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DRUŠTVENE IN DRUGE SLOVENSKE VESTI

Federacija društev Američke bratske zveze v državi Colorado bo zborovala v nedeljo 30. marca v Denverju, Colo. Zborovanje se bo vršilo v Slovenskem domu na 4468 Washington St. in se bo pričelo ob 9. uri dopoldne.

Ohijska federacija društev Američke bratske zveze bo zborovala v nedeljo 6. aprila v Clevelandu, Ohio. Zborovanje se bo vršilo v spodnjem dvorani Slovenskega narodnega doma na St. Clair Avenue in se bo pričelo ob 9. uri dopoldne.

Pomladansko veselico naznača društvo št. 168 ABZ v Heberju, Utah, za soboto 12. aprila.

V Llyodellu, Pa., se bo v soboto 19. aprila vršila plesna veselica tamkajšnjega društva št. 35 ABZ. Prostor veselice: Slovenska dvorana.

V Slovenski dvorani naselbine Center, Pa., se bo v soboto 19. aprila vršila veselica tamkajšnjega društva št. 33 ABZ.

Na belo soboto, to je 19. aprila, se bo vršila veselica društva št. 149 ABZ v Canonsburgu, Pa. Prostor prireditve: Dvorana društva Postojnska jama, Strašane, Pa.

Pod pokroviteljstvom federacije društva ABZ v zapadni Pennsylvaniji se bodo v dneh 19. in 20. aprila vršile velike kegljaške tekme v Pittsburghu, Pa. Zmagovalci bodo deležni lepih nagrad v gotovini in trofejih. Prijave za tekme sprejemajo do 12. aprila: L. P. Boberg, 5421 Carnegie Ave., Pittsburgh, Pa.

Federacija društva ABZ za Illinois in Wisconsin bo zborovala v nedeljo 20. aprila v Chicago, Ill. Zborovanju bo sledil zabavni program, tekom katerega bo nastopil kot govornik glavni tajnik Anton Zbašnik. Zborovanje se bo vršilo v Golenkovih prostorih na 2246 Blue Island Avenue in se bo pričelo ob 10. uri dopoldne. Zabavni program pa se bo vršil v American Bohemian Hall na 1436 W. 18th St. in se bo pričelo ob pol štirih popoldne.

Plesno veselico priredi društvo št. 41 ABZ v East Palestine, Ohio, v soboto 26. aprila zvečer. Prostor veselice: Peace Valley Park.

Pennsylvanska federacija društva Američke bratske zveze bo zborovala v nedeljo 27. aprila v naselbini Claridge, Pa.

Tridesetletnico ustanovitve bo proslavilo žensko društvo št. 103 ABZ v Clevelandu, Ohio, z banketom in plesno zabavo v soboto 26. aprila. Prireditve se bo vršila v Slovenskem domu na Holmes Ave.

Prireditve veselice v soboto 3. maja naznana društvo št. 148 ABZ v Finleyville, Pa.

V Indianapolisu, Ind., se bodo v dneh 9., 10. in 11. maja vršile velike tekme kegljačev Američke bratske zveze.

Naznanila piknikov: Društvo št. 132 ABZ v Euclidu, Ohio, bo proslavilo zvezin dan s piknikom na Štuškovi farmi v nedeljo 16. (Dalje na 2. strani)

SPLOŠNI TEDENSKI PREGLED

ZGODOVINA DENARJA

PREDSEDNIKOV GOVOR Predsednik Roosevelt je preteklo soboto v svojem govoru na radio brez ovinkov povedal vsemu svetu, da je Amerika trdno odločena po svoji najboljši možnosti pomagati narodom, ki so v boju z brutalnimi silami osišča. Poudaril je, da se zedenjeni američki narod zaveda nevarnosti, ki nam preti, in da je američka demokracija stopila v akcijo za odvrnitev te nevernost. K temu bomo prispevali vsemi en ali drugi način; na vidiku so višji davki, manjši profitti in daljše delovne ure. Veliki profitti morajo biti žrtvovani za obrambno demokracije, pa tudi nepotrebne stavke ne smejte círati dela v obrambnih industrijih. Predsednikov govor je bil potom radija oddajan ne samo preko vseh Zedinjenih držav, ampak tudi po ostalem svetu, preveden v 14 jezikov.

SEDEM MILIJARD Priporočilo administracije, da kongres dovoli sedem tisoč milijonov dolarjev za oborožitveni program, je bilo v pristojnem pododseku poslanske zbornice kongresa soglasno odobreno. Iz tega se sklepa, da bosta tozadni predlog odobrili obe zbornici kongresa morda že v teku enega tedna.

MILIJON VOJAKOV Pretekli teden je bilo sporočeno iz Washingtona, da imajo Zedinjene države pod orozjem že nad en milijon vojakov, všeči častnike. To je največje število vojaštva v Zedinjenih državah od prve svetovne vojne naprej.

POZVANI DOMOV

Američani, bivajoči v neokupirani Franciji, so bili po ameriških konzulatih opozorjeni, naj se vrnejo domov. V pozivu se poudarja dejstvo, da ameriška vlada ne bo mogla zanje skrbeti v Franciji. Sodi se, da je živilska situacija v nezasedeni Franciji tako slaba, da preti prebivalstvu resno pomanjkanje, zato želi ameriška vlada, da se njeni državljanji vrnejo domov.

LADJE ZA ANGLIJO

Kakor hitro je bila od konresa v Washingtonu sprejeta in od predsednika podpisana znana "lend-lease" postava, je bilo naznанено, da bo Angliji poslanih 99 vojnih ladij različnih tipov. Od teh bo 18 malih torpedov, 17 rušilk, 9 podmornic in 55 patrolnih ladij za sledovanje podmornic. Ladje različnih tipov bodo odprenljene v takih razdobjih, da jih bodo v ameriški mornarici sproti nadomeščale novozgrajene ladje dotednih tipov.

PROBLEM ZIVIL

Na podlagi "lend-lease" postave se bodo izvažala v Anglijo tudi razna živila, ki jih slednja potrebuje in jih je v Zedinjenih državah v oblici. Posebno bodo prišli pri tem v posebni izdelki in svinjina. Skoraj vseh vrst živil pa je v tej deželi tako preobilica v skladisih in na farmah, da izvoz v Anglijo ne bo vplival na cene doma.

NABAVA SUROVIN

Vlada Zedinjenih držav že od leta 1938 naprej nabavlja raznolike surovine med prijatelje. Istočasno (Dalje na 2. strani)

Peto poročilo

Napredka kampanje novega imena.

Stevilo dosedaj pristopilih članov: Mladinski oddelek 165, odrasli oddelek 176, skupaj 341.

Vsota dosedaj zapisane zavarovalnine: Mladinski oddelek \$73,150.00, odrasli oddelek \$104,000.00, skupaj \$177,150.00.

Stevilo dosedaj prijavljenih kandidatov za deležate na 4. mladinsko konvencijo: Za redne deležate 22, za častne deležate 20, skupaj 42.

Stevilo dosedaj kvalificiranih delegatov: Za redne deležate 5, za častne deležate 1, skupaj 6.

Stevilo aktiven sodelujocih društev 86.

ANTON ZBASNICKI, glavni tajnik.

DREVEZA ZA SENČO

Moderna civilizacija in industrializacija človeka vedno bolj odtujejo od narave, toda popoloma odstrgati ga ne more. Prvotni človek je našel zavjetje in hrano v gozdu in tudi moderni človek se ne more ubraniti privlačnosti dreves, ki ga v poletnih vročinah vabi v svojo senco. Človeška bivališča so mnogo bolj prijazna, če jih obdaja vsaj nekaj dreves. Celo v velikih mestih, kjer je prostor drag, se najde prostor za večje ali manjše parke, nasade dreves ob cestah in po nekaj dreves okoli stanovanjskih hiš.

Za najlepše mesto v Zedinjenih državah se smatra naše glavno mesto Washington, ki je tako rekoč razsejano po enem samem velikem parku. Sploh pa vse mesta, ki kaj držijo na lepoti, skušajo gojiti v svojem obsegu kar največ dreves, ki blaži poletno vročino in čisti ozračje.

Kjer koli bivajo Slovenci, v velikih ali malih mestih, povsod vidimo okrog stanovanj vsaj nekaj dreves. V malih mestih in vseh dreves skoraj prav tako dobro uspeva kot v prosti naravi. V velikih mestih pa so v tem oziru težko, deloma vsled omejenosti vrtičev, deloma vsled dima, prahu in druge nesnage, ki plava v zraku. Nekatera drevesa se znajo prilagoditi najbolj neugodnim razmeram, druga pa so bolj občutljiva.

Pri saditvi dreves za senco v velikih mestih je treba v prvi vrsti upoštevati vrste dreves, ki v dotednem okrožju uspevajo.

Dežela je razsežna, ima različno podnebje in vsled tega pogoje za različnih vrst drevev. Na jugu uspevajo palme in magnolije, visoko na severu morda le lipe, breze, vrbe in topole. V Clevelandu, Ohio, na primer dobro uspevajo raznih vrst javori, v Chicago pa teh dreves ni videti. V industrijskih mestih zmerno gorskih krajev se najbolje obnesejo severni jukalipti (eucaalyptus), ki hitro raste, imajo lepo listje, katerega ne napada skoraj nikak mrčes, in ki se skoro ne zmenijo za dim in drugo nesnago. Dobro prenesejo velikomestne neprilike tudi platane ali sikanore. Topole hitro raste in uspevajo skoraj v vsakem podnebju, imajo pa to napako, da njihove korenine rade zaidejo v vodovodne cevi in jih zamašijo.

Mlada drevesa za sajenje si je najbolj priporočljivo nabaviti iz drevesnic domačega okrožja. Taka drevesa so navajena krajenvim razmeram ter imajo načadno dobro razvite korenine. Drevesničari navadno znajo tudi priporočiti prave vrste za različne razmere.

Po nekaterih mestih, kot na primer v Clevelandu, se okoli stanovanjskih hiš vidi tudi precej sadnih dreves, hrušek, jablan, sladkina in kislina črešnja v breskvi. Mnoga teh dreves so prav tako lepa ter dajejo prav tako dobro senco kot lepotilna drevesa. Spomladi, ko cveto, jih je veselje videti. Na pridelek sadja sicer ni dosti za računati, toda včasih se tudi to kolikor toliko obnese. Črešnje in breskve hitro raste in spomladi obilno cveto. Breskve, ki ne rastejo v velika drevesa, so pripravne tudi za bolj tesne prostore. Tu in tam bi se morda izplačalo poskusiti tudi s takimi sčasnimi drevesi.

Drevesa se lahko sadijo ali presajajo vse od pozne jeseni do pozne pomlad, ako le zemlja ni velike. (Dalje na 2. strani)

ZAPOZNELE VESTI OD TAM PREKO

VSAK PO SVOJE

Amerika je čudovita dežela. Naši zastopniki v kongresu so se dva meseca prepričali glede sprejema znane "lend-lease" postave. Vsak je imel priliko povedati svoje mnenje in ostrih besed ni manjkalo. Ko pa sta obe zbornici kongresa končno sprejeli postavo z odločno večino, je bilo boja in nasprotna sprejela odlok večine, nasprotniki so si podali roke in obljubili podpirati predsednika v izvajaju določb postave. Tako posluje demokracija.

Kakor stvari zdaj stojijo, morejo zasluženi ali ob steno prisijeni narodi Evropi pričakati vsaj nekaj neke svobode le, ako bo v tej vojni Nemčija poražena. Izmed neevropskih dežel more k temu največ pripomoti republika Zedinjenih držav, ki se je zadnji čas za tudi resno odločila. Naše mesto mora torej biti stoprocentna na strani Zedinjenih držav, če nam je kaj za zmago demokracije in za svobodo slovanskih in drugih narodov Evrope.

Bivšemu rumunskemu kralju Karlu se je posrečilo uti iz konfinacije v Španiji preko mreže na Portugalsko, odkoder je misli pocediti v Ameriko. Bo že resničen tisti pregovor, ki pravi, da z zlatom obložen osel vsak plot prepleza.

Zenske organizacije v Angliji prirejajo čajanke v svrhu zbiranja fondov za podporo žrtvam nemških bomb. Na tistih čajankah je vse, kar se za čajanke spodobi, tudi kolekte, samočaja ni, ker ga hranijo za vojašto. To je približno tako, kot če bi Slovenec povabil drage rojake na Martinovanje, pa bi jih postregel z lemonado.

V tej deželi je mnogo postav, ki so sicer legalne, toda niso upoštevane od nikogar. Med takimi postavami navadno spada tudi moževa beseda v hiši.

Bivši predsedniški kandidat Willkie je bolj odkritosčen kot večina politikov. Ko je bil nedavno poklican na izpričevanje pred senatni odsek, ga je neki senator opomnil, da glede gospodarstva zadeva drugače govoriti kot je govoril tekmo jesenske predsedniške kampanje. Willkie je na pripombo s smehom odvrnil, da se kampanjskih izjav ne smesej resno jemati. Poslušalci so ga za tisto izjavo nagradili z burnim ploskanjem.

Te čase se mnogo govori in piše o totalitarni vojni. Prijatelj Cahej meni, da je totalitarna vojna tudi takrat, kadar se mož in žena začneta obmetavati s kuhijsko posodo, krtačami, svečilkami, likalniki in copatami.

V Raleighu, North Carolina, se je moral neki H. I. Hicks pred sodiščem zagovarjati zaradi pretejanja svoje žene. Pri izbiraju pórte je obtoženec ugotovil, da sta med porotniki dva samaca, in je apeliral na sodnika, da ju oprosti in nadomesti z dvema, ki sta oženjena, češ, da sameci ne morejo razumno razsorjati v takih zadevah. Sodnik je bil izkušen mož in je željal obtoženca ugodil.

Kdor koli pride v Anglijo, dobri plinsko masko z protekcijo; tudi nemški in italijanski vojni ujetniki. To kaže, da so Angleži gentlemen celo v vojni. (Dalje na 2. strani)

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JANKO N. ROGELJ, GLAVNI PREDSEDNIK:

NAŠE BOLEZNI

Naš vrhovni zdravnik, sobrat in doktor F. J. Arch, nam meječno poroča v uradnem glasilu Novi Dobi o različnih boleznih, kako napadejo človeško telo, kako se razvijajo, kako se zdravijo in kako se moramo ravnati, da preprečimo te bolezni. Njegovi članki so zelo poučljivi in neprcenljive vrednosti za vse one, ki jih čitajo ter jih upoštevajo, ko so še zdravi. Vsak član ali članica bi moral prečitati zdravnikove mesečne članke, kajti on jih piše za zdrave ljudi, ko naj preprečijo to ali ono bolezen. Prav res je, da premalo ali skoraj nič časa ne porabimo dnevno, da bi mislili na to, kaj bi morali vsaki dan napraviti v korist našega zdravja.

Lahko leto je umrlo pri naši Ameriški bratski zvezi 165 članov in članic. Zanimiva je statistika, ki govori, katere bolezni so povzročile smrt vsakega posameznika. Iz teh številk se lahko naučite, katere bolezni so danes najbolj razširjene, ki tako zavratno napadajo naše člane in članice. In statistika je sledeča:

Za srčni bolezni je umrlo 39 članov; od te bolezni umrje največ ljudi v Ameriki. Vsako leto je več te smrtnih slučajev. Za bolezni na možganih je umrlo 23 članov; za rakom in uljesi 18 članov; za pljučnico 17 članov; samor je zahteval 9 življenj; ubitih je bilo 9 članov; za jetiko jih je umrlo 8 ter za bolezni na jetrih in ledicah 7 članov. Za raznimi drugimi boleznimi je umrlo še nadaljnih 35 članov ali članic.

Veliko teh smrtnih slučajev bi se lahko preprečilo v preteklem letu. Recimo, devet članov je bilo ubitih v nesrečah. Vsi ti smrtni slučaji bi bili mogoče preprečeni, ako bi naši člani polagali večjo važnost na varnost pri delu, doma ali na cestah. Imeli smo devet samomorov. To je duševna bolezen, ki pripravi človeka na beg iz življenga. Tudi tem ne bi bilo potreba umreti lanskem letu, če bi bile njih okolščine in razmere drugačne; morebiti bi jih ozdravila samo dobra in topla priateljska beseda ob pravem času.

Tudi pljučnica vzame preveč naših ljudi. Vsi dobro vemo, da je navadni prehlad čestokrat predhodnik zavratne pljučnice, toda vedno in povsod zanemarjammo naše prehlade.

Najbolj nevarne so srčne bolezni, ki zahtevajo največ s mrtvih slučajev v Ameriki. Čuvajte vaše zdravje, ko ste še zdravi, ker s tem boste preprečili srčno bolezen.

Kaj naj se naučimo iz teh števik? Tu imamo neoporečne dokaze, katere bolezni najbolj gospodarijo med našim članstvom. Na podlagi teh dokazov nam je očvidno povedano, kje je naša največja nevarnost, da umremo prezgodnjene smrti. Kaj naj storimo?

Spoprijaznit si moramo z idejo, da niso zdravniki samo zato študirali medicino, da zdravijo bolezni, ampak tudi zato, da preprečijo bolezen. Naša Ameriška bratska zveza se zaveda tega fakta, kajti v svojih pravilih ima točko, ki se glasi: "Vrhovni zdravnik je dolžan najmanj enkrat na mesec pisati v uradnem glasilu in dajati člansku navodila, kako naj pazi na svoje zdravje." In to točno izvršuje naš vrhovni zdravnik, vprašanje je le, če mi čitamo njegova navodila ter se po njih ravnamo.

Če bi ljudstvo v Ameriki toliko plačalo zdravnikom za nasvet, kako naj ohranijo zdravje in preprečijo bolezni, kot plača zdravnikom za lečenje raznih bolezni, bi bilo dosti manj trpljenja, bolnikov, bolnišnic in prezgodnjih smrtnih slučajev. Zato naj ne bi bilo nič čudnega in nenavadnega, ako bi ljudje zahajali k zdravnikom, ko so še zdravi, ko je še čas vsak najmanjši pojavenecnost v človeškem telesu zatreći ter preprečiti bolezen, ki bi bila posledica nastajajoče nerednosti.

Naše največje pravilo za zdravje pa naj bi bilo v prelepi človeški čednosti, ki se ji pravi — zmernost.

Le poglejte ljudi, ki dosegajo visoko starost. Vprašajte jih po načinu njihovega življenja. Vedno in povsod pridemo do zaključka, da so bili zmerni v svojem življenu, naj že bo pri pijači, jedi, delu ali kjer koli, kjer bi se preobložilo človeški sistem z bremenom, ki ga težko ali ne more prenašati.

Da, bodimo zmerni ter pojdimo k zdravniku, ko smo še zdravi, ker takrat nam lahko pove, kako preprečimo bolezen, kajti ko bolezen zdravimo, postavimo svoje življeno na kocko, kot to so napravili mnogi izmed 165 članov in članic, ki so umrli najbrže prezgodnje in neprica-kovane smrti.

Berite navodila našega vrhovnega zdravnika!

VSAK PO SVOJE

(Nadaljevanje s 1. strani)

Neki ameriški pisatelj je opisal povprečno omoženo Američanko sledeteče: Poročila se je, ko je bila starca 24 let; dvakrat na mesec se prepriča s svojim možem; osemkrat na leto grozi, da bo šla domov k svoji materi; nikdar se ne nauči pravilno zabitib ūbja; opraska tri fenderje avtomobilu in ena vrata garaže; pogostokrat namigava, da bi bila moralna prav za prav poročiti koga drugega.

Pravijo, da brezpogojno zupanje morajo imeti: demokracija, ljubezen, rižota, munjanj in minnesotska buja.

Včasih je veljalo pravilo, da vse dobro pride od zgoraj. V Evropi, kjer padajo bombe iz pod neba, seveda to ne drži več. Pri nas so pa še izjeme. Nad mestom Wichita, Kansas, so onega večera mestne luči tako zmedle proti severu se vračajočo divjo raco, da je zgubila kontrolo svojega "letala" in treščila v hrbot Raymond Smitha s tako silo, da je onemogla padla na tla in obležala na pločniku. In Smith si je tisti večer privočil okusno račo pečenko.

Ko so preteklo poletje Francozi kapitulirali pred Nemci, so jim Angleži s silo vzeli nekaj vojnih ladij, nekaj so jih pa potopili, da bi jih ne dobili Nemci v roke. Francozi so bili zaradi tega na Angležu zelo jezni in nekateri so še. Kljub temu poročajo ameriški reporterji, da želijo zmago Anglije vsi Francozi, tudi tisti, ki so jezni nanjo.

Nekateri se še spominjam zadnje predsedniške kampanje, tekom katero so nam neštevilni govorniki obetali diktaturo, če bo predsednik izvoljen za tretji termin. Well, predsednik Roosevelt zdaj služi že tretji termin, toda o kaki diktaturi še ni sledu.

V Italiji je običaj, da gostje posedajo pozno v noč pri mizicah, ki so postavljene na pločnikih pred kavarnami, in debatirajo o vsem mogočem. Vlada je zdaj taka nočna posedanja pred kavarnami prepovedala, češ, da gostje tam preveč govorijo. Vsi so vsebine pogovorov, ki so se razvijali vprito junaških italijanskih činov v Albaniji in Afriki.

Texas ni samo največja država naše Unije, ampak ima bržkone tudi najbolj zdravo podnebje. To bi se dalo sklepati iz dejstva, da se je te dni v Austinu, Texas, poročil 93-letni Charles D. Clark, veteran civilne vojne, s 73-letno Elizabeto Turner. Slučaj tudi kaže, da će prespektivni ženin dovolj dolgo živjeti, mu tudi razlika dveh desetletij v starosti ne dela napotja.

Čitali smo, da Mussolini zmerja Grke z zahrbneži. Saj kaj drugega tudi ne morejo biti, če jim Italijani tako vztrajno obračajo hrbe in tisto, kar je pod njimi.

V Smithfieldu, North Carolina, je farmer W. D. Allen začkal prašča, ki je tehtal 886 funtov, kraci istega pa tehtata po 95 funtov vsaka. Tako kračo se bo že izplačalo nesti k velikonočnemu žegnu. In, ko se bo družina vsedla k kositu oziroma h krači, bo žegev tudi nekaj zalegel.

Pratkarji pravijo, da se ju tri proti večeru prismeje v deželo pomlad. Pozdravljeni, pomlad, in pozdravljeni vsi, ki se je veselite! In najlepši pozdrav sezona bo, če si medsebojno veselimo veselo pomlad.

A. J. T.

DRUŠTVENE IN DRUGE SLOVENSKE VESTI

(Nadaljevanje s 1. strani)

junija. Društvo št. 71 ABZ v Clevelandu, Ohio, naznanja piknik na Stuškovi farmi za nedeljo 29. junija. V proslavo društvene dvajsetletnice priredi društvo št. 138 ABZ v Exportu, Pa., velik piknik na dan 4. julija. Kot slavnostni govornik na prireditvi nastopi glavni tajnik Anton Zbašnik. Prostor piknika: Beechwood Park. Društvo št. 25 ABZ v Evelethu, Minn., priredi velik piknik v nedeljo 17. avgusta. Na omenjenem pikniku bo zaključena 4. mladinska konvencija.

Casu zelo primerno kratko črtico "And proud of it" je priobčil "This Week Magazine," neštevilka, kjer padajo bombe iz pod neba, seveda to ne drži več. Pri nas so pa še izjeme. Nad mestom Wichita, Kansas, so onega večera mestne luči tako zmedle proti severu se vračajočo divjo raco, da je zgubila kontrolo svojega "letala" in treščila v hrbot Raymond Smitha s tako silo, da je onemogla padla na tla in obležala na pločniku. In Smith si je tisti večer privočil okusno račo pečenko.

Ko so preteklo poletje Francozi kapitulirali pred Nemci, so jim Angleži s silo vzeli nekaj vojnih ladij, nekaj so jih pa potopili, da bi jih ne dobili Nemci v roke. Francozi so bili zaradi tega na Angležu zelo jezni in nekateri so še. Kljub temu poročajo ameriški reporterji, da želijo zmago Anglije vsi Francozi, tudi tisti, ki so jezni nanjo.

SPOLOŠNI TEDENSKI PREGLED

(Nadaljevanje s 1. strani)

ne surovine, ki so potrebne za narodno obrambo. To velja posebno za surovine, katere je treba po večini importirati iz inozemstva, na primer nekaterih rudnina in gumij. Dalje se odpirajo in izboljšujejo domači viri raznih surovin in slični viri v sosednjih državah. Važnost se polaga tudi na ponovno uporabo nekaterih surovin. Na primer, stari gumijasti izdelki zaledjejo prenovljeni za polno četrtnino celotne porabe, pri antimoniju pa celo za tretjino.

ZA VEČJO VARNOST

V poslanski zbornici zveznega kongresa je bila predstavljena predloga za federalno inspekcijo premogovnikov, ki naj bi rudarjem zagotovila večjo varnost. Pričakuje se, da bo predlog brez posebnih opozicij sprejet tudi v se-metu in da bo v kratkem postavljen na volitve.

ZAMRZNJENE FINANCE

Predsednik Roosevelt je pretekli teden odredil "zamrzne" finance Bolgarije in Madžarske v Zedinjenih državah. V obeh primerih so omenjena finančna sredstva primeroma majhna. Madžarska je že dvanajsta država, katere gotovina v tej deželi je bila zamrznjena.

IZUČENI DELAVCI

Vlada v Washingtonu poziva vse delavce, ki so izučeni v kakih strokih, katera je potrebna pri narodni obrambi, da se prostovoljno registrirajo v federalnih ali državnih posredovalnicah za delo. To velja v prvi vrsti za izučene delavce, ki niso zapošleni, v drugi vrsti pa za tiste delavce, ki so sicer zapošleni, toda pri poslih, kjer njihova posebna izvedbenost ne prihaja v poštev. Registracija je prostovoljna in vlada želi tem potom samo izvedeti, kje bi mogla razširjajoča se obrambna industrija dobivati izučene delavce, katerih bo treba vedno več.

Sodi se, da je Jugoslavija pripravljena z Nemčijo in Italijo podpisati nenapadno pogodbo, toda ne bo dovolila nemškim četam prehoda preko svojega ozemlja. Kolikor se more sklepati iz raznih poročil, je Jugoslavija popolnoma mobilizirana za obrambo svojih mej.

Jugoslavija je nesporno v silno neprijetjem položaju in je njeni oklevanje z ozirom na prisotnost konjenika Andrija, ki je bil pred 22 leti s srbsko vojsko kot nosilec strojne puške na solunski fronti ter je prinesel isti.

DREVESA ZA SENCO

(Nadaljevanje s 1. strani)

premokra ali zmrzla. Ako so drevesa posajena že v jeseni ali pozimi, se do pomladbi že dobro ustoličijo in pričnejo bolj zgodaj rasti.

kanu, 125 tisoč na Norveškem, 50 tisoč na Holandskem itd. Direktno za vojno na razpolago ima Nemčija, poleg prej omenjenih okupacijskih armad, še tri milijone vojakov.

AMERISKI ČASNICKAR AREТИRAN

V Berlinu je bil dne 15. marca v njegovem apartmantu aretiran Richard C. Hottelet, po rodu Newyorčan, član poročevalskega štaba United Press. Agenti tajne policije, ki so ga aretirali, so zaplenili tudi razne njegove listine in druge predmete. Baje je bil ameriški reporter obtožen špijonaže. Za zadevo se zanima ameriško poslaništvo v Berlinu.

VOJNA SITUACIJA

Po poročilih iz Londona so Angleži sprejem "lend-lease" postave v Washingtonu, ki jih zagotavlja velike materialne pomoci, proslavili s silnimi zračnimi napadi na Nemčijo ter na od Nemcev okupirane dežele, Norveško, Holandsko, Belgijo in Francijo. V Nemčiji so posebno hudo bombardirali Berlin, Hamburg in Bremen; pa tudi manjši industrijski krajem niso priznani. Baje je bilo to bombardiranje največje in najbolj razsežno, kar so jih dosedaj podvzeli Angleži. Nemci so istočasno bombardirali Liverpool in povzročili znatno škodo, toda po neki novi tehniki so Angleži zbrili več ko ducat nemških bombnikov na tla.

Na albanski fronti so pretekli teden Italijani pričeli veliko ofenzivo, vse od Ohridskega jezera do obale Jadranskega morja. Baje je to ofenzivo nadzoroval sam Mussolini. Grki počajo, da so Italijani utrpeli silne izgube in da niso zavzeli nobene grške pozicije.

Etiopske čete pod vodstvom angleških častnikov in s pomočjo angleških izvidniških letal uspešno izganjajo italijanske zavojevalec iz Etiopije.

Večkrat zanikana neuradna poročila iz Balkana, da Anglia zbira močno armado na gotovih točkah v Grčiji in bližnjem otoku, niso bila povsem iz trte izvita. Iz Kaire v Egiptu se poroča, da je angleška "nilska armada" zelo pomnožena in je pripravljena se spoprijeti s Hitlerjevimi četami kjer kolikor v Sredozemlju. Kje je angleška "nilska armada" koncentrirana in kako močna je, tega seveda cenzurirana poročila ne naznavajo. Ker pa je nemška okupacijska armada Bolgarije ob grški meji, je logično sklepanje, da jo angleška armada pričakuje v Grčiji in morda tudi v Turčiji.

NEGOTOVO STALIŠČE JUGOSLAVIJE

Stališče Jugoslavije napravljeno državam osišča, to je Nemčija, Italija in Japonski, toda vse dosedaj so znali jugoslovanski državniki to preprečiti z raznimi zavlačevanjami.

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ENGLISH SECTION OF
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Nova Doba

AMPLIFYING THE VOICE OF THE ENGLISH SPEAKING MEMBERS

WE ARE AMERICANS!

Perhaps there is no greater thrill in all the world than the realization that our American Fraternal Union was the first and foremost of the many fraternal societies to change their name and live up to the real patriotic American standards.

As the days fly by, news is brought to your attention that other prominent fraternal organizations are already considering following the footsteps of our AFU. And it is with a warm feeling of enthusiasm that our members and leaders had the foresight and courage to be the first to accomplish this end. By being the first we have accepted and adopted one of the most beautiful sounding names possible. It is a name that is accepted by everyone, whether they be a member or not, and the response to it is so pleasantly contagious! It's catchy! It's American!

The other day your English Editor attended a meeting at which several various people of different nationality-descents were present. Purpose of the meeting was to discuss ways and means by which nationality lines in this country could be obliterated to the extent whereby we could all call ourselves real 100 per-cent Americans. The discussion was varied, taking in the present days of the conflict in the "old Country." It seemed that most people present took a certain pride whenever the country of their nationality was mentioned.

It was generally agreed that the Old Country did brand its imprint on the minds of present day American-born citizens—offspring of parents born in the "Old Country." Ideals and Tradition have made their mark, and it would be wrong to wipe out that completely.

For the Old Country, thru its millions who migrated to these United States, has contributed much in all phases of industry, culture and the way of living. These millions of immigrants have made America their home, and they are proud—very proud of it.

As citizen to citizen, and nationality to nationality, every person will stand up for the country of their parents and ancestors. Each, when discussions arise, will do everything possible to point out the good qualities and contributions made to society in general.

But basically, American and it's great democracy boils up the loyalty and patriotism in every single heart. And in times of national crisis, the throbbing, surging beat, is America for the Americans, and we can all be certain that we will do everything possible to keep it that way.

If an intruder barged into your home; made off with your cherished and valuable goods; and followed up by dictating the way your home should be run, you would rise in anger and in arms and very shortly the intruder would be forcefully evicted—this is America, our free country, where we need have no worry in that respect.

And so, too would the Americans rise—united and strong—to protect the country from intruders. We can't help feel that way. We are Americans!

Being a stranger—more or less—at this meeting, your English Editor was asked for his opinion; and being from another state, it was explained what work he did in Cleveland.

Perhaps there wasn't a prouder soul at the meeting as your English Editor who said: "I am the new English Editor of the Nova Doba; the official organ of the American Fraternal Union, which was up until last September, 1940, under the old name, The South Slavonic Catholic Union."

"What prompted the change in name?" was the returning question.

Bigest reason was that our organization is founded on the principle of American democracy. Where protection to insured members is stressed and where Freedom of speech, creed, race and nationality is assured. Under the old name, these American qualities also existed, but were misled by the name. Under our new name—American Fraternal Union—all of these qualities were included without the necessity of lengthy explanations.

This golden era of our AFU marks time with the progress of America. It thrills you to tell a prospective member that the name of our society is the American Fraternal Union. It changes a skeptical prospect to one who will enthusiastically become interested enough to join and stick with it.

Those campaigners in our New Name Campaign for new members and the coming Fourth Juvenile convention will find their job of qualifying as delegates will be much more easier than in past years. For who can offer any good reasons why one should not join an organization with such modern, patriotic, principles of protection and fraternalism as our own American Fraternal Union!

Detroit Brigadier's No. 234, AFU to Sponsor Special Lodge Party

Detroit, Mich.—Have you ever attended a "T" party? If you haven't, here's your chance!

The Brigadiers of Lodge 234, AFU, Detroit, are giving such a party Friday, March 28th at 7:15 John R. Don't miss all the fun! Bring your friends! Cof-

Strikes and Spares

By Bro. F. J. Kress,
4th Supreme Trustee AFU

Pittsburgh, Pa.—The Federation of American Fraternal Union of lodges in Western Pennsylvania, is sponsoring the Seventh Annual National Duck-Pin classic on April 19 and 20, at the Lawrence Recreation Alleys in Pittsburgh, Pa. Many a strike and a spare will be rolled in what is expected to be the largest sports tournament ever sponsored by our union. A new high entry record mark will be established with both men and women and including juveniles from 16 to 18 years of age participating.

Do you know that there are over twelve million Americans knocking down the maple pins? That's bowling—our greatest sport. The ladies have helped the bowling plenty, because they have taken it up in a big way. That is why the Federation has decided to award the ladies the same amount of cash prizes as will be awarded to the men.

The American Bowling Congress statistics reveal that over 30,000 entrants are participating in the 41st ABC classic which opened in St. Paul, Minnesota on March 6, and will continue through May 6. Over \$230,000, the second largest purse in the history of the ABC will be awarded to the bowlers. The municipal auditorium in St. Paul will have 40 alleys with eight carloads of pins to be used for 16 hours a day for 55 days. That's some tournament.

More Prizes

The Supreme Board of the American Fraternal Union has granted the Federation several hundred dollars from the sports fund, which will be awarded to our member bowlers participating in the tournament. All lodges that are interested and care to take part in this great sports classic, are requested to mail in their entry blanks promptly with entry fees to the Chairman of the Tournament Committee, Brother L. P. Boberg, 5421 Carnegie Avenue, Pittsburgh, Pa.

Stellar Attraction

An extra added feature will be a special three game bowling series between Lodge 26, of Pittsburgh, and Lodge 40 of Claridge, each lodge two time winner of the sports plaque awarded heretofore yearly to lodge champions. Since trophies will be awarded this year to team champions of the men and women divisions, it has been decided to award the plaque to one of the above teams rolling the best three game total of pins. Here is a chance for the rooters to support their favorites.

Souvenirs

A practical souvenir will be given to all bowlers who will take part in the Duckpin Classic. Each lodge entering one paid team, shall be privileged to also enter one free team. A new ruling for this year's classic.

Banquet

When do we eat? The sports banquet to be held Sunday, April 20, in the Slovene Hall under the capable supervision of Mrs. Mary Bodack, chairlady of the banquet committee, and one of our most active lodge workers, assisted by vice chairman Paul Klun, promise to serve us a real American Dinner fit for a king.

Guests

For the program of the evening, the committee plans to

BRIEFS

Lodge 41, AFU of East Palestine, Ohio, is sponsoring a dance at Peace Valley Park, Saturday, April 26th. Excellent music will be furnished by the Bergant Sisters' popular orchestra.

Brigadiers Lodge 234, AFU will entertain at a social party, Friday, March 28th at 7:15 John R. You are urged not to miss out on the fun, and to bring your friends. Coffee and doughnuts will be served free after the social.

Joseph L. Mihelic of Lodge No. 6, AFU of Lorain, Ohio, graduated from the University of Chicago, March 14th. The graduation ceremony marked the 203rd Convocation at the University.

Lodge 149, AFU of Canonsburg, Pa., is sponsoring a lodge party in the "Postojnska jama" hall in Strabane, Pa., April 19th.

Thirtieth Anniversary of Ladies Lodge No. 103, AFU of Cleveland, Ohio will be celebrated at a banquet and dance, April 26th at the Slovene National Home on Holmes avenue.

A lodge party will be sponsored by Lodge 168, AFU of Helper, Utah, Saturday, April 12th.

Annual Springtime Dance is being sponsored by Center Ramblers Lodge 221, AFU of Center, Pa., on May 12th.

In Lloydell, Pa., Saturday, April 19th, Lodge 35, AFU is sponsoring a dance at the Slovene National Home.

Strabane Lodge 149, AFU, Plans Dance

Strabane, Pa.—First Saturday after Easter, Lodge 149, AFU, is sponsoring a dance at the SNPJ Home (Postojnska jama). All members and their friends are urged to attend.

Date is April 19th. Let's make this dance a big success. What do you say?

Payment of dues and assessments should be made by the last of each month. Brothers and sisters, it is not the duty of the secretary to pay your dues and assessments, so pay them by the last of the month so that you won't risk being suspended.

It makes it extremely difficult for me to be always reminding certain members of their obligations to the lodge. It is for their benefit that I do this. So please take heed to this warning and be prompt. With best fraternal regards,

John Boles, secretary
Lodge 149, AFU

invite Elsie Desmond, the star juvenile reporter from Cleveland, Ohio, Little Stan, Athletic Commissioner and assistant editor of the official organ, New Era. The supreme officers of the American Fraternal Union, residing in Western Pennsylvania, and also the supreme officers from the neighboring state of Ohio, including

the new Supreme President, Janko N. Rogelj and the Editor of New Era, Anton J. Terbovec. With such a line-up of notables, we warn you, don't miss this great sports event.

He Will Present Keys of City to Qualified Delegates

Ely, Minn.—In special dispatch to the Nova Doba, the Hon. John Kapsch, mayor of the city of Ely, Minn., home office of our AFU, has officially announced he will present the keys of the city to all qualified Juvenile and Honorary delegates and guests to the Fourth Juvenile Convention next August 15-17.

Pointing out the wonderful recreational facilities of Ely and vicinity, Mayor Kapsch urged all AFU lodges to participate in this epoch-making event by sending as many delegates as possible.

Said he: "I am looking forward to our impressive AFU convention here in Ely next August, and I want to assure each and everyone of you that Ely and its good citizens will do everything possible to make your stay the most pleasant in your experience. We want you to make Ely your 'home' city, and take this opportunity to bid you good luck and success in your campaign, hoping that you will qualify as delegate and be able to partake of our nationally renowned hospitality and entertainment."

Mayor Kapsch is well known to all. Of Slovene descent, he has served on the city council for several terms. Last December he was elected Mayor by a majority vote.



HE IS A MEMBER OF ENGLISH-SPEAKING ARROWHEAD LODGE NO. 184, OF ELY, AND BEING A GOOD, OUTSTANDING CITIZEN OF THIS COUNTRY, HE HAS THE INTEREST OF OUR AMERICAN FRATERNAL UNION AT HEART.

You can be certain that the citizens of Ely will cooperate with Mayor Kapsch to see that everyone who attends the convention will certainly enjoy it to the utmost.

THIS IS YOUR OFFICIAL WELCOME TO THE CITY, NOW ALL YOU HAVE TO DO IS TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THIS CORDIAL INVITATION BY QUALIFYING AS DELEGATE.

The American Fraternal Union wants you: Ely is anxiously awaiting to welcome you. Now it's all up to you!

Hazards of Driving

The fair weather driver has no place on the streets during the winter months. Bad weather and icy pavements more than double the hazards of driving. There are too many drivers who ask too much of non-skid tires, powerful brakes and chains instead of using a larger share of common sense.

Skidding is the greatest winter hazard. Rain, snow or ice on the pavements reduce the traction of your good tires to a fraction of the grip they have on a dry road and the motorist with smooth tires is almost helpless. Your brakes, unless they're in good adjustment will be more of a liability than an asset. On slippery pavements, a brake that is out of adjustment will throw your car into an uncontrollable skid when you try to make a quick stop.

Fifth Report

NEW NAME CAMPAIGN

New Members enrolled: Juvenile, 165; adult, 176 Total 341.

New insurance written: Juvenile \$73,150; adult, \$101,000—Total \$177,150.

Candidates: Regular, 22; Honorary, 20—Total 42.

Qualified delegates: Juvenile regular, 5; Honorary, 1—Total 6.

ACTIVE LODGES: 86.

Campaign Fever Grips AFU

Members

By Little Stan

Cleveland, O.—A wave of enthusiasm over the forthcoming Fourth Juvenile Convention is being indicated by AFU members throughout the land who are daily adding their bit to become a part of our New Name Campaign now underway.

Little Stan is out to a nearby barbershop to get rid of those black whiskers. On return face felt like a spanked babies—cheeks, and picture was 'took-ed!' If it turns out like a Frankenstein—will show it to you all. If it doesn't turn out—we'll still show it to you—like that scene of a white rabbit in a snowstorm. Such artistry!

Today (Mon.) is St. Patrick's Day—an occasion observed by the Irish-Americans! But looking out the window shows that it isn't quite the weather for a celebration. There's a howling wind which reminds Little Stan of the blizzards of Minnesota and the thermometer sailed downward to the tune of 5 degrees above. Not so cold for us Northerners. Seems from reports that Minnesota was hit pretty hard. Anyway, that parade of the Irish scheduled in Cleveland today doesn't seem like it will draw much of a crowd. The men folks have everything to do to keep their hats blown off by the driving wind; and the women—have plenty on their hands trying to keep their skirts below their hips. Heh Heh—Good thing some guys wear glasses—No?

Had an idea that bowling groups and fans from Pensy, New York, Struthers, Barber-ton could all meet in Cleveland; take the busses with the Cleveland group; enroute would stop off at Lorain to pick up their teams and high-ho to Indianapolis. You can think this idea over, too, and if you like it—let us know very soon. Very soon will call a meeting to decide definitely; but would like your ideas first. OK?

Spending another week-end behaving at home, and just as well, too. Kept out of mischief, and can be fairly certain because of good behavior may not suffer a recurrence of those famed: —"zlethnoe." Rather thought it a good idea to go to the National Home before retiring to see Glasbena Matka singing society in their popular concert presentation. Arrived late, but managed to take in the last few scenes.

Everybody certainly raved about the wonderful music rendered. This singing society is (Continued on page 4)

AMERICAN FRATERNAL UNION

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Tenpin Tournament Arrangements Proceed at Rapid Pace; Choice Program Is Planned

Indianapolis, Ind.—Committees of Lodge 45—hosts for the Seventh Annual National AFU Tenpin Tournament here May 9th and 10th—are sparing no effort in their arrangements to make this affair one of the outstanding of the year.

In special reports from Bro. Louis Milharcic and Bruno Canalas, it has been pointed out that entry blanks and instructions have been mailed to every lodge in the United States—urging everyone to participate in this National event. The committee thus far has done exceptionally fine work, and judging from the way things are going this will be the outstanding tournament of any fraternal organization.

EVERYONE IS URGED TO FILL OUT ENTRY BLANKS AND RETURN THEM TO BRO. LOUIS MILHARCIĆ, SECRETARY OF LODGE 45 AND OF THE TOURNAMENT AT 746 N. HOLMES AVE., INDIANAPOLIS, IND., AS SOON AS POSSIBLE!

The musical and entertainment ability of Bro. Anton Krapenc, fourth supreme vice-president of AFU, and Joseph Fajfar, both of Liberty Bell Lodge 70, AFU of Chicago has reached the ears of the committee at Indianapolis.

According to the dope, the Chicago AFU lodges are expected to participate in the tournament, and the committee would like to know whether this great event will draw Bro. Anton Krapenc and Bro. Fajfar with their instruments. If this could be a reality, the committee would like to know so that they could arrange to include these artists on their banquet program. (How about it, Bros. Krapenc and Fajfar.—Ed.)

Other phases of the tournament program are progressing rapidly. Bowling is expected to begin at 6 or 7 p. m. Friday night, May 9th. We would like to have our athletic commissioner open this tourney with a few words. (OK—Ed.)

All home teams will bowl on Friday night; or if any other lodge requests to bowl on opening night, they shall be welcome to it.

During and following Friday night's bowling, a little social will be underway at the headquarters—the school building less than a block away from the bowling alleys.

On Saturday night, the bowling guns will be fired and the

team members who wish to have lettering out on their white shirts are to bring their shirts to the meeting on March 23. **LET'S HAVE THE SHIRTS IN-SO WE CAN DO THE JOB ALL AT ONCE IN ONE TRIP AND NOT WASTE VALUABLE TIME LATER.**

We hope to have all of our members at the next meeting which I am sure will be a very interesting one. Let's get a little more work done as well as by each member who has his or her duty to perform. **REFRESHMENTS ARE TO BE SERVED, JAMES!**

Bruno Canalas, Official Publicity Manager.

Louis Milharcic, tournament secretary, Lodge 45, AFU.

JUVENILES MAY ENTER JUVENILES OF AFU MAY ENTER TEAMS IN THE SEVENTH NATIONAL AFU DUCKPIN TOURNAMENT IN PITTSBURGH APRIL 19 AND 20TH! GET YOUR ADULT MEMBERS AND LODGE TO BACK YOU, THEN SEND IN YOUR ENTRIES IMMEDIATELY TO BRO. L. P. BOBERG, 5421 Carnegie Ave., Pittsburgh, Pa.

CURRENT SIMILES
As hard to find as an Italian warship in the Mediterranean Sea.

As costly as the "common" cold.

RAMBLING CHATTER

By Big Stan Progar

The A. F. U.
Symbolic of the Red, White and Blue
Is asking for your aid today.
Why not try?
Be the one to qualify
For the AFU vacation with pay.

Strabane, Pa.—This week, the ole Rambler was treated to a very pleasant surprise as the week's issue of the Nova Doba reached him. A truly pleasing surprise for the Nova Doba was chuck full of readable matter, in fact, five pages literally alive and just begging to get acquainted. Five pages of personality plus that captured our interest and held it fast until we had to surrender unconditionally, especially to the new Magic Carpet Juvenile Page. Little Stan simply must be given credit for doing such a wonderful job.

But what struck the ole Rambler more than anything was the great increase in Strabane writers! Now, it's not only Veronica Barbic and Francis Zele BUT also Mary Ludvic, Eddie Delost, Harry Barbic, John Zigman, Mirkel Tomsic, Joe Sedmack and Vincent Braddock. To make it complete, perhaps Hedvi Sterle may again favor us with a column or three. What say sister speaks? Is it in order?

But this week's chatter is off its main course. It was intended to be a personal chit-chat-choo with only those that feel it is too much trouble to go out and qualify for a "paid" vacation. And by gosh by gorrah it will be just that for here and now the mind stops its ramblings off on the side roads and gets back on the main road.

Now how about it you passers-up of a real opportunity? So you think it is a waste of time do you? You don't think it is worth it or you think that those of us that have experienced this "heaven on earth" are only spouting off steam when we say that it will be the happiest time of your life? STOP FOOLING YOURSELF. You know different. You know that you're only kidding yourself and no one else for everyone else knows better. Get wise to yourself. Hurry too, before it is too late.

Third Attempt

Yes, you evaders of the reality, get wise to yourself. Why do you believe Veronica Barbic is attempting to take advantage of the grand AFU vacation? She succeeded twice and this column wishes sincerely that she is successful again. Why? Just to fill in dull moments? Never, for the Rambler knows that her time is well occupied. VERONICA IS TRYING AGAIN FOR SHE KNOWS THAT WE HAD THE GREATEST TIME IN OUR LIFE DURING THE ONE WEEK OF THE AFU VACATION.

She knows that it is worth any effort that one can place in any endeavor. She knows that if she is successful again that she will be in for another time of her life. A time that places a smile on your lips that spreads till it matures into healthy laughter and continues on and on and on. A time that will not be just a part of your life or just an incident. IT WILL BE AN ERA, A MEMORY THAT WILL LIVE ETERNALLY, UNTIL YOUR PAY-OFF TIME...

A. F. U. Vacation

Yes, the AFU vacation is just that. It is an era never to be forgotten. From the moment you leave your home and start that trip to the station you begin to live. You only see the happy side of life and greet your vacation companions in a mood that gets sunnier, happier. Every click of the wheel on the rails shouts to you, every minute that passes is regretted because you know that your ERA OF FUN is just that much shorter.

Modern traffic with its increased tempo and volume demands alert attention and wide awake eyes from both the walker and the driver.

Fine refreshments will be served by the committee—in-

You doubting Toms, remember this. Perhaps the only time that surpasses in fun—the fun you will have in Ely—is the ride to Ely and back on the train. Imagine if you can, what may happen when a crowd of about twenty or thirty, all traveling in a company, with the same objective in mind and all in a happy state of mind... It's colossal... It's terrific... It's the time of your life... The time that will not be repeated again except on another AFU vacation trip. We know for our ERA OF 1939 is imbedded deeply in our mind... for keeps.

Get Set... Go

And so, we close our case. The next move is up to you unbelievers. CALL OUR BLUFF! PROVE US WRONG. We, who were there and had our share of fun, dare you to prove us wrong. We dare you to qualify!

But don't delay too long. Get set today and meet your friends and explain to them what you have to offer them. Tell them your motive and what your friends must do to give you this vacation. And at the same time, let them know that while they favor you by joining the AFU they do themselves a great favor by having this marvelous protection. It is the best, the only workingman's insurance and an insurance that every family needs and one every family can afford.

So let's get set then go till you reach the end that qualifies you to visit heaven. It's easy but if it should prove sort of difficult at first, keep in mind the spirit of the lad from Philadelphia who, after eleven unsuccessful attempts to join the navy, went home and took special breathing exercises to enlarge his chest to the required specifications of the navy. On his twelfth attempt, he passed. You can have this same determination if you care too, so why not.

And now, till our next weekly chat, why not start your campaign and get set to say to the Rambler that you have almost qualified. You should, so till then, I'll be... What? I forgot to say why that attempt at poetry heads this column? Oh, that. The Rambler has no apologies for it and will only say that he used it because he had a silly notion to do so. Now, you get that notion that you will qualify then go and prove it. You should!

Stan Progar

26 Killed

Since the first of this year an alarming number of persons of all ages, youngsters and elderly men and women have walked and run to meet death or injury on our city streets. Twenty six persons have been killed in traffic and twenty three of these victims were pedestrians.

In injury accidents the toll for the pedestrians is over one hundred and fifty. Carelessness in one form or another was directly responsible for almost all of these accidents.

Stepping into the street from behind or between parked cars accounts for a great many of the accidents. Crossing in the middle of the block and crossing against the traffic lights are other causes to be found on many accident reports.

The man on foot sometimes forgets that though he has the right of way on the sidewalk, the moment he leaves the curb, he shares the responsibility for avoiding an accident with the driver.

Dancing will be from 8 p. m. until ?. And music will be furnished by the ever popular girl band—the Bergant Sisters—the orchestra which I hope everyone will enjoy.

Fine refreshments will be served by the committee—in-

LITTLE STAN'S ARTICLE

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acclaimed as being one of foremost in Cleveland, and their program drew huge throngs who were very well satisfied. Following the concert, the "go-stilna" adjacent to the auditorium was jam-packed with people who ate sandwiches and drank refreshments. In the auditorium scintillating music by Lou Trebar.

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S'funny too, how Little Stan likes to get wedged in a corner near the refreshment stand (bar, to you). Not that he drinks or anything like that, but just being a part of a nice gang of people who really know the meaning of the word fun. Ladies were telling your scribe of a coming event—the Martha Washington's—affair, and they really meant to fix up a blind date of some kind. Your scribe is kinda shy about "blind" dates. They mentioned something too of the American-Slovene club here, and all these things look very interesting. Gee — Everyone (Roll the "R's") is so good to me!

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Say, that wind is still howling outside, and it looks like your scribe is just going to sit inside this evening and catch up on Sunday's news. Wanna fly a kite? — That wind would be a little too strong for anything like that at the moment. Maybe can go in Gordon park or something, no?

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Practically everywhere we go, the word of the New Name Campaign progress reaches the ears and so far it is sweet music. Already, thru the report this week, there are 86 active lodges, the number showing a decided increase each week since the campaign started. The total of new members and increased insurance written so far shows a fast-increasing trend, and the climax looms far in the distance! What a record could be set this year! What a wonderful welcome our new name — American Fraternal Union — will be accorded! That's something well worth looking forward to!

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And just yesterday morning looked thru the old photograph album that came with Little Stan from Minnesota. Saw oodles and oodles of convention pictures and it refreshed somewhat faded memories of the Austin car, etc. That was great fun, to be outdone, perhaps only by the forthcoming Fourth Juvenile Convention. You ought to be here! With that wind howling outside, looks like your scribe will shove over in his den, and make himself comfortable at home for tonight. See you next week if we survive this blizzard!

Goodnight...

About This And That

Rules

NEW NAME AND FOURTH JUVENILE CONVENTION CAMPAIGN AUGUST 15, 16, and 17.

Opened February 1st; Closes June 30th

1.—Any member of the Juvenile Department, between 12 and 18 years of age eligible to become a candidate for delegate.

In Minnesota, age requirement is from 10 to 18 years, and younger providing they attend the convention accompanied by their parents or older responsible person.

2.—

Members of the Adult department will be eligible to compete on the same basis as "Honorary Delegates."

3.—

Regular and Honorary Delegates upon qualification as delegate, will receive a free trip to Ely, Minn. and return, and will be paid \$3.00 per day per diems, while traveling and while in Ely. Minn. Every delegate must pay his own room and board while in Ely.

4.—

In order to qualify, a delegate either juvenile or adult must enrol a required number of new members into the adult or juvenile departments.

5.—For each new member, and for amounts of insurance written, the candidate will receive credits in the form of "Points"—according to the following schedule:

Adult Department	Points
"JA" (15c per month)	100
"JB" (\$1.00 per month)	200
"JC" for \$500 (85c per month)	20

THE MAGIC CARPET JUVENILE PAGE

Route No. 1
EXPORT, PA.

area of 64 square miles south of Joliet and mostly in Elwood and Wilmington township. There are now about 8,000 people employed in the construction of the camp. This number is expected to be doubled by early summer. The government project has created an influx of outsiders seeking work, many of which were qualified, who obtained employment; thus increasing the population; and creating a housing problem. Buildings are being enlarged, remodeled, and new homes being built by local capital. The U. S. government is also going to build 150 homes in Joliet, to be rented only to those people directly employed in the operation of the plant. The local situation is being handled very cautiously by officials who are taking proper steps to prevent recurrence of the fate that befell people when Will County coal mines became inactive, as well as the aftermath of the last war. Yes, experience teaches.

Read Newspaper News

We read "by the papers" that labor trouble is brewing in some parts of the country. We sincerely hope that they are soon settled without loss of life or limb. Here in Joliet, there is no trouble at the present time, and hope is expressed there won't be any. Local authorities, business and laboring men in our community in late years have been working together very harmoniously. There isn't a single civic or public event sponsored in which local government, business, and labor doesn't co-operatively participate. This makes a healthy and prosperous community. Let's hope the friendly feeling continues and that all controversial matters that arise be settled in a most diplomatic and American way.

35th Anniversary

This year we are observing the 35th anniversary since the founding of our active and popular SS. Peter and Paul Lodge 66, AFU. 35 years is a nice age to attain by any individual or group.

SS. Peter and Paul society has been one of the most active and progressive Slovene fraternal branches in this community; for which credit must go to organizers, officers, and members up to the present day.

The society's first president was Anton Gosciek, Sr., and its first secretary, Michael Wardjan. Both have already passed away. May they rest in peace!

From the youthful knowledge of local fraternalistic activities I can also proudly state that this Joliet unit of the great American Fraternal Union has always endeavored to work in cooperation and harmony with any and all other local branches of the various national fraternal orders, independent lodges, and clubs when promoting movements and programs of interest and benefit to the worthy cause of fraternalism and the community at large.

The officers and committees are already planning an elaborate celebration program to be held here on or about August 6, the exact date of the anniversary and on which occasion, our supreme president, Bro. Janko N. Rogelj will honor us with his presence. Bro. Rogelj we already greet with hearty welcome to the birthplace of Slovene Fraternalism in America!

Draftees and Volunteers

A great strong witnessed recently the departure of draftees and volunteers who answered the call to preparedness. The contingent included the following Slovenes: Anton Starasinch, Joseph Metesh, Edward Pucel, George Benedick, and Raymond E. Mutz. Those who saw these Joliet soldiers entrain may have felt a tightening of the throat. These young men presumably were going to a year of training, but a year is a long time and may bring many changes for the world and for America—perhaps peace, perhaps war. The young trainees were no less aware of this than those who watched them depart. Yet, their's was a determination to any eventuality because they are Americans. That is the highest heritage of citizenship—their's and ours.

In conclusion, let me wish the greatest success to all our dear brother and sister members who have already; and those who may enter the New Name Membership Campaign, "to qualify for the educational and recreational trip to the Land of Lakes," Ely, Minn.—the home office of our great American Fraternal Union."

Fraternally,

Dorothy Mae Jevitz (Age: 15)
Lodge 66, AFU

JOLIET, ILL. DEAR EDITOR AND PEN PALS:

"Well, here it is! At last my article for March! First of all I want to thank you for the \$2 check which I received on Feb. 18th, 1941.

As you all know, March came roaring in like the lion, but it's going out like a lamb. But I wish more articles came pouring in and go roaring out of Little Stan's office to the Nova Doba's press room. Now come on, juveniles, scribbles a few lines even if it is in Slovenian. Little Stan won't mind, I hope. (Ed. Note: "Should say not—I do go to Slovenian school, too, don't I? Heh Heh") I pick up the Nova Doba and in a few minutes I'm through reading it. Remember what a few juveniles said—write more articles to the Juvenile section.

I was very sorry to hear that Frances Zele, from Strabane was operated on appendix. I wish you a speedy recovery Frances, and many more fine articles!

Business Up

Business and working conditions are again reviewed here in Joliet and Will County. The greatest reason for this being the United States government's selection of this territory for a huge munitions plant. The government purchased about 25 farms comprising an

area of 64 square miles south of Joliet and mostly in Elwood and Wilmington township. There are now about 8,000 people employed in the construction of the camp. This number is expected to be doubled by early summer. The government project has created an influx of outsiders seeking work, many of which were qualified, who obtained employment; thus increasing the population; and creating a housing problem. Buildings are being enlarged, remodeled, and new homes being built by local capital. The U. S. government is also going to build 150 homes in Joliet, to be rented only to those people directly employed in the operation of the plant. The local situation is being handled very cautiously by officials who are taking proper steps to prevent recurrence of the fate that befell people when Will County coal mines became inactive, as well as the aftermath of the last war. Yes, experience teaches.

Gee! It's such fun to read the articles on the Juvenile Page. We have quite a few faithful writers, haven't we? (Ed. Note: I'll say!) Our lodge No. 138 is having its 20th Anniversary at Beechwood Park on July 4th, 1941, and Bro. Anton Zbarski, supreme secretary of our AFU, has promised to be our guest speaker. Here's hoping that he has a swell time in Export this summer.

Isn't it grand about this wonderful campaign of getting new members so we can go to Ely, Minn., this summer? My father went to four conventions and another went once and so did my sister and my three brothers. Now it's my turn, don't you think so? I already have a few points, but I still need a good many before I reach 4,000.

Here is my one and only problem—where should I get them? Members of our family have gotten new members away out in Chicago and Cleveland, and everywhere. That's pretty good work on their part because we live in Export, Pa.

But I am not worried a bit about getting the remaining points, especially if it is as easy to get them as it was those I already have. —Wow—I'm as good as in Ely now! Ha! Ha!

All I need to do is very little work and hold up my spirits, and I'll have a swell vacation this summer.

Come on you juveniles! Try to earn your trip to Minnesota! The old saying goes: "The more; the merrier!"—so let's all try to go. No harm in trying!

But remember to get members who are in the Union and are faithful to it. We're really aren't interested in people who drop the lodge four or five months after the convention! In that way, you aren't doing the lodge any good. You want to help your lodge, not harm it.

Closing now, hoping we see one another in Ely, Minn., next August. Here are my best wishes that you all reach your goal. Hope you wish me a lot of luck, too, and thanks.

Rose J. Kuznik (Age: 15)
Lodge 138, AFU

701 Second Ave. Sc. CHISHOLM, MINN.

DEAR EDITOR:

I am 16 years old and I am in the 10th grade. This is my first contribution to the Nova Doba. My younger sister has written a few times so I thought it about time I wrote an article.

Last Friday night, Chisholm played a score of 43 to 28. Most of the basketball games that Chisholm played were won by just a few points.

Feb. 14th and 15th were the days of the Chisholm Winter Frolic. In past years, the Frolic lasted three days. There were skeeters from Duluth and Chisholm who performed on Sunday evening.

They were very good and wore beautiful skating costumes.

During the first two weeks of March, the district basketball tournament will be held in the Hibbing Memorial building. There will be people from almost every range city.

I am in the Girls' chorus, but I want to be in the Acappella choir. I can't, too, because I can't sing alto or first soprano. I hope that by next year, my voice will have changed enough so I can be in the Acappella choir.

After two years in Acappella the students get their letter in music.

I like to skate, play girls' basketball, volleyball and play the piano. I used to take violin lessons. Somehow I managed to play a few pieces and got into the orchestra. But when a person gets tired and the practicing required, it is time to quit, and that's what I did. I think I'll stop writing and go to work on my geometry.

Julia Balantich
Lodge 30, AFU

JOLIET, ILL. DEAR EDITOR AND PEN PALS:

"Did anyone ever try to write or complain something while 'up a tree'? Well, I am in the predicament right now. I decided to contribute an article for our 'New Era' and at the same time, use an announcement of my entry into the 'Name Name' membership campaign.

Well, here it is! At last my article for March! First of all I want to thank you for the \$2 check which I received on Feb. 18th, 1941.

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After two weeks in Chicago, he finally got a job as office boy. Everything went swell until one day as Tom was reading the newspaper, he saw something which made him decide to go home immediately. The paper said his mother was very sick in a hospital and that the only thing that would save her was for her son to come back.

Tom boarded a train for home. But when he got there, he found that someone else was living in their house. He

went to the hospital, and found his father there. His father was very glad to see him. He told Tom the bank had closed, and that they were so poor that he could not afford to pay for an operation which might save his wife's life.

Anton Sianovich, a member of No. 149, AFU of the adult department died at Canonsburg Hospital on Friday the 14th, at 6:25 p. m., after four weeks of critical illness.

On Sunday, Feb. 9th, Lodge No. 149, AFU held its meeting at the SNPJ hall in Strabane and Tajnik John Boles set me up for delegate—and all my extra time is devoted to becoming qualified as delegate. (Ed. Note: Here's wishing you all the luck in the world!)

Like oodles of others, I wish that spring were here, because we would have warmer weather and spring flowers, and then would come summer and no school.

Next month is April and I will celebrate the first day which is my birthday and also All Fool's Day. Then comes Easter. Boy! Oh! Boy! New clothes; new hats; what shoes! Ah! It makes me feel better already just to think of it!

Say! Did you get that valentine from a regular juvenile writer? Well, how did you like it? (Ed. Note: It was a sizzling honey, and both Little Stan and Mr. Terbovec, and Mr. Rogelj—showed it to everyone—got a big kick out of it! Heh Heh!)

On Feb. 25, 26, 27, I was very busy at school. One of my best girl friends lives in Washington Children's Home. On these three days, two girls and myself planned a surprise party for her in our Home Ec. room. It was a real surprise which left her speechless for several minutes. She received many beautiful and useful gifts for which she was very thankful.

I am also submitting one of my stories which all my friends like.

The Thief

Going home at 4 o'clock was out of the question. The storm, which raged furiously outside, had subsided. Father was not home and I knew it was impossible for mother to do the evening work. It was decided that I should walk home. With one blanket and a few sandwiches, I started tramping homeward.

After I had walked about a mile, the storm increased its fury. In order to protect my face from the fierce wind and the driving snow, I had to walk with my head down, and soon I lost all sense of direction. As I walked, I thought of the school day behind me. It seemed as though hours had passed since I left the schoolroom. It was getting dark, and I was still walking and my hands were beginning to feel numb. I took frequent rests because of the strong wind and the deep snow. I was almost exhausted. Soon the pain in my hands was gone, and I was beginning to feel drowsy.

I was going to lie down when I suddenly ran into something. It was a fence, and I immediately realized that shelter was not far away, so with every effort I struggled on. I kept this on for a long time until I came into a corral. As I looked around I saw a building. It was a house.

As I stepped on the porch, the people, thinking that our children were coming home, opened the door.

I slept in the hall. I crawled under my blankets. Later a thief came in. He noticed a moving object underneath the blanket. "Who's there?" he asked. At first I said nothing. Then I screamed.

"Keep your mouth shut, you little shrimp!" the thief yelled.

Evidently the thief was frightened because he went away in a big hurry.

Just then I awoke, and found that I hadn't gone out of the school room at all. It was just a dream.

Well, I guess that's enough for March.

All members of Lodge 149 and people of surrounding territory are invited to attend the dance held at the SNPJ Hall in Strabane, on April 19, 1941.

So long, everyone—

Dorothy Martincic
Lodge 149, AFU

**Box 157
HOMER CITY, PA.**

DEAR EDITOR:

First I want to thank you for the check sent me. It sure came in handy. I am going to write a story entitled:

"HOME SWEET HOME"

By Mary Lisac

Tom's father was a banker and that's the reason for this story. Tom hated being rich, so one day when he was 15, he decided to run away and see the world. His mother and father weren't at home so there was no one to stop him. He packed a bag and went out the back way so that the servants wouldn't see him.

He went to the station and bought a ticket to Chicago. He figured that if his parents sent detectives to look for him, it would be harder for them to find him in such a large city.

When he got to Chicago, the first thing he did was to look for a job. He told everyone he was 18 and they believed him because he was tall for his age. Tom changed his name to Jim Randal.

After two weeks in Chicago, he finally got a job as office boy. Everything went swell until one day as Tom was reading the newspaper, he saw something which made him decide to go home immediately. The paper said his mother was very sick in a hospital and that the only thing that would save her was for her son to come back.

Tom boarded a train for home. But when he got there, he found that someone else was living in their house. He

went to the hospital, and found his father there. His father was very glad to see him. He told Tom the bank had closed, and that they were so poor that he could not afford to pay for an operation which might save his wife's life.

Tom told him about everything that had happened since he left home. He said he had saved enough money to pay for the operation. The doctor let Tom see his mother for five minutes. She was very glad to see him. After he told her of everything that had happened he went home with his father. He was surprised to see they lived in a small house now. This made him very happy.

The operation was successful and month later his mother came home. By this time, Tom had another job, and he realized he would never have to worry about being rich again.

Mary Lisac,
Lodge 149, AFU

1971 Arrowhead Ave.
CLEVELAND, O.

DEAR EDITOR:

This is my first letter to the Nova Doba. But first let me introduce myself to all of the Nova Doba readers.

I am 12 years of age and in the eighth grade. I live about a mile out of the city limits of Washington. I walk with my sister and girl friends to Craft school. There my sister and I board the bus which takes us to Manfield school. My teacher's name is Mr. William B. Stout. There are 40 pupils in my class.

We, the eighth graders, are planning to take a trip to Pittsburgh, Pa. We are leaving on the 15th of March.

I have two sisters and three brothers. My father, brother, and youngest sister are all celebrating their birthdays in March.

ALL MEMBERS OF OUR FAMILY BELONG TO THE AFU, LODGE 75 OF MEADOWLANDS, PA. MY FATHER AND MOTHER HELPED TO ORGANIZE LODGE NO. 125, AFU, AT ISLE, PA.

With such fine articles appearing in the Juvenile Page you are just inspired to keep on writing more yourselves. Isn't that right, juveniles? It's very nice to know that now the juveniles are taking more interest in their Juvenile Page, by continually writing to the paper. That's just grand, members. Only, let's keep it up throughout the year and let's not drop out.

In the issue of March 5, Florence D. Startz began the Juvenile Page with a long letter, letting us in on all news. Yes, Dolly, I am a candidate for the Juvenile Convention and I hope I'll be able to make it... Our other Ely girl, Miss Justine Korent is certainly kept busy for one day; college in the morning, work in the afternoon and practicing music at night. Gee, Jay you certainly have more to concentrate on than the average girl. Well, lots of luck with your college work and music...

And Veronica Barbic from Strabane, Pa., and known to the readers of the Nova Doba for a long time already, is candidacy for the third time in order to attend the Juvenile Convention. Well, Veronica I do hope you make the grade and I might be seeing you in Ely, too...

Also from Strabane comes a letter from a new writer, Joseph Sedmak, eleven years old. Joseph, you have the right idea in mind about encouraging other juveniles to write to the paper too, but since you are a newcomer, we hope to see more of your letters then perhaps other juveniles can take hints and begin writing too. Let's hope so... Strabane stop again! Yes, sir! It seems that this fair city is going to take the spotlight away and keep it forever. Another letter hails from Edward DeLost, who is a regular contributor to the Juvenile page now. He, too, encouraged more of Strabane members to write... Another newcomer is Alyce Segal, but from Chisholm, Minn., with a well composed poem about Abraham Lincoln. What about more of your poems, Alyce?... From southern Ohio, Piney Fork two letters arrive from Abraham of No. 155; the boys are, Frank Modina, who has received a check and Arthur Lesjak, another newcomer and last but not least we hear again from Velma Teekavec, who is still writing her

Damir Feigel:

ČAROVNIK BREZ DOVOLJENJA

(Nadaljevanje)

"Za liter vina dam. Vprašanje je, kdo nam ga prinese od Olrajta." je dejal mojster Repič in segel v žep po svojo denarnico.

"Le shranite denar zopet v žep," mu je ugovarjal Petrič, "moj gost ste in poleg tega sem sedaj jaz na vrsti."

"Nočem vas škodovati. Dovolj, da ste mi dali večerjo?" se je trmasto upiral Repič, vzel iz denarnice srebrnjak in ga vrgel na mizo.

Kakor bi jih bilo srebro omamilo, so buljili vsi trije oči vanj. Pred njimi je ležal novec, bila ga je le tretjina navadnega srebrnjaka in vendar se ni prav nič razlikoval po evenku od njega.

"Kakor z mojim ključem," je Nežica prva pretrgala molk.

"Saj res," ji je pritrdil brat Lojze in potegnil iz svoje denarnice ključek, ki se je bil popoldne že drugič skrčil, a ohranil vkljub temu svojo prvotno težo. "Za tak srebrnjak ne dobimo vina," je nadaljeval, "in najlepše je to: šla sva, da zалотива тујca pri ponarejanju, vrnila sva se sama s ponarejenimi novci."

"Gospod Petrič," ga je prosil mojster Repič, "še vedno ne razumem ničesar. Prej ste izjavili, da ste si že bili ustvarili mnenje o vsem tem, zato vas prosim, pojasnite mi to svoje mnenje."

"Rad vam pojasnim," je začel Petrič, natlačivši si tobaka v svojo zmanjšano pipico, ki jo je vžgal z živim oglom. "Jaz vztrjam še vedno pri tem, da je tujec v vili ponarejavec. Priznavam tudi, da je učenjak. On je prepričan, da gá bodo prej ali slej zalezovani. Tega jim ne more zabraniti. Svojih zasledovavcev se pa skuša ubraniti ne z orozjem, ne s prelivanjem krvi, pač pa na način, da je dobil v nekem plinu, ki ga sam proizvaja, mogočnega in zanesljivega zaveznika, s katerim razrozuje svoje nasprotulike. Ne da bi jim kaj škodoval, jim zmanjša, skrči telo in vsaki dobro premisli, preden ga obiše drugič. Taki so torej, sestra Neža, tvoji uroki in zadovoljen sem, da sem ti dokazal nespamet svojih vrž. Kdo naj bi bil mene, kdo prijatelja Repiča uročil?"

"Kakšen vendar mora biti ta plin, da ima tako moč v sebi?" je Repič neverno zmajal z glavo.

"Dandanes se ne smemo čuditi prav nobenemu pojavi več," je razlagal Petrič v bingljal s svojimi nožicami. "Veda napreduje in če se ji zaljubi, da preizkuša svoje najnovejše izrodke na nas, se niti ne smemo pritožiti, ker bi želi poleg nevšečnosti še posmeh."

"In koliko časa, gospod Petrič, se bomo igrali še otroke?" je vprašal Repič, poleklenil na stol in iztegnil ročico po ključek, da si ga ogleda od blizu.

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Anton Krapenc:

Zasedanje bratskega kongresa za Illinois

Dne 22. februarja 1941 sem zastopal Ameriško bratsko zvezo na letnem zborovanju Bratskega kongresa za državo Illinois. Zborovanje se je vršilo v hotelu Morrison v Chicagu. Pričetek zborovanja je bil približno okrog 10. ure dopoldne. Predsednik kongresa, T. R. Heaney, je pozdravil navzoče deležne in tajnik kongresa, Russell H. Matthias, je prečital zapisnik zadnjega zasedanja in konstatal, da je navzočih 62 delegatov. Navzočih je bilo tudi več gostov in opazovalcev tako, da vseh skupaj je bilo navzočih okrog 200 oseb. Med njimi je bilo 50 odvetnikov, kateri prakticirajo postave bratskih organizacij.

Poročano je bilo, da pred enim letom Chicago Tribune ni hotela sprejeti oglasov od bratskih organizacij, ker jih je smatrala za pogrebne podporne ustanove, od katerih jih je bilo več v finančnih težkočah. Odbor, ki je imel to stvar v rokah, je poročal, da bo v kratkem vsa stvar v redu, in da bo omenjeni časopis zopet sprejemal oglase.

Na dnevnem redu je bil govor zavarovalniškega komisarja za Illinois, Mr. Jonesa; ker pa je bil v zadnjem trenutku odpoklican iz Chicaga, ga je zastopal Mr. F. Young, uradnik istega departmanta, kateri je poudarjal, da je njegov urad popolnoma zadovoljen s poslovanjem bratskih organizacij v državi Illinois. Omenil je, da izmed vseh organizacij jih je samo 5, katere ne zadostijo državnim postavam, in da upa, da v kratkem bodo tudi te dosegle 100-procentno solventnost.

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Predstavljen je bil D. T. Winder, federalni odvetnik legalne-

milji zapadno od East Palestine. Ples se prične ob osmi uri zvečer, kdaj se bo končal, bomo pa pozneje povedali. Igral bo znani in popularni orkester sestava Bergant iz Lisabona. Poskrbljeno bo za dobra okrepčila, med katerimi bodo tudi "kranjske klobase" doble odlično mesto, ki ga zaslužijo. Sploh bomo skušali nase goste kar najbolje posreči. Člani in članice našega društva so prošeni, da se gotovo udeležijo te prireditve ter da privedejo na isto kar največje število svojih prijateljev. To bo prva plesna veselica našega društva v mnogih letih, zato je tem bolj zeleti, da bi bila uspešna.

Clanstvo društva št. 41 ABZ pozivam, da se kar mogoče polnoštevno udeleži prihodnje seje, ki se bo vršila 13. aprila, kajti na dotični seji boš bo ukrusal o važnih zadevah. Bratski pozdrav in na svodenje na seji 13. aprila in na veselici 26. aprila! — Za društvo št. 41 ABZ:

Frank Weeder, tajnik.

Na dnevnem redu je bila razprava ekonoma, katerega imena pa si nisem zapomnil. On je poudarjal važnost investiranja denarja bratskih organizacij. Rekel je, da po njegovem mnenju se ni treba batiti inflacije v Ameriki; edino nevarnost da on vidi, ako bi bil na hitro podpisani prisljilen mir med Nemčijo in Anglico. Le v tem slučaju bi vplival na denarni sistem Amerike in dežela bi bila zopet v depresiji, ne v tako veliki kot je bila zadnja, toda občutile bi jo tudi bratske organizacije. Po njegovem mnenju, izid je, da se ne bo veliko vplival na denarni sistem, pa naj zgma ena ali druga stran. Priporočal je, da naj vse vse organizacije, kadar investirajo denar, da ga ne dajo na visoke obresti, ker tam bo povsod prevelika rizika. Svetoval je, da namen zavarovalniškega departmanta ni ovirati bratske organizacije pri poslovanju, pač pa Jim pomagati, to seveda pod pogojem, da zadostijo državnim postavam.

Strabane, Pa. — Vsi člani in članice društva Bratska sloga, št. 149 ABZ, ter vsi njihovi prijatelji v tem okrožju, so že zdaj vabljeni, da se odločijo udeležiti se društvene veselice, ki se bo vršila v soboto 19. aprila v dvorani društva Postojnska jama. Odbor bo na najboljši možnosti poskrbel, da bodo posetniki zadovoljni.

Na prihodnji mesečni seji, ki se bo vršila v nedelji 13. aprila in se bo pričela ob dveh popoldne, se bo ukrenilo in določilo vse potrebno, ker se tiče prireditve veselice. Članstvo je torej proučeno, da se ómenjene seje posrečijo razvojiti delavstvo s pomočjo dveh unih, zato podpira Ameriško del. federacijo, pri organizirjanju njenega lokala zdaj, ko smo že vsi na stavki pod CIO. Kompanija je v svoji delavski federaciji v svoj lokalu, kateremu je že tudi izdala čarter. Vodstvo stavke smatra ta pojav za kompanijsko maslo, ki bi tvorilo zadnjo bitko, za katero se McCormickova firma prijema v upanju razbiti ali pa vsaj oslabšati našo solidarnost. Prvi poizkus je bil naznanjen za včeraj (10. marca), namreč da bodo odprli tovarne za delo. Naslovne stavkovne straže pa so bile takoj močne, da so to namero opustili, in tako ni prišlo do nikakih izgredov. Ves zadnji teden so se vršila pogajanja med zastopniki CIO, kompanije in vladnega delavskoga odbora, pa niso dosegli sporazuma. Zato je verjetno, da se ji bo morda na kak način posrečilo razvojiti delavstvo s pomočjo dveh unih, zato podpira Ameriško del. federacijo, pri organizirjanju njenega lokala zdaj, ko smo že vsi na stavki pod CIO.

Značilno pri vsem je to, da nas ostalo članstvo Ameriške del. federacije v tem okrožju podpira, zato je moralna v naših vrstah na najvišji točki. Nihče ne dvomi, da nam je zmagala za naše upravičene zahteve končno zagotovljena! To je največja neučinkovita trdnjava v Chicagu in okolici, in če mi zmagamo, bo veliko lažje organizirati še ostale tovarne. O tem se splošno govorja že zdaj.

Stavkovne straže se nas Slovencev precej udeležuje, lahko bi se jih pa še več. Dajmo vse delati solidarno, kajti gre za koristi naših. Ostanimo zvesti našemu lokalnu CIO; zraven tega pa skusimo z lepo besedo pridobiti še tisti par nepoučenih delavcev, katere lovijo zdaj po razpustu kompanijske unije v lokal Ameriške del. federacije. Bratje, le v zdrženju