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Joyous Christmas from St. Mary's Slovenian School

The students and staff of St. Mary's (Collinwood) Slovenian language school wish all Ameriška Domovina readers Christmas joy from the bottom of our hearts. We hope you will join us in keeping Slovenian Christmas traditions alive by gathering around the *jaslice* (manger scene), celebrating Midnight Mass, and enjoying homemade *potica* (nut roll).

Our school continues to provide school-agers of Slovenian background with Saturday morning lessons in reading, writing, songs, literature, and traditions of our heritage. This year we are encouraged by the growth of our

pre-school and kindergarten classes.

As you know, our school is self-sustaining, financially supported through tuition, fundraisers, and donations. Some of the items purchased this year with donations are new story books, vocabulary-building poster charts, and a contour map of Slovenia. As in years past, we are turning to individuals and groups who value the work of our school in preserving the Slovenian culture in Cleveland. Our children say *Hvala lepa* (thank you) for your encouragement and financial support. May God bless you abundantly in the New Year 2001!

Christmas with Kompare and Kompare

Christmas is a time of giving they say. And so we hasten unto the busy streets and stores to buy something the intended one will appreciate. Oftentimes we forget what the real Christmas spirit is all about. We even lose our tempers as we scurry along. There has to be a better way to begin our Christmas celebration.

Well, there is. A gift you can give to yourself that will stay with you for sometime to come is by attending a special Christmas concert at the church of St. Mary of the Assumption on Holmes Avenue in the Collinwood area of Cleveland on Friday, Dec. the 15th at 7 p.m.

The performers of this concert come directly from Slovenia in the persons of soprano Nina Kompare, her father, the trumpeter, Franc Kompare and guests, organist Dominik Krt and zither player Tomaž Plahutnik.

The soprano voice of Nina Kompare has been hailed as the golden voice by musical experts of Slovenia and Europe. Nina is a schooled singer having studied in Great Britain in Birmingham conservatory.

She also studied in Ljubljana school of music and ballet. She studied under professor Marcos Bajuk. Nina has already performed with the Birmingham Symphony and the Ljubljana Symphony.

She has a number of solo concerts behind her with various musical groups. The World Youth Chorus was also part of her musical experience with which she traveled worldwide, including New York and Japan. Her voice will delight you.

The master on trumpet and flugel horn, Franc Kompare, also has many years of musical entertainment behind him. He was the originator of a number of folk ensembles, *Marela* among them, and has traveled extensively with his trumpet. The Vito Muženič ensemble was a group that Franc came to Cleveland with some years ago.

He was also the originator and director of a church youth choir for many years. He set out a few years ago on his own and originated the so-called Slovenian spiritual music with his mellow sound on the advice of professor Anton Trsten-

jak. Franc has five solo recorded projects to his credit and on the last two he has included his daughter's golden soprano voice.

With them will be two accomplished musicians in their own right. Dominik Krt will be featured on the organ and Tomaž Plahutnik will provide the string sounds on his zither. The program MC will be another well known personality to most of us by the name of Marija Ahačič from Toronto. Marija, you may know, recorded a couple of selections with the Avseniks in the early years.

Father John Kumše, pastor of St. Mary in Collinwood, invites us all to this special feature concert in preparation for the coming Christmas holy days on Friday evening at 7 p.m., Dec. 15th. The Catholic weekly *Družina* and monthly *Naša Luka* are underwriters of this tour. For \$15.00 you can really enjoy this concert in preparation of Christmas joy.

—Tony Ovsenik

Selfishness makes
Christmas a burden; love
makes it a delight.

Slovenian Mt. Everest Skier Plans More Lofty Feats

LJUBLJANA — A 38-year-old Slovenian who became the first person to ski non-stop down the world's highest mountain, Mount Everest, said last week he was ready to repeat that feat on the highest peak on every continent.

"To ski down each continent's highest mountain is an interesting challenge," Davor Karnicar said. "I hope to begin with this adventure next spring."

Karnicar, who skied down the 8,850-meter (29,040-foot) Mount Everest two months ago, said he planned to start with New Zealand's Mount Cook because it resembled European mountains.

"I hope to complete the adventure 18 months later on Mount McKinley in Alaska," he said.

Karnicar said he hoped the fame the Mount Everest feat had brought him would make it easier to raise money. "There is a lot of fuss around my person, but few people care about how I manage to pay my bills."

A father of three who has become a hero in his native tiny Alpine republic, Karnicar lost two fingers to frostbite in an initial failed attempt to conquer Mount Everest in 1996.

He has also skied down Mount Blanc, Europe's highest peak, and Annapurna, in the Himalayas like Mount Everest.



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Christmas Vacation and Early Printing

Next week we will print on TUESDAY, Dec. 19 instead of Thursday. There will be no American Home the week between Christmas and New Years.

By Jim Debevec



The meeting of the American Home Read Warriors is now in session.

Two weeks ago a great Cleveland Browns football player Lou "The Toe" Groza passed away from a heart attack. He not only was a terrific place kicker, he also played left tackle, a dual role unheard of by today's specialization standards.

I didn't have a chance to read the stories about Groza in last Thursday's newspapers, so I saved them and leisurely read all the articles Friday evening. That is one of the advantages of a newspaper, you can read the stories you choose at your convenience. I particularly enjoyed the article written by Plain Dealer sports columnist Bob Dolgan who did a great deal of research and spoke with dozens of former-Browns teammates. It was wonderful reading about the Cleveland Browns when they were a pride to the city and its citizens. Congratulations Bob Dolgan on a job well done.

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Another reader from Durham, NC, Terri Grdina Koch (daughter of Tony and Betty Grdina of Cleveland) said she was intrigued about the game "Letter-boxing," which had been played in England during the latter part of the 19th century. She thought it might be fun to play it in this country and will do some research on the subject.

*

Bill and Jean Edwards of Phoenix, Arizona were the only ones to send in an answer to my earlier question of who were the three kings who came to pay homage to the baby Jesus. Although it was supposed to be a trick question because the gospels say they were "Magi,"

meaning wise men (not kings), Mr. Edwards convinced me that they should win the prize for identifying "Gasper, Melchior, and Balthasar." So there you have it, they are declared the winners and good sports for entering. If they watch the mails closely, one day they may discover the grand prize of \$6 million (I entered their name in a popular magazine subscription contest.)

Feel free to send any comments to Jim's Journal, 6117 St. Clair Ave., Cleveland, OH 44103 or ah@buckeyeweb.com

P.S. - Thanks to St. Vitus Slovenian School and their elf messenger Stane Kuhar for the St. Nicholas gifts of assorted delicious cookies for Madeline and a lovely stick for me. It was what I always wanted and truly deserve. How very thoughtful. I planted it in the back yard and hope to watch it grow throughout the years. If it is too dead to come back to life in the spring, perhaps a deer will munch on it and find nourishment, or maybe a bird will build a nest with it.

I have been feeding the birds all winter and there are dozens of them who come to feed each day. They are mostly a variety of gray in color, not as vibrant as the ones who visit in the summer. My sincere hope is we will have a new President before the robins return next Spring.

*

Being a member of the Read Warriors I finished a couple of books which coincidentally had an English background. At this time of the year "More Holmes for the Holidays" was particularly enjoyable. It chronicles various stories about Sherlock Holmes during the Christmas season. Also finished "Half a Wing, Three Engines and a Prayer," by Brian D. O'Neill. It was about the B-17 bombers and their crews stationed in England during the Second World War. It was amazing that we did win that war. Sometimes the Army would send 500, 600, 800 or more planes to bomb a target in

Germany or a submarine base in Norway, and return with none of them hitting the target. The German fighter planes and flak usually knocked out 20% of the US planes during each raid.

At this time of year it is fitting to remember our US servicemen who gave so much so we can have freedom and the right to vote, even if certain politicians and lawyers are trying to make a mockery of the entire process.

God bless our men and women in the US Armed Forces! We DO appreciate you all!

Next week we PRINT on Tuesday, so correspondents please get your articles in by Friday or Saturday. Thanks. Hope everyone has a great Christmas and a New Year in which you prosper and have an abundance of good health.



Christmas is coming,
the geese are getting fat,
Please to put a penny in
the old man's hat;
If you haven't got a
penny, --a half penny will
do,
If you haven't got a half
penny; God bless you!
--Beggar's rhyme.

A Klobase Thank You

by RUDY FLIS

Each Christmas season, I have lunch with special customers. It would be impossible to take all to lunch, so the other customers get klobase. Each have contributed to my well being and I must say, "Thank you."

A thank you can be sincere, or it can be a word. I hope my customers accept my thank you as sincere, as I share my heritage with them.

A few months from now, will my customers remember Rudy Flis? Why take that chance? I know they will remember the capturing aroma of the Slovenian klobase Rudy Flis gave them. I know they will remember it was Rudy Flis who went to Malensek's for the succulent tasting meat, garlic and spices married by hot smoldering fruit wood we call smoked klobase.

Did you know Malensek's smoke-house is almost a hundred years old? Man, that smoke-house has made many a soul happy over the



years. Don't you think this smoke-house should be a part of Slovenian heaven? Don't laugh. With God, all is possible. Right?

I enjoy Christmas season most. I observe people treating each other warmly and they seem to be more tolerant with each other.

I like that. I wish it were that way year round.

I missed last Christmas season with my customers. I was home resting because of a miracle, my new heart valve. "Thank you, Lord." But this Christmas season, I will be out and about with my customers, with my new heart valve and my new "machine," (company car). I will enjoy it. And I pray my customers will enjoy my visit and my special Christmas gift from the heart of my heritage, "smoked klobase," the soul food of Slovenians and many other Slavic people.

Aren't my customers lucky my mom and dad decided to come to America?

"The light that shines from the humble manger is strong enough to lighten or way to the end of our days."
-Vita-Rays



HISTORY ABOUT A CHRISTMAS CAROL

By John Mercina

A friend of mine claims to have found the following explanation for a well known Christmas carol on the Internet. True or not, the explanation sounds plausible. The author is unknown.

From 1558 until 1829, Roman Catholics in England were not permitted to practice their faith openly. Someone during that era wrote this carol as a catechism song for young Catholics. It has two levels of meaning: the surface meaning plus a hidden meaning known only to members of their church. Each element in the carol has a code word for a religious reality which the children could remember.

- **The partridge in a pear tree was Jesus Christ.**
- **Two turtle doves were the Old and New Testaments**
- **Three French hens stood for faith, hope, and love**
- **The four calling birds were the four gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John**
- **The five golden rings recalled the Torah or Pentateuch, the first five books of the Old Testament**
- **The six geese a-laying stood for the six days of creation**
- **Seven swans a-swimming represented the sevenfold gifts of the Holy Spirit - Prophecy, Serving, Teaching, Exhortation, Contribution, Leadership and Mercy**
- **The eight maids a-milking were the eight beatitudes**
- **Nine ladies dancing were the nine fruits of the Holy Spirit - Love, Joy, Peace, Patience, Kindness, Goodness, Gentleness, Faithfulness, and Self Control**
- **The ten lords a-leaping were the ten commandments**
- **The eleven pipers piping stood for the eleven faithful disciples**
- **The twelve drummers drumming symbolized the twelve points of belief in the Apostles' Creed.**

A Holy and Joyful Christmas to YOU and YOUR families !

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Starting Over in America

by ANTON ZAKELJ
translated and edited by
JOHN ZAKELJ

(Continued from last week)

Sunday, Feb. 20, 1955

Karl and his family didn't visit as they often do. - I wonder if he took offense that I didn't pay him for driving us around.

Monday, Feb. 21, 1955

Back to work. Louie asked if I was handing out cigars. The others asked if Cilka was alright.

Tuesday, Feb. 22, 1955

Bill is friendlier, but I can't forget his yelling at me. He had hardly ever talked with me before - now all this yelling.

Wednesday, March 2, 1955

Max Erste started working at the shop again. There is plenty of work and not enough good workers. For two months, they have been talking about a second shift, but they haven't hired enough workers. I think Bill still remembers what the previous co-owner, Mr. Humphrey ("Red") told him - take care of your Slovenian workers, because you won't find any better.

We worked 11 hours today. At the same time, other shops are letting their workers go. According to the news reports, there are 3 - 4 million unemployed in the country, and they expect 5 million by the summer. If you have a job, hang on to it.

Saturday, March 5, 1955

I went to Smrekar's and bought \$10 worth of seed to send to my sister and brother in Slovenia.



Sunday, March 6, 1955

Cilka is feeling worse and is becoming more worried. I'm worried, too...

Monday, March 7, 1955

This afternoon at the shop, Kristanc had an accident at his machine. He broke his left arm.

Saturday, March 12, 1955

Frank and Helen Cerar got their citizenship papers.

Cilka went to see Dr. Ukmak: "Everything is fine."

Sunday, March 13, 1955

It has been nine months and we are still waiting... Cilka is pale, but feeling good. She is often tired and worried that she might be getting tuberculosis (she had something similar in Slovenia), since she is coughing so much.

Monday, March 14, 1955

At the shop, they hired Perpar, Stepec and three Americans. I'm feeling indisposed and hopeless. I should have gone to work at Hydraulic in January.

Cilka is feeling worse, and worried. This is not at all like it was with our first three children.

Tuesday, March 15, 1955

I was tired at work. My arms and my heart are hurting.

The Cerars got word their sister Mara would be coming from Yugoslavia on Thursday.

Wednesday, March 16, 1955

We have 50 workers at the shop now. Zupan helped me at my machine.

In the evening we went to church and then to a movie "Quo Vadis?" - It was beautiful.

(To Be Continued)

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Thanks to Ann Lekan of Parma, Ohio who gave a donation to the American Home newspaper in memory of her husband, John Lekan.

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Thanks to Olga Kalar of Euclid, Ohio who donated \$20.00 to the Ameriška Domovina in memory of her husband, Ludvik Kalar.

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HAPPY NEWS

Ho! Ho! Holmes Avenue Pensioners greeted the holiday season in style with their annual Christmas Dinner on Wednesday afternoon, Dec. 13th.

Members were in a festive mood as they enjoyed a meal prepared by Joe Stavanja and danced to the music of Al Battistelli. This event is as old as the organization itself and remains the highlight of the year. There is nothing more satisfying than being in "the old neighborhood" and spending an afternoon with friends who share a common background and lots of wonderful memories. What better holiday gift can there be?! Participants that afternoon certainly couldn't think of any.

At this time of year, many members take off for points south for the winter. President John Kozlevchar reminded these "snow birds" that the deadline for HAP dues is March 1st. He encouraged them to make their payment before leaving the area. We certainly don't want to lose good members for failure to pay their dues.

Everyone was happy to learn of the special honor awarded to one of our own, Hank Skarbez. Hank received the "Medallion Circle Award" at the recent Holy Name Society dinner for distinguished men giving outstanding service. Congratulations, Hank, for being so highly and deservedly honored.

Congratulations were also extended to our Golden-Plus anniversary celebrants of the month Hank and Lil Pugel, who marked 52 years of wedded bliss.

Helen Pavsek reported that an audit of the HAP treasurer's books proved that, financially speaking, everything is "A-okay." Our long-time, truly amazing "keeper of the books," Louise Fujda deserves high praise for not only maintaining such perfect accounts, but for providing us all with such precise monthly reports on the status of the HAP funds. Thanks, Louise, for continually keeping us high in "credits" and low in "debits" - just like a true Slovenian ☺.

At November's meeting, members were treated to a speaker from the Greater Cleveland "Better Business Bureau" who informed us that the BBB is not a governmental agency, as so many believe, but, rather, simply a consumer group that collects information on local businesses and often works with government agencies as well as the community at large. The office maintains reports on over 20,000 different companies and appreciates input from individuals who are both satisfied or unhappy with companies they have dealt with. Such continued feed-back serves to keep their rating information current and more accurate.

Although the BBB does not recommend a specific business for a particular kind of job, they will, if contacted, send out lists of companies they rate as good in the area in which one is interested. They also can send out a brochure listing the various charities to which they have given a favorable rating. At this time of year, when we all receive numerous requests for donations from a wide variety of charities, many with similar sounding names, it probably is wise to check such a list to insure that our well-intentioned funds are going to a truly honorable organization.

Speaking of "this time of year," I want to take this opportunity on behalf of all 300 active and 81 honorary HAP members to wish one and all a blessed Christmas. May the days prior to the 25th be less frantic than usual, giving us a little more time for quiet introspection on the true significance of the holiday. May Christmas eve and Christmas day itself be shared with family. For those who face the absence of a family, may you find the courage to seek comfort and support through friends, and memories of past Christmases.

And, for the coming year, may you continue to enjoy the blessings of family, good health, the company of good friends.

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Our Slovenian Christmas

(Conclusion)

by JOE GLINSEK

Edible treats were part of everyone's Slovenian Christmas tradition.

Despite lean years in the 1930s, we always ate well, especially at Christmas. Mom laid our table with a dinner of fat roasted capon and Slovenian desserts of *potica* and *flancate*. There were dates, figs, oranges, chestnuts and other nuts to be shelled. For Mom, who was allergic to most other nuts, there were fancy cashews from "Morrow's Nut House" on Public Square. Remember that tantalizing smell?

Dad taught me to play chess, or more accurately, how to set up the board and move the various pieces. During some quiet lull in the holidays, we played chess at least one full afternoon every year. It was a Christmas tradition for just the two of us. I never won but the memory is still with me, along with a nice inlaid board and chessmen. I made the board into a small table that's used in our Florida home, and it always reminds me of my father.

Since we ignored the three minute rule, it was sometimes a frustrating experience to play chess with Dad. I could literally go to the kitchen, make a sandwich and have it half eaten while he contemplated his next 10 moves. I played quickly and badly, but each year I learned to be a little more patient, because I knew it pleased him to play chess with his son.

That's about how Christmas played out in the 1930s and 40s. We sang traditional and Slovenian carols around the piano. Music was in our gene pool, and it was ordained that I would start lessons at age six. Mom had also studied on the old "Kurtzman" upright, and she had met Dad in the church choir. The Slovenian carols we all loved were in a tattered ancient book of hymns that has long since disappeared. *Glej Zvezdice Božje* (Look at the Christmas stars) is the only one I remember. I can still play the melody, but some of the words elude me.

Uncle Mike was "an easy touch," especially around Christmas. Certain sentimental songs like "Roses of Picardy," "The Rosary," and "Moonlight and Roses," were always good for a few

coins in pocket change. I had only to catch him in the living room and start teasing him with a few other tunes. The requests would come, and then the money.

I'm fortunate to have nothing but wonderful

memories about Christmas.

Joe Glinsek "Grew up Slovenian" in Collinwood and now lives in Sarasota, FL. This article is excerpted from a book he hopes to have published.

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-- Joseph Zelle

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TREE OF LOVE: Al Pestotnik places another card bearing the name of a donor and the amount he gave on the huge Christmas tree at the Slovene Home for the Aged. Watching the action and later adding their tunes to the festive occasion were members of the

(Memories)

"Ansambel Veseli Svatje" orchestra under the leadership of Ivan Jurkovic and Stan Teskac. Pictures from left to right are Paul Lavrisha, Tony Hocevar, Stan Teskac, Paul Jurkovic, Al Pestotnik and Ivan Jurkovic.

December 20, 1973

(Memories)

True Spirit of Christmas

by JAMES V. DEBEVEC

(Reprinted from the Dec. 13, 1974 Ameriška Domovina)

The true spirit of Christmas is giving. Christ was born to give his life for mankind. The three wise men gave presents to the Christ Child. Saint Nicholas gave surprise gifts to children in Myra, Asia Minor in the 300's.

We have continued this custom in America.

I recall one of the most heartening episodes of gift giving during the Slovene Home for the Aged fund-raising marathons on Dec. 15 and 23, 1971.

A loan of \$600,000 had been secured from St. Clair Savings and Loan Association and a project to raise funds to pay back some of the borrowed money was undertaken.

A huge evergreen tree was placed in the spacious reception room of the Home on Neff Rd., off E. 185 Street in Cleveland. Tony Petkovsek's Polka Radio Club, under the direction of John Pestotnik and his brother, Al, was answering the telephones. A listener would call in and make a pledge toward the Home. Tony read it over his WXEN radio show, and a large card bearing the donor's name and amount of pledge was placed on the tree.

By the end of the day during the first radio marathon, \$38,000 was raised. The total had

been swelled when Chairman of the fund-raising committee Michael Telich completely took everyone by surprise when he got things started by "kicking in" \$25,000 in behalf of himself and his wife, Irma.

Two years later, people donated another \$8,000 during a nine-hour collection. At that time, Home Directors James Kozel and Marie Shaver explained about a plaque being placed in the Home with generous contributors' names permanently inscribed there. Former Senator Frank J. Lausche donated his desk which he used while he was Governor of Ohio. Also attending the event were Councilman Dave Trenton and Robert Novak, State Representative, Tim McCormack, County Auditor George V. Voinovich, Judges August Pryatel and Francis Talty, and Father Paul Krajnik from St. Mary's church in Collinwood. Fred Krizman, chairman of the Board, was extremely pleased.

As the day headed towards its conclusion, the room became full with the smiling faces of the residents, their nurses, and aids, radiothon volunteers, and Home directors. The workers knew their tireless efforts were not in vain. The tree took on a beautiful glow with its many cards.

And the people who donated? They were truly blessed with the spirit of Christmas, the giving of gifts from the heart.

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Mlakar's Walk Down Memory Lane

by RAY MLAKAR

Well, I am back with more jokes. A couple of country bumpkins, Harry and Larry were running away from home. Since it was dark they carried a flashlight. They eventually came to a large body of water. "I know how we can get across," Harry said, "I'll flash the light on the water and you can walk across on the beam." "I may not be very smart," Larry said, "but I know that's not going to work. As soon as I get halfway across, you'll turn off the light."

OK, one more. Man does not live by bread alone, he has to handle some hot potatoes, know his onions, be worth his salt and try not to reach the boiling point. It's little wonder that man is constantly in a stew.

Well, back to telling our younger generation how we made money - the hard way. I am sure that a lot of the old folks from West Park remember how we picked beans at Rossborough's Farm in Middleburg Hts. He was known as the Bean King for he had acres and acres of String Beans. He was one smart farmer. He bought himself an old used rundown school bus and he would drive throughout the neighborhood to pick up folks to take them to the bean farm.

A lot of old Italian women went and since they were up in years, they did not have to pick beans, but washed them and repacked them in baskets. The young boys did the picking. Being the bean farm was out in no-man's land there were no buses going in that direction, so the bean farm had to pick up the help on a daily basis.

Picking the beans was not easy by a long shot, on your hands and knees or bending over until your back was

ready to break under the hot sun. You might say that was blood money you earned, by the sweat of your brow. I never worked for the bean king, but I did work for a big bean farm across from Puritas Springs Park.

I got there by bus. Being under 16, it cost only two cents for bus fare, plus a penny for transfer to the Puritas Springs bus that I caught at Stop Twelve. At the time I wondered if it was worth it. I picked beans for 10 cents for a half bushel and believe me that is a lot of beans to pick to fill up that basket. If I picked two baskets in the course of a day, it was a lot.

It certainly worked up a hunger tantrum for by 10:30 in the morning I was reaching for my lunch, what else but jelly sandwich. Lunch meat was available, but being on the poor side, our sandwiches were always grape jelly which Ma made from our own grapes.

After picking beans in the hot sun all day, before I caught the bus for the ride home, I would always go into Puritas Spring Park and scout under the roller coaster, for every now and then I would find loose change that someone lost from their pockets when going down the big hill on the roller coaster.

To find a nickel or dime, I thought I was John D. Rockefeller. As I look back now, if I had my choice, I would sooner cut lawns than pick beans for when one got through picking beans, it appeared as if you were rolled in some dirt pile.

Back in those days there was no such thing as being given a weekly allowance from your parents. Not long ago it was on the news program that in taking a poll, the average allowance for a young girl or boy going to school is \$50.00 a week. That is hard to comprehend.

Back in the early days I can't remember ever earning \$50.00 a week, for back in the late 1940s, I was in the Army earning \$100.00 a month. If the kids today had to scrape and earn money like we did, they would think they were in some sort of concentration camp. We came up the hard way with all of life's knocks and bumps.

With that to tell the truth, I would not change place today with the lifestyle the young folks have today. It is only when you earn money the hard way that you get to appreciate it and spend it wisely.

Well, time to get off my soap box, get out of my dirt covered overalls and say so-long for this week. May the Good Lord bless and watch over all of you and keep you in his loving care and keep your burdens light.

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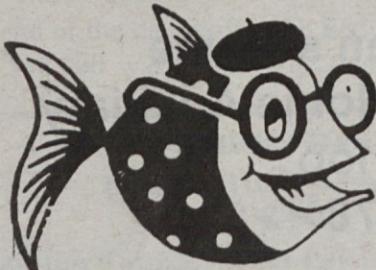
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A Memorable Past Christmas Present

by FRANK ZUPANCIC

(Reprinted from the Dec. 13, 1974 American Home newspaper.)

It was December of 1934.

The nation was still in the deep throes of an economic depression. Able-bodied men, many with large families to support, were out of work.

Our St. Clair area of Cleveland was especially hard hit. Many of our pioneer Slovenian immigrants were unskilled laborers — and they were the first to be laid-off.

It was a week before Christmas. Snowflakes were gently wafting to the ground. A tow-headed lad of nine was gazing intently into the window of the Smrekar Variety Store on St. Clair Ave.

His eyes were as big as saucers for the little youngster was viewing the many gleaming Christmas toys in the window. Tinkertoys, erector sets, toy trains failed to capture his attention.

Instead, our nine-year-old focused his wide eyes on a green wind-up toy model of that year's Chrysler Airflow automobile. While other cars were still square-shaped and box-like, this Airflow

Chrysler was a streamlined miniature version of the real thing. It was ahead of its time in automobile styling and had front headlights and tail lights that operated just like a real car.

Hurriedly, the blond-haired lad rushed into the store. Excitedly he inquired of the owner, Mrs. Smrekar, "How much is that green Chrysler in the window?"

The friendly, smiling proprietress answered, "Sonny, it's a well-made toy. It sells for \$1.98."

Hastily the corduroy-knickered boy sped home and informed his mother of the wondrous sight at the Variety Store. His mom, in the process of preparing supper, beef soup with a lot of bones and not so much meat, replied, "So you say you like that little car that sells for \$1.98? Well, I don't know if Santa will bring the kids very much this year. You know times are bad, young man." She then reflected on the state of matters. Her husband only worked two or three days a week. Even then, there were rumors that the company would go into bankruptcy. And besides, a \$1.98 would be much better spent on bare

essentials such as food and wearing apparel.

The boy's two brothers, upon hearing their youngest member of the family speaking glowingly of the shiny Chrysler toy, took him aside and said, "Forget about that car, you'll probably get a new shirt and a bag of assorted nuts from Saint Nick."

Well, Christmas morning finally dawned, and our fair-haired lad rushed downstairs to see what Santa had deposited under the Christmas tree.

To his amazement, there under the spreading pine branches was his beautiful little Chrysler toy.

He couldn't contain his excitement, jumping up and down, and shouting with uncontrolled emotion, "It's the best Christmas present that anyone could ever receive!"

And how do I know about this story — well, the little fellow was me.

I sincerely hope that you, too, will find it possible to reflect on some of your most cherished Christmas memories during the coming busy holidays.

(† May he rest in peace)

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Slovenia and Yugoslavia Establish Diplomatic Ties

LJUBLJANA – Slovenia and Yugoslavia officially established diplomatic ties last Saturday during Yugoslav Foreign Minister Goran Svilanovic's visit here, his Slovenian counterpart Dimitri Rupel said.

Slovenia's government adopted the text of the agreement on the establishment of diplomatic ties between the two countries earlier last Friday, Rupel said.

Belgrade already announced at the end of November its intention to establish diplomatic relations with Slovenia, strained since the former Yugoslav republic declared independence in 1991, followed by brief clashes with the Yugoslav army.

Svilanovic met with Slovenian Prime Minister Janez Drnovsek and President Milan Kučan last Saturday.

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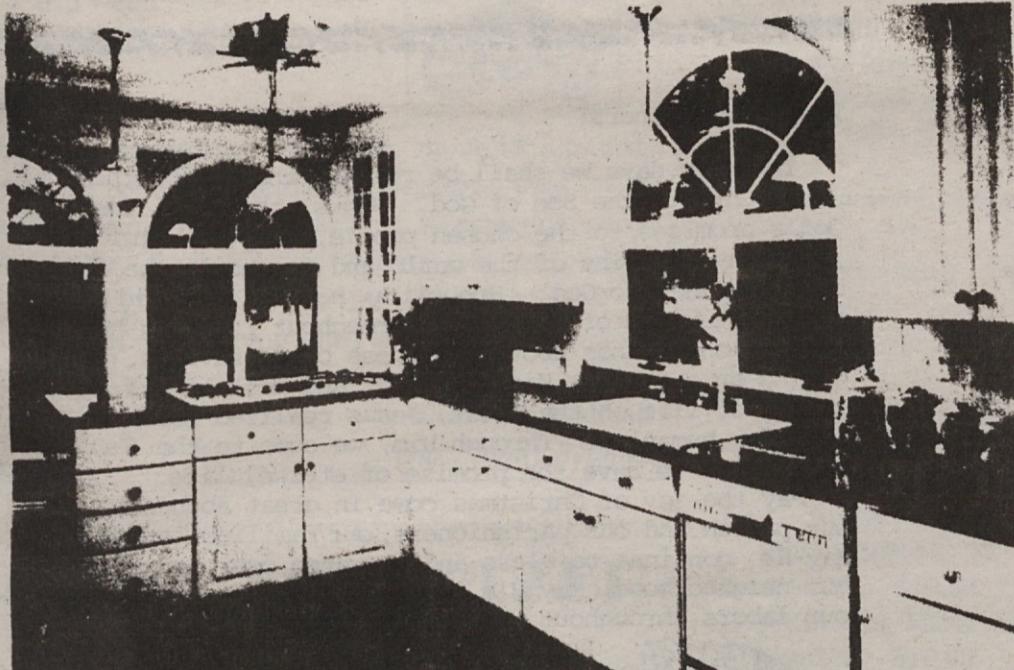
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9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Sunday Mass

4:00 p.m.—Christmas Eve Mass

5:30 p.m. Christmas Eve Children's Mass

12:00 a.m. Midnight Mass

Monday, December 25th, 2000

Christmas Day

9:00 a.m.

11:00 a.m.—Bishop Pevec

Monday, January 1st, 2001

9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

Monday, January 1st is not a Holy Day of Obligation.

Confession Schedule

Sunday, December 10th, 2000—2:00 p.m.

Communal Penance Service

Saturday, December 16th

3:00 p.m.—3:45 p.m.

Monday—Friday, December 18th—22nd, 2000

7:00—8:00 p.m.

Saturday, December 23rd, 2000

9:00 a.m.—10:00 a.m.

3:00 p.m.—3:45 p.m.

Christmas When I was a Lad

† by JOSEPH GORNICK

(Reprinted from the
Dec. 13, 1974 Ameriška
Domovina)

It was the Christmas season at our home many years ago. A week before Christmas we set up a 5-foot pine tree in the center of our living room.

The tree was trimmed with many colored glass balls, holy picture cards, candy, hand strung candy chain, shiny trinkets, and tinsel. We took turns lighting the 36 candles, spread about the tree.

Mother was busy that week preparing nut bread (potica), doughnuts (krofe), and home-baked bread, the top spread with scrambled eggs. The baking took place in a wood-coal burning stove in the kitchen, giving a

pleasing aroma throughout the house.

On the night before Christmas, after supper, mother and father sprinkled holy water from room to room, and prayed along the way.

We than knelt on our knees, praying the 3 decades of the rosary, then followed the singing of holy Christmas songs.

Soon after, we blew out the candles and went to bed around 9 p.m.

On Christmas morning we all received presents, consisting of pencils, tablets, clothing and mixed nuts. We were happy, and exchanged greetings.

In a joyful mood, we went to church, and wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

The tree was taken down on the feast of the Epiphany.

(† May he rest in peace)

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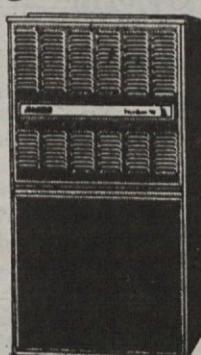
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CHRISTMAS EVE - SVETI VEČER

Sunday, December 24th, NO Christmas Vigil Mass. V nedeljo 24. decembra, NE bo večerne sv. maše.

11:30 p.m. - Christmas choral singing
Božično zborovsko petje

12:00 a.m. - Midnight Mass - Polnočnica

CHRISTMAS DAY - SVETI DAN

9:00 a.m. - Christmas Day Mass (Eng.)
10:30 a.m. - Christmas Day Mass (Slov.)
11:30 a.m. - Christmas Day Sung Litanies

New Year's Day - Novo Leto 2001 A.D.

Please follow the regular weekly schedule to Sun., Dec. 31. On Sunday, NO Vigil Mass for New Year's Day. Sledite spored do nedelje 31. decembra, 2000. V nedeljo NE bo večerne sv. maše za Novo Leto.

10:00 a.m. - All Parish Mass
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SUNDAY - NEDELJA, December 24, 2000

8:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.
10:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

Dear Parishioners:

In a few days we shall be remembering the birthday of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. Jesus, the fulfillment of God's promises to the chosen people, the One who will take away the sins of the world and reconcile the sinful humanity back to God. Humanity has witnessed many different kinds of "saviors" throughout its long history. Jesus alone stands above all these other saviors. By His coming on earth, by His teachings and most of all, by His giving of life on the Cross, Jesus realized God's loving plan for humanity. Through Him, we come to the Father, and in Him we have the promise of eternal life.

May the joy of Christmas come in great abundance upon our parish and our parishioners, our families and friends. May He continue to bless and to watch over our city and our neighborhood. May His loving hand guide our lives and our labors throughout the New Year 2001.

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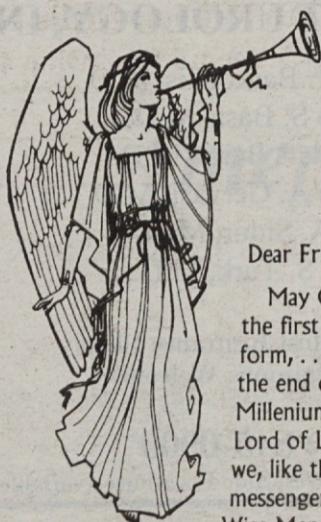
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We invite you to celebrate with us the Savior's birth and to prepare for His coming into your own hearts with the Sacrament of Confession. May Christ's peace be with you throughout this Christmas Season and in the New Year 2001.

With Christmas joy and peace,

Fr. John Kumse, Pastor

Sr. Maryann Quinlivan, Pastoral Minister

Sr. Mary Ellen Brinovec, School Principal

MASSES - SV. MAŠE

4th Sunday of Advent - December 24th

8:00 a.m. English Mass - angleška maša
10:00 a.m. Slovenian Mass - slovenska maša
12:00 noon English Mass - angleška maša

CHRISTMAS EVE - SVETI VEČER

5:00 p.m. Children's Mass - Otroška maša
11:30 p.m. Christmas songs by the choir - božične pesmi
12:00 a.m. Midnight Mass - Polnočnica

CHRISTMAS DAY - SVETI DAN

8:00 a.m. English Mass - angleška maša
10:00 a.m. Slovenian Mass - slovenska maša
11:00 a.m. Sung Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary
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12:00 noon English Mass - angleška maša

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Sunday, December 31, 2000
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NEW YEAR'S DAY 2001 - NOVEGA LETA DAN 2001

Sunday, December 31, 2000
5:00 p.m. Vigil Mass
angleška maša

Monday, January 1, 2001
10:00 a.m. Parish Mass
farna maša

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Saturday, December 23, 2000
sobota, 23. decembra

4:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

ALMOND CHEESE BACON PINECONE

This recipe is courtesy of my friend Sherry Jensen. It looks very festive for the holidays!

Ingredients:

- 1/4 C. toasted almonds
- 1 8-oz. package cream cheese, softened
- 1/2 C. mayonnaise
- 5 strips of bacon, fried crisp, then crumbled
- 1 T chopped green onion
- 1/2 t dill weed
- 1/2 t pepper



Directions:

To toast the almonds at 300°F. for about 15 minutes. Mix all the other ingredients together, then chill overnight. Form into the shape of a pinecone on a serving platter. Beginning at the narrow end, press almonds at slight angles into the cheese mixture in rows. Continue overlapping until all cheese is covered. Serve with crackers.

--Kim Ann Kaifesh
Our Family Recipes

WIENER SCHNITZEL

(by MARIEN KAIFESH)

This is my mother's recipe that I make for Christmas Day dinner. Andrea and Jessica love it. Prepare and fry the same day, if possible.

Ingredients:

- Pork cutlets (trimmed of fat)
- Flour
- Eggs (beaten)
- Bread crumbs
- Salt



Directions:

Wash and trim pork cutlets. Pound flat (they should be thin but not falling apart.) Pat dry and salt both sides of cutlet. Dredge each cutlet in flour. Dip and cover all sides with egg. Dip and cover all sides with bread crumbs.

Fry in 1/2-inch of oil in a frying pan until golden brown on both sides. Keep warm in a roasting pan with rack at an oven temperature of 150-200°F. Do not cover them, or they will be soggy instead of crispy upon serving.

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WHITE SNOWBALLS

These are a traditional Christmas cookies Mom (JoAnn Kaifesh) makes every year!

Ingredients:

- 1 C butter
- 1/2 C sugar
- 1 t vanilla
- 2 C flour
- 1 C crushed nuts



Directions:

Cream butter and sugar, add vanilla, flour and crushed nuts.

Roll into balls and bake at 350° for 15 minutes. Before serving, roll in powdered sugar.

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There's a difference between beauty and charm: a beautiful woman is one I notice, a charming woman is a beautiful one who notices me.

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BUTTER BALL COOKIES

This is one of Mom's (Joann Kaifesh) old Christmas cookie recipes. It's very versatile - you can make the same cookie and decorate it a bunch of ways and it looks like a big variety. I usually roll some in green and red sugars, in multi-colored sprinkles, and make a recipe each with cut-up red and green maraschino cherries. You can also put M&Ms on them.



Ingredients:

- 2 sticks of butter, softened

- 1 C sugar

- 4 egg yolks (reserve whites for decorating)

- 3 C flour

- 1 t cold water

- 1 t vanilla

Directions:

Cream butter and sugar, add egg yolks, vanilla and cold water. Mix in flour. Roll into balls the size of a walnut shell, decorate as you like, and bake at 325°F. for 15 minutes.

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How To Be A Good Guest At A Holiday Dinner

(NAPS)—When you go to see friends or family for a holiday dinner, remember the expectations for guests. Much is written on the etiquette of being a good host, but there also are rules for being a good guest. Here are a few tips to ensure that you will be on the top of everyone's list to be invited back next year.

“Being a good guest starts in your own home, not when you reach the front door of your host,” says Deb Grenert, Lifestyle Expert for Rubbermaid. “You never want to show up at a holiday dinner empty-handed, but you also don't want to make more hassle for your host. Follow these simple rules to ensure you'll be helping the host.”

• **Call a few days before to offer your help.** Find out whether your host wants you to make your famous cranberry sauce, garlic mashed potatoes or candied yams. Many big holiday feasts need extra tables and chairs, which you may be able to provide. Or ask if you can help clean—chores always seem less tedious when done with someone else—or babysit children while your host prepares the house.

• **Don't show up empty-handed.** Even if your host refuses any help or a dish, do not show up empty-handed. Bring something, whether it be a bottle of wine or a festive floral display to dress up the table or your famous holiday specialty. Don't make more of a hassle if you decide to cook, prepare your specialty in a container that also can be used as a serving dish. The new Rubbermaid line of Professional Food storage containers are



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• **Transport without the mess.** You want to put your best food forward by having your special dish taste as delicious as it looks. To keep the garlic smell of your mashed potatoes from affecting your homemade apple pie, use separate, sealed, airtight containers when transporting your food. The containers also will keep items from spilling in the car. There are containers specially made for any dish you concoct—food storage products specific for pies, cakes and vegetable displays.

• **Bring hot dishes over hot.** Those mashed potatoes may be steaming right after you've cooked them, but the car ride can take the steam out of that hot dish. For a quick solution, look to another

holiday, the Fourth of July. Although used more often to keep things cool, an insulated cooler, will keep your food warm during transit. These products trap heat as well as cold, keeping your mashed potatoes oven fresh and steaming upon arrival. Your host will appreciate not having to find oven space to warm up that dish, and may use the cooler to store beverages, freeing up valuable refrigerator space.

• **Offer to clean up.** Everybody enjoys eating, fewer people like cleaning up afterwards. Pitching in with the dirty dishes, glasses, and leftovers not only lessens the burden on everyone, it also can be a social event. Your host will likely reward you with a heap of the holiday favorite—leftovers.

For more information on surviving the holidays, visit www.survivetheholidays.com.

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Veseli Godci will play for the event.

Donation is \$45.00 and includes breakfast.

Reservations are limited. Call the rectory at 761-7740. Tables or individual reservations will be taken.

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* Slovénia ... Joseph Zelle *

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Death Notices

ANA MEDVED

Services for Ana Medved (nee Strus), 93, were held at St. Mary Church, 15519 Holmes Ave., on Saturday, Dec. 9th at 9:30 a.m.

Ana was born in Sela pri Dobu Fara Set Vid Pristični, Slovenia.

Ana was a member of St. Mary Altar and Rosary Society.

She was employed at General Electric's Nela Park for 12 years.

Ana was the widow of Ignacij; the mother of Anton (Ana) and the following, all in Slovenia: Olga Janezic, Roza Ajdic, Milan (deceased) Ignacij, Lojze M.D., and Ana Skufca; grandmother of Tony and Victoria Liptak; and 17 in Slovenia; great-grandmother of Andrew Liptak.

Burial in All Souls Cemetery.

Friends called at Zele Funeral Home, 452 E. 152 St., Friday, Dec. 8

JENNIE M. BOOTH

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—Thomas Tusser

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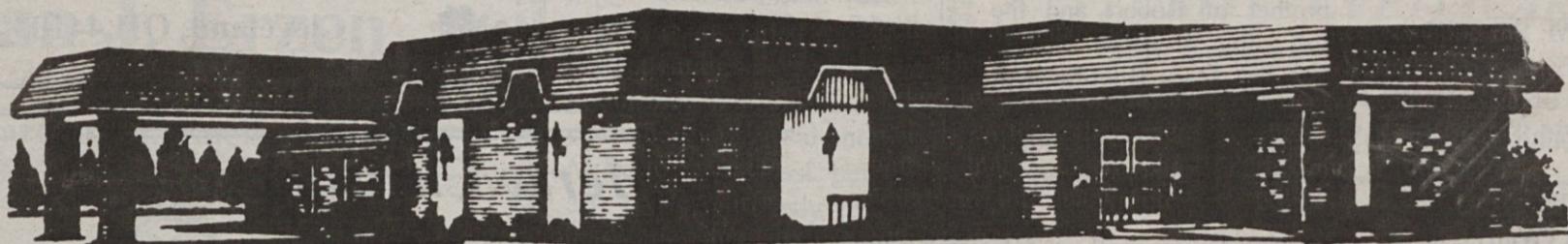
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V kmetijskem ministrstvu so sporočili, da bo Slovenija v vmesnem obdobju poiskala ustrezne rešitve v zvezi s sežigalnico in morebitnim uničenjem mesno-kostne moke. Vlada je imenovala tudi pogajalsko skupino, ki bo s podjetjem Koto poiskala najugodnejšo rešitev za skladiščenje in proizvodnjo mesno-kostne moke. Tako naj bi zagotovili nemoteno odstranjevanje odpadkov v Sloveniji in morebitno nevarnost za zdravje ljudi oziroma živali.

Po obisku zunanjega ministra ZRJ Gorana Svilanovića v Sloveniji

Preteklo nedeljo je odpotoval iz Slovenije zunanjji minister Zvezne republike Jugoslavije Goran Svilanović, ki se je med bivanjem v državi, srečal tako s kolegom Dimitrijem Ruplom in premierom Janezom Drnovškom in predsednikom Milanom Kučanom. Slovenija in ZRJ bosta vzpostavila odnose takorekoč prvič, kajti je ZRJ odsto-

pila od teze o izključnem nasledstvu nekdanje SFRJ. Ta korak s strani ZRJ je bil tisti, ki je odpril možnost navezave diplomatskih odnosov, je dejal Rupel.

V sporazumu med Slovenijo in ZRJ je med drugim zapisano, da ZRJ soglaša, da Slovenija odpre generalni konzulat v Podgorici s konzularnim območjem, ki obsega Črno goro. Prvi sestanek držav naslednic nekdanje SFRJ bo že prihodnji ponedeljek in torek v Bruslju, sestanek bo vodil posrednik sir Arthur Watts.

V Ljubljani odslej park z dvema imenoma

Mestni svetniki v Ljubljani so pred kratkim izglasovali odločitev, s katero so del sedanjega Argentinskega parka v mestu (tisti del, ki se drži evangeličanske cerkve) preimenovali v Park slovenske reformacije, drugi del pa je ostal še naprej Argentinski park. Ime Park slovenske reformacije je med obiskom predsednika Milana Kučana pri vodstvu slovenske evangeličanske cerkve v Murski Soboti predlagal njen senior Geza Erniša.

Do odločitve je prišlo na izredni seji mestnega sveta 4. decembra, ki jo je sklical župan Ljubljane Vika Potočnik.

Tečajnica Banke Slovenije — Srednji devizni tečaj Banke Slovenije za 12. decembra: Ameriški dolar je prinesel 240,11 SIT, kanadski pa 157,59.



JANEZ DRNOVŠEK SKUPAJ S ČLANI NOVE SLOVENSKE VLADE: V spodnji vrsti z leve so Igor Bavčar, minister brez listnice, ki vodi evropske zadeve; Rado Bohinc, minister za notranje zadeve; Tea Petrin, ministrica za gospodarske zadeve; Andreja Rihter, ministrica za kulturo; Lucija Čok, ministrica za šolstvo in šport; Dimitrij Rupel, minister za zunanje zadeve. V drugi vrsti so Anton Grizold, minister za obrambo; Janez Drnovšek; Jakob Presečnik, minister za transport in komunikacije. V tretji vrsti: Anton Rop, minister za finance; Franc But, minister za kmetijstvo (in možen naslednji predsednik SLS SKD); Dušan Keber, minister za zdravstvo. V zgornji vrsti so Vlado Dimovski, minister za delo, družino in socialo (v letih 1990-94 delal doktorat iz ekonomije na univerzi Cleveland State); Ivan Bizjak, minister za pravosodje; Janez Kopač, minister za okolje in planiranje.

Iz Cleveland in okolice

Koncert —

Jutri, v petek, zvečer ob 7. uri bosta v cerkvi Marije Vnebovzete nastopila na koncertu trobentač Franc Kompare in njegova hčerka, sopranistka Nina Kompare. Na sporednu bodo klasične božične ter tradicionalne slovenske. Dar: \$15.

Tabor SPB vabi —

Tabor SPB vabi rojake na tradicionalno božičnico to nedeljo, 17. decembra, ob 2.30 pop. Božičnica bo v šolski dvorani pri Sv. Vidu. Pridite!

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Novi grobovi

John J. Femec

Dne 12. decembra je umrl John J. Femec, mož Ann, roj. Elovar, brat Roberta, Mary Bogolin, Val Keenan, Anne Gerrick, Helen Pavsek, Edith Coyne ter že pok. Louisa in Charlesa, veteran 2. svetovne vojne, zaposlen do upokojitve pri Addressograph Multigraph, član DNIJ pri Mariji Vnebovzeti in SNPJ št. 142. Pogreb bo jutri, v petek, v oskrbi Želetovega zavoda s sv. mašo dop. ob 9.30 v cerkvi Marije Vnebovzete s pokopom na pokopališču Vernih duš. Ure kropljenja so danes pop. od 2. do 4. in zv. od 7. do 9. Družina bo hvaležna za darove v pokojnikov spomin župniji Marije Vnebovzete.

Jean A. Paik

Umrla je 90 let stara Jean A. Paik, rojena Lu (dalje na str. 24)

Bralcem v vednost —

Naslednja številka AD bo nosila datum 24. decembra in bo zadnja letos, natisnjena bo pa že v torek. Tisti, ki želijo kaj objaviti v omenjeni številki, morajo dopise dostaviti najkasneje do ponedeljka o-poldne. Pozneje dostava morda ne bo mogla priti v list. Prva številka v novem letu 2001 bo izšla 4. januarja.

Očala najdena —

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25. obletnica poroke —

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Silvestrovjanje —

To bo pri fari Marije Vnebovzete, seveda 31. decembra, od 6.30 zv., v šolski dvorani. Za ples in zabavo bodo igrali "Veseli godci". Cena je \$45.00 na osebo in vključuje tudi zajtrk. Rezervacije sprejema župnijska pisarna pri M.V. Kličite 216-761-7740.

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V TIHOTI BOŽIČNE NOČI

"KO JE VSE OBJEMAL GLOBOK MOLK in je bila noč v svojem teku na pol poto, je prišla tvoja vsemogočna Beseda, Gospod, iz nebes, s kraljevega prestora."

Te besede iz knjige Modrosti stare zaveze obrača Cerkev na čudovito božično skrivnost. Sveti Janez Evangelist pove isto nekoliko drugače:

"In Beseda je mesto postala in med nami prebivala."

Drug evangelist pove to visoko skrivnost v še bolj razumljivih besedah:

"In porodila je sina prvorjenca, ga povila v plenice in položila v jasli, ker zanju ni bilo prostora v prenočišču."

Zgodilo se je to v Betlehemu na Judovskem. Zakaj prav tam in zakaj v tako čudnih okoliščinah?

Davno poprej je Bog položil v pero preroka stare zaveze odločno napoved:

"In ti, Betlehem, zemlja Judova, nikakor nisi najmanjši med mestni Judovimi; zakaj iz tebe bo izšel vojvoda, ki naj vlada moje ljudstvo Izraela."

Prerokba se je morala izpolniti, toda kako, ko je pa Marija, izvoljena za mater Obljubljenega, živila z Jožefom v Nazaretu, milje in milje daleč od Betlehema? In je bilo že kar mogoče uganiti, da je rojstvo Obljubljenega blizu?

Božja Previdnost je imela svoje načrte, ki so bili na prvi pogled kaj človeški, v resnici je bil za njimi božji sklep.

In stoji zapisano:

"To prvo popisovanje se je vršilo, ko je bil Kvirinij cesarski namestnik v Siriji. In hodili so se vsi popisovat vsak v svoje mesto. Šel je torej tudi Jožef... iz Nazareta... v Betlehem... z Marijo..."

Ta cesarski ukaz je brez dvoma povzročil ljudem velike težave in sitnosti. Skoraj vsak je moral od doma, na potovanje, da se je vpisal tam, kjer je imel njegov rod svoj začetek. Prava tiranska zahteva! Ta vzklik je gotovo šel od ust do ust in godrnjanja ni moglo biti malo.

Ni čudno, da so bili v Betlehemu domačini in prišleki od drugod poštano razdraženi in polni nejedovljive. Res so bili vsi med seboj v bližnjem ali vsaj daljnem sorodstvu, vsi iz rodotvorne Davidove, vendar drug drugemu tuji, drug drugemu v napotje. Kje naj prenočuje vsa ta množica, kar naenkrat skupaj nagnana? Prenočišča so bila v tistih časih kmaj zasilna streha nad glavami, ležišča na golih tleh. Kdor se je nekoliko zakasnil, ni imel kam položiti glave, saj je bila še za noge huda stiska. Ne bomo se čudili, da za Marijo in Jožefom – ni bilo prostora...

In sta morala iti v razpadajočo stajo, ki je postala tako slaven "betlehemske hlevček!"

O, da so ljudje vedeli, koga so z Marijo pognali iz svoje srede! O, da so slutili, kar so malo kasneje pastirji slišali iz angelovih ust:

"Oznanjam vam veliko veselje, rodil se vam je danes Zveličar, ki je Kristus Gospod."

Z drugo besede: Bog sam je postal med vami – brezdomec! In vendar je prav On tisti, pri katerem smo vsi doma. Tako se nam je razodela in se nam zopet in zopet razodeva – v tihoti božične noči – skrivnost božje Ljubezni!

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Milwauški Triglavski Miklavž je prišel in odšel

WAUKEGAN, Ill. - Ko smo na zadnjem sestanku izvolili novi odbor (ki je kar stari odbor!), je bilo življenje na Parku Triglava v Milwaukeeju nekako uradno zaključeno. Seveda samo uradno, ker je bilo v resnici še veliko dela, predno zapade sneg. Glavni problem je bilo listje, ki ga ni bilo ne konca ne kraja. Vendar, odkar imamo Craiga in njegovega traktorja, je tudi listje bolj za špas kot pa zares. Naši neumorni može so posekali še nekaj dreves in Park je bil pripravljen za zimo.

Ker pa je v dvorani dobra peč, je kar težko ostati ob nedeljah doma. Tako smo se na Martinovo nedeljo spet zbrali pri obloženi mizi, da je sveti Martin požegnal vin' – in pa še nas "ta stare". Mlajši rod pa je sedel pred televizorjem in čakal, kdo bo zmagal.

Med tem se je ponujal

sneg, a ga ni bilo dovolj in se je 3. decembra pripejal Miklavž iz Chicaga z avtomobilom. Predno je prišel Miklavž v spremstvu sv. Antona, angelčkov in parkljev, sta nas predsednik Leon in Craig presenetila s filmom iz življenja na Parku. Videli smo stare slike, ko se je Park začel, in pa 50-letnice društva, ki smo jo obhajali letos.

Nato sta naredila majhen koncert (gl. foto) mlada člana Nathan na klavirju in Kathy na violinini. Brez vaseke skupne vaje sta zaigrala nekaj božičnih pesmi v veselje nas vseh.

Med koncertom je bil Miklavž že na poti v dvorano. Ko je prišel na oder smo vsi zapeli Sveti noč, nato pa so prihrumeli parkelki, zelo razposajeni in živahni. Mlada generacija! Pred par leti so še sami prišli pred Miklavža z rožnimi venci v roki, da so bili varni pred peklenščki.

Zato so bili letos do malih zelo prizanesljivi. Imeli pa so piko na svoje očete in so dva kar zares odnesli izpred odra.

Vsi smo uživali prijetno popoldne. Kuharice so pripravile dobro malico in tudi bara je bila pri roki. Brez te res ne gre! Tudi srečolov je nekako obvezan pri naših srečanjih, če ne, nekaj kar manjka.

Kar prehitro je vse minilo, malo smo povasovali, pa je bila že črna noč, predno smo odšli domov.

Vsem Triglavanim, ki so imeli rojstne dneve v novembру in posebno še tiste, ki jih bodo imeli v decembru, želimo vse najboljše, posebno še tistim, ki bodo obhajali 80-letnico, pa tega nočjo priznati! To velja v prvi vrsti za našo zvesto članico Maričko, ki vse leto znaša skupaj dobitke in skrbi za srečolov že leta in leta. Pa jih bo 80 in noč, da bi kdo vedel, ker sedaj je vse še kar OK, skrbi jo le, kaj bo, ko bo stara! Vseeno, vse najboljše Marička!

Tudi Martinu Simčiču, ki je zelo bolan, želimo vse dobro v upanju, da se bo kmalu pozdravil.

Vsem, ki radi prihajate na naš Park, vočimo vesel Božič, srečno Novo leto – in na svidenje poleti 2001!

Za Triglav

M. K.



PRIZORA IZ TRIGLAVSKEGA MIKLAVŽEVANJA: Bilo je 3. decembra. Na fotografiji spodaj sta mlada člani milwauškega Triglava Nathan in Kathy.



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Danilo Slivnik o kontinuiteti in medijih v Sloveniji

Trst/Gorica – Časnikarski krožek Slovenskega kulturnega kluba v Trstu je v okviru svojih dejavnosti v tekoči sezoni v soboto, 25. novembra, priredil v Peterlinovi dvorani v Trstu srečanje z znanim slovenskim časnikarjem in urednikom tedenika Mag Danilom Slivnikom. Slivnik je govoril o nedavnih volitvah v Sloveniji, o sestavljanju nove vlade in o vplivu medijev na volilno kampanjo.

V svojem posegu in v kasnejšem razgovoru z udeleženci srečanja je urednik Maga podal svojo analizo in gledanje na politično in družbeno stvarnost v Sloveniji in na vlogo medijev v tranzicijskem procesu.

Dejal je, da politična situacija zanesljivo ni v redu in da vsega tega ne bi bilo brez medijev, saj nobenega tranzicijskega procesa ni brez medijev. V današnji družbi so mediji vse, brez njih ni dogodka.

V socialističnem sistemu so bili mediji propaganda, do njih pa se je vzpostavil pasiven odnos, saj ljudje sploh niso razmišljali o tem, kaj mediji poročajo. S spremembijo režima bi bili morali začeti razmišljati, pa niso.

To je po Slivnikovih besedah kontinuiteta izkoristila in je del slovenskih medijev (npr. radio in televizija) začel vsiljevati v podzvest ljudi negativno podobo politike in demokratičnega parlamentarnega sistema.

Naslednji korak te manipulacije so bili selektivni napadi na politične stranke, pri čemer je pomladna stran potegnila krajsi konec.

Vpliv kontinuitete, je še dejal predavatelj, je danes zelo močan. Kontinuiteta ima povsod svoje ljudi in zelo dobro veza za pomen medijev. Slovenski mediji so po Slivnikovem mnenju krivi za 20% rezultata na zadnjih državnozborskih volitvah.

In vendar je bilo slovensko novinarstvo tisto, ki je ob koncu osemdesetih let dalo pobudo za spremembo režima in za demokratizacijo. Sedaj pa se vzpostavlja odnos neke uslužnosti in kvaliteta pada, ker interes politike ni kvaliteta, ampak to, da mediji zastopajo in prenašajo v javnost njene interese. Tako se forsira novinarstvo nizkih strasti, forsira se propaganda, zaradi tega pa so po Slivnikovi oceni razmere slabše kot pred petimi ali desetimi leti.

Slovenska javnost, je še dejal Slivnik v razgovoru z udeleženci večera, je zmanipulirana. To je treba ugotoviti in se temu prilagoditi, česar pa pomladne stranke niso naredile. Med njimi so bili tudi spori, ki so vodili v nenehno neučinkovitost, del slovenske pomladi pa je bil nenehnotudi vprežen v politiko kontinuitete.

Slednja je nastopala kot blok, katerega nesporni šef je Milan Kučan, čeprav bi si mandatar za sestavo vlade in bivši premier Janez Drnovšek hotel oblikovati svoj klan, zaradi česar je razumeti tudi težave pri sestavljanju nove vlade.

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Vsem vam, ki ste v zadnjih slovenskih volitvah 15. oktobra letos za poslance v slovenski Državni zbor, dali svoj glas tistim kandidatom, ki se zavzemajo za pravice slovenskih ljudi po svetu, se najlepše zahvaljujem. S svojim glasom ste odločno pomagali tudi pri moji izvolitvi za poslanca v volilnem okraju Škofja Loka.

Hvaležen sem vam in se zavezujem, da bom kot poslanec v slovenskem parlamentu vedno in povsod aktivno delal za pravno državo, enakost za vse državljan, za poštenost in razvidnost pri delu v javnem življenju in za povezavo vseh Slovenk in Slovencev doma, v zamejstvu in po svetu. BESEDA VELJA!

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Po Slivnikovih besedah je na pomladni strani bila prelahko sprejeta ocena, da je slovenski narod katoliško in protikomunistično usmerjen, kar pa ni imelo zveze z realnim stanjem. Brez nekega časopisa oziroma medija, ki bi bil vsaj zmeren do pomladne strani, pa se situacija ne bo spremnila. Če namreč obstaja alternativen časopis, so to prisiljeni upoštevati tudi drugi časopisi. IŽ

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M. V.

Delo fax, 11. dec. 2000



Slovensko upravljanje gospodarsko izredno pomembnega sedmego pomola v tržaškem pristanišču

Ali bo naveza med Koprom in Trstom vzdržala?

Trst/Gorica – Odbor tržaških pristaniških oblasti je 21. novembra soglasno sklenil, da na osnovi prijavljenih kandidatov podeli koncesijo za upravljanje sedmga pomola v tržaškem pristanišču podjetju Luka Koper v navezi s tržaškimi in drugimi partnerji. V ta namen se bo v prihodnjih mesecih ustanovila posebna delniška družba, v kateri noben soudeleženec naj ne bi imel absolutne večine kapitala.

Za tržaške politične razmere gre za vsekakor izredno pomembno odločitev, s katero se je zaključil posto-

pek za dodelitev koncesije za upravljanje prometa z zabojni (= "containers") na sedmem pomolu. Posebno pozornost je vzbudilo zlasti dejstvo, da so za omenjeni sklep pristali vsi člani zadevnega pristaniškega odbora, vključni tisti, ki se prepoznavajo v desnem političnem polu in torej podpirajo Antonionijev deželni odbor.

To potezo si tržaški politični in gospodarski krogi razlagajo različno. Mnenje treznih tržaških dejavnikov je, da je končno le prevladalo spoznanje, da mora Trst sodelovati z vsemi,

zlasti še s svojimi neposrednimi sosedji, ki je v tem primeru pristanišče Koper oziroma Slovenija.

Kljub temu pa ostaja še nepojasnjeno ozadje vzrokov in nagibov, zaradi katerih so dodelitev koncesije za bodoče upravno obdobje 30 let sedmego pomola v zadnjem trenutku sprejeli tudi že omenjeni krogi. Po la svoboščin, ki so do zadnjega ostro polemizirali z "razprodajalcem" tržaškega pristanišča slovenskemu vplivu in kapitalu.

Po nekaterih virih naj bi za dosego soglasja odločilno prispeval predsednik pristaniške oblasti dr. Marasca, ki je bil pred pičima dvema letoma imenovan na to mesto in velja za odprtega človeka. Njegova prva večja naloga je bila prav ta, da po odpovedi nizozemskega upravitelja ECT poišče novega.

Ob tem je pomembno poudariti, da se je Luka Koper predstavila kot poslovno in kadrovsko sposoben kandidat z dolgoletnimi izkušnjami na področju kontajnerskega prometa. Zato v tem smislu ni imela enakovrednega tekmece. Zelo verjetno je, da je ta okoliščina mnogo pripomogla k temu, da so tržaški desničarski krogi bili tako rekoč prisiljeni ugrizniti v zanje, politično gledano, "kislo" jabolko ali si prevzeti odgovornost za razvoj tržaškega pristanišča.

To je razvidno zlasti iz "pojasnil", ki so jih v naslednjih dneh po podpisu dogovora dali javnosti prek tiska in drugih javnih občil, saj so namreč za pristanek zahtevali in dosegli jamstva, da Koper ne bi izkoristil danega položaja v škodo Trstu.

To bo verjetno držalo do določene meje, vendar je treba vprašanje ocenjevati v širšem političnem okviru. Vsi, ki so imeli pravico odločati, so imeli pred sabo edino realno rešitev za upravljanje sedmega pomola. Tisti, ki bi v svojem nasprotovanju vztrajali brez nudenja drugih alternativnih rešitev, bi v očeh tržaške javnosti in zlasti gospodarskih krogov izpadli kot večni nergači in nasprotniki novih prijemov.

Zato sedaj opravičujejo svoj pristanek s pripombo, da bodo skrbno pazili, kako se bo vedla Luka Koper in še zlasti kako bo zmogla odplačevati prevzete dolgove oziroma realizirati ustrezne dobičke. Ko bi prišlo do zadevnih težav, bi

bil pravi trenutek, da spet dvignejo svoj glas in zahtevajo ustrezne zaključke.

Ne glede na takšna in podobna razmišljanja pa ostaja dejstvo, da je moral "mali" Koper priskočiti na pomoč "velikemu" Trstu, kar pomeni priznanje gospodarski solidnosti kopranskega pristanišča in celotni Sloveniji nasploh.

Sklep o umestitvi novega upravitelja sedmega pomola bi se moral uresničiti v začetku februarja prihodnjega leta. V tem prehodnem obdobju pa je pričakovati, da se bodo na tem področju dogajale še zanimive stvari.

Alojz Tul

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V nedeljo, 12. novembra, se je v dvorani pri Brezmadežni zbralok okrog stofantov in deklet, večina rojenih v letih 1950 do 1960 v župniji Marije Pomagaj, ki so obiskovali šole in organizacije v otroških in mladostnih letih. Med njimi so bili Matija Lebar, Andrej Pahulja, Ovčjakovi fantje in dekleta, ki še danes svojo glasbo osrečujejo naše ljudstvo. Na srečanje so povabili č.g. Toneta Zreneca, svojega nekdanjega župnika, učitelja in voditelja mladinskih zborov pri Mariji Pomagaj v letih 1960-1970, da z daritvijo sv. maše blagoslovi ta izredni dogodek in z njimi podčivljiva srečne in kulturno bogate mlaude čase.

Organizacijo tega srečanja je vodil Boris Grmek s pomočniki Andrejem Pahulje, Marto Demšar in Marto Ovčjak. Naj to srečanje mladih pomeni začetek nove dejavnosti v slovenski družbi v Torontu: Slovenec sem, Slovenec hočem ostati.

V dneh od 17. do 20. novembra je v Metro Toronto Convention Centre v okviru Toronto 2000 International Art Fair razstavljal Iztok Šmajs-Muni iz Velenja na Štajerskem. Čast in priznanje modernemu umetniku Slovencu (roj. 1953), da se je pridružil razstavi 60 umetnostnih galerij iz 16 dežel po svetu.

Komorni dekliški zbor Vox Ilirica iz Ilirske Bistriče je v nedeljo, 26. novembra prepeval pri Mariji Pomagaj, 28. novembra pa nastopil pri Brezmadežni s koncertom ljudskih in umetnih pesmi. Disciplinira-

no petje odkriva poslušalcem lepoto otožno romantičnih melodij slovenske duše. Danilo in Helena Vovk imata največ zaslug za torontski obisk tega zbora.

Za dan državnosti, 1. decembra, sta veleposlanik dr. Božo Cerar in častni konzul za Slovenijo Jože Slobodnik pripravila srečanje s torontskimi Slovenci v prostorih slovenskega konzulata v Mississaugi.

Tretjega decembra so članice Katoliške ženske lige pri Mariji Pomagaj pripravile nedeljsko kosilo in prodajale pecivo. Obisk je bil zadovoljiv, uspeh poln, dobiček pa gre za dobrodelenne namene doma in po svetu. Povabile so na kosilo še domače cerkvene pevce, ki nedeljo za nedeljo lepšajo cerkveno bogoslužje.

V nedeljo, 10. decembra, smo pri Mariji Pomagaj poslušali božični koncert, kjer so nastopili Nina in Franc Kompare. Ta dan je pridne male in velike otroke obiskal sv. Miklavž.

...Še stojim ob vodi. Iz preteklosti teče v sedanjost. Pred petdesetimi leti smo prišli iskat novo življenje v novo deželo. Fant je našel dekle in ona njega. Iz skupne ljubezni je rastla družina.

Zazvonilo je pri Mariji Pomagaj in nato pri Brezmadežni, v Hamiltonu, v Winnipegu in Montrealu. Štela so se leta, dvajset, trideset, štirideset, petdeset. Zdaj se vrste jubileji, srebrni, zlati...

V septembru sta z družino in prijatelji praznovala 45 let zakonske zvestobe in ljubezni ing. Peter in Stephanie Pavlin, v oktobru pa zlato poroko Ivan in Francka Preželj, vsi aktivni člani župnije Marije Pomagaj. Slovenska restavracija Linden je bila kraj vesel-

ga slavlja.

Za mnoge znance in prijatelje pa je življenje iztekelo v večnost. Jože Lenarcic je v oktobru zapustil družino in "domačijo" na Slovenskem letovišču. V novembру je Lojze Gruntar, velik dobrotnik župnije Marije Pomagaj in Doma Lipa, po kratki bolezni odšel v Večni dom. Tam se je v istih dneh srečal s Francem Goriškom iz župnije Brezmadežne.

Katarino Košir je v starosti dvaindevetdeset let poklical Gospodar življenja in jo združil z možem Francem. Pred mnogimi leti, v začetku župnije Marije Pomagaj, je pokojna Katarina s petimi otroki potekih časih v Sloveniji prisla za njim v Kanado in ga našla že v predzgodnjem grobu.

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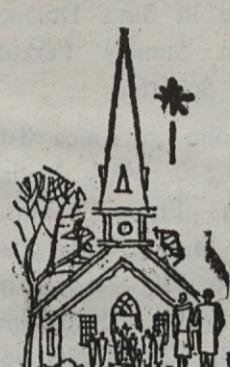
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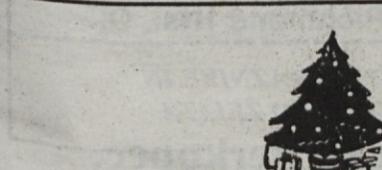
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Ko se Sveti leta počasi steka, je prav, da tudi mi sodelujoči v misijonskem zaledju počastimo Kristusa v evharističnem kruhu in se zahvalimo za milosti jubilejnega leta.

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Hvala za pozdrave in petsto dolarjev, ki ste jih poslali po misijonarju Lojetetu Podgrajšku. Denar bom porabil za revne študente na učiteljišču. Že pet let je, odkar delam na tem učiteljišču. Delo s študenti me zelo veseli. Veliko debatiramo o tem, kako naj vzgoja spremeni posameznika in družbo, v kateri živimo. Na žalost je naš študentski list bil prepovedan, ker smo bili malo preveč kritični do naše družbe. Molite za moje študente, da bodo vztrajali v borbi za lepšo bodočnost.

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"V oktobru nas je obiskal naš duhovni sin Fr. John Kuziona iz Malavija. Ob tej priliki so nekateri darovali za njegove potrebe, za njegov misijonski apostolat. Dobrotniki so se sami odzvali potem, ko je

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Dalje poroča Tusharjeva: Misijonska nedelja 2000 na Gilbertu:

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