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PROGRAM STAROSTNE-INOZEMSTVA

PREPOVEDAN VHOD

Predsednik Roosevelt je pretekli teden na podlagi obstoječe neutralnostne postave prevedal dostop v ožje ameriške teritorialne vode vsem podmornicam vojskočil se držav. S tem so prizadete le nemške podmornice, ker Francija in Anglija ne posiljata svojih podmornic na stran Atlantika. Ta ožji pas teritorialnega vodovja sega tri milje od obrežja. Podmornica sme pristati v tem vodovju le v nezgodni, ki je niso povzročile vojne operacije. Poroča se, da bo temu vzgledu Zedinjenih držav sledila tudi večina ostalih ameriških republik.

Odgovor: Ako ste delali od januarja 1939 do junija 1940 in ste v tem času zasluzili vsaj \$300 na mezdah, boste upravičeni dobivati mesečno pokojnino, ako boste tedaj prenehali dela in boste že 65 let stari.

Odgovor: Postal sem 65 let star v decembru 1937. Ako dobim delo, ali bom upravičen do mesečne pokojnine od federalne vlade?

Odgovor: Da, ako delate vsaj 18 mesecev po 1. januarja 1939 na takem delu, ki spada pod zavarovalni sistem.

NEVTRALNOSTNI ZAKON

V zveznem senatu se še vedno vleče debata o spremembni neutralnostne postave. Administracija želi, da se sedanja neutralnostna postava spremeni tako, da Zedinjene države lahko prizadete vojskočil se državam vsakršno blago, od živega do letal in muničije, pod pogojem, da prizadete države plačajo za kupljeno blago na mestu in ga odpromjijo na svojih parnih ali na parnih drugih držav. Zdi se, da bo taka postava v doglednem času sprejeta. Iz oficijskih krogov se poroča, da imajo države inozemstva takih naročil v Zedinjenih državah za več kot 100 milijonov dolarjev.

ZVEZA Z MORJEM

Med Zedinjenimi državami in Kanado so se bila že leta 1932 začela pogajanja za zvezo Atlantika z Velikimi jezeri potom reke St. Lawrence. Ta pogajanja, ki so bila za nekaj let obstala na mrtvi točki, se bodo spet obnovila, ker Canada potrebuje za svojo razširjenje vojno industrijo več električne sile, ki se more pridobiti potom jezov in prekopov, katere bo treba zgraditi v svrhu nameravane direktne zveze Velikih jezer z morjem.

Odgovor: Ako delate in je zapiskov razvidno, da ste zadosti zasluzili v svrhu mesečne pokojnine. V takem slučaju se bo denar, ki ste ga že dobili kot odpalčilo, odbjal od mesečnih pokojnin.

Odgovor: Nekdo je stalno delal od 1. 1936 naprej in zasluzil povprečno \$100 na mesec. Ako umre, kaj bodo žena in otroci dobili?

Odgovor: Vdova bi dobivala \$19.31 na mesec. Vsak izmed otrok pa bi bil upravičen do mesečnega plačila \$13, dokler ne postane 18 let star.

Odgovor: Ali je res, da so le ameriški državljanji upravičeni do federalnih in državnih starostnih pokojnin?

Odgovor: To velja le glede pokojnin, ki jih večina držav plačuje potrebnim starcem. Federalni starostno - zavarovalni sistem ne napravlja nikake razlike med državljanji in inozemci.

Odgovor: Kaka je formula, na podlagi katere se izračuna, koliko naj zavarovani delavec dobiva na mesec, ko preneha delati po 65. letu starosti?

Odgovor: Mesečna pokojnina znaša 40 odsto od prvih \$50 povprečne mesečne plače, dodatno 10 odsto od ostale mesečne plače do največ \$250 na mesec, dodatno 1 odsto za vsako leto, od kar je bil delavec zavarovan pod socialno-varnostnim zakonom.

Odgovor: Ali se sedanji obitek od plače poviša l. 1940?

Odgovor: Ne. Edenodstotni davek na plačo, h kateremu mora delodajalec dodajati svoj 1%, ostane isti tekom 1940, 1941 in 1942.

Odgovor: Star sem 62 let, sem samec, ali vzdržujem po staro mater. Ali bi moja mati kaj dobivala, ako jaz umrem?

Odgovor: Vaša mati bi dobivala polovico pokojnine, do katere bi bili vi sami upravičeni. —FLIS.

POTRES NA VZHODU

V jutru 19. oktobra so naši severovzhodnih državah čutili precej močan potres, ki pa ni napravil posebne škode. Potres so čutili v državah Massachusetts, New Hampshire in Vermont. Zvezni deželni državštvo št. 18 JSKJ je prizadet.

Dalje na 2. strani)

O SLABOKRVNOSTI GA ZAVAROVANJA

(Piše dr. F. J. Arch, vrh. zdravnik J. S. K. Jednote)

Vprašanje: Star sem, ali še vedno delam, pa malo zasluzim. Koliko moram najmanj zasluziti na mezdah, predno smem zaprositi za pokojnino?

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Odgovor: Postal bom 65 let star v januarju 1940. Moj zasluzek znaša \$75 na mesec in sem stalno zaposlen od 1. 1936 naprej. Moja žena je za eno leto starejša od meni in služi v neki družini. Ne morem dobiti državne pokojnine, ker stanujem v lastnem domu. Na kolikor federalne pokojnine smem računati?

Odgovor: Ako prenehatete delati, dobivali boste \$23.77 na mesec začenši od 1. januarja 1940.

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VADIMO SE MISLITI

Ves napredok človeštva je bil spočet v mislih. Brez razmišljanja človeški rod ne bi bil mogel napredovati in bi bil že najbrž izginil z zemeljskega površja, ker se fizično ne bi bil mogel meriti z mnogimi živalmi, katere je narava v drugih ozirih mnogo bolje opremila za eksistenčni boj. Naravoslovec sicer sodijo, da tudi živali mislijo, vsaj višje razvite živali, toda njihove zmožnosti so v tem oziru zelo omejene.

Zmožnost povprečnega človeka za razmišljjanje je skoraj brezmejna. Iz misli nastajajo sklepi in temu sledijo dejanja.

V tej deželi smo srečni, da smemo svobodno misliti ter da smemo naše zaključke svobodno povedati drugim ali jih zapisati. V mnogih državah sveta dandanes tega ni. To se pravi, ljudje v diktatorskih deželah sicer smejo misliti, ker kaj takega je nemogoče preprečiti, toda svojih misli oziroma zaključkov istih ne smejo dati v javnost. V javnost smejo le miselnik zaključki posameznikov ali nujnih skupin, ki so se s silo ali zvijačo polastile oblasti.

Zal, da je v tej deželi svobode vedno preveliko število ljudi, ki so preleni za misliti. Vsak normalen človek ima na razpolago oči, da gleda, ušesa, da posluša, in pamet, da razmišlja. Dan za dnem vidimo in slišimo marsikaj, kar bi bilo vredno temeljitega razmišljevanja, pa smo, žal, prekomodni za to. Mnogo lažje je osvojiti miselne zaključke drugih. Tako je mogoče, da se posamezni prefričani ali primeroma male skupine redijo na račun sirokih ljudskih mas, ki so prelene, da bi same zase mislili.

Skoro vse politične in mnoge druge skupine poudarjajo, da je samo v njihovih programih rešitev vseh problemov. Čisto navadna pamet nam mora povedati, da to ni mogoče. Vsi različni programi ne morejo vsaki zasebiti edino pravilno v noben program ne more biti v vseh ozirih popoln. Vsak program pa lahko vsebuje nekaj dobrega in pametnega. Kljub temu lahko posameznik ali mala skupina pridobi za svoj zmesan, meglem in neologičen program tisoče in milijone priručencev iz vrst tistih, ki nečejo sami misliti.

Tako je mogoče, da se včasih velike množice ljudstva ogrevajo za, recimo, penzijske načrte, ki so na podlagi čisto navadnih računov neizvedljivi in nemogoči. Tako je mogoče, da velike ljudske množice verujejo, da bi samo ena radikalna izpodbemba v našem gospodarskem sistemu rešila vse gospodarske probleme. Kakor da bi izrušanje enega samega gnilega zoba moglo ozdraviti vse betežnosti telesnega sistema, od jetike, do srčne hibe, kile in naduve. Naš gospodarski sistem ima mnogo hib in vsako je treba zdraviti na poseben način.

Pribivalci te dežele izdajo vsako leto stotine milijonov dolarjev za raznina patentirana zdravila, ki "zanesljivo" ozdravijo eno ali drugo bolezen ali pa kar vse bolezni. Milijoni ljudi so se že v svojo škodo prepričali, da temu ni tako, toda pri takih poskusnih nakupih sleparji bogatijo. Ako je eno ali drugo patentirano zdravilo res učinkovito, bo pač najbolje vedel naš zdravnik, ki se je posla izpoznavanja bolezni in zdravljenja istih učil v soli in praksi, in nam bo istega priporočil ali zapisal.

Vsek bi rad dobil kako vrednoto, za nie oziroma brezplačno, toda to je v našem gospodarskem sistemu nemogoče. Kar dobitno zastonj, navadno po zavitih okoliščinah zelo drago placamo. Kdor v javnosti obljuje ogromne dobičke za male investicije, je morda bedak, ali se rajši slepar. Kjer delnice kakega podjetja res obetajo velike dobičke, niso iste na prodaj malim ljudem. Pokupijo jih bogataši, ki imajo na razpolago denar, poleg tega pa tudi eksperte, ki se morejo prej o vrednosti ponujanega blaga prepričati. To bi morala normalnemu človeku povedati čisto navadna pamet, če ne bi bil prelen za misliti.

Neznane tvrdke iz oddaljenih mest mnogokrat razposiljajo po deželi vzorce blaga v nakup. Vse take posudbe so sumljive. Naročniki dostikrat tako blago preplačajo in imajo težko dobiti denar nazaj, če z blagom niso zadovoljni. V takih zadevah je najbolj varno, da se držimo trgovcev v naših domačih mestih, posebno tistih, ki so naši člani ali naši rojaki. Pri tem je tudi vredno upoštevati, da kadar kolektamo za pomoč kakemu ne-srečnemu rojaku ali za podporo našim kulturnim in drugim organizacijam, se obračamo na domače trgovce, ne na trgovce v daljnih mestih.

Za probleme naših podpornih organizacij se nam včasih priporoča to in ono kot zanesljiv in vse ozdravljajoči lek. Prav je, da pri takih priporočilih razmišljamo, če so izvedljiva in če so res zmožna odpraviti vse ne-podlike, ne da nam bi prinesla novih. Dobro je tudi male pogledati nazaj v zgodovino porabe takih ali sličnih

lekov. Marsikaka ideja je videti lepa, pa se v praksi slabu izkaže. Pri važnih problemih gospodarskega značaja je treba jemati potrebe in zahteve posameznih sistemov v celoti. Za zdravljenje, če je potrebno, pa naj bi se v prvi vrsti upoštevala tista zdravila, ki so se že v preteklosti izkazala za uspešna.

Seveda, s tem ni rečeno, da bi morali brezplačno odklanjati vsako novo idejo. Še daleč ne. Marsikaka nova ideja je bila ob svojem rojstvu smatrana za nesmiselno ali celo škodljivo, pa se je pozneje v praksi izkazala za koristno. Ves napredok preteklosti je zgrajen na idejah, ki so bile nekoč nove in morda zasmehovane. Tako bo tudi napredok bodočnosti temeljil na novih idejah. Pomniti pa je treba, da vse nove ideje niso dobre. Temeljito razmišljjanje pa nam jih more pokazati v pravi luči.

Naša J. S. K. Jednota ne vsiljuje svojim članom nikakega določenega strankarskega ali drugačnega pre-pričanja. Pač pa jih potom svojega glasila večkrat poziva, da opazujejo vse, poslušajo vse in čitajo vse, potem pa naj razmišljajo o tem, kar so videli, slišali ali čitali. Misleči člani ne bodo nasedali sleparjem in demagogom, ampak bodo znali inteligenčno ločiti dobro od slabega. Taki člani bodo v korist in ponos Jednoti, naši ožji slovenski skupini in naši republiki.

Tistem članom in članicam, katerih se tiče:

Ali so dediči ali dedične, kateri ste imenovali v svojem certifikatu, še živi, ali so že umrli? Ako je oseba, katera ste postavili za dediča smrtnine, že umrla, potem je vaša dolžnost, da takoj imenujete novega dediča ali dedične. Sprememba oporoke v certifikatu je prej stala 25 centov, zdaj ne stane nič.

V preteklosti smo imeli že mnogo slučajev, kjer je dedič v certifikatu umrl prej kot član, in to nam je povzročilo veliko stolnico in nepotrebne dopisovanje. Vsega lega bi ne bilo treba, če bi bil član takoj po smrti dediča imenoval drugega dediča. Ne-davno je pri nekem društvu umrl član, ki je imel oporoko narejeno na dve sestri, ki sta pa že pred 25 leti umrli. Ker sta sestri umrli prej kot član, oporoka ni bila veljavna in smrtnina se je morala razdeliti med najbližje sorodnike, kot določajo naša pravila. Vzelo je več mesecov, predvsem sem mogel ugovoriti, kdo je upravičen do smrtnine, in ko sem enkrat vse storitev spravil v red, sem pronašel, da je bilo deset dedičev upravičenih do iste, izmed katerih jih osem živi po raznih krajinah v Jugoslaviji, dva pa v Canadi. Umrl član je brezvonom znal, da sta njegovi dve sestri že umrli, toda zanemaril je imenovati nove dediče, vsled česar je potem nastalo navedeno nepotrebno delo.

Točka v pravilih, ki pravi, ako dedič v certifikatu umre prej kot član, tedaj se ima smrtnina izplačati postavnim dedičem, je v korist člana in njegovih najbližjih sorodnikov. Jednoti pa največkrat poroča stroške. Iskati po starem kraju uradne dokumente in poročila stane denarja, in to mora Jednota trpeti. Jednota bi se teh stroškov in tega nepotrebne dela lahko izognila s tem, da osvoji novo točko v pravilih, ki bi bo dovolila, da v takih slučajih izplača smrtnino zapuščinskemu upravitelju ali administratorju, ki pa to delo ne vrši zastonj, in ako se bodo slični slučaju pogosto ponavljati se v bodoče, potem bom prisiljen staviti tozadne predlog prihoden konvenciji.

Če imate torej certifikat, v katerem so imenovani dediči, ki so že umrli, tedaj ne odlašajte z imenovanjem novih dedičev, ampak pojrite takoj k svojemu tajniku in izpolnite listino, ki je v tovrstno predpisana. S tem boste poskrbeli, da prejme smrtnino tisti, katerega ste sami izvolili ali postavili, glavnemu uradu boste pa prihranili mnogo nepotrebnih stroškov in dopisovanja.

Z bratskim pozdravom,

ANTON ZBASNICK, glavni tajnik.

VSAK PO SVOJE

(Nadaljevanje s 1. strani)

sta, ki so bila priobčena v mesecu "The Fraternal Monitor" in ki jih bom skušal v naslednjem podatih v prostem prevodu:

"Zakaj skrbeti? Za skrb sta samo dva vzroka: si uspešen ali nisi uspešen. Ako si uspešen, nimaš vzroka za skrb. Ako pa si neuspešen, te moreta skrbeti le dve stvari: ali si zdrav ali si bolan. Ako si zdrav, nimaš vzroka za skrb. Ako pa si bolan, te moreta skrbeti le dve stvari: ali pojdeš v paradiž ali pa ne pojdeš tja. Ako pojdeš v paradiž, nimaš vzroka za skrb. Ako pa pojdeš v oni kraj, ki je direktno nasprotstvo paradiža, boš našel tam toliko staršev prijateljev, da pozdravljanja z njimi ne bo konec ne kraja in ne boš imel časa za druge skrbi. Torej, kaj bi skrbel?"

A. J. T.

DRUŠTVENE IN DRUGE SLOVENSKE VESTI

(Nadaljevanje s 1. strani)

The Woman From Croatia je naslov zanimive črtice, ki jo je napisal naš rojak Louis Adamic in je priobčena v reviji "The Saturday Evening Post" z dne 21. novembra. Črtica se nanaša na hrvatsko priseljenko Mando in njeno potomstvo. Pričenja se v Smiljaku na Hrvatskem in se nadaljuje v Michiganu, v Calu-

davno vrnili na Slovaško. V Splošnu so jim preredili svečan sprejem, ki so mu prisostvovali vojni minister general čatoš, general Pulanič, komandan Hlinkove garde Šanjo Mach in spiski škof Jan Vojtašek. Nemški kancler Hitler je ob tisti prilici poslal slovaškemu predsedniku dr. Tisu brzojavko, v kateri je pohvalil zadržanje slovaških čet. Slovaški generali so bili odlikovani z nemškim zelenim križem. Tako so bili Slovani odlikovani in pohvaljeni od Hitlerjeve, ker so se borili proti branom Slovanom!

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Med Turčijo na eni strani in med Anglijo in Francijo na drugi strani je bila pretekli tenedelj podpisana pogodba medsebojne pomoci v zadevah Sredozemlja. Ta pogodba jamči Turčiji angleško in francosko pomoč, če bi bila da kakšne evropske države napadena Turčija ali če bi prišlo na Balkan do vojne, v kateri bi bila prizadeta tudi Turčija. Obratno obljujbla tudi Turčija svojo pomoč Angliji in Franciji, če bi bili prizadeti njuni interesi v Sredozemlju. Nemčija je baje vsled sklenitve te pogodbe zelo huda na Turčijo. Zanimiva je v pogodbi določba, da Turčija ni dolžna pomagati Angliji in Franciji, če bi se slednji zapletli v vojno z Rusijo. Z Rusijo želi Turčija slej ko prej ostati v prijateljskih odnosih.

Turško - angleško - francoska pogodba se od raznih strani različno komentira. Nekateri menijo, da pomeni jez nemškemu in ruskemu vplivu na Balkan, nekateri poudarjajo, da je s tem zajamčen mir na Balkanu, spet drugi pa misljijo, da so s tem balkanske države izpostavljene resni nevarnosti, da se zapletejo v vojno.

EVROPSKA SITUACIJA
V Stockholmu na Švedskem so bili pretekli tenedelj zbrali h konferenci kralji Švedske, Norveške in Danske in predsednik Finske republike. Zedinili so se za strogo neutralnost in za pospeševanje predlogov za sklenitev miru. Ameriški predsednik Roosevelt je postal zborovalcem pozdravno brzojavko.

Ruske čete so okupirale strategične vojaške postojanke v Detroitu in drugod. Zanimiva črtica, ki je vzeta iz resničnega življenja in ki bi se lahko nanašala tudi na kakšno zdajno slovensko priseljenko, bo tvorila del bodoče Adamičeve knjige. Slovence in Hrvate opozarjam na omenjeno storijo v The Saturday Evening Post. Čitalci jo bodo z užitkom.

RAZNO IZ AMERIKE IN INOZEMSTVA
(Nadaljevanje s 1. strani)
Maine, Vermont in New York. Središče potresa so aparati opozvalnic zabeležili nekje v Atlantiku, kakih 150 milj severozahodno od New Yorka.

VEČ SITNOSTI

Earl Browder, generalni tajnik komunistične stranke v Zedinjenih državah, je bil pred tedni pozvan pred Diesov kongresni odbor, ki preiskeuje ameriške aktivnosti. Tam so moga nadlegovali z različnimi sitnimi vprašanji. Že to je bilo neodro, se večje sitnosti pa je povzročilo Browderjevo priznanje napram dotičnemu odboru, da je Browder svoječasno potoval v inozemstvo s ponarejenim ameriškim potnim listom. Zvezni justični departmet zdaj izjavlja, da namerava temeljito preiskati omenjeno afero s potnim listom.

HITLERJEVA POHVALA
Oddelki slovaške vojske, ki so v sklepnu nemške armade nastopali proti Poljakom, so se ne-

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Nova Doba

AMPLIFYING THE VOICE OF THE ENGLISH SPEAKING MEMBERS

Pa. Federation

Center, Pa. — On October 29 in Herminie there will be a meeting of the Federation of SSCU lodges in Western Pennsylvania. I have been wondering how many representatives of English-speaking lodges will be present.

When I attended my first Federation meeting at Claridge in July, I found it to be an extremely interesting experience, and I am looking forward to attending some of these meetings in the future. This new experience, interesting as it was, would have been much more so, had I been able to understand all that was being said, or to take part in the discussion. Many of the younger delegates, and quite a few were present, expressed the same opinion. For reason I have wondered if Federation of English-conducting lodges in Western Pennsylvania might not be a success.

It is out of the question, I now, to try to organize such a group immediately. I do feel, however, that sometime in the near future—with the next perhaps—this will become reality. At the present time, there are about six English-conducting lodges in Western Pennsylvania within a reasonable distance of each other. Most of the Slovene branches in this part of the state have large memberships, and without a doubt, branch out. Some very good examples are Lodges 40 in Claridge, 38 in Export, and 116 in Little Valley. Even if these lodges would not organize English-speaking units, it is my opinion that such a federation of could be established. Assuming that the six English-conducting lodges now existing, and made a success of it, it is reasonable to think that the others would want to do the same.

Wishing to thank all the SSCU members and other people who came to the affair. They made it a fine one. We did miss a few of the members, but they will explain themselves—we hope.

Elsie M. Desmond

Lodge 198

Central City, Pa. — Members of lodge "Veseli Slovenci," 198, SSCU are urged to attend the next meeting, which will take place on Sunday, November 12. It was decided at the last meeting that our lodge hold a dance on Saturday, November 25, in the Polish hall. Therefore, at the November 12th meeting it will be necessary to elect a committee of entertainment to handle the various details in connection with the dance. It is very important that all members attend this meeting. Absentees will be punished according to the penalties provided in the by-laws; only sick members are excepted.

All neighboring lodges are requested to join the crowd at our dance on November 25th. When other lodges shall hold lodge dances in the future we shall strive to repay them with our attendance.

Isabell Erzen
No. 221, SSCUWould a kiss be
of place? — It doesn't need to**Betsy Ross Dance**

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BRIEFS

The Saturday Evening Post of October 21st contains a story by Louis Adamic. "The Woman From Croatia" is the title of the story, which deals with an immigrant Evanich family settling in the Michigan copper mines, in the early 80's. It is a true story that brings out the essential parts played by an immigrant, her children and grandchildren, in American life. Mrs. Evanich is the mother of 13 sons, 38 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren. Recommended to the readers.

First supreme trustee Janko N. Rogelj of Cleveland, O., will attend the Ohio Fraternal Congress convention in Akron, O., on Thursday and Friday, October 26 and 27. Bro. Rogelj will represent the SSCU at this important assembly of Ohio fraternalists.

In Barberton, O., Lodge 44, SSCU will hold a Masquerade dance on Saturday, October 21, in lodge Domovina hall.

Center Ramblers, 221, SSCU of Center, Pa., will hold a Haloween dance on Saturday, October 28, at the Slovene Hall in Center.

In Davis, W. Va., Lodge 106, SSCU will hold a dance on Saturday, October 28.

Western Pennsylvania Federation of SSCU lodges will hold their meeting on Sunday, October 29, at Herminie, Pa.

In Imperial, Pa., Lodge 29, SSCU will hold a dance on Saturday, October 28, at the Slovene National Home. Dance will start at 8 p.m.

In Detroit, Mich., Lodge 284, SSCU Brigadiers, will observe its first anniversary on Saturday, Nov. 4, at the home of Ann Bahor, treasurer.

In Lorain, O., Ohio Federation of SSCU lodges will meet on Sunday, November 5, starting at 10:00 a.m.

To celebrate their twentieth anniversary. Lodge 203, SSCU of Cheswick, Pa., will observe its twentieth anniversary with a dance on November 11.

In St. Louis, Mo., Lodge 87, SSCU will celebrate its thirtieth anniversary with a dance on Sunday, October 29, at the Slovene National Home on 3331 So. 7th St. Supreme president Paul Bartel will be the principal speaker.

Cleveland's Independent Singing Club Zarja will present the opera "Il Trovatore" on Sunday, November 5, at the Slovene National Home on St. Clair avenue.

From Rock Springs, Wyoming came a visitor to the Nova Doba office last week in the person of Mr. Arthur Taucher, son of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Taucher. The visitor was on his way to New York City to attend the World's Fair. The Taucher family belongs to the SSCU, and the father, Louis Taucher, is secretary of lodge 18, SSCU of Rock Springs, Wyo.

one in which the man behind the counter never really mastered. — L. M. K.

Call For Additional Cleveland Bowlers**SSCU Delegates Urged to Remember Convention Pledge**

By Little Stan



Cleveland, O.—I am wondering what has happened to all the bowlers in our SSCU lodges of Cleveland. Every Sunday, starting at 1:15 p.m., at Waterloo Recreation alleys, the Cleveland SSCU Bowling League holds its regular sessions. To date, only twenty bowlers have showed up, and certainly there are enough SSCU bowling enthusiasts to complete at least six teams. I would like to see more Cleveland SSCU bowlers come out for the teams. Plenty of fun awaits the keglers. It isn't necessary to be a topnotch kegler to join the league, for the circuit is conducted on a handicap basis. The fundamental purpose in organizing and maintaining this league is to accommodate the SSCU members interested in bowling.

And GIRLS! we also include you in the invitation to join the league. If you are at all interested, come to Pozelnik's alleys next Sunday. The address is: 15721 Waterloo Rd. Just ask for "Kelly," and I shall see to it personally that you will be given every consideration.

Gathered Here And There

Butte, Mont. — Never hit a man when he is down—he might get up.

Like all explorers, the wife who persists in going through her husband's pockets often finds plenty of material for future lectures.

On being asked why he talked to himself, the not-so-stupid man replied that he enjoyed talking to a man of intelligence occasionally.

FAMOUS LAST WORDS: "I can't wait forever for that signal to turn green."

Some parents are rude, but others have learned to keep still when the kids are talking.

Today is the tomorrow I worried about yesterday and it never happened.

The eighth wonder of the world: "Wonder how the Joneses can buy so many things we can't afford?"

A woman's promise to be on time usually carries a lot of "wait."

FAMOUS LAST WORDS: "Look, it's not loaded."

That heroic soul who takes his misfortunes like a man, usually does than when he lays the blame on his wife.

Ridiculous people are those who merely mistake their lack of sense for a sense of humor.

News is gossip on a large scale.

Assembled by

Anne M. Gornick
Lodge 190, SSCU

Constituent — Mr. Blank, since your success in the primaries assures you of a political job for two more years, are you going to take a vacation?

Politician — Yes, I was nominated again, and if I am elected I'll take another two year's rest.

But getting serious again, Lit-

Ely, Minn. — Little Stan spent some time in the Home Office of our SSCU the other day, glancing over records of the 1935 and 1937 juvenile campaigns. It was found that about four or five months after the convention was over, a lot of the newly-enrolled membership dropped out of the Union. Not enough to cause any particular hullabaloo, but enough to make you kinda sit up and take notice and wonder. Wonder was: Do some of the members join only temporarily to help a member become a delegate?

Answer: It would seem very much like it in some places.—Result: The Quadrennial Convention which meets in Waukegan in 1940 might decide not to hold juvenile conventions or athletic conferences. That would be a calamity!

Recently a number of lodge secretaries in various parts of our SSCU states wrote Little Stan and asked him whether juvenile delegates had taken a sort of pledge to assist them in collecting dues from many of these new members. For since their active young members had enrolled so many new, the work on the local lodge secretary's shoulders increased tremendously. In many cases difficulty was encountered when the secretary went out to call on these people; difficulty in the sense that the member in question perhaps lived quite far from the secretary's home, making it impossible to make frequent trips.

Let's shift the scene back to convention hall in Washington school auditorium where our juvenile convention of 1939 gathered. You remember when we all arose, held up our right hand, and repeated the pledge which read in part, "to help and assist keeping our members enrolled in our SSCU by assisting our local lodge secretary in collecting dues?"

That moment was solemnly impressive. It filled us with a queer awe wherein we realized that a gathering such as we were enjoying could not have been made possible had we failed to enroll the members. It made us feel how big and wonderful our SSCU was, and it made a deep impression in our hearts when we firmly resolved to do our utmost to help keep the gigantic membership increase we were responsible for. AND WE MEANT EVERY WORD OF THAT PLEDGE!

Make believe we are again launching another campaign. Your prize has already been won. You have enjoyed every minute of it. Let's call this the aftermath. Let's round up everyone who helped us qualify as delegates and call on some of the new juvenile members we enrolled, collect dues, and more strongly impress on their minds what little it costs to belong to such a swell organization as we who are intimate machinelike parts of it—know it.

It would be very much appreciated, and our Home Office, our Supreme Board, and our members will certainly find moments to shoulder you with much commendation! It shows everyone how much you appreciated the opportunity given you by our SSCU. You wouldn't let a good pal down, now would you? The SSCU is your right hand pal. You can put Little Stan sounds like an old Professor giving a lecture, don't laugh. Heh Heh . . . Because even though he can romp around in short pants, he can also be serious—when he wants to. And this is a serious business because, if he and every other delegate to future juvenile and athletic conferences wants to "romp in short pants" so to speak, we'll all have to join hands by holding our membership gains to guarantee future conclaves of this sort. Sounds halfway logical doesn't it?

But getting serious again, Lit-

(Continued on page 4)

Sports Chatter

By Big Stan

Strabane, Pa. — The Panther has spoken. His mighty roar vibrated thru the Oakland stadium and sent the Blue Devils of Durham back home beaten, beaten by one point on the scoreboard but on the field, out-smarted, outrazzled and out-played to fully gain revenge for last year's defeat. The Panther has spoken but his roar is not the ferocious, blood curdling roar of yester years. It is somewhat subdued, a mixture of surprise, daring, uncertainty and a bit of the razzle-dazzle. It is a voice that does not tell the victim what to expect other than defeat at the end of play. It is a voice that is now being respected by all — a voice that definitely states that the Panther IS a power to behold.

The Pitt-Blue Devil Game proved this to the football world. As strong and powerful as were the lads of Durham, under the coaching of Wallace Wade, they could not match the brilliance, the alertness and the smartness of the new Panther and trained by Jock's number one man, Charlie Bowser. The great playing of that ace half-back from the South, George McAfee, was somewhat sidetracked by Cassiano, Kish, Narick in the Pitt backfield and the seven linemen led by the two ends, Dickinson, and Rettinger. Time after time they broke thru the Duke defense to stop and smother plays before they crossed the line of scrimmage. Then too, one can not overlook Dickinson's brilliant play as he picked up a Duke threat but by his alertness, placed the Panther in scoring position from which the Panther threw the game in a 7-7 tie in the second period.

Cassiano in the Pitt backfield, the only hold over from the "dream team" of '38 that turned into a nightmare for the Pitt rooters, again stood out as bright as the glaring sun by his offensive and defensive work. Both Pitt touchdowns were registered by Cassiano on passes from his running mate, Narick and besides turning in the winning tallies, Cassiano thrice stopped the Duke ace, George McAfee from certain touchdowns after McAfee broke free and was headed for pay dirt. A potential All-American, that cannot be denied for Cassiano has been the difference between a very good Pitt year and a very bad Pitt year. Also, don't overlook the work of Narick and Kish. Narick is capable of some neat ball running and can heave passes that usually hit the bull's eye. In the quarter back spot, Pitt does not lack anything for Kish has manoeuvred Pitt to three wins this season solely by his alertness in calling the unexpected plays and, picking the spots in which passes materialize into touchdowns after credited running attacks. It is the uncertainty of what's coming next that is bringing Pitt back into the limelight and the contending power division after the experts denied to consider Pitt as a threat. The Panther has spoken and his voice is being heard.

College football played at its best is played in Pittsburgh. That has been said of the Iron City a few years back and it still is. All three Pittsburgh Colleges are still unbeaten after three weeks of gridiron warfare with Carnegie Tech having a perfect record, three wins and an untouched goal line. The same must be said of the Duquesne Nite raiders, three wins and as yet, not scored upon. That in itself speaks with more influence than any writer pounding away football dope

Center Ramblers

Center, Pa. — Final reminder for SSCU members, their friends and acquaintances to attend the Center Rambler lodge, 221, Masquerade Dance on Saturday, October 28, at the Slovener Hall in Center. Music will be furnished by the Center Silver Stars. Cash prizes will be awarded for the best costumes. Dig out some of your old costumes, or any other old-fashioned togs, and take a chance on winning one of the prizes. So far we have always enjoyed the co-operation from all neighboring lodges, and we know that they won't fail us this time. A cordial invitation is extended to all to again spend a merry evening with us.

In behalf of the Center Ramblers, I wish to express my sincere sympathy to the bereaved husband Joseph Caro, whose wife Helen, passed away on Oct. 15, at 4:30 p. m. Burial took place at Plum Creek cemetery on October 19. The deceased was a good member of our lodge, and we shall miss her presence. Incidentally, she is the first death among the Center Ramblers. May she rest in peace.

Frances Blasco, Sec'y
No. 221, SSCU

Whifflebotham — Young man, have you the firmness of character that enables a person to go on and do his duty in the face of ingratitude, criticism and heartless ridicule?

Diocean — I ought to have, sir, I cooked for a camping party all summer.

Thanksgiving Day

Ely, Minn. — Thanksgiving Day. How many of us stop to think what the word Thanksgiving is connected with. We all know what thanks mean. We use that particular word innumerable times during the course of a day. We thank one another for this or that for something we have received. We like to associate the word giving with something someone presents us. Many of us, at one time or another, who have to fight our way through life — feel what is accomplished, we accomplish alone — that it's not necessary to give thanks to anyone. What a truly false conception that is. We have only to pause, to reflect to know that this is not a world of individuals. We have only to look about to realize that each one, in a measure, is dependent on the other. This is not a world of individuals — it is a world of brothers who work in unison for a common cause.

Again if we pause to reflect we cannot help but recognize the Great Architect of the Universe who has given us our natural resources. He, who provides the sunshine and rain, and lends us the land and the sea and all therein. It is He who conceals the germ of life in the seed and causes the seed to grow and bear fruit. It is we who benefit by his gifts of mercy. I like to let my thoughts drift back to the time, three hundred and eighteen years ago, when our Pilgrim forefathers set aside a day of Thanksgiving, to offer their thanks and gratitude for the mercies of Providence during the closing year. I think of the terrible hardships they endured, the crude living, lack of food and clothing, sickness, and all the other causes of dissatisfaction. Yet, even though many ills beset them, they were duly thankful for blessings received. It is a lesson of perseverance, devotion, and graciousness that the early colonists handed down to us.

As we look around us today, we see on every hand comforts that have been given us; making for us a more complete life. There is no possible way of comparing our conveniences with those of the Pilgrims — for they had none. Do we ever pause to consider our good fortune and give thanks for it? Are we to be less thankful than the pioneers who suffered every privation that we may now enjoy comfort? We can do no less than they — and in the doing — make the Thanksgiving sincere.

Let us be thankful that our lives have been spared. Thankful for the loved ones and our friends. Grateful for the gifts of Providence. We have considered our personal benefits as a just cause for Thanksgiving. But there are other benefits of a far-reaching nature. We have very lately, passed through a period of uncertainty. We could almost hear the rumble of war machines. We could feel the tenseness in our land as the people waited in suspense, fearing that we would become embroiled in another war. At the same time our sympathy went out to those in immediate dangers.

We can be truly thankful that great men humbled their pride, rather than sacrifice the lives of men. We would surely be ungrateful if we did not recognize this. We are in one great accord, and thankful, that those across the sea have not had to bargain their lives with the God of War. For what can we be more thankful than peace in the hearts of men?

Each day as the sun sets in the west, we will have received that for which we should be thankful. Let us be thankful. Let us prove to the world that we are a nation of peace — and home-loving in our unity; let us set the example. For what could

Life In a C. C. Camp

By Frank Mekina

In collaboration with Big Stan.
This is the third and last in a series of articles on Life in a C. C. Camp as based on actual experience and dedicated to Frank E. Vranichar and the many others that expressed a desire to know of the various activities of boys in the C. C. Camps.

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Barberton, O. — While in camp, every boy again enjoyed the opportunity to "catch up" on studies he fell down on while in school or after he completed his high school career. The boys are encouraged to study any line that appeals to them and thru-out the entire camp stay, the officers emphasize the value of making use of idle time. The Berkeley High has night school for the boys that care to study the subjects there and those that wanted to could follow their pet studies thru correspondence courses supervised by the camp officers. The courses covered most every subject that the boys wanted and while the camp officers acted as intercessors for the home study schools, they also acted in the capacity as instructors and gave the boys all the help they could. They encourage the boys on and as a result, most all the boys in camp followed one study or another. Especially those that attended the Berkeley High night school for it meant another night in the city. But as a result, the experiences in camp plus the studies the boys followed made them much brighter and more able to face life on the expiration of their camp term.

To keep the boys well occupied and give them some enjoyment, the camp officers presented stage shows and movies in the recreation hall every other Friday. Then in between the shows and movies, dances were sponsored in the camp recreation hall and girls from the nearby town were invited to attend. Most of the girls are glad to attend and one of the boys would take the CC truck out and bring in the women. The dances are the high spots of camp life and were looked forward to with keen delight by both the town girls and the boys. Every body conducts himself with respect for just one mis-step would mean the cancellation of all future dances. The good times always ended at twelve and the girls were taken back to town until another such affair.

To satisfy those that craved for sports, the camp sponsored basketball and baseball. In the winter months, basketball was played by most every boy in camp. The camp team is picked and games played at a Berkeley gym. The games are played with the neighboring camps and some are played with independent teams in Berkeley. Basketball takes on great interest for every camp fights hard to rule on the basketball court and the games are played with greater spirit than school games. Then, each barrack forms its own team and again the rivalry is great for here the boys try to outdo each barrack and be the camp champs. Often, different crews would form teams to prove the better in the camp. All in all, sports of all varieties are played with great interest for the competitive spirit is great, especially if the contests are between the boys in one camp.

Baseball has its share of interest in the three C's for again the different camps try to win the coveted baseball crown of the three C's. During

we be more thankful — than a world of peace.
— Submitted by Florence Dorothy Startz.

the summer, it holds the spotlight and those that don't play usually follow the team and lend moral support to help bring back the bacon to their camps. At times, the camps turn out ball teams that are really hard to beat. Even some of the best independent and semi-pro teams fall victims to the excellent teamwork developed on a camp ball team. For in all sports, the camp life bears out the importance of co-operation between one and another and the boys usually adhere to the teachings of their officers.

Football is seldom played in the three C's. Although some of the camps go for football, in Wildcat camp the winter sports start and end with basketball. But once during my stay in camp, an argument arose as to who had the best crew in work and football. To prove the points of the debators, a football game was arranged between the two crews and after a hectic afternoon on the gridiron, the game ended in a nothing to nothing tie and left the question just as unsettled as before the game started.

Life in the C. C. camps is never with a dull moment. When the boys are not studying, playing games, reading or do not go to town, they try every conceivable prank they can pull on a "camp buddie." Maybe a fella forgot to place his shoes away before retiring and in the morning when reveille sounds, he cannot pick up his shoes, and therefore must stand at attention for the flag raising barefooted. No, no, it's not because he's tired but because some one nailed them to the floor the night before. And often times, the boys would take the sheets off the beds and fold them in the middle. When the occupant tries to crawl in, he gets stuck and must tear his bed apart and refix it all over again before he can rest. Then, too, sometimes one would crawl in his bunk only to find that the bed is covered with water or crushed corn flakes smuggled in from the kitchen. On more than one occasion the victims were too tired to get up and clear the mess and would sleep in it all thru the night and dream about returning the prank on the guilty person.

Sometimes the joints of the beds were loosened to such a degree that when the occupant laid on the bed, zowie, he and the bed would crash to the floor. And when the boys were tired of the above pranks, they would hide the bed clothing from the beds. As the lights are turned out at nine thirty, the victim would have to hunt for his bed clothing in the dark or do without them. In most cases they did without them for it was impossible to find them.

All in all, the pranks played on each other were taken in the spirit of fun and never was a quarrel or bad feeling created between one and another. Somehow, the boys welcomed the pranks for they did much to break the monotony of camp life. The laughs received from being the victim or from being the accused compensated for the misery of the pranks. Then, too, the good natured fellows were received with open arms by his buddies if he could take it.

Oh yes, before it slips my memory and I forget to relate it, I meant to tell you awhile back on how the barracks are run. Each barrack is in charge of one of the leaders, picked by the Captain. One barrack accommodates about thirty-five to fifty boys and their conduct while in the barracks is in complete charge of the barrack

Armistice Day

By Frank Mekina

Ely, Minn. — People of every nationality and creed remembered back 21 years when the Armistice was signed — the Armistice which brought to an end the Great World War. Many of the people look back with heartache and with tears on what the World War did to their families. It seems only yesterday that we stood on the streets and heard the chimes of the churches, the whistles, the cheering of the crowds, the long awaited words, "The Armistice is signed — the war is over." And then several months passed and the first transport returning American soldiers landed in New York. And up and down Broadway we heard the marching of feet. And again we heard the bugle, not of war, but of peace. The cheers of the American public echoed and re-echoed "Our boys are coming back home." What a gala holiday was celebrated. Emotions ran high — the strain was over — the war was over — the first American soldiers were again on their own soil. For the time being, the American public did not remember that in many homes in the city and in the country, shone brightly the gold stars — stars that told us of the men — the boys — who would not — who could not come back — men and boys, who had died on foreign soil.

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And so goes life in the three C's. It is one experience that every boy should have as the value in both education and cooperation with strangers is too great to miss. I hope that Stan and I have fulfilled our mission of giving you all the color of camp life and gave you a general idea of life in the Civilian Conservation Corps. As most of the camps are run on the same order, our resume can be applied to all camps. They are all thrilling and adventurous.

Submitted by:
Frank Mekina
Stan Progar

LITTLE STAN'S ARTICLE
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Stan on your left. Let's get out and check up with our secretaries and see if she needs any help. It won't take much of your time, and it will make you feel so much better.

Bro. Anton Zbasnik, Father of the Juvenile Convention and Little Stan who within a few days will be an uncle, both hope every juvenile delegate that took the pledge at the meeting will remember that with all the other fine and things. We'll be looking for results! Can we count on you?

Dzudi — Why does Miss stand at the head of the raising business in this country?

Bunchuck — Must be it's too dangerous to stand the other end.

Mrs. Kulper — Say, Miss did Rastus give Liza an engagement ring for being engaged?

Miranda — No, Miss' Kuh an engagement ring. Huh 'lectric wash-machine

Dad — Well, Jimmie, do you like the whistle I gave you for your birthday?

Jimmie — It's the best present I received, Dad. Mother gained to give me a nice day not to blow it.

afford another war? As newspapers show it and newsreels showing the destruction in Europe — we should that the men who control destiny of this great country will have the courage to say to Europe — if you insist on making war on each other, not expect an ounce of American grain — a dollar of American money — nor a man wearing American army or navy uniform to set foot on foreign soil. Do the men — will the mothers and fathers of your homes and your families in their hands — will they to set up America as an example of what a real Armistice and should mean?

You young mothers, rocking your babies, sing them lullabies — do you what is being planned with dream of your son growing up to manhood? There are those who are planning to make bigger and better airplanes — a flight of life. You mothers and fathers of your sons, what is being planned with your sons growing up to manhood? Those who send your young boys to school each morning — making plans for their sons — do you realize that it is Armistice Day — there are those who are making uniforms for soldiers to wear you mothers and fathers as you hear the prayers of your sons — there are those who are chemicals to make deadly to destroy that which have brought into the world. Do you mothers and fathers realize that while you are trying to build sturdy young men that somewhere there are those who are waiting to again the bugle notes that call those who are fit to be killed.

You who would build young men, strong and do you know that there are those who are trying to produce powerful guns — guns that someday leave a golden bullet in your window and bitter taste in your souls? Are we to continue to observe the armistice that was signed Nov. 11, 1918 or are we going to be whirlpool of war mad friends, it is for you to decide that question.

Submitted by:
Florence Dorothy
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IMPRESSIONS OF A DELEGATE

By Anne Prosen

(Continuation)

There was no fork or spoon with the mustard so Mary had to use a card bent in such a way so she could get the relish from the jar. Frances played hostess. She made me a sandwich and what an sandwich. Of course there was the usual two pieces of bread, then there was a piece of meat, rather a chunk of meat it was so thick it could have supplied enough for three or four sandwiches. Then Frances decked the sandwich with pickles. Mary came along with mustard. And the sandwich was ready to be eaten — a giant size of a sandwich almost three or four inches thick. Did my jaws hurt stretching them so wide. Frances tried to help the situation along by offering me a hot cup of coffee. Help me eye. That made more for me to hold. I should have been a juggler instead of a newspaper woman then maybe I could have jugged the sandwich and the hot cup of coffee so as to alternate the use of them and to balance my burden. What? She's trying to give me more coffee. No wonder she ordered two quarts of coffee because she thought she would save since the two quarts were sold to her at a bargain. "Coffee here, coffee here." Frances went through the hall offering hot cups of coffee to the delegates. Imagining three of us drinking two quarts. By hook or crook we managed to get enough of the delegates interested in helping us dispose of the beverage. Then was another problem getting rid of all the sandwiches. Frances and Mary bought enough to fit thirty hungry delegates, not only

When I returned to my room Cecelia was all ready to go to the Indian Reservation, so I had to do likewise since I was getting pretty late already. I dressed my collotines and in a few minutes I was ready. Was I lucky that I wore collotines, the other girls who wore their slacks were lucky too. It was comfortable on the boat when we could lounge the way we wanted to, and then romp about the reservation.

A few minutes later we were on our way with a group of delegates to the Home Office where we went to get the busses. As we walked down the street with the crowd, one of the boys in the front group turned and said, "How to us." Since he intended to say Indian and this was his manner of saying hello, I lifted my right arm and gestured to him repeating the word "How" to him just to have a little fun because we wanted to get away from these Indian ways, so we wouldn't be so ignorant looking at the reservation. A little boy standing behind his tricycle replied to me "Hi." and hello to him. Even though he seemed to be a pretty shy boy he thought the correct thing to return the greeting to the visitors. We didn't know that I wasn't talking to him since the group was just clowning. At these Ely youngsters are up on manners even though they experienced them at the wrong moments.

We were all spirited up for a nice trip by the time we reached the Home Office. We were none too early. The busses were already arranged in the house. Private cars were arranged for the adults. So after a few final instructions we all scampered for cars, so much to be sure that we got to be like little children. Just the fun of it. To see how the children must have felt when they scampered for their vehicles. All set and the line of cars was off. Some fun was how pretty the line of cars looked running through the forests after the horses. The road wound so in places horses ahead of us and the long line of cars following. What a gay time we had in our car.

TRIP TO TOWER
The trip to Tower where we were to get our boats — was about 28 miles so we had quite a long time to pass our funny bones excited. Our kind hostess was jolly and good-natured, always calling him chauffuer, he was to be a good and sociable to be associated as one of those "home James" boys. Frances Skoryance and Cecilia Sema joined the seat with him in front while Mrs. Muhvile of Gilbert, Somrak, Say do these two gals ever separate. Wherever you see a captain was ready, but the delegates were not. There was a little matter of refreshment to be taken care of. There was a bee-line for the refreshment stand. We kept the waiter quite busy, dishing out ice cold pop. While we were enjoying the refreshing drink, Frances Koritnik came up to me with some good news. She told me that ten minutes after we had left Ely, Catherine Ulrich came in on the bus. Whoopie! did I enjoy that announcement. I was going to meet my pen pal in person. She got me so excited I almost didn't want to go to the Reservation. But since the walk back to Ely was a long one I decided to take the trip to the Indian place instead and wait to see my friend. So off to the cabin boats.

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It was morning, I just awoke from a half hour's sleep. As I walked down the hotel corridor every length seemed so strange something was about to happen. Just then I saw someone coming in who might be the one who was it. He looks so far away yet he ap-

won't tell you who they were, you must know by now. This one cameraman used up eight rolls of film. Is he patronizing the film companies. And the convention isn't even over yet. Then I got the idea that this would be as nice a place as any to get autographs so I got my book to be passed among the delegates. Some of the very kind persons who wrote in it included delegates but others than delegates wrote in it too. I have Anton Slogar's autograph, and Mr. Grahe Jr. a deputy in Ely, and smiley Mr. Matt Vertin and many others, dear diary. You guessed it. By the time the convention was over there wasn't room for another autograph in my book. It was chock full of autographs of the delegates and important people of Ely.

As our boat glided along among the playful waters we sang and sang and had a very nice time with the wind blowing calmly in our faces. But then came the surprise, the next moment the waves rose higher and higher and over the unfortunate delegates in the platform seats. Did we duck. Our seats weren't so good after all. We had to abandon them and search for a dry place to sit. Alas the good dry spots were all gone.

A few minutes later the captain of the boat interrupted our gaiety and told us that if we look straight ahead we would see the Indian Reservation. Sure enough just ahead of us was the Indian Reservation. We were all excited to get there. Though it looked so close we had quite a way to go yet since our boat was just about going five miles an hour. But it wasn't very long until we reached the shore of the Reservation. We were in a hurry to get off. But there was no gang-plank where in the world is it? Well if it isn't Little Stan carrying it toward us. Hurry up or we will be impatient. As soon as Little Stan laid the gang-plank the gang ran down gaily on to the shore. But progress was slow; we had to go one at a time down the gang plank or else it wouldn't hold us and we would get a bath we didn't want.

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And thus dear diary we had a lot of fun telling jokes and DREAMS? Closer and closer we were coming to Tower so Mr. Somrak told us. In a short while now we would be boarding the boats for the Indian Reservation. Mr. Somrak told us all he knew about the Indians. He also told us of one girl who lived in Ely and left to join the Indians at the Reservation. He said that she had been educated in grammar school, high school, and had gone away to college to study to be a teacher. When she returned from College she went to the Reservation to teach the Indians. She is still there teaching the young Indian children and learning the customs of the Indians to teach to others. This girl Mr. Somrak told us is very fond of the Indians and their habits.

Mr. Somrak kept telling us all he knew about these Indians all the way. Soon we reached Pete's Cabin boats where we were to board the Maryland and the Mayflower and cross Lake Vermillion in them for the Indian Reservation. One of the boats had a cabin on it, the other was a barge connected to the cabin boat. The outboard motor was located in the cabin boat. The deck of the boat was thirteen feet wide and about thirty-two feet long. They were very durable and well constructed. The boat travels about four to six miles an hour, so we had about an hour's ride to the reservation along the rugged shoreline.

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pears to be so big, is it Ala Baba or Dopey of the Seven Dwarfs. Little Stan in person. I smiled to him but he scowled at me. Can it be that he is going to make this day fatal. No he won't either, he is my friend. But wait he is saying something and pointing a long finger in my face. Oh I knew I shouldn't have left Detroit, Michigan to come here. How I wish I was at home with the Brigadiers of Lodge No. 234. What is he reading my mind? He speaks and what a scowl on his face. He frightens me. "Listen young lady, you are in the wrong city. You should be vacationing elsewhere. How dare you join the delegates and share in their merriment. Get out of town while the going is good." Oh please Little Stan how you can act. I almost believed you. "I am not acting, I am doing my duty in carrying out what should be done. This trip is restricted to delegates. How dare you be so bold as to come here posing as one. Be off with you before I send the supreme board after you. You have no business being here." I was trembling in my footsteps as he retreated down the hall. I could hear his heavy footsteps and the thunder of his undertones. Thump thump, I was shaking all over. Shaking all over of course Mary Bodak was shaking her and telling her to wake up. She slept overtime and would be late for the juvenile convention. What Juvenile Convention? I am going home. Little Stan just gave me a calling down for being here. I am scrapping as fast as I can. You can pack my belongings and send them after me. Goodbye. "Come back here," called Mary. "Where are you going and what's this about Little Stan?" It took quite a while for Frances to convince herself that this was just a dream. Now that she is convinced she delights with the dream in which she was the heroine — a poor girl traveling in Ely — and Little Stan was the villain. Well, readers, aren't you going to kiss and hug him.

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DOPISI

Pittsburgh, Pa. — Zapisnik se je federacije društva JSKJ v zapadni Pennsylvaniji, ki se je vršila 30. julija 1939 v Cladridge, Pa.

Predsednik Joseph Sneler otvoril sejo ob 10.30 dopoldne s pozdravom na navzoče in s pozivom, da delujejo složno in premišljeno v korist federacije J.S.K. Jednote v splošnem.

Citajo se imena uradnikov federacije, ki so vsi navzoči. Nato se citajo imena društvenih zastopnikov. Navzoči so slednji: Za društvo št. 12, Pittsburgh: Frank Alic in John Simončič; za št. 26, Pittsburgh: John Čelan, Joseph Pavlakovič, Joseph Kovačič in John Jurgej; za št. 31, Braddock: Martin Hudale in Frank Blazetič; za št. 33, Center: Frank Schifrar št. 1 in Frank Schifrar št. 2; za društvo št. 40, Claridge: Frank Zupančič, Anton Kosoglav, Andy Prašek in Louis Šurla; za št. 57, Export: Frank Ahacic, Andy Dinjovich in Louis Zupancic; za št. 116, Delmont: John Korče in Frank Kern; za št. 138, Export: Steve Janko, William Kužnik in Ralph Kovačič; za št. 149, Canonsburg: Frank Mikec; za št. 154, Herminie: Ida Klančič, Valentin Murn, John Klančič in John Rahne; za št. 221, Center: Isabel Erzen; za št. 228, Cheswick: Christ Mento in Joseph J. Yohman; za št. 236, Strabane: Stan Progar.

Prečita se zapisnik zadnjega zborovanja z dne 30. aprila 1939 in se sprejme s popravkom, da je bil iz zapisnika kot zastopnik omenjenega zborovanja izpuščen sobrat Frank Kern, kot zastopnik društva št. 116 v Delmontu.

Sledje poročilo uradnikov federacije.

Predsednik Joseph Sneler poroča, da se je po naročilu zadnjega federacijskega zborovanja udeležil slavnosti 25-letnice društva št. 116 v Delmontu, katera se je vršila 11. junija 1939. Dalje poroča, da se je udeležil piknika, ki sta ga priredili društvi št. 33 in št. 221. Poroča, da je na obeh prireditvah vladalo pravo bratsko razpoloženje, kar bo nedvomno služilo k vedno večjemu ugledu in napredku naše federacije in JSKJ v splošnem.

Nato poroča o zadevi prejšnjega blagajnika Josepha Kroteca in o primanjkljaju v blagajni v znesku \$132.22. Omenjeni bivši blagajnik, da se je napravil izrazil, da dotične vsote ni poneveril, ampak, da je bil napaden in oropan za omenjeno vsoto. Poročilo predsednika se vzame na znanje.

Podpredsednik nima nič posibnega poročati.

Tajnik Jurij Previč se strinja s poročilom predsednika v zadevi manjkajoče vsote v federacijski blagajni. Prečita poročilo o dohodkih in izdatkih in novonovo omeni vsoto \$132.22, za katero je prejšnji blagajnik prekrat. Kar je še blagajnjec, ne pri sedanjem blagajniku Antonu Erženu; dne 30. julija 1939 znaša ta vsota \$23.00.

Sedanji blagajnik se strinja s tajnikovim poročilom.

Novi nadzorni odbor za leto 1939, posebno predsednik istega, Joseph Skerl, se izrazi, da stari nadzorni odbor ni posebno dobro nadzoroval, da je moglo priti do prej omenjenega primanjkljaja.

Poročila tajnika, blagajnika in nadzornega odbora se vzamejo na znanje.

Pri točki glede primanjkljaja v blagajni, za katerega je odgovoren prejšnji blagajnik, se obširno debatira od strani vseh federacijskih uradnikov in društvenih zastopnikov.

Sledje poročilo društvenih zastopnikov. Zastopniki od društva št. 12 in št. 26 nimač nista posebnega poročati. Martin Hudale, zastopnik društva št. 31, poroča, da ima od društva načrto, da omenjeno društvo iz-

stopi iz federacije, ako blagajna ne dobi nazaj manjkajočega denarja. Frank Schifrar od društva št. 33 poroča, da je njihovo društvo dobilo lepo število novih članov. Frank Zupančič in Andy Prašek od društva št. 40 govorita o primanjkljaju v federacijski blagajni. Zastopniki društva št. 57 in št. 116 nimač nista posebnega poročati. William Kužnik, zastopnik društva št. 138, poroča, da je njihovo društvo dobilo 26 novih članov v odrasli oddelki in 46 novih članov v mladinski oddelki. Frank Mikec od društva št. 149 se strinja s poročilom sobrata Martina Hudale. Zastopniki društva št. 154 vabijo navzoče na piknik. Isabell Erzen od društva št. 221 poroča, da so dobili novega člana za \$7,000.00 zavarovalnine; obenem vabi na piknik.

Poročila zastopnikov in zastopnic se vzamejo na znanje.

Pri točki "razno" se ponovi debata o primanjkljaju v blagajni, za katerega je odgovoren bivši blagajnik Joseph Krotec.

Nekateri zastopniki kritizirajo predsednik federacije, češ, da je tudi on kriv, ker je bila blagajna oškodovana za navedeno vsoto. Predsednik odgovarja, da kako bi mogel biti on pri tem krv, ko so nadzorniki knjige pregledali in podpisali in zbornica je njihovo poročilo sprejela! Nekateri zastopniki so mnrena, da se zadeva ne rešuje tako hitro kot bi bilo potrebno, ter misljijo, da predsednik ne nastopa dovolj strogo. Nato je bil stavljen, vsestransko podpiran in sprejet predlog, da se izmed navzočih izvoli tri člane, ki naj vzamejo to zadevo v roke.

V ta odbor so nominirani in izvoljeni slednji: Frank Mikec, Anton Erzen in Martin Hudale. Temu odboru se da polna moč da s pomočjo odvetnika Ludwiga Zupančiča storiti vse, da dobi blagajna manjkajoči denar nazaj in da krivec prejme zaslzeno kazeno. Društvo št. 26 pa se naroči, da v zadevi krivca storiti korake, ki jih za take primerne določajo pravila.

Na dnevnem red pride mesto prihodnjega zborovanja. Nominirani sta bili mesti Pittsburgh in Hermelin; za Pittsburgh je bilo oddanih 11 glasov, za Hermelin pa 14. Prihodnja seja federacije se bo torej vršila v naselbini Hermelin v nedeljo 29. oktobra. Začetek seje je določen za 10. uro dopoldne.

S tem je bil dnevnih red izčrpán in predsednik se zahvalil zborovalcem za lep red in poznost ter jih vabi, da se polnostilno udeležijo prihodnjega zborovanja, nakar zaključi sejo ob 1. uri popoldne.

Za federacijo društva J.S.K. Jednote v zapadni Pennsylvaniji:

Vincent Arch, zapisnikar.

Central City, Pa. — Člane in članice društva Veseli Slovenci, št. 198 JSKJ, pozivam, da se prav gotovo udeležijo prihodnje seje, ki se bo vršila v nedeljo 12. novembra. Na zadnji mesecni seji je bilo sklenjeno, da naše društvo priredi v soboto 25. novembra plesno veselico v vinško trgatelj v Poljski dvorani.

Na seji 12. novembra bo treba izvoliti veselici odbor ter določiti razne podrobnosti z ozirom na prireditve veselice. Zato je važno, da se seje udeležijo vse člani in članice, da ne bo potem kakuge ugovarjanja. Kdor se seje ne bo udeležil, bo kaznovan kot določajo pravila; izvzeti so le člani na bolniški listi.

Vsa sosedna društva so tem potom prošena, da na 25. novembra ne bi prirejala svojih veselic in da bi se članstvo istih v kar največjem številu udeležilo naše prireditve. Ob prilikah sličnih prireditv drugih društev bomo skušali naklonjenost posredovati. Na veselicah bo igral orkester Jos. Koračina iz Yukona. Na svidenje! — Za društvo št. 198 JSKJ:

Vincent Maljevac, tajnik.

Herminie, Pa. — Glede delavskih razmer v naši okolici ne bom poročal, ker smo menda v prav tistem razredu kot drugod. Omeniti pa želim, da se bo v nedeljo 29. oktobra tukaj vršilo zborovanje federacije društva JSKJ za zapadno Pennsylvanijo. To zborovanje se bo vršile v "Herminie No. 1" in se bo pričelo ob 10. uri dopoldne. Tisti zastopniki, ki pridejo od zahajoče starše in sestro. Naj mu bo ohranjen blag spomin, žalujoči družini pa bodo izraženo iskreno sožalje. — Za društvo Slovenski dvorani.

Mary Zurga, tajnica.

White Valley, Pa. — Zadnji sem poročal, da se bo prihodnja seja pennsylanske federacije JSKJ vršila v Herminie No. 1, v Green Halli. Prisjetek ob 10. uri dopoldne. Prosim, da to vsi zastopniki upoštevajo.

Več članov me je že vprašalo, zakaj federacija ne upošteva zapisnika. Dejali so, da ni vredno zastopnik pošiljati na seje, če se zapisnika ne upošteva. To se tiče nekaterih društev, ki nimajo plačane federacijske članarine, toda njihovi zastopniki imajo na sejah prav toliko pravice kot tisti, katerih društva imajo plačano članarino. Ako posamezni č

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"Raduj se moje milosti in mojih svaril in mojih naročil! Le tebi govorim: Ko si storil naročeno, pojdi in stori dalje po moji besedi! Ker nekdo je, ki je gad in steguje svojo glavo s svojimi zombmi, ki so strupeni in čaka. Nate čaka, kí si moj izbranec, da ti zasadi v telo svoje zobe in te zastrupi s svojim strupom. Odriči in glej: v prikupni podobi prihaja in sužnja tvojega se imenuje."

"O gadu mi govorš, o silni?" je vzkliknil farao. "Slišim Tvoje besede in umejem njihov smisel, a imena ne doumem. Kdo je, ki čaka in ki govorš o njem?"

"Iz tvoje bližine je."

"Amonis?"

"Ne dvomi v mojega svečenika."

"Tutalis?"

"Proti večeru se nagiblje njegovo življenje."

"Nefteramis?"

"Oskrbuje tvoj dvor in obrede."

"Sitis?"

"Varuje ti zaklade."

"Amarazis?"

"Zvestoba zvestobe je njegovo ime."

"Libis?"

"Po mojem ukazu sodi in ne po svoji besedi."

"Kdo je tedaj?"

Zlato božanstvo ni odgovorilo. Potresni sunek je v tistem hipu razmajal tla, stene so zastokane, strop se je zazibal. Semis Ofiris je prestrašen planil kvišku.

"S svojim srdom mi odgovarjaš?" je kriknil. "Ne razumem Tvojega odgovora."

Potresni sunek se je ponovil še močneje.

"O veliki, silni, najsilnejši! Zakaj je Tvoja jeza udarila naša tla in zamajala naše stene? Milost!"

Faraonove besede so izvanele v krik groze, a odgovor zlatega božanstva je zamrli v novem, tretjem in najmočnejšem sunku. Malik se je zamajal, nagnil in teleblnil na tla pred faraona, ki je preplašen odskočil, izbulil oči in se zastrmel v skrivnostno prikazeno. Tam, kjer je stal poprej porušeni zlati kip, je stala sedaj spačena starka. Za njo je zvezala temna, v steni se izgubljača odprtina.

"Ti?" je kriknil Semis Ofiris. "Čarovnica Arikdinila... Ti si govorila... skrita v kipu. Ni govoril On. Kako si prišla sem?"

Faraon je planil proti starki, ki si je šele tedaj opomogla od presenečenja nad tem, kar se je zgodilo, se s skoraj mladostno naglico obrnila in skočila v temno odprtino. Toda potres je pokvaril dvigalo. Zaman je pritiskala na vzvod.

"Stoj!" je kriknil Semis Ofiris in udaril na gong.

V sobo je planil telesna straža.

"Zgrabite čarovnico!" je ukazal, toda stražniki se niso ganili. "Zgrabite jo!" je zar jul s pobselnim glasom.

Starka se je okrenila proti njemu, se vzrvnala in uprla vanj svoj srepi pogled. Počasi, samogibno je dvignila desnico in dejala:

"Ne dotikaj se me, Semis Ofiris!"

"Zgrabite jo!" je ponovil trdo farao.

"Gorje tebi in vsakomur, ki se me dotakne! Šakal Anubis in vladar temin Osiris sta moja čuvanja. Kadar ju pokličem, bo konec tvoje slave, Semisirisa in Atlantide."

"Zgrabite jo!" je zar jul farao, da so se zdrznili stražniki in kakor strojili planili proti starki, ki je z dvignjeno desnicu in ne da bi se skušala braniti pustila, da so jo prijeli in ji zvezali roke na hrbitu.

"Pokličite Nefteramisa, Amarazisa in Ibiskisa!" je ukazal farao.

"Kaj nameravaš?" je vprašala mirno Arikdinila.

"Videla hoš."

"Svarim te še enkrat: izpusti me!"

"Ne! Izvedeti hočem, kako si prišla v kip, kako si mogla govoriti v imenu Najvišjega in zakaj si mi narekovala stvari, ki sem jih izvršil?"

"Ne uniči zadnje rešitve!"

"Molč!"

"Potem si izgubljen."

Upehani so planili v sobo Nefteramis, Amarazis in Ibiskis ter prestrašeni vztrpetali, ko so zagledali pred seboj čarovnico.

"Poklical sem vas," je dejal farao, "da mi pomagate razrešiti uganko, ki kmalu ne bo več uganka. Amarazis, pomnoži straže in pazi, da čarovnica ne pobegne; a ti Ibiskis, preišči ozadje porušenega kipa. Od kod in kako je prišla čarovnica do moje sobe? Kam vodi ta odprtina?"

Ibiskis je stopil k steni in posvetil v tesno špranj. Opazil je odprtino, komaj dovelj veliko, da more vanjo človek srednje debeline. Ko si jo je natanko ogledal, je spoznal, da je v njej dvigalo na vzvod, ki ne deluje.

"Te je skriven dohod iz podzemlja, oskrbljen z dvigalom," je dejal po kratkem molk. Zakrival ga je zlati kip Najvišjega. Po njem je mogla čarovnica neopaženo priti do njega in obstati v votlini. Potres, ki je porušil kip, je pokvaril tudi dvigalo in spuščevalno napravo. Morali bi jo šele natanko preiskati in popraviti, da bi mogli dognati kam vodi. Sicer pa, naj govor čarovnica sama."

"Kam vodi dvigalo? Odkod si prišla?" je vprašal farao.

Arikdinila je ostala negibna kakor kip. Ni odgovorila, in na njenem obličju se ni ganila niti ena sama mišica.

"Gовори!" je ukazal veliki.

Zastonj.

"Dobro, ugotovili bomo sami. Sedaj razumem vse. Če je bil votel ta kip in je skrival skrivni dohod iz podzemlja, potem je votel tudi oni, ki stoje v sobi pobegle princese iz dežele večernih gora. Preiščimo ga!"

Faraon, Nefteramis, Amarazis in Ibiskis so se napotili v palačo ljubimk. Za njimi so stražniki vlekli nemo Arikdinila. Ibiskis je udaril po kipu božanstva, nastavil uho na kovino in prisluhnih.

"Tudi ta je votel..." je dejal.

"Odstranite ga!" je ukazal farao.

Ibiskis je poklical stražarje in evnuhe in jim dal navodila za delo. Skušali so kip najprej omajati, a ker se ni vdal, so prinesli dleta in pričeli razbijati kamenje, h kateremu je bil pritrjen s kovinskimi vezmi. Ko so jih odstranili, se je kip sam odlučil od stene in — za njim se je pokazala prav takva odprtina kakor za kipom v faraonovi sobi.

"To je pot, po kateri je pobegnila princesa," je dejal Amarazis.

"Da," je pritrđil farao.

"A kako je mogla kip odstraniti in spet postaviti na prejšnje mesto?" je vzkliknil Nefteramis.

"Tudi to skrivnost razrešimo," je dejal Ibiskis in pričel preiskovati kip sam. Kmalu je ugotovil, da je sestavljen iz dveh polqvic, iz zadnje, ki je tvorila nekake podboje, in iz prednje, podobne vratom. Posebna strojasta naprava je omogočala prednji pokrov odpreti, toda samo od notranje strani. Ko je bil zopet zaprt, se od zunaj ni dal premakniti.

"Zamotana naprava, velika mojstrovina," je vzkliknil gradič. Sedaj je dvigalo spuščeno in počiva nekje v neznanici globini. Človek, ki pozna napravo, pride lahko do nje, se dvigne v njej do kipa, ga od znotraj odpre, opravi svoje delo v sobi, se vrne v kip, ga spet zapre ter odide po isti poti in na isti način v podzemje."

"Tako je napravil tisti, ki je odpeljal princeso," je dejal Nefteramis.

"Torej sama tega ni mogla storiti?" je vprašal farao.

"Nikoli," je odgovoril Ibiskis.

"Skrivnost je razrešena," je dejal Semis Ofiris. "Ta skrivna pota je doslej poznala samo čarovnica."

"In ona je odpeljala Evalasto," je vzkliknil Amarazis.

"Da," je pritrđil farao. "Samo ona, nihče drugi. Potem se je obrnil k zvezani Arikdinili in dejal ukazajoče:

"Priznaj!"

Starka ni odgovorila.

"Odgori svojemu gospodu, faraonu faraonov!" je ukazal Nefteramis.

Zaman.

"Govori!" je kriknil farao.

Starka je molčala.

"Pošljem te v mučilnico, tam boš govorila!" je sikhnil veliki.

Tedaj se je čarovnica vzrvnala, mu zaničljivo pogledala v oči in dejala:

"Arikdinila ne odgovarja onim, ki jih je preklela. Če je v tebi moč, je v meni sovraštvo, ki je še močnejše. Svarila sem te, Semis Ofiris! Preživelam sem vrsto tvojih prednikov, strla jih je moja kletev. Nad njimi je bilo moje maščevanje. Ne poznaš mi izvora in ne veš, kdo sem. Nihče izmed vas ne ve. Samo en človek je na svetu, ki pozna mojo skrivnost."

"Povej jo!" je dejal farao.

"Izpusti me!"

(Dalje prihodnjič)

Fran Milčinski:

O kozici, slovnicu in blagostanju

O našem deklecu že dolgo ni lepo kakor korarje v polkrogu sem nič povedal. Pravijo sicer, da oltarjem, da ne bi imel naj-za do vobče one dame boljše, o katerih se manj govor. Toda je deklece na poti proti damstu prispele še do stopnje, ki jo označuje nežna prispolobka s kozo, pa mislim, da ne more u-propastiti ugleda in bodočnosti naše kozice, ako izpregovorim kozico, pa mislim, da ne more u-

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utrgal jaz, dasi mi včasi iskanje, če oko še uhaja po zeleni grivi. Naša kozica pa jih prinaša kar v šopih domov in da bi res bila to, kakor jo kličemo, bi skoro lahko živel ob sami štiri- in petperesni deteljici; tako pa z njo zgolj kvari slovensko književnost: vsi Zvoni in Kresovi, oba Wolfe in Pleteršnika sta mi že polna tega stisnjenega bilja.

Iz opisanega njenega razmerja napram deteljici je doposten sklep, da je vid naše deklece v zadovoljivem redu. Pa vendar sama zatrjuje, da vidi slabo, in trdi to vsakikrat, kadar jo podim h klavirju.

Potem takem bi ji klavir neučinkovito vplival na vid. Pa morebiti na vonj tudi, ker dosledno namrdne nos, kadar mu pride bližu. In se toži o njem, da nagađa njenim prstom. Cudna žival tak klavir!

Skratka — klavirja naše deklece ne deklece ne ljubi.

Ljubi pa knjige in — kar je poglavito — ljubi šolo. Šola je poglavita reč! Šola je stebrički človeške družbe in sploh in tako dalje, kakor že rečeno. In sem bil zadovoljen in vesel, ko sem gledal, s kakim navdušenjem je pojavila tisti svoj četrti razred, se učila in izdelovala svoje naloge.

Pa se je zgodilo, da me je iznenadila, izmenadila baš zastran slovnicu in nikakor ne prijetno.

Bil sem par tednov z doma in sem bil srečen, ko sem se posredno vrnil v vajeni red in našel vse zdravo.

Deklece se me je kakor po navadi oklenilo okoli vrata pa sem jo kakor po navadi vprašal: "Kozica, ko me ni bilo doma, da bi te priganjal, ali si se tačas kaj učila klavirja?"

"Klavirja?" je dejala in so se ji zaškrile oči. "O, klavirja, je samostalnik moškega spola, ednina, drugi sklon, klavir, priklavirja, klavirju, klavir, priklavirju, s klavirjem, pika." In me je pogledala zmagovalno.

Odgovor mi ni ustrezal. Ne rečem, obsebi je bil nemara pravilen. Ali imel je hibo, da se ni dotikal vprašanja. Pa sem dejal: "Ti mi povej, ali je bila sposodična pri klavirju s tabo zadovoljna?"