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## RAZNO IZ AMERIKE IN INOZEMSTVA

ZASEDANJE KONGRESA  
Zvezni kongres se je dne 3. januarja sešel k rednemu zasedanju. Predsednik Roosevelt je dozvolil, da zasedanje za takoj, da je osebno prisel v zbornico in prečital svojo poslanico. Njegov govor, ki je bil oddajan tudi na radio, je zbulil ugoden odmev po vsej deželi. Edino veliki kapital se je najbrž strinjal z njim. Posebno državom je bil zaključek, kjer je dejal, da administracija ni zato, da bi se pustilo ljudstvo za cedilu in da kongres tega gotovo ne bo storil.

### BREZPOSELNOST

Sredi novembra je bilo odrejeno prvo prostovoljno štetje brezposelnih v Zedinjenih državah. Administrator tega štetja je bil John D. Biggers iz Toleida, O., ki je te dni objavil izid števila. Sredi novembra lanskoga leta se je prijavilo 7,822,912 ljudi, kar je za večino bilo prostovoljno in brezposelnih. To štetje je bilo prostovoljno in brezposelnih, saj so se prijavili ali pa ne, kar so hoteli. Števci so vsled v gotovih mestih izvršili število od hiše do hiše, in to je pokazalo, da je bilo potem prostovoljno prijave brezposelnih le okrog 72 procentov pravilno. Na podlagi tega je bilo sredji novembra v deželi 10,800,000 brezposelnih delavcev. Zdaj jih je najbrž skoraj dva več.

**VELIKI BUSINESS**  
Harold I. Ickes, zvezni tajnik v Zedinjenih državah, je pretekli teden svojem radio govoru ostro pozval veliki business, da naj posluje sedanje zakone, sicer pa labko pričakuje še dosti postave in regulacije. Podaril je, da hoče Zedinjenim državam vladati 60 bogatih družin, toda nad 120 milijonov državljanov, kar je ameriški narod tega ne more gledati. Veliki business, ki ga predstavlja omenjenih družin, je zapričel "s sedežem strankom" in povzročil sejno depresijo.

**KONTROLA BOGASTVA**  
V Zedinjenih državah je 60 malo ali skupin, ki kontrolira vse bogastvo te dejavnosti. Manjši kapitalisti so odzeli od teh skupin. Na prvem mestu je Rockefellerjeva skupina 21 oseb, katerih bogastvo se nad 100 milijonov dolarjev. Morganova skupina 34 oseb, Fordova družina dveh oseb, 660 milijonov itd. Revne med šestdesetimi dinastijami kontrolira 30 milijonov dolarjev. Milijonarji sploh ne pridejo do stvari v poště, ker mogu plesati kot hoče "višjih" finančnih orjakov.

**PODPORA BREZPOSELNIKOM**  
S končetkom tega leta je 21 držav naše Unije pričelo izplačevati našem brezposelnim podporo. V to svrhu se je doslej zbralih 500 milijonov dolarjev. Nepravilni delavci in delodajalci očitno določenih prispevkov od strani države so sprejele to, da je zadrževala zavarovalnina, ki podpira ali izplačujeva pozneje.

**MALO IZGUBE**  
Federativna vlada, ki je garantirala bančna posojila za popravitev na 2. strani

## OSKRBA CVETLIC V SOBAH

V božični sezoni se za sezonska darila razdeli mnogo rastlin in cvetelič rastlin v lončkih. Tu in tam pridejo te rastline v hiše, kjer gospodinja veda, kako jim streči. Drugod pa ljudje ne vedo kako ravnavati z novimi in nepoznanimi rastlinskimi gosti, in posledica je, da rastline prezgodijo zvenijo ali se posušijo. Vsaka hišna gospodinja pa bi nedvomno rada obdržala za sezonska darila prejete cvetelič kar mogoče dolgo lepe in žive.

Da toliko božičnih cvetelič v sobah prezgodaj umrje, je največkrat vzrok pregorak in presuh zrak. Ponekod jim škoduje tudi dim iz peči in gorilni plin. V stanovanjskih sobah navadno znaša zračna temperatura na 70 stopinj, kar je za večino staršev nima nikakega vpliva na vaše stanje. Oni, ki so prišli pred dnem 1. julija 1924 nezakonitom potom, niso podvrženi deportaciji; kdo je kasneje prišel na tak način, ne more postati ameriški državljan in je podvoden deportaciji.

Znana božična cvetlica ciklama (cyclamen) najdalje uspeva v sobi, kjer gorkota ne presegajo 50 stopinj. Zalivati jo je treba malo. Ko listje zvene, naj se pusti rastlino brez zalivanja, da se posuši z zemljo vred. Potem se od gomoljike odstrani zemlja in se jo spravi v hladni in vlažni kleti do spomladni; pri tem se ne sme nič zalivati. Spomladni se gomoljika posadi v lonček, ki naj se postavi v kak napol zasenčen prostor vrtu, kjer ostane do jeseni.

Za acaleje (azaleas) velja enaka temperatura kot za ciklamo. Rastlina ne potrebuje preveč sonca, toda prenese do zalivanja, samo skrbeti je treba, da voda v lončku ne zastaja. Spomladni se rastlina z lončkom vred posadi na prostu, v jeseni pa se spet prenese v sobo.

Poinsetije (poinsettias) ljubijo stalno gorkoto okrog 70 stopinj in sončno okno. Zemlja v lončkih naj bo vlažna, toda ne premokra. Pri primerni oskrbi ostanejo rastline zeleno več tednov. Ko začne listje odpadati, naj se rastline prenese v teman in hladen prostor, kjer pa ne sme zmrzovati; v tem stanju se jih zaliže le enkrat na teden. Spomladni se jih z lončki vred posadi na vrt, kjer rabijo mnogo sonca in zalivanja. V jeseni pa se jih spet prenese v sobo.

Jeruzalemske črešnje (Jerusalem cherries) uspevajo pri gorkoti 50 stopinj, na sončnem oknu. Ko listje odpade, naj se jim vejice kratko prirežejo in zaliva naj se jih le malo. Spomladni se jih z lončki vred posadi na prostu, kjer ostanejo do jeseni.

Kakteje (cactus) ljubijo hladna severna okna. Zaliva se jih le po dvakrat na teden. Primule (primroses) najbolje uspevajo pri gorkoti od 50 do 60 stopinj. Zadostuje jim malo sonca in malo zalivanja.

Za večino rastlin, ki so bile vzgojene v rastlinjakih, je navadno zrak v stanovanjskih sobah pregorak in presuh. Kdor je že kdaj v kakem rastlinjaku, ve, da je tam zralo vlaženje. Le za juke, agave, kakteje in druge puščavsko rastline, ki so doma iz suhih krajev, velja izjema.

Gospodinje tudi dostikrat delajo napake s tem, da rastline v sobah preveč zalivajo. Pozimi težko prenaša skoro vsaka rastlina in marsikatera začne rumeneti in giniti vsled tega. Poslej slabo je, če voda v cveteličnih lončkih zasta, to je, da nima dobrega odtoka. Večina rastlin v sobah prenese bolje (Dalje na 2. strani)

## PROBLEMI PRISELJENCA

Vprašanje: Prišel sem 1. 1927 kot mornar, dezertiral ladijo in ostal v tej deželi brez dovoljenja priseljeni oblasti. Ta moj oče, kakor moja mati sta ameriški državljan. Bil sem tedaj 24 let star. Kako naj postarem ameriški državljan?

Odgovor: Ne morete postati. Poleg tega ste podvrženi deportaciji neglede kako dolgo ste v Ameriki. Res je sicer, da so bili v kongresu večkrat predloženi zakonski načrti, ki bi dovolili legalizacijo bivanja za one, ki so več kot deset let v tej deželi, ali dosedaj ni kongres storil nicenskih.

Vtisk: Istotam se bo v soboto 29.

januarja vršila plesna veselica ženskega društva št. 230 JSKJ.

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Plesno veselico za soboto 29.

januarja vršila plesna veselica ženskega društva št. 149 JSKJ v Canonsburgu, Pa.

Vtisk: Postoja se bo v dvorani društva Postojnska jama.

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Federacija društev JSKJ v

državi Ohio je zborovala v nedeljo 2. januarja v Clevelandu, O.

Zastopanih je bilo 8 društav.

Za leto 1938 je bil izvoljen sledi-

o: John Ujeich iz Barbertona, predsednik; John P.

Lunka iz Clevelandu in Louis

Balant iz Loraina, podpredsednik;

John Opeka iz Barbertona, tajnik in zapisnikar; Ana

Erbežnik iz Clevelandu, blagajničarka; Stanley Lauter iz Bar-

bertona ter John Kardell in

Mary Bradač iz Clevelandu, nadzorniki. Prihodnje zborovanje

federacije se bo vršilo prvo

nedeljo v marecu v Barbertonu,

Ohio.

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V La Sallu, Ill., sta se dne 25.

decembra poročila Anthony

Kastigar, Jr., in Miss Evelyn Fos-

ter. Sobrat Anthony Kastigar je

blagajnik društva št. 3 JSKJ

in je kot delegat zastopal ome-

njenje društva na 15. redni kon-

venski v marcu v Barbertonu. Bilo

srečno!

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V Brooklynu, N. Y., je dne 11.

decembra umrl Alojz Gregorin,

star 75 let, član društva št. 50

JSKJ.

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Domu na St. Clair Ave., je bil

za leto 1938 izvoljen sledi-

o: William Candon, predsednik;

Charles Samsa, podpredsednik;

Joseph Kess, knjižničar;

Anton Kess, korespondenčni tajnik in zapisnikar; Louis

Dular, finančni tajnik; John

Lončar, pomožni knjižničar;

Charles Samsa, Jacob Čič in

Frank Glač, nadzorniki.

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Dramsko društvo "Ivan Kan-

kar" v Clevelandu, O., bc v nedeljo

16. januarja vprizorilo

igro "Na Trški gori," lepo tri-

dejanko s petjem.

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pošte. To korespondenco odpi-

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V božičnem času se kajpak

predsednikova pošta še silno po-

veča. Takrat prihajajo tudi za-

vitki z božičnimi darili za pred-

sednika in njegovo družino:

pletene nogavice, jopicice, pregrinjala,

ročno izrezljani modeli

ladij, orehi in vsakovrstno

drugo sadje, pecivo, purani,

črni, sružni itd. Večji del jesti-

vin, ki se ne morejo porabiti v

predsednikovi kuhanji, se razdeli-

lokalnim bolnišnicam in drugim

dobrodelenim zavodom.

(Dalje na 2. strani)

## DRUŠTVE IN DRUGE SLOVENSKE VESTI

V Chisholmu, Minn., se bo v soboto 22. januarja vršila plesna veselica društva št. 30 JSKJ. Prostor prireditve: Mahnetova dvorana.

Istotam se bo v soboto 29. januarja vršila plesna veselica ženskega društva št. 230 JSKJ.

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Plesno veselico za soboto 29.

januarja vršila plesna veselica ženskega društ

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## V PRIČETKU LETA

Novo leto 1938 je šele par dni staro. Zimski sončni obrat pa je bil dosežen že pred štirinajstimi dnevi in severna zemeljska polobla, na kateri živimo, se že od takrat nagiba nazaj proti soncu. Z vsakim dnem bo dobivala več svetlobe in več gorkote in čež nekaj mesecev se bo odela s pomladnim zelenjem in cvetjem. Dobro je, da se na to spomnimo že zdaj, da bomo lažje prenašali zimsko puščobo, ki nas bo še v prihodnjih tednih trapi. V pričakovovanju sonca in pomladi se bo preko naših src različno razpoloženje, ki je prvi pogoj za uspehe v naših podvzetjih, pa tudi neizogibni pogoj za kultiviranje pravega bratstva, prijateljstva in človečanstva.

Novo leto prinaša vsakemu izmed nas nova dela. Na prvi pogled se nam sicer zdi, da po večini opravljamo stara dela, kar pa ni resnica. Vsako delo, katero izvršimo, ni bilo še nikoli prej opravljeno, torej mora biti novo. Gospodinji, ki dan za dan pripravlja hrano za svojo družino, se tudi zdi, da je njeno delo staro, vendar mora vsaki dan preskrbeti novih jestvin in jih na novo pripraviti za hrano. Tistega kar je bilo včeraj na mizi, danes ni več.

Delavec, ki dela v tovarni avtomobilov, ima morda danes slično delo, kakršno je imel včeraj ali lansko leto, toda v resnici je njegovo delo novo. Avtomobili, k izdelavi katerih je lansko leto prispeval, so morda letos že razbiti; zdaj izdeluje nove sestavne dele ali sestavlja novo avtomobile.

Urednik tega listajima tudi letos popolnoma novo delo, dasi je na gotov način slično lanskemu. Vsaka črka je na novo zapisana, vsak članek je na novo sestavljen, gradivo za vse spise je bilo treba najti na novo. Kar je bilo priobčeno lani ali kar je bilo priobčeno pred tem, naj je bilo dobro ali slabo, ne more biti priobčeno v današnji izdaji.

Uradniki naših društev bodo vodili seje letos več noma na sličen način kot so jih vodili lansko leto. Toda na sejah bodo novi problemi, ki jih bo treba reševati. Tajniki bodo pobirali asesmente, kakor so jih lani, toda za plačevanje istih bo treba novega denarja, ki bo vknjižen v nove kolone. Zapisnikarji bodo pisali zapisnike z novo vsebino na nove strani.

Naša J. S. K. Jednota je vstopila letos v štirideseto leto svoje starosti. Tudi to je novo, kajti še nikoli tekom svojega obstoja ni naša organizacija obhajala take oblethicne. Pri štiridesetih letih je človek v svoji najboljši moški dobi, vsaj tako pravijo. Za našo Jednoto pa smo gotovi, da še nikdar ni bila tako močna niti po članstvu niti po premoženju niti po ugledu. In za enkrat ni nobenega vzroka, da bi se njena moč z leti manjšala, ampak se bo večala, ako bomo hoteli in ako ne bo kake nepredvidene zapreke.

Štiridesetnica naše Jednote je važen jubilej, katerega bo vsekakor treba dostojno proslaviti. Ta proslava naj bo taka, da bo dvignila moč, ugled in priljubljenost organizacije. Nedvomno se bodo v tem letu vrstile jubileju primerne slavnosti, ki jih bodo organizirala posamezna društva ali pa skupine društev v enem ali drugem okolišu. Take slavnosti so za Jednoto dobra reklama, ker nosijo njene ime med nečlane in ker dvigajo lojalnost in aktivnost članstva. Tem proslavam se bo pridružila tudi kampanja za pridobivanje novih članov.

Kakšen bo sistem naše jubilejne kampanje, za enkrat še ni določeno. O tem bo razpravljal in sklepal glavni odbor, ki se bo čez par tednov zbral k letnemu zborovanju. Vsekakor smemo upati, da bo ta bodoča kampanja po svojem sistemu nekaj novega in privlačnega, ki bo razgibal naše članstvo, kakor sta ga razgibali zadnji dve uspešni kampanji, ali pa še bolj. Naš glavni odbor ne veruje v dolge in razylečene kampanje, ampak v kratke in žive, kakršni sta bili zadnji dve.

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Glavnemu odboru je po pravilih naložena dolžnost skrbeti za napredok Jednote v vseh ozirih, in lahko se trdi, da se je doslej te dolžnosti v polni meri zavedal in jo skušal izvrevati po najboljših možnostih. Od druge strani je pa tudi treba priznati članstvu, da je v tem oziroma privlačnosti iste bodo pa članstvu sporočene, kakor hitro se bo glavni odbor sporazumel za najprimernejši načrt.

Vpričo-tega smemo upati, da se bo članstvo tudi to pot odzvalo klicu glavnega odbora in bo dvignilo zastavo J. S. K. Jednote tako visoko, kot še ni vihrala nikdar prej v njeni častni zgodbini. In za njeno štiridesetletnico se tu spodbodi!

## VŠAK PO SVOJE

(Nadaljevanje s 1. strani)

Japonci, ki so ob priliki potopu ameriške topničarke Panay s strojnimi puškami strelišali na Američane, kateri so se s potapljačočega se parnika skušali v čolnih rešiti na suho, se zdaj izgovarjajo, da so jih pozdravljali s svincem, ker so mislili, da so Kitajci. To je verjetno, saj če Američani dolgo časa žive na Kitajskem, morda res postanejo Kitajcem podobni. Saj tudi Slovenci, ki žive dolgo v Ameriki, postanejo Američanom podobni. Pa recite, da ne!

V vsaki božični sezoni se napiše mnogo sentimentalnih vzdihov na račun lepote božičnih spominov. V resnici pa je vse lepo, kar nas spominja na kaj lepega, posebno če so tistim spominom pridruženi tudi spomihi na mladost.

Božična melodijsa nas spominja božičnih mikavnosti, ki so nam dvigale mlada srca. Zdi se nam lepa, ker nas spominja na nekaj lepega in ljubega, kar je bilo nekoč.

Rojak, ki je v preteklem poletju obiskal Jugoslavijo, Italijo in še nekatere druge evropske države, je po povratku pripravoval, da ko je pri neki priliki v večjem evropskem mestu godba zaigrala ameriško himno, somu od ginjenosti stopile solze v oči. Himna mu je vzbudila spomin na Ameriko "the beautiful", na deželo svobode, katero je vzljubil.

Več ko dvajset let je preteklo od takrat, ko sta bili v tej deželi popularni popevki "Red Wing" in "Silver threads among the gold." Dandanes se le ob redkih prilikah sliši katero od cmenjenih popevk ali melodij, toda kadarkoli jo slišim, me objame neka sladka sentimentalnost in spomin me ponese v idilične kraje našega zapada, kjer sem omenjeni popevki prvič poslušal, in to v družbi, ki mi je bila nad vse draga in prijetna. Ne gre se toliko za melodijo ali besedilo pesmi, ampak za to, v katerih zvezni je z našim srečem.

Božičevanje slovenskih otrok v Ameriki je drugačno, kot je bilo naše, ko smo bili otroci v starem kraju Klub temu pa ni dvoma, da imajo tukajšnji otroci pri božičevanju prav toliko užitka kot smo ga imeli mi nekoč. In v poznejših letih se bodo sentimentalno spominjali vesela in zabav, ki so jih bili deležni za božič, za halloween ali pa ob drugih prilikah.

Ce mislimo, da današnje božičevanje ni več tisto kot je bilo, se motimo. Le mi nismo več tisti. Za otroke pa je vedno lepo in veselo božičevanje, halloween ali velikonočevanje, naj se vrši v kateri koli obliki, ker imajo v svojih srčih največji praznik sveta, praznik mladosti. A. J. T.

## PROBLEMI PRISE-LJENCA

(Nadaljevanje s 1. strani)

prošnjo pri priseljeniškem in naturalizacijskem k o misarju na tiskovini Form 2400. Prošnji je treba priložiti dve slike in Money Order za \$5.00. Ni nikakega izpita v takem slučaju, ali prisilec mora zapričeči zvestbo v seveda priložiti dokazila o svojem sorodstvu in starosti.

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vo in modernizacijo hiš za več ko 560 milijonov dolarjev, je do 1. decembra lani utrpela samo nekaj nad šest milijonov dolarjev izgube, to je malo več kot en odstotek. Federal Housing Administration, ki upravlja to odpomožno akcijo, torej ne pričakovan dobro vrši svoje

## MALO ZNANA POEST

(Nadaljevanje s 1. strani)

mostojnost tudi Puerto Ricu, aka se prebivalstvo otoka za to odločno zavzemalo.

Izklučeno pa tudi ni, da postane Puerto Rico nekoč polovredna država naše Unije. V zvezno držav želite vstopiti tudi Hawaii in Alaska. Če se to zgodi bo naša Unija štela 51 držav in na ameriški zastavi se bo blestelo 51 zvezd.

## OBOROŽEVANJE?

Ves razvoj dogodkov kaže, da se bodo Zedinjene države začele resno oboroževati. Več let po zaključku svetovne vojne je Amerika apelirala na veleslo za zmanjšanje oboroževanja, toda dosegla je malo ali nič. Zadnja leta pa se skoro vse velike in male države sveta oborožujejo z veliko naglico in zdi se, da je nova svetovna vojna neizogibna. Situacija je postala posebno resna zaradi vojne na Kitajskem. Amerika je vsled tega začela posvečati posebno skrb svoji vojni mornarici in letalsvitu.

Rojak, ki je v preteklem poletju obiskal Jugoslavijo, Italijo in še nekatere druge evropske države, je po povratku pripravoval, da ko je pri neki priliki v večjem evropskem mestu godba zaigrala ameriško himno, somu od ginjenosti stopile solze v oči. Himna mu je vzbudila spomin na Ameriko "the beautiful", na deželo svobode, katero je vzljubil.

Več ko dvajset let je preteklo od takrat, ko sta bili v tej deželi popularni popevki "Red Wing" in "Silver threads among the gold." Dandanes se le ob redkih prilikah sliši katero od cmenjenih popevk ali melodij, toda kadarkoli jo slišim, me objame neka sladka sentimentalnost in spomin me ponese v idilične kraje našega zapada, kjer sem omenjeni popevki prvič poslušal, in to v družbi, ki mi je bila nad vse draga in prijetna. Ne gre se toliko za melodijo ali besedilo pesmi, ampak za to, v katerih zvezni je z našim srečem.

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## New Era

AMPLIFYING THE VOICE OF THE ENGLISH SPEAKING MEMBERS

### Current Thought

#### Necessary Changes

In recent years, the various state legislatures have been amending laws governing the insurance business conducted within its own state. These amendments have been instituted primarily to protect the people insured from wildcat and dishonest institutions.

When we look back upon some of the extinct individual lodges, whose treasury strained to meet its contractual obligations, based upon insufficient tables of assessments, we find that the various state laws imposed upon the insurance companies and fraternals have striven to protect the individual insured. While undoubtedly the independent society consisting of one local may have had good intentions when it was organized, subsequent developments brought out many shortcomings. Too often, no satisfactory adjustment could be made, and of course the independent quietly faded away.

Those fraternals who were honest enough with themselves to see the handwriting on the wall, amended their by-laws sufficiently to enable them to meet the contractual obligations as they arose. Others insisted on following blindly the road to extinction.

Many insurance companies also promised too much in return for the rates paid in by the insuree. Result of some of the investigations brought out the incredible fact that some outfits never intended to fully meet their obligations. A closer reading of the terms of the contract disclosed very little protection, and not at all the multitudinous protections promised by the salesman.

Hence, it has been shown that the great majority of amendments to the insurance codes have gradually separated the good from the bad. If the institution promising protection was established on a firm and practical basis, a few changes to comply with the amended code strengthened rather than weakened that institution.

Last month our supreme secretary reported that beginning with January 1, 1938 our SSCU lodge secretaries located in the State of Ohio will have to use a supplementary list of tables of assessments for all new members accepted into the Union after the New Year. It is understood that these additional sheets, emanating from the home office, will be attached to the by-laws.

The Ohio State Legislature felt duty bound to amend the insurance code; namely, to insist on all fraternals doing business in Ohio to adjust their rates of assessments to meet the 3½% interest assumption of American Experience Table of Mortality. Until two or three years ago, reserve funds of our Union could be safely invested to yield a 5% or 6% return; today, according to the records in our home office, investments yield but 3% or 3½%.

Other amendments to the insurance codes in force in various states will be made as time goes along. The laws governing fraternals and insurance companies need changes from year to year to meet existing conditions. Like other forms of practical business, the field of insurance requires adjustment from time to time.

#### Lodge No. 147

#### Lodge No. 200

Canon City, Colo. — All members of lodge Triglav, No. 147, are requested to attend the special and regular meeting to be held on Sunday, January 9, in Pierce's hall, commencing at 10:30 a. m. This special meeting is called to elect a new secretary for our branch. As I stated at the time of my election to the office of secretary, I am leaving town to go to school. I am very sorry that I could not remain as secretary for a longer time before leaving. The regular meeting of our lodge also will be held at this time.

I take this opportunity to wish the supreme officers and all members of the SSCU a very happy and prosperous New Year.

John Suxman Jr., sec'y

#### Lodge No. 2

Ely, Minn. — Members of Sacred Heart of Jesus lodge, No. 2, SSCU are hereby notified that during the year 1938 our regular monthly meetings will be held on the second Sunday of the month, at the Jugoslav National Home, commencing at 4 p. m.

Louis Perushek, Sec'y

#### George Washington Members Note

Cleveland, O. — A happy and prosperous new year to everyone. Along with the many resolutions that people make for each coming year, I think the one about attending SSCU lodge meetings deserves a preferred spot on the list of resolutions. Looking back at the old year—maybe it didn't look so good, nevertheless there is a new year, so let's all try harder to get together oftener, seek and extend cooperation, pay visits to some of our member-friends whom we have neglected during 1937, help the lodge board by giving them your cooperation, and attend the monthly lodge meetings. Included in our resolution should be a determination to contribute our efforts to effect a large membership, a larger lodge and a larger organization. Hence, let's all get together and give the new year a big push. In behalf of the George Washington Lodge, I extend a very happy new year to all.

John F. Kardell,  
No. 180, SSCU

#### SSCU Joliet Ladies

Joliet, Ill. — "Santa Claus is coming to town." Such was the spirit of the Ladies of SSCU, especially of our genial hostess, Miss Anne Jevitz, on the evening of Dec. 22.

The home was artistically decorated in Christmas effect.

Shortly after the guests had arrived, (the verse written at the beginning of this article proved to be quite correct) and much to our surprise, Santa Claus actually did come to town; he distributed very appropriate gifts to each member with a little note attached to each gift. Of course we were asked by our hostess not to take things seriously for it was all in fun (perhaps it's a good thing it was all in fun. What do you say, girls?)

We also had a Christmas exchange of which Santa was in charge. Santa was impersonated by a very intimate friend of Miss Jevitz, namely Miss Leona Lauric.

For entertainment, our hostess very cleverly arranged suitable games in keeping with the Yuletide season. Prizes were awarded to Miss Elizabeth Jevitz, Mrs. Frank E. Vranichar and Miss Lucille Kosick.

Later the guests assembled in the dining room where luncheon was served at a long lace-covered table with red and green lighted tapers at either end. The centerpiece, place cards, napkins as well as the menu were carried out in Christmas effect.

Our next hostess will be Mrs. John L. Jevitz Jr. She will entertain on January 26, at her home.

Lucille M. Jevitz

#### He Had One

Georgia Lawyer (to colored prisoner)—"Well, Rastus, so you want me to defend you? Have you got any money?"

Rastus—"No, suh, I hain't got no money, but I got 1922 Fo'd cah."

Lawyer—"Well, you can raise money on that. Now let's see—just what do they accuse you of stealing?"

Rastus—"A 1922 Fo'd cah."

#### Common Ailment

"Johnson has matrimonial dyspepsia."

"What's that?"

"His wife doesn't agree with him."

#### The Unusual Way

"How's the party?"

"Oh, it's been nip and tuck all the evening."

"What do you mean, nip and tuck?"

"Well, first we had one nip and then we tuck another."

#### BRIEFS

#### Eight lodges were represented

at the first meeting for 1938 of the Ohio Federation of SSCU lodges. Held at the annex of the Slovene National Home of Cleveland, Sunday, January 2, the representatives elected officers for 1938 and adopted a set of by-laws governing the federation. John Ujciec of Barberton was elected president; Louis Ballant of Ohio, first vice-president; John P. Lunka, of Cleveland, second vice-president; John Opeka, of Barberton, financial and recording secretary; Anna Erbeznik, of Cleveland, treasurer; and Stanley Lauter of Barberton, John Kardell of Cleveland and Mary Bradac of Cleveland, trustees. The next meeting will be held on Sunday, March 6, at Barberton, O.

**Anthony Kastigar, Jr., of La Salle, Ill., and Miss Evelyn Foster were married on December 25th. The groom is treasurer of Lodge No. 3, SSCU, and also was delegate to the 15th SSCU quadrennial convention held in Cleveland, in 1936. The bride and groom now reside in Peru, Ill.**

**Colorado Sunshine Lodge, No. 201, SSCU of Denver, Colo., will hold its annual dance on Saturday, February 5, at the local Slovene Hall.**

**Citizenship classes** for residents of Cleveland opened a new term on January 3, following a two-week holiday vacation. Classes are conducted by the Citizens' Bureau, 302 Marshall Bldg., a Community Fund agency, in 16 locations throughout the city. These classes are for men and women who have taken out first papers and who wish to prepare for the final examination for second papers.

**Roster of SSCU national athletic board** is incomplete due to the failure of some lodge secretaries to forward the names of athletic supervisors elected at the December annual meetings. Will the secretaries of such lodges who have elected athletic supervisors please forward the names and addresses to Nova Doba, 6233 St. Clair Ave., Cleveland, O.

**On January 29th, Center Ramblers Lodge, No. 221, SSCU will observe its seventh anniversary with a dance in the Slovene Hall of Center, Pa.**

**On January 15th, the Cleveland Inter-Lodge League** will hold its Tenth Anniversary Dance and Community Reunion, at the St. Clair National Home. Gene Beecher and his orchestra will provide the music.

**On January 22d, Lodge No. 30, SSCU of Chisholm, Minn., will hold a dance at Mahne's hall.**

**On January 29, ladies' Lodge No. 230, SSCU will hold a dance at Mahne's hall.**

#### Easily Patched Up

"What are you doing now?"

"I have found a new circus turn—the friendship of a lion and a goat."

"But aren't there quarrels between them?"

"Oh, yes, they have their little quarrels, but then we buy a new goat."

#### Betsy Ross Meeting

Cleveland, O. — The regular meeting of Betsy Ross Lodge, No. 186, SSCU will be held on Monday, January 10, at the Slovene Workingmen's Home on Waterloo Rd.

All members are requested to note that our lodge will hold a meeting on every second Monday of the month during 1938, instead of the second Thursday. Reason for the change is to make it more convenient for the members to attend the meetings.

It is your duty to attend this meeting, as officers for the year 1938 shall be installed. Entertainment in the form of a party will follow the order of business.

Meeting will commence promptly at 7:30 p. m.

Stork paid a visit to two members of our lodge and left them a baby girl. Congratulations, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ueman.

Here's hoping that the year 1938 will be a prosperous one for all members of the SSCU.

John P. Lunka, Sec'y

#### Christmas Party In Gowanda

Gowanda, N. Y. — The five lodges of the Slovene Hall, which includes the Pathfinder lodge, No. 222, SSCU held a joint Christmas party for juvenile members on Thursday, December 23. A short program under the direction of Mrs. Jenny Anderson, retiring president of the Pathfinder lodge, was enjoyed by many adults as well as children. The program consisted of the following.

1. Group singing my mixed chorus, accompanied by Robert Palcic, Eleanor Matekovich, Elizabeth Andolsek, Irene Bonk, Phyllis Pine, Dorothy Kern, Sylvie Korbar, Josephine Korbar, Richard Klancer, Joseph Leonard, John Matekovich, Jr., William and Charles Andolsek, Joseph Widgay, Mary Stibl, Agnes and Anna Voncina, Violet Widgay, Anna Pine, Frances Smrke.

2. Poem, "Santa's Mistake," William and Elizabeth Andolsek.

3. Poem, "My Dollie," Eleanor Matekovich.

4. Poem, "Family Troubles," Mary Stibl.

5. Poem, "Looks Like Pa," Joseph Widgay.

6. Poem, "The Small Stocking," Irene Bonk.

7. Poem, "Fooling St. Nick," Richard Klancer.

8. Poem, "Belsnikel," Frances Smrke.

9. Pantomime, "Santa's Mistake," Violet Widgay, read by Jenny Anderson.

10. Poem by nine little girls, "The Nicest Day of the Year."

11. A song and poem in Slovene, Josephine Stich.

12. Accordion solos "Silent Night" and a Slovene song, Richard Klancer.

13. Characterization of an Italian viewing his first baseball game, John Matekovich, Jr.

14. Songs and accordion solos by Leon Hines.

Announcer, John Matekovich,

Jr.

Santa Claus, George Luine,

Sr.

Presents and candy were distributed to juvenile members, a total of 110 presents given out.

As a surprise, the committee in charge of gifts and candy gave out presents to various adults

#### Report On Col. Sunshine Lodge

Denver, Colo. — At the annual meeting of Colorado Sunshine Lodge, No. 201, SSCU, held December 19, the following officers were elected for the year 1938: George Hranchak, pres.; Millie Erickson, vice-pres.; Chas. H. Chitwood, sec'y; Mary Zgajnar, rec. sec'y; Margaret Smole, treas.; Dr. E. A. Imbro, 4670 Brighton Blvd., lodge examiner; Joe Mishash, Joe Cesar and Louis Pozelnik, trustees; and Joe Mishash, sergeant-at-arms.

In charge of entertainment is Joe Cesar. Incidentally, George Hranchak, Margaret Smole and Mary Zgajnar were re-elected to their offices for 1938. They have served the lodge well in the past, and we hope they will continue their good work.

Don't forget that your assessments are to be paid to Mary Veloski, our 1938 secretary, before the first of each month.

Let's get behind the new officers and extend to them our fullest cooperation and support for the coming year.

Third supreme vice-president, Frank Okoren, was a visitor at our last meeting. Bro. Okoren gave a fine talk and some sound advice. At this time we wish to extend to him our sincere thanks for his visit, and we hope to see him continue his good work for the SSCU.

Plans were formulated at our last meeting for our annual anniversary dance, which is scheduled to take place on February 5th, at the Slovene Hall. We hope to have the tickets out soon, and take this opportunity to invite you to our dance. Tickets may be secured from our members. Therefore, be sure and reserve Saturday night, February 5, 1938, for our dance. A good time awaits the guests. More news about this dance later.

The board of trustees will meet Sunday, January 9, at 2 p. m., at the home of Millie Erickson, to check over the books for the last quarter, ending December 31.

I hope that all members will attend our next meeting which will take place on January 16, 1938, at 4:30 p. m., in the Slovene Hall.

Chas. H. Chitwood, vice-president

#### Lodge 116 Seeking Match Games

Delmont, Pa. — On December 19th, SSCU Lodge No. 116 of Delmont, Pa., organized a bowling team. At this time an invitation is extended to all Pennsylvania bowling teams to communicate with the undersigned for future match games.

Athletic supervisors of SSCU lodge bowling teams situated in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania are requested to get in touch with:

Rudolph Fisher,  
R. F. D. No. 2, Export, Pa.

#### No Time to Ponder

Cockney Woman (charged with assaulting her husband)—"I asked 'im if 'e loved me, an' 'e was so long thinkin' about it that I 'it 'im with a mop."

in the lodges. Upon opening the packages, small baby dolls were found with typewritten notes tied around their necks, reading "We Want More Members."

Music and refreshments were then enjoyed in the lower hall.

Jenny Anderson  
No. 222, SSCU

#### Trailing With The Pathfinders

Gowanda, N. Y. — At the last meeting for 1937, Pathfinders elected officers for the year 1938. Our 1937 president introduced a new form of nomination, which certainly was an improvement over the previous method. Here are the results: Anthony Sternisha, pres.; Ruby Majcen, vice-pres.; Mary Veloski, sec'y; George Veloski, treas.

Listen, fellow members! We have a splendid captain, but remember that half of the success depends on the crew.

Don't forget that your assessments are to be paid to Mary Veloski, our 1938 secretary, before the first of each month.

Five lodges, including our Pathfinders, joined hands and celebrated Christmas on December 23d. Held primarily to bring joy to the hearts of kidd

**Our Supreme Officers****ELECTRONS, SPARKS "N" FLASHES****By Little Stan**

Ely, Minn.—Distinction of being the first woman to hold a supreme office in our SSCU—that of being supreme vice-president, and since 1932 a member of the supreme judiciary committee goes to Mrs. Rose Svetich, who was born in Ely, Minnesota—the city where our wonderful organization was founded way back in 1898!



Born and raised in this northern Minnesota city—the Home of the South Slavonic Catholic Union, Sis. Svetich has watched this wonderful fraternal organization grow until it has become the best fraternal unit in the United States. She has been a member of the SSCU for 20 years. She received complete public and high school education in Ely, Minnesota; is married, and mother of two children, both members of the SSCU.

She is a member of Lodge 120, SSCU, and has held the position of secretary for 14 years. Lodge No. 120 is one of the most active ladies' lodges in Ely. Twice, she was elected to SSCU conventions, being elected to the supreme judiciary at Indianapolis in 1932. In 1928, when delegates gathered in Ely for the 13th conclave, Mrs. Svetich was named on the judiciary committee, and elected alternate to the supreme vice president.

During the first and second juvenile conventions held in Ely in 1935 and 1937, Mrs. Svetich was a member of hard-working committees preparing for the event. While the conventions were in session, her job was always to keep the happy young delegates together; to keep a sharp lookout for the safety of the young juveniles so that they could return safely to their homes and parents when the conclaves adjourned. And she did a fine job.

Besides preparing meals for the family and taking care of her household, Mrs. Svetich is also active in a nationally-known social organization, the Parent-Teachers Association. She holds the position of president in one of the six local units.

At the juvenile convention, Mrs. Svetich will tell you: "A successful juvenile convention means success towards a greater SSCU. Here in Ely, our field for enrolling new members was limited because nearly everyone is already a member. We worked hard, and qualified Sis. Amelia Kordsec. We didn't stop there, but continued to enroll new members, but time was short, and the campaign was over, and we lacked a few to qualify the second delegate from Lodge No. 120."

**Electrons, Sparks "N" Flashes****By Stan Progar**

Springdale, Pa.—Glancing over a few of the past issues of Nova Doba, I discovered this: The scribes can be classed as regular, occasional and annual.

The scribes of the regular class, I am sorry to report, are few and far between. Only three to be exact. The everfaithful will be remembered as the juveniles' pal from Ely, none other than Little Stan, the "did you know that" girl from Cleveland, Anna Prosen, and our fair tourist from Cleveland, Doris Marie Birtic. It is needless to add that these are doing a fine job and that those that fall in the next two classes should try to bolster the membership in the aforementioned regular class.

In the occasional class will be formed the "I'll write when I feel like it" group. Among the more prominent are: F. J. Progar, Joe Golicic, P. J. Oblock, Edward Glavic, Jennie Cikulin, Jennie Anderson, J. F. Kardell, J. P. Lunka, and a fellow known as Stan Progar (writer of this article). Now, in this group there are two scribes that should elevate themselves to the regular class because their write-ups have won them friends and followers from coast to coast. Their work is a credit to the Nova Doba and an asset to the SSCU. So, what's say, F. J. and Joe Golicic, how about being regular writers as well as regular fellows.

But this shouldn't stop the rest of us from joining the thinning ranks of regular scribes. All you have to do is to take your 40th Anniversary Calendar, mark one day each week "your Nova Doba day," and on that day drop a line or two to 6233 St. Clair Ave., Cleveland, O., and there you are—a regular scribe. Simple, isn't it?

It was my intention to list the correspondents that fell into the annual class, but upon second thought, I did what a woman usually does, I changed my mind. Had I gone through with my original idea, I would have probably taken all the space in this issue and half of the following one. So, instead, let's put it this way—if the shoe fits, buy it and step out of the annual class and right into the regular class. Remember, the Nova Doba is your paper. The SSCU is your organization. To make it a bigger and better SSCU is your job. To create interest and friendship is your duty. And to read your article is one pleasure. So, come on and be a regular scribe.

As were the scribes classed in this article, so are the different individuals classified by Gordon Graham. Just what class do you fall in here? Read the following and see:

"There are two kinds of discontentment in this world. The discontentment that works and the discontentment that wrings its hands. The first gets what it wants and the second loses what it has. There is no cure for the first but success; and there is no cure for the second."

**Starting at the Bottom**

"When I was a boy," said a gray-haired physician, who was in a reminiscent mood, "I wanted to be a soldier, but my parents persuaded me to study medicine."

"Oh, well," consoled his sympathetic neighbor, "such is life. Many a man with wholesale ambitions has to content himself with a retail business."

**Fortieth Anniversary**

East Palestine, O.—This year marks the fortieth anniversary of the SSCU. From its meager beginning it has grown into a triumphant organization. The future offers even greater possibilities of achievement. Considering the circumstances, to build this organization was an enormous task. But the rugged struggle has given it character and strength. The difficulties it has encountered and conquered, lend impetus to the attack to be made for progress in future years.

We admire the courage of those rugged individuals who founded the SSCU and nursed it to a successful beginning. Noble were their efforts in spreading the gospel of fraternalism to their people everywhere. Their principles have become infectious, so that not only the Slovene, but those who speak another tongue, realize their greatness. The SSCU, with its noble purpose and honest policy, will grow stronger year by year.

Theodore Reinking, a Danish author, wrote a book and then ate it? The book was declared treason and Reinking was given his choice? Eat the book or die?

Philip the Third of Spain,

**Did You Know That...**

By Anna Prosen, Lodge 173

Washington, D. C.—Everybody write and on your meeting day, take the articles to your meeting and decide which one of your members had the best article of the contest throughout the year. That's a sure-fire way of creating interest within your lodge. When you do this, the members start attending meetings. Everybody wants to be a winner, so why not give it a whirl?

**Lowdown**

Just recently I experienced the pleasure of a personal interview with one of the disappointed Pitt Panthers, but due to a secret he let slip, his name will be withheld. But this much I will tell you. He ascertained the fact that the boys were really tired of football and that those that voted a refusal are very sorry. But the real reason the bid was turned down was due to the treatment they received on their last jaunt to the coast. He also admitted the fact that the University officials are plenty peeved over the attitude the Panthers had taken. And the secret he let slip was that some time after New Year's, the University of Pittsburgh was to pass a rule forbidding any more future post-season games for the Panthers. As yet this is not known to the public, but the Panther says that it is the truth.

**A Thought**

As were the scribes classed in this article, so are the different individuals classified by Gordon Graham. Just what class do you fall in here? Read the following and see:

"There are two kinds of discontentment in this world. The discontentment that works and the discontentment that wrings its hands. The first gets what it wants and the second loses what it has. There is no cure for the first but success; and there is no cure for the second."

**Starting at the Bottom**

"When I was a boy," said a gray-haired physician, who was in a reminiscent mood, "I wanted to be a soldier, but my parents persuaded me to study medicine."

"Oh, well," consoled his sympathetic neighbor, "such is life. Many a man with wholesale ambitions has to content himself with a retail business."

**Fortieth Anniversary**

East Palestine, O.—This year marks the fortieth anniversary of the SSCU. From its meager beginning it has grown into a triumphant organization. The future offers even greater possibilities of achievement. Considering the circumstances, to build this organization was an enormous task. But the rugged struggle has given it character and strength. The difficulties it has encountered and conquered, lend impetus to the attack to be made for progress in future years.

We admire the courage of those rugged individuals who founded the SSCU and nursed it to a successful beginning. Noble were their efforts in spreading the gospel of fraternalism to their people everywhere. Their principles have become infectious, so that not only the Slovene, but those who speak another tongue, realize their greatness. The SSCU, with its noble purpose and honest policy, will grow stronger year by year.

Theodore Reinking, a Danish author, wrote a book and then ate it? The book was declared treason and Reinking was given his choice? Eat the book or die?

Philip the Third of Spain,

martyr of etiquette, contracted a fatal illness when court etiquette prevented him from moving back from the overheated fireplace?

**F. H. Administration**

Washington, D. C.—Potential investors in rental housing projects have expectancy of more stable return through business cycles with good and bad in aiming their building plans at the vast group of moderate income families than in constructing dwellings of the type termed luxurious.

This fact has been revealed through an analysis by the Federal Housing Administration of statistics on incomes of the nation's families, their ability to pay rentals in various price ranges and ratios of vacancies, foreclosures and refinancing between moderate-rental and upper bracket rental accommodations in times of stress, according to Miles L. Coleen, Deputy Administrator.

With adjustments for different communities of varying populations, census figures for 1930 show that about 56 percent of all urban families live in rented homes. Of these, Mr. Coleen points out, about 46 per cent paid \$30 or less in rentals; about 31 per cent paid \$30 to \$50; about 15 per cent paid \$50 to \$75 and only about 8 per cent were able or willing to pay \$75 or more for dwelling accommodations which might be considered of the luxury type.

"In the past," Mr. Coleen said, "private operators were pretty generally more interested in housing from which they could expect high rental returns. Such expectancy gave their operations a speculative angle in that the properties were in many instances quickly sold to rather shortsighted investors who viewed with satisfaction the possible immediate high rentals obtainable usually from brand new dwelling units and possessing the temporary benefits of current fashionableness. Such investors apparently realized little that, in such a comparatively small 'luxury market,' the least overbuilding results in vacancies, competitive rental reductions, and an income insufficient at times to meet operating costs, taxes and mortgage service.

The Washington Monument, dedicated to George Washington, is 555 feet high, and was opened on October 9, 1888, after a million and a half dollars were spent on it? Within its walls is an elevator and a stairway for visitors to ascend to its top?

The Lincoln Memorial, a

colossal of thirty-six huge

Doric columns, grace the exterior

of this monumental gem, a col-

umn for each state at the time of

President Lincoln's death, is a

majestic tribute to the memory

of one of the greatest Ameri-

cans?

The name "White House" comes from the painting of its charred walls when restoring the building after it had been burned during the British invasion of 1814? It has been painted white ever since?

The Government printing

office has 17 acres of floor

where the United States postal

cards, money orders, income tax

blanks, agricultural year books,

congressional record and numer-

ous other forms are printed?

Stephen Foster, composer

of the southland's most famous

songs, was a northerner? He nev-

er lived below the Mason-Dixon

line and never saw the Swanne

river?

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fireplace?

Then the Fight Started

Mrs. Growler: "If you didn't

take so much interest in horses,

you'd be better off. You've had

horses on your brain all your

life."

Mr. Growler: "I suppose that

is how I happened to marry a

nag."

Father Was Right

Frank: "What did your father

say when you told him my love

was like a broad and impetu-

ous river?"

Frances: "He said 'dam it'!"

**MY TRIP TO THE MEDITERRANEAN**BY Doris Marie Birtic,  
Lodge 180

*Editor's Note: This is the ninth installment of a series of articles which Doris Marie Birtic has prepared for publication in the Nova Doba. Readers will recall that Doris won a sixweek cruise to the Mediterranean in a nationwide contest sponsored by The Cleveland Press and The Cleveland Propeller Club. Other installments will follow in subsequent editions.*

The dinner, cooked in Egyptian style, was delicious. I can't tell you, however, of what the meal consisted, for I didn't know myself.

That evening, we took a walk around town. On some dimly-lighted streets, we had to keep one eye on the pavement in order to avoid stepping on sleeping natives. By all appearances, many of the lower class simply lie down wherever they happen to be when night comes.

Morning finds them up again, wearing the same soiled garments. It is easy to understand why we sensed a distinctive body odor when near them.

We passed men in long robes, men in rags, men in modern dress with a fez on their heads for the oriental effect, and tourists like ourselves, as we walked under the dazzling white lights of Cairo's main boulevard. Soon we were crossing the broad bridge of the well-known Nile River. We stopped as we were about halfway across to look over the railing to see if it really was as muddy as it is said to be. And by gosh, it was.

I don't think I've ever seen such muddy water. Along the banks we saw many house-boats. On one side there were pitiful looking structures; on the other were the "floating

palaces" of the wealthy. Palms, graceful swaying palms, were bending over in swirling waters. It was simply beautiful.

Being tired, we retraced our steps, and soon were under the bed covers, sound asleep. All too soon a dusky servant knocked at the door with our breakfast trays. We got up a hurry, but it didn't take long to assume the "take your time" attitude of the native which is the only way to be comfortable in this hot country.

We hired a dragoman (guide) to show us the places of interest. First we visited one of their mosques. Being a white lady, I was permitted to enter their place of worship, a privilege denied the native women they have to do their praying at.

Since we were not of the Mohammedan faith, we had to have broad yellow sandals laced over our shoes so we would not desecrate the place. It was very awkward shuffling about in these flappy "overshoes," but we managed to get around. Of course we tripped over once a while, but that was to be expected.

In the vestibule is a large public fountain. Here the men are obliged to cleanse themselves before entering the temple proper. As the guide said, the men wash themselves as follows: "First their faces, then their necks, their hands, and their feet."

No soap is used. This form of "bathing" is repeated five times a day by strict followers of Mohammed who faithfully answer every call of the muezzin to prayer.

But in spite of this frequent

dash of water here and there

they still appear to be in need of a good scrubbing.

**Blood and Battle Field**

A World War Chronicle

By IVAN MATICIC

From the Slovens by

VALENTINE OREHEK



KNUT HAMSEN:

## BLAGOSLOV ZEMLJE

(Prevedel Rudolf Kresal)

Morda sploh nikoli ni čutil kakega ljubezenskega nagona, ki je bil vreden spomina, ker se ni prav nič zanje brigal. Čuden človek v puščobi, gospod s suhim rokami pisarja in povsem žemškega duha, ta lišč in dežnik in palice in galoše. Izprevrjen, skrovitičen, nerazumljiv fant. Pod nosom mu niti brke niso hotele rasti. Toda nemara je bil ta fant nekoč za marsikaj sposoben, od narave nekoč obilo obdarjen, pa je začel potem v nenaravnove razmere in postal potem malopridnež. Kaj je bil v tisti pisarni in tisti prodajalni tako priden, da se je vsa njegova prvotna samobitnost izgubila? Morda je bilo tako. Vsekakor je bil zdaj tu, okreten in brez strasti, malo slaboten, malo brezbržen, in je šel dalje in dalje po svoji krivi poti. Zavidal bi bil lahko vsakom posebej v puščobi, toda niti tega ni bil zmogen.

Katrine ja bila vajena, da se je šalila z gosti, in ga je zdaj dražila, da najbrže namerava proti jugu k svoji dragi? — Jaz imama drugačne stvari v glavi, je odvrl Elizej. Po kupčijah moram, navezati znanja. — Proti boljšim ljudem ne smeš biti tako vsliljiva, Katrine, jo je opomnil oče. O, Brede Olsen je bil zelo vlijeden proti Elizeju, vprav grozno spoštljiv. Saj je imel za kaj, bilo je pametno od njega, na Storborgu je bil dolžan denarja in je stal svojemu upniku nasproti. In Elizej? Ho, njemu je ugajala ta vladnost in zato je bil tako dober in milosten. Vele-spoštovan! je v šali nagovoril Breda in se razšopiril. Pravil je, da je spet pozabil svoj dežnik. Prav v trenutku, ko smo se peljali mimo Širokega razgleda, sem se spomnil dežnika! — Brede je vprašal: Nocoj boste pri našem branjevu gotovo spili kak kozarček? — In Elizej je odgovoril: Da, če bi bil sam! Toda je oče z menoj. — Brede se je napravil povsem domačega in je kramljal dalje: Pojutrišnjem pride nekdo, ki gre spet nazaj v Ameriko. — Ali je na obisku doma? — Da. Iz Gorenje vasi je. Bil je dolgo vrsto let tam doli, zdaj pa je zimo prezivel doma. Njegov kovčeg je z vozom že prispl, to je velikanski kovčeg. — Jaz sem tudi že na to mislil, da bi šel v Ameriko, je odkrito dejal Elizej. — Vi? je vzkliknil Brede. Vam pa tega res ni treba. — In najbrže tudi ne ostanem tam vso večnost, ne vem. Ampak napravil sem že toliko potovanj, da bi še to kdaj poskusil. — Seveda. In menda se da zasužiti tam strašno denarja. Poglejmo samo moža, o katerem sem govoril poprej. Zdaj pozimi je plačeval božične zabave kar drugo za drugo, in kadar pride k meni, tedaj pravi: Hočem ves kotel kave in vse pecivo, kar ga imaš! Da, tako pravi. Ali hočete pogledati njegov kovčeg?

Sla sta ven na hodnik in ogledovala kovčeg. Pravo svetovno čudo, na vseh straneh se je lesketalo od kovine in okovov in razen običajne je imel še tri zaskočne ključavnice. Varen pred vlo-mom! je dejal Brede, kakor da je bil že poskusil.

Sla sta spet v sobo, toda Elizej je utihnil. Ta mož iz Gorenje vasi ga je povsem strl, ta je hodil po svetu kakor kak višji uradnik. Brede je bil očvidno povsem prevezet od tega človeka. Elizej je zahteval še več kave in se skušal še on pokazati bogataša, zahteval je k svoji kavi peciva in ž njim krmil psa. Ah ja, pa je bil vendar le majhen in strt sam pred seboj. Kaj je bil njegov lastni kovčeg nasproti temu čudežu? Tam je stal, črno voščeno platno, vogli obtolčeni in odrgnjeni, ročni kovček — za Boga, kadar pride dol, si kupi imeniten kovček — le čakajte! Pa nikar ne dajajte psu! je dejal Brede. — Toda Elizej je bil spet malo človeka in se je našopiril. To-le je pa cd sile debel pes! je dejal.

Misel mu je dala misel, z Bredom je nehal kramljati in je šel iz sobe, šel je v lopo h konju. Tam je odprl pismo, ki ga je imel v žepu. Vtaknil ga je bil samo v žep in ni pogledal, koliko vsebuje denarja. Taka pisma je od doma večkrat dobival in v njih so bili zmerom bankovci kot prispevki za pot. Kaj je bilo zdaj v njem? Velik kos sivega papirja, vsevprek poslikanega od male Rebeke za njenega ljubega brata Elizeja, zraven pisemce od matere. Kaj še? Ničesar več. Nič denarja.

Mati je pisala, da očeta ni mogla prositi več denarja, kajti da od bogastva, ki so ga bili svoj čas dobili za bakreni hrib, ni veliko ostalo. Denar da je zaradi nakupa Storborga in potem za vse blago in za vsa številna potovanja skoro popolnoma pošel. Zdaj da mora poskusiti, da si za to potovanje sam preskrbi denar, zakaj tisto denarja, kar ga je še ostalo, morajo dobiti njegove sestre in brat, ti tudi ne smejo odići praznih rok. Srečno pot in prisršne pozdrave!

Denarja nič.

Elizej sam ni imel dovolj denarja za pot. V svoji prodajalni je bil obrnil blagajno, pa v njej ni našel veliko. Ah, kako neumen je bil, še nedavno je pesal svojemu dobavitelju v Bergenu denarno pismo in plačal nekaj računov. To bi bilo lahko počakalo. Seveda je bilo od njega vse preveč brezskrbno, da se je odpravil na pot, ne da bi bil poprej odprl pismo, prihranil bi si bil lahko s svojim siromašnim kovčegom pot v vas. Zdaj je bil tu.

Oče se je zadovoljen vrnil od kovača; zadevo je dobro opravil: Jenzina pojde jutri ž njim. Vidite, Jenzina ni bila trmoglavna in se ni dala dolgo prosiši; ona je takoj razumela, da je na Sellanrau za poletno delo potreblja pridna roka, in se nič upiral, da bi spet ne prišla. Spet gladka odločitev.

Ta čas, ko je oče pripovedoval, je Elizej premišljeval svoje lastne zadeve. Očetu je pokazal amerikančev kovčeg in dejal: Jaz bi bil vesel, če bi tam stal, odkoder je prišel ta-le kovček! — In oče je odgovoril: Da, to bi še ne bilo najhujše...

Naslednje jutro se je oče pripravil za povratke; zajutrkoval je, vpregel in zapeljal pred kovača, da bi vzel na voz Jenzino in njeno skrinjo. Elizej je dolgo gledal za njima, in ko je voz izginil v gozdu, je plačal prenočišče in dal spet napitnino. Moj kovček naj ostane tukaj, dokler se ne vrnem, je dejal Katrini in šel.

Kam pa je šel Elizej? Imel je samo en kraj, kamor je lahko šel, obrnil se je, moral se je vrniti na svoj dom. Vzel je pot pod noge in se trudil, da bi ostal ečetu in Jenzini takoj blizu, kakor le mogoče, ne da bi ga opazila. Šel je in šel in zdaj je res pričel zavidiati slehernemu prebivalcu puščobe.

Skoda je bilo Elizeja, živiljenje ga je bilo tako izprevrglo.

Kaj ni na Storborgu vodil prodajalne? Kajpada, toda biti tam gospod, to vendar ni nič pomenilo, napravil je preveč zavabnih potovanj, da bi dobil zvez, te so veliko veljale, on ni poten potoval. Le ne bodimo malenkostni! je dejal Elizej in dal

dvajset ör napitnine, kjer bi jih bilo deset dovolj. Tega lahko živega gospoda ni mogla vzdrževati njegova prodajalna, potreboval je doplačila še od doma. Zdaj so na Storborgu pridelovali krompir, seno in žito za dom, toda kruh je moral da jati Sellanrau. Kaj je bilo to vse? Sivert je moral vse blago zastonj zvoziti z obrežja. Kaj je bilo to vse? Mati mu je moral da očeta preskrbavati denar za potovanja. Kaj je bilo to zdaj vse?

Najhujše je šele prišlo.

Elizej je vodil trgovino, kaker da bi bil nor. Čutil se je tako polaskanega, če so ljudje iz vasi prišli k njemu kupovati, da jim je dajal na upanje. In ko je bilo to znano, jih je prišlo zmerom več in več in so kupovali na upanje. Elizej je bil uslužen in je obrežja. Kaj je bilo to vse? Mati mu je moral da očeta preskrbavati denar za potovanja. Kaj je bilo to zdaj vse?

Od začetka je bila mati njegova verna pripovednjica: Elizej je bistra glava v družini, treba mu je pošteno pomagati, da pride naprej. Samo pomisli, kako poceni je dobil Storborg in kako odločno je dejal, koliko da da zanj! Ce je oče menil, da je Elizejeva prodajalna prava komedija, tedaj mu je mati odvrnila: Kakšno govorjenje pa je to! in govorila je v takem načinu, da se je zdelo, kakor da je bil dobr Izak proti Elizeju postal predomač.

Vidite, mati je bila sama z doma in je potovala, ona je razumela, da Elizej ni mogel tukaj v puščobi dobro uspevati, vajen je bil finejših običajev, gibal se je v raznovrstnih družbenih krogih in tu je pogrešal sebi enakih. Vsekakor, sircmašnim ljudem je preveč dajal na upanje; toda tega Elizej ni delal iz zlobe, da bi uničil starše, to je delal iz dobrih in plemenitih nalogov, imel je nagon, da je ljudem, ki so bili manj kot on, pomagal. Ti ljubi čas, bil je edini človek v puščobi, ki je imel bel žepni robec, katerega so morali neprestano prati. Ce so se ljudje zaupno obrnili nanj in ga prosili na up in bi bil rekel ne, tedaj bi ga bila lahko napačno razumeli, kakor da bi on ne bil najboljši, za kakršnega je veljal. Razen tega je kot meščan in kot ženjim imel med prebivalci puščobe tudi dolžnosti.

Vse to je mati seveda uvaževala.

Toda oče, ki o tem ni razumel niti črke, ji je nekoga dne odprl oči in ušesa in dejal: Sem poglej, to-le je zdaj ostanek denarja od bakrenega hriba. — Tako, tako, je dejala. Kam pa je šlo drugo? — Vse drugo je dobil Elizej. — Tedaj je sklenila roke in vzkliknila: Potem pa je že čas, da vzame pamet v roke!

Ubogi Elizej, on jo je bil zavozil in zaigral. Ostal naj bi bil prebivalec puščobe, zdaj pa je bil človek, ki se je bil naučil pisati črke, bil je brez podjetnosti, brez globine. Ampak bogve kak vražji fant pa tudi ni bil; zaljubljen ni bil in ne častihlepen, prav za prav ni bil prav nič, niti kak velik hudeodelec.

Mladi mož je imel nekaj nesrečnega na sebi, nekaj obosegnega, kakor da bi bil v svoji notranjosti utrel kako škodo. Dobri okrajni inženir iz mesta naj bi ga rajši ne bil odkril v njegovi mladosti in ga ne vzel k sebi in ne nameraval iz njega napraviti. Otroku so bile tedaj odtrgane korenine in se mu je zgordilo hudo. Vse, česar se je zdaj lotil, je kazalo, da pri njem nekaj ni prav, nekaj temnega na svetlem dnu...

Elizej je šel in šel. Ona dva na voz sta se peljala mimo Storborga. Elizej je napravil ovinek in je prav tako šel mimo Storborga; kaj je hotel doma v svoji prodajalni? Izak in Jenzina sta dospela na Sellanrau z večernim mrakom. Elizej jima je bil tesno za petami. Videl je, da je Sivert stopil na dvorišče in Jenzina zočudeno gledal; dala sta drug drugemu roko in se nasmehnila, potem je Sivert prijal konja za vajeti in ga odvedel v hlev.

Zdaj se je tudi Elizej upal naprej, on, ponos družine, se je upal naprej. Ni šel, plazil se je, v hlevu je srečal Siverta. Jaz sem, je dejal. — Kaj, ti si tudi tukej! je vzkliknil Sivert in je bil iznova začuden.

Brata sta med seboj tiho govorila, šlo je za to, če bi Sivert le mogel mater pripraviti do tega, da bi preskrbel denar, rešitev, popotnino. Tako, kakor je zdaj, ne more iti dalje.

Elizej je bil zdaj sit, že večkrat je mislil na to, in nočej naj bi se zgodilo, dolga pot, Amerika, zdaj v tej noči. — Amerika! je dejal glasno Sivert. — Pest! Jaz sem že večkrat na to mislil, zdaj moraš mater pripraviti do tega, tako ne more dalje, na to sem že večkrat mislil. — Toda Amerika! — je dejal Sivert. Ne, tega ne smeš storiti. — Brez pogojno! Takoj se vrnem, poščnega sledila, da bi dobiti bracive sami izprevideli, da se je težko izogniti takšni udovici.

Kot devojka se je imenovala Mica, v zakonu kot žena se je imenovala Milka, a zdaj kot udovica se imenuje Mileva. Gospa Mileva je šele tri mesece udovica, hodi še v črnini, gre vsako soboto na grob svojega moža, ki ga je zasadila s puščonom in ima rajnikovo sliko nad svojo posteljo, ovito s črnim florom. Kakoj je ljubila rajnika se vidi med drugim iz posmrtnih naznav, v katerih je takole žalostno sklenila objavo o pokojnikovi smrti: "Prosim vse prijatelje in znanstnike, da se ne pusti pripovedovati, kar nikoli ne bo moglo biti resno." —

Gospod Milija, prepričan, da je že s prvimi besedami napravil dober vtis, nadaljuje svoj govor in prijateljski in odkritosrčno poučuje svojega prijatelja.

"Pa, ako že hočeš, da umreš, brate, ko že to sam sprevidiš?"

Bolnik mahne z roko, kakor da bi hotel reči, da on tega ne sprevidi, a gospod Milija nadaljuje:

"Kaj ne sprevidiš? Pa daj, povej mi vsaj en protirazlog... molčič, molčič, kaj ne, ker mi ne moreš oporekati. In če mi tudi kaj rečeš, kakšen razlog bi mi povedal, no, reci sam: "Bog je velik, zdražila... doktorji..."

Kaj ne, to so tvoji razlogi? Ali to niso nikakšni razlogi, prijatelj; ali ne vidiš, da te je sama kost in koža, na tebi ni več kile mesa, le poglej, kakšne oči imaš, kakor mrljič! Torej tu ne velja fraze, ker to, bratec: "Bog je velik!" je navadna fraza, ki jo vsi človek uporablja."

Bolnik pridejo solze na oči in ustnice so mu še bolj pomoredre in začel je evokotati z obzomi od silnega drgeta.

"Torej," nadaljuje gospod Milija, "je najpametnejše, kar moreš napraviti, da čimprej napišeš testament. Čim preje, ali me razumeš? Ako kje, je pri človeku opravčen oni modri rek: "Karbode jeseni, naj bode noči!"

Gospod Milija je hotel še naprej govoriti, ali bolnik, ne vedoč kako naj se reši te strahote, ne odkritosrčnosti, je potegnil odoje čez glavo; obrnil se je na drugo stran in si ušesa zatisnil s prsti.

Ko gospod Milija vidi, da je na ta način nemogoče, da bi nje-

BRANISLAV NUSIČ:

## Občinsko dete

(Nadaljevanje)

"Kako da ne! Jaz vam to govorim kot prijatelj, a vi mi potrete, da je preveč. Kako preveč, brate! Ako računaš po deset kron na mesec, je to šele za deset mesecev, kje pa je za drugi čas? To je za zmeraj, brate!"

Še malo so šepetal med seboj, potem pa župan odveže mošnjo, našteje v samem srebru sto kron, sežejo si v roke, se poljubijo s Fičo in čez pol ure prinese pop zopet pod mantijo Miliča Fiči, a Fiča ga odneske s svoji ženami.

Tako se je vas Prelepnica enkrat za vselej rešila nesreča, ki je preveč dajal na upanje; toda tega Elizej ni delal iz zlobe, da bi uničil starše, to je delal iz dobrih in plemenitih nalogov, imel je nagon, da je ljudem, ki so bili manj kot on, pomagal.

STIRINAJSTO POGLAVJE.

## Ena za bravce čisto nova udovica.

Strašno mrzim pisatelje, ki v začetku romana pišejo lepo in točno, ter vidiš, kako je vsaka glava nadaljevanje prejšnje glave, pa kar naenkrat, samo da bi razjelili bravca ali da bi se zabrisali sled, privedejo nekaj novo osebo, pa novi glavi začeno nekaj pripovedovati, kar nikakor ni nadaljevanje iz prejšnje glave. In kolikor sem se tudi hotel v tem romanu temu izogniti, mi je bilo to nemogoče, ker mi je bilo vrlo težko iti mimo te udovice, s katerimi se življenje vlačila kot priloga z akti prelepnike občine.

"O prosim," doda gospod Milija ljubeznično, "kar se tega tečje, ga bom že lepo pripravil in bom začel kar le mogoče od dečka."

Po teh besedah se gospod Milija vzdigne, zakašlja zelo važno in točno, ter vidiš, kako je vsaka glava nadaljevanje prejšnje glave, pa kar naenkrat, samo da bi razjelili bravca ali da bi se zabrisali sled, privedejo nekaj novo osebo, pa novi glavi začeno nekaj pripovedovati, kar nikakor ni nadaljevanje iz prejšnje glave. In kolikor sem se tudi hotel v tem romanu temu izogniti, mi je bilo to nemogoče, ker mi je bilo vrlo težko iti mimo te udovice, s katerimi se življenje vlačila kot priloga z akti prelepnike občine.

"Brat in prijatelj, ti gotovo sam vidiš, da boš za en ali dva dni umrl. Kaj pomagajo te medicine in recepti, nič, babje nemnost, vse to ti ne bo nič pomagalo. Sam poglej, kako ti štele ušesa, pa tudi usta so se ti pomodrila. Mogoče ga nimaš, ki bi ti to odkritosrčno povedal, danes ima človek zelo malo prijateljev, ki bi mu iskreno povedali resnico v oči. E jaz pa komur sem prijatelj, sem mu prijatelj."

Bolnik je že pri prvih besedah gospoda Milije izbulil oči, zaril je glavo v blazino in začel drgetati ko šiba od strahu: hotel je ziniti in poklicati na posočje, hotel je ziniti in poklicati na poso