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WASHINGTON, D.C. — Porota zveznega sodišča je včeraj odločila, da John B. Connally ni kriv sprejema podkupnine \$10,000 od Mlekarske zadruge za podporo njeni zahtevi po višjih cenah pri predsedniku Nixonu.

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Senatski odbor za oborožene sile je včeraj odklonil predstavnikov predlog za vojaško pomoč Južnemu Vietnamu. Tudi zunanje-politični odbor še ni odločen o predlogu za pomoč Južnemu Vietnamu in o polno-moči za umik ameriškega osobja pod morebitnim varstvom ameriških oboroženih sil.

Predsednik Ford je Kongres pretekli teden pozval, naj razpravo o njegovih predlogih za Vietnam konča do 19. aprila.

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Narodno gospodarstvo se je v prvih treh mesecih 1975 krilo na letni ravni 10,4%, največ v zadnjih 29 letih, inflacija pa je padla na letno povprečje 8%.

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Predsednikov tiskovni tajnik Ron Nessen je dejal včeraj, da je predsednik Ford sprejel padec Phnom Penha z "žalostjo in sočutjem", pa tudi z "občudovanjem za čete, ki so se hrabro borile za preostankom sredstev".

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Državni tajnik H. Kissinger je včeraj pred Zvezi časopisnih urednikov dejal, da sta Sovjetska zveza in LR Kitajska s pošiljanjem orožja Hanoi "napravili zasmeh" iz pariškega dogovora o končanju vojne v Indokini od januarja 1973.

BEIRUT, Lib. — Včeraj je prišlo do novih manjših spopadov med palestinskimi gverilci in Falangisti kljub objavi premirja. V teh spopadih je bilo vsaj 16 oseb mrtvih.

Giscard ne pojde na posvetovanje NATO

PARIZ, Fr. — Vlada je objavila, da bo Francijo zastopal na posvetitvi NATO, določenih na konec maja v Bruxellesu, zunanji minister. Britanski zunanji minister James Callaghan je predložil, da bi se na ta sestanek zbrali voditelji vseh držav članic NATO. Predsednik ZDA G. R. Ford je že obljubil, da bo na sestanek prišel. Na to so pristali menda tudi voditelji ostalih članic.

V Parizu je najprej izgledalo, da bo predsednik republike sprejel vabilo, potem pa se je premislil. Ni izključeno, da je vzrok temu v neuspehu pripravljene konference za splošno konferenco držav potrošnic in izvoznikov olja, ki so hotele splošno konferenco razširiti v razpravo o vseh surovinah, o ustalitvi cen za nje in o pomoči industrijsko razvitih držav gospodarsko nerazvitim.

Volkswagen bo odpustil petino delavstva

WOLFSBERG, ZRN. — Največje avtomobilsko podjetje Evrope Volkswagen se je odločilo do konca letošnjega leta zmanjšati svojo delovno silo za eno petino ali nekako 25.000, ko je prodaja avtomobilov začela pešati.

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MORALNA STRAN GA NE ZANIMA? — Državni poslanec A. Herzberger v Colorado Springs, Colo., trdi, da je prostitucija v vojaških središčih, kot je Colorado Springs, neizbežna. V državni skupščini se je zavzel za zaščito pripadnic tega poklica.

Viel Kong zahteva popoln umik ZDA iz Južnega Vietnama

Zastopnik začasne revolucionarne vlade Južnega Vietnama je pozval ZDA k popolnemu in takojšnjemu umiku vsega ameriškega osobja iz Južnega Vietnama.

PARIZ, Fr. — Vodnik zastopstva začasne revolucionarne vlade Južnega Vietnama v Franciji Dinh Ba Thi je pozval ZDA k takojšnjemu in popolnemu umiku vsega njihovega vojaškega osobja iz Južnega Vietnama. Trdil je pri tem, da imajo ZDA tam okoli 25.000 vojakov preobremenjenih v civiliste.

Na tiskovni konferenci je Dinh Ba Thi dejal, da "ne bo nobenih težav in nobenih ovir, če se Amerikanci umaknejo takoj in v celoti". Če je ZDA res da tega, da rešijo njihova življenja, bodo storili to takoj, je dejal Vietkongovec.

Načrte ZDA za umik ameriških državljancev in "ogroženih" domačinov je označil Thi za "pretvezo za ponovni vojaški poseg ZDA v Vietnam". Napoved obrambnega tajnika J. Schlesingerja, da bo v slučaju komunistične zmage pobitih vsaj 200.000 Južnih Vietnamcev, je označil zastopnik Viet Konga za "čisto izmišljotino".

Japonski zunanji minister z obiskom v ZDA zadovoljen

TOKIO, Jap. — Zunanji minister Kiichi Miyazawa se je po svojih razgovorih v Washingtonu s predsednikom Fordom in z državnim tajnikom Kissingerjem vrnil zadovoljen domov in obvestil vladno o zagotovilih, ki jih je dobil.

Ta so vlado zadovoljila v taki meri, da je obnovila postopek za odobritev mednarodnega dogovora o prepovedi širjenja jedrskega orožja. Proti tej odobritvi je bilo v zadnjih tednih pod vplivom dogodkov v Indokini precej odpora. Nekateri Japonci so začeli dvomiti v trdnost vojaškega zavezništva z ZDA, zagotovila, ki jih je prinesel zunanji minister iz Washingtona, so jih spe pomirila.

Sadat: ZDA morajo ukazati Izraelu umik

Predsednik Egipta Anvar Sadat je dejal, da je čas, ko morajo ZDA povedati jasno, da so za umik Izraela na meje izpred 5. junija 1967.

KAIRO, Egipt. — Ko iščejo za kulisami rešitve za izraelsko-arabski spor in ko se pripravljajo na obnovo konference v Zenevi, je predsednik Egipta Anvar Sadat izjavil zastopniku NYT v daljšem razgovoru, da je prišel čas, ko morajo ZDA povedati jasno, ali podpirajo Izrael le v njegovih mejah izpred 5. junija 1967 ali tudi v njegovem upiranju umika z arabskega ozemlja, ki ga je v junjski vojni 1967 zasedel.

Sadat je povedal jasno, da se Egipt ne misli odpovedati niti pidi svojega ozemlja, da torej pomiritev z Izraelom ni mogoča, dokler se ta ni pripravljen umakniti z vsega arabskega ozemlja.

Enako stališče zastopajo tudi voditelji ostalih arabskih držav, med tem ko Izrael izjavlja, da se vsaj iz starega dela Jeruzalema ne bo "nikdar" umaknil.

Očitno so te izjave za javnost, ko se obe strani pripravljata za konferenco v Zenevi. Obe se zavadata, da bo ta težka in da so izgledi na uspeh pičli. Tega se zaveda tudi Moskva in zato nič več ne priganja k njenemu sklicanju. Hoče konferenco najprej dobro pripraviti in premisliti, kje bi bile kake rešitve. Zato so tudi prišli nedavno zastopniki Moskve v Jeruzalem in se tam "poluradno" razgovarjali s predstavniki Izraela o njegovih stališčih. Moskva je poslala svoje zastopnike v Izrael, četudi s tem od junija 1967 nima rednih diplomatskih stikov.

Voznika vlaka obsojena

ZAGREB, SRH. — Strojevodja Nikola Knezevic je bil obsojen na 15 let zapor, ker je s svojim "dremanjem" v železniškem stroju povzročil lani v avgustu težko železniško nesrečo, pri kateri je bilo mrtvih skupno 153 ljudi.

Njegov pomočnik Stjepan Varga, ki je prav tako "zaradi preutrujenosti" zadremal pri isti vožnji, je bil kaznovan z 8 leti zapor.

Sovjetija in Irak za jedrsko sodelovanje

MOSKVA, ZSSR. — Tekom uradnega obiska podpredsednika Iraka Saddama Husseina je bil podpisan med Irakom in Sovjetsko zvezo sporazum o sodelovanju na območju jedrske energije.

Iz slov. naselbin

FONTANA, Kalif. — Steve in Elizabeth Mohorko obhajata jutri, v soboto, tu svojo zlato poroko z zahvalno sv. mašo v cerkvi sv. Jožefa ob dveh popoldne, nato pa s slavnostnim kosilom ob 4. popoldne v dvorani KSKJ v Fontani.

SMYRNA BEACH, Fla. — Tu je umrl 78 let stari Frank Kavcic, 137 Park Blvd., rojen v Sloveniji, do leta 1961 živeč v Clevelandu, kjer je bil zaposlen pri Willard Battery Co. Tu je bil član Ameriško-slovenskega kluba upokojencev.

V Schleswig-Holsteinu opozicija šibkejša

BONN, ZRN. — Pri pokrajinskih volitvah v Schleswig-Holsteinu so krščanski demokrati, ki so imeli večino v deželnem zboru, sicer tudi tokrat zmagali, toda dobili so nekaj manj glasov.

Pri zadnjih volitvah leta 1971 so dobili krščanski demokrati 51,9% glasov, tokrat le 50,4%. Tudi socialisti so se tokrat slabše odrezali, ko so dobili le 40,2% glasov napram 41% leta 1971. Svobodni demokrati so svoje število povečali za 4% na 7,8%.

Izid teh volitev je važen in zanimiv v toliko, ker so pri vseh deželnih volitvah v zadnjih dveh letih socialisti in njihovi zavezniki v zvezni vladi svobodni demokrati stalno izgubljali.

Karamanlis pojde na razgovor k Titu

Grčija išče nove stike s "Tretjim svetom", ko se spor zaradi Cipra z "zaveznic" Turčijo zaostruje.

BEOGRAD, SFRJ. — Tu so objavili, da bo letos v juniju obiskal Jugoslavijo predsednik demokratične grške vlade Konstantin Karamanlis. Grška vlada išče boljše in tesnejše stike z državami "tretjega sveta", med katerega vodilki je Jugoslavija.

Grčija je članica NATO, pa je zapustila njegov vojaški del, ko ta ni preprečil turške zasedbe dela otoka Cipra lansko poletje. Spor s Turčijo ne popušča kljub poskusom "posredovanja in obnovi razgovorov med ciprskimi Turki in Grki.

Nova turška vlada Sulejmana Demirela je opozorila Atene, da se bo spor še poglobil in njegova rešitev bo še težja, ko je Karamanlis pozval k sankcijam Združenih narodov proti Turčiji, če ne bo umaknila svojih oboroženih sil s Cipra.



ODPOR PROTI INDIRI GANDHI — Vodnica Indije Indira Gandhi je sicer pri zadnjih parlamentarnih volitvah dobila veliko večino, toda od tedaj se je marsikaj spremenilo. Nezadovoljstvo raste in odpor proti njenemu vodstvu Indije se širi. Na sliki vidimo 72 let starega Jayo Prakasha Narayana, nekdanjega učenca Mahatme Gandija, na čelu sprejema kakih 300.000 demonstrantov v glavnem mestu Indije New Delhiju. Nastopa proti nepoštenosti in podkupovanju v javni upravi in zahteva odstop podkupljivih ministrov.

KAMBODŽA BO NEVTRALNA, TRDIJO NOVI GOSPODARJI

Po nepričakovani nagli zmagi Rdečega Kmera je včeraj nastopil konec vojskovanja po vsej Kambodži. Ostanke področij, ki so bili pod narodno vlado, so se na njen poziv predali. Doslej še ni nobenih vesti o kakih večjih pomorih in zastopniki nove vlade izjavljajo, da teh ne bo. V mednarodni politiki bo Kambodža ostala nevtralna, so izjavili zastopniki rdečega Kambodže včeraj v Parizu.

PARIZ, Fr. — Po poročilu sodelavca uglednega lista Le Monde vlada v glavnem mestu Kambodže Phnom Penhu veselje nad koncem vojne. Včeraj so se okoli zmagovitih vojakov, katerih nekateri so imeli ameriško orožje, zbirale skupine domačinov in se z njimi razgovarjale. Vojaki naj bi bili večji del mladi in veseli zmage, ki so jo tako lahko dosegli. Vojaki prejšnje republikanske vlade so povsod razobesili bele zastave, znake predaje. Te so bile po vseh domovih glavnega mesta, poleg njih pa je bilo razobešenih tudi precej zastav zmagovalcev. Nekateri begunci naj bi se že napotili domov.

Zmagoviti Rdeči Kmer je vzpostavil v Phnom Penhu svoj glavni stan in povabil vladne ministre in generale, v "kolikor niso pobegnili", na sestanek in sodelovanje "pri izdelavi ukrepov za obnovo reda". Po poročilu, ki so ga prejeli ZN, je bilo bojevanje v Phnom Penhu končano včeraj ob dveh zjutraj, štiri po predaji mesta, med burnimi prizori pomirjevanja in poraza.

Državljanjska vojna v Kambodži, ki je trajala pet let, predno je bila včeraj zaključena z zmago rdečih, naj bi pokončala okoli milijon Kambodžancev ali nekako eno osmino celotnega prebivalstva. Kaj se je zgodilo z vlado in vojaškimi vodniki, ni znano. Trdijo, da sta zadnji predsednik vlade Long Boret in geh. Sak Suthsakhon včeraj zjutraj pred zasedbo Phnom Penha po rdečih

On in uradni zastopnik Kambodžanske osvobodilne fronte Ok Sakun sta razlagala, da bo v Kambodži po zmagi Rdečega Kmera nastala nova družba, različna od one, ki je nastala po "fašističnem prevratu 18. marca 1970 pod vodstvom Lon Nola". "To je nesprejemljivo, pa naj je komu prav ali ne," je dejal Chau Seng.

Sihanuk bo ostal državni šef, je trdil Seng, in se bo vrnil v Kambodžo. Ta sam je v Pekingu po objavi zmage in sprejemu tujih poslanikov dejal, da se bo res vrnil v Kambodži, ko se tam položaj umiri, da pa se ne bo spuščal v vladne posle, te bo vrnil Rdeči Kmer v Phnom Penhu, med tem ko se bo on naselil v starodavnem središču Angkor Wat. Njegova naloga bo pomagati obnoviti edinstvo med prebivalci Kambodže. Sihanuk je razlagal, da so mu vodniki Rdečega Kmera izjavljali, da bi bilo napačno njih smatrati za komuniste, četudi so po svojih nazorih močno na levi in hočejo uvesti "ljudsko demokracijo".

Lizbona podržavila še nove industrije

LIZBONA, Port. — Portugalska vojaška vlada je objavila podržavljenje novih voj. gospodarstva, agrarno reformo in zamrzitev cen hrane.

Podržavljenje so jeklarska, električna, petrolejska in prevozna industrija, napovedano pa je podržavljenje še tudi vseh ostalih industrijskih panog.

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Iz Clevelanda in okolice

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V Indokini so rdeči prebili varnostni obroč

I. Ko se je svobodni svet po drugi svetovni vojni zavedel komunističnih osvajaških načrtov in nevarnosti, ki jo ti zanj predstavljajo, je začel graditi svojo obrambo. Na čelo tega je stopila Amerika, kot najmočnejša država svobodnega sveta, ko so nekdane evropske vodilne sile omagale.

Tako je predsednik Harry Truman nastopil v varstvo Grčije in Turčije ter proglasil znano "Trumanovo doktrino", ko je Sovjetska zveza že raztegnila svojo roko preko Poljske, uničila svobodo na Čehoslovaškem in Madžarskem, utrdila svojo oblast Bolgariji in Romuniji ter upala, da bo preko tedaj še Moskvi zveste Jugoslavije segla v Italijo.

Ta sovjetska osvajanja so še preostalo svobodno Evropo tako prestrašila, da se je povezala v Severno-atlantski obrambni zvezi NATO — z ZDA, ki so poslale v Evropo svoje oborožene sile, da bi Sovjetska zveza vedela, da bo vsak novi sunek proti Zahodu pomenil tod neposredni spopad z ZDA. Z Marshallovim načrtom so ZDA pomagale Evropi k gospodarski obnovi, kar naj bi odpravilo stisko in s tem razmere, ugodne za širjenje komunistične propagande.

V času predsednika Eisenhowerja je njegov državni tajnik John Foster Dulles priključil na NATO, jez svobodnega sveta proti komunističnemu osvajanju v Evropi, Bagdadski pakt in protikomunistični je podaljšal preko Prednje Azije vse tja do Indije. Ko je povezal svobodne države na robu južne in jugovzhodne Azije s tremi velikimi zahodnimi silami v SEATO, je bil preko Japonske, ki je bila z ZDA povezana s posebno vojaško pogodbo, ustvarjen varnostni obroč okoli vsega komunističnega sveta. V globino je bil ta dopolnjen v južnem delu Tihega oceana še s posebno obrambno pogodbo med ZDA, Avstralijo in Novo Zelandijo — ANZUS.

Z zmago komunizma na Kitajskem so se ZDA dejansko hotele, kot je to naravnost povedal državni tajnik Dean Acheson, umakniti z azijskega kopna in varovati le Japonsko. Acheson je bil pripravljen "pozabiti" na Korejo in tudi na Formozo. Kljub temu njegovemu stališču je predsednik Truman nastopil proti Severni Koreji, ko je ta skušala razširiti svojo oblast nad Južno in s tem razširiti komunistično posest v Aziji.

Na predlog gen. MacArthurja, ki je dobil nalogo nastopiti proti rdečim napadalcem na Koreji, je bila Formosa kot "nepotopljiva" letalonosilka vključena v novo obrambno črto napram komunistični oblasti na Daljnem vzhodu. Od tam je segla na Filipine in preko njih na Avstralijo in Novo Zelandijo. V korejski vojni so ZDA dobile vrsto zavaznikov in boj proti komunističnim osvajalcem so vodile pod zastavo Združenih narodov.

V Južni Aziji so Britanci vodili boj z rdečimi gverilci na Malaji, Francozi pa v Indokini. Britanci so po 10 letih ukrotili rdeče v Malaji, Francozi pa so v Indokini po osmih letih boja omagali in se podali domov. V obrambni zvezi SEATO so vendar obljubili skupaj z Britanci, ZDA, Pakistanom, Filipini in Tajsko braniti neodvisnost Laos, ki so v Indokini prevzele njihovo dediščino. To so bile Laos, Južni Vietnam in Kambodža, ki so se vse do neke mere čutile ogrožene ob odkritih namerah Severnega Vietnama razširiti svojo oblast preko njih.

V Ženevi sklenjen dogovor o francoskem umiku iz Indokine in o ureditvi te je bil nejasen, bil je kompromis, ki naj bi nasitil volka in pustil kozo celo. Severni Vietnam je v dogovoru videl ne le možnost, ampak gotovost, da bo v nekaj letih raztegnil svojo oblast preko Južnega Vietnama. John Foster Dulles, državni tajnik v času predsednika Eisenhowerja, je bil odločen to preprečiti in je zato tudi podprl predsednika Diema, ko je ta odklonil ljudsko glasovanje v Južnem Vietnamu o zedinjenju tega s Severnim. Postavil se je na stališče, da mora biti tako glasovanje izvedeno v polni svobodi v obeh delih Vietnama, kot je bilo to določeno v ženevskem dogovoru. Ker v Severnem Vietnamu pod komunistično oblastjo svobodno glasovanje ni možno, ga Diem ni dopustil tudi v Južnem.

Ho-Ci-minh, voditelj Severnega Vietnama, se je čutil ogojufanega in je začel pripravljati podtalni upor v Južnem Vietnamu. V ta namen se je poslužil svojih pristašev, ki jih je pustil načrtno v Južnem Vietnamu v nameri, da bodo pomagali pri pripravah za ljudsko glasovanje o zedinjenju Vietnama. Naglo je imel Hanoi spleteno po Južnem Vietnamu celo mrežo svojih pristašev.

Ngo Dinh Diem je s podporo ameriških svetovalecev in ameriške pomoči organiziral javno upravo in oborožene sile, katerim pa je bila predvidena tedaj naloga obrambe meja, ne boja proti komunistični gverili. Četudi so ZDA vložile v oborožitev južnovietnamske armade in v njeno vežbanje obilo sredstev in napa, ta ni bila sposobna zatreti rdečih gverilcev, ko so ti začeli javni upor.

Spretna komunistična propaganda je znala pridobivati vedno nove pristaše za stvar Hanoia. Pri tem se je opirala ne toliko na širjenje komunističnih nauk in obljub kot na odpor domačinov proti tujcem pod zastavo "narodne osvobodilne borbe".

Razmere za tako propagando so bile ugodne, ker vlada Diema ni kazala razumevanja za novi položaj in ni izvedla nujnih gospodarskih in socialnih reform. Stari fevdalni red se je preživel in potrebno je bilo izvesti agrarno reformo, se pravi zemljo dati tistemu, ki jo je obdeloval, pa mu dati tudi možnost in sredstva za napredek in izobrazbo. Ker je Diemov režim slonel na ohranjanju starega, preživelega reda, je s tem igral v roke komunistični propagandi in komunističnim načrtom. Polom je bil neizbežen.

(Dalje sledi)

BESEDA IZ NARODA

Spominski koncert pevskega zbora Korotan

CLEVELAND, O. — Pevski zbor "Korotan" je že nekaj let reprezentant slovenske pesni v Clevelandu. To vlogo je sprejel po Glasbeni matici, ki je bila dolgo let vodilni clevelandski slovenski pevski zbor. Zal, po smrti svojega pevovodja Toneta Sublja ni mogla najti med nami naslednika. Tako je prešla vloga pevke reprezentance z Glasbene matice na "Korotan". "Korotan" je danes najmočnejši clevelandski slovenski pevski zbor. Sestavljen je po večini iz mladih pevk in pevcev, izmed katerih so bili mnogi rojeni že v tej deželi. Ravno to daje temu zboru poseben pomen in veljavo.

Vsak koncert je sad žrtev ne-sebične ljubezni do pevke u-mestnosti. In pri "Korotanu" gre prvenstveno za sad žrtev mladih slovenskih pevk in pevcev in njihovega naši slovenski pesmi/predanega pevovodja g. F. Gorenška.

Koncerti spadajo med eminentno narodne kulturne prireditve. Pri "Korotanu" še prav posebno. Kulturne prireditve so pri vsakem narodu izraz dobrega zdravlja in trdnega narodnega življenja.

Letošnji Korotanov koncert je hkrati spominski koncert. Bistveno je namreč posvečen mučencem in mučenkam, fantom in možem, ženam in dekletom, izpred 30 let. Njihova prelita kri in strašna smrt nam bo na letošnjem Korotanovem koncertu govorila po njegovih pevkah in pevcih, po lepi slovenski pesmi, kaj je in ostane naša prva in glavna življenjska dolžnost, zlasti še nas v svobodnem zdomstvu, namreč: Neomajna zvestoba Bogu in popolna vdanost in služba svojemu narodu!

Korotanov koncert slovenske pesmi in svetega spomina bo v soboto, 26. t.m., ob pol osmih zvečer v največjem Slovenskem narodnem domu na St. Clairju.

Janez Sever

Sestanek Pripravljalnega odbora za Baragov dan

CLEVELAND, O. — Župnik Marije Vnebovzete, č.g. Victor Tome, je v četrtek zvečer, 10. aprila, sklical sestanek Pripravljalnega odbora za Baragov dan, ki bo 28. septembra 1975. Sestanka so se udeležili mnogi zastopniki slovenskih društev in ustanov ter zastopniki (-nice) cerkvenih društev vseh treh slovenskih župnij v Clevelandu. Skupno se je udeležilo sestanka 35 oseb.

Navzoči so bili duhovniki: č.gg. Victor Tome, Jožef Varga, Jožef Vovk, dr. Pavel Krajnik, Anthony Rebol, Jože Božnar. Od škofije se je sestanka udeležil škofijski tajnik Francis Kosem.

Župnik Victor Tome je v pozdravnem nagovoru na kratko nakazal namen sestanka in načrte za priprave za čim bolj slovesen Baragov dan. Nato je prošil č.g. Kosma, da pove, kako si na škofiji zamišljajo in želijo izvedbo Baragovega dneva. Rev.

Kosem je vzpodbujal, da Slovenci ne smemo biti ponižni javno slovensko nastopati in da je Baragov dan čas, da ob tej slovesnosti nastopimo Slovenci pred javnostjo z našimi bogatimi verskimi, narodnimi in kulturnimi tradicijami. V kratkih obrisih je nakazal, kako si zamišlja tehnične priprave za izvedbo Baragovega dneva. Na prošil je Rev. Jože Božnarja, da vodi nadaljnje priprave za izvedbo Baragovega dneva.

Izvoljeni so bili trije odbori oziroma odseki: za liturgijo ali cerkveni del slovesnosti; za program celotne slovesnosti in odbor za publiciteto. Predsednik liturgičnega dela je dr. Pavel Krajnik, za program Jože Božnar, za publiciteto Jože Varga. Glavni odbor sestavljajo župniki in duhovniki treh slovenskih župnij v Clevelandu. Vodstvo je prevzel č.g. Jože Božnar od Sv. Vida.

To so samo glavni obrisi namena tega sestanka. Posamezni odbori so se takoj posebej sestali in vsak za sebe začeli razgovor o nadaljnjem delu. Sklepi odborov ali skupni načrti Pripravljalnega odbora bodo sproti objavljeni v slovenskem in angleškem časopisu.

Jože Melaher

Ponovni uspeh

CLEVELAND, O. — Kar na tihoma se je preteklo soboto zgodaj zjutraj v Chicago odpeljalo 46 članov folklorne skupine "Kres", da obiščejo tamkajšnjo slovensko naselbino. Pred cerkvijo sv. Stefana so se ustavili nekaj čez poldne, ker tam je še vedno slovensko središče Chicaga. Tam imajo tudi enkrat na teden slovensko šolo, ki pa se menda bori z istimi težavami kot slovenske šole drugod po Ameriki. V šoli naj se otroci učijo slovensčine, kakor hitro učne prostore zapustijo, pa njihovi učitelji zunaj z njimi govorijo angleško, kakor njihovi ateki in mamice, dedki in babice, čeprav v slovenskem okolju. Menda se ravna po že preživetem slovenskem reku: Zena in črni kruh sta za doma.

Zvečer so Kresovi plesalci nastopili v dvorani pri Sv. Stefanu, ki je bila, navkljub sorazmerno visoki vstopnini (\$5) premajhna in še ko so plesalci res dobro nastopili, bi jo kmalu razneslo med navdušenjem, ki so ga udeleženci z žvižgi in ploskanjem izkazali izvedbi posameznih točk programa.

Kres zadnja leta za nastope več ne uporablja reproducirane glasbe. Pri Kresovem večeru jeseni v Clevelandu je sodeloval orkester Veseli Slovenci, pri prireditvi v Chicagu pa novi clevelandski ansambel "Alpski kvintet", ki ga sestavljajo Tone Ovsenik, bariton, Edi Mejač, trobenta, Janez Znidaršič, klarnet, Jože Gjerek, kitara, harmonika pa igra Slavko Teskač. Nekaj članov tega ansambla je izšlo iz zbora Mladih harmonikarjev, skoraj vsi pa so narodeci na Ameriško Domovino. Orkester in pesni nastopi so se popolnoma skladali. Kako so bili sami Chicagožani zadovoljni, bodo povedali ob priliki, saj imajo

dobrega poročevalca Ameriške omovine v "Totem Stajercu".

Po samem nastopu Kresove skupine se je razvil družabni večer, na katerem so izmenoma igrali Arkovci igralci in "Alpski kvintet", ki je ta večer doživel svoj krst. Prevladale so samo slovenske pesne melodije, brez hrupne muzike, ki plesalce uvaja v način plesov džungle, ki za kulturne ljudi gotovo niso najbolj primerni.

Plesalcem skupine Kres in njeni voditeljici ge. Bernardi Ovsenik gre vse priznanje, da so napravili obisk v drugem mestu s slovenskim prebivalstvom in tako ustvarili možnost, da se slovenska mladina med seboj spozna in spoprijatelji.

J. O.-k.

Koncert "Planine" na Maple Heights

MAPLE HEIGHTS, O. — Cenjenemu občinstvu naznanjam, da je po dolgem odmoru pevski zbor Planina spet oživel.

Ko nas je vrli pevovodja Frank Vauter zapustil in šel v zaslužni pokoj, je bil zbor prisiljen prenehati z vajami. Po trudopolnem iskanju drugega učitelja nam je bila sreča mila in Planina ima sedaj novega, izvrstnega pevovodjo g. Thomasa Kramerja.

Z novim pevovodjem je Planina dobila lepo število novih, že izkušenih pevk in pevk. Zbor se sedaj prav pridno pripravlja za koncert v nedeljo, 27. aprila, ob štirih popoldne v Slovenskem narodnem domu na 5050 Stanley Ave., Maple Hts. Pri koncertu bo sodeloval z nekaj pesnimi mladinski zbor Planine, katerega vodi Mrs. Olga Ponikvar.

Planina prijazno vabi cenjeno občinstvo na ta svoj koncert. Z udeležbo boste dali zboru priznanje in pobudo za nadaljnje delovanje. Po koncertu bo kakor vselej poskrbljeno za okusno večerjo in pijačo. Po okrepčilu se bomo veseli živahno zavrteli.

Na svidenje na koncertu!

Louis Kastelic

Iz koroških pisem

CLEVELAND, O. — Navezali smo stike z gimnazijo v Wolfbergu (nemška). Izmenjali bomo skupen koncert obeh gimnazij: Wolfberške in naše Slovenske — zgleda, da bo majhna revolucija. Kajti v naši "čisto nemški" Koroški nastajajo nove vezi, spoznanja, mogoče celo prijateljstva s slovenskimi dijaki... Verjetno je nekaj nemške mladine bilo prvič v svojem življenju v slovenski družbi. Neinformiranost je pri Nemcih zelo velika, večina nas pozna iz časopisa (informacija je vedno "superobjektivna") ali pa po propagandnih listih Heimatdienta...

Slovenska gimnazija ima za novo šolsko leto 75 prijav, tako sta dva paralelna prva razreda že sigurna, mogoče bo še tretji. Gradnja novega poslopja bo v nekaj dneh zaključena. Tudi notranja oprema je skoraj docela postavljena. 16. aprila (upamo, upamo!) se bomo lahko selili! Praznovali bomo vsi, ki Slovensko gimnazijo ljubimo in z njo živimo, praznovali pa bodo tudi tisti, ki jim je gimnazija trn v peti. Trobili bodo spet vsemu svetu, koliko več, kot zaslužimo, Slovenci dobimo itd. Zamolčijo pa vedno, da za gimnazijo že 18 let prosjčimo!

Drugo pismo: Slišimo, da so na pritisk od spodaj ukinili slovenske oddaje na Glasu Amerike. Kaj si vse dovolijo! Taki postopki sodijo bolj v inkvizicijo. Gotovo veste, kako so se blamirali, ko so zaplenili verski list "Družina". To je bila najboljša propaganda. Ljudje so se kar trgali, da so dobili inkriminirani članek v roke. V nekem podjetju so menda fotokopirali ta

članek in ga delili med delavce. Malo prej so imeli kampanjo proti "Družini" in "Ognjišču". Javno mnenje je bilo povečini na strani "reakcionarnih sil". Zdi se mi, da niso zdravi, če ga vsake kvatre kje ne p...

Volitve smo tudi prestali... Tovariš Zwitter je priporočil svojim pristašem, naj volijo komuniste ali Koroško enotno listo. Komunisti so nato precej glasov izgubili. Kje so torej Zwitterjevi pristaši? Zdaj se je, da je izstopil iz socialistične partije. Če bi bil priporočil svojim, naj volijo socialiste, bi se zdaj vsaj lahko bahal, da je zmagal. Mislim, da je večina naših vernih ljudi volila KEL, čeprav dr. Apovnik ni čisto naš človek. Gotovo pa je on zmožen premostiti nasprotja med koroškimi Slovenci. Predvsem mu je narodnost pred ideologijo. Če Apovnik ne bi bil Slovenec, bi bil danes verjetno že okrajni glavar.

Najbolj nama je škodil kancler Kreisky. Tri dni pred volitvami je začel javno zmerjati Slovence, da nečijo k njemu na pogovore. Zdal se so se naši le odzvali vabilu, pa je kancler "zbolel". Bog ve/kako se bo stvar razvila ali še bolj zapletla. Tako se otepamo nacizma in komunizma, dokler nas ne bosta zmlela... Toliko za danes. Nanizal sem par novosti. Iz njih razvidiš, kako smo še potrebni odrešenja v vsakem oziru. Cestokrat pač vidimo in doživimo samo tisto plat odrešenja, na kateri je zapisano trpljenje. V vstajenje moram pač verovati! Bog daj Vam in nam moči!

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Tretje pismo: KEL je zgubila in po mojem zmagala. Politična baza je široka, dobra. Na tej bazi je treba zdaj delati v občinah naprej (vedno pod oznako KEL), da postane ideja močna — in uspeša bo!

Bila je zelo hudo gonja prot nam od vseh strank. Smilila se nam je naša mladina, ki se je tako vneto vrgla v ta boj in se cele noči žrtvovala in plakati la, ker so Nemci naše plakate vedno poškodovali... Za radijsko oddajo Glasa Amerike nam je zelo žal, ker smo jo večkrat poslušali...

M. J.

Rev. Joseph Čelesnik obhaja 40-letnico mašništva

EUCLID, O. — Prihodnjio nedeljo, 20. aprila, ob 12.30 bo s somaševanjem v cerkvi sv. Kristine obhajal 40-letnico svojega mašništva župnik fare sv. Kristine Rev. Joseph Čelesnik.

V okvir tega slavljenja naj navedem o njem te podatke: Father J. Čelesnik je ameriški Slovenec, rojen v Clevelandu 31. oktobra 1907. Njegov oče je bil doma s Stare Vrhniče, mati, rojena Gregorič, pa iz Valične vasi v fari Zagradec na Dolenjskem. Pohajal je najprvo v domačo farno šolo sv. Vida, nato nadaljeval v Cathedral Latin. Leta 1928 je stopil v seme nišče Matere božje v Clevelandu, kjer je po dokončani študijah bogoslovja na Cvetno nedeljo, 14. aprila 1935, prejel subdiakoniat in bil 23. aprila po takratnem škofu J. Schrembsu posvečen v mašnika. Naslednje (Belo) nedeljo, 23. aprila 1935 je pri Sv. Vidu opravil prvo daritev sv. maše.

Zdi se mi, da je slovenstvo v tem obdobju doseglo zenit, "ki je bil najvišji dan..." Narodne in versko življenje slovenstva je v Clevelandu bilo tedaj na vrhuncu, od takrat se polagoma nagiba k zatonu... Omenjeni nedeljo, 23. aprila 1935, so trije potomci slovenskih naseljenčev bili novomašniki. Poleg Rev. J. Čelesnika je imel novo mašo pr. Sv. Vidu še — sedaj monsignor — Rt. Rev. Louis Baznik, župnik v Thompsonu, Ohio, v Collinwoodu pri fari Marije Vnebovzete pa Rev. Max Sodja (sedaj

bivajoč na 9133 Hammoch Lake Dr., Miami Beach, Fla. 33156).

Da je vidovska fara dala Slovincem v Clevelandu toliko sinov našega rodu duhovniškemu stanu, je zasluga tedanjega župnika Msgr. Rt. Rev. Bartolomeja Ponikvarja, ki je gmotno marsikateremu omogočil, da je dosegel svoj cilj. Naj mu bo ob tem spominu hvaležno priznanje!

Kolikor imam v spominu, je bil Father Čelesnik kot kaplan poslan 31. maja 1935 k Sv. Kristini, kjer je sedaj od smrti rev. Anthonyja Bombača 18. avgusta 1962 župnik. Njegovo prvo službovanje v tej župniji je bilo zelo kratko, ker je bil po tragični smrti kaplana rev. Viktorja Viranta poslan k fari Marije Vnebovzete v Collinwood. Tam je bil več let pomočnik pokojnemu msgr. rt. rev. Vitusu Hribarju. Nato je bil premeščen na zahodno stran mesta Clevelanda v župnijo Marijinega Oznajenja. Od tam je bil nastavljen za župnika slovenske fare Presv. Srca Jezusovega v Barberton, Ohio. Za časa njegovega župnikovanja je v tej fari postavil farno šolo. V septembru 1962 mu je bila izročena fara njegove prve službe. Za časa njegovega vodstva je fara sv. Kristine dosegla, da so farna poslopja dogotovljena, župnišče in cerkev. Zdi se mi, če se spomnimo, s kakšnimi težavami se je ta fara — letos bo obhajala zlati, 50-letni jubilej, pričela. Slovenci naseljenici so vztrajali in vzdržali v času depresije. Preskrbeli so 11 akrov zemljišča, da ni stiske za prostor, kot ga imajo nekatere fare. Tu je viden uspeh in božji blagoslov. Skoraj bi dejal — kar se sedaj Father Čelesnik, ko so mu po prvem službovanju razmere poznane — da tu velja evangeljska primerja "O gorčičnem semenu". Uverjen sem, da fara šteje, če ne več, gotovo pa okrog 1800 družin. Ni mala skrb biti odgovoren za toliko številno težka je naloga župnika, da bi vsem ustregel. Tisti pionirji, ki so dali župniji slovenski izraz, so že skoraj vsi v onostranstvu. Vsaj tretjina faranov je po priimkih sodeč slovenskega pokolenja. Več ali manj se razumejo govorico svojih staršev. Pa, kot je naš poet Ivan Zorman označil: "Včeraj si si gnezdo spletel, danes mladič tvojih glasov več ne umeje."

So še izjeme. In ta izjema je tudi naš župnik Father Čelesnik. Če bi mu ne dal za to slovensko znanje 100%, pa bo daleč nad 90% odgovarjalo, da se še zaveda svojega slovenstva. Kar razveseli se človek, ko mu rad na angleško besedo da slovenski odgovor. V svojem nastopu je povsod skromen, njegova odlična prednost je, da rad obiskuje v bolnišnici bolnike. Marsikateri mu je hvaležen za tak obisk, ki mu prinaša tolažbo.

Ob 40-letnici duhovništva, ko gledate prehojeno pot, Vam želimo, da bi vsi dnevi Vašega delovanja bili zlata zrna pšenice, shranjeni za božje žitnice. Naj Vas nebo ohrani fari sv. Kristine še dolgo v zdravju in slogi med farani, da bi pri sodbi kot Pastir imeli zadoščenje: "No, en, ki si mi jih dal v oskrbo, se ni zgubil."

Farani imajo po sv. maši ob 12.30 zakusko (buffet-dinner) v farni dvorani. M. T.

Nov tajnik pri Društvu Kristus Kralj #226 KSKJ

EUCLID, O. — Za novega tajnika Društva Kristus Kralj št. 226 KSKJ je bil izvoljen za zdajnji seji Frank Seg. Novi tajnik je prevzel tajništvo za dobro poznano in delavno tajnico Mrs. Mary Zupanič, katerega je zaradi zdravja tajništvo odpovedala.

Naj bo tem potom članstvu naznanjeno, da naj se v vseh zadevah društva obrača na Franka Seg, 251 E. 246 St. Euclid, Ohio 44123, tel. 261-2501. Frank Seg

Karl H. Waggerl

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Ob prošnjih dneh pred Kristu-
sovim vnebohodom pridejo ro-
marji od daleč iz sosednjih vasi.
Ze zarana so šli na pot z molit-
vijo in slavo pevajoč, ali pot je
bila dolga, sonce se je pomikalo
pred sprevedom na brezoblač-
nem nebu, in tako je postalo to
romanje po žarno vroči cesti na-
zadnje težavno. Možnarji so že
dolgo nared, iz cerkvenega stol-
pa plapolajo zastave in naposled
se potope prvi romarji iz prahu
oblačkov kakor krdelo sulčarjev
po vroči bitki, rjavo ožgani in
od potu zaliti pod gozdom križ-
nih drogov, ki se bliskajo kakor
sulice, z okrašenimi podobami
in pisanim platnom bander.

V bližini vasi zbere tisti, ki
moli naprej, še enkrat svoje
moči in začne z močnim glasom
litanije svete Device — Pribeža-
lišče grešnikov, Zgodnja danica!
Množica se pomika počasi na-
prej in mu otožno odgovarja,
ženske, ki se kuhajo in tako re-
koč vro v črnosivih opravi
svojih kril in modrcov, in otroci,
belooblečene deklice, ki se obe-
šajo že čisto uvele in skoraj
mrtve od žeje na roke svojih
mater. Hvala Bogu za trohico
hladu, za en sam dih vetriča v
seni pod lipo!

Romarji čakajo nekaj časa
pred cerkvenim zidom, da se
zbero in malo oddahnjejo. To so

tuji ljudje, njihova vas leži pet
ur hoda daleč onkraj doline, to
je že zunaj sveta. Zatorej imajo
tudi čisto druge navade, možje
nosijo zeleno pisane nogavice in
žene vtikajo ovratno ruto le na
rahlo za modrc, ne tako lepo
zgubano kakor v tukajšnji vasi.
In najbolj nenavadno je, da ti
obesijo na vsako drugo besedo
vzdih. Bog ve, zakaj to delajo,
morebiti jim tako ugaja to ni-
hovo beketanje. Pravijo, da
imajo ti ljudje sploh nekaj po-
sebnega v vsem svojem nehanju.
Nekoč, da so večer pred roma-
njem tekli dve uri daleč noter
v dolino in se spet vrnili, samo
da bi jim drugi dan ne bilo treba
hoditi tako daleč.

Pripovedujejo ti seveda spet
tisto zgodbo o kokoših, ki so la-
jale, kot da so bili svoj čas tu
pri nas poskusili, kako bi priva-
dili perutnino lajati, da bi ja-
streb ne zahajal tako pogostoma
nad piščeta. Kokoši so se tudi
potrudile in se pridno učile, ali
ko so to tudi znale, so zdrvele
v slepem strahu same pred sabo
in so se porazpršile na vse ve-
trove. To seveda ni nič res, to
bi bilo vsekakor tudi od hudica,
samo pomislite, kokoši, ki laja!
Naj bo temu kakor že koli, to je
veselo ljudstvo, ti sosedje. Ves
trg prekipeva od hrupa in pi-
sane gneče. Pater Janez jim v

Eno od serijskih sporočil našim odjemalcem:

"Žal, nobene posebne elektrike!"

Kaj, če bi se to zgodilo?

Kaj, če bi vaša električna družba nenadno
prenehala graditi za bodočnost?Kaj, če bi zmogla samo toliko električnega
toka in nič več? In če bi Vi mogli dobiti
samo toliko elektrike, kot ste jo dobili
prejšnji mesec in niti ene kilovatne
ure več?

Nobene težave, res?

Vi ste imeli zadnji mesec obilo

elektrike.

Ista količina ta mesec bi bilo kar dobro.

Morda?

Toda, recimo, da bi hoteli zamenjati vaš
belo-črni televizor z barvnim.Barvni porabi veliko več elektrike kot
črno-beli. Kakih 12 kilovatnih ur več
povprečno na mesec. Tako bi morali na
nek način prihraniti teh 12 kilovatnih ur
drugje — na primer z manjšo rabo
pralnika, ki porabi toliko elektrike na
mesec za povprečno družino.Potem, seveda, vselej, kadar bi dali
elektriko kaki novi hiši, bi morale vse
prejšnje za nekaj omejiti svojo porabo
elektrike, da bi nova dobila svoj
mesečni delež.Med tem bi postale službe redkeje...
ker 70 odstotkov naše elektrike gre v
podjetja in industrijo v Severovzhodnem
Ohiu ter bi brez dodatne elektrike
stare družbe ne mogle rasti in nove ne
bi mogle začeti.

Nihče od nas ne mara take bodočnosti.

Toda trdo dejstvo je: brez zadovoljive
cene za električni tok v odnosu na stroške
njene pridobivanja in prenašanja mi
enostavno ne moremo izpolniti finančnih
zahtev, zvezanih z graditvijo za bodočnost.
Mi upamo, da Vam omogoča to boljše
razumevanje našega položaja in Vašega
računa za elektriko!

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cerkvi pridiguje, ali za začetek
je dolga povest o strašanski ne-
vihti in o osmih ovcah, ki jim je
strela volno postrigla, — kakor
sti povem, pa čisto do kože!
Malim deklicam nakupijo sla-
šče v prodajalnici pri Agati,
zdaj si ogledajo tudi čipke in
potezkavajo blago, vse je gro-
luzansko drago, a končno ven-
dar skoraj nobena ne odide brez
kosa blaga za predpasnik. Potem
pa kupi še zavitek tobaka za
moža, pač zaradi miru. Zunaj
na trgu pred cerkvijo se prepi-
rajo dečki, zdaj ima David be-
sedu. Pravkar razžarja ogelje v
kadilnici.

Pri nas je iz srebra, reče nekdo
vrste, mi imamo srebrno kadil-
nico s štirimi verižicami.

Eh? Srebrno pa eno samo?
Ali naj ti nekaj pokažem, grin-
ta? Naše kadilnice po vrsti, zla-
te in one z dragulji, ali kelihe
in mašne vrčke in monštrance,
to ti jih je polna klet do stropa!
Tak pokaži!

Da, tebi, takemu izrodku!
Semkaj mora priti sam škof, ra-
zumeš, in še ta mora biti kaj pa-
meten. Ves dan zapravi, a še ni
niti z najmanjšimi svečniki pri
kraju.

Ali jih šteje?
Da, vsako leto. Nekoč so ene-
ga ukradli, kar meni tebi nič je

zginil, in kaj se je zgodilo?
No, kaj?

Devica je sama stopila iz vot-
line in hodila tri noči z drugo
svetliko v roki po vasi in iskala
tatu, a tretjo noč ga je našla.
Prav nič hudega mu ni prizade-
jala, ne, Mati božja je samo sto-
pila v njegovo kamro, ko je spal,
in prižgala lučko na ukradenem
svečniku. Potlej je spet šla, sto-
pila v votlino in čakala. Ali od
tiste ure je lučka kar venomer
gorela, tat se je zbudil in se pre-
strašil: Pihal je vanjo, pa ni nič
pomagalo. Zilil je nanjo vode,
pa lučka je gorela le še svetleje
in tako močno, da so ljudje drli
pred tatovo hišo. Kaj pomeni
ta luč? so dejali. Kaj ta sveč-
nik, vendar ni oni ukradeni?
Naposled je moral tat priznati
svojo sramoto in z gorečo lučko
iti skozi vso vas v cerkev; da,
in potem je imela Mati božja
spet svoj svečnik.

In tat? Kaj se je s tem zgo-
dilo?

Ne vem, pravi David naveli-
čan, vprašaj ga. Če je tako star,
kakor si ti neumen, paglavec,
tedaj je še živ.
Ti si neumen, reče paglavec.
To sploh nič ni, svečnik in takš-
nole delo! Naš puščavnik, pravi,
ga ukradli, kar meni tebi nič je

lj. Puščavnik? Kdo je to?

No, svet mož, tako nekako
kakor poprej preroki. Živi v
gozdu v neki duplini, čisto sam,
pravcati samotar.

In kaj ondi počenja?

Nič, moli. Včasih nabira ko-
reninice ali gobe, in če ne najde
prav nobene več, tedaj pozvoni
s svojim zvoncec, da mu kdo
prinese na pot kruha.

Tako. In ti zna vodo najti,
praviš?

Da, ker je tako svet. Ali tega
ne dela rad, samo če ga hudo
prosiš. Tedaj hodi z rogovilasto
palčko po polju in če se kje
zgane, tam je izvir v zemlji,
tam lahko zmeraj izkopljesh vodo-
njak. Nekoč je bil našel srebrne
telarje v loncu, pa jih ni maral
so prekleti, je dejal.

Da, vsako leto. Nekoč so ene-
ga ukradli, kar meni tebi nič je

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MAME IN TAŠČE

CAROLINE KONGILJA

ki je za vedno zatisnila svoje
dobre oči 18. aprila 1971.

Hvala, naša zlata mama,
vso ljubezen si nam dala,
vse moči in vse skrbi.
Rajski mir, nebeška sreča
naj bosta Tvoja v večnosti!

Zalujoci:

soprogo JOHN
sin CHARLES
hčerke SCHOLASTICA,
CAROLINE por. BRUSH
DOROTHY por. DZIAK
zet RICHARD
pet vnukov in vnukinj
ter ostalo sorodstvo.
Cleveland, Ohio, 18. aprila 1975.

Some
research
"experts"
say you can't
taste the
difference
between
beers...
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What do you say?
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YOU'VE SAID IT ALL!



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OČETA IN STAREGA
OČETA

**FRANK
STUPAR**

ki je umrl 18. aprila 1961.

Kako veselo smo živeli,
dokler zdravje smo imeli,
pa prišla je kruta smrt,
Te preselila v božji vrt.

Leta 14. Te zemlja krije,
truplo Tvoje v grobu spi.
Pri nas pa žalost je velika,
ker Te več med nami ni.

Zalujoci:

Singovi: FRANK, WILLIAM, STANLEY in EDWARD
Hčere: ANN por. ERJAVEC, ELEANORE
Snaha: KATHERYN, LILLIAN in JUSTINE
Zet: EDWARD
vnuki, pravnuki in pravnukinja.

Cleveland, O. 18. aprila 1975.

MSGR. BAZNIK, FR. CELESNIK, FR. SODJA MARK 40TH ANNIVERSARY ON APRIL 23

By FRANK ZUPANCIC

On April 23, three priests, Msgr. Louis B. Baznik, Fr. Joseph F. Celesnik and Fr. Max F. Sodja will mark their 40th Anniversary of ordination to the priesthood.

On the occasion of their first Mass on April 28, 1935, it was



Msgr. Louis B. Baznik



Fr. Max F. Sodja

the first time in the history of Cleveland Slovenians that three young men, born in the St. Vitus Parish, celebrated their first Mass on the same day.

Presently, Msgr. Baznik is pastor of St. Patrick's, Thompson, Fr. Celesnik is pastor at St.

Christine, Euclid, while Fr. Sodja is retired on sick leave in Miami, Florida.



Fr. Joseph F. Celesnik

Congratulations and best wishes are extended to all three priests on their 40 years of outstanding service and toil in the vineyard of the Lord.

May God grant you many more years of happiness and contentment in the future.

JOE WOODS

BEANED ON A BUS



I have come to the conclusion that I will never sit on a bus again — I will only stand.

Last week as I was riding on the 39-B bus, enjoying the trip, an elderly woman got on the bus. I put aside my excellent copy of the American Home in which I was reading about Mr. Jacob Strekal telling the folks its great to be a Slovenian, Joe Gornik about Florida, Jim Debevec protecting polka music and Frank Zupancic writing about the great men and

events of 25 years ago.

I stood up — she pushed me down and said strongly, "Young man, I do not wish for you to stand up and give me a seat. I am a follower of women's lib and I can stand."

I answered, "But lady, please..." and again she knocked me down.

The second time I tried to get up she hit me with her purse and said, "You just sit there. I don't want a male chauvinist pig to do me any favors," she

screamed at me.

I said, "But lady..."

She said, "No buts. You sit there. Don't stand up for me."

The third time, being groggy and dizzy, I stood up and she clobbered me again and we went through the same routine.

Finally I got up enough courage and stood up and shouted back to the amazon, "Lady, I haven't been trying to give you this seat. I've been trying to get off the bus. My stop was three stops back."

Father Celesnik to be honored at St. Christines

Father Joseph F. Celesnik, Pastor of St. Christine Parish, Euclid, since September, 1962 will be celebrating his 40th Anniversary in the Priesthood with a Mass of Thanksgiving on April 20th at 12:30 p.m.

Concelebrants will be the Rev. Fathers Victor J. Cimperman, Joseph J. Ozimek, Victor N. Tomc, Francis R. Sterk, Raymond T. Hobart, Louis A. Pizmoht, Francis M. Paik, and Gerard T. Findlan.

Father Louis A. Pizmoht will deliver the homily.

After the Mass, Father Celesnik will be honored by the Parishioners at a Banquet at 2:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall.

Ordained April 23, 1935, his first appointment was at St. Christine where he served as an associate for 1 year. He was then appointed associate at St. Marys' Collinwood, where he served from 1936 until 1947.

He then went to the Annunciation Church in Cleveland, where he was an associate until 1952; after which he was named Pastor of Sacred Heart Church in Barberton, Ohio where he remained for 10 years prior to being appointed Pastor at St. Christine Parish.

Under Father Celesnik's direction, the present Rectory was built in 1963. He was also responsible for the erection of the new church which was formally dedicated in September, 1969.

Dr. Charles J. Centa, head of Psychiatric unit of St. Vincent, dies

Dr. Charles J. Centa, age 57, died at St. Vincent Charity Hospital on Monday.

He was head of the Psychiatric Division at the hospital since 1965. He was also vice-president of the medical staff.

Dr. Centa who was a graduate of John Carroll University and the St. Louis University School of Medicine, was president of the Cleveland Society of Neurology and Psychiatry.

Surviving are his wife Lillian, daughters Lillian, Helbig, Nancy Stock, Susan, and Janice, his mother Mrs. Frances Centa, three grandchildren, two sisters, and two brothers.

Funeral is today at 9:30 a.m. at the Zak Funeral Home, 6016 St. Clair Ave. Services 10 a.m. at St. Vitus Church Interment in Calvary Cemetery.

Deepest sympathy to the entire family.

News from around town

★ Home from St. Vincent Charity Hospital is Mrs. Jennie Gustincic of 18800 Abby Ave. She wishes to thank all who visited her at the hospital or who sent her gifts or cards.

★ Lucinda Short, daughter of Mrs. Charlotte Tibbs, 20900 Fuller Ave., is engaged to Gregory Talty, son of Mr. and Mrs. Martin C. Talty of 81 E. 213 St. The wedding is planned for July 5 at Holy Cross Church.

★ Mr. and Mrs. Stanley J. Arko, 814 Talmadge Ave., announce the engagement of their daughter, Debra, to Joseph John Kolencik, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph J. Kolencik, 382 Bayshore Drive. Miss Arko, a 1973 graduate of Wickliffe High, is employed at National Acme. She is attending Lakeland Community College. Her fiancé, a 1969 Wickliffe High graduate, is employed at Towmotor Corp. He also attends Lakeland Community College. Wedding plans are for spring of next year.

★ Janice Claire Damsel, daughter of Mrs. John Damsel, 1768 Catalpa Rd. and the late Mr. Damsel, is engaged to Robert Edward Kopniske, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Kopniske, 459 E. 271 St. Miss Damsel, a 1974 graduate of Regina High, is attending Dyke College on a scholarship. Her fiancé, a 1973 grad of St. Joseph High, works at Best Products, Willowick, O. No date has been set for the wedding.

★ Chris Fidel, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Fidel, 24801 Stephen Ave., is on the dean's list at Bowling Green University with a 4.0 average. He is a freshman.

★ Dianne and Vincent Besednjak, 974 E. 76 St., are the parents of a baby girl, who was named Tina Michelle, born March 7 weighing 9 lbs. 7 ozs.

★ Born on March 12th, was a daughter, who was named Traci Lynn, to Rita and Richard Zabivnik, 233 E. 149 St. She weighed 6 lbs. 3 ozs.

Frank Segal is new secretary of lodge 226

Frank Segal was elected Secretary at the meeting this week of Lodge No. 226 Christ the King, KSKJ. He says collections will be made at the Slovenian National Home (downstairs) on the 25th of every month at 6 p.m. You can reach him at 251 E. 246 St., Euclid, Ohio phone number 261-2501.

Angie Lube, vice-pres.

Happy Elders seek travels for northwest tour

The Happy Elders will be departing July 7th for a 24-Day Tour, returning July 30 and are looking for individuals to join in the adventure.

They will visit the Pacific Northwest and Western Canada.

Included will be Regina, Calgary, Banff, Lake Louise, Jasper, Vancouver, Victoria, Seattle, Portland, Sacramento, Lake Tahoe, Reno (with time for a top show), Columbia River, Cheyenne, Colorado Springs, Denver, both the Canadian and American Rockies and more. Places most people have always wanted to see.

We will make this tour as interesting as possible, and a friendly and most comfortable time all the way. Walking will be at a MINIMUM.

There will be comfortable seats and plenty of room in our air-conditioned bus, toilet, card tables, "Hospital Corner" and

periodic "break" and sightseeing stops.

No worries about gas, driving, motels, or getting lost.

You will be with congenial people you know.

The price for the transportation, sightseeing, and motels is only \$725 per person "Double" or \$910 "Single" with a minimum of 25 people needed to go. We will help get a partner if required. If more people go, then we can provide additional "extras".

Appreciate early reservations with deposit of \$50 per person, balance payable by June 12.

Al and Pauline Sajevic 45 Woodside Ave. Rd. 2, Box 31A Jefferson, Ohio 44047 Phone 1-576-6497

Meeting

St. Ann's No. 150 KSKJ has a meeting on Sunday at 1:00 p.m. at SND on E. 80 St.

REMEMBER THE OLD TOONERVILLE TROLLEY?

By JOHN ALICH
as told to FRANK ZUPANCIC

Upon my arrival to Cleveland in January 1905, most of the Slovenian families lived north of St. Clair. On the south side of St. Clair resided the more well-to-do German and English-Irish families. Most of the thoroughfare's business establishments were operated by the Germans.



John Alich

From East 30th to East 72nd on St. Clair, were mostly residential homes, with only a few stores scattered at the intersections. It was only in succeeding years that more store fronts were added to the existing homes.

Carbon arc-lights illuminated St. Clair and Superior Avenues while the unpaved side streets would rely on coal oil gas lamps that were lit and extinguished by a lamplighter.

There were still many feed stores on St. Clair. Some merchants that I still recall are Scheinbarth on E. 54th, Hahn at E. 61st, and Boll at Addison.

The area east of E. 72nd was still mostly rural. At E. 79th street was Smith's Farm, which included a huge apple orchard. As young boys will sometimes do, we picked a few of the temptingly delicious apples and invariably we would be hotly pursued by a large collie dog and Farmer Smith.

In 1906, the White Motor Company purchased the entire farm and today a sprawling truck production facility stands on the site of Smith's Farm.

Further east at 88th Street was the Glenville Race Track. The township of Glenville originated at Doan Creek to East 125th St. Horses with sulks attached, would be very much in evidence daily at beautiful Gordon Park. Their grooms would see to it that they received their share of exercise. The jockeys would race them at harness track at Glenville Race Track, then one of the finest in the nation. Urbanization finally closed the track in 1917. Today, Cultural Gardens stand on almost the exact spot.

Electric streetcars that traversed St. Clair were the open type much like the Toonerville Trolley of the comic pages. In winter they would be closed with wooden side panels that would be lowered from their roof storage area. The fare was only 3¢, thanks to Mayor Tom L. Johnson, who was a champion of the little man.

The average weekly wage in 1905 was about \$6.50 per week. \$3.00 went for room, board and transportation and the balance was for clothes, entertainment, refreshments and there was always some to send back to the parents in the old country.

Some of the prices in that era were: Tailor-made suit, \$18.00; overcoat, \$15.00; Patent leather shoes, \$1.75; a felt or straw hat, \$1.00. Pleated shirts average

about 50¢ each, while a tie was 25¢ and socks were 6 pr. for 25¢.

Services such as a shoe shine, 5¢; haircuts, 15¢ and shave 10¢ (so came the expression, shave and hair cut - 2 bits), cigarettes were 5¢ for 10, beer was 5¢ a fishbowl, and bourbon 5¢ tapped directly from the barrel.

Milk was delivered in five gallon cans by horse and wagon. When the milkman would ring a bell, housewives would dash outside with an empty clay crock. The milkman would then proceed to fill the crock with milk, using the lid as a pourer — it held exactly a measured quart.

When a Slovenian couple would decide to marry, they would choose either a Saturday or Monday for the church ceremony. And there were always three or four couples, together they would partake in the wedding rites in church. The wedding reception later took place in the local saloon — rarely, if ever in a hall. \$2.00 was the usual wedding gift, while \$5.00 was considered a very generous present.

When a new settler died, his friends would go house to house, collecting 25¢ to cover burial expenses. If, however, the deceased belonged to the Pennsylvania lodge (at E. 30th Bratel Hall) his fellow members would give \$1.00 each. This lodge was soon to go bankrupt. There were just too many deaths from industrial accidents, consumption, and tuberculosis.

One tragic event that is imprinted deeply in my memory was in 1909, when a St. Clair streetcar was hit by a train at E. 38th and St. Clair. There were many casualties, including Slovenians, and as a result of this accident, the railroad erected a bridge over St. Clair to avoid another similar catastrophe.

These are just but a few of many memories. Life, in those early days was most difficult. There was no unemployment insurance, no vacation pay, no holiday pay, no seniority and at times — no work.

Yet, we Slovenian immigrants persevered, forming a camaraderie and helping each other thru difficult times. And today, 70 years later, I can only marvel at the conveniences and advancements in our mode of living.

It is amazing what has transpired during the course of my life since arriving to the American shores in 1905. And I've enjoyed every minute and continue to do so.

Annette Van Leeuwen to wed Charles Debevec

Mr. and Mrs. William Van Leeuwen of Yorkshire place announce the engagement of their daughter, Annette Rose, to Charles James Debevec. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Debevec of Euclid, O.

The bride-elect graduated from Alter high school and works as an art teacher. Her fiancé was graduated from St. Joseph high school, Cleveland, attended Cleveland State university and Pacific Christian college. They both graduated from University of Dayton.

A June 21 wedding date has been set.

I LOVE NEW YORK

By JOHN P. NIELSEN

New York, N.Y. — About a year ago in an extended stay in Cleveland I was visiting my cousin and we were discussing, oh, just anything, I guess, when I mentioned I was going back to New York. My cousin asked me in a mild to be sure, but definite, are-you alright-in-the-head tone, "You're really going back to New York?"

Like the legendary man drowning, who sees his whole life flash by, I experienced a similar flashback going back 50 years, when I was still a teenager.

We lived in Nottingham, as we called this particular Cleveland suburb, but as much as I liked the vineyardy surroundings of that day around our house, my feet were frequently pointed in the direction of downtown.

On many a day I hopped on a yellow street car and got off somewhere near Public Square. It took about an hour in those days. I usually stopped first in that wonderful Cleveland Public Library at Sixth and Superior. After drinking in the current literary magazines, and browsing through a half a dozen science books, I went to a late lunch. In the arcade across the street, in the lower level, I got the best hamburger sandwich and a piece of apple pie with cheddar cheese on the side. Then I would walk back past the Cleveland Plain Dealer building, and perhaps to the Cleveland Press offices, to smell the fresh-inked paper, and snatch the first copy of the evening edition sold just outside the premises. Then I might walk to the Hanna Theater to see maybe a celebrity going into the stage door. Finally before going home, I would lounge a bit in one of the hotel lobbies, reading my newspaper, maybe pretending I was a hotel guest, but mostly trying to sense the aura of the big world outside of Cleveland.

All this was not good enough, and in due course, I headed for a more definite urban center—New York.

I got there by train, checked into a Y and got myself a job in Bayonne, New Jersey, just across the river from Manhattan, requiring a daily commuting by subway and the Liberty Street ferry across the Hudson. It was wonderful. I particularly enjoyed on occasion seeing a big liner go by the bow of the ferry in the mist of an early morning.

I rented a room on Riverside Drive in an apartment converted into a rooming house. Still not good enough, I found out in time. The Village was the place to live. And so, I drifted down there whenever I could and would drool over the various houses that I hoped to live in someday. The couple of thousand dollars I saved up over three or four years wouldn't come near the fifteen thousand (those good old days) I needed for one of those houses on Washington Square. No. 5 on the Square especially appealed to me, with an elaborate Colonial doorway and with Boston ivy as a ground cover for the miniature lawn area. This house, my research told me, was none other than the one Henry James lived in back in 1850. Fifteen thousand for such a house. It didn't seem so much, so I decided to plan and wait.

Well, my aspiration for a distillated urban milieu was only an avocation. My serious occupation was a chemist-metallurgist and at that time I was pursuing

a Ph.D. Finally I made it. Slow it came but come it did, through a series of fortunate circumstances. I spent the necessary four years in New Haven, a kind of far-removed New York suburb. And so back to Manhattan to join a university there.

I recall an incident on Times Square. I was squiring a girl when we came upon a skid row character leaning up against a building. His very black hair and other features betrayed that he was an American Indian, and he was shouting to the passerby, a bit incoherently, "Twenty-four dollars, they gave us, a measly \$24 for Manhattan." Stupidly we laughed, I suppose, — just another drunk. But that incident traced itself indelibly in my mind. It was not an act — there was no self-consciousness — it was the soul of an Indian cursing what the white man did to him.

This absence of self-consciousness seemed to be characteristic of New York. The incident could not have happened in Arizona, or Utah, and seem right. It took the impersonal Times Square to give it the ring of truth. And tragic as the incidence was, it fixed me more certainly in New York.

But I am groping for words. I don't really mean no self-consciousness, or the ring of truth. I think I mean a certain genuineness. In New York a cab driver looks and acts like a cab driver, through and through. In Akron or Albuquerque a cab driver is between jobs, or maybe waiting for his farm to be delivered to him, which he and his new bride purchased a month ago.

(Mentioning a cab driver reminds me of the precious reply I got from one when I asked him if he knew where Sniffen Court was, as I hopped into his cab. "All I know is where's the Statue of Liberty.")

I had occasion recently to give a party at the Harvard Club for about 20 guests. One of the guests looks admirably around in the venerable establishment said that it was just what he expected the Harvard Club to look like.

Yes, that's it — the real thing. A bar is a bar in New York, designed principally for dispensing alcoholic beverages. A cop is a professional cop. And that man in a top hat walking down the street gets no double takes. He has every right to wear it, not as a costume, but it belongs, along with his decorations on his chest, as he enters one of the finer clubs on Fifth Avenue for a banquet, at which some historical honor will be conferred on him.

Well to make a long story short, I did make some money in the stock market, enough to buy one of those houses in the Village. Jimmy Walker's house, no less. Just think, as we were walking through the house, we found music sheets scattered over the floor in one of the closets, one of which was of the one song Jimmy Walker composed, and no doubt, Betty Compton, his wife sang, namely, "Will you love me in December as you do in May?" It was a handsome house, befitting a mayor of New York, on St. Luke's Place, one of the more elegant streets in the Village.

I put down my down payment. The owner I was dealing with was Jack Lawrence, composer of "Tenderly", "Ciri Biri Bin", etc. The lawyers wrangled over the deal and in two months I lost out on the house, and two thou-

sand dollars in addition for brokerage and lawyer fees.

However, I learned fast, and after shucking off the predatory lawyers, put down a down payment on even a more illustrious house on a London-like mews, but really old New York. Not only was it one of the choicest spots in New York, but the house I captured was the best in the mews. And what a mews! Cole Porter wrote his "Begin the Beguine" in the corner house, and fifteen years later, in the same house, Jackson wrote his best seller, "Lost Weekend". The Lunts lived across the street, Melvina Hoffman, the celebrated sculptress, lived next door.

How could I miss? If ever I was to do creative work — this was the ambience. I was sure of it, especially when I read one Sunday morning in the book section of the Times, about writers in America, and the author of the piece speculated that somewhere a 19-year old beast was inching his way across the country toward Manhattan to write his "The Sun Also Rises".

The creativity did come, and the accompanying recognition and some prestige, enough for me to be listed in various Who's Who's. This, for my self-esteem established me in my adopted community. Why does a big city like New York, Paris, or London help in the creativity expression? Hard to say, but it does. One thing I see here is dedication — a bit more than elsewhere — a dedication not for making money, or pushing one's family ahead, as say in Taxes, but simply for excellence.

I went to my local hardware store one day, when Sam, the owner called out to me "Hey, Doctor Nielsen, you're a metallurgist, maybe one of the best in the country, I want to ask you a question about soldering". Well, I am not one of the best in the country, but I stand on that I am one of the good ones. But my hardware man just automatically assumed I was one of the best. Well, that's New York. The dedicated professional, whether he be a photographer, a ballet dancer, a mathematician, or an authority on eggs, is found here, and if he is not the best in the country he is not very far from the best. Had my hardware man spoken to my neighbor and wanted to ask about sculpturing, he would have had the opinion of a student of Rodin, and a world's authority in her own right. My wife once was puttering with some plantings around a tree in front of the house. A passerby stopped and gave some advice — good advice it turned out. And why not? We learned later that she was only the gardening editor of the New York Times, living down the street a bit.

In a Fourth Avenue book store, while browsing over some old books, an old post card fell out. The card was mailed from France and signed E. Wharton. I took the card to the Beinicke Rare Book Library of Yale and checked the hand-writing. Not only did the hand-writing check, but the French town from which the card was written. Hyeres, where Edith Wharton had her chateau on the Riviera. I sent the card to her biographer, Louis Auchinloss, and we had a pleasant chat about it. I sensed I was part of history, American literary history, at any rate, and so casually, too. One just had to be in the mainstream of what was going on in the

Social Security needs new collection system says Congressman James V. Stanton

The Social Security system might not be sound — but it definitely is safe.

According to Congressman James V. Stanton, in his 20th District Report of April, 1975, "You can be sure it's (Social Security) safe because Congress has shown time and again that it believes Social Security to be one of the best and most deserving of all federal programs.

"We want to keep the program. Therefore we have to begin by acknowledging that it's not on a sound financial footing. There simply isn't enough money coming into the system to pay for all the benefits beyond next year.

"But the solution is not hard to find. We'll get nowhere by building on the present tax base — we need a broader one. For many people, the Social Security payroll tax is too burden-

some. It costs them more each year than the income tax.

"So we're going to have to shift over and get support for the system from the general tax funds of the United States. In other words, we'll have more people paying the bill. Some will be paying large amounts, but in terms of what they can afford, the amount in such cases will be smaller than what the ordinary person is paying today.

... The full cost-of-living increase will be added to benefit checks on July 1, as previously scheduled. There will be no 5% limitation.

"The average payment for retired workers will go from \$188 to \$198, for retired couples from \$313 to \$329, for widows from \$177 to \$186 and for disabled workers from \$206 to \$217. The average minimum benefit will climb from \$94 to \$99, and the maximum from \$316 to \$332.

Death Notices

ADAMOVICH, ANGELA — Mother of Joseph, Ronald, sister of William, Edward, Josephine Eicher.

BARSIC, JOHN G. — Son of Ivan, brother of Anne, Mary Murphy, Louise, Nicholas, Andrew.

GERM, ANTHONY J. SR. — Husband of Rosemary (nee Peskar), father of Anthony Jr., Ronald, Richard, Rosemary, brother of Mary Kofol, Joseph, Frank.

GURKO, OLGA (nee Tomcany) — Sister of Augusta Weber, Mildred Rudoff, Margaret Dishingier, Helen Leslie. Residence at 15907 Parkgrove.

KOHLER, FRANK G. — Son of Frederick Sr., (and the late Elsie), stepson of Gladys (nee Yancer), brother of Fred, Beverly, Dora. Residence at 16016 Parkgrove Ave.

KUKANYA, FRANK — Father of Mamie Nader, Mary Jo Curtis. Residence at 8563 Munson Rd., Mentor.

PETKOVSEK, JOHANNA — Mother of Jean (Mrs. Anthony) Segal, Frances (Mrs. Adolph) Kotnik, Frank, sister of Anton. Residence at 1168 E. 60 St.

PERKOWSKI, ROSE M. (nee Krese) — Wife of Raymond, mother of Michele, David, Douglas, sister of Agnes Liston, Beatrice Wolk, Edward, Albert, Carl. Residence at 13847 Whitney Rd., Strongsville.

POZUN, MAX M. — Husband of Mary (nee Zevnik), father of Michael, William, brother of John, Stanley, Jennie, Gladys, James Pevec. Residence at 19720 Ormiston.

RUPINSKI, RICHARD — Son of Thomas and Pauline (nee Schlosser), grandson of Sophie Rupinski. Residence at 1746 Burgess Rd.

SITO, ANDREW E. — 5-year-old son of Donald and Patricia, brother of Christopher. Residence at 1080 E. 68 St.

SMOLE, MARGARET (nee Bojc) — Mother of Joseph Jr., Margaret, Frank, Anna Young, Vida Gundick, Bernice Pitschman. Residence at 401 Miner Rd.

ZUPANCIC, ALBERT — Brother of Mrs. Angela Milner, Anthony.

world.

What was that you asked?, I said to my cousin. Oh, yes, whether I am really going back to New York. Well, I answered, you know how it is, it's a place I know best.

McCormack nixes new one cent gas tax

"I don't believe the people of Ohio should have a new tax forced on them in this time of serious recession," commented State Senator John Timothy McCormack, following his 'No' vote on Senate Joint Resolution 7.

If S.J.R. 7 were adopted at the polls in June there would be an immediate enactment of an additional nine-tenths of one cent tax on every gallon of gasoline purchased in Ohio. This represents a 13% increase in Ohio's gas tax, I oppose this new tax."

"While the stated purpose of providing more jobs is a good one, it is very possible that this new tax burden would strike a serious blow to the economic well being of Ohio by robbing purchasing power from the public, purchasing power that people very much need at this time. As we tax people more, they are less able to buy products. As a result Ohio industries and overall economy suffers.

St. Vitus Bake Sale

The traditional spring St. Vitus Parish Bake Sale will be held on Saturday and Sunday, April 19th and 20th in the auditorium.

On Saturday home baked pastries may be purchased in the auditorium from 2 to 7 p.m.

On Sunday, all are invited to the auditorium after the Masses to enjoy a cup of freshly-brewed coffee and some pastry, all for the nominal sum of only 30c. Baked goods (breads, rolls, poticas, strudel, cake and cookies, etc.) will be on sale from 7 o'clock to 1 o'clock.

The ladies of the parish are asked to contribute something for the Bake Sale, either on Saturday or Sunday. Donations may be brought to the auditorium any time during regular hours of the Bake Sale.

Combined Altar groups yearly meeting April 27

The Association of the combined Altar Societies (St. Vitus, St. Christine, St. Mary's, and St. Lawrence's) will hold its Yearly Meeting on April 27, Sunday, at 2 o'clock at St. Christine Parish. Members are kindly asked to come to this meeting as there are important matters to be resolved. For one thing the excursion to Lemont, Ill. on Aug. 9. Please try to be present.

Mary Marinko, President

Spring Blossoms at Slovan Concert Sunday

On Sunday, April 20 at 4 p.m. the Slovan Men's Chorus will present its annual spring concert at the Slovenian Society Home on Recher Ave. in Euclid.

This concert will be Slovan's first under the very capable direction of Mr. John Rigler. Both he and the chorus have been working very hard to achieve the quality of singing which makes a men's chorus stand out. Included in the program will be a girl's ensemble dedicating their songs for Mother's Day. It is interesting to note that the entire ensemble is composed of daughters of the chorus members.

Solos, duets, and an octet will render some, not often heard, beautiful Slovenian love songs.

Following the concert the Markic-Zagar orchestra will play for dancing.

Matthew J. Dolenc

476-1414 is new Social Security phone number

The switch-over to the new number co-incides with the installation of new telephone equipment which will permit almost unlimited expansion. This was made necessary by the increasing numbers of calls received, currently exceeding 13,000 a week.

The old system installed in 1971, was designed to accommodate 210,000 beneficiaries. Since then an additional 40,000 claimants have been added, along with 25,000 who receive SSI payments. Medicare questions are on the increase, and the current interest in Social Security in the newspapers and on radio and TV has multiplied the number of incoming calls.

No further lines were available in the old exchange.

Employees at the new number can either speak or will have someone call who can converse in: Croatian, Slovenian, Slovak, French, German, Italian, Polish, Spanish, Ukrainian, or Yiddish.

CSU Community Day set for May 17

Cleveland State University has set the date for its second Community-University Day, and is again inviting all Greater Clevelanders to campus for a full afternoon of free activities.

CSU President Walter B. Waetjen said C-U Day will be Saturday, May 17 from noon to 6 p.m.

"Growing Together for a Greater Cleveland" will be the theme for the day, reflecting CSU's efforts to involve the community in building a great urban university.

KSKJ Lodge 25 honors 50-yr. members May 25

St. Vitus lodge No. 25 KSKJ will honor its 50 year members and also celebrate the 80th anniversary of the lodge on Sunday, May 25.

This historic event will be held at 1 p.m. at the Hofbrau Haus, 1400 East 55th Street, noted for sumptuous and delectable cuisine.

The Hofbrau Haus will serve their deliciously prepared varied menu, buffet style and all you can eat.

Letters will be sent to all the 50-year honorees, inviting them, as guests.

Wives, families, friends and fellow lodge members are cordially invited to attend. Cost per person will be \$5. This will include all refreshments, etc.

Space is very limited for this gala occasion, so reservations will be taken by first come first served basis. Please send checks to Albin Orehek, 18144 Lake Shore Blvd., Cleveland, Ohio 44119. Or call for information.

English pronunciation at CCC Eastern Campus

English Pronunciation Practice for the Foreign-Born will be offered at the Eastern Campus of Cuyahoga Community College. The 8-session class will be held from 10:30 a.m. to Noon on Saturdays, beginning April 19.

To reserve a place in the class please stop at the Eastern Campus, 25444 Harvard Rd., between Green and Richmond Rds., or merely call 464-1450, ext. 204.

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