

VELIMIR DEŽELIĆ:

KRAGULJ

ROMAN IZ 9. STOLETJA

"Ako daje rog nejasen glas, kdo se bo pripravljaj za vojso? Ako poveste nerazumljivo besedo, kako bodo ljudstva razumela poziv? Kako bo nevednež rekli: amen, ako ne ve, kaj mu govoriš?"

Protivniki se ne umaknejo: "Ko bi bil ta jezik Bogu ljub, bi mu dal že v začetku črke in knjige."

"Mislite mar," vpraša Konstantin, "da je Bog nehal ustvarjati in da ne more ali da neče?" A oni vztrajajo: "Samo troje pismenk je stalo v naslovu vrh glave razpetega Kristusa; samo trije jeziki so izbrani in sveti: hebrejski, grški in latinski."

Slovenski apostol se brani:

"Mnogo jezičnih vrst je, pravi sveti Pavel — pa nobena ni brez vrednosti! Pred Bogom smo vsi enaki! Mar ni nebeški dež za slehernega? Ne sije morda nebeško sonce na vse? Ne dihamo vsi božjega zraka? Pa kako morete povzdigniti te tri jezike nad vse? Kako vas radi Boga ni strah, pustiti gluhe in neme vse narode in vsa plemena sveta? Poznam mnoge narode, ki imajo svojo knjigo in slave Boga vsak v svojem jeziku. Glejte Armece, Peržane, Gote, Obre, Kozare, Arabce, Egipčane in mnoge druge. Pa ako nečete teh razumeti priznajte za sodnika sveto pismo, ki govori: Poj Gospodu vsa zemlja! Pojte Gospodu vsi jeziki! Hvalite Boga vsi narodi! — A sam Gospod naš, Jezus Kristus, je rekel: Pojdite po vsem svetu in oznanjujte evangelij vsem stvarjem! In spet: Idite torej in učite vse narode in kršćite jih v imenu Očeta in Sina in Svetega Duha!"

Konstantin zakroži s pogledom in vidi, da so vsi obrazi okrog nepremični, ko izklesani iz žoltega kamna. Morda ga nihče ne obsoja, toda nihče mu ne verjame in njegovih besed ne odobrava. In opeša in umolkne.

Težka tešina je legla na vse, dokler ni najstarejši izmed škofov spregovoril:

"Vrni se, Konstantin, poišči si sedem verodostojnih mož, ki bodo pričali za tvoje učence in tebe samega!"

Konstantin se globoko prikloni kot pred svojo usodo, a ne izusti niti besede. Čutil je, da so mu prsi polne strijene krvi.

Pred izhodom je čakalo vse slovensko spremstvo; toda ko so zagledali Konstantina, se ni upal nihče nič vprašati.

Mile doume in pohiti do konj; toda ne, da bi jih osedlal, mar-

več da na belca in svojega rjavca priveže nosila za bolnega gospodarja.

Konstantin je v resnici želel, da bi se takoj odpravili, toda vzdržtel je pri misli, kako se bo vrnil med svoje učence in Slovence.

Čakajo ga v belem narodnem oblačilu, polni lepe vere in čistega veselja, a on ne bo smel pogledati v njihove ljube, sinje oči, ker je umazan s črnim suhom.

"Ljubljeni moji, ljubljeni moji, ljubljeni moji!" je ponavljal Konstantin in ležeč v nosilih skrivaj lice, zakaj bilo ga je sram.

Konji so stopali korakoma in sprevid se je pomikal ko pri pogrebu, toda za Konstantina je bil vse prehitro. Vsako zapreko med potjo je pozdravljaj: narasli potok, porušeno brv, naliv, odplavljeno stezjo pa tudi samo bolezen.

Konstantin je drhtel po vsem telesu, ker se je bal:

"Ko bom stopil pred vas, ljubljeni moji — kdo med vami bo prvi klonil radi osumljenja? V kolikih med vami se bo zamajala vera? Mar bo sploh kdo ostal, ki se ne bo obrnil od Kristusa, ker so mu ga oznanila moja usta?"

Iz njegovih oči ne neha teči potok solz in edino tiho molitev je molil:

"Gospod, moj Bog, pošlji name smrt in bolezen in najgorenjše trpljenje, samo daj milostno, da se ne zmedejo mladi učenci in slovensko ljudstvo."

Konstantin je trpel dušno bol, toda globoko je molčal; zatorej je mislilo njegovo spremstvo, da ga muči samo telesna bolezen.

Bil je potrpežljiv ko zmerom; ničesar ni iskal, nič se ni pritoževal, toda smrtnega strahu ni mogel zatajiti. Nemirno se je premikal v ležišču, krčil je roke, prestrašeni pogled je upiral v daljo, potil se je z ledenim potom. A ta smrtni strah ni bil strah pred telesno smrtjo, marveč pred smrtjo vseh onih duš, ki se bodo pohujšale.

Mile je videl bol svojega gospodarja, toda še nikoli ga ni videl toliko trpeti. In pričakoval je njegovo smrt, zatorej je v duši jecal:

Joj meni, joj nam, naš potnik! Naš javor, naš zbor, modra glava!

Kam romaš, naš ponos, sveta podoba?

Mar boš zaprl svoje oči, svete kosti?

Mar bo umrlo tvoje grlo, duhovnik?

Naša cerkev, naš apostol, naš angel!



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THE HOLY FAMILY SOCIETY OF U.S.A. D S D JOLIET, ILLINOIS

The Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Supreme Board — January 25th, 1975

The Officers of the Supreme Board of the Holy Family Society were summoned by letter, by Secretary, Robert M. Kochevar, for this Annual Meeting this 25th day of January, 1975, at the Home Office at One Fairlane Drive, Joliet, Illinois.

President Joseph J. Konrad called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m.

The President called on the 1st Vice President, Ronald Zefran, to open the meeting with prayer for the living and deceased members of the Holy Family Society, U.S.A.

At this time the President called on the Recording Secretary to call the roll of the Officers present.

President Joseph J. Konrad, present; 1st V-President Ronald Zefran, present; 2nd V-President Anna Jerisha, absent; Secretary Robert M. Kochevar, present; Treasurer Anton Smrekar, present; Recording Secretary Joseph L. Drasler, present;

LEDGER ASSETS

Petty Cash	\$400.00
First National Bank — Misc. Account	223,242.34
First National Bank - Benefit Account	-0-
Bonds	911,024.65
Stocks - Preferred	58,459.92
Stocks - Common	107,025.80
Certificates of Deposits — Savings and Loan	100,000.00
Certificates of Deposits — Bank	1,400,000.00
Policy Loans	49,464.68
TOTAL	2,849,617.39

LEDGER LIABILITIES

Illinois State Tax	625.30
Social Security Payable	273.11
Withholding Taxes Payable	4,318.30
Reserve for Checks Written Off	1,945.45
Premium Deposit Fund	1,055.61
TOTAL	8,217.77

TOTAL NET LEDGER ASSETS AS OF DECEMBER 31, 1974 2,841,399.62

INCOME

Premium Income	
Life Premiums	446,780.06
Accident and Health Premiums	2,418,436.10
TOTAL PREMIUM INCOME	2,865,216.16
Investment Income	
Interest on Bonds	58,336.29
Interest on Policy Loans	2,435.69
Interest on Certificates of Deposits	70,122.57
Dividends — Preferred Stock	1,846.27
Amortization of Bonds	6,517.59
Interest on Advanced Commission	6,492.00
TOTAL INVESTMENT INCOME	145,750.41
INCOME FOR PERIOD ENDED DEC. 31, 1974	3,010,966.57
EXPENSES	
Claims — Death	36,612.00
Disability Benefits	3,285.01
Cash Surrenders and Endowments	32,398.53
Claims — Health and Accident	1,381,298.43
TOTAL PAID TO POLICYHOLDERS	1,453,593.97
Commissions Paid	
Policy Fees	13,561.80
Commissions — Life	119,710.09
Commissions — Health and Accident	631,359.63
TOTAL COMMISSIONS PAID	764,631.52
Rent and Utilities	43,895.56
Salaries	226,151.75
Legal Fees	24,717.01
Medical Fees	1,696.00
Inspection Reports	4,148.14
Office Maintenance and Supplies	12,385.24
Travel	5,655.52
Postage, Exp. Telep. and Teleg.	18,334.29
Printing	11,539.63
Promotional	3,393.45
Fraternal Activities	19,995.90
Donations	337.98
Advertising	2,484.72
I.B.M. Service	49,089.52
Office Equipment	1,712.36
Official Publication	797.60
Dues and Subscriptions	1,091.67
Actuarial and Accounting Fees	9,175.00
Insurance	2,226.50
Rental of Safety Dep. and P.O. Boxes	29.00
Bank Collection Charges	21.75
Board Meeting and Per Diem	1,363.51
Interest on premium Deposit Fund	46.06
TOTAL GENERAL EXPENSES PAID	440,388.16
Taxes, Licenses and Fees Paid	
Department of Insurance	1,140.50
Social Security Expenses	11,356.98
Director of Labor	109.98
Federal Unemployment	743.50
TOTAL TAXES, LICENSES AND FEES PAID	13,350.96
TOTAL EXPENSES FOR THE PERIOD	2,671,964.61
LEDGER ASSETS AT DECEMBER 31, 1974	\$2,841,399.62
LEDGER ASSETS AT DECEMBER 31, 1973	\$2,502,397.66
INCREASE IN LEDGER ASSETS FOR THE PERIOD	\$339,001.96

Ladies and gentlemen of the Supreme Board of the Holy Family Society:

This is my Financial Report to you members of the Board. I am very happy and pleased with it, and especially with the gain that we have at this time. It is one of the best reports that I have given, in spite of the economic conditions. I thank you.

Anton Smrekar, Treasurer

Regarding the report, a member of the Board questioned the expense of the IBM. At this point, Jean Konrad spelled out to the Supreme Officers, that with what the IBM means to the Office and the organization is an enormous factor, if this work had to be done manually. It is of great importance to all of us.

A motion was made by Joseph Sinkovec and seconded by Mary Riola that the report of the Treasurer be accepted as given, with the explanation given by Jean Konrad. Carried.

President Joseph J. Konrad now called upon the 1st Trustee, Joseph Sinkovec, for his report.

Mr. President and members of the Supreme Board:

I, with my committee, went to the bank this morning to check the Assets of the Holy Family Society. With pleasure I do want to do that. We have gone through the stocks and bonds and all other valuable papers of the Society and have found everything in very good order, but especially with the report of the Treasurer which shows that in spite of the economic conditions this year, we have shown an enormous gain.

I want to compliment the President, the Secretary and the Treasurer for the wonderful job they performed during the year. I'm hoping and praying that

the Supreme Board of the Holy Family Society:

I agree with what the 1st Trustee has given you. I have found everything in good order. The Treasurer's report was excellent.

I also want to compliment the President, the Secretary and the Treasurer for the wonderful job they have done this past year and also Jean Konrad for her untiring work at the Home Office.

I thank you, Matthew Kochevar, 2nd Trustee

A motion was made by Mary Riola and seconded by Frank Toplak that the report of the 2nd Trustee, Matthew Kochevar, be accepted as given. Carried. (To Be Continued)

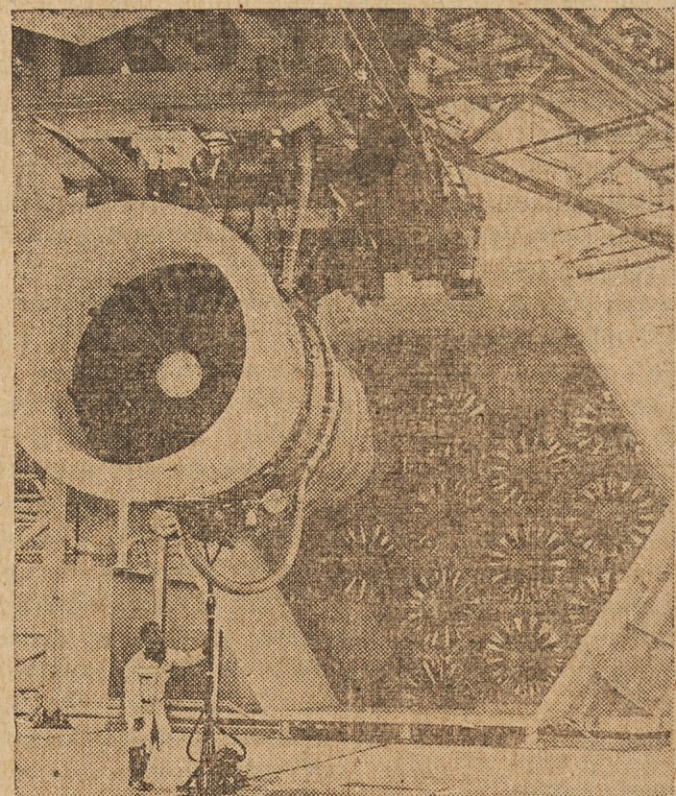
Indijska revščina

NEW DELHI, Ind. — Indija je bila "biser" Britanskega imperija, od tam so prihajala v Britanijo ogromna bogastva, tja je šel velik del britanskega industrijskega blaga. Seveda tudi tedaj v Indiji ni manjkalo revščine, le ni bila tako vidna in svet ni za njo vedel.

Po 27 letih neodvisnosti je Indija ena izmed najrevnejših dežel sveta, od blizu 600 milijonov njenih prebivalcev jih živi dve tretjini, torej 400 milijonov pod ravnijsko revščine. Ti ljudje imajo za svoje življenje povprečno mesečno le 50 rupij ali po našem — \$6.57!



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