sallu, Ill.

Odbor.

Seja delničarjev pogrebnega zavoda

Pittsburgh, Kans. — Delničarje pogrebnega zavoda v Frontenacu pozivam na letno sejo, ki se bo vršila tretjo nedeljo v januarju točno ob 2. popoldne v navadnih prostorih. Na dnevnem

redu so volitve uradnikov, zato je potrebno, da se seje udeležijo vsi.—Frank Setina, predsednik.

K 8-letnici društva št. 564

Detroit, Mich. — Prošlo soboto in nedeljo, 6. in 7. januarja, je angleško govoreče društvo Young Americans št. 564 SNPJ, Detroit, Mich., praznovalo svojo 8. obletnico z banketom in programom v soboto večer ter plesom v nedeljo. Udeležba na obeh je bila dobra in razpoloženje imenitno.

Celotna slavnost se je vršila v Slovenskem delavskem domu na 437 Livernois ave. v Detroitu. Sobotni banket je bil aranžiran s programom, ki ga je otvoril društveni tajnik, mladi Ray Travnik, ki je obenem bil tudi predsednik pripravljalnega odbora. Stoloravnatelj je bil mladi Anton Jurca, pozdravni govor pa je imel Estok Menton, ki je napravil na navzoče izredno dober vtis s prepričevalnimi izjavami.

V točki št. 5 je nastopila v akrobatičnem plesu Helen Krainz, ki je izborno pokazala svojo spretnost in umeten ples. Spremljala jo je na klavir Jeannette Kenich, ki je nato nastopila v govoru kot organizatorica društva št. 564, katero je ta dan slavilo svojo 8-letnico. Dobro je govorila Jeannette in avdijenca jo je nagradila s aplavzom. F. Snyder in A. Jurca sta nastopila v duetu, nakar je kot častni gost in glavni govornik navzoče pozdravil br. F. A. Vider, gl. tajnik SNPJ, ki je v kratkem govoru omenil pomen dneva z ozirom na mlade in stare člane naše jednote ter jih vzbujal k nadaljnjemu delu za napredek iste v tem jubilej-nem letu in splošni blagor delavcev v Ameriki.

Zatem je bil uprizorjen kratek komični prizor, v katerem sta nastopila Billy Travnik in Henry Kavisic, pod vodstvom Johna Berliga. Nato so nastopili zastopniki raznih jednotnih društev, društvo št. 564 pa je predstavilo svoje nove uradnike za tekoče leto in društveni predsednik br. H. Kavisic je v zaključnem govoru povdarjal članstva in jednote ter se zahvalil navzočim za udeležbo.

Banketni program je bil posrečeno izbran in podan in prireditve je dosegla dober moralni uspeh.

Naslednji dan, dne 7. januarja, se je v isti dvorani vršil ples, ki ga je aranžiralo to društvo. Pred pričetkom plesa je glavni tajnik br. Vider v trilettrnem govoru o pasivnosti navzočim članom in članicam pojasnil, zakaj je bila sprememba o pasivnosti potrebna. Njegovemu izvajanju so člani v splošnem z zanimanjem sledili. Po končanem govoru so mu bili hvaležni, da jim je zamotana vprašanja glede pasivnosti raztolmačil na poljuben način, da so jih lahko vsi razumeli.

Na banketni prireditvi so vsi stari in novi uradniki društva Young Americans objubili, da bodo delovali za povečanje svojega društva in za večjo Slovensko narodno podporno jednoto.

Poročevalec.

Išče moža

Medvode, Jugoslavija. — Podpisana uljudno prosim rojake v Ameriki, če je komu kaj znane-ga o mojem možu Johnu Hafnerju, da mi piše. Zadnjič mi je pisal leta 1919. Rada bi vedela, če je živ ali mrtev. Pšajte na naslov: Marija Hafner, vas Ladja št. 8, pošta Medvode, Slovenija, Jugoslavija. Mary Hafner.

Seje drugo nedeljo v mesecu

Milwaukee, Wis. — Članom društva Bratoljub št. 234 naznanjam, da se od sedaj naprej vršijo seje vsako drugo nedeljo v mesecu ob 2. popoldne v Sostarichevi dvorani, 539 So. 6th st., Milwaukee, Wis.

Uradniki za leto 1934 so: Predsednik Joseph Vidmar (2027 W. Brown st.), taj. Joseph Chokel (750 So. Water st.), blagajnik Josephine Shire (525 So. 5th st.), preds. nadz. odbora Mary Gaiser (3135 So. Quincy ave.).

Nadalje naznanjam, da od sedaj naprej ne bom zalagal asesmenta za nobenega več. Če bo kateri član zaradi neplačane asesmenta prizadel, naj si sam sebi pripiše in mu se ni treba jeziti na tajnika. Apellram na člane, če kateri pride v stisko, da ne more plačati asesmenta in želi postati pasiven, naj pride na sejo, da mu društvo odobri pasivnost, ker po zadnji konvenciji tajnik nima pravice člane dati na pasivno listo brez društvene seje. Društvo ima moč isto odobriti ali zavreči.

Joseph Chokel, tajnik.

Our Record

Thirty years ago our Society was given the start that has kept it going and growing until today, in spite of the present depression, we see it as the leader in the fraternal field among our societies. From the first, fraternity has been the chief foundation stone, coupled with progressive labor enlightenment. Millions of dollars have been collected from the membership and distributed to its members in sick benefit insurance, among beneficiaries and the needy.

The Slovene National Benefit Society is the youngest of the Slovene benefit societies in this country. It is the third oldest, but its record shows that during its existence the direct help which it extended either directly to its members or to our people in general is far greater than that of the two oldest organizations.

When our Society arrives at its 30th birthday, next April, its total disbursements will be approximately FOURTEEN MILLION DOLLARS.

In sick benefit insurance alone our Society has paid to its members about NINE MILLION DOLLARS.

No other Slovene fraternal organization in the United States, not even the oldest, can boast of such a record.

The total sum which the SNPJ paid during the past thirty years for the welfare of our workers in this country in general (for strikes, in defense of our workers, for the needy, for cultural and educational purposes, etc.) is also enormous.

Besides being the greatest financial help the SNPJ was also the greatest educational help to our immigrants in this country.

These facts should be constantly before the eyes of our members who will be active in our membership campaign this year. Our members must emphasize these facts whenever they come into contact with our young people and prospective members who are not yet acquainted with our Society's record.

Let the facts and nothing but the facts speak!

The best booster for the SNPJ is its thirty years record!

Every member who is aware of this record will do his part in securing at least one new member for the SNPJ this year and at least one new subscriber to the daily Prosveta.

Our organization has reached a position in the fraternal insurance world that compels admiration. Do your part for your organization in its anniversary year!

Our Prospect

While the last few months witnessed many new activities in our local branches and many new reinstatements, it was somewhat difficult to concentrate on lodge membership drives because the annual mid-winter activities necessitated the postponement of lodge duties.

Now, however, we are settled down to business and we hope that the first few months of the current year will witness a real revival of interest in our lodge affairs, and especially so because of the anniversary year of our organization.

Lodge elections have been held last month and officers, for the most part, will be installed this month. An obligation has been fraternally placed upon the new officers, for it is to them the rank and file of our membership look for guidance and example. Upon each officer is laid an obligation to work for the upbuilding of his branch, and we are confident that there will be no disappointments.

Let this and the succeeding months be the first in which SNPJ leadership is demonstrated at its best, for these are our first months in our anniversary year. Let our branch officers show our organization that they are ready to do their part in securing new juvenile and adult members. While our membership campaign will be in progress through the entire year, the first months of the year must show results.

There are many thousands of our young people and acquaintances who are not our members. Many of them have been unemployed, but many have had uninterrupted employment and are able and eligible for membership. These young people are the ones upon whom we must concentrate our best efforts during our anniversary year.

Let us help our young people build a bulwark against a day of disaster.

The brutal fact is that we have reached a point in human history at which the virtue of benevolence will have to take a distinctly secondary position when compared with the virtues of justice.—Paul Hutchinson.

"W. Va. Mountaineers"

Thomas, W. Va.—Our Xmas dance sure was a financial as well as a social success. Why, everybody who is somebody, was there. Our ticket seller sure was kept busy from 7:30 on. I'm sure everyone had a good time as was promised. Dancing continued until the wee hours of the morning.

First of all, we extend our utmost thanks to the surrounding lodges who were there and helped us towards success. Lodge 217 of Davis, W. Va., were represented in full number. Also Lodge 29 of Thomas, W. Va. Many thanks to the SSPZ Lodge 199 of Pierce, W. Va. We were very much surprised and pleased to have with us Miss Frances Zagar, a member of Lodge No. 6 of Sygan, Pa., and Miss Catherine Verdinek, a former member of that lodge. We hope you can be with us again in the future.

Our smiling bartender, Bro. Kotnik, merits many thanks; we couldn't do without him. Also Bro. Verdinek who assisted us during the busy hours. Thanks to everyone who attended.

Members, don't forget our next meeting, January 14, 1934, at 10:30 a. m. at Sis. Kocjancic's home. Everyone be sure and attend as we have many important matters to discuss. You should have your resolutions made by now and be sure not to break them. Secretary, Lodge 736.

Spirit-O-Grams

By Whoozit

St. Louis, Mo.—The "Spirits" started the new year in great style, that is by presenting their anniversary play, "Cranberry Corners," to the public the second time by the request of the Yugoslav Sokols on New Year's eve before an audience of approximately 2,500, which was the largest gathering of Yugoslavs for some time.

The play received an immense ovation by the spectators, and the Spirits were the talk of the eve, tho', besides the play, there was also a variety of acts such as Planinski Raj, Lodge No. 107 SNPJ, pillow dance in national costume, the Roumanians' national dance, the Sokol acrobatic acts and Sokol's singing society "Slavulj" rendering Croatian folk songs. Sokol Girls' Trio in harmonies, Sis. Bebe Budrovich making her debut as an accordionist, playing "Junak is Like" and Dabove "Ruže male." Then, as the clock was ticking near twelve, the "Old Year," which was played by our Bro. Frank Mahnich, called his friends the twelve months of the year (acted by Sokols) and sang farewell to all as a small tot, representing "New Year," came out with a joyous smile and sang a touching melody.

Bro. John Spiller, who acted as master of ceremonies, deserves a big hand, for he handled the program splendidly.—The Mound City Nite Hawks entertained the dance lovers in the spacious ballroom, while the "Sloboda" tambourita orchestra entertained the old folks in the dining room, where they dined and danced till 6 a. m. The crowd numbered about 2,500, which was the largest witnessed by the scribe at that hall.—On New Year's day, over two hundred dollars worth of merchandise was given away with two orchestras again entertaining, thus ending the celebration of the New Year on its second day.

You can't stop the "Spirits" now, as they're raring to go. Their next event of importance will be on Easter Sunday, with another elaborate program and dance. All we ask you readers is, to watch this column, for "more will be seen" from week to week.

Our Slovene Singing Society, composed only of "Spirits," has received a beautiful song to study called "Vendek slovenskih narodnih pesmi," written by that popular singer, Anton Gram of Chicago.

We also cannot forget the wonderful co-operation of our Supreme President, Bro. V. Cankar. Thanks is all we can say for the present. To Sis. Ida Buckowitz, our singing director, the Spirits cannot express their thanks for her hard work and all she is sacrificing for the lodge. She is employed by Brown Shoe Co. as bookkeeper and three times per week she attends Washington University, where she is studying chemistry and striving for a master degree. Good luck to you, Sis. Buckowitz.

Hurray, Capt. Frank Mahnich and his Pirates are the winners of the "Spirits" Fifth Anniversary ticket-selling contest and are going to feast to the tune of the dishwashing losers, Capt. Al Kacin and his dishwashers. (Al' bo posoda pokala!)

The Spirits note that many of the old E. S. D. of SNPJ leaders have left the ranks of officers, such as Traylor, Rambling Joe, Andy Gram and others, who displayed their ability of fraternalism. Let us hope that the successors of many of our old



FLASHES By Incognito

A wave of optimism has greeted us for the new year. Because people are without work for a long while it heartens them to be able to return to work, even if it's under the CWA, just to earn a few dollars for their existence. How long that atmosphere shall prevail we do not know, but it is desirable to have it continue for a good while. Many of the Pioneer boys have received their lay-offs for Christmas. A few have been added to the CWA payroll. So that any gains registered in December have been nullified by the numerous new lay-offs.

How much longer can the depression last? Inquired a young lady in her teens. Indefinitely, was the reply of a student of our Social Study Club. In our recent studies we learned that the spiral can continue without any stop. There is no such thing as a striking bottom. It's the old "merry-go-round." The fewer people working—the less goods bought, the less goods made, the less goods made, the less goods made, etc. etc.

The next Social Study Club period will be held Friday, Jan. 12. Let's see if we can't get at least 30 to the class. We guarantee that new knowledge will be gained by every one attending. It costs nothing, so come

to the SNPJ Hall and take part. The 1934 officers of the Club are: Alice Artach, Sec.; Matilda Polemik, Rec. Sec.; John Rak and Oscar B. Godina, organizers. Literature Committee: Donald J. Lotrich, Joseph Turpin, Ernestine Jugg; Educational Committee: Mary Jugg, Jack Groser and Frank Sodnik; Membership Committee: John Kopach, John Rak, O. B. Godina, M. Polemik, Albin Rak. Librarians: John Rak, Jack Groser, and Vera Levec.

Our Pioneer basketball girls substituted for the Guy Bush girls last Friday night against the Baby Ruths and took a nice trimming, 18 to 6. Considering that the Baby Ruth team is among the topnotchers in girls' competition in Chicago our newly formed squad didn't do so bad. Two of our players were also missing. League competition begins Thursday night against the Woodlawn Flashes at the Boys Club, 2801 S. Ridgeway ave. We want rooters.

Other games on the card are: Pioneers vs. Leber Jewelers, Tues., Jan. 16. Pioneers vs. Pullman AA, Thurs., Jan. 18. Pioneers vs. Eric Clothiers, Tues., Jan. 23. Pioneers vs. Fellmuth Sports, Thurs., Jan. 25. Games to be played at the Boys Club.

Hello, Young Americans! We hope your Eighth Anniversary was a complete sell-out. We would like to have been present. Several Pioneers intended to invade Detroit, but the last minute obstacles held us back. Although we were not there in body, our spirit was with you all the while.

The big event of 1934 in Chicago shall be the 30th Anniversary celebration of the SNPJ scheduled for Sunday, April 8. Every lodge is urged to participate. It will be held under the auspices of the Chicago District Federation of SNPJ.

Donald J. Lotrich wishes to say Thank you to all who sent him the season's greetings and their kind expression of sympathy.

Hot dogs and buns will be served the Pioneers after the January meeting on Friday the 19th by our newly acquired Sisters, Catherine Stefancich and Estelle Norieko. Committees for 1934 shall be named and the annual audit reported. Officers shall be installed. We learn that dancing will follow the business session.

Musketeers' Musings

Moon Run, Pa.—The Musketeers cordially invite you to attend a dance Saturday eve, Jan. 20, at the Slov. Hall. Come on, come all and join in the merry-making with the Musketeers and their friends.

The following have been elected as officers for the year 1934: President, John T. Krally; Vice pres., John Butja; Secretary, Mildred Tomec; Rec. Sec'y, Rose Jerela; Treasurer, Martin C. Uranker. Auditors: Wm. Bogatay, Angela Aubel, Frances A. Arch.

Off the President's Bat

Cleveland.—A New Year. What will it hold in store for the SNPJ, for the Comrade Lodge, for the individual members? No one knows; let us hope for the best. As far as the Comrade Lodge is concerned, it is my firm conviction that the members will make the year 1934 an outstanding one of achievement and accomplishment, one that we will be able to look back on with pride.

At the December meeting, the following were chosen to guide the Comrade ship of state during year 1934.

President—Joseph F. Fifolt, who has held an official position in the lodge since its conception in the capacity of Recording Secretary, Vice President and President in 1929.

Vice President—The lodge was extremely fortunate in persuading John Alich to accept this position. From past experience as Vice President and President, we know he will perform his duties in a very capable and creditable manner.

Secretary—A position of extreme importance, one which demands a great deal of an individual's time. Otto Tekautz, whose name is synonymous with the growth of the Comrade Lodge, a charter member, was chosen again from a brilliant field of candidates. His past experience as President and Secretary for the last few years qualifies him as one of the outstanding and valuable cogs in the wheels of our organization.

Recording Secretary—A newcomer as far as an official position is concerned, but one who has displayed her co-operation and willingness to help in any capacity called upon during the past two years; Sis. Theresa Turk. Single, attractive and incidentally the only feminine member

on the board. A break for the male members who have to look at us meeting after meeting.

Treasurer—Frank Truden, one of the very eligible bachelors in our group, was elected as Treasurer. If he will be able to attract the dollars as he does the female sex, our treasury will be filled to overflowing.

Sgt.-at-Arms—Bro. Korecic was unanimously re-elected as an appreciation for the willingness displayed during year 1933. His strong arm has quelled many a disturbance and his genial nature provided our visitors with a breath of welcome that awaited them inside.

Auditing Board—In a hotly-contested race, Joseph Krizman, Alice Belinger and Joseph Zorman, emerged as victors. "Comrades" need to have no fears with a board composed of such capable members.

Our retiring president, Joseph Jarz and Bro. Vehar elected as delegates to the Cleveland Federation; Johnny Alich as delegate to the Club Društva and Joseph Birk as representative to the Stockholders' meetings.

A word about our retiring officers. President, J. Jarz, his assistant, John Smole, and Treasurer, Milly Tomsic, are to be congratulated for the splendid work performed the past year, which indeed was a very trying one. They have enabled the lodge to ride along and keep its head above the water.

Protecting the Health of the Poor

Dr. Alexander Bruno, founder of the American Medical Center in Paris and internationally known for some of his work, told recently a story of the workings of the French social insurance law which makes Americans wonder how long our country will lag behind the nation in caring for the health of those with small incomes.

France, said Dr. Bruno, for some years has been collecting a certain percentage from all workers earning \$1,500 a year or less, and the same amount from their employers. The fund thus created pays hospital, medical and dental costs of the insured worker and his family, maternity and funeral expenses, and something is left over for old age pensions. The state acts merely as collector and paymaster; the patient chooses his own doctor.

France appears to have gone even farther than England in this work—but America has not even started. Millions of American workers never have for themselves or their families the medical and dental care they need. In countless homes, the coming of a baby is viewed with more dread than pleasure; little ailments grow into big ones for want of timely attention.

The Committee on Costs of Medical Care reports that this country now needs 30,000 more doctors, twice the present number of nurses, three times the present number of dentists, and 500,000 more hospital beds. Yet thousands of nurses are unemployed and few young doctors work half time, while people are literally dying for lack of their services.

English and Canadian physicians strongly approve health insurance by the state, and French doctors seem to agree. They see that it is a good thing for the doctor as well as the patient. But in this country men who claim to speak for American doctors fight bitterly every move in that direction. How long will they continue to maintain this benighted attitude? —Labor.

Costly Receivership

In the December Fraternal Age, published monthly for the purpose of giving authentic information and building business for the sound societies, we read the following:

A guaranteed-rate company cannot avoid receivership if its reserves become impaired; its closed contract plan is the cause. And receivership is costly. The National Underwriters estimated that the receivership expenses of the Illinois Life were approximately \$1,000,000 before re-insurance was secured in the Central Life.

Now the general agents of the company have put in a claim for \$2,400,000 for renewal commissions to which they think they are entitled. They have organized to enforce the claim and have hired lawyers. Until a decision is reached on their claim it will be impossible to pay other claims.

One of the provisions of the reinsurance contract was that policyholders need not accept transfer to the Central Life. In consequence 10,000 policy-holders have notified the receiver that they will surrender their policies for what they can get. Receiver Al Davis has recommended to the court that they be paid 15% of their cash surrender values in full settlement.

And quite frequently we still hear "wise guys" who are trying to tell us that insurance companies are better than fraternal societies. It would be indeed interesting if these "wise guys" would encounter some of the members of the defunct Illinois Life Insurance Company.

Babbitt Stupidity

Workers lost over 54 million dollars in wages in 1,667 strikes in 1933, according to a doleful complaint by the National Association of Manufacturers. How much they won by resisting the measureless greed of the employing class is not stated.

Assume that the 54 million dollars loss is credited to unwise action by the workers. Now contrast it with the billions they have lost because of the locked industries which the owning class has been unable to open. The contrast is so glaring that even if one conceded all strikes in 1933 witless, and they were not, the ruling owners of industry face an indictment for intolerable stupidity that warrants surrender of their enterprises to society.—N. L.

If we are to continue our democratic government, we shall need more, not less, education for a democracy depends upon the intelligent cooperation of the people. Unless the people of this and the next generation make themselves familiar with the economic, social and political problems with which the world is wrestling, they will lose in the battle to maintain their cherished democratic liberty.—Lotus D. Coffman.

The Reveliers' Column

Ambridge, Pa.—Perhaps, if on the day of the Federation bowling tournament, luncheon and dance I had carried a note-book and pencil for the purpose of jotting down items to remember until time to write this piece, member might have had an appearance of being more in keeping with the gay mood everyone was in at the time. As it is, after a night's grind, one does not always enter into a mood that was. However, this opus can give you an idea as to the luncheon and dance end of the Jan. 1. affair. I am not going out of bounds to attempt to describe the bowling events and other doings at the alleys. It was only twice that I ran to the place of bowling that day, and neither time did I get the chance to watch any bowlers for the few minutes' duration I was in the place. One trip to the alleys was a hallowing journey, and the second was a scene of debate.

But to return back to the Croatian Hall. The decorations had been completed by Chairman Peltz and his assistants, Denny Ochman and Dave File, a short time before noon, after working on the same the previous night and New Year's morning. Christine Gaul and her workers spent the day preparing for the post-bowling luncheon. Preparations kept Chairman Kerzan of the luncheon committee busy with his helpers. Then preparing odds and ends for the dance kept a few Reveliers and Excelsiors always on the go. The entire day was a bustling one for the lads and lassies working.

The luncheon was served between five and six p. m. as rapidly as bowls completed their events they received their meals. One of the Strabane Pioneers played an accordion, providing dance music for those wanting to dance. Much of the last hour, awaiting the arrival of the orchestra, was spent by the members in getting acquainted. Approximately some 150 E. S. members were served luncheon. Later in the evening some fifty more arrived. Or, it may have been many more—no tabulation being kept.

At the dance there must have been almost six hundred; the hall was packed to such an extent that dancing was not too comfortable. And not everyone danced!

The lodges active in the affair will hear a more detailed report at the Jan. 21 Federation conference at Ambridge. The above figures should

serve as a notice to the other SNPJ lodges that Western Penna's Federation's New Year's day program was a success.

Another feature about the same affair was the splendid aid given by Reveliers, Excelsiors and others. In mentioning their names I am publicly commending them for their assistance. They are: (Reveliers) Rudy Peltz, John Kerzan, Christine Gaul, Wm. Towcimak, Martin Spec, Tony Grandovic, Steve Matkovich, Dan Obed, Gertrude Uhernik, Mary Spec, Betty, Anna and Margaret Obed, Margaret Peltz, Anne and Mary Rosenberg, Frank Posega, Geo. Malelich, Anthony Grandovic Jr., Joe Rogina, Katharine Rasky, Eve Cousins, Jewel Petras, Mike Spec, Martin Grandovic, Rudy Kosela, Chas. Montillaneco; (Excelsiors) Elizabeth Smrekar, Stella Marold, Frances Antonic, Mary and Justine Somic, Justine Struble, Anna Sivec, Frances Yankovich, Stella Zagari; (Nas Dom lodge) Mrs. Nick Vlasic.

Another important, the vital role, matter was the interest and co-operation extended by the lodges of the Federation. The following were represented at the affair: Pioneers of Washington Co., Morning Stars, Jolly Jrs., Veronians, J. Z. Jrs., Reveliers, Musketeers, Comets, Lucky Stars, Excelsiors, Colonials. Senior lodges from the following had members present: Nas Dom of Ambridge, Midway and Strabane.

To my way of thinking the affair's successful termination is another step toward continued activity in the Society. Chalk it up to the credit of the Federation. And as the Federation is composed of fifteen lodges whose membership numbers somewhere around the five hundred mark, consider it as an individual achievement. Each added singly to the net result. And if you were among those absent, make it count in your favor as well—to spur you to an aroused interest in the future.

I believe praise should go to the officers of the Federation for their part. Particularly am I commending the Athletic Board. The latter handled the tournament with no previous personal experience in such a role.

I'd like to continue this drivel, but, until again, so long.

Louis Kosela.

Silver Stars of Yukon

Yukon, Pa.—FLASHES.—Silver Stars will celebrate Third Anniversary Jan. 20. Program committee finished its hard work. Bud Tragesser and his orchestra were chosen to supply the merrymaking. Accommodations to be made for out-of-town visitors. Local members asked to help. You're all welcome, Jan. 20, Yukon Slovene Hall.

WEEK BY WEEK more news noticed in Prosveta. New columns. By Ambrozic and Brinocar. Keep up the good work, boys. Revs' column keeps appearing; thanks to Kosela. Here and There alternated by Saint and Sinner and Joey Jarc. Flashes keep appearing, whether original or substitute. Progressive Patches continue to be lost. Anybody fired them? Strugglers back.

Silver Stars' Third Anniversary which means to us that we, the young boys and girls, men and women, have reached the end of another milestone; the third milestone, the milestone that shows that we have travelled through three bitter years, as far as prosperity is concerned. This celebration which commemorates three years of toil, hardship and suffering by the majority of members, will also mean, I hope, the beginning of the local's new rise towards the SNPJ goal that all locals are striving for. May we reach it by beginning on

January 20, 1934

That is the date when the celebration will take place in the Slovene Hall in Yukon. Every year the Silver celestials have celebrated their birthdays. In numbers we must say only two, but what two they were. The first, that occurred on Jan. 23, 1932, was a record-breaker all around, with the Cleveland "Quacks" and Harmony Aces as the feature, with practically every English Speaking local attending and with the hall jammed up and downstairs and the many prizes, etc. A time that will never be forgotten. The same can be said of the second birthday last January. And this month we're going to try and have a better enjoyment than the past. As one feature we will present

"Bud" Tragesser and His Band to provide the chief act of the evening. Yes, he will provide that rhythm that makes people go "crazy" with joy. We believe that we have hired an exceptionally good orchestra to provide music for the merrymakers. May you like them, as well as our

Souvenirs, Serpentine and confetti that will be distributed to you as you enter the hall to be one of our guests for the evening. The souvenir will be presented to each and every person that has paid a regular price of 40c for the gentlemen and 25c for the ladies. We hope

you'll like it. Confetti and serpentine will be distributed near the end of the dance which, with the aid of the blue and silver crepe paper above, will help to end it in a colorful and distinguished fashion. But will it be the end? That's

Not Our Way

After the dance in the ballroom above, the lower hall will echo with an accordion that plays polkas. That has been an added feature by the Silver Stars at nearly all of our doings, and so be it now. As for refreshments, you will receive whatever you ask for: dogs, pop, vino, beer or whatever it may be and you'll be waited on by some of our own girls and boys.

All Roads Lead to Yukon

It's quite simple, coming from Pittsburgh, follow Lincoln highway until you reach Irwin, turn right to Herminie, Madison and Yukon. Coming by way of route 71 and 31 to West Newton, follow 31 from West Newton until a small red brick school is reached, turn left to Yukon via Wyahon. Any person wishing further instructions will get them by writing to this writer. And now for our

Pan-a-Sauce

paragraph. Yamnick sisters of Im paragraph will be here on the 20th, so will the Blue Moon Strollers, the J. Z. Jrs., the Harmarville Ramblers, the Keystoneans. (Will you?) How about the Strugglers? The First Anniversary saw the "Quacks" and "Aces," the second "Loyal" Tiken, Svetek and Kovatch. The third??? Lud Zupancic gets tax collector's office. Congratulations. The month of Jan. always has the Gowanda Boosters celebrating their anniversary. Congratulations to Gowanda and Young Americans. A new local appears in far off sunny California. We may see you sometime, No. 743. Best wishes. So long until next week.

Herman Preseren.

Friendly City

Johnstown, Pa.—So far no report has been made as to the results of our last meeting. A goodly number were present, and we hope that they keep up their attendance. Important discussions centered around the New Year's eve dance. Election of officers were also held with the following results: President, Frank Parichin; vice-chairman, Joseph Glavach Jr.; Treasurer, John Langerhole Jr.; Recording Secretary, Mary Koroshetz; Secretary (the writer). Auditors: Joseph Glavach Jr., chairman, with Frank Chuchek Jr. and Anton Ukmar; Sergeant-at-Arms, Frank Miklausic. Dr. Charles Schultz was chosen as the lodge's physician; meetings are to be held every second

Sunday afternoon of every month at 2:30 p. m.

Considering the number of other dances held in this vicinity, on Dec. 30, Flood City Lodge didn't have such a bad turn-out. Zaller and his accompanist furnished the music for dancing. We wish to thank all who patronized us, and especially those out-of-town guests from Beaverdale.

We wish to express our heartfelt sympathy to the Umek family during their recent bereavement, the loss of their mother, Mrs. Mathilda Umek. Three daughters belong to our lodge. We also wish to express our sympathy to the Lotrich family of Chicago in the loss of their father.

During the holidays we had the pleasure of having with us Ray Travnik of the Detroit Young Americans. Ray is playing an important role for their anniversary, that of chairman of the entertainment committee. He is also the Young Americans' new secretary. Frank Osbold, formerly of this city and also a former member, but now of New York, was spending the holidays with the home town folks and parents. Mollie Lubelshak spent the holidays with her sister and brother-in-law, Stanley and Jennie Kobal, at Girard, and a few days at Cleveland; she reports that she had a real good time. A card from Anton Turk informs us that he sails for China, January 15. We are proud to inform our readers that Mr. and Mrs. August Kaushek are the happy parents of twin daughters. We remember Mrs. Kaushek as Betty Widmar. Flood City offers its congratulations!

Last, but not least, all members are urged to attend the next meeting which will be held Sunday, January 14, at 2:30 p. m. Don't fail us!

Frances Jangerholc, Lodge 712.

Screenings

Springfield, Ill.—In the past week the Lincolnites swung into vigorous action, in the promotion of their Eighth Anniversary—Vaudeville and Dance. Since the time is limited, it being held on February 4, each member is urged to begin "now" to sell at least four dance tickets. The campaign to put over this dance and show is to be short and sweet. Dick Ludlam and his Original Ramblers have been booked to play.

And here is news. Several nites ago I heard Hank Jansen and Vic Hribal talking it over. One of the subjects was the "Lincolnite Diamond Ball team." In short, I believe we're to see another team of Blue and White in action this summer. And they have the funds on hand! Let's let them know we want a team, such as of old-times (three years ago).

The Lincolnite meeting takes place Jan. 19: Be on hand. We're scheduled to do some initiating, believe it or not. And to receive at least one juvenile nomination. Yes, and the new officers are to do some swearing (but it won't be bad).

Boostski.

"I can't give you a job. I can't afford any extra help just now."

"That's all right. I shan't be much help."

Yough Valley Knights

West Newton, Pa.—During the last month more and more articles have reappeared, so here is another. We are still steering our ship onward, but very quietly.

We have elected our officers for the year 1934. They are: John Kobe, President; Andrew M. Povirk, Vice President; Pauline A. Yamnik, Secretary; Rudolph Povirk, Recording Secretary; Mary K. Yamnik, Treasurer.

Our neighboring lodge, Silver Stars, are celebrating their Third Anniversary on Jan. 20. Our heartfelt congratulations.

Flood City sponsored a New Year's dance. Sorry, distance prevented our presence.

One of our members has left us for a while on a trip to St. Louis, Mo., where she will visit the "Spirits" while in their midst.

The writer in behalf of the Y. V. K. wishes each and every lodge in the SNPJ a prosperous new year. We will be seeing you all in Yukon, Jan. 20.

Mary K. Yamnik.

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Loyalite News

Cleveland.—The Loyalite annual election of officers and committees has taken place Dec. 28. The result: the same officers and committees were retained. Frank Zadell, Pres.; Alice Prusnick, Vice Pres.; August Prusnick, Sec'y.; Lucille Chesnik, Treas.; Jean Sitter, Rec. Sec'y.; Joe Rogoy, Serg.-at-Arms; Joseph Nadrah, Chairman of Auditing Com. with Frank Zadell and Joe Kogoy, committeemen.

The Loyalite Lodge has not been as financially sound as I believe a lodge should be. I personally believe that a lodge or club should be self-sustaining, be able to support itself financially, if not the lodge should discontinue to function as a dead-beat.

After all outstanding bills of the fiscal year were paid, the balance sheet showed a deficit of approximately \$70. The officers have taken a voluntary cut in salaries for the year of 1934 and to remedy the deficit at the closing of the fiscal year.

A motion was carried and will be strictly enforced with no exceptions. A five cent additional assessment will be imposed upon every member of the Loyalites in addition to your regular assessment, and it will go into effect immediately. This five cents dues will be added to the fifteen cents bringing the total to twenty cents per member for the support of the branch's overhead which incidentally has exceeded the income the past two years.

We are indeed fortunate that we have no bills outstanding, but the officers have voluntarily taken in on the chin as far as salaries are concerned. Now I believe the membership should take a slight touch of it.

In the years gone by, the social activities of our lodge had brought in the necessary funds which just had to be to balance the budget, but our ventures into social functions in the past two years meant just a lot of work for a few, a deficit, or a small margin of profit which added to our regular monthly income could not possibly exceed or balance the necessary expenditures of the year.

Only one explanation: The officers of the lodge have done everything within their knowledge to bring about a self-sustaining organization, but I'm sorry to say we have failed, due only to the inactivity of the greater majority of the membership, who now without a doubt will be the first to voice their disapproval of the added lodge assessment.

The place and time to voice disapprovals is at meetings which are to be held the first Tuesday of every month at eight o'clock.

This really sounds as a bit of sarcasm and insinuation, but if it will bring the dissatisfied to the meeting for further discussions on this matter, I will be grateful if it will be taken as such. August Prusnick, Sec'y, Lodge 590.

Buckeyes' Bits

By "Oh"

Barberton, Ohio.—Every Buckeye member is urged to take note of what is written here. The first meeting of the year was a good one and some very important motion were made and carried.

1. Sec'y. Alice Janesh read a report on our treasury's condition. There are so many members who owe money that we are in difficult straits. So we beg of you to pay up as much as is possible.

2. In past years, it has been our custom to pay 50c every 6 months into the treasury. At this meeting it was decided that things would be better and it would be easier for each member to pay 10c a month. So every member will now pay the 10c with their regular dues. No dues will be accepted without this extra amount.

3. Every member who does not come to our annual dance will pay the 25c any way. This was done because there are so many members who never come to our affairs or to the meetings. We'd like to see the whole Buckeye outfit at this next dance, Jan. 27, at Domovina Hall on 14th St., at 8. Music will be furnished by "Pale Blue Birds." The orchestra is well-known and liked around town. We'll have a whole string of refreshments.

Some members have promised to help with the work and we'd like to have more of you "bob-up" with your assistance.

The decoration committee will meet at the home of Olga Valencheck, 111-16th St., N. W., at 7:30 this Friday, Jan. 12. This includes: Alice Janesh, Mike Capon, Joe Zindarske, Molly Frank, Anna Janesh, and Joe Mense.

At every meeting during this year, different members will read and explain the By-Laws. This way there will be no heated discussions and everyone will have a better knowledge of what's what. We'd like to have everyone taking part in this. You know, this is also a good way to cultivate clear and concise speech, coherent thoughts, etc. Most of us have forgotten all of this.

Wanted: More new members. Now's the time to start campaigning, so we're off! Everybody help.

Ticket for our dance can be bought from members and Alice Janesh can supply you if you want to sell some.

Lodge News Notes

A LITTLE EXPLANATION

Chicago.—In the Prosveta of Dec. 27, 1933, Bro. Albert Roycht, member of Lodge 631, had a long story on the Chicago SNPJ Union, in which he told us that it was a total flop; that they promised many things but did just the opposite and helped a lot of coal miners in Illinois with money which, he believes, should have been spent for the needy of their own lodge.

When I read his article I felt sorry for the lad for the way he must have felt about the whole matter. If the Union didn't function as it should, surely the blame can't be placed upon the SNPJ Federation of this district or those few individuals about whom he could write a book!—The Chicago SNPJ Federation had nothing to do with the Chicago SNPJ Union. The Federation always successfully carried out its work for its members in the interest of the SNPJ, as it still does. If the Federation is not to his liking, I can only say that we invite his lodge, or any other lodge that feels the same way about it, to join the Federation and make the necessary improvements. This can be done, I am sure.

In the January 3 official organ Bro. Albert Roycht is correcting his previous statement, saying that it was all a mistake, all but what he said against the Federation. He takes back all those bad things he said about the Union and flings them at the Federation, which is his second mistake. The Federation still exists, conducts programs and lectures on vital problems about the SNPJ, and therefore it is, not a flop. As for my being an enemy of Lodge 631, I must state that that is his second mistake. Nothing ever has come up between the said lodge and myself that could have made me an enemy of that Lodge.

John Rak, Lodge 559.

WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA ATHLETIC BOARD SNPJ FEDERATION

Verona, Pa.—The bowling tournament, dance and luncheon sponsored by the English Speaking Federation of SNPJs of West Penna. is past history, but it will be remembered for a long time. On New Year's day there gathered in Ambridge, Pa., members of the various fifteen lodges affiliated with the Federation to match their skill in this favorite pastime, and in the evening to enjoy an excellent luncheon and then dance to the strains of a very popular orchestra. The Croatian Hall in Ambridge, where the dance and luncheon was held, is one of the largest halls in Ambridge and it was taxed to capacity. The affair was success beyond expectations.

The Athletic Board wish to thank the fifteen lodges for their splendid co-operation which made this affair a success. Also special thanks to the Reveliers and Excelsiors who took care of the many details entailed with the dance and luncheon.

The prizes for the various bowling events will be awarded at the Federation Conference at Ambridge, Pa., on Sunday, January 21, 1934.

Athletic Board: Victor Jakovac, Anthony Grandovic, Paul Virant.

NOTICE, YE YOUNG AMERICANS!

Detroit, Mich.—Start the new year right and come to the first meeting of Lodge 564, your own lodge, the Young Americans, on the morning of January 14 at 9:30, at Victor Hall. What do we have in store for you? Listen!

The new officers are to be installed. (I don't know whether they will be able to make payments on this new "installment plan.") But, let's go on. We are going to have action in person. A MOCK TRIAL. What a farce! Stoyan Menton is bringing "suit" against the new President, Henry Kavalec, the supposed former secretary. Can you feature Stoyan

STRUGGLERS

By Lindy

Cleveland.—After a brief but not missed absence yours truly again returns to print. It seems that one has to do it—especially when he sees a sudden stop as far as his lodge's publicity is concerned.—Cleveland is proud of the wonderful progress our new lodge, the Commodores, are making. The wonderful selection of officers for 1934 is one of the best in the city. And it looks like some of the "old-timers," that is—older English Lodges better step on it. Because if you don't, the good ship Commodores will leave you in the back.

Well Appreciated

Thank you for your good wishes, Barberton, Ohio (Buckeye Bits). I also want to thank all of you for the many greetings and well wishes sent me through the mail.

Leaders for 1934

As it seems, it really looks that the English lodges have made some selections in their 1934 cabinets, such leaders as Joseph Fitol, former Pres. of Comrades, returns to his old job. Sis. Elsie Culkar, a live-wire in Johnstown, Pa., takes hold of Friendly City reins, and old reliable Marty Spec will lead Kosela's Reveliers. Jumping out west we find good ole Gaspar Turk piloting those Wisconsin Stairwars, and Chicago Pioneers will be kept out front by Oscar Godina. The Yukon Silver Stars will shine brighter than ever

trying to convict Henry of embezzling the Society's funds under false pretense? Maybe he will. The whole membership is the jury. You didn't know that we have some famous lawyers in our ranks. Will they save Henry, or will they trample him into the ranks of the lowly cheat? Come out and see for yourself. Help defend the helpless, or, help convict the guilty!

Remember it is on January 14 at 9:30 a. m. at Victor Hall. Would you miss it?

Trivial Committee:

Henry Kavalec, Pauline Travnik, Lodge 564.

TROJAN NEWS

Broughton, Pa.—It has been months since there has been any news written by any member of the Keystone Trojans. In December we had election of officers. New officers elected were: Pres., Frank Crovat; Vice Pres., Frances Gaspara; Sec., Louis Berlich; Treas., John Gintik; Rec. Sec., Frank Goriasch. Auditing Chairman, Joseph Shiffner. Sick Com.: Frank Lusnar and Jos. Borge.

Here is hoping that never again will we have another year like 1933. In that year we lost our Pres. F. Cear and Vice Pres., Joe Gosillak. And not only that, ten others went also. And I sincerely hope that you will all rejoin us now since work is picking up.

I'm always in favor of sports, dances, etc. But not one thing did we participate in last year. Now let's start the new year RIGHT by attending our first dance, so that we can make it a social and, of course, financial success. Last year you didn't know us, we didn't know you, so let's get re-acquainted. This dance will be held at the Slovene Hall, Broughton, Pa., Sat., Jan. 13. Music will be furnished by a very popular orchestra, none other than Al Gitzen and His Music Makers.

We ask all the neighboring lodges to help us out.

Let me remind all our members that our meetings are held on the first Monday of each month. Please attend.

Louis Berlich, Lodge 709.

MILWAUKEE NEWS

Milwaukee, Wis.—All members are urged to attend the Badgers meeting, which will be held at Sostarch Hall, located on the corner of So. 6th and West Bruce street, January 12. Members who are in arrears for dues are especially requested to attend the meeting and endeavor to remit the amount outstanding. Please come and be there on time.

We need more reading contributions from scores of our correspondents, if they belong on the publicity committee or not. The Badgers have fallen down on the job. What's become of such noted and able commentators as, Frank Schneider, Anton Kamnikar, and our favorite Betty Hoop, and a few others.

I ruefully regret the state in which our portion of news has fallen. I can assure you that you don't have to be gifted with that extensive and flowery vocabulary in order to let the readers know of the happenings and interesting occurrences in your vicinity. Now that we have a New Deal, and a new year, let's have some new blood gracing the pages of our Prosveta.

Opening with a rush that swept the Zemlicka's team off its feet, the Badgers engers Wednesday night scored an easy victory. The score was 48 to 7. This was their first game of the season. How about coming out and giving the boys a hand?

The Badgers New Year's Eve Frolic was a success. All in all it was one great day; one event that will be long remembered by all those who were so fortunate to be there on this occasion.

Molly Pogorelec, Publicity Committee, Badgers 584.

Important

Lodge representatives and stockholders of Slov. Workers' Home, don't fail to attend the annual meeting at Slovene Workers' Home, 15335 Waterloo rd., on Wed., Jan. 17. Also all lodges and clubs in the community that hold dances or receive notices from the Tax commission's office, can get their applications at my home and save themselves a trip downtown. Address: 1198 E. 170 st.

We Need It

Sure glad to see Mick 'n' Lee with their "Front Porch News" back in print, and "Buckeye Bits" going strong. Keep it up!

Congratulations

Better late than never. May I take this moment to congratulate Ludwig Zupancic of Broughton, Pa., upon his recent election to the tax collector's office, and also wish him loads of success upon his graduation from law school this coming June. Only 22 years of age Ludwig has made history for himself. We all remember Lud for his wonderful contribution and loyal work for SNPJ. Good luck from the Cleveland gang, Lud.

About This and That

BEACON HIGHLIGHTS

Cleveland, O.—A real old' get-together night was held by the Beacons following their Jan. 3 meeting. The girls donated eats and crimson "joy", while the boys provided the entertainment. A large number of Commodores assisted in the merrymaking with Joe Jarc, Commodore, setting the pace.

During the meeting, two new adult members were initiated, one reinstated from the passive list and one transfer from the juvenile department. The four new members were: Anna Hovevar, Pearl Cultrona, Tony Buhnik and Cyril Traven. This makes a total of six adults and two juveniles initiated for the last two meetings. To further increase interest in the enlargement of the Beacons' membership, a campaign committee, consisting of Victoria Mezgec, Anna Hovevar and John Aynik, was appointed. This committee will meet previous to the Feb. meeting in regards to outlining plans and setting a definite time for the drive.

A request was received from the Yugoslav Cultural Garden Institute in regards to the Beacons becoming a member of the said organization. Thereupon, Ann Traven was delegated to attend their meeting in order to advise us whether it would prove advantageous for the lodge to become affiliated with it.

Returning back to the subject of new members, the zeal of our members, who are making every effort to bring in new faces, is very commendable. It is hoped that, with the advent of the Beacon membership drive, every single Beacon will get behind the wheel—we must have your cooperation!

The Beacon territory is a very fertile place for the acquisition of new members. First of all, because south-eastern Cleveland, known as Newburgh, has a population of over five thousand Slovenes; Second, Newburgh has over twenty lodges, independent or belonging to various Slovene fraternal organizations. But listen, members! Beacon lodge is the only English speaking one in the entire group. If THAT is not a good enough reason for conducting a campaign, then nothing is! Last, but not least, advertise the Beacons and stress the fact that it is a member of a fraternal organization. Get that new member now!

The Slovene Labor Auditorium will be the scene of the Gold-Digger's Pals' Ballroom Dance this Saturday, Jan. 13. Andy Ference, chairman of the dance committee, tells us that for 30c, which includes free-checking, you can dance to the melodious strains of the Troubadour's orchestra from 8 'till 11 with special emphasis on the question mark. Frank "Maggie" Magdalenc, head big chief vice president, will entertain downstairs.

Gleaning the SNPJ whirl for the latest newswettes from here 'n' there, we learn that—more and more SNPJ lads are asked, through the voice of the voting public, to offer their services for the best interests of the people in their respective communities. The latest of these is the popular Revelier, Louis Kosela, who won a minor elective post in Ambridge by polling 698 votes out of a possible 962. Kosela also received the Socialist's nomination. He also receives our heartfelt congratulations! . . . The figures that Frank Bolte read at the J. Z. Juniors' anniversary would be appreciated by the readers, so why not publish 'em in the Prosveta. Bolte? . . . Announcing to the local lodges to keep July 15 open for the big Beacon picnic. . . The heartening report that the Western Pa. E. S. Federation's big affair, Jan. 1, turned out swell. . . Otto Tekautz journeying from the other end of town to Commodore's headquarters. . . "Lindy" started the year right by contributing one of his infrequent articles. (Time out for applause). . . August Prunick, Loyalty Sec'y., also wrote. . . Journal (Comrade) Jessie's gas chariot gallivanting hither and thither along St. Clair making life miserable for pedestrians, and narrowly missing your scribe several weeks ago and, who cares. . . Max Kumer's penchant for school-marm is the reason for his inability to get around to those Pennysocials. . . Cleveland SNPJ is expected to turn out en masse for the Commodore's launching into the social whirl, Feb. 10. Then watch the town come apart!

Jack Prejza ever so slowly slipping into the matrimonial sea. . . Same goes for Steve Treber, as far Strings, we won't commit ourselves. . . The Beacon gang still getting a kick from the "laffing gas", the likable Bob Martin (Silver Star) injected into us via his hilarious telegram, including the "stop, sit down" business. . . They're tuning up the brass band for Kosela's appearance in town, Feb. 10, and the "key" to this mecca of fraternalism will be given to him, if he asks for it.

"Maestro" Tony Buhnik and his musical musketeers polka-ing the atmosphere—following—the Beacon meeting, which resulted in a grand stampede for the dance floor, and in turn, resulted in the sad neglect of the Perfolian card-tables. . . The delicious repast served by the Beacon girls and our official cook, Mrs. Vadjal. . . Rose O'Connor and Dorothy Pultz, Commodores, resorting to gymnastics on the bars (?) between dances. . . "Doc" Jarc nursing the feminine patients, and leaving 'em

in a jumpy state. . . Johnny Tauchar missing all the fun. . . The woe-be-gone expression of "Barfly" Traven. . . Mary "Queen" Hovevar and Anna "Doll-Guyes" Traven having a "whale of a good time" from opposite ends of the hall, while Frances Hovevar and Mary Buhnik make every effort to burn up the floor. . . Vic Mezgec going ga-ga every time a certain crooner makes an appearance at Beacon doings. . . Commodores, up in arms, seeking the identity of the Beacon Bachelorettes. . . Tony Stapic, Commodore treasurer, with a detective fiction in one hand, explains his fantastic taste for art. . . Ed Zeitz and Joe Jarc, instigators of the hilarious game "Take One," bring forth a variety of blushes from the Commodores and Beacon damsels as they "bit." The boys' suspicions and their backwardness to nibble. . . and Pearl Cultrona bringing down the house with "Kaj pa se tako drzisa?" . . . The ultra-modernistic tickets the Commodores have for their big dance and card party, Feb. 10. . . And the Beacon gang promising Marion ("Smiles") Konchan that they'll certainly, positively, and by all means be at the Commodore's meeting this Friday. . . And until then, adios!

John Aynik.

FRIENDLY CITY, NO. 684

Johnstown, Pa.—A very pleasant time is planned to be in store for all Friendly City members for Sunday, Jan. 14, which will commence immediately after the meeting. Dancing and games will feature the evening. The meeting starts at 7 p. m. Be there on time.

Due to the lack of attendance at our meetings and the non-interest our members are showing, the committee are planning these parties which will be after every meeting to again bring back that good old "Friendly City Spirit." To make these parties a success we will need all the support and attendance from the members. May we all assemble once again and forever after like the good old Friendly City affairs we have sponsored in the first and second years of existence.

Don't forget, all come as the quicker we work up a 100% attendance at our meetings and parties the quicker we will have outsiders, or in other words, friends visit with us. Maybe—I hope so—we'll be able to induce these friends to join us permanently.

(Editor's note:—What became of your signature?)

A REVIEW OF 1933—A PLAN FOR 1934

Chicago.—People look to a lodge just as they do to any other organization or an edifice, a structure or an undertaking. They generally judge such things by their size, whether large or small; by their outward appearance, whether good or bad; by their soul, whether honest or corrupt; by their actions, whether coordinated or confused; by their general carriage, whether dignified and refined or confused and rude. The manner and methods used in attaining its end have much to do in determining the quality of results. The tried and perfected system will attain its aim without discord or friction. However, all methods are not good. Some are better than others. It is for us therefore, to locate and discover the best and most effective methods to push the progress of the Pioneer Lodge on to heights unattained.

I have tried to show just a ways by which people judge us. Another very important factor in the progress of any organization is the act of self-criticism. Where have we failed to stand up to expectation? In this review there is constructive criticism as well as praise and glory for that is equally as necessary if we are not to stagnate.

What have we done and how did we do it in 1933?

1.—We have held 12 regular monthly business meetings. After 9 of these we had dancing. A debate followed one of them; movies another; discussion on loans another; a dinner and program another; and speakers followed 3 meetings.

The meetings can and must be improved. Some of those of the past were not at all inspiring. Some were disappointing. Why? Too much noise from the members and the indecision of the chairman causes added confusion. Furthermore, lack of interest on the part of our members.

2.—Socials and Dances; eight of them were scheduled with financial results far better than the corresponding events of the year before.

Too few willing workers caused no end of trouble. Lack of help gets on our nerves. It makes people nervous causing them to feel bad. Some of our people forget that these affairs are run for the lodge and not for the individual.

3.—Athletics.—In this branch of activity we fell below any expectations and certainly much below the 1932 record, where our boys won a basketball championship and our girls were runners-up for the indoor title. There are many reasons for that but the most important is lack of interest and loyalty.

4.—The Pioneer School carried thru two fine programs which were a credit to the Pioneers and the SNPJ.

What must we do in 1934?

1 a) We must hold 12 good and orderly monthly meetings to which you won't have to be afraid to invite your best friends.

b) We should have at least four lectures and at least one debate.

c) We should have socials after at least ten of the meetings.

d) The Anniversary Dinner should be repeated.

2 a) We should hold 4 dances, February, April, October and December.

b) An annual prize picnic and a moonlight picnic.

c) A Moonlight Boat Excursion in August.

d) At least two free Wiener Roasts.

3 a) A good girls' basketball team.

b) A good boys' indoor team.

4.—Improve our Pioneer Juvenile School. If necessary change it into an English School with a diversified English program.

The officers must take the responsibilities which are theirs more seriously.

The membership should be more mindful of the efforts which are being pushed to a successful close.

We must be organized properly.

We must have smooth operating systems.

More members must help. If that shall be so, then we are bound to succeed.

Donald J. Lotrich, Secretary.

Gleanings

Chicago.—Day by day our march goes steadily on. Daily we are adding new pages to the history of the United States.

Within the last few months we had the beer recovery act, a century of progress, the birth of the new deal or the Nira. Now we have again with us—liquor. The repeal of the 18th amendment swept the country and intoxicating liquors have again been legalized. What effect this will have in the home is unforeseen as yet. But time will tell.

Let us now turn to the present problem—Socialistic powers. Something is radically wrong with the civilization of today. The powers of yesterday find their foundations trembling. Yes, something is wrong and we, the people, find it our duty to right this wrong.

This is a tedious and so uncertain job, a job our forefathers in constructing had not foreseen and so have not prepared us. Although some of us fought our own way through the thicket brushing aside the brambles until we came upon a clearer path. It was hard and unless grit was there it could not be done.

That's why I am writing this article, to the parents and to the children of these parents. Have you, dear readers, ever given a thought to this generation of today? Have you prepared your children for their future? A child's home environment is of vital importance in his upbringing. It is in these home surroundings, whether they be bad or good, that he grows up, and as he is taught, so in later years he accordingly teaches. When parents follow the inclination to build for a child's future, financially, politically and civically, etc., they are in a great measure assisting in the erection of assured power and permanence.

Teach your child from youth the definition of realities, and not fabrications. Teach him while he is young that he may be prepared for the hardships of a later day. Point out to him that, which is daily expected of him. He must follow in the footsteps of his sire and thus be prepared. Construe your feelings and their interpretations to him in the cause for which he exists.

The children shall lead us! A startling but wholly true statement. It is for them we are fighting and working today. They are continuously uppermost in our minds. It is for them we clear the path of its stubborn obstacles, that they may find the road smoother and easier to travel.

Decades have passed and with them the strong, sure foundation built by our forefathers. Built by their sweat and their brain, built by the many that endured the struggling, fighting existence of their days. They proclaimed it fit to go on, to live years and years and more years. Yet now the foundation upon which the power of these pioneers was built is crumbling and decaying. Not because the materials were not good. No! The materials were of the best and finest. But because as any antiquated thing it needed repairs. It needed to be looked after. To be taken care of and repaired. But no one knew how to go about repairing this foundation, no one knew what was needed to abate its crumbling. What materials to use and where to get them?

Folks, this is only a minor example depicting why the Socialistic powers had been waning prior to the new start. I hope it enlightens your minds as to what I am trying to impress upon you. Teach your children how to deter the crumbling of this power that we are now reconstructing, in later years. Show them what materials to use, how to use them and where they are obtained. Teach them to depict the right from wrong, evil from good and so prevent the powers which we stand for, from falling completely to the ground from neglect and trickery. Teach them from your store of knowledge. And I know that when they grow up your teachings will not have been in vain. Help us in this way and our gleanings will be bountiful.

(Submitted by Dottie Plakutnik.)

Forest City News

By Joseph Drasler

Forest City, Pa.—Baseball fans in town are patiently waiting for the completion of the local baseball diamond. And a fine diamond it is going to be, too. I cannot help but comment on the manner in which this field is being built. Being a Federal Relief Project, the idea seems to be not to employ labor saving machinery of any kind, but rather to employ as many men as possible and make the work of grading the field last as long as possible; and so the hundreds upon hundreds of tons of dirt and stone which are being removed in the process of grading, are being removed by the pick-shovel and wheelbarrow method with each workman furnishing his own tools.

There they go pushing their wheelbarrows across the field from the upper end where a force of men are removing on an average of five to six feet of dirt and loading it into the wheelbarrows, down across the field, a distance of from two to three hundred feet to the lower end of the field where they are filling in the lowland to an average of five to six feet, making it, all in all, a beautifully graded piece of ground.

Men employed on Federal Relief Projects work six hours per day and are paid fifty cents per hour. Their work in our county includes building roads mainly, painting and remodeling interiors of public buildings, grading school grounds and building retaining walls, grading the local ball field and building new pools at the Pleasant Mount Fish Hatchery which, by the way, is the largest fish hatchery in the country.

The constitutional ban upon child labor now has 20 ratifications; fourteen of the states voted within the last year. As we have stated before, in Pennsylvania the two Socialist representatives in the lower house, Lilith M. Wilson and Darlington Hoopes, took the lead in defeating the maneuvers of the Republicans and Democrats, who endeavored to adjourn the legislature without taking action upon a program of social legislation, and it was their work that forced through Mrs. Wilson's resolution for ratification.

Several other legislators followed Lilith M. Wilson with identical bill, in order to secure credit for themselves in the event of its passage.

We extend our heartfelt sympathies to Mrs. Lawrence Lotrich, Donald, Lawrence, Frank and Eleanor, family of the recently deceased Lawrence Lotrich Sr., in their present hour of great sorrow.

In view of the constructive and beneficial work that is being carried on by our own SNPJ Federations and federations in other fraternal organizations, for the good of their members and for the society as a whole, it is impossible for any member who is connected even in the smallest way with any of our federations to support the Integrity Lodge scribe's stand against belonging to a federation.

Any criticism of the old saying that "In Unity There Is Strength" is destructive criticism, and no criticism is of much use unless it is of a constructive type.

New Era Lodge

West Park, O.—Our meeting, held Jan. 4, was attended by most of the members, for this was one meeting that will not be forgotten so soon by most of us. We had plenty of very good wine, music and food. Music by Tony Mohovic with his brand new Xmas accordion given him by his wife, Mary.

We hope to see this new year a better one, so watch out for New Era. Let's start right by getting new members and make this lodge bigger. The Secretary likes to work; so the more members we get the more work for me. Let's all pitch in and get a member a week.

I'm sorry to say that the members are not paying their dues every month, so please get into the habit of paying every month.

We are glad to state that at the last meeting we decided to have a dance Jan. 27. It seems that our dances attract attention, for they are worth coming to. We always have the best of everything, music, drinks, etc. So let's see all of them that asked us to have this dance to be here. The big day will be Jan. 27 at J. N. D. Hall, W. 130th and McGowan ave. Take the W. 130th bus from Lorain and W. 130th st. Admission 30 cents. Let's see all our neighboring lodges here.

The dance committee will hold a special meeting at Mary Mohoric's house, Jan. 23. Our Lodge's next meeting will be Feb. 6 at Mary Mohoric's house.

Micky Dan, Secretary, Lodge 572.

Calumet Sentinels

Chicago, Ill.—To serve the Sentinels this year, the following officers have been elected: Pres., M. Jurajch; Vice-Pres., R. Kosic; Treas., John Malnarich; Sec'y., Z. Yurkus; and Rec. Sec'y., Angeline Kubel. Our auditors are Jennie Kubel, Anna Bosich and Ruth Krause. With this staff of officers we should progress just as we have the past year.

Quite a few members have volunteered to submit news items to the Prosveta, which should mean more than one article a month. Bro. Steve Malnarich Sr. was elected sales representative for the Prosveta. All in all, it looks as though we have another promising year before us.

"The Native's Return"

The following is a review by one of America's foremost literary critics, Henry Seidel Canby, of Louis Adamic's book "The Native's Return," which appears in the January issue of the "Book-of-the-Month Club News":

"Here," says Mr. Canby, "is a new kind of book. We have had books about immigrants in America, books by emigrants to America, but here is the story of an American immigrant who went back home and looked over one of the most interesting countries in the world with his American eyes and described it as certainly no European nor no American-born could have done. The Native's Return has story, poetry, keen criticism, pathos, humor, and tragedy. In short, it is something that both America and his native Slovenia may be proud to have had a hand in. There is a poet in Louis Adamic, and a social philosopher, and a natural-born story-teller."

"He was on his own—tramped it—worked at anything handy, served in the army, educated himself, and then studied the under-dogs—the toiling masses, so many of them countrymen of his, who make our steel, dig our mines, run our factory machines for us. His Dynamite and Laughing in the Jungle made a reputation for him, at least among insiders. Here was a new keen eye looking at American conditions from a new angle, and a hand that could write. His studies of labor leaders in the United States made readers sit up and blink. But he was not statistical, though an admirable sociologist: some deep quality of emotion colored his style. He was intensely human—American now in every thought and interest, he had kept the warm emotions, the quickly aroused sympathies, of the Slav."

"The Native's Return is a narrative of a home-coming, with death, marriage, joy, and sorrow in pictures of simple life that have a tear-making quality without one grain of sentimentality, because they are so fresh, and genuine, and 'surprised'—which is the only word I can think of to describe this keen young social student's discovery of the richness of the European soul which his hard-boiled America had almost forgot. And it is, next, a gorgeous travel-book—a procession of scenes down the lovely Dalmatian coast, into the professional-hero country of Montenegro."

"But if The Native's Return is a travel-book, it is so only in the sense which all travel-books should be and usually are not. For certainly no one can read it without having Yugoslavia, its problems, its peoples, as well as its scenery, come to life under his eyes. A country of intensely virile people, so sturdy, so enduring under the frightful privations and disasters they have suffered, that one feels that whatever happens to Europe their future is guaranteed. Here one sees its hill-towns where the whole male population returns only once a year to propagate their children; its hidden, sombre struggle be-

tween tenacious Serb and cultivated Croat; its pains of a people with a common language and culture, part Catholic, part Orthodox and part Moslem trying to unify itself in the midst of a hostile Europe; its modernism in conflict with a heroic tradition such as Europe nowhere else can equal. Here is a culture kept together for centuries by literature—the heroic ballad.

"I find that, in spite of an honest attempt, I have given a very inadequate description of this engaging and informative book. I have scarcely touched upon its keen and often devastating analyses of Balkan politics, and only mentioned the series of remarkable character portraits, from old peasants in the Slovenian Alps to King Alexander himself. But I must speak of the remarkable English style, warm, vivid, easy, and penetrating, which this Americanized Slav has acquired for himself and which will stand comparison with the best that any native born can write."

WINCHELLETTE

By Joseph Ovnick

Forest City, Pa.—It seems the only good impression that Hoover left with the people of the United States is that American mothers no longer cherish the hope that their sons will become presidents when they "grow up." Hoover and his unprecedented unpopularity "swept" that silly notion out of American motherhood without even using the well-known device for sweeping which unfortunately bears his obsolete name. Now, mother would rather have her boy become a traveling salesman—it's more secure!

Among other brain-fever stories concocted around Hitler is the one (that seems to be gaining momentum) concerning the family tree of the chancellor of Germany. Hitler and his hatred for the Jews has proven embarrassing for him for the science of genealogy has shown Adolph had a maternal aunt who was 100% Semitic, thereby designating him to be of Jewish extraction. (Reminds us of haughty, aristocratic Virginian gentleman who had his American ancestry traced back to the Mayflower and learned to his chagrin that one of his forebears on his historic vessel was a professional concubine of the King of England!)

But what we started out to report was that an oft-rumored tale has reached our eager ears that in addition to having Jewish blood in his vampiric veins, Hitler possesses to a degree Slovene ancestry, hence making partly Slovene in blood relationship! How true this report is, is difficult to ascertain. My informant further enlightens me that the word "hitler" is a contraction of the Slovene "hiter" (quick). If this is authentic, how the Slovene blood must boil in the capillaries of this cruel culprit! (Perhaps the readers may throw more light on this startling hypothesis.)

A new candidate for the adult department will be initiated at the January 15 meeting, namely, Frank Strubel. We hope to have two more for the February meeting. Let's see if we can't keep this up and have at least one new member, whether it be adult or juvenile, for every month in the year of 1934. It can be done if we co-operate.

Sister Secretary is now well enough to handle the lodge affairs, but we have two more members on the sick list at the present time. Sis. Anna Kuhel, 9624 Ewing avenue, and Bro. Albert Kuhel, are the unfortunates. Visits by other members will help cheer up the sick ones.

Remember to come to the meeting on the 15th. Perhaps you have some idea as to how we can dispose of our wife. Have you? Ruth.

Our "Grinish Peepul"

Cleveland.—Once upon a time, as all stories begin (but this is not that kind of a "story"), a certain class of people migrated from the distant lands of Granes (wherever that is) and settled down in the region of endless hills called Pennys. Whereupon, becoming citizens, came the routine matter of acquiring their share, and which their devoted Uncle Samuel entitles us all, of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. But then, one gets tired pursuing the evanescent citizenry rights with Senator Samuel retaining the mortgage. (Sounds kinda Greekish, but what about the "Grinish peepul"? Okay!)

These former citizens of Granes, peculiarly enough, boast of the customs which our own Slovenes, in reply, claim as their own. Of course, these "Grinish peepul" also boast of recreational domiciles known only too well as "Grinish Homes," which are located in various sections of Pennys—but strangely enough, always nestling on top of some hill.

And now, if no one is looking, you and I will make a four hundred mile jump, as the crow flies, to the plains of Kansas and vicinity. Now let's scan the horizon. Any "Grinish peepul" around? Of course not! Around here you'll only find "Austrians." But gosh, listen—they are not Austrians! They're conversing with us in Slovene, and what is more, they boast of Yugoslavia as the scene of their cradle days! Then where does Austria come in? Don't ask me; if this keeps up I'll have myself believing that I originally came from Tasmania and points east!

With our curiosity still unappeased, let's skelter back to our "Grinish" friends in Pennys. Tell me, why do they advertise themselves as the "Grinish peepul" then in the same breath, including the "Austrians," shout from the hosetops that they're Slovenes? Is it because the "Grinish peepul" have become, and to use the vernacular of the politicians, the left-wing of the Slovene class, and the "Austrians" the right-wing? Sounds rather silly, but it goes to show how far the "Grinish" and "Austrian" habit will go when given enough leeway and no effort made to check it.

We were initiated to this peculiar bit of "misrepresentation" on one of our former trips to Pennys. Entering one of the typical small Slovene towns, we inquired where the Slovene Home was located. Greeted with a puzzled expression, we were told that no such thing existed there. Upon our insistence that there was, our informant then assured us that we "might obtain satisfaction by inquiring at the 'Grinish Hall' several hundred feet ahead." . . . Just an illustration of how much the Dutch butcher, German baker and the Norwegian candlestick-maker have heard of our Slovene brethren.

Has anything ever been done to remedy this sad state of affairs? Well, Frank Vozel Jr., of Hermine, gave us an example of an attempt by the Keystoneans to advertise the Slovene Home as the scene of one of their dances and not the "Grinish Domicile." But the officers of the lodge were flooded with too many queries as to the location of this new terpsichorean rendezvous. So, for the convenience and best interest of all concerned, decided henceforth to stage their shindigs at the "Grinish Hall," as of the past.

In Pennsylvania we have several SNPJ federations which have been exceedingly active—active since their inception. What a wonderful opportunity for them to begin the year of 1934 with a bang by promoting the propagation of "I'm a Slovene" campaign or something similar. But first of all, remove all "Grinish Hall" signs which decorate the Pennys Slovene Halls. Complete satisfaction of a campaign might not be obtained in a week or two months, but by constantly hammering at the objective the younger generation will have performed a service creditable to themselves.

Let's hear from our writers concerning their opinions of "Our Grinish Peepul." John Aynik.