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SRDITE BITKE PRI SALERNU IN NEAPLU

Mussolini formira novo fašistično vlado
SPOPADI MED NEMCI IN ITALIJANI

Zavezniški stan. Afrika, 14. sept. — Nemci so v ljutih protinapadih reokupirali nekaj ozemlja ob zavezniškem mostiču pri Salerno, toda pričakuje se, da bodo britske čete, ki se bojujejo v južni Italiji, sto milj od fronte pri Salerno, navezale stike s peto ameriško armado. Krvavo bitko pri Salerno primerjajo oni, ki se je vršila pri Gallipoliju v prvi svetovni vojni. Nemci so zagnali dve mehānizirani diviziji v boj proti ameriški sili.

Zavezniški stan. Afrika, 14. sept. — Srdite bitke pri Neaplu in pod Salerno med peto ameriško armado, kateri poveljuje general Mark W. Clark, in nemško silo se nadaljujejo. Te prekašajo one, ki so se vršile v severni Afriki in Siciliji. Nemci so izvršili več protinapadov na pozicije ameriške armade, a so bili vrženi nazaj z velikimi izgubami.

Ljute bitke se vrše tudi v zraku med zavezniškimi in nemškimi letalci. Vsi nemški poskusi, da zdrobe zavezniško letalsko zaščito obrežja, na katerem so se izkrcali čete pete ameriške armade, so se izjalovili.

Salerno, luka ob vzglavju Salernskega zaliva in južnozahodno od Neapla, je pozorišče ljutih bitk. Kontrola mesta je bila večkrat izmenjana v zadnjih 24 urah. Poročila trdijo, da je mesto v zavezniških rokah.

Osma britska armada pod poveljstvom generala Montgomeryja je v akciji v južni Italiji. Poročilo trdi, da je okupirala Crotone, strateško mesto, in deset vojaških letališč po zračni poti nemške oborožene sile.

London, 14. sept. — Benito Mussolini, ki so ga osvobodili Hitlerjevi osebni stražniki, bo formiral novo fašistično vlado pod nemškim pokroviteljstvom, poroča radio Berlin. Sedež te vlade bo v nekem mestu v severni Italiji.

Mussolini, trdi poročilo, bo organiziral novo fašistično armado, ki se bo pridružila Nemcem in se borila na njihovi strani proti zavezniškim invazijskim armadam v Italiji.

Švicarski list Die Tat je objavil poročilo iz nekega kraja ob italijanski meji, da je Cremona, mesto, ki leži 50 milj južno-zahodno od Milana, sedež Mussolinijeve fašistične vlade. Tam se nahaja Roberto Farinacci, bivši tajnik fašistične stranke.

Bern, Švica, 14. sept. — Radio Berlin je priznal bitke med nemškimi in italijanskimi četami v Rimu, v katerih je bilo več ubitih in ranjenih. Nemško poveljstvo v Rimu je izdalo proklamacijo z zahtevo, da morajo italijanski civilisti takoj izročiti orožje nacističnim vojaškim avtoritetam. Feldmaršal Albert Kesselring, poveljnik nemške oborožene sile, je oklical prekri soč in zapretel s smrtjo Italijanom, ki bi se upirali kooperaciji z Nemci.

Kongres se sestavlja v svojem zasedanju

Washington, D. C., 14. sept. — Kongres se je danes ponovno sestaj v svojem zasedanju in se lotil ogromnega dela, ki ga je vojna potanila na površje. Izgleda, da bo akcija o resoluciji senatorja Wheelera, demokrata iz Montane, da se moških, ki so postali očeti pred japonskim napadom na Pearl Harbor, ne pokliče v armado, odložena.

POSODIMO VLADI PROSTOVOLJNO, ČE NOČEMO BITI PRISILJENI!

(Uvodnik)

Te dni je v teku kampanja za tretje vojno posojilo Združenih držav—posojilo petnajstih milijard (15.000 milijonov) dolarjev za financiranje vojne.

Ta kolosalna vsota je potrebna ne samo za neprestano mobiliziranje vseh potrebnih sil doma in za "lend-lease" (pomoč) zaveznikom, temveč tudi za invazijo ameriških armad v Evropi in Aziji. Vedno večje ameriške armade s svojo potrebno opremo vred za bojevanje na tleh, v zraku in na vodi odhajajo čez morje na vse ogromne fronte. Vse te naše armade milijonov moči stanejo ogromnega denarja—stanejo toliko, kolikor ni še stala nobena armada na svetu v vsaj zgodovini vseh narodov.

Ta denar mora dati ljudstvo Združenih držav. Denar ni poklonjen, temveč posojen naši vladi pod dobrimi pogoji: vse, kar kdo posodi, mu bo povrnjeno do zadnjega centa z obrestmi vred. Obresti so izplačane, kadar je dolžnik (bond) vnovčena. Dolžnik, za katero danes plačate pet in sedemdeset dolarjev, vam čez deset let prinese sto dolarjev.

Domala vsakdo, ki redno služi denar, se je zavezal, da bo redno prispeval od svoje plače deset odstotkov za posojilo vladi; teh deset odstotkov je vsak teden ali mesec odtrganih od plače.

Sedanje posojilo petnajstih milijard dolarjev pa mora priti od vsakogar še posebej—poleg onih desetih odstotkov, ki se redno odtrgajo od plače; to posojilo mora priti iz prihrankov, od onega, kar ostane vsakomur vsak teden ali mesec od plače.

Mi Američani se ponajam s našimi svobodami. Ponosni smo na to, da je vsako naše posojilo vladi prostovoljno—da nas nihče ne silil, kakor delajo diktatorji v Evropi.

Pred nami sta samo dve poti glede plačanja vojne: prostovoljna ali prisilna. Vojna mora biti plačana O tem ni govora. Demokracija ameriška republika ne sme bankrotirati O tem ni govora. Če bi ameriško ljudstvo dopustilo, da bi njegova republika bankrotirala zaradi te vojne—bo rezultat fašistična diktatura.

Ameriško ljudstvo pa tega ne bo dopustilo, o tem ste lahko brez skrbi. Ako vlada ne dobi potrebne vsote posojila od svojih državljanov PROSTOVOLJNO, ga dobi prisiljeno. Prosta volja je demokracija pot. Držimo se VSI te poti!

Posojimo vladi prostovoljno vse, kar si lahko pritrhamo. Vsakdo naj v teku te kampanje za tretje vojno posojilo kupi en ekstra bond vsaj za sto dolarjev—in vsota posojila bo s lahkoto podpisana.

Wallace okrcal oljno kompanijo

Obdolžil jo je oviranja produkcije umetnega kavčuka

Washington, D. C., 14. sept. — Podpredsednik Henry A. Wallace je odgovoril Ralphu W. Gallagherju, predsedniku Standard Oil Co. of New Jersey, ki je zanikal obdolžitve, da je kompanija sklenila pogodbo z nemškim kartelom in s tem zavrla produkcijo umetnega kavčuka v Ameriki. Wallace je izrekel obdolžitve v svojem govoru na velikem shodu v čikaškem Stadionu zadnjó soboto.

Wallace je citiral dokumentarno evidenco, da je oljna kompanija zadržavala razvoj produkcije umetnega kavčuka pred vstopom Amerike v vojno na temelju pogodbe, ki jo je sklenila z nemškim kemičnim trustom I. G. Farbenindustrie.

Gallagher je po Wallacejevem govoru v Chicagu podal izjavo, v kateri je pobijal obdolžitve in trdil, da je njegova kompanija ustvarila temelj razvoju industrije umetnega kavčuka v Združenih državah. Wallace je v svojem odgovoru na izjavo citiral vsebino pisma uradnika Standard Oil Co., datiranega 21. novembra 1. 1939, da kompanija ni hotela razkriti detajlov produkcije umetnega kavčuka uradniku mornaričnega departamenta, ki je obiskal eno izmed njenih tovarn. Dalje je Wallace citiral poročilo municijskega odbora mornarice in armade, da se oljne kompanije ne zanimajo za razvoj industrije umetnega kavčuka.

Klavniška kompanija obdolžena protinunjskih aktivnosti

Chicago, 14. sept. — Agar Packing & Provision Co. je bila obdolžena protinunjskih aktivnosti in ustrahovanja delavcev, ki so skušali ustanoviti unijo, katere naj bi jih reprezentirala pri kolektivnih pogajanjih. Mortimer Rierner, ki je vodil zaslihanje, je naznanil, da bo zadevo predložil federalnemu delavskemu odboru s priporočilom, naj podvzame akcijo proti kompaniji.

Unija CIO apelira na vladni odbor

Revizija mezdne formule predlagana

Chicago, 14. sept. — Unija United Farm Equipment & Metal Workers, včlanjena v Kongresu industrijskih organizacij, ki ima 22.000 članov, uposlenih v tovarnah International Harvester Co., se je obrnila na pokrajinsko podružnico vladnega vojnodelavskega odbora z apelom za revizijo mezdne formule. Ona je za mesečno usoglasenje za služka delavcev s cenami potrebitin.

Ako bo odbor ugodil apelu, bodo odpravljene omejitve na podlagi mezdne formule "Malega jekla", ki določajo zvišanje mezdne za petnajst odstotkov nad točko, ki je prevladovala v januarju l. 1941. Unije Kongresa Industrijskih organizacij in Ameriške delavske federacije vodijo agitacijo za revizijo te formule in argument je, da vlada ni storila še nobenega koraka za znižanje cen, dočim so mezde ustaljene.

Gerald Fielde, tajnik-blagajnik unije CIO, Lou Brooks, pokrajinski direktor CIO, in Milton Burns, direktor za javne odnose, so se izrekli za stabilizacijo mezd na točki, ki je prevladovala v septembru preteklega leta in je za osemnajst odstotkov višja od one v januarju l. 1941. William J. Reilly, pravni svetovalec International Harvester Co., je izjavil, da je kompanija že zvišala plače delavcem do točke, ki jo dovoljuje mezdna formula. Zaslihanje se bo danes nadaljevalo.

Rim naznanil eksekucijo generala Cavellera

Madrid, 14. sept. — Poročilo iz Rima pravi, da je bil general Ugo Cavellero, bivši šef italijanskega generalnega štaba, obsojen v smrt in ustreljen na obtožbo izdajstva. Poročilo dalje pravi, da je bil maršal Rodolfo Graziani, bivši poveljnik italijanske oborožene sile v severni Afriki in guverner Libije, aretiran.

NACIJI PRIZNALI IZGUBO BRIJANSKA

Sovjetske čete preseka le štiri železniške proge

NEMŠKE DIVIZIJE ODHAJAJO IZ RUSIJE

London, 14. sept. — Nemško poveljstvo je danes priznalo izgubo Brijanske, središča železniškega omrežja, ki spaja centralno rusko fronto z južnimi. Ono je ponovilo staro frazo, da se je nemška vojaška posadka umaknila iz Brijanske "po narčtu."

London, 14. sept. — Ruska armada oblega Brijansk, nemško trdnjavo na zapadnem bregu reke Desne, se glasi poročilo iz Moskve. Dva tisoč Nemcev je padlo v bitki z Rusi na vzhodni strani te reke. Sovjetske čete so preseka le štiri izmed petih železniških prog, po katerih so vlaki dovažali orožje, strelivo in drugo bojno opremo nemški vojaški posadki.

Sovjetske čete so prekorčile z minami posejan gozd na vzhodni strani Brijanske in vse kaže, da bo mesto kmalu padlo. Brijansk je glavna točka v nemški bojni črti, ki spaja centralno fronto z južnimi frontami.

Ruski armadi, ki je obkolila nemško vojaško posadko v Brijansku, poveljuje general M. M. Popov. Ta je že okupirala vitalno železniško omrežje na vzhodni strani Desne, ubila in ujela več tisoč sovražnikov in zaplenila ogromne količine bojnega materiala.

Samo ena železniška proga je še pod kontrolo Nemcev. Ta vodi v severozapadno smer proti Smolensku, drugi nemški vojaški trdnjavi. Ruske čete se bližajo tej progji z dveh strani in prve so oddaljene le nekaj milj od nje.

Nemci so zasedli Brijansk 13. oktobra l. 1941. Dokler niso Rusi porazili nacistične sile pri Ruzi, ni bilo mesto v nevarnosti. Sovjetske čete so v akciji na severni strani Brijanske in izgleda, da bodo pretrgale nemško zalagalno črto, ki vodi v Smolensk.

Ruski uradni komunikacije, objavljen danes jutraj, trdi, da se sovjetske čete vaje proti Kijevu, glavnemu ukrajinskemu mestu, in da so dospole do točke, ki je oddaljena samo 60 milj od Kijeva.

Poročilo iz Madrida, Španija, pravi, da je Hitler odredil premešitev 70 vojaških divizij, okrog 1.050.000 vojakov, z ruskih front in Poljske na zapadno in južno obrežje Evrope, ki je v nevarnosti zavezniške invazije. Pričakuje se, da bo večina te sile poslana na Balkan, ki dozoreva za invazijo od smrtni bolgarskega kralja Borisa in kapitulacije Italije. Poročila o premešanju nemških divizij so prišla v Madrid iz Francije. Ta trdijo, da bo premešanje trajalo najmanj šest mesecev zaradi slabega stanja kontinentalnih železniških prog.

Murray za revizijo kontrole cen

New York, 14. sept. — Philip Murray, predsednik Kongresa industrijskih organizacij, se je izrekel za revizijo sistema kontrole cen in odmerjanja. Murray je govoril na shodu v Madison Square Gardnu, kjer se je pričela konvencija unije United Electrical, Radio & Machine Workers of America. On je zahteval od vlade in delodajalcev garancije, "da naši vratovi ne bodo prerežani po zaključitvi vojne, dela in raztegnitve socialne zaščite na poljedelske in druge delavce, katerih sedanji zakon ne krije."

Domače vesti

Obiski in pozdravi
Chicago.—Peter Benedikt iz Detroita pozdravlja uredništvo Prosvete iz Colorada, kjer je na obisku pri svojih dveh sinovih, Rudyju in Charleju, ki služita strica Sama v taborišču Lawryfieldu pri Denverju, Colo.

Čikaška vest
Chicago.—Dne 13. t. m. je v predmestju Berwynu umrl Louis Praprotnik mlajši, star okrog 28 let in rojen v Ameriki. Zapuša čeno, otroka in starše ter omoženo sestro. Njegov otrok in oče sta člana društva 449 SNPJ. Pokojnik leži pri pogrebniku u Chrastki, 6301 W. Cermak Road, odkoder se vrši pogreb v četrtki, 16. t. m., ob devetih predpoldne.

Nov grob v Springfieldu
Springfield, Ill.—Dne 9. sept. je v bolnišnici umrl Jos. Kampuš, star 64 let in rojen v Kostivnici pri Ptujju na Štajerskem. V Ameriki je bil 36 let in tukaj zapuša sina, hčer, pastorka in pastorko, v stari domovini pa sestro, ako še živi.

Is West Allisa
West Allis, Wis.—Dne 3. sept. je tukaj umrl gostilničar Frank Kopač, star 82 let in doma od Kranja. Bil je član društva 104 SNPJ in tukaj zapuša čeno, tri sinove—eden je v ameriški armadi v Afriki—hčer, tri vnuke in dve nečakinji, v Pennsylvaniji pa sestro. Pogreb je oskrbel Ermenčev zavod.

Smrtina nesreča pri rovu
Mt. Harris, Colo.—Dne 10. septembra je bil na mostu pri pregovniku od železniških vozov ubit George Torna, star okrog 60 let in doma iz Prekmurja, vdovec in član društva 346 SNPJ. V Detroitu zapuša omoženo hčer Anne Cray. Nekje zapuša tudi sina, morda je pri vojakih, dalje zapuša tudi sestro, a ni znano, kje.

Is Pennsylvanije
Johnstown, Pa.—Dne 28. avgusta sta bila tukaj civilno poročena John Remesnik iz Cornwalla, Pa., in Mary Turšič iz New Yorka. Obilo sreče!

Rudarska kampanja za zvišanje mezd

Lewis sklical sejo odbora

Washington, D. C., 14. sept.—John L. Lewis, predsednik rudarske unije UMWA, se pripravila za obnovo kampanje za zvišanje mezd rudarjem. Sklical je sejo odbora za smernice, ki ima 225 članov. Ta se prične v četrtek.

Uradniki rudarske unije so izjavili, da bo na seji razprava o mezdni formuli. Ta se nanaša na plačo "od vrat do vrat". Vojno-delavski odbor ni hotel odobriti pogodbe, katero je iliti- noški rudarski distrikt UMWA sklenil z organizacijo operatorjev. Ta je med drugim vključevala provizijo, da rudarji dobe \$1.25 za čas, ki ga potrošijo, ko grejo na delo v premogovnikih in odhajajo z dela.

Amerika ima nov torpedni bombnik

Allentown, Pa., 14. sept.—Novi torpedni bombnik bo igral važno vlogo v letalski roki ameriške vojne mornarice, je dejal podadmiral Ralph Davison, pomožni letalski šef mornarice, v svojem govoru ob odprtju letališča, na katerem bodo bombniki preizkušani. Torpedne bombnike izdelujejo v tukajšnji tovarni Consolidated Vultee Corp. "Novi bombniki vključujejo vse naprave in pritlikline, iznajdene v razvoju letalstva," je rekel Davison. "Nobeno drugo letalo na svetu se jim ne more primerjati v učinkovitosti in udarni sili."

Finska se morda umakne iz vojne

Tipanja za mir z Rusijo

Stockholm, Švedska, 14. sept.—Sem prihajajo vesti, da se bo morda Finska umaknila iz vojne in da že tiplje za sklenitev separatnega mira s sovjetskimi Rusiji. Kapitulacija Italije je povzročila različna ugibanja o učinku na nemško militariistično silo in razpoloženje na nemški notranji fronti.

Finski listi so izšli v posebnih izdajah, ko je Italija kapitulirala. Konservativni list Hufvudstadsbladet je pisal, da se je morala Italija podati po zavezniški invaziji njene celine. Drugi finski listi, med temi Sanomat, so komentirali kapitulacijo Italije na različne načine, vsi pa so priznali, da je težak udarec Nemčiji in Japonski. Nastala situacija je prinesla nov problem Nemčiji, ki bo morala skrbeti, da Italija ne postane mostišče operacij proti pacifijski evropski trdnjavi.

Koordinacija gerilskih aktivnosti

Zavezniški častniki pri Mihajloviču

Kairo, Egipt, 14. sept.—Jugoslovanski viri poročajo, da so zavezniški vojaški častniki v glavnem stanu generala Mihajloviča in Josipa Broža in da skupno izvajajo načrte glede koordinacije gerilskih aktivnosti proti nemški okupacijski sili in da so ti v soglasju z zavezniško vojno strategijo. Poročila omenjajo konfuzijo med Italijani in Nemci v Jugoslaviji, ki je nastala po kapitulaciji Italije, in o spopadih med njimi.

Partizanske gerilske grupe, ki jih tvorijo Hrvatje in Srbi, kontrolirajo hribovite pokrajine v Bosni in Dalmaciji, med temi strateške višine—nad Banjo Luko. Gerilci so utrdili svoje pozicije in celo vzpostavili promet na nekaterih železniških progah, katere so razbili, ko so bile v osiženih rokah, sedaj pa služijo njim.

V nekaterih jugoslovanskih krajih so se Italijanski vojaški pridružili gerilcem v napadih na nemške vojaške posadke. Gerilci in Italijani so v akciji proti Nemcem in hrvaškim ustašem v Karlovcu, Ogulinu in v vaseh ob progji, ki vodi iz Zagreba do obrežja Jadranskega morja.

Poročila trdijo, da se hrvaški vojaški več ne navdušujejo za Nemce in da jih je več sto dezertiralo iz armade in se pridružilo gerilcem. Samo v zadnjem tednu je čez 500 hrvaških vojakov dezertiralo, tristo iz garnizije v Banja Luki. S seboj so vzeli orožje in svo opremo.

Brož, vodja partizanskih gerilcev, s katerim so zavezniški častniki navezali stike, je znan tudi pod imenom "Tito". Nemško vojaštvo kontrolira obrežje od Trsta do Črne gore. V centralni Bosni se vrše spopadi med Mihajlovičevimi gerilci in oddelki nemške in bolgarske armade. Gerilci so v teh spopadih ubili čez sto sovražnikov.

Iz poročil je razvidno, da so Nemci pričakovali, da bo Italija kapitulirala. Ze v zadnjih dneh avgusta so nemške čete začele odhajati v obrežne kraje ob Jadranskem morju.

Cene zelenjavi bodo znižane

Washington, D. C., 14. sept.—Cene zelenjavi bodo znižane pod točko, ki je prevladovala zadnjó zimo. Chester Bowles, upravitelj urada za kontrolo cen, je dejal, da bodo cene znižane za petnajst odstotkov.

ZAVEZNIŠKA SILA OKUPIRALA JAPONSKO BAZO

Glavni stan generala MacArthurja naznanil zmago

NOV NAPAD NA JAPONSKI OTOK

Zavezniški stan na Pacifiku, 14. sept.—Zavezniki so okupirali Salamauvo, veliko japonsko mornarično in letalsko bazo na severovzhodnem obrežju Nove Gvineje, se glasi naznanilo iz glavnega stana generala Douglasa MacArthurja, vrhovnega poveljnika zavezniške sile. Ostanke razbite japonske vojaške posadke beže v smeri Laeja, druge japonske baze na Novi Gvineji, 21 milj severno od Salamauve.

Naznanilo dostavlja, da ameriške in avstralske čete prodirajo proti Laeji z vzhodne in zapadne strani. Japonska vojaška posadka, ki se nahaja tamka, je deloma obkrožena in v nevarnosti uničenja.

"Naša sila je za petami ostankov japonskih kolon, ki beže proti Laeji," pravi uradni komunikacije. "Pritisk na sovražnika se je povečal. Operacije čet na kopnem podpirajo bojna letala z bombardiranjem japonskih pozicij pri Emerysu in Diddymanau."

Zavezniški bombniki so ponovno metali bombe na pomole in japonske vojaške barake pri Makassaru, otok Celebes, in na izolirano japonsko letalsko bazo pri Villi, otok Kolombangara. Bombe so padle tudi na japonske ladje in parnike v Kulskem zalivu.

Washington, D. C., 14. sept.—Militariistične naprave na japonskem otoku Paramuširu na severnem koncu verige Kurilskih otokov so bile spet tarča ameriških bomb. Mornarični departement poroča, da so bombe razbile več naprav in zanelile ogromne požare.

Ameriški letalci so sestrelili najmanj deset izmed 25 japonskih bojnih letal v spopadu v zraku nad otokom, sami pa so izgubili štiri letala.

Ameriške bombe so padle tudi na japonske ladje in transporte v bližini otoka. Dve ladji so bombe potopile, tri pa poškodovale. To je bil že četrti ameriški bombni napad na japonski otok. Prejšnji so bili izvršeni v juliju in avgustu.

Državni poslanec in bankir obtožena

Preiskava razkrila podkupovanje

Lansing, Mich., 14. sept.—Državni poslanec William Green in Frank Slattery iz Grand Rapidsa, podpredsednik Michigan National banke, sta bila obtožena podkupovanja poslancev. Oba so bosta morala zagovarjati pred tujakinjim sodiščem.

Obtožba je sledila preiskavi veleporote, katero je odredil sodnik Leland W. Carr. Poslanec Green je obtožen, da je dobil podkupnino od Floyd L. Trumbula, bivšega predsednika State Hairdresser Assn., za vodstvo kampanje proti sprejetju zakonskega načrta v državni zbornici glede večje kontrole kozmetologije.

Slattery je ponudil podkupnino G. N. Higginsu, državnemu poslancu, če bo glasoval proti načrtu za večjo kontrolo verižnih bank. Higgins je ponudbo odklonil z izjavo, da njegov glas ni na prodaj.

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Dne 7. septembra je izšla prvi številka "Bulletina", ki ga je začel izdajati Zdrženi odbor južnoslovenskih Amerikancev. Ta publikacija je uradno glasilo omenjenega odbora, ki more, kakor pravi njen urednik, edini na svetu svobodno govoriti za Slovence in Hrvate v Primorju, od Italijanov pribrantanem po prvi svetovni vojni, in se v polni meri potegovati za njihovo nepoprečno pravico do tistega ozemlja. Urejuje jo odborov predsednik Louis Adamić, pisana je od kraja do kraja v interesu našega gibanja in njen naslov je 1010 Park Ave., New York 28, N. Y. Vsaka naša podružnica oziroma tajništvo vsake naše podružnice jo je, kakor mislimo, prejelo v primernem številu iztisov in jo bo prejelo tako dokler ne bo urejen imenik vsega našega članstva, nakar jo bo dobival vsak član na svoj dom. Ker je imeti ta "Bulletin" za našo publikacijo, se nadejamo, da se bodo tajništva naših podružnic ravnala po podružničnih pravilih ter jo razdeljevala dotlej med članstvo in druge ljudi.

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Nasle gibanje V dobi od 2 do 9. septembra se je pripravila temu uradu podružnica št. 91 SANS, Chisholm, Minn., nastala iz vseh tamšnjih slovenskih društev.

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Po Franku Pechniku iz Pueblo, Colo., sta darovala Frank Stark \$2.00 in John Zupaneč \$1.00 tej organizaciji v podporo.

Shodi, seje, sestanki in prireditve Osrednji odbor naših podružnic v Clevelandu se pripravljajo na to, da priredi v kratkem velik javni shod našemu gibanju v prid.

Malo pojasnila Znano je, da se je lani v Bihaču ustanovil "Narodni protifašistični svet". Zbor, na katerem se je to zgodilo, je imel značaj parlamenta in delegati so se sedli iz vseh delov Jugoslavije. Za predsednika je bil izvoljen dr. Ivan Ribar, za vrhovnega poveljnika Narodne osvobodilne vojske pa je bil potrjen Tito.

Takoj po tem dogodku se je pričela strupena propaganda proti Svetu in proti osvobodilni vojski. To propagando je organizirala—kar bi bilo kaj lahko iganiti—nemška uradna kovačnica laži. Mnogo poštenih ljudi na vendar tega ni uganilo in vereli so trditvam, da sta Svet in vojska komunistično maslo in da oba faktorja služita boljševizmu Jugoslavije.

Komur so razmere količkaj mane, bi bil lahko spoznal smešnost takih trditvev. Predsednik Narodnega sveta je tisti dr. Ribar, ki je bil pred dvajsetimi leti predsednik Ustavodajne skupščine, prvega jugoslovskega parlamenta, ki je bil pravilno izvoljen. Od komunistov je bil tatar bolj oddaljen kot zemlja od onca. V teku časa, ki je moral—kakor Svetozar Pribičević—poznati, kaj pomeni centralistična vlada, ko je videl, kako so e ljudske svobodične likvidirale na za drugo, kako je režim naposled zabredel v diktaturo in tako je ta dobila popolnoma fašističen značaj, se je v marsičem premenil in ni posebno čudno ti, da ga gotovo nasprotniki mejejo v en koš s komunisti. Danes je namreč v Jugoslaviji vsa do označena za komunistična, če ne trobi v en rog s pristaši starih diktatorskih režimov.

Toda Ribar je prav tako malo komunist kot je bil v času svojega predsedovanja v skupščini in prav tako ni komunističen Narodni svet z Osvobodilno vojsko. Po je jasno razvidno iz Izjave, ki je bila razglašena takoj po ustanovitvi Sveta. Ampak sovražna propaganda ne miruje. Pred kratkim je izšel neki letak, ki so ga baje izdali partizani, kar je ime članov Osvobodilne vojske in ki je bil napolnjen s tistim komunistom, s katerim plaši Berlin ves svet. Ze to bi bilo lahko zbudilo sum. A dogladno se je, da je bil ta letak izlan v Zagrebu v "ustaški" tiskarni, ki je popolnoma pod kontrolo Gestapa.

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Najzanesljivejša dnevna delavske vesti so v dnevniku "Prosveti". Ali jih čitate vsak dan?

Drugič—nedotakljivost privatne lastnine in neovirana inicijativa v industriji in pridelovanju.

Tretjič—v socialnem življenju in delu se ne uvajajo nobene radikalne izpremembe, razen da se z ljudskim glasovanjem nadomestijo reakcionarne občinske uprave (katere so nastavili diktatorski režimi). O izpremembah v socialnem življenju in v državni organizaciji bodo odločevali po voljni poslanci, katere bo narod svobodno volil.

Četrtič—Narodni osvobodilni pokret, ki se bori za svobodo ljudstva in za socialne in demokratične pravice, je nasproten vsakemu nasilstvu in vsaki nezakomitosti.

Petič—častnikom, ki se pridružijo Narodni vojski, se garantira njihov čin in nameščenje po njihovih sposobnostih.

Šestič—Narodni osvobodilni pokret priznava v popolnosti narodne pravice Hrvatske, Slovenije, in Srbije, kakor tudi Macedonije in ostalih narodnosti.

Pokret ima enako ime v Srbiji, v Sloveniji in Hrvatski in predstavlja garancijo, da se bodo dosegle narodne pravice za vse narode Jugoslavije.

To Izjavo sta podpisala za Vrhovno poveljstvo narodne osvobodilne vojske Jugoslavije vrhovni poveljnik Tito, za Narodni protifašistični svet pa dr. Ivan Ribar.

Vsakomur mora biti jasno, da je med to Izjavo in komunistom razlika kot noč in dan. Toda ki je Nemčija napadla Rusijo, je njena propaganda spustila "komunističnega hudiča" z verige, računajoča, da bo s tem, nazicem dobil zaveznike po vsem svetu, ki ji bodo pomagali rešiti človeštvo "najnevarnejšega sovražnika civilizacije in kulture." Dasi je prihajala ta modrost iz ust nacijeve, je vendar šlo dosti kalinov na nastavljen limanec. Na srečo niso predstavljali Zdrženih narodov ne Petaini, ne Chamberlaini in tu je nemška propaganda ostala brez uspeha. Toda nazicem ve, da iz mnogih majhnih reči tudi lahko nastane kaj večjega in je rovaril dolže, kjer koli je našel priliko. Po vseh evropskih deželah je bilo čez noč na kupe "komunistov." Kdor ni lizal nemških škornjev, je bil komunist. Tako je nastala tudi Jugoslavija preplavljena s "komunizmom" in vsak borec za svobodo je "boljševik".

Od nemške propagande je to pričakovati, toda tisti, ki se bore zoper nacizem, bi morali imeti odprte oči in razumeti cilje takega spletkarstva.

Iz gibanja SANSa in JPO-SS Veselica za SANS

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(Nadaljevanje.)

Upravni sklad

Izdatki, plačani iz upravnega sklada, so znašali v prvih šestih mesecih tega leta \$52,453.27, ali \$2,673.31 več kakor julija-decembra lanskega leta. Iz njega se bo meso izplačati tudi eno posmrtninskega sklada. Po sklepu zadnje konvencije se namreč plačuje assessment od novih članov prvo leto v upravni sklad, in če član umrje v teku prvega leta pristopa, se tudi posmrtnino plača iz upravnega sklada.

Vzrok omenjenega prirastka stroškov upravnega sklada je bil stenski koledar, plačan v tem letu, in pa račun državnih nadzornikov, ki smo jih omenili v uvodu tega poročila. V upravnem skladu je \$61,949.99.

Za atletiko je bilo v prvi polovici leta izdane \$647.50, v prejšnji pa \$1,315.37.

Pod rubriko "kampanja za nove člane" je bilo \$845.65 izdatkov. Stroški za govorniki—bil je samo eden v minulih polovici leta—znašajo pod isto postavko \$14.

Stalni nameštenci

Plače izvršnih odbornikov so znašale v prvi polovici leta \$9,200, uslužbovalcev pa \$8,831.57.

V zavarovalniškem oddelku je bilo usposlenih šest odbornikov in ena uslužbenka. Sedaj je vsled smrti Wm. Rusa eden odbornik manj, in dva uslužbenke manj kot jih je bilo.

Odbornikov in uslužbenke v gl. uradu je bilo v času naše revizije usposlenih v vseh oddelkih jednote 25.

Oglasanje

Stroški pod rubriko "Advertising" so znašali \$695, ali \$1,105.94 manj kakor v drugi polovici lanskega leta. Direktni izdatki pod to postavko, kakor jih razvrščujemo mi, so bili sledeči:

Jan.-junij	Julij-dec.	
Oglasanje v Prosveti	\$275.00	\$75.00
Oglasanje v drugih publikacijah	177.50	225.00
Oglasi v program. knjižicah	10.00	82.00
Oglasi na zastorih	45.00	30.00
Filmi		58.65
Znaki, tiskovine, napisl. etc.	162.50	360.29
Kampanjske podpore	25.00	300.00
Skupaj	\$695.00	\$1,330.94

Pod oznako "oglas v drugih publikacijah" so vsi članekarjev glasnik, Majski glas in Fraternal Monitor.

Stavbni sklad

Stavbni sklad (Building Fund) se nanaša na dohodke in stroške poslojpa glavnega urada. Do-
hodki na stanarini so znašali \$3,600, dohodki dvo-
rane pa \$258.75, skupaj \$3,858.75, ali \$36.90 več
kot v drugi polovici lanskega leta.

Stroški so znašali \$5,801.25, ali \$1,942.50 več kot
dohodki, nevtiševsi obresti, ki so znašale \$721.62.
Torej je faktičen primanjkljaj \$1,220.88.

Imovina stavbnega sklada je dne 30. junija zna-
šala \$62,262, ali \$1,220.88 manj kakor 31. dec. 1942.

Stroški so bili sledeči:

Kurivo, potrebščine za čiščenje	\$1,122.53
Hišnikova plača	1,400.00
Znaniye vred. poslojpa (Depreciation)	1,351.02
Davek na vodo	12.71
Davek na poslojpe v letu 1942	1,249.26
Popravila in razno	665.73
Skupaj	\$5,801.25

Račune hišnika smo pregledali kot običajno in so v redu.

Sklad nedoletnih dedičev

Obveznosti dedičem, ki jih ima ta sklad, so dne
30. junija znašale \$65,639.54, imovina pa \$56,422.42.

Primanjkljaj \$7,217.12.

O izgubah na bondih v tem skladu smo poročali
li na prejšnjih sejah.

Publikacije

Dohodki Prosvete in za urejevanje Mladinskega
lista so znašali \$36,801.64, obresti in en iztirjan
dolga pa \$570.53, skupaj \$37,372.17. Stroški \$38,-
537.33. Dohodki na naročnini od članov, plačana
v assessmentu meseca junija, tu ni všteta vsled v
uvodu pojasnjene vzroka. Pripisana je bila
meseca julija. Vsaled tega kažejo knjige za prvo
polovico leta izgubo namesto prebitke. Znašala
je \$2,666.57. Imovina Prosvete dne 30. junija
\$4,829.39. Od tega je \$36,201 v bondih.

Tiskarna

Dobiček tiskarne je znašal \$556.70, v drugi polo-
vici lanskega leta pa \$160.46. Njena imovina je
dne 30. junija znašala \$69,371.47. Od tega je in-
vestiranega \$51,875.58 v zveznih in municipalnih
bondih ter v posojilu na prvo knjizbo.

Pregledovanje računov

Nadi akountanti so račune vseh teh oddelkov
podrobno pregledali in ugotovljajo, da so v redu
in da je knjigovodstvo v vseh vzorno.

Glavni odborniki in uslužbeni so nam bili s
pojasnili radevolje na uslugi. Sejo s P. B. Hel-
lerjem smo imeli dne 9. avgusta, na kateri je nam
pojasnjeval o računskih poročilih in raznih drugih
jednotnih zadevah, tikajočih se njegovega
pregledovanja.

Sans

Na seji gl. odbora meseca februarja to leto smo
poročali o vseh stroških in dnevnih članov gl.
odbora, ki so se udeležili slovenskega narodnega
kongresa v Clevelandu. Znašali so do 31. dec.
\$739.30, februarja in marca to leto pa so predlo-
žili svoje račune še ostali odborniki, ki so bili na
kongresu, v vsoti \$283.50. Skupno znašajo stroški
za vozne in dnevnice \$1,022.80.

Omenili smo že, da je SNPJ prispevala Sansu
prvi obrok določene vsote v znesku \$1,000.

Razni skladi

Dne 11. avgusta smo pregledali poslovne knjige
in v področju br. Cankarja, v katere vpišuje pri-
spevke v razne pomožne sklade.

Skupna vsota v njih je znašala ob priliki našega
prejšnjega pregledovanja 10. februarja 1943
\$2,468.18.

Pripravek od takrat naprej pa do 11. avgusta so
bili sledeči:

Za slovensko pomožno akcijo	\$1,932.11
Za ruski vojni relief	227.77
Za Rdeči križ	20.25
Za Slovenski ameriški narodni svet	816.28
Skupaj s prenosom	\$6,464.59

Od tega je bilo izplačanega JPO-SS \$3,000, Sansu
pa \$812.70, skupaj \$3,812.70. Bilanca dne 11.
avgusta to leto je znašala \$2,651.89, ki se deli
\$2,220.73 JPO-SS, ruski vojni relief \$316.44, Rdeči
križ \$21.25 in SANS \$45.92. Bančni stroški so zna-
šali \$2.45.

S tem je to naše poročilo končano.

FRANK ZAITZ, predsednik

Milan Medvešek, Andrew Grum, John
Olip, Fred Malgai, odborniki.

Soglasno sprejet predlog, da se poročilo vize
za znanje.

Seje se udeležil br. gl. zdravnik, in predložil na-
slednjo poročilo:

Poročilo gl. zdravnika

Članom glavnega odbora SNPJ,
polletni seji, 12. avgusta 1943:

Bratje in sestre:

V času med 1. januarjem in 30. junijem t. l.
sem pregledal 1,850 prošelj novih članov, in odo-
brenih je bilo 1,367 prošelj mladinskega oddelka
in 437 prošelj kandidatov za oddelk odraslih.

Predloženih je bilo 500 operacijskih in odškod-
ninskih nakaznic, od katerih je bilo odobrenih
419 operacij in 19 odškodnin.

Na pisma posameznih članov širom dežele sem
odgovarjal in dal željena pojasnila, kolikor mi
je bilo pač največ mogoče.

Konferiral sem s gl. predsednikom, gl. tajnikom
in tajnikom bolniškega oddelka v raznih
zadevah tikajočih se rešitve raznih podpor in odo-
škodnin, in moram jim izreči zahvalo za njih
kooperacijo, kakor tudi vsem ostalim članom gl.
odbora.

JOHN J. ZAVERNIK, M. D. gl. zdravnik SNPJ.

Nadalje pojasni, da vsled izredne zaposlenosti
ne more biti navzoč na seji gl. odbora, je pa pri-
pravljen udeležiti se, ako je potreba, kolikor mu
bo sploh čas dopuščal; radf zaposlenosti mu je
tudi nemogoče pričevati članke v uradnem gla-
silu, bo pa takoj, ko mu bo čas dopuščal. Nato
pojasnjuje na razna vprašanja glede operacij in
raznih boleznih. Pojasni tudi, da je nemogoče
plačati za vsako operacijo, ker v tem oziru so me-
rodajna pravila, in ako je kateri član, kateremu
je bila operacijska podpora odklonjena, v resni
potrebi, naj vloži prošnjo za izredno podporo.

Soglasno sprejet predlog, da se poročilo vize
na znanje in vpoštevalo okolščine, v katerih se
nahaja, oprostí od prisostvojanja sejam.

Br. predsednik poroča, da je izvedel, da bo po-
greb br. Rusa v soboto, in ker je to ravno v času
ko so gl. odborniki zbrani na skupnem zborovan-
ju, se spodobi, da se vsi udeležijo pogreba.

Br. Vratarič predlaga, da se pogreba udeležijo
vsi gl. odborniki, katerim je mogoče; predlog
podpiran.

Na pojasnilo br. Kuhla je zaključeno, da se o
predlogu br. Vratariča glasuje, ko bo definitivno
določeno glede pogreba.

Zaključek dopoldanske seje.

2. SEJA, 12. avgusta popoldne

Br. predsednik odpre sejo ob eni uri; navzoči
isti gl. odborniki, kot na prvi seji.

Br. predsednik predloži zadevo izpraznjene-
ga mesta gl. pomožnega tajnika. Pojasni, da je
takoj, ko je bil obveščen o smrti br. William Ru-
sa, brzojavno obvestil br. John Klancarja, ki je
bil na zadnji konvenciji izvoljen za namestnika
gl. pomožnega tajnika, in v brzojavu je navedel,
da je mesto pomožnega tajnika izpraznjeno vsled
smrti br. William Rusa, in da naj se odloči, ali
izvzame to mesto ali ne, in svojo odločitev naj
takoj sporoči, da bo gl. odbor, ki zboruje ta teden,
lahko to zadevo rešil kot določajo pravila.

Br. Klancar je takoj brzojavno odgovoril, da vsled
sedanjih razmer ne more prevzeti tega mesta, in da
naj gl. odbor to zadevo reši, kot določajo pravila.

Ker je torej na konvenciji izvoljeni namestnik gl.
pomožnega tajnika odklonil zavzeti izpraznjeno
mesto, in ker je bil br. Klancar edini kandidat
za namestnika, mora gl. odbor sedaj izpraznjeno
mesto izpolniti kot določajo pravila.

Br. Petrovich predlaga: V soglasju s določbami
pravil, točka 11, naj se razpiše volitve gl. po-
možnega tajnika; prijave kandidatov morajo biti
v gl. uradu najkasneje v teku 30 dni po objavi
razpisa volitve; pravico do kandidature imajo vsi
člani jednote, ki imajo potrebne kvalifikacije kot
določa točka 10, drugi odstavek; izvršni osek naj
predloži vsem članom gl. odbora listo kandi-
datov in izvoljeni se smatra on, ki prejme nad-
polovično večino oddanih glasov. Br. Olip pod-
pira predlog.

Razvije se kratka razprava, katere se udeleže
br. Zaitz, Malgai, Medvešek, Barbič, Olip, Kuhel,
Godina, Vidrih, Culkar.

Br. Zupan predlaga, da naj se izvoli poseben
osek, ki naj to zadevo preštudira, in prihodnji
seji predloži poročilo in to poročilo naj vsebuje
predlog in načrt volitev; predlog podpiran. K
temu predlogu govori br. Olip, Cankar in Med-
vešek.

Pri glasovanju oddanih za predlog br. Zupana
5 glasov, proti 13; za predlog br. Petrovicha od-
danih 21 glasov, proti 0. — Br. predsednik ugotovi,
da je predlog br. Petrovicha sprejet.

Br. Olip želi pojasniti, ali imajo člani sedanje-
ga gl. odbora pravico do kandidature za mesto
pomožnega tajnika, in ali mora gl. odbornik, ki
kandidira na to mesto odstopiti iz gl. odbora pred
volitvami.

Br. Malgai izjavi, da pravila določajo, da imajo
pravico kandidirati v gl. odbor vsi člani SNPJ,
ki imajo potrebne kvalifikacije, kot določa za-
devna točka pravil, torej tudi gl. odborniki.

Br. predsednik izjavi, da nekatere organizacije
imajo to pravilo, da mora dotični, ki je kandidat
za kakšno drugo pozicijo, odstopiti iz urada, v
katerem je ob času prijave kandidature za drugo
odborniško mesto, toda to ni nobeno splošno pra-
vilo, in vsled tega smatra, da se ne zahteva od
gl. odbornika SNPJ, ki želi kandidirati za drugo
odborniško mesto, podati resignacijo pred volit-
vami; samoumevno, ako je izvoljen v novi urad,
mora izstopiti iz prejšnjega odbora.

Br. Vrhovnik izjavi, ako bi kateri izmed seda-
njih odbornikov kandidiral in bil izvoljen za po-
možnega tajnika, bi bilo zopet eno mesto v gl.
odboru izpraznjeno, in ako izvoljeni namestnik
ne bi hotel sprejeti izpraznjene mesta, bi bila ena-
ka situacija, kot je sedanja.

Razvije se razprava o uradu gl. tajnika, ki je
sedaj v bolnišnici, z ozirom na poslovanje v gl.
uradu. Po razpravi soglasno sprejet predlog br.
Lisha, da naj to zadevo uredi izvršni osek v spo-
razumu z br. gl. tajnikom, da se bo vse poslovanje
vrnilo točno in vestno.

Br. predsednik pojasni, da je bilo na zadnji seji
gl. odbora odobreno, da se letošnje leto ob priliki
30-letnice mladinskega oddelka razpiše kampa-
nja za nove člane mladinskega oddelka, ki naj
traja tri mesece. Izvršni osek je na zadnjih se-
jah o tem že razpravljal, povelil br. Vrhovniku
sestaviti načrt, ki je od izvršnega odsaka še odo-
bren, in sedaj bo predložen seji gl. odbora v raz-
pravo in odobritev.

Br. Vrhovnik predloži naslednji načrt:

**TRIMESEČNA ČLANSKA KAMPANJA V PRO-
SLEVAJU 30-LETNICE MLADINSKEGA
ODELKA**

**IME—KAMPANJA OB PRILIKI 30 LETNICE
MLADINSKEGA ODELKA SNPJ.**

**GESLO—Pomladi SNPJ Z NOVIMI ČLANI
MLADINSKEGA ODELKA!**

OMEJITEV:—Ta kampanja bo edino le za nove
člane mladinskega oddelka, ki prične 1. septem-
bra in konča 30. novembra 1943. Novi člani spre-
jeti v mladinski oddelki 1. oktobra, 1. novembra
in 1. decembra bodo šteti v kampanjo in za te
člane se bo razdelilo nagrade.

PORAZDELBA DRUŠTEV: Vsa društva jednote
so porazdeljena v štiri skupine na podlagi njih
števila članov 30. junija 1943, in vsaka skupina
ima kot znak eno črko A, B, C, ali D, kot je zdo-
lel navedeno.

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Midway, Pa.—Spodaj podpisani član društva 89 SNPJ se želim zahvaliti jednoti in glavnim uradnikom za nakazano mi izredno podporo \$30 v svrhu ne-nadne operacije na slepiču moje hčerke Berte, članice mladinskega oddelka.

Bratje in sestre, težko je pojmiti prej, kako je denarna pomoč dobrodošla v primeru nesreče. Torej apeliramo na vse, da agitarimo za pridobitev novih članov v jednoto in da vestno izpolnjujemo naše dolžnosti do nje. S tem dajemo dober vzgled mladini, da bo spoznala, kako velevoljna je medsebojna zveza in pomoč. Še enkrat najlepša hvala vsem.

Lovrenc Kavcic.

Leto in praznovanje dneva SNPJ

Chicago.—Prejnjšo soboto zvečer in v nedeljo—za Labor day—smo v jednotni dvorani proslavljali letošnji dan SNPJ. Proslavljali smo ga v malem, bolj zato, da smo rešili—čast. Prejnjša leta je bila ta slavnost velika kjerkoli se je že vršila, kajti za člane jednote na vzhodu in srednjem zapadu je ta slavnost postala nekakšno vsakoletno romanje. In tako je prišla skupaj vsakikrat v zadnjih desetih letih večštevna množica, pa naj se je ta slavnost že vršila v Pennsilvaniji, Ohiju, Michiganu, Illinoisu ali Wisconsinu.

Ampak letos je to romanje mladih in starejših jednotarjev odpadlo radi vojnih razmer. Že lani je bilo dvomljivo, če se bo ta slavnost letos mogla vršiti ali ne. In tako je bila stvar prepričljiva glavni odbor, naj on po uvidenosti razmer določi, ali se ta slavnost sploh vrši in če se vrši, naj določi kraj. Deloma zato, da se "reši čast" in deloma valed tega, da se obdrži vsaj v imenu lepa družabna in za jednote pomenljiva tradicija, je glavni odbor letos poveril to mislo čikaški federaciji jednote, ki je nalogo tudi prevzela in skušala napraviti s to slavnostjo, kar se sploh da napraviti v danih razmerah.

In tako smo praznovali letošnji dan SNPJ v dvorani SNPJ. Oba dneva z bolj majhno udeležbo. Ne vem, če zato, ker sta bila oba dneva pred delavskim praznikom vroča (sedaj je pa že mrzlo), ali zato, ker mnogi delajo tudi ob nedeljah in praznikih, ali radi popravljanja pridelkov v "vrtovih zmage", ali ker so šli ljudje "ven v naravo" kljub odmerkom gasolina. Naj bo že karkoli, dvorana SNPJ ni bila natrpna ne v soboto zvečer na plesu, niti v nedeljo popoldne pri programu. Na navadno društveno veselico je prišlo že dostikrat več ljudi. Razen Milwaukeečanov, ki so prišli v nedeljo z mladinskim zborom SNPJ, smo bili navzoči le Čikažani—in še mi v bolj malem številu. Ampak čast smo le rešili...

Nedeljski program se je pričel malo pred četrto uro. Prvi del so večinoma izdelali mladi Milwaukeečani, člani jednote in mladinskega zbora Junior All Star Chorusa. Nastopili so v zboru, posamezno in v duetih in želi dosti aplavza, kar znači, da so navzočim ugajali. Vmes so jim pomagali nekotliko tudi člani čikaškega krožka, oziroma Edward Udovich in Sylvia Trojar. V tem delu je imel svoj govor tudi glavni predsednik jednote brat Cankar, brat Lotrich, predsednik čikaške federacije pa je vodil program.

Drugi del je odprla Sava s tremi pesmami. Glavna atrakcija v tem delu in sploh vsega programa sta bila vsekakor Tončka Simčič iz Clevelanda, tajnica društva Naprednih Slovencev, in Maynard C. Krueger, profesor ekonomije na čikaški univerzi, ki čestokrat nastopi po radiu pri "round tablu". Maynard je član Pioneerjev, kot tudi njegove hčerke.

Tončko Simčič smo po dolgem času zopet slišali v Chicagu. Zadnja leta si je izborno izvečala svoj glas in je fina pevka. Ko sem jo poslušal, sem si nehoti mislil, da so Napredne Slovence lahko ponosne na svojo

tajnico, kakor tudi Glasbena matica. Tončka je tudi zelo uljudna in čisto preprosta—nič ne viha nosu, češ, jaz sem nekaj več. Nastopila je dvakrat in seveda vedno žela velik aplavz pri vsaki pesmi. Spremljala jo je na piano Mary Oven. Maynard Krueger pa je napravil imeniten govor o domačem in svetovnem položaju in napovedal prihodnje nove masne delavske ali socialistične stranke v prihodnjih par letih, kajti obe stari stranki sta zopet burbonski in "new deal" je le še spomin.

Po programu je bil seveda ples in tudi nekaj domačega petja pri bari. Tako smo zaključili letošnji dan SNPJ. Upajmo, da ga bomo prihodnje leto zopet lahko praznovali na tako imponanten način kot smo ga prejšnja leta.

A. G.

Vesti iz Bridgeporta

Bridgeport, O.—Kot je bilo že poročano v Prosveti, se je 29. avgusta popoldne vršila seja tukajšnje federacije SNPJ in piknik v Proslavo 30-letnice mladinskega oddelka na farmi brata Josepha Skoffa pri Bartonu. Kar se tiče seje, je bila zelo plodonosna. Glavni predmet razprave je bila kampanja mladinskega oddelka. Urgiralo se je vsa društva in vse zastopnike, naj store karkoli je mogoče v prid te kampanje.

Federacija se je pridružila tukajšnji okrožni postojanki SANSa in JPO-SS in zopet darovala prilžno vsto obema organizacijama. Sicer so bili že vsi sklepi objavljeni v zapisniku zadnjega sredo.

Kar se tiče piknika, se je nam pokvaril. Brat John Vitez in Joseph Skoff, ki sta imela v rokah vse priprave sporazumno z odborom federacije, sta se trudila do zadnjega dne, da bi dobila kaj piva, a vse zaman. In ako ni tega na naših prireditvah, ni tiste privlačnosti, pa če se tako oglašaj in vabil. Vendar smo nanesli skupaj nekaj "železne" in pa sodavice, da so se naši posetniki malo okrepčali, sestra Skoff pa je spekla pečenko za prigrizek. In pri vsej tej mali skupini smo napravili akoraj \$30 prebitka, ki bo seveda porabljen v dobre namene.

Kar je bilo zelo značilno, kot se nikoli prej na kaki seji, je bilo to, da so bili vsi zastopniki in zastopnice naročniki Prosvete in Proletarca; izjema je bil eden, ki pa se je tudi naročil na Proletarca. In ako prida skupaj na seji s takimi brati, se lahko razpravljalo o resnih stvareh, ker gotovo vsi citajo o dnevnih in svetovnih dogodkih.

V nedeljo, 5. septembra je bila redna seja društva 13 SNPJ. Sprejeli smo zopet mlado novo članico v odrasli oddelki, katero je pridobila Mary Kroflich, mlado hčerko brata Freda Engelhardta, katero je pridobil podpisani, pa v mladinski oddelki. Razpravljali smo tudi o mladinski kampanji s sklepom, naj vsakdo pomaga po možnosti, da bi dobili nam določeno kvoto 18 novih članov v mladinski oddelki v prihodnjih treh mesecih. Ali moremo to doseči? Yes, lahko, ako se hoče poizkusiti le ena tretjina članov in članice. Ni treba k zdravniku in tudi ne delati kakih prošelj, treba je samo prijazne besede in pojasnila vašim prijateljem in prijateljicam, kakšne ugodnosti daje SNPJ v mladinskem oddelku. Drugo je pripravil storiti podpisani kot vaš tajnik.

Yes, lahko postavimo naše društvo v ospredje te kampanje daleč naokoli, kajti polja je še dosti. Samo malo časa je treba žrtvovati v tej kampanji v prid SNPJ in v prid našega društva. Jaz bom vršil agitatorično delo v prid jednote kot sem še zmiraj v preteklosti pri vsakem društvu, kjerkoli sem se nahajal. Ampak jaz sam se lahko na glavo postavim, ako ni kooperacije, da bi dosegli našo kvoto v tej kampanji. Zato se obračam na članstvo našega društva z geslom: Pojdemo vsi

na delo v tej kampanji in pokazimo, da živi duh med nami za porast SNPJ in društva 13.

Po naši društveni seji se je vršila seja postojanke SANSa in JPO-SS za to okrožje. Udeležba ni bila ravno velika, ampak poročila so bila zelo dobra. Nabiranci in nabiralke prispevkov za SANS v Bridgeportu so napravili zelo dober uspeh, kar kaže, čeprav nas je malo tukaj, vendar pa večina čuti z nesrečnim narodom v stari domovini in pomaga kolikor je mogoče. Nekateri druge male naselebine v tej okolici so tudi dobro rešile svoje nalogo, kot na primer Neffs in Barton, na Blainu gredo pa sedaj na delo.

Apeliramo še na druge naselebine v teh krajih, da se odzovejo v ta namen. Ako ne podzvam akcije društvo kot celota, je še vedno kaka oseba v naselebini, ki razume položaj in ima iskro sočutja do svojih bratov in sester onkraj morja. In taka oseba naj se poda okrog rojakov za prispevke v ta dobi namen. Ni se treba ozirati, kdaj se zgane ta ali oni, ampak pojdi sam ali sama na delo za olajšanje trpljenja in osvoboditev naših rodni bratov in sester.

Joseph Snoy, 13.

Vojaki društva 27

Frontenac, Kansas.—Ker je pošiljal novo naročnino Prosveti, naj še omenim, da je 8. septembra šel k vojakom Henry Albertson, član društva 27 SNPJ, mož Angele Albertson—ne Angele Robertson kot je bilo priobčeno, da je prejela nagrado (toliko v popravek). Govoril sem z obema, kar se vojašine tiče in oba sta se izrazila, da ostane kot je bilo do zdaj.

Torej ima sedaj naše društvo tri člane v službi Strica Sama. Prvi je šel Leo Jurash, drugi Albert Lušnik, sedaj pa Henry Albertson.

Frank Krajsel.

Vesti iz Chisholma

Chisholm, Minn.—Dne 22. avgusta smo imeli skupno sejo tukajšnjih društev in ustanovili postojanko Slovensko-ameriškega narodnega sveta. Navzočih je bilo 13 zastopnikov, ki so zastopali štiri podporna društva in Ameriški jugoslovanski klub. Ta društva so: št. 30 ABZ, št. 322 in 110 SNPJ, št. 93 KSKJ in A. J. klub št. 9.

Poročano je bilo na seji, da se bodo zastopniki od ostalih društev udeležili prihodnje seje, ki se bo vršila dne 26. septembra zvečer ob pol osmih. Na seji so bili izvoljeni predsednik, tajnik in blagajnik. Na prihodnji seji bo pa izvoljen še ostali odbor, kolikor ga bo naša postojanka še potrebovala. Sklenjeno je bilo, da plača vsaki član dolar pristopnine in s tem je plačana članarina za eno leto. Odbor bo pa skrbel, da bo dobil kolikor je mogoče prostovoljnih prispevkov. Par članov je dalo že na seji po par dolarjev.

Torej naši rojaki na Chisholmu so se začeli dobro zavedati, da je koristno, da se združimo skupaj ob času, ko je najbolj potrebno, da otmemo Slovenijo in ljudi, ki so sedaj pod težko osižno peto. In to ljudstvo si sedaj samo ne more nič pomagati. Zato bo ta naša postojanka delovala kooperativno v vseh zadevah z glavnim odborom Slovenskega ameriškega sveta. S tem bomo veliko pomagali vsem slovenskim narodom, da bodo imeli demokratično vladno, takšno kakor si oni sami želijo. Tako vladno, ki bo pripravljena preprečiti vse nasilnosti in dati popolno svobodo svojemu ljudstvu.

Ko že pišem to, me tudi veže dolžnost, da poročam glede našega mladega člana Louisa Kne-a, ki je prvi dal življenje pri društvu št. 110. Prideljen je bil kot Staff Sergeant pri 425th Bomb Squadron, Fourteenth Air Force, na Kitajskem. Padel je v bitki z Japonci dne 24. avgusta. Dal je življenje za zmago Amerike in za združene narode. Poslan je bil na južno Kitajsko kmalu v začetku tega leta. Bil je zelo vztrajen bojevnik, sam je zbil eno največje japonsko letalo. Bil je zelo zaposlen in v boju z japonskimi letalci ves čas, odkar je bil na Kitajskem. Pokojni br. Louis Kne je bil sin družine Frank Kne, ki je predsednik društva št. 110 SNPJ. Louis Kne je bil zelo nadarjen, njegovo ime je znano po



vseh naselebinah na železnem okrožju, kajti bil je prvak v igranju basketballa. Nam vsem je žal za njim. Sam si je znal pridobiti dober ugled vse povsod, doma in pri vojaki. Nikdar ne bom pozabil, ko sem ga zadnjič srečal, ko sem šel z dela. Rekel je: "Frank, good-bye, I shall not come to work tomorrow." Jaz sem mu rekel, "good luck, Louis." In odgovoril mi je, "I thank you, Frank; will see you again after the war." No, želja njegova se ni izpolnila. Preminul je kakor že tisoče drugih na bojnih poljanah po svetu, kjer so naši sinovi prideleni k oboroženim silam. Vojna vse povsod, na vseh koncih in krajih.

Starši zelo žalujejo za svojim sinom, ampak v tej žalosti moramo biti tudi ponosni, ker naši sinovi se borijo in dajo svoje mlado življenje za svobodo Amerike in za svobodo onih, ki danes trpijo pod kruto železno peto osižnih razbojnikov. Lahko smo prepričani, da zmaga bo naša, naše domovine Amerike in združenih narodov.

Društvo Slovan št. 110 ima že nad 60 članov, mladih fantov pri vojaki. To je zelo veliko število pri enem društvu. Louis je padel zelo daleč od nas, ampak pred nami bo ostal v živem spominu, ker je dal hrabro svoje mlado življenje.

Frank Klune, tajnik podružnice SANS.

Društvene priredbe

K 35-letnici društva 89

Midway, Pa.—Čas se hitro bliža, ko bomo imeli proslavo 35-letnice našega društva 89 SNPJ. In ta slavnost se vrši 25. septembra v lastni dvorani. Apeliramo na vse društvnike, da se prihodnje seje gotovo udeležite, da si tako porazdelimo delo, da bomo z lahkoto postregli gostom v polni meri. Zavedajmo se, da je ves doberbit članstva in človeštva odvisen od dobre volje in skupnega dela.

Dolžnost nas vseh je, da se te slavnosti udeležimo stoodstotno. S tem damo mladini dober vzgled, da bo tudi mlajša generacija enkrat do dobra spoznala, da nobena zavarovalna družba ne more nuditi tako dobre in obile bolniške podpore, zraven pa še priliko do družabnega življenja, izobrazbe in zabave kot more to storiti le bratska organizacija. Pokažimo jim, da bodo jednote ne samo obdržali v bodoče, marveč jo še mnogo izboljšali in izpopolnili.

Torej bratje in sestre in drugi prijatelji iz bližnje in daljnje okolice, na svidenje na naši slavnosti 25. septembra točno ob sedmih zvečer. Do takrat pa bratsko pozdravljeni!

Louis Capuder.

"Birthday party" društva Slavije

Chicago, Ill.—Da, društvo Slavija št. 1 SNPJ bo obhajalo leto svojo "Birthday party," in sicer že štirideseto. Zelo malo je slovenskih ustanov v Ameriki, ki bi lahko imele take slavnosti. Septembra, ako hočemo biti zelo natančni, 23. septembra bo ravno štirideset let, ko je bilo ustanovljeno društvo in kateremu so ustanovitelji dali ime Slavija. Tega dne je bil tudi sprejet načrt za ustanovitev nove slovenske podporne organizacije in ta načrt se je uresničil pol leta kasneje, ko je bila 6. aprila 1904 ustanovljena SLOVENSKA NARODNA PODPORA JEDNOTA.

Popolnoma pravilno je, da se ta zgodovinski dan dostojno proslavi in društvo Slavija se tega tudi popolnoma zaveda. Proslava tega dne se bo vršila 10. oktobra, drugo nedeljo v mesecu v dvorani SNPJ. Odbor, ki je prevzel nalogo, da priredi proslavo, se dobro zaveda važnosti tega dne in bo tudi izvršil svojo dolžnost, kolikor je pač v danih razmerah in okoliščinah mogoče. Ni še pozabljena proslava 35-letnice, ki se je vršila pred petimi leti in brez pretiravanja se lahko izreče, da je bilo v Chicagu še malo slovenskih priredb s tako izbranim

programom. Proslava 40-letnice tudi ne bo zaostajala.

Opozarjajo se že sedaj vsi Slovenci v Chicagu in okolici, katerim je sploh mogoče udeležiti se te priredbe. Žal ne bo nikomur, ker užitek bo popolen v vseh ozirih. Rezervirajte si ta dan, 10. oktobra popoldne. Vstopnina je 50 in vstopnice se dobijo pri članiki društva Slavije. Pri tiskani br. Trojarju lahko po telefonu naročite vstopnice; pokličite Rockwell 4904.

Popoldne bo izbran program, o katerem bo v naslednjih tedenskih izdajah Prosvete natančno poročano, po programu pa bo ples in prosta zabava z vse. — Za odbor

Peter Bernik, zapisnikar Slavije.

Iz gibanja SANSa in JPO-SS

PROTEST

društva Naprej št. 5 SNPJ proti Ameriški Domovini

Društvo Naprej št. 5 SNPJ je na svoji zadnji seji (5. septembra) obširno razpravljalo o obstrukciji, ki jo vrši Ameriška Domovina proti Slovenskemu ameriškemu narodnemu svetu in njegovim voditeljem.

Na prvem Slovenskem kongresu, ki se je vršil 5. in 6. decembra v Clevelandu, je narod soglasno sklenil, da se vsi Slovenci združimo, ne oziraje se na politično prepričanje in delujemo v smislu sprejetih resolucij za odrešenje naših bratov v domovini. Toda že od nekdaj nazadnjaški časopis Ameriška Domovina se ne pokorava volji naroda in po krivici aramoti, blati in laže o voditeljih SANSa, kateri so noč in dan na delu za narodov blagor, za naše brate in sestre v domovini, ki jih tlačijo peta krutega Nemca in Italijana.

Še posebej članstvo društva št. 5 oboja omenjeni časopis, ker hoče diskreditirati častnega predsednika ČASa pisatelja Louise Adamiča. Naše članstvo je mnenja, da je slovenski narod srečen, ker ima v svoji sredi tako vplivnega ameriškega pisatelja kot je Louis Adamič. Naša sveta dolžnost je sodelovati z njim in NE METATI POLENA VANJ, kakor to počenja že ves čas Ameriška Domovina in nekateri drugi zapeljani individui.

Društvo Naprej št. 5 SNPJ obenem apelira na ostala društva SNPJ v Clevelandu in okolici, da protestirajo proti Ameriški domovini, ki v teh kritičnih časih razdira slovo in vodi obstrukcijo proti SANSu in njegovim voditeljem.

Ta protest je članstvo št. 5 SNPJ soglasno sprejelo.

Joseph Skuk, predsednik, Ludvik Medvešek, tajnik, John Lazar, blagajnik.

Izjava društva V boj

Cleveland.—Društvo V boj 53 SNPJ je na svoji seji dne 12. septembra sprejelo sledečo izjavo:

Ker se v sedanjem času, ko je tako potrebno skupno delovanje nas vseh za združenje vseh Slovencev v stari domovini, dela združbarija v Ameriški Domovini, kjer pišejo celo nekateri duhovniki, kot na primer pater Ambrožič in njemu podobni kolegi, ki skušajo očrtniti vsem nam kakor tudi ameriški javnosti dobro poznanega pisatelja Louisa Adamiča, ki je storil stokrat več, da smo Slovenci poznani kot narodna skupina, kakor pa so storili vsi ameriško-slovenski duhovniki z lajki vred; in ker so se pri Ameriški Domovini celo tako ponižali, da so pričeli udrihati tudi po čisto nedolžnemu rojaku in obenem članu SNPJ Janku Rogliju; in ker s to združbarijo evirajo delo, ki si ga je začel slovenski ameriški narodni svet na svojem kongresu 5. in 6. decembra 1942—

Se mi člani društva V boj 53 SNPJ pridružujemo protestu društva Naprej 5 SNPJ in s tem obojamo vse one zapreke, ki jih delajo Ameriška Domovina in njeni dopisniki, pa bili duhovniki ali drugi kibicarji, kakor tudi vse one, ki smatrajo, da so radikalni, pa delajo razdor v delovanju za SANS namesto sloge. Frank Barbič, predsednik, Joseph F. Durn, tajnik, John Kos, blagajnik.

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ZA TRETJE VOJNO POSOJILLO

SNPJ že kupila za \$415,000.00 teh bondov

Kakor je našemu članstvu že znano, je zakladniški oddelček svoje vlade v Washingtonu pred kratkim razpisal kampanjo za tretje vojno posojilo, ki se je pričela 8. septembra.

Petnajst milijard je ogromna vsota denarja in največje posojilo v zgodovini te dežele. In kar ta denar ne bo prišel od bank in drugih velikih denarnih zavodov, temveč se je vlada obrnila na posojilo do splošnega ameriškega ljudstva.

Kot znano, so vojni bondi obveznosti vlade, kar pomeni, da je denar absolutno varno naložen in v teh časih najboljša investicija v svetu.

Vsakogar, ki živi v tej deželi velikih svobodin in demokracije je sveta dolžnost, da verno podpira svojo vlado v teh kritičnih časih, pa je zato toliko bolj dolžnost, nas, ki smo člani napredne, vobodomislne in demokratične organizacije, da kupujemo vojne bonde, kakor največ moremo ter tako pomagamo, da zavladajo svoboda in demokracija tudi drugod po svetu.

Ameriški Jugoslovani smo se zavzeli, da bomo kupili in razpečali za \$25,000,000 tretjega vojnega posojila. Člani SNPJ ne smemo biti pri tem najslabši. Kupujmo torej vojne bonde pridno! Pomagajmo do hitrejšje zmage in pomagajmo sebi!

V. CAINKAR, gl. predsednik.

POROČILO O NAKAZANI BOLNIŠKI PODPORI

- 23 Julia Onetz 15.
24 Albin Bobnic 223, Albin Bobnic 234.50, Jessie Vozel 89, William Stucin 12.50.
25 Joseph Melc 116, Mary Babich 228.

ZAPISNIK GL. ODBORA SNPJ

(Nadaljevanje s 3. strani)

Razvije se kratka razprava, v kateri se podarjajo koristi, katere bi imela SNPJ v agitatornem smislu, ako bi bilo možno to zadevo podpreti, društva SNPJ v Clevelandu bodo gotovo tudi prevzela del odgovornosti, v kolikor bodo razmere in okoliščine dopuščale, ako bo jednota celotno to akcijo podprla.

Po razpravi soglasno sprejet predlog br. Zupana, da se poveri to zadevo v rešitev izvršnemu odboru, ki naj v sporazumu s jednotinimi društvi v Clevelandu izvede to akcijo, ako uvidi, da je v interesu SNPJ, in izvršni odbor naj ima pravico podpreti to akcijo finančno do vsote \$50.000 mesečno, ako se to izvede, tedaj naj bodo oživljeni vsi zbirni mladinski krožki SNPJ.

- 267 Matt Kauzlaric 222.
268 George Fabich 222.
269 Joseph Zelenik 222, Joseph Zelenik 222, John Thaler 222.
270 John Shukle 222, Joseph Yudinich 222, Louis Judnich 222.

POROČILO O NAKAZANI BOLNIŠKI PODPORI

Nahasina dne 15. avgusta 1943

- 14 Frank Neseck 222.
15 Frank Skubic 222, Frank Skubic 222, Agnes Mayerle 222.
16 Martin Oberzan 222, Joe Oberzan 222.
17 Frank Henigsmann 222, Frances Tomich 222, Joseph Mramor 222.

IZJAVA GL. ODBORA SNPJ

V današnji borbi proti imperializmu in fašizmu se bojuje Sovjetska unija na strani zavezniških sil in je v tej borbi izmed vseh narodov največ žrtvovalec in trpelec, zato glavni odbor SNPJ nalaga uredniku Prosvete, da piše o Sovjetski uniji in ruskih voditeljih bolj simpatično in ne ovira onih dopisnikov, ki imajo Rusijo za najuspešnejšo borilnico v boju za človeštvo.

Nadalje gl. odbor stoji na stališču, da so partizani proti nacizem in fašizem glavni borilci v stari domovini, borilci, ki so izšli iz trpečega delavskega in kmečkenga ljudstva, zato naj ne bo pisaneje urednika Prosvete kritično in pristransko nasproti tem ljudskim borilcem, kakor je bilo dosedaj.

Br. Medvešek pojasni, da je ta izjava predlog tega odzvega odseka. Br. Olip podpira predlog. Br. Molek izjavi, ako je ta izjava sprejeta, tedaj želi, da mu gl. odbor dovolji napraviti svojo izjavo kot odgovor in ta izjava naj bo priobčena v zapisniku.

Razvije se kratka razprava, v kateri se odločno poudarja, da tega ni mogoče dovoliti, in ako br. Molek želi napraviti kakšno svojo izjavo, naj jo predloži tej seji gl. odbora, kot je že bil v tem smislu sprejet predlog na prvi seji tekočega zborovanja.

Br. Zaitz predlaga, da v očiščenosti te zadeve, ki lahko povzroči odprt konflikt med uredništvom Prosvete in gl. odborom, bi bilo najbolje, da to zadevo odseki, ki je bil izvoljen, preštudirajo.

Predlog in sprejet, in na glasovanje je sedaj predlog br. Medveška, da se predloženo izjavo odobri. "Za" so glasovali: Gradšek, Godina, Zarnik, Travnik, Spiller, Tomič, Petrovič, Lotrich, Shular, Vratarich, Vidrih, Močnik, Medvešek, Olip, Grum; skupaj 16 glasov; "proti" glasovali: Cainkar, Culkar, Ambrozich, Zaitz; skupaj 4 glasovi; "navzoč" glasovali: Vrhovnik, Molek, Zupan, Barbič; skupaj 4 glasovi.

Br. predsednik pojasni, da je predlog br. Medveška prejel predpisano večino, torej je sprejet. Br. Zaitz izjavi, da je glasoval iz razlogov, kakorine je navedel glede te zadeve v svojem predlogu. Nadalje predlaga, ker je s tem ta zadeva rešena, naj seja konča ker je še čas odhoda k pogrebu pokoj. br. Rusa. Predlog podpiran in soglasno sprejet.

Br. Godina predlaga, da naj zapisnik pete seje odobrijo gl. odborniki bivajoči v Chicagu in neopredeljeni bližnji, za priobčitev naj pripravita br. Cainkar in br. Kuhel; predlog podpiran in soglasno sprejet.

Br. predsednik zaključuje peto sejo s pozivom, da naj bodo takoj pripravljene odpejati se k pogrebu pokoj. br. William Rusa.

Seja za odobritev zapisnika pete seje. Navzoč: Vincent Cainkar, Filip Godina, Jakob Zupan, Lawrence Gradšek, Mirko Kuhel, Frank Zaitz, Michael Vrhovnik, odsotni: Donald Lotrich, John Olip, Ivan Molek. Zapisnik pete seje sprejet s popravkom. VINCENT CAINKAR, predsednik. PETER BERNIK, zapisnikar.

- 544 Mary Zafus 222.
545 John Urbich 222, John Grancine 222.
546 Joseph Rosano 222.
547 Josephine Ganda 222.
548 Frank Podieper 222.
549 Angelina Paver 222.
550 Rose Brichlet 222.

Zapisnik seje gospodarskega odseka

Izrpepek zapisnika redne seje gospodarskega odseka SNPJ, ki se je vršila 19. junija v jednotinim gl. stanu ob 8.30 predpoldne. Odsotna sta predsednik in blagajnik, ki sta odpovala na konferenco jugoslovanskih zastopnikov v Pittsburghu.

Mnenje odbornikov je, da se bi seje obdržale na dneve ko je lahko navzoč tudi blagajnik in da dva odseva člana ne bi smela iti na nobeno drugo sejo, kadar zboruje gospodarski odsek. Prečitani sta pismi predsednika in blagajnika, v katerima pojasnjujeta vzrok odsotnosti. Zapisnik prejšnje seje se sprejme.

Petrovičevoporočilo, da se brenah s poročili firme Dun & Bradstreet po poteku pogodbe, se soglasno sprejme. Poročilo o stanju zadolžnic racinskega hotela se vzame na znanje, tako tudi poročilo o stanju zadolžnic Shermanovega hotela. Soglasno sklenjeno, da se prodajo zadolžnice Wade parka po približni ceni \$220 vsaka ter da se prodajo zadolžnice družbe Quail v znesku \$50,000 po 80 vsaka ali po višji ceni.

Blagajnikovo poročilo izkazuje, da je bilo izplačanih slededih 14 posojil na prve vkljzbe: Štiri posojila FHA v Clevelandu, št. 49 v vsoti \$2802.37, št. 50 v znesku \$2802.37, št. 35 v vsoti \$3088.93 in št. 73 v znesku \$2176.30; v Chicagu posojili št. 65 v znesku \$2709.12 in št. 98 v vsoti \$7855.10; v Warrenu, Ohio, št. 74a v znesku \$898; v Clevelandu št. 85a v vsoti \$258.18, št. 145a \$1315.4n št. 199a \$278.39, v Chicagu pa št. 165a \$4734.08, št. 186a \$2000, št. 176a \$1450 in št. 198a v znesku \$158.64.

Dozorele, odpoklicane in plačane so bile obveznice teksaškega okraja Hutchinsona v vsoti \$10,000, floridske v vsoti \$5000, floridskega mesta Hollywooda v znesku \$25,000, Lincolnovega parka v Michiganu v znesku \$2000, floridske družbe Putnam v vsoti \$1000 in teksaške družbe Willacy v znesku \$3000.

Prodane so bile obveznice družbe Transylvania v N. C. v znesku \$14,000 za \$12,127, sto delnic čikaške firme New Produce za \$150, bilanca družbe Detroit-Cleveland Liquidation za \$1110, illinoiskega mesta Tessavilla za \$1248, korporacije Broad Street v Columbusu, Ohio, za \$25, certifikatne zadolžnice družbe Van Sweringen na račun v znesku \$829.57 in zadnja dividenda družbe Tiedtke Stores Realty v vsoti \$130.66.

V tem času so bile izplačane dividende družbe Iowa Public Service v vsoti \$25.50, korporacije Manufacturing District v znesku \$60 in dividende korporacije Ohio Forge & Machine v vsoti \$600.

Izvršene so bile sledeče nove vloge: vloga \$25,000 v obveznice mesta Seattle, Wash., po 2 1/2% z dozorelostjo leta 1967 po 98%, vloga \$5000 v kanadske obveznice zmage po 3% z dozorelostjo leta 1957 po vrednosti, vloga \$200,000 v zvezne zakladniške obveznice po 2 1/2% z dozorelostjo v letih 1969-64 in vloga \$10,000 v zvezne zakladniške obveznice po 2 1/2% z dozorelostjo 1960-64 za mladinski oddelek.

Pismeno glasovanje s šestimi proti enemu glasu je dalo blagajniku nalogo, da proda tessavillške zadolžnice. Dolžnik posojila FHA št. 13 skuša poravnati zaostali dolg. Soglasno sklenjeno, da se zadolžnice kalazooškega posojilnega društva v znesku \$5000 prenesejo v drugo zamčeno posojilno društvo z obrestmi najmanj po 3%. Odešek se je izrekel proti nameravani prodaji korporacije 50 W. Broad street.

Sklenjeno, da se podaljša posojilo št. 155a v znesku \$3200 na podlagi obresti po 5% in z odplačili po \$100 četrtletno ter da se ponudijo National banki v Limi, Ohio, v nakup obveznice kolegija Bluffton v znesku \$7800 po 80 ali višje. Petrovič ima nalogo, da preišče zadevo detroitskih zadolžnic, Kuhel pa pregleda zadevo zadolžnic pri Maricopa Reservoir & Power Co.

Na razpolago za nove vloge je vsota \$100,000. Soglasno sklenjeno, da celotna vsota \$100,000 se vloži v vojne obveznice, ako posojila FHA pri Jugoslovanskem hranilnem društvu niso sedaj na razpolago. Lotrič želi, da na njegovo mesto odseki izvoli novega zapisnikarja. Izvoljen je Zupan. Zaključek seje ob 12.15.

Matt Petrovič, predsednik, Mirko Kuhel, tajnik, Donald Lotrič, zapisnikar.

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Društvene vesti

Detroit.—Opominjam članstvo našega društva 711 SNPJ, da plačajo svojo aasment na društveni seji ali pa po pošti, v obratnem slučaju pa naj vsakdo nosi odgovornost za svojo brezbriznost. Člani društva, ki ne plačajo do zadnjega v mesecu, ali če ne prejmemo aasmenta po pošti do prvega, bodo suspendirani, kajti bomo prisiljeni upoštevati pravila.

Kljub mnogim apelom, naj se članstvo drži pravil, se zmiraj nahajamo v večjih potežkočah pri pobiranju aasementa, kar baš otežkoča tajniški posel, v tem vojnem času kot nikdar prej. Člani in članice kličejo tajnika baš takrat, ko je na delu v tovarni in dajejo vsakoakej izgovore, samo da zvrnejo krivdo na drugega. Pri našem društvu se je napram takim članom zmiraj popuščalo, ali v takih prilikah kot se danes nahajamo pa tega ne moremo.

Mi nikakor ne vidimo razloga, zakaj nekateri člani zaostajajo z aasementom, kajti danes lahko vsakdo plača svoje prispevke društvu. Zakaj ne bi taki člani plačali raje vnaprej, namesto da vedno zaostajajo. Skoro vsak mesec dolgujejo \$60 do \$95 na aasementu. To je skoraj sramota za one, ker delajo toliko neprimliko pri društvenem poslovanju. Ampak tega mora biti konec. Sploh ni čudno, če ne moremo dobiti tajnika, in to največ radi nemarnosti onih, ki hočejo, da bi jim človek služil noč in dan, ali kadar so pozvani na sejo ali društveno zabavo, pa pravijo: "Ej, boste že brez mene opravili..."

Na prihodnji seji, ki se vrši 19. septembra, je potrebno, da so člani in članice prisotni. Poleg rednega društvenega poslovanja bo na dnevnem redu tudi vprašanje društvenega izleta in druge važne stvari.

John R. Rimac, tajnik.

McKeesport, Pa.—Društvo 347 SNPJ je sklenilo na svoji zadnji seji 8. avgusta, da se bodo naše seje od zdaj naprej vršile vsako tretjo nedeljo v mesecu, ne več drugo nedeljo, tako da bodo člani imeli boljše priliko priti na sejo, kajti je več naših članov tudi pri drugih društvih in radi tega ne morejo priti na naše seje drugo nedeljo v mesecu. Torej na svidenje na seji 19. septembra.

Alex Duvančič, predsednik.

St. Louis, Mo.—Pozivam vse člane in članice društva 107 SNPJ, da se gotovo v obilnem številu udeležite prihodnje seje 19. septembra ob 3:30 popoldne. Silali boste okrožnega podpredsednika jednote, ki bo dal vašo poročilo, kakor tudi par drugih važnih stvari. Prosim vas tudi, da plačate aasment v pravem času, kajti to je vam v korist, tajniku pa prihranite nepotrebnege dela. Pridite vsi na sejo Ciril Medved, tajnik.

Gowanda, N. Y.—Članom in članicam društva 325 SNPJ naznanjam, da se vrši naša prihodnja seja 19. septembra ob treh popoldne, ne več ob eni uri, kakor je bilo do sedaj. Članstvo je prošeno, da se udeleži te seje v polnem številu. Naše društvo ima deset članov in službi Strica Sama. Članstvo jim želi zdravo in srečno vrnitev. Mary Stibil, tajnica.

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A Statement by the Editor

The Supreme Board of the SNPJ at its meeting on August 14 accepted a Statement by a vote of 16 to 8, which appears elsewhere in this issue.

The Statement continues: "The supreme board takes the stand that the Partisans are the principal fighters in our homeland against the Nazis and Fascists, fighters who have risen from the ranks of the suffering workers and farmers, and therefore the editor of Prosveta shall no longer express criticism and prejudice against these people's fighters."

The above statement was presented to the meeting Saturday morning, which adjourned early so that the members might attend the funeral of Bro. William Rus, in Pullman, when there was no time for thorough discussion on the contents of the Statement.

The Editor here presents his statement: The Supreme Board members of the SNPJ who voted in favor of the above Statement ignored the Resolution pertaining to SNPJ publications accepted at the twelfth regular convention of the SNPJ, in Pittsburgh, Pa., as well as the Resolution pertaining to our mother country and the world situation in the present war.

The first of these accepted Resolutions states that Prosveta shall be edited in the spirit of political, economic, and social democracy, and freethought. The second most vigorously condemns dictatorship and totalitarian barbarity of ANY KIND and reiterates its deep faith in democracy and the final victory of democracy all over the world.

Prosveta is being edited in accordance with this basic principle and must continue to be so edited so long as these two Resolutions remain in force; they continue to be in force to date, as the Convention did not delegate power to the Supreme Board to alter or rescind them.

The Statement of the Supreme Board that the Editor should not "restrain the writers who believe that Russia has been the most successful champion in the cause for humanity" is in direct contradiction to the Resolutions adopted by the Convention, for it opens wide the door to Communists and their fellow travelers to exploit Prosveta for propaganda not in the interest of Russia (peoples in Russia), but in the interests of dictatorship, which is not compatible with democracy.

When Soviet Russia was attacked in June, 1941, Prosveta supported President Roosevelt, who promised material aid to the Soviet people, although he did not, as he stated, approve of Soviet dictatorship which was in disagreement with democracy. This was, and remains, our policy. Let us furnish all necessary aid, with the exception of political aid, to the Soviets toward victory over their enemies. When relief action for the Soviets was undertaken, the Editor supported the movement and contributed his share. At the same time, we restrained from criticism of the past deeds of the Soviets. This did not mean, as it does not to this date, that we would not condemn current misdeeds of the Soviets, if they are evidenced. By what democratic rights should we not criticize Stalin if we assume the privilege of criticizing Roosevelt and Churchill for actions with which we disagree?

The same goes with respect to the Partisans in Yugoslavia. Anyone has the privilege of believing what he wishes about the Partisans; however, no one can order an editor of a publication based on democratic principles to criticize all factions in Yugoslavia, with the exception of one—the Partisans. The Partisans in the old country are a political organization, and, at the same time, one of the guerrilla groups. To sing praises of one while condemning all others is also one-sided! An objective position would be to grant recognition to all guerrilla forces which are waging battles against the enemy. This is the stand of SANC and also of the United Committee of South-Slavic Americans.

The latter Committee had formerly—at its meeting in Cleveland, on August 7—recognized the Partisans. However, SANC only two weeks later decided, in the majority, that this decision did not apply to it, and returned the disputed passages to the United Committee to alter them in the light of giving recognition to all guerrilla factions in Yugoslavia. Louis Adamic, the president of the United Committee, now reports, in the first number of the Bulletin, the organ of this Committee, that he concurs with the correction and will recommend its incorporation to the Committee at its next meeting. What will be the action of the majority of the Supreme Board members now? Will they admit their haste in approving the Statement?

The Editor of the SNPJ publications has the right and duty (sections 25 and 36 of the By-laws) to permit publication of all material not pertaining to the SNPJ and its lodges if, in his judgment, it is suitable for publication. The Editor will adhere to this delegated duty so long as the present By-laws are in effect. In the same manner he will abide by the democratic principles set forth by the Resolutions of the twelfth regular Convention of our Society.

The Editor of the SNPJ publications hereby declines responsibility for all material published against his will and best judgment and which is not in agreement with the decisions of the twelfth regular convention of the SNPJ.

IVAN MOLEK, Editor of SNPJ Publications.

United Slovenes

ST. MARYS PA.—The next regular meeting of our SNPJ lodge 581 is going to be held Sunday, Sept. 19, at 2 p. m. The new officers of the lodge have been doing a wonderful job but more cooperation is wanted from the members.

Two more of our members have answered the call—Anthony Bryan and Alphonse Bon. Both joined the Navy. Bro. Louis Bon, also from the Navy, spends a 10 day leave here at his home.

We now have a total of 14 members in the service of our country. Sis. Mary Ulfon found out that her appendix trouble was nothing but a good pain in the side so she had it taken out and is now recuperating at her home. Sis. Mary Rollick (So. Michael St.) is improving after her long illness. Speedy recovery to both of them.

Recently the mother of Cpl. Frank Rosman of Kane received word that he was killed in action somewhere in Africa. He is the first Slovene boy from this district to lose his life during this great conflict and we extend our sincere sympathy to his family. He was one of four sons in the service and will be missed by all; he was always on hand with a smile and a good word for all.

Do not forget the Juvenile membership drive is on, and we hope each member will bring at least one new juvenile member.

See you all at our next meeting on Sept. 18, so be on hand. GABRIEL ULJON, Sec'y.

Veronian News

VERONA, PA.—Here I go again, reminding you that this Sunday, Sept. 19, at 2:30 p. m. the Veronians are having their regular monthly meeting at the Veronian Club, 222 Arch St. in Verona.

Really, it isn't the kind of a meeting that bores a person. No, sir, no listening to lectures of any kind, or wishing that the meeting would be over because it being uninteresting to the ones attending. That stuff is out—our meetings have been quite interesting of late. Why? Because the progress of our club which has been successful to date, is one of the topics of discussion in which the folks who have been coming to these meetings are interested, which is another thing to be proud of. Yes, this scribe wishes some of the newer members would come around so that acquaintances could be made. How about it, Veronians, let's attend this Sunday's meeting as well as every meeting held the third Sunday of each month as a larger boost to your Lodge 680.

Wow! What a Labor day weekend. It all started when the Veronian juveniles under seven years of age held their corn roast on the Veronian grounds, Friday, Sept. 3. At first it looked as if the corn roast would have to be postponed, because of the torrents of rain pouring down. Scheduled to start at 7:30 that night, with every juvenile huddled on the porch, they weren't going to let that corn roast slip out of their grasp that easily because of rain. About thirty minutes later it stopped raining and a yell of approval went up from the youngsters when they saw their hosts, the older juveniles, Herky Krulac, Richard Popp, Stan Doles, Dolly Youk, Marge Lipesky, Mimi Tomazich, Tillie Doles, and Marge Tremba, getting the fire started and preparing the corn. You have often heard about two birds being killed with one stone. Well, these kids went one better when they held their corn roast. They gave a surprise party for little Kay Martin, and they also held the opening ceremonies in their drive for new Juvenile members.

With cake and ice cream that was bought by Daddy Martin, you can imagine what a great time these youngsters who were accompanied by their mothers, Kenny Hulton Jr., Valeria Ann Rodriguez, Marlane Varka, Marge and Billy Templeton, Georgie Effler, Matthew Petika and Buddy Lesar had digging around in the goodies. Chubby Gostky, the Juvenile Mgr. who at this writing is still under doctor's care because of his injured foot, did a magnificent job keeping the youngsters singing and in a joyous mood throughout the party. Yes, we have to admit that some of the older members crashed the party, but mind you, only after the juveniles had their fill. Mmm, but that corn was good, after we got a few pointers from Ivan Uppvall on how it (the corn) should be roasted. And those potatoes, taken out of the hot coals and seasoned with butter. Boy, that was enough to make anyone's mouth water. Yes sir, with John Lipesky taking candid snapshots of everyone present, and the mothers happy over the outcome on evening was well spent.

Then the next night Saturday, Sept. 4, the surprise—the 25th anniversary... (Continued on page 7)

Cavaliers 741 to Give Dance Oct. 9

BURGETTSTOWN, PA.—The regular monthly meeting of the Cavaliers, SNPJ lodge 741, on Sept. 5 was very poorly attended. In case a few of you don't know when our meetings are held, it's the first Sunday of each month. If this is inconvenient to any of you, please advise or suggest another time, and if it is convenient for the majority, we can make some arrangement to set a new date. We'll have to provide for some solution, to get more members to attend the meetings. I hope to see a greater attendance at our next meeting on October 3, at 2 p. m.

The main topic of discussion at our last meeting was our Fall Dance on October 9, music to be furnished by Joseph Skwarlo and his Melodiers, dancing from 8 till 12. All men and women in uniform admitted free. We are inviting all the neighboring lodges to attend our dance which we hope will be a great success.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Lawrence, a son, Frank Anthony, Sept. 3, 1943. We wish to extend our congratulations and hoping Frank Anthony becomes a juvenile member.

We also have a new juvenile member, John Leskovich, III. EMMA KOROSK, Sec'y.

SANC Branch No. 4 to Give Dance Sept. 25

JOHNSTOWN, PA.—Branch No. 4 of the Slovene American National Council is holding a dance on Sept. 25 at the Ciril Hall. There will be good music and entertainment. The admission is 25c. All the proceeds will go for poor people in Jugoslavia. So everybody come and I'm sure you will all have a good time.

MARY VIDMAR.

Detroit Lodge Young Americans

DETROIT.—The Slovene-Croatian Bowling League will open its season Sunday, Sept. 19, at 1 a. m. They will again bowl at Palmer Park Recreation, Six Mile and Woodward.

The league will open with fourteen teams. As you see the war has taken its toll from this league as two years ago this same league was composed of thirty-two teams. The Young American boys have entered three teams this year and those that are bowling please take notice that there will be a meeting Friday, Sept. 17, at 7:30 p. m. at SND Hall for definite forming of teams.

The girls' division of this league is not definitely organized as yet but plans are under way. Y. A. girls wishing to bowl this season get in touch with the Lodge secretary, Josephine Spendal, 81 E. Arizona, To. 9-1163.

Labor day week-end our good friend Lefty Lotrich dropped in for his annual visit.

Recent inductees into the Armed Forces of the Y. A. Rudy Junko, J. Lesnek, T. Setina, J. Korfley. Congratulations to our first Y. A. girl, Olga Koss, who enlisted into the Waves. Recently home on a fifteen day furlough Pvt. Frankie Gaber, from Fort Benning, Ga.

At our regular monthly meeting our new Juvenile Campaign was discussed with our President, Adolph Koss and Secretary Josephine Spendal taking complete charge. Members knowing of any prospective juveniles get them into the Society NOW.

JOSEPH GOLIA, Nat'l Athletic Board.

Money Talks

Secretary Morgenthau said: "Financial policies do not of themselves win wars. Wars are won by battles. But the necessity of winning battles does not diminish the importance of raising the money to fight them. For though wars may not be won by financial triumphs, they can be lost by financial blunders."

The more money you lend your Government the more planes, tanks and ships our country can turn out—and the shorter the war is going to be. "Back the attack with War Bonds."

Shake

His wife, determined to cure him of his evil ways, with the aid of a sheet and an electric torch transformed herself into a fair resemblance to a ghost. She went in and shook the drunkard.

"Waah that!" murmured the husband. "This is the devil," came the answer, in sepulchral tones. "Shake hand, old horse; I married your sister."

Integrity Broadcast

CHICAGO.—The Juvenile Campaign in commemoration of the 30th anniversary of the Juvenile Department is on! The Integrity quota is 17 new juvenile members. In the recent drive our Lodge has done well, and it should be relatively easy to reach and surpass our present goal during the next three months. With the help of such members as Sis. Agnes Mejash, Bro. J. Abram, Bro. L. Baffetti and others who had been active in previous drives, our Lodge is bound to succeed.

I appeal to every Integrity member to take part in this campaign. You have a friend or relative who has children. Bring them in. All that is needed is a little effort on your part. We need young blood in the SNPJ and it is up to us to see to it that we bring in all eligible juveniles. The rates are low and the protection good. The SNPJ is a strong and sound fraternal society. Our officers and the secretary will give you all the cooperation you need to secure new juvenile members. Sis. Agnes Mejash will head the campaign. We hope that the Sitters, Joe Baumbich, the Lenassis, Nottos, Venianiks, Baffetti, Abram, Roychts and many others will also be on the firing line.

The Integrity was the winner of first prize in the Midwest SNPJ Athletic League campaign.

All members who have moved and do not receive the Prosveta are asked to send their present addresses to the secretary.

Sis. Emma Zagar and Sis. Ann Podlesnik are working in a vital industry in Michigan. Sis. F. Kozuk and children are vacationing in Kansas, and Bro. L. Baffetti in Denver.

The secretary has on hand a number of SNPJ by-laws. Any members desiring a copy may ask for same at the next meeting or when paying dues at my home. Any member wishing to transfer his certificate to the 20-year paid-up plan should do so by asking the secretary for an application blank issued for that purpose. Members having the whole life certificate plan are urged to do likewise.

Our lodge will hold its annual Fall Dance on Saturday, Oct. 2, at the lower SNPJ Hall. Music will be furnished by Johnny Scheiger. You all remember Johnny as a member of the Integrity "Red Pepper" orchestra in the good old days you old-timers will never forget. This is your chance again to make this affair successful. Get busy with the tickets that will be out soon. We do hope that we'll be able to say that the oldtimers, both boys and girls, have done a real work while our young boys are in the armed forces. It certainly would be a mighty fine thing if the affair proves a financial success and enables us to remember our boys for Christmas. Therefore, this is an earnest appeal to all Integrity members to make this dance a success so we can plan that gift for each of our boys in service.

The tickets will be only 35c, and you can have plenty of fun with your friends at the dance Oct. 2.

Please pay your dues on time! No later than by the end of each month. Do this and safeguard your protection. Don't take any chances. There is no valid reason why you should be late with your dues! If your dues are not paid on time, the secretary may suspend you as per our Society's by-laws. See to it that this matter is taken care of promptly!

MICHAEL R. FLEISCHACKER, Secretary SNPJ Lodge 631.

Attention, Utopians!

CLEVELAND, OHIO.—Regular monthly meeting of the Utopians, SNPJ lodge 604, this Monday, Sept. 20. Plans will be discussed for our annual dance. The meeting time is 8 p. m. Please be prompt. VALERIA ARTEL, Sec'y.

WAR 3rd LOAN BUY AN EXTRA \$100 BOND

NEWS FROM THE JUVENILE CAMPAIGN FRONT

As this report is being prepared, we are nearing the end of the second week of the Juvenile 30th Anniversary Campaign. Returns, so far, have arrived in "dribbles"—by ones, twos and a few threes.

Pennsylvania, Ohio and Illinois lodges are out in front setting the pace in this drive, the first with six lodges reporting gains to date, the second with five, and the third with four. Cleveland lodges appear to be taking early advantage of the prospects offered by the new campaign.

With non-medical applications in force in Ohio for the first time, this state holds immediate possibilities of developing into one of the most productive territories in the jurisdiction of the Society. Because of this favorable change in the law, Ohio lodges are now on a more equal competitive level with lodges in other states and, therefore, stand a much better chance of winning some of the special prizes.

Among the campaign headlines this week, we find the following names: Leo Doljak (147), John Nemanich (172), Mary Cerv (238), Joseph Yambrovich (250), Joseph Flisolt (566), Gasper Segulin (477), all of them secretaries of their respective lodges, and Anton Zornick (87). Indications are promising that many of our Victory Campaign contestants will participate actively in the Juvenile Campaign also. Mary Udovich and Anton Zornick are first from among these to submit their names and pledges to help rejuvenate the SNPJ with new juvenile members. Who will be next?

Since the purpose of the campaign is to expand the membership of the Juvenile Department, let us also make an effort to induce some of our juveniles to take part as contestants. The same prizes are offered them as to adult members, plus four extra special prizes that, as an inducement, are almost attractive enough in themselves. Is there a boy or girl in your lodge who shows leadership ability—who has more than a passing interest in the welfare of the SNPJ? If there is, here is a good time and place to give him a boost.

Are you having difficulty locating prospective members? Have you tried all your immediate family relatives in the vicinity? How about your friends—they might have juveniles who will make good members of the SNPJ. And how about the neighbors in your community—yes, even if they are of a different nationality? What's the difference, so long as they are white, in good health, and between the ages of birth and sixteen years. Good protection and fraternalism have the same meaning regardless of what language one speaks. Let us not forget that we are good Americans before we are anything else. With this in mind, go forward, building the future SNPJ with juveniles.

MICHAEL VRHOVNIK, Campaign Director.

Let's Make It a Personal Fight!

This month will witness an event heavy with significance. In many ways it will transcend, because it will determine, political and military events on both home and battle fronts. It is likely to have a profound influence upon the length of the war—involving the sacrifice of men, property and perhaps the state of our future form of government.

This month the Government requests from its individual citizens the voluntary investment of \$15,000,000,000, the largest financing program in the world's history.

The response will spell out answers to questions in the minds of our own people, in those of our Allies, and, more important, in those of our enemies.

Dollars in this case speak louder than lips, than parades, than resolutions, than Acts of Congress. Earnest money is a time-honored phrase among all peoples. It is a pledge; it is a token of determination. It comes from our sweaty labor of today, or from the result of our labor of yesterday. A voluntary out-pouring of dollars will drive down the morale of Jap and Hun more quickly and definitely than the drafting of a million sons and fathers.

We Americans boast of our freedoms. We exhort other unhappy peoples to note and take hope. We set up our freedoms of choice, our voluntary methods against the disciplines and compulsion of dictatorial regimes.

Today we face an obligation, an obligation to pay. We cannot endure as an insolvent republic. That way dictatorship lies. Liberal governments are wrecked on the shoals of loose fiscal policy.

If we do not meet voluntarily this war obligation, what then? The alternative? Forced loans and forced labor. If voluntary financing fails, make no mistake, compulsory financing will follow quickly. But the fear of forced buying and even capital levies is to put the case upon a gross material basis. The fear should be in the loss of that freedom of choice which we are defending and which we promise to our vanquished foes.

Upon the business man of a thousand communities will fall the brunt of the task. Contrary to the demagogues and wisecrackers, he is the man a community looks to for counsel and example in matters financial. His reasonings, we are led to believe, when he invests his money, are based upon wisdom and not emotions.

His example as a bond-buyer will mean much. The business man is an organizer. He knows how to assay and reach markets. He then knows how to present his wares attractively and honestly—thus convincingly. He knows how to build men and women into a team, to see the job as a whole, to delegate duties and responsibilities, to direct and, in all, to encourage. His experience in helping to organize for this effort will mean much to his community, and the nation. Great news, indeed, if the announcement should come around October 1, that Tokyo had been successfully bombed, that Italy was training her guns on Germany, that Allied soldiers were marching against Berlin from the mainland. But the best substitute for such a morale-building event for us, and most destructive of enemy morale, will be the announcement that the hearts and will and sinews of the American people are in this war to the finish. A September war bond proudly pocketed by 40,000,000 Americans will chill the zeal of the war lords of Japan and Germany. And it will create a fighting spirit at home, a determination to win completely and quickly, that will carry us surging forward in our resolve to build, post war, a better world in the tradition of free America. (Reprinted from Nation's Business).

Interlodge League to Start Sunday, Sept. 19

CLEVELAND, OHIO.—Starting Sunday, Sept. 19, at 7 p. m. the Interlodge league will again get into swing at the Slovene Workingmen's Home on Waterloo Road. This season invitations were extended to other organizations in the Cleveland district. The league will be composed of teams from the Concordians, Lunder-Adamic, Contrades, Utopians, Betsy, Ross and St. John's of the A. F. U. All Utopian bowlers who wish to participate will report at the alleys this Sunday. Officers for the coming season will be Henry Zorman, Pres.; Krist Stokel, vice-pres.; John Spilat, Sec'y-Treas. JOHN J. SPILAR, Sec'y.

Has Two Sons in the U.S. Armed Forces

CLEVELAND, O.—Mrs. Angila Rossa, 814 E. 156th st., has two sons in the service. Marvin Rossa, 5 2/c, is now at Navy Pier in Chicago, Ill., and A/S Stanley Rossa is with Aircrew at Texas Technical College in Lubbock, Texas. They are all members of the SNPJ.

"Hogton" Brings \$5 Million

JEFFERSON CITY, MO.—A Durco pig, Congress King, which "hog-ford" for \$5 million worth of War Bonds at the National Durco Congress in Memphis, Tenn., is being used by the Missouri War Finance Committee to sell additional bonds throughout the state during the Third War Loan.

Four-H clubs and FFA chapters are vying for the services of the pig to help them sell bonds. To determine which groups will use the pig in Bond drives, they will be rated 50 per cent on the sale of Bonds; 25 per cent on the past hog improvement program, and 25 per cent on their present hog program.

The Contrast

They were on a shopping expedition. For over an hour they argued. At last he gave in. "Very well," he said, weakly, "I'll buy the fur coat if you wish, but I tell you frankly, what with income tax and the expense of this coat, it'll mean the workhouse for me." "Thank you, darling!" exclaimed his wife, "just think of the impression I shall make when I wear this coat to visit you." Treat kindly every miserable truth that knocks begging at your door; otherwise you will some day fail to recognize Truth Himself when He comes knocking in rags. —Austin O'Malley.

Our Front

By Louis Dealgar

Last week, in its annual book, the National Safety Council revealed several startling facts. It points out that in 1942 an accident occurred every 3 1/2 seconds, with a death every six minutes. In the same period a total of 18,500 workmen were killed and 1,750,000 hurt, many permanently. These accidents caused a loss of 380 million man-days of work, sufficient to have built 18,000 heavy bombers or 55 battleships. The money loss was estimated at more than 5 billion dollars!

At the beginning of the war emergency it was said that nobody would be permitted to get rich out of the war. Now that statement will have to be revised in the light of figures showing that corporation profits are the highest in history, exceeding those pre-depression years of 1928-29, which in turn exceeded those of the last war, when 22,000 new millionaires were created. The New York Stock Exchange last week reported that the profits of 460 listed corporations were 17.7 per cent greater in the first six months of 1943 than in the same period a year ago, when they were the largest on record up to that time. It is interesting to note that leading all industries was the amusement group, with a 49.3 per cent increase, followed by the railroads, with profits up 41.3 per cent.

Impressive as are the percentages of the Stock Exchange, they are less sensational than disclosures by the Department of Commerce in its recent Survey of Current Business. The Department reveals that industry's war profits are running so high that, even after paying all wartime taxes, it has more profit left than it made in the boom year of 1929 before paying taxes. All told, net profits are more than twice as high after taxes in 1939, which was considered a pretty good year for business. And after the war these corporations will have larger and better equipped factories, every penny of the cost having been paid by Uncle Sam.

More than 20,000 persons cheered Vice President Wallace last Saturday night at the Chicago Stadium when he declared that monopolistic practices by international cartels must be suppressed to insure post-war peace and prosperity. He also proclaimed seven new freedoms, all elaborations of President Roosevelt's freedom from want. "The peace," Wallace said, "will not last long if it doesn't bring to the common man everywhere these seven freedoms." These freedoms include freedom from worry about a job, old age dependency, sickness and hunger, class strife, fear of bankruptcy, venture of business, and freedom from strife between races and creeds.

Other speakers at the huge mass meeting included Sidney Hillman, President of the ACWA, Senator J. H. Ball of Minnesota, and A. Johannsen of the Chicago Federation of Labor. Sharing the spotlight with the speakers was a brilliant group from stage and screen, among them Walter Huston, Orson Welles and Paul Robeson. Sitting at the press table I had the opportunity of seeing these personalities at close range. Orson Welles told me that he flew in from Hollywood and was in a hurry to catch his plane back, while Paul Robeson said that he speaks, reads and writes Russian fluently. I found Vice President Wallace a most friendly person, a true champion of the common man.

Magazines and Papers for Boys Overseas

The Post Office Department, Washington 25, D. C., advised that Christmas gift subscriptions to newspapers and magazines for our Armed Forces overseas may be sent, as follows:

"That publishers of publications entered as second-class matter may accept during the period September 15 to October 15, 1943, Christmas-gift subscriptions for their publications for the armed forces overseas without specific requests by the addressees. Such subscriptions must be paid for at a rate above normal and not merely sent complimentary by the publishers, and the copies sent in fulfillment of such subscriptions should bear the endorsement 'Mailed in Conformity with P. O. D. Order No. 1943-1'."

"Only Christmas-gift subscriptions received during the period mentioned may be accepted without the request of the addressees, and subscriptions received subsequent to October 15, 1943, may be accepted only when specifically requested by the addressee."

"The Christmas-gift subscriptions may start at any time and the amount thereof sent during the period referred to for mailing gift purposes."

The rumors gathered as they told. "It was sooner heard than told."

And all who heard it made enlarge-ments to.

—ALEXANDER POPE

NATIONAL SNPJ DAY AND JUVENILE 30TH ANNIVERSARY EVENTS

Were it not for the mediocre attendance, the National SNPJ Day and the Juvenile 30th Anniversary celebrations could be compared quite favorably along with other similar events of recent years. The wartime conditions, no doubt, were mainly responsible for the unusually big drop in attendance, although it might be well to mention that other contributory factors were the local Polio epidemic, which kept away many of the older folks who have small children, and the extremely warm weather which attracted people to the outdoors.

The three hour program on Sunday afternoon was all that one could expect in these abnormal times. Following introductory and welcome remarks by Donald J. Lotrich, president of the Chicago District Federation and member of the Supreme Board, who acted as the chairman of the program, the Junior All-Stars from Milwaukee, a mixed chorus of twenty-five boys and girls accompanied by their Director, Stephen S. Jursik, literally sang their way into the hearts of their listeners and showed their versatility and talent by very capably singing six popular songs, four of them in Slovene, and one each in Croatian and American.

Supporting numbers by the same group were pleasingly arranged and presented. The vocal duet, composed of Rudy and Matt Smole, the instrumental duets by Leon Bizjak and Walter Wuchowsky, and Elmer Vachetz and Rudy Smole, the drum majorette exhibition by Margaret Ohojak, and the soprano solo by Ruth Golob, all shared in audience appeal and applause. Josephine Vidmar, Hilda Bizjak and Mary Potiak, three members of the "Violet Rays," Circle No. 18, Milwaukee, made an exceptionally fine impression in presenting a short and timely patriotic skit, entitled "Our Home Front," and again in their appearance as a musical trio, dressed in Slovene costumes, playing the violin, guitar and accordion. Declarations, in tribute to the 30th Anniversary of the Juvenile Department and the 5th Anniversary of the organization of Juvenile Circles, were respectively given by Edward Udovich and Sylvia Trojar of the Chicago Circle to bring to a fitting close the juveniles' participation in the program.

The second part of the program was opened with three choice selections by the local Singing Society "Sava" under the direction of Jacob Muha. Although the membership of this chorus has fallen off considerably in the past year or two, they, nevertheless, gave a very good account of themselves and their offerings, I'm sure, were very much appreciated by all who were present.

Toncka Simcic, guest soloist from Cleveland, Ohio, accompanied on the piano by Mary Owen, provided the kind of vocal entertainment that put the audience at ease at this late stage of the program and enabled them to forget the terrific heat and discomfort of the indoors. To show how much they really enjoyed her singing, they stayed right on to the end for her final appearance and wanted still more as she concluded.

Despite the ninety degree weather outdoors, the crowd remained and listened attentively to the two main speakers. The first address was ably delivered by our Supreme President, Vincent Cankar, who discussed important matters anent the progress of the SNPJ, stressing particularly the Juvenile Campaign, the activities of our Circles, as well as that of SANC and JPO-SS. In the second address, Professor Maynard Krueger of the University of Chicago and chairman of the Socialist Party of America, touched upon a number of very significant international and national problems. During his thirty minute talk, he made the statement that there is no political friendship between either the United States and Russia, or between Great Britain and Russia, and it would not be surprising to him if, after we are through mopping up the Germans and the Italians, the war will continue against the Russians. We have heard this prediction any number of times in recent months in our everyday get-togethers, but when a statement of this kind is publicly made by a man of Professor Krueger's position, it makes us wonder more than ever, "Where is the end—Who are our friends—What are we fighting for—Can it really be democracy and a better world?" More and more I am becoming convinced that we are being led from good, to bad, to worse.

A very special "thank you" and "congratulations" are extended in behalf of the Society to out-of-town participants and visitors, particularly to the fine representation from Milwaukee, the two Circle Managers, Lillian Puncer and Helen Ambrosich, and Toncka Simcic of Cleveland. Nor are we forgetting the members who worked so hard in the kitchen, at the refreshment bar and the ticket booths; all deserve an extra pat on the back. With the exception of Milwaukee, visitors from outside the Chicago area were indeed scarce, but honorable mention goes to Emil Hrast of Washington, D. C., to Frank Rozek of Girard, Ohio, and to Helen Kristof of Albia, Iowa, for coming from the most distant points. Thanks to them and to everyone else, who helped to make our annual National SNPJ Day and Juvenile 30th Anniversary celebrations a wartime success.

MICHAEL VRHOVNIK, Juvenile Director.

New York Slovenes to Honor Boys In Service at Dedication Sunday

BROOKLYN, N. Y.—Sunday afternoon, Sept. 19, is drawing near when the Honor Roll listing the names of the Slovene boys and girls in the services from New York City will be officially unveiled.

This dedication is sponsored by the United Slovene Lodges of Greater New York in a form of a concert and dance which will commence at 3 p. m. and will be held at the Slovene American Auditorium, 253 Irving Avenue, Cor. Bleeker St., Brooklyn, New York.

The admission is freewill and all the proceeds of this affair will be held for the boys and girls for their benefits only, when they come back home again. A committee of seven appointed by the United Slovene Lodges will hold this special fund aside and see that it is used when most necessary.

The program is to be a most interesting one comprised of New York's outstanding talents. Only to mention a few: Slovene male chorus, directed by Ignaz Hude; Demovina mixed chorus, directed by Anton Subelj; Tamburitzas Club, soloists Miss Ann Kepic and Mr. Anton Subelj, duets Miss D. Gerjovich and Miss J. Patelli, Miss Ann Kepic and Miss O. Turkovich. The committee has many more

surprises in store to make this a real honor to all the boys and girls in the service. Parents or the nearest of kin are requested especially to attend, to represent each name listed.

Each word spoken, each word sung, and each note played will be dedicated solely to those listed on the Honor Roll. Special tribute will be paid to those four young fellows listed, who will never return, those who already gave their lives so that Freedom and Democracy may be preserved in this, our country.

Everyone is invited to attend this momentous occasion, if for no other reason just to see the beautifully handmade Honor Roll Board made by Mr. Charles Majdec, president of the committee.

It would be most fitting if all those listed could be present in these ceremonies but since this is quite impossible as many of our boys are fighting in the major battlefields of the world, a plea is made by the committee for Slovene servicemen who are stationed in and around New York to attend this concert, followed by dancing, Sunday afternoon, Sept. 19, 3 p. m. Na svidenje!

JENNIE PADAR, 580.

BEAT INFLATION BY BUYING BONDS!

The most important of all sources for war financing is you. In the First War Loan you piled up one and one-half billion dollars in War Bond purchases. In the Second War Loan your record was three and one-quarter billion dollars. What is expected of you in the current Third War Loan? At least twice as much as your best previous effort.

Your personal objective must be at least one \$100 War Bond in addition to what you are buying regularly through the payroll savings plan or other means.

Seven-eighths of all our current swollen national income goes into your pocket. If you heard this money or spend it bidding against your neighbors for things you can get along without you will bring disaster to your home as great as a block-buster bombing raid. If you do the right thing, that means backing up your boy in the fighting forces—you will be helping to defeat inflation—at the same time helping yourself to better your future prospects.

It's a Bargain
Every 24 hours, 265,000,000 more of your dollars go into the attack against your enemies. You foot the bill through taxes and War Bonds. And it's a bargain price for what's at stake. Buying War Bonds is the easiest, most beneficial method of war financing ever devised in the world's history. Show your common sense by buying War Bonds to your very limit during the Third War Loan campaign. Back the attack with War Bonds.

You have a personal stake in the Third War Loan. Every dollar you invest in a Bond will return to you in full, with interest. Every dollar that you fail to save will boost your living costs and defeat your hope of a busy, prosperous America when the war ends.

Veronian News

(Continued from page 6)

niversary held by Paul and Angie Witkovitz and Mrs. Tratar for Mr. and Mrs. John Jagodnik. What beautiful flowers, and from each petal hanging, was a silver dollar—25 of them—to mark the 25th anniversary of this couple. Many relatives and guests who attended this affair came all the way from Cleveland. Among those who made the trip were Mr. and Mrs. L. Rebalj and daughter, Emma, Mr. and Mrs. L. Jagodnik and daughter, Mimi, Mr. and Mrs. Sceril, and son Anthony and Mr. and Mrs. Prileson. Adding color to the affair was Frank Draz with his homemade concertina. To the delight of everyone, he could play it too, always having plenty of couples on the floor when he would swing out with those polka and popular tunes. Also attending this affair that saw Tony Tratar Jr. making every one feel at home, were the Rudie Stefancics. Rudie and this scribe had a nice chat about how well the Veronians have progressed with the club, and how nice it was to see our members beginning to enjoy themselves at affairs such as was at this anniversary.

Came Sunday, Sept. 5, and the night of our social. What a crowd, the former Veronian Sec'y Martin Vrbancic and Eddie Ruskevich who were home for the holidays, from Oklahoma, as well as these boys, Sam Sucevich, Charles Mehalich and Andy Sepelyak who were home on leave, paid us a visit. The folks really like our socials and are showing it by setting another mark in attendance for us to shoot at. The Mohars and all of Mrs. Jagodnik's friends who helped celebrate his anniversary were also at the social singing and dancing and having a wonderful time. When I say a good time I mean just that, because of the way these dances and socials are being handled by the entertainment committee and the Board of Directors.

Say did you see those two couples dancing the polka take those spills? Reminded one of the approaching of the football season. While on the subject of football (for the benefit of the Veronians who are in the service), the Verona High School, your Alma Mater, is having a football team this year. The names of some of the players as well as the scores of these games and other games will be given to you by your scribe.

Attention Veronians! Your next monthly meeting will be held at the home of Josephine Kaus, on the last Monday in September instead of Chubby Gostky's place.

Today's names, taken from the Veronian Honor Roll of Veronians who are serving our country (and what a swell job they are doing) are John Strama and Connie Langford. The first is John Strama, 8 2/e, 105th Branch A. D. G. Co. A. B., Camp Parks, Pleasanton, Calif., and the second name is Cornelius Langford, Molder 2/e, U. S. S. Sterry 11th Div., c/o Fleet Postmaster, San Francisco, Calif.

These boys are doing their share, let's do ours by buying those bonds that are winning this war and giving us a chance to be prepared for the future. So with this slogan ringing in your ears to write to these boys, I'll say so long until next week.

MICHAEL LIPESKY, 690.

Juvenile Circles

Juvenile Circle 22 Carrying On Despite Setbacks

MIDWAY, PA.—Are we awake? The setbacks of the activities of the SNPJ in the first years of the war have reflected not so much on the lodges as they have on our youth, that is, the Juvenile Circles of many communities. Yet, despite this setback our Circle, "Voice of Youth," is still striving to achieve the activities and interests as in prewar time.

Yes, we are still awake! Why? Because we are taking part in our 35th Anniversary of SNPJ Lodge No. 89, which is being held Saturday evening, Sept. 25, at Midway.

We are happy to announce that Juvenile Director Michael Verhovnik will be with us on this occasion and will address the audience. Welcome Bro. Verhovnik, we are glad and proud to have you with us.

The program will begin at 7 p. m. with a short play entitled "Not a Man in the House," a very humorous and enjoyable number. Then, too, we will have several other interesting and entertaining selections on our program. After the program there will be dancing; with us will be the "Slovenian Swing Kings," and you know just what is in store for you by dancing to their peppy and lovable Slovene and American selections.

Yes! We are still awake, and we are extending our cordial invitation to you to spend this enjoyable Saturday evening with us on September 25 at 7 p. m. It's a date!

WILMA KOSEM, Director, Circle No. 22.

Chicago Circle No. 26 to Meet Saturday, Sept. 25

CHICAGO.—An informal meeting was held by Circle 26 Saturday, Sept. 11, in the lower SNPJ hall. As I have mentioned, the meeting was informal, and so, we had just a general discussion of plans for the future.

During the discussion, the subject of a name for our Circle came up and we decided that the important issue of selecting a name for ourselves should not be put off any longer. Therefore, at our next meeting, which will be held Saturday, Sept. 25, a name for our Circle will be chosen and thereafter we will officially be known by that name.

The selection of a name for ourselves is such an important matter that we want all of our members to come to the meeting to help select a suitable name. We also want all of you to bring any suggestions you have for a name for our Circle. Write them down on a sheet of paper and also a few lines on why you chose the name or why it would be a good idea to call our Circle by that particular name. Don't be afraid that we will laugh at any of the names you bring in. For all you know, it may be just the name we're looking for.

So come on members, let's all turn out for this important meeting. After all, this is our club, and we should all have a hand in selecting a name by which we can be proudly known in years to come.

Don't forget. The date is Saturday, Sept. 25, at 10:30 a. m., in the lower SNPJ hall at 2659 S. Lawndale Ave. Let's all be there.

EDWARD UDOVICH, Pres.

Juvenile Circle No. 50 to Meet Sunday, Sept. 19

BROOKLYN, N. Y.—By this time you have almost all completed your first week of school starting your new year. Your ten week vacation has come to an end and school days are here again.

Lillian Kochevar, our sergeant-at-arms, left a few days before school closed in June to spend her summer vacation with her grandparents in Forest City, Pa. Jean Kirk, the recording secretary and her sister Annette spent a few weeks visiting their grandparents in Pennsylvania with their mother.

Loretta Seebacker left the city with her mother, brother and sister as soon as school closed and went to their summer home in New Jersey. Josephine Peshel spent a few weeks at the Catskill Mountains in New York with her mother and father. Paul Wolf, our treasurer, went to West Virginia for a few weeks with his mother and baby sister to visit his relatives.

John Wolf, the president, had to remain at home because he was kept busy working as a clerk at a local food market. Mildred Padar, secretary, took a few trips up the Hudson River to Bear Mountains and did quite a bit of splashing in the waters of the local pools and beaches. Delores Mikoley, our vice-president and her brother George also went with their mother to visit their relatives in Pennsylvania.

Most of you "Junior All Americans" certainly had interesting vacations, and each one of you should have plenty of experiences to each write a nice long letter to the editor of the Mladinski List.

Now that school has started so will our regular monthly meetings commence the third Sunday of each month. The opening meeting of the new season will be on Sunday, September 19, at 3 p. m. at the Slovene American Auditorium, 253 Irving Avenue, Brooklyn. All members are requested to attend and also the assistant managers. A great many surprises await all who come and after this nice long vacation we should be very happy to see each other again and should be able to hold a very interesting meeting.

Starting with September our Circle No. 50 will be put on a trial merit system recommended by Juvenile Director Michael Verhovnik. Here is a chance to get your first star next to your name by attending your first meeting on Sunday afternoon, September 19, and then full details will be explained how you can obtain a few more stars afterward.

At that meeting we hope to have the pleasure of welcoming Carolyn Kramarsich as a new member of our Circle as she promised she would join, at the party of June 27. Till we meet again on Sunday, Sept. 19, I am,

JENNIE PADAR, Manager.

Juvenile Circle No. 4 Helps In War Bond Rally

MILWAUKEE, WIS.—On Sept. 5, the Jr. All Stars had the privilege of appearing on the 30th anniversary program in Chicago. We were well received and glad to participate in the program. Also, we would like to thank those who made our coming there possible and took us back to the station. We all wish that we could come to Chicago again.

The Slovenes of Milwaukee county held a War Bond Rally at the South Side Turner Hall on Sept. 12. A parade preceded the rally with various organizations having floats of patriotic nature in them. At the hall about 2,000 Slovenes attended the rally with more being turned away because of the lack of space. The original quota of bonds and stamps was \$50,000—but the amount of bonds and stamps sold was over \$100,000!

Some of the highlights of the program were: 1. Jr. All Stars Chorus singing Slovene songs, 2. Jolly Fellows Quintet, 3. Tilly's Junior dancers, and last but not least the West Allis Girls who did old time Slovene dances, including the "Chicken Dance," under the direction of Frank Sezon. This group no doubt brought back memories to many an old-timer. We wish to see more of these girls in the future. In all, the rally was greater than planned.

On Sept. 8, we had our monthly meeting, and plans for a social were made. The social will be held after the October meeting with music being provided by Rudy Smole, Leon Bizjak, Elmer Vachetz, and that miniature Harry James, Peter Zuehowski. A good time can be expected by all.

Many of the old members have been keeping themselves away from meetings and rehearsal. If you are one of them, you don't know what you are missing. The trip to Chicago is just a part of events which the Jr. All Stars will have in the coming season. A good time to start again will be the October meeting. Meetings are held on the first Wednesday of the month at Sostarič's hall, S. 6th and W. Bruce sts.

MICHAEL RUPPE JR.

Coffee, Tea, Cocoa, Sugar

The rationing of coffee was announced by the President on July 28. After nearly eight months of rationing, improved shipping conditions have permitted stocks of green coffee to be built up to normal levels.

Meanwhile, coffee prices rose 45% from mid-January, 1941 to mid-May, 1943. Price Administrator Brown has apparently agreed not to roll back coffee prices, in an effort to appease the anti-subsidy group in Congress.

The President also said it is expected that "that within a short time we shall get greatly increased allowances of sugar." But the sugar situation is not so bright as the coffee outlook. The domestic sugar beet crop has turned out badly. Large quantities of sugar are needed for making industrial alcohol for war uses. Because of the shortage of corn sirup, bakers, confectioners and ice cream manufacturers are getting special cane sugar allotments.

Cocoa stocks are improving; it is estimated that this year's imports will be about three-fourths of normal. The grinding quota for July, August, and September has been increased from 60 to 70% of the 1941 levels. It might have been raised even more if cocoa processing didn't depend on the supply of sugar.

Imports and inventories of tea have improved during the last four months. But packers' deliveries are still limited to 50% of the amount in 1941 or 1942.

Your assignment to buy an extra \$100 War Bond during the Third War Loan was made for you by your son and neighbor's son on the fighting fronts. "Back the attack with War Bonds."

Spirit-o-Grams

By Whoost

ST. LOUIS, MO.—Early in September we were still enjoying the dry hot weather which began in July. Not only was it playing havoc with the food situation but it tended to make us rather lax in our spare moments after work was over. It was hard to concentrate on writing nice, long, interesting accounts of what is happening about us. At any rate, I hope this is a good alibi for the Spirits' articles which did not appear regularly in the Prosveta.

The Juvenile Party held Sept. 11 at the Concordia hall was a success, but more about this party in a later issue. Suffice it to say that the juveniles and the committee performed their duty in sponsoring this party. Good refreshments were served and everyone had a good time.

Speaking of juveniles, remember the Juvenile Membership Campaign which is now in progress. Let us see to it that we will bring into our lodge all insurable juveniles in our immediate vicinity. The campaign awards are attractive enough and our Society's record is second to none. Remember, also, that this drive is being conducted in commemoration of the 30th anniversary of the Juvenile Department.

Women have certainly taken over the reins in good old Saint Louis. Not only in our lodge where the entire staff consists of the fair sex, but elsewhere as well. We don't only have women in office, but the attending membership at the meetings is composed mostly of women. Let me see now. Oh yes hats off to three brave males who dared venture out and attended our last meeting.

Now I see that St. Louis is training women to run the buses and streetcars. The same is true of the rest of the large cities. Women are rapidly taking the place of men in every endeavor.

But to come back to our meetings. Don't be afraid, men! Brace yourself and come out to our next meeting to be held at the same place, 13th and Arsenal.

We were hoping to be able to attend the SNPJ celebration in Chicago over the Labor day holidays, but work and more work prevented us from coming. In addition, traveling restrictions were against us; also, our soldier boys must be given a chance to visit their folks. Servicemen are entitled to priority everywhere for they are doing a great job for us.

We wish to express our sincere sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Marsh, of Meadowlands, Pa., in the loss of their son, Staff Sgt. Andy Marsh, who gave his life for our country.

Received a card from my buddy today. Thanks for remembering. Let's all remember our "secret" pals today. If your pal comes home tired and he finds among his mail a card from his secret pal telling him how fine he is, it is bound to make his or her spirits rise. So for the sake of the home front morale, remember your pal today!

It looks like we are in for a house warming party, how about it, Roshel?

The regular meetings of SANC are held the first Sunday of each month in the afternoon.

Attention, SNPJ members in service in or near St. Louis! You are always welcome at our meetings and doings. You can call Lockart 5589 or write to our Lodge secretary, Mrs. Odella Markoff, 3939 Randall st. We hold our meetings at the Concordia Turner Hall, 13th and Arsenal sts., 2nd Friday of each month.

Pvt. Tony Petrovic spent a ten day furlough here in St. Louis recently. He is back in Texas again now. We are sorry we didn't all get to visit with him.

Sister Dorothy Petrovich is now a full-fledged nurse. She is a graduate of St. Elizabeth Hospital in Granite City, Ill. She now is at home with her parents here in St. Louis. Lots of good luck, Dorothy. We need nurses badly. I know you'll be doing humanity a lot of good in your profession.

Mitzi and Tony Sveglic have just returned from their vacation. They spent their patriotic vacation working on a farm near Livingston, Ill.

Our regular meeting was well attended. The dance committee gave their report for our anniversary dance. It will be held Saturday evening, November 13. Mark your calendar now. More news of the affair will be forthcoming. Watch this column closely.

Committee was appointed to purchase gifts which will send our soldier-members. Our boys can expect to hear from the committee within a few weeks. We want our soldier-members to know that our thoughts and hearts are with them.

We wonder what happened to our District Vice President. We expected some reports on the Board meeting and also the Juvenile Campaign at this meeting. Maybe the trains were so crowded that he couldn't get back in time. I'm sure he will be able to make it by October.

Democracy borrows your money; dictators' confiscate it. Remember this when you are asked to buy an extra \$100 Bond for the Third War Loan Campaign. BACK THE ATTACK WITH WAR BONDS.

Up From the Shadows

By Michael Becker

Northern States Co-operative League

An Educational Federation of Consumers' Co-operatives in the North Central States

This organization was founded in March, 1922. It now maintains its headquarters at 458 Sexton Building (529 South Seventh Street), Minneapolis, Minn. It is affiliated with the Co-operative League of the United States of America, an association (without capital stock) incorporated under the laws of the state of New York. The latter in turn is affiliated with the International Co-operative Alliance, with headquarters in London, England. The membership of the Northern States Co-operative League consists of: (a) constituent societies; (b) fraternal societies; (c) individual members, and (d) life members. Only the first named have a vote in the conventions of the League.

All genuine consumers' co-operative organizations, engaged in the distribution of commodities or services, and located in the territory of the League, are eligible as constituent members.

The fraternal membership of the League consists of organizations friendly to Co-operation and in sympathy and accord with its principles and aims, such as producers' co-operatives, labor unions, women's co-operative guilds, co-operative youth leagues, etc. Fraternal members have a voice but no vote in the conventions and meetings of the League. Any fraternal organization, which itself is a federation of a number of local units, may have a fraternal representative on the board of directors of the League.

Individual and life members are persons willing to subscribe to the constitution and by-laws of the League and making a contribution to its funds.

The dues of the constituent societies are, with certain modifications, based upon the volume of business done annually by each society. The dues of fraternal societies are ten dollars a year. Individual members pay one dollar a year and life members thirty dollars, payable in four years. At the last convention of the League a 25 cent individual membership for Women's Co-operative Guild members was also instituted.

Largely due to the activities of the Northern States Co-operative League, the consumers' co-operative movement in the north central states is now stronger and more active than in any other section of the country. Education is the very life blood of co-operation, and the League is constantly engaged in conducting education in the principles, aims and practices of Consumers' Co-operation, as well as in the history of the Co-operative Movement.

A few of the undertakings and achievements of the League will suffice to show how comprehensive is the scope of its activities. They may be enumerated as follows:

1. Conducted during the years of 1923-31 six sessions of a short-term co-operative training school, covering a total period of 39 weeks, with nearly 1,600 hours of class-work and with 196 men and women trained to serve the cause of Co-operation.

2. Conducted, since 1932, four one-week summer institutes with a total attendance of 150 students.

3. Organized in 1927 and since maintained an efficient auditing department in the service of co-operative organizations, whether affiliated with the League or not, and regardless as to whether they are consumers' or producers' co-operatives. This department now employs more or less regularly 5-6 auditors and is furnishing auditing service to more than 100 co-operative organizations in the district.

4. Issued four year-books (1925-28) on Consumers' Co-operation under the auspices of the League itself and two year-books (1930 and 1932) under the auspices of the Co-operative League of the U. S. A. These six year-books contain a total of 1289 pages of text, exclusive of advertisements by the various co-operatives.

5. Issued a paper "The Northern States Co-operator," during the years of 1926-28, rendered no longer necessary by reason of "The Co-operative Builder" having been adopted as the official organ of the League, and now occupying the field.

6. Taken the initiative in organizing the Co-operators' Life Association, a life insurance association to be licensed by the State of Minnesota under its fraternal insurance laws. This organization work is expected to be completed early in the fall of 1934.

7. Held twelve annual conventions of its own and arranged several regional meetings of co-operative organizations in the League district.

8. Distributed a large amount of literature on co-operation and allied subjects and published several pamphlets and leaflets.

9. Furnished speakers to co-operative meetings.

10. Given advice to the boards and managers of a large number of co-operative organizations.

11. Acted as an employment

agency for its member co-operatives.

12. Helped to organize several new co-operatives and assisted existing co-operatives to get out of their difficulties.

The constituent membership of the League includes such large co-operative concerns as: (1) Central Co-operative Wholesale, of Superior, Wis., which is composed of some 100 co-operative retail stores, most of them dealing in general merchandise; (2) Farmers' Union Central Exchange of St. Paul, Minn., a wholesale of Farmers' Union oil companies in North Dakota, Montana, Wisconsin and Minnesota, operating 25 retail branches and furnishing petroleum products to over a hundred local Farmers' Union oil companies and other co-operative oil associations; (3) Midland Co-operative Oil Association, of Minneapolis, performing the same service for nearly a hundred co-operative oil associations in Minnesota, Wisconsin and Iowa; (4) Franklin Co-operative Creamery Association, also of Minneapolis, which has a membership of approximately 4,000 and is the leading distributor of dairy products in the city, giving employment to 400 people. (5) New Era Life Association, of Grand Rapids, Mich., a legal reserve insurance company which operates under the fraternal insurance laws of the State of Michigan, has 16,000 policyholders and has been in existence nearly 40 years; (6) Cloquet Co-operative Society, of Cloquet, Minn., the largest co-operative store organization in Minnesota; (7) Soo Co-operative Mercantile Association, of Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., operating in that city 6 stores; and a number of other consumer co-operatives of various types, including credit unions, mutual savings banks, one dry cleaning association, etc.

While the original jurisdiction of the Northern States Co-operative League covered only the States of Minnesota, Wisconsin and Michigan, it now has affiliated societies also in the states of North Dakota, Montana and South Dakota. This is due to the fact that there is no other district league of consumer co-operatives in operation in the latter three states.

The affairs of the Northern States Co-operative League are supervised by a board of 13 directors. This board, which is elected annually at the conventions of the League, holds regular monthly meetings and elects various sub-committees, such as a program committee, an insurance committee, a literature committee, etc., to plan and supervise the various detail activities.

V. S. Alanne has been secretary of the League since its inception. Walter Jacobson is in charge of the auditing department. The League now has 5 employees on its pay-roll, including the full-time secretary. In addition to these, the auditing department employs 3-4 assistant auditors from time to time.

The services of the League's secretary and of the auditing department are always available to the co-operatives, subject to limitations of time and circumstance. Correspondence is solicited and answered. Advice is given on co-operative matters, the purpose of the League being to assist in every way possible the existing co-operatives, to strengthen them and maintain them on a sound co-operative basis. An all-important purpose of the League also is to carry the message of co-operation to the masses of consumers, help extend the movement in every way and promote the cause of Co-operation in general.

For additional information about the League and its activities, address: Northern States Co-operative League, 458 Sexton Building, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Midwest SNPJ Athletic League Final Report

CHICAGO.—The final report on the Midwest SNPJ Athletic League for new members secured during the recent drive gives the Integrity lodge, No. 631 of Chicago, first prize, and the Pioneer lodge, No. 559, also of Chicago, second prize.

The nine lodges affiliated with the league gained a total of 351 new members in the campaign, which is a good record. The nine lodges and the number of members each secured are as follows:

Lodge	New Members	Lodge	New Members
14	26	584	61
100	5	631	72
559	138	632	4
568	22	686	15
573	8		

We hope that these same lodges will also participate in the current juvenile drive. Let's make a good showing right from the start. Let's cooperate with Campaign Chairman Cankar and Campaign Director Vrhovnik so that the drive will be a real success.

The following lodges are entitled to bid for the 1944 Midwest bowling tournament: Nos. 14, 100, 559, 632 and 686. Letters will be sent out to these lodges, but you can send in your bid before you receive the letter. You may take this matter up at your September meeting.

Dues for 1943 have been canceled at the meeting held in Chicago Sept. 5. We would like to see more lodges in the league in 1944; dues are only \$5 per year.

M. R. FLEISCHACKER, Sec'y.

Soldier-Member's Pens Letter from N. D.

LISBONE, O.—On Sept. 1, we received a letter from our nephew, Vincent Bogatay, who is stationed at Camp Phillips, Valley City, North Dakota. His letter follows:

"Dear Aunt and Uncle: I received your cards and letter and was glad to hear from you and that everything around W. P. and home is all right. I am getting along fine. I do write to you very often but I guess the mail out here doesn't get out as it does back home. It takes days before it gets to Camp Phillips and then from there on to its final destination.

"So you are not going to plant any wheat. Well, if I come home we will plant plenty of corn and oats next spring, and I hope I'll be home before then. I was glad to hear that you'll be through painting by Labor day. I have been planning to come home for Labor day but one can never tell. We might stay here until late in September or longer. I like it here, and I am sending you a clipping from the local paper so you could see how much the people really like us here.

"We get up in the morning at 4:30 and then we eat breakfast about 5 o'clock. At about 6, after cleaning and sweeping around our beds, we are ready to leave on our trucks, about 14 in one truck. We go in groups, one group to one farmer. Today we went out about 30 miles one way, so it takes us one hour to get there. We start to work at about 7 o'clock and quit working at 5 p. m. We started today on a 500-acre farm of grain, that is, wheat, oats, barley and flax. I guess it will take us quite a while before we finish there.

"It is interesting how some of the boys 'act,' because they don't like to work and how much more work the rest of us have to do. Well, you know when I was at home I didn't work hard and that's the way I work here too, but the sergeant surely likes me and my work. There are three of us that he likes the best.

"Recently it has been raining here almost every day and I hope the weather gets better so that the farmers could get their grain in as we surely needed badly—to feed all the soldiers here and overseas as well as the rest of the people.

"I will close now and please tell everybody that I said 'Hello' to all and dad, too. With best regards and health to all, I remain 'the wheat destroyer'—Vincent Bogatay."

We wish to add that Vincent Bogatay is a member of our SNPJ lodge No. 358.

MARY BOGATAY, 358.

Chicago District Federation News

CHICAGO.—The National SNPJ Day and 30th Anniversary of the Juvenile Department celebrations held here on September 4 and 5 under the sponsorship of the local SNPJ Federation, considering the conditions prevalent throughout the country, was fairly well attended.

The program presented Sunday afternoon and evening was quite successful, with the Milwaukee juvenile members, representing the Junior All-Star Circle No. 18 and the Violet Ray Circle No. 4, giving a splendid account of themselves on the stage. Their combined performances set a fine example of what can be done with juvenile talent under able leadership. Of course, we are not forgetting that the success of any Circle depends also on the parents and the adult members of the supervising lodges. Their cooperation and support is always necessary.

Songs by the Junior All-Star Chorus and those sung by our guest soloist, Tonka Simčić from Cleveland, Ohio, were immensely enjoyed, as were the renditions of the local Singing Society Sava. The Smole brothers, Rudy and Matt, were exceptionally good in their vocal duet. The short patriotic skit, entitled "Our Home Front," presented by Josephine Vidmar, Hilda Bizjak and Mary Potiak, was well received by the audience—so was the vocal solo by Ruth Golob and the drum majorette exhibition by Margaret Ohojak. These and other numbers on the three hour program kept the crowd in a happy frame of mind throughout. In company with the Golob sisters of Milwaukee, we saw Frank Rezek of Girard, Ohio, who traveled a long distance to be with us.

Many members were disappointed in not seeing our Juvenile Director, Michael Vrhovnik, on the program. It is known that he worked hard in collaboration with other members of the local committee to put this affair over and it being also the Juvenile 30th Anniversary celebration, was, perhaps, no more than right that he be given an opportunity to speak a few words in his official capacity on this occasion. We hope that things like this will not happen again.

MICHAEL FLEISCHACKER, Member SNPJ Lodge 631.

Understood

A traveler connected with a cycle company was expecting an "interesting event" in the family, and before going away asked the nurse to wire, "Gent's model arrived" if a boy came, and "Lady's model" if a girl.

The wire he received staggered him. There was one world—"Tandem."

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FINANCIAL STATEMENT

For the Month of July, 1943

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	Odrasli oddelek Adult	Mlad. oddelek Juve's	Odrasli oddelek Adult	Mlad. oddelek Juve's
197	146.79	3.00		
198	278.30	15.00		
199	122.34	1.00		
200	234.56	7.22	111.00	
201	135.23	22.03		
202	94.32	2.00		
203	138.08	2.00	220.00	
204	297.86	10.00	212.00	
205	251.57	8.00	29.00	
207	275.31	9.00	20.00	
208	51.10	3.00	37.50	
209	170.51	3.00	37.50	
210	223.56	9.22		
211	64.75	0.00	465.00	
212	86.00	1.00	91.00	
213	122.00	2.00	12.00	
214	88.22	1.42	34.00	
215	205.00	14.24	211.00	
216	225.23	1.96		
217	49.25	3.72	56.00	
218	122.10	14.80	263.50	
219	25.20			
220	26.14	2.28		
221	82.15	1.84		
222			35.00	
223	296.95	16.90		
224	47.72	2.42	34.60	
225	190.05	9.20	1,021.00	
226	70.86			
227	68.22	1.00	620.00	
228	100.83	1.00	190.00	
229	37.24	1.61		
230	308.19	8.80	17.00	
231	105.29	19.45	38.00	
232	269.29	5.78	99.00	
233	29.22	1.28		
234	226.97	3.88	203.00	
235	68.22	0.00	37.00	
236	143.50	1.86	123.00	
237	80.31	0.00		
238	101.90	1.94		
239	90.51	13.22	112.00	
240	123.73	5.04	23.00	
241	268.17	85.50		
242	79.97	1.50	185.50	
243	81.13	2.18	56.00	
244	101.88	4.80	11.00	
245	136.93	6.70		
246	60.28	1.23		
247	203.29	9.42	301.50	
248	58.17	3.28	32.50	
249	306.46	3.23	158.00	
250	194.43	10.20	27.00	
251	183.73	4.51	82.00	
252	30.18	0.00	15.00	
253	215.53	22.18	478.50	
254	408.39	31.00	125.00	
255	36.26	2.34		
256	229.80	8.32	41.00	
257	229.80	8.32	44.00	
258	258.23	6.66	128.00	
259	53.18	9.50	328.00	
260	92.70	7.72		
261	202.91	6.08	35.00	
262	78.54	3.18		
263	259.69	6.28	248.00	
264	185.61	6.79		
265	107.01	9.48	25.00	
266	185.76	23.79	102.00	
267	307.91	10.56	71.00	
268	144.29	2.92	1,141.00	
269	188.82	3.52	128.00	
270	261.07	3.82	118.00	
271	190.60	23.18	87.50	
272	87.74	3.50	46.00	
273	194.60	4.95	44.00	
274	91.12	8.00	81.00	
275	106.19	8.89	28.00	
276	161.49	8.90		
277	56.32	1.85	70.50	
278	114.44	3.42		
279	36.42	1.06	31.00	
280	131.25	1.50	29.50	
281	33.84	9.50		
282	122.25	4.92	20.00	
283	74.78	11.90		
284	94.09	11.20	33.00	
285	248.27	15.80	86.00	
286	174.96	8.50	194.00	
287	436.58	17.54	625.00	
288	223.25	5.23	139.00	
289	267.19	12.97	43.00	
290	19.71			
291	3.64			
292	218.94	12.40	139.50	
293	231.18	4.72	147.00	
294	202.98	9.40	218.50	
295	460.23		129.00	
296	490.29		129.50	
297	204.10	25.22	132.50	
298	23.25	4.00	610.00	
299	34.10			
300	709.68	9.70	208.50	
301			7.00	
302	30.94	5.6		
303	191.62	4.30	1,076.00	
304	50.31	1.86	49.00	
305	130.32	1.70	100.00	
306	421.39	8.52		
307	120.43	5.20	81.00	
308	140.18	4.54	30.00	
309	181.47	13.87		
310			2,000.00	
311	240.94	7.10	42.00	
312	106.29	5.46		
313	120.43	5.20	81.00	
314	140.18	4.54	30.00	
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319	120.43	5.20	81.00	
320	140.18	4.54	30.00	
321	181.47	13.87		
322	497.29	26.06	193.00	
323	218.15	3.70	89.00	
324	138.09	13.13	69.00	
325	206.99	6.08	70.00	
326	70.14	4.08	141.00	
327	80.62	6.2	178.00	
328	80.65	6.2	178.00	
329	123.82	4.92	47.00	
330	26.65	1.8	14.00	
331	123.14	4.30	18.00	
332	15.06	1.68		
333	173.82	6.62		
334	70.82	1.60	30.00	
335	19.56	3.6		
336	94.73	4.2	5.00	
337	36.81	5.8	62.00	
338	213.86	11.88	102.00	
339	239.12	10.16	44.00	
340	25.10			
341	263.17	12.08	97.00	
342	26.22		88.00	
343	112.54	1.76	167.00	
344	84.22	2.30	15.00	
345	190.02	1.61		
346	96.92	5.04	22.00	
347	178.09	4.00	49.00	
348	56.14	3.6	41.00	
349	335.17	20.72	61.00	
350	70.09	2.40		

Minutes of Meeting of Supreme Board of Slovene National Benefit Society

Held August 12, 13, 14, 1943, at Headquarters, 2659 S. Lawndale Ave., Chicago, Illinois

OPENING SESSION, AUGUST 12

Supreme President Vincent Cainkar called meeting to order at 9 a. m. The assembly then rose in condolence of death on Tuesday of Assistant Secretary William Rus.

- It was reported that Supreme Secretary F. A. Vider was taken to a hospital on Tuesday due to a serious injury.
- Order of business accepted:
1. Meeting called to order
 2. Roll call of officers
 3. Special motions
 4. Order of business
 5. Reports of supreme officers
 6. Discussion of reports
 7. Official business
 8. Miscellaneous
 9. Adjournment

Sessions shall be from 9 to 12 and from 1 to 5, with 10 minutes intermissions.

Roll call discloses supreme vice president and medical examiner absent. President reports that vice president has written to explain why he cannot be present, and it is moved, and carried to excuse him.

A letter from Secretary Vider is read, and it is moved and carried to excuse him.

Molek moves that the published minutes of this meeting shall state only the motions, by whom moved, decisions and various explanations and that all speeches and discussions shall be omitted.

Olip seconds the motion. It is his opinion that the minutes have been too detailed and often confusing. Zaitz believes that discussions are important. Medvesek states that the summation of the debates for and against a motion should be given. Petrovich supports the motion and moves that it be amended to read that written statements presented during debate shall be published. Molek and Olip accept the amendment. Amended motion is carried.

Report of Supreme President

My report this time will be somewhat shorter than usual because our organization's activities have been considerably curtailed by the war and attendant conditions.

Our campaign of last year was carried over into the first part of this year. Campaigns for new members have become one of the most important phases of our activity, and it has become apparent in recent years that this is the only truly productive means of maintaining a strong membership level in our organization.

Reports on this campaign have already been published, and will be further discussed here. It is true that the costs involved are high, and those who oppose having campaigns can use this as an argument. However, we must consider the conditions and the difficult times, and when we realize that in spite of these things we were able to enroll so many new members through our campaign, we must admit that it pays.

The campaign we have planned to commemorate the 30th anniversary of our juvenile department this fall can be just as successful if we will get the right start and continue without let-up. The executive committee will submit its plan for this campaign to this meeting.

The call to celebrate the juvenile department's 30th anniversary and the 5th anniversary of Juvenile Circles has brought favorable response from a few federations and many lodges. Most of the affairs presented so far have been successful, and those scheduled for the rest of the year will undoubtedly be also.

We are trying to keep up the customary athletic activities, about which you will hear more from our juvenile and athletic director.

In past years we have had district SNPJ days, usually sponsored by the various federations. These were very inspiring and desirable for our organization. This year there was less interest in this activity, and even some scheduled events did not go through.

At our last supreme board meeting we decided that this year's national SNPJ day shall be in Chicago on Labor day as usual, and that it shall be also a celebration of the 30th and 5th anniversaries of our juvenile department and juvenile circles, respectively.

The federation of our Chicago lodges undertook the work of preparation which is going forward, and the outlook for a successful celebration is good. While we cannot expect so large an outside attendance as customary at these affairs in former years, there is great interest in nearby communities, and our Chicagoans are doing their best to present a fine program. I recommend that every supreme board member who can possibly do so should attend.

Certain states still have laws which are more or less restrictive to fraternal organizations. In other states certain interests are even now trying to introduce such measures. Your executive committee is constantly on the alert for these things, and assisted a great deal this year particularly in Illinois, Ohio and Colorado in seeing that dangerous legislation was rejected and more favorable measures passed. The society helped to carry a reasonable part of the cost of such a campaign in Colorado.

At our semi-annual session last year we were forced to summon the then medical examiner Dr. Arch to appear on charges of violation of the by-laws which ended in his removal from office. Dr. Arch then solemnly stated in open meeting and before all that he will not sue the society. But in June of this year we were notified by the Pennsylvania insurance commissioner that a suit had been filed in a Pittsburgh court in which Dr. Arch demands his regular monthly salary as supreme medical examiner, retroactive to the date of his removal. The case has not yet come up, and the matter is in the hands of our attorneys who have prepared our defense.

The state insurance examiners began their examination of our society last spring after a four year period since the last examination. While they took a long time to carry out the work due partly to the merger, they found everything in order, according to their chief who reported the system. They were especially im-

pressed by our special benefit system, which is without doubt the best proof that the SNPJ is truly a benefit and fraternal organization. Most organizations which parade under the cloak of fraternalism, have long since lost their fraternal character. Our administration was highly praised, and they were surprised that so large an organization with so many different activities could be administered so economically.

The financial report will show another increase in membership and assets in this period. Only a few funds have decreased a little, but there is nothing alarming, or which cannot be improved.

The number of our members in military service is quite high in proportion to our adult membership, but our organization has not been especially affected by claims due to the war. If this continues, there will be no danger in the future either.

The executive committee raised the low-salaried employees twice this year because the ever increasing cost of living forced some action on their behalf. It is difficult to find help to replace those called to service or who leave our employ for other reasons.

The executive committee discussed the coming 40th anniversary of the SNPJ, and tried to prepare a plan for its celebration. But the times are so unsettled, and as it is possible that everything will be changed by next year, we postponed the matter. However, this should be discussed at this meeting, so that the executive committee may hear the opinions and advice of outside board members.

The finance committee will report on investments, which have been carefully made to safeguard our society's interests as far as possible under given conditions. Other matters pertaining to our business will be given in the reports of the various officers. The minutes of the executive committee meetings have kept you informed of current matters, and my report is therefore concluded.

VINCENT CAINKAR.

Report of First Vice President

It is unfortunate that I am unable to be in attendance at this meeting of our supreme board. I held a great desire and hope to be with you, but obvious circumstances do not allow my presence.

Since our last meeting, military duties have not permitted me to be as closely associated with fraternal activities of our society as I desired. In this connection, my report is not unlike that of the previous six months.

However, it has been my good fortune since our last meeting to be located where we have several lodges firmly established. In May I availed myself of the opportunity to get acquainted with many members of our lodge 760 in Washington, D. C. I discovered that we have in this city a lodge that is a going concern, for the meeting attendance was encouraging.

During the past months I have been located in the vicinity of SNPJ lodges in Brooklyn, N. Y. I have been among our members there on several occasions, and my visits have been of genuine and mutual fraternal interest. Fraternal, cultural, and kindred activities in this city are very much alive among our members, and we can be pleased with SNPJ interest here.

Our official organ and constant contact with various members has been a source of deep satisfaction in keeping me informed of our activities and problems. But I regret that I cannot be active in these matters.

It is, however, unfortunate that I have not been receiving the official reports of our activities, especially since this is the second time I have been required to call the matter to your attention. I am frank to confess that for obvious reasons it is not so serious that I have not received them. But the simple fact is that the incident does point to inefficient operation of details in our organization, especially since (a) the supreme board has not decided that I should not receive them while in the military service, and (b) we were assured at the February meeting that I would receive them.

I was happy to read of the splendid results attained in our membership campaign which ended February 28. The active official promoters, and especially the active individual and lodge contestants are to be complimented for their active support. Of equal or greater importance is the celebration this year of our juvenile anniversaries, and I hope this meeting will be inspiring for better and more SNPJ Juvenile Circles. These are important as a social weapon against the tragic reports of general increase in juvenile delinquency in our nation. We must reckon with the simple truth that our present juvenile program is inadequate; we must, sooner or later, conceive a broad program with great varied resources to properly tackle this problem. Indeed, almost unlimited funds should be made available for such a program. The results could prove amazing, and I can conceive that such a program would stimulate the activities of our adult members. It is within our scope of endeavor, and we will render a noble service to humanity and our society.

In the prosecution of the war in which our nation is engaged, our society, its lodges and members, can take pride in having assumed its responsibilities. Similarly, we can take pride in offering our members in the armed forces the fullest advantages, unmatched by most fraternal organizations, except where additional assessments are levied. But there is more that we can do for them and for our society. I recommend that we begin now to consider a fraternal gathering on a national scale to warmly welcome back our members in the armed forces. This meeting cannot prepare the machinery to prepare a program for adoption at a subsequent meeting. This idea has been discussed with various members and it has been received with enthusiasm, including some members of our board. I hope you will not adjourn before giving this matter consideration.

We have taken our rightful position in post-

war planning through our association with SANC. Our interest and support of this organization should be maintained and accelerated. We are approaching the stage where its expression, if officially recognized, will result in not only an improved Slovenia and Yugoslavia, but will also be the basis for a better world—one of security and peace, the idealism and hope of our existence as a fraternal organization. It shows evidence of unmistakable support by our members, and I believe there is reasonable hope that their support will result in genuine achievements.

My fraternal greetings go out to you and to all of our SNPJ members. Let us carry on and work and hope that when I again meet with you it will be in an environment of great hope and good for all.

MICHAEL R. KUMER.

Report of Second Vice President

My report for the past six months shall be very brief. I have been active in all the SNPJ activities that have taken place in the last six months. Although there haven't been as many as we have had in the past, they were all successful and that is a good sign for the continued progress of the organization.

The bowling tournament in Cleveland which took place in the spring was a huge success. The willingness of the younger generation to participate in this tournament under the present-day conditions, shows the enthusiasm for sports.

At this time I wish to congratulate the leaders of our victory campaign, particularly brother Vrhovnik and brother Calkar for conducting one of the most successful campaigns in the history of the SNPJ.

Since Cleveland is considered the center for SNPJ activities, it has by no means lagged behind in promoting the campaign for new members. I am most positive that the enactment of the new law of the Ohio insurance commission to accept the juveniles without medical examination will aid immensely in procuring new members.

I have never before reported any dissatisfaction among our members. In the past six months I must state, that I have been in contact with a great number of members who severely criticize the political views taken by the head editor of our official organ. It is my wish that the supreme board would discuss this vital problem and come to some definite understanding with the head editor, for the future benefit of the SNPJ.

In spite of my long working hours every day, I gave all the spare time allowed to me to fulfill my duties. I only wish I had time to do more.

I hope we have a successful meeting and will accomplish the purpose of our gathering at this session.

CAMILUS E. ZARNICK.

Report of 1st District Vice-President

We again convene in a semi-annual meeting of the Slovene National Benefit Society, for, as representatives of our thousands of brothers and sisters, we bring collected ideas, that have been suggested during the past six months. Our sole purpose is to better our SNPJ in the interest of all our members.

Most of the activities in my district are due to the Juvenile Circles. Conditions still continue to be on the downgrade with the lodge activities. All the single men have been called to the service, and now they are starting to take our married male members, so that sports activities are impossible. Traveling conditions make it harder to continue inter-lodge competition, so all in all, we find it necessary to eliminate such activities, until our brothers and sisters in the service return to us, and this world is again at peace. We are in turn putting all our efforts in activities of the times. The activity of the local lodge secretaries can in many ways help to keep up the morale of both the members in the service and here at home. Some of the smaller details, which may seem unimportant, if given a little more attention, can help.

As time goes on, the Juvenile Circles are proving more valuable to our organization. We must help to build them stronger and more durable, and encourage their activities.

I have done my best to carry out my obligations as district vice-president and hope that when we next meet, we can discuss postwar problems.

JOS. L. CULKAR.

Report of 2nd District Vice-President

Since our last meeting of the supreme board I have not been as active in fraternal activities in my district as I desired to be. However, in view of the fact that farm work is every day work with long hours and complicated with shortage of help at this time, and further, the use of the auto is restricted, I do have the following to report.

I have assisted the secretaries of a number of local lodges who requested assistance in the matter of soldier-members and their policies in the SNPJ. Visits were made to as many lodge affairs as conditions would permit. Having been delegated with brother Petrovich in matter of lodge 6, a combined report is available as a separate item. The Penna SNPJ Day which has been postponed due to traveling conditions will be held as soon as improvements are seen in the use of the automobile in Pennsylvania.

The membership campaign results were satisfac-

factory and lodges an individual contestants did a fine job and should be complimented. The fraternal spirit between the lodges, federations and membership in general in this district is good. Not much activity has been shown in sports but this could be expected under the circumstances.

I am happy to report that both the English and Slovene speaking federations of western Penna have made liberal awards to contestants in the membership campaign.

JAMES M. MAGLICH.

Report of 3rd District Vice-President

There is very little I can report of any activities of the SNPJ. I think you realize why. However, I can say that I have found that the SNPJ is very beneficial to those of us in the armed forces and especially to those of us who are still in this country as it has helped us to become acquainted with other SNPJ members in other cities and states.

Bro. Kumer and myself have attended as many affairs as possible since we have both been stationed in New York City.

I believe the same can be said of New York that is true of any city—the war. However, I believe that this condition is only temporary and it is also my firm belief that the SNPJ will be bigger and stronger than ever upon the completion of this war.

The leadership of both the executive committee and the local lodges is to be commended for their splendid job of holding the membership which we must all realize is a tremendous job today.

Thanks must also be given to those loyal SNPJ members who are doing such a wonderful job in keeping the Juvenile Circles active and it is with deep regret that I say I am afraid that sports will have to be abandoned for the duration, that is on any large scale but, I think they are vital to our organization and should be resumed as soon as possible upon the completion of this emergency.

It is with deep regret that I cannot be active but my thoughts are ever with the SNPJ and when and if I return to your midst you can rest assured that I shall again become active and do all in my power to build a bigger and better SNPJ than we have even today.

RAY TRAVNIK.

Report of 4th District Vice-President

Since our last supreme board meeting it has been a fast moving episode for our SNPJ as additional vast numbers of our members have gone to the armed forces, among these some of our most loyal and active members. The loss of these members from our SNPJ activities has been very noticeable as many were leaders of their respective lodges. Those of the members who are not as yet in the war efforts, thus leaving little time for other activities, therefore, I too am forced under the existing circumstances to limit my field work for the organization.

Due to the fact that I have been unable to visit various lodges in my district personally, I have corresponded with them urging them to participate in the juvenile campaign as well as observing the 30th anniversary by sponsoring some sort of entertainment, although I have been informed by the majority of lodges that they have curtailed their social activities for the duration.

I have been attending the local SANC branch meetings once a month and I find them to be very interesting and progressing satisfactorily.

The best stimulant in keeping our members interested in the SNPJ especially in these trying times, are the contributions to the Prosveta. These writers are doing an important task in sacrificing much of their valuable time, and for this reason I suggest to this session that an issue in fall be dedicated to our faithful writers who are doing a splendid job. This will bolster the morale of the writers in knowing they are given some recognition for their work.

According to the latest figures given by our supreme secretary there are some 4000 of our members in the armed forces. With these figures continuously mounting, what the complete total will be remains to be seen. We must realize that these young men have been a valuable asset to our society. The postwar period will create an additional problem to our SNPJ as our members return to civilian life, some of them returning handicapped in some form or another, others may become disillusioned and may no longer have the same interest in the SNPJ.

Since our boys have willingly made sacrifices to fight for democracy, then it is only democratic that those of us who remain in civilian life make a sacrifice likewise. Therefore, I recommend to this session of the supreme board to consider a special fund if necessary to assist those of our members who will return from the battle front. We must bear in mind that in the fraternal field the society which offers the best assistance to those members in service will without doubt benefit by the expansion of its membership.

JOHN SPILLER.

Report of 5th District Vice-President

As vice-president of the fifth district of our organization, I hereby submit my six months' report.

It is my great pleasure to report that during our last membership campaign I recruited 144 new members and had time permitted, I could have been a little more successful.

I helped to organize the Fifth Juvenile Circle anniversary sponsored by our Circle No. 48 and as the speaker at this event I represented our society. The event was very successful both

from the standpoint of attendance as well as cash receipts.

I contacted the other lodges in my district urging them to organize Circles. They replied that after the duration they will take such action as at present there are no leaders available to organize juvenile groups.

I attended the Minnesota SNPJ Federation meeting and gave them the report of our last supreme board meeting and also made an appeal for our campaign.

URSULA AMBROZICH.

Report of 6th District Vice-President

The war continues to bring changes for our organization, not the least of which is the great number of our young members who have gone into our country's service. Let us hope that war's end is not too far distant.

Membership

It is noticeable that the membership no longer has the same enthusiasm for lodge activities, due no doubt to long hours of work, rationing and other restrictions.

Juvenile Circles

Our Juvenile Circles are an excellent institution of our society. Where there are Circles, there is more energy and activity, to the advantage of that district and the organization.

Victory Drive

Our last campaign, in which I was active also, brought good results and as conditions are still favorable for enrolling new members, another short campaign with good prizes should be started.

Due to a mine accident, I was not as active during the last six months as I would have liked to be. I hope to make up for lost time.

I attended several lodge meetings in Cleveland during my recent stay there.

EDWARD TOMBIC.

Tombic adds that the scheduled meeting of district vice-presidents the day before the board meeting could not take place because only he and Bro. Maglich were able to arrive on time.

Report of Supreme Secretary

My recent accident has prevented me from preparing my customary report and general survey, and I trust that it will be satisfactory if I limit myself to only the most important matters.

Our membership in both departments has progressed favorably in this period. Increase in adult department was 562, and in juvenile membership 507, total 1,069 in six months.

Adult Department	
Membership Dec. 31, 1942	46,337
New admitted	437
Transferred from juv. dept.	611 1,048
	47,385
Deceased	234
Cancelled and withdrawals	252 486
Membership June 30, 1943	46,899
Membership Dec. 31, 1942	46,337
Increase in first six months 1943	562

Juvenile Department	
Membership Dec. 31, 1942	15,814
New admitted	1,367
	16,881
Deceased	11
Transferred to adult dept.	611
Cancelled and withdrawals	238 860
Membership June 30, 1943	16,021
Membership Dec. 31, 1942	15,814
Increase in first six months 1943	507

Adult dept. membership	46,899
Juvenile department membership	16,021
Total membership June 30, 1943	62,920
Total membership Dec. 31, 1942	61,851
Increase	1,069

Undoubtedly you will be interested in the report of our Victory campaign results and expenses. There were 1,045 adult and 3,361 juvenile members admitted into the society during the year's campaign, or a total of 4,406 new members. Campaign expenses were: medical examination fees \$1,927.00, campaign emblems \$853.00, literature, pictures and other advertising \$1,109.01, awards to contestants \$6,378.60, total \$10,267.61. (This does not include award to lodge 559 which has not submitted its report.)

The cost of this campaign was the highest in the history of our organization. Complete reports of awards will be published in the official organ as soon as they can be compiled.

REPORT ON OPERATIONS AND DISABILITIES

Operations	No. of Cases	Benefits Paid
Appendectomy	90	\$ 7,325.00
Hernia	89	6,655.50
Various abdominal	60	5,190.00
Feminine organs	26	2,230.00
Bladder	23	1,030.00
Hemorrhoids	23	1,078.00
Variouse veins	23	935.00
Cataract	14	985.00
Gout	13	1,105.00
Fractured bones	13	455.00
Dropsy	8	270.00
Ulcers	7	560.00
Prostate gland	7	555.00
Cancer	5	310.00

Cesarean	4	320.00
Nephrectomy	3	240.00
Gall bladder	2	235.00
Mastoidectomy	2	160.00
Ectopic pregnancy	2	160.00
Vertebral	2	115.00
Various glands	2	70.00
Laminectomy	1	80.00
Osteomyelitis	1	50.00
Thorocoplasty	1	50.00
	412	\$ 30,950.00
Disabilities	7	3,100.00
Loss of sight	5	1,700.00
Loss of leg	4	125.00
Loss of fingers	2	600.00
Loss of arm	1	800.00
Vertebral	1	800.00
	19	\$ 6,325.00
Total operations and dis-	431	\$ 37,275.00
abilities		

REPORT ON DEATHS

Causes	No. of Cases	Amount of Insurance
Heart disease	47	\$ 30,111.90
Cancer	33	24,350.90
Hemorrhage	25	16,700.90
Pneumonia and influenza	14	12,000.90
Various accidents	13	10,450.90
Killed in action (war)	11	8,100.90
Apoplexy	11	7,350.90
Mine accidents	11	9,400.90
Tuberculosis	9	7,450.90
Paralysis	9	6,150.90
Nephrectomy	8	4,450.90
Abdominal inflammation	6	4,800.90
Anemia	6	4,200.90
Suicide	5	3,800.90
Nephritis	4	3,200.90
Automobile accidents	3	3,350.90
Gastric ulcers	3	2,600.90
Silicosis	3	1,750.90
Laparotomy	3	2,250.90
Diabetes	2	1,100.90
Infection	2	1,500.90
Asthma	2	350.90
Burns	1	600.90
Inflammation of bladder	1	1,000.90
Dropsy	1	600.90
Alcoholism	1	600.90
Total	234	\$168,211.00

FINANCIAL REPORT

for the period of January 1 to June 30, 1943

ADULT DEPARTMENT

Mortuary Fund	
Receipts	Disbursements
Balance of December 31, 1942	\$9,745,339.95
Unpaid death claims of December 31, 1942	58,703.55
Minor beneficiary fund SSPZ Dec. 31, 1942	15,113.00
Assessment	230,056.13
Net income from investments	99,762.08
Death claims	165,257.68
Minor Beneficiary Fund SSPZ claims	1,282.00
Cash withdrawal	400.45
Transfer to general expense fund	12,136.11
Credit on SSPZ certificates	23,342.80
Minor beneficiary fund SSPZ June 30, 1943	13,831.00
Unpaid death claims of June 30, 1943	62,295.75
Balance of June 30, 1943	8,870,428.92
	\$9,148,974.77

Disability Fund	
Receipts	Disbursements
Balance as of December 31, 1942	\$ 182,698.40
Assessment	34,772.82
Interest	2,066.45
Returned operation	80.00
Operations and disabilities	37,275.00
Balance June 30, 1943	182,342.67
	\$ 219,617.67

\$1 Class	
Receipts	Disbursements
Balance December 31, 1942	\$ 368,304.60
Assessment—regular	104,044.30
Assessment—special	369.00
Interest	4,176.66
Sick benefit	105,425.45
Balance June 30, 1943	371,469.11
	\$ 476,894.56

\$2 Class	
Receipts	Disbursements
Balance December 31, 1942	\$ 81,575.52
Assessment—regular	61,879.00
Assessment—special	450.00
Interest	929.37
Sick benefit	68,411.51
Balance June 30, 1943	76,422.38
	\$ 144,833.89

\$3 Class	
Receipts	Disbursements
Balance December 31, 1942	\$ 13,225.66
Assessment—regular	8,270.80
Assessment—special	15.00
Interest	153.10
Sick benefit	9,963.00
Balance June 30, 1943	11,701.56
	\$ 21,664.56

Special Benefit Fund	
Receipts	Disbursements
Balance December 31, 1942	\$ 120,726.88
Assessment	17,092.69
Loan repaid	946.08
Legacies	316.25
Interest	1,366.71
Special benefit and assessment	8,370.47
Donation to the American Red Cross	5,100.00

Building Fund	
Receipts	Disbursements
Balance December 31, 1942	\$ 69,489.93
Rentals, offices and hall	3,858.75
Interest	721.62
Janitor's wages	1,060.68
Fuel and lights	1,461.85
Building repairs, cleaning	645.78
Fees and water tax	1,281.97
Depreciation of building	1,351.62
Balance June 30, 1943	62,262.15
	\$ 68,083.40

Convention Fund	
Receipts	Disbursements
Balance December 31, 1942	\$ 4,734.90
Assessment	4,734.90
Balance June 30, 1943	95.83
	\$ 4,734.90

Expense Fund	
Receipts	Disbursements
Balance December 31, 1942	\$ 64,281.32
Assessment	31,814.61
Sales of Lodge supplies	186.15
Transfer from Mortuary Fund	12,136.11
Transfer from Juvenile Fund	7,943.90
Interest	752.53
Executive officers' salaries	9,200.00
Supreme & Dist. Vice-Pres. salaries	360.00
Finance Committee salaries and various expenses	1,214.03
Salaries & various expenses of judicial committee	488.25
Salaries & various expenses of supervising committee	613.80
Salary Supreme Medical Examiner	600.00
Salary Employees	8,831.57
Salaries for extra help	843.16
Expenses of investigating investments in default	246.40
Medical examination of members on sick list	2.00
Expenses of supreme officers on official business	348.52
Expenses of Misc. official investigations	16.00
Collection fees	30.34
Exchange with FHA mortgages	1,212.36
Insurance department fees	72.00
Rent of secretary's office	3,632.00
Rent of safety deposit boxes	1,650.00
Stationery and office supplies	216.00
Rent of tabulating machines	3,130.51
Campaign expenses	1,596.77
Donations to Juvenile Circles	845.68
Calendars	64.50
Advertisements	4,302.86
Postage and express	695.00
Telephone and telegraph	700.12
Lodge supplies	207.18
Mladinski list	342.03
Supplement to official organ "Prosveta"	4,430.27
Supreme Board Meeting	750.00
Litigations	1,515.56
Accountant's fees	389.39
Actuary fees	1,100.00
Office Equipment	800.00
Social security tax	122.01
Unemployment insurance	203.40
Dues to National Fraternal Congress	447.88
Surety bonds—Supreme and Lodge officers	75.00
Donation to athletics	588.99
Miscellaneous donations	647.50
Balance June 30, 1943	286.00
	\$ 116,994.62

STATUS OF FUNDS			
Dec. 31, 1942	June 30, 1943	Increase	
RESERVE:			
Mortuary fund	\$6,745,339.95	\$8,870,428.92	\$2,125,088.97
Disability fund	182,698.40	182,342.67	355.73*
Sick benefit fund:			
\$1 class	368,304.60	371,469.11	3,164.51
\$2 class	81,575.52	76,422.38	5,153.14*
\$3 class	13,225.66	11,701.56	1,524.10*
Special benefit fund	120,726.88	170,926.69	50,200.81
Building fund	69,489.93	62,262.15	7,227.78*
Convention fund	4,734.90	95.83	4,639.07
Expense fund	64,281.32	116,994.62	52,713.30*
Total Reserve	\$9,624,896.25	\$10,794,900.08	\$1,169,903.79

LIABILITIES			
Dec. 31, 1942	June 30, 1943	Increase	
Unpaid death claims	\$ 58,703.55	\$ 62,295.75	\$ 3,592.20
Minor's Beneficiary Fund SSPZ	15,113.00	13,831.00	1,282.00*
Trust fund for insane members SSPZ	905.48	967.64	62.16*
Prosveta	79.00	79.00	0.00*
Social security tax	199.62	206.74	7.13
Withholding and Victory tax	369.65	369.65	0.00
Trust fund for war savings bonds	366.42	366.42	0.00
Transfer from Juvenile Department	1,507.62	1,507.62	0.00*
Assessment collected in advance	321.87	321.87	0.00*
Total Liabilities	\$ 78,648.42	\$ 78,390.87	\$ 257.55

STATUS OF ASSETS			
Dec. 31, 1942	June 30, 1943	Increase	
Land and building—home office	\$ 55,526.29	\$ 55,526.29	0.00
Real estate acquired	51,988.00	51,988.00	0.00
FHA mortgages	447,114.15	447,114.15	0.00
Real estate—first mortgage	287,523.00	287,523.00	0.00
Loans on membership certificates	85,327.43	85,327.43	0.00
U. S. A. bonds	3,501,423.73	3,501,423.73	0.00
U. S. bonds H. O. L. C.	454,893.75	454,893.75	0.00
U. S. War Bonds—Series "G"	548,000.00	548,000.00	0.00
Dominion of Canada bonds	81,087.50	81,087.50	0.00
State bonds	364,422.52	364,422.52	0.00
Municipal bonds	2,965,935.37	2,965,935.37	0.00
Railroad bonds	14,487.50	14,487.50	0.00
Public utility bonds—not defaulted	192,968.75	192,968.75	0.00
Public utility bonds—defaulted	38,350.00	38,350.00	0.00
Industrial bonds	144,658.97	144,658.97	0.00
Matured bonds receivable	30,800.00	30,800.00	0.00

Certificates of indebtedness			
Dec. 31, 1942	June 30, 1943	Increase	
Bank of Montreal, Toronto, Canada	41,143.86	41,143.86	0.00
Spec. deposit in International Savings & Loan Association	5,000.00	5,000.00	0.00
Savings and Loan Association deposits	280,000.00	280,000.00	0.00
Account with Prosveta	4,369.29	4,369.29	0.00
Lodge supplies sales receivable	18.59	18.59	0.00
Total	\$ 9,943,280.95	\$ 9,943,280.95	0.00

JUVENILE DEPARTMENT			
Dec. 31, 1942	June 30, 1943	Increase	
Balance Dec. 31, 1942	\$665,104.45	\$665,104.45	0.00
Assessment	19,857.67	19,857.67	0.00
Net income from investments	10,010.79	10,010.79	0.00
Returned overpayments of Adult Department	1,557.67	1,557.67	0.00
Death claims	3,520.00	3,520.00	0.00
Matured certificates	215.00	215.00	0.00
Paid to members transferred to Adult Dept.	8,897.00	8,897.00	0.00
Transfer to expense fund of Adult Department	7,843.90	7,843.90	0.00
Exchange fees	2.70	2.70	0.00
Expense with FHA mortgages	34.10	34.10	0.00
Medical examination fees—new members	62.00	62.00	0.00
Balance June 30, 1943	675,755.83	675,755.83	10,651.38
	\$696,330.53	\$696,330.53	0.00

STATUS OF ASSETS			
Dec. 31, 1942	June 30, 1943	Increase	
FHA mortgages	\$ 8,895.10	\$ 8,895.10	0.00
Real estate—first mortgage	15,146.49	15,146.49	0.00
Real estate—second mortgage	600.00	600.00	0.00
U. S. A. bonds	303,561.78	303,561.78	0.00
U. S. bonds H. O. L. C.	44,051.57	44,051.57	0.00
U. S. Savings Certificates	16,500.00	16,500.00	0.00
U. S. War Bonds—Series "G"	30,035.94	30,035.94	0.00
State bonds	18,468.76	18,468.76	0.00
Municipal bonds	144,261.51	144,261.51	0.00
Public utility bonds—not defaulted	31,437.50	31,437.50	0.00
Public utility bonds—defaulted	6,400.00	6,400.00	0.00
Certificates of indebtedness	6,982.50	6,982.50	0.00
Stocks	1,120.00	1,120.00	0.00
Assessment for June received in July	61.49	61.49	0.00
Checking account:			
Bank of Montreal, Chicago	2,931.69	2,931.69	0.00
Bank of Montreal, Toronto, Can.	1,245.05	1,245.05	0.00
Deposit at Roseland State Bank—receivership	56.46	56.46	0.00
Savings and Loan Association deposits	44,000.00	44,000.00	0.00
Total Assets	\$ 675,755.83	\$ 675,755.83	0.00
Assets December 31, 1942	666,622.07	666,622.07	9,133.76
INCREASE in the first half of 1943	\$ 9,093.76	\$ 9,093.76	0.00

ASSETS OF INSURANCE DEPARTMENT			
Dec. 31, 1942	June 30, 1943	Increase	
Adult department	\$ 9,843,280.95	\$ 9,843,280.95	0.00
Juvenile department	675,755.83	675,755.83	0.00
Total assets and liabilities both departments—June 30, 1943	\$10,519,036.78	\$10,519,036.78	0.00
Total assets and liabilities both departments—December 31, 1942	10,378,306.78	10,378,306.78	140,730.00
INCREASE	\$ 140,730.00	\$ 140,730.00	0.00

Examiners from the state insurance department were in our office from April 13 to July 21, and examined our business for a period of four years. The society paid \$5,482.50 to the insurance department for this work.

The SNPJ will celebrate its 40th anniversary next year, and this meeting should discuss this event. My recommendation would be that the moral aspects of the celebration shall be duly considered, and not only the financial side.

Report accepted. F. A. VIDER.

President reports that he has no report of Assistant Secretary, but if the late Bro. Rus prepared a report and it is found, it will be published in the minutes.

Report of Secretary of Sick Benefit Department

Status of Sick Benefit Funds Jan. 1 to June 30, 1943

\$1 Class	
Receipts	Disbursements
January	\$ 20,651.70
February	20,632.80
March	20,589.90
April	20,536.50
May	20,433.00
June	1,200.40
Total regular assess.	\$104,044.30
Special assess.	369.00
Returned benefit	25.00
Interest	4,176.66
Total receipts	\$108,614.96
Disbursements:	
January	\$ 15,963.75
February	16,644.50
March	19,862.70
April	21,470.00
May	15,021.00
June	15,888.50
Total	\$105,425.45
Increase in 6 months	\$ 3,164.51
Balance Dec. 31	368,304.60
Balance June 30	\$371,469.11

\$2 Class	
Receipts	Disbursements
January	\$ 12,215.60
February	12,247.10
March	12,218.60
April	12,143.60
May	12,154.10
June	900.00
Total regular assess.	\$ 61,879.00
Special assessment	450.00
Benefit returned	177.00
Interest	929.37
Total receipts	\$ 63,435.37
Disbursements:	
January	\$ 10,966.50
February	10,351.00
March	13,534.50
April	12,831.51
May	10,997.00
June	9,908.00
Total	

Any further information, if desired, will be given at the meeting. PHILIP GODINA.

PRINTERY-FINANCIAL STATEMENT Six months ended June 30, 1943

RECEIPTS: Publications Sales (Prosveta and Mladinski List) \$ 25,281.25; Sales to SNPJ 2,665.46; Sales to Prosveta 177.89; Sales to Customers 1,602.33; House Sales 33.60

Total Receipts for Completed Work \$ 29,760.53; Refund on Retailers' Occupational Tax 135.41; Waste Paper Sales 6.00; Cash Discounts Earned 38.30; Interest on Securities 657.53; Interest on Mortgage Loans 136.11

DISBURSEMENTS: Paper Purchases \$ 6,169.94; Ink Purchases 171.38; Macellaneous Materials Purchases 1,879.97; Publications Postage 772.89; Factory Pay Roll 15,070.18; Rent 1,800.00; Fire Insurance 88.02; Depreciation 273.58; Power 500.06; Machine Metal Waste 20.92; Liability Insurance 78.94; Stock Handling Expense 60.00; Departmental Machine Expense 314.62; Work in Process December 31, 1942 464.14

Total Factory Expense \$ 27,664.64; Less Work in Process June 30, 1943 464.77; Manufacturing Cost of Sales \$ 27,199.87; Shipping and Mailing Department Expense 220.44; Advertising Expense 350.00; Office Salaries 1,794.95; General and Office Expense 47.81; Postage 117.22; Old Age Benefit Tax 164.93; Unemployment Compensation Tax 131.96; Audit Fee 150.00

DISTRIBUTION OF ASSETS: Balance in Amalgamated Trust and Savings Bank \$ 12,272.75; Accounts Receivable 64.96; Materials Inventory (Paper and Ink) 2,216.67; Work in Process Inventory 464.77; Investments (Municipal, Industrial and Government Bonds) 46,562.96; Real Estate Mortgage 5,312.62; Machinery and Equipment (at cost) 54,466.36; Unexpired Insurances 422.46; Mailing Department Inventory 20.16; Publications Postage Inventory 203.15; Postage Inventory 13.00; Shipping Department Inventory 16.87; General Factory Inventory 12.24; Bindery "C" Inventory 1.43

LIABILITIES, NET WORTH AND RESERVES: Accrued Salaries \$ 378.74; Accounts Payable 352.24; Old Age Benefit Tax 165.88; Unemployment Compensation Tax 90.97; Victory Tax Reserve 238.84; Employees' War Bond Savings Accounts 245.61; Allowances for Depreciation 51,206.65; Original SNPJ Investment 50,000.00; Surplus 19,371.47

TOTAL ALL ASSETS \$ 70,843.75; TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET WORTH \$ 70,843.75

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR PUBLICATIONS DEPARTMENT PROSVETA AND MLADINSKI LIST Six months ended June 30, 1943

RECEIPTS: Subscriptions—Daily \$ 6,624.53; Subscriptions—Weekly 23,611.62; Advertising 2,135.22; Maintenance Fund for Magazine (SNPJ) 3,910.27; Editors' and Office Service for Magazine 520.00; Interest on Securities 532.53; Dead Accounts Recovered 38.00

DISBURSEMENTS: Commissions and Discounts on Subscriptions and Advertising 1,363.62; Cost of Printing Prosveta and Mladinski List 25,281.25; Stationery and Office Salaries 8,474.76; Depreciation on Furniture and Fixtures 118.04; General Expense 48.36; Audit Fee 2.56; Rent 100.00; Postage and Shipping Expense 300.00; Second Class Postage (Prosveta and Mladinski List) 129.49; Publishing Expense 2,073.95; Old Age Benefit Tax 515.72; Unemployment Compensation Tax 83.01; Exchange on Checks 66.42

Total department for six months \$ 1,185.16; Total \$ 37,372.17

DISTRIBUTION OF ASSETS: Cash in Northern Trust Company Bank \$ 12,349.05; Accounts Receivable—Advertising 175.04; Deposit—Second Class Postage for Prosveta 608.93; Deposit—Second Class Postage for Mladinski List 56.01

Securities (U.S. Treasury Bonds) 36,201.88; Furniture and Fixtures (at cost) 6,328.24; TOTAL ALL ASSETS \$ 55,729.95

LIABILITIES, RESERVES AND SURPLUS: Accounts Payable \$ 4,359.29; Accrued Salaries 182.31; Old Age Benefit Tax 87.16; Unemployment Compensation Tax 46.69; Reserve for Victory Tax 162.76; War Bond Savings Account 155.46; Reserve for Depreciation on Furniture and Fixtures 5,906.89; Surplus 44,829.39

TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET WORTH \$ 55,729.95

ITEMIZED STATEMENT DISBURSEMENTS FOR PUBLICATIONS DEPARTMENT Six months ended June 30, 1943

Commissions and Discounts on Subscriptions \$ 1,265.79; Commissions and Discounts on Advertising 97.83; Printing—Daily 7,603.25; Printing—Weekly 14,291.00; Printing—Magazine 3,587.50; Office Salaries 3,192.20; Salaries of Editors 5,282.56; Stationery and Office Supplies: Elliott Addressing Machine Company 20.23; SNPJ Printery 79.25; L C Smith and Corona Typewriters, Inc. 18.36; Miscellaneous 30; Depreciation on Furniture and Fixtures 48.36; General Expense 2.56; Audit Fee 100.00; Rent 300.00; Postage and Shipping Expense 129.49; Second Class Postage—Newspaper 1,971.88; Second Class Postage—Magazine 102.07; Publishing Expense: The Federated Press 175.50; Express charges and misc. 97; Subscriptions to magazines and newspapers 12.00; SNPJ Printery (cuts) 71.14; Elliott Addressing Machine Company 131.11; John Molek (petty cash) 20.00; Katka Zupancic—magazine 45.00; Mary Jugg Molek 5.00; Ernestine Jugg 30.00; Emerine S. Rees 20.00; Bill Boltzart 3.00; Eugene Skoff 2.00; Exchange on Checks .15; Old Age Benefit Tax 83.01; Unemployment Compensation Tax 66.42

Report accepted. \$ 38,557.33

Report of the Editor of Society Publications

Nothing outside of the daily routine of editorial work has come up for special attention in the editorial office during the last six months. It is worthy of note, however, that despite the fact that our country has been at war during the past twenty months our publications have enjoyed the same freedom of the press that was accorded them during peacetime. This is factual proof that American democracy has not retrogressed. Let us hope that it remains so.

With a few exceptions—not at all extraordinary in the life of Prosveta—we have had in the first six months of this year no serious disputes, or anything that might be construed as disruptive to its general role. The majority of our contributors continues to write, although we must regretfully admit that their ranks are steadily being depleted because of old age and death. Their places cannot be filled, under present-day circumstances. The jubilee issue of Mladinski List—June number—was dedicated to the fifth anniversary of juvenile circles; it contained 64 pages, or twice its usual size. Another jubilee issue is in progress for October to celebrate the thirtieth anniversary of the juvenile department. The contents for the June issue were largely contributions from the juvenile circles and their active directors. To this work, Bro. Michael Vrhovnik, director of juvenile circles, gave his willing cooperation. The lack of good, original material is most keenly felt in the editing of Mladinski List. This lack of contributors is most noticeable in the Slovene section, which has, at present, only one remaining regular contributor. The war is a factor in this as well as the general scarcity of good juvenile writers. This explains our recourse to reprints.

Let me mention another matter in connection with Prosveta which is obvious but not altogether clear to everyone. When Yugoslavia was ruthlessly invaded two years ago and when American Slovians outlined two courses of united action for aid to the Slovians in Yugoslavia, I bent all my efforts to prevent public disputes among ourselves in America to the end that all our organizations and all our publications would unite in common effort toward positive goals. These aims had been outlined in declarations and resolutions of our united groups, representing the great majority of American Slovians and of which the Slovene National Congress was certainly the largest and the most representative. At that time I resolved that Prosveta will not foster disunity so long as winning the war and aiding the mother country were foremost in the purposes of the two organizations; that I would not provoke factional political disputes with other publications, that I would ignore any such provocations on the part of the others, and especially personal attacks upon the editor. To these principles Prosveta still adheres. In two or three instances it was necessary to comment in the interest of democratic principles, the policies of Prosveta, and the policies of our organization. In no instance to date, however, have I made any answer to personal attacks, which are in a certain publication almost the order of the day.

Some of our readers may consider these tactics signs of weakness. There have been insinuations of a lack of moral courage, of a resignation to reactionary forces, and some have fallen so low as to accuse me of having submitted to bribery. These unfounded, detrimental utterances come from insincere, naive people; they come from those who lack insight and understanding of moments more tremendous than history has record of—moments when our kinsmen are fighting for life and death—moments when thousands are dying for the most fundamental human freedoms and liberty—when there is no time for partisan disputes nor partisan exploitation such as are seized upon only by the intellectually and ethically bankrupt. You have my word of honor, brothers and sisters, that the editor is not asleep at his post. While others create chaos he is carefully keeping account, and as surely as the sun follows the rain

his day of reckoning will also come. Place your credence in the familiar saying that "he who laughs last, laughs most heartily." IVAN MOLEK.

Report of the Juvenile Director

Since my last report six months ago, there have been a number of very important changes in the trend of world events, but hardly enough to give one cause to believe that we will soon witness a revival of some of our traditional SNPJ activities set aside for the duration. The war, while appearing to be nearing a climax at least on the surface, is still very much with us in every "shape" and "form" both here on the home fronts and the battlefields, and the Office of the Juvenile Director, whose duties are connected mostly with activities of our young people, naturally is forced to suffer more because of it than, perhaps, any other in the Society. Our young men and some few women, married and single, continue to join the armed forces of the country and slowly but surely our ranks are being depleted of active English-Speaking members and workers, and there isn't anything we can do about it except wait and hope that the war will end soon and return them once more to our lodges, healthy in mind and body and ready to continue their fraternal associations where they left off.

Other than the facts that we have been able to show a substantial gain in membership, both in the Adult and Juvenile Departments, added two Juvenile Circles to the roster, helped to prepare the special issue of the Mladinski List in the month of June in collaboration with the Editor, this commemorating the 5th Anniversary of Juvenile Circles, and otherwise tried to do as much as possible and advisable under present conditions to carry out the FIVE POINT PROGRAM adopted at the previous Supreme Board meeting, there isn't much for me to report. The Victory Campaign, as you know, ended with the close of the month of February. All of you, I'm sure, are acquainted enough with the main results of the campaign, so that it will not be necessary for me to go too deeply into the details. However, a few statistics are in order and these I intend to disclose as briefly as possible in the following lines.

The total enrollment of the campaign, adults and juveniles combined, excluding increases of mortuary insurance, was 5805. Of this number, 3,362 were juveniles, 1059 new adult members and 1,384 transfers from the Juvenile Department. The results are noticeably reflected in the gains made by the Society last year and for the six months ending June 30, 1943, showing a net gain of 2638, this after deduction of dead, cancelled and transferred members. This record compares very favorably with the best that member organizations of the National Fraternal Congress have shown.

While we did make considerable headway through this campaign, it is surprising to note that approximately 25% of the lodges failed to add a single new or transferred member. Of these lodges 83 have a membership of less than twenty-five members, 46 between twenty-five and fifty members, and the remaining few ranging, with one exception, upwards to 100 members. There were many lodges, too, that added only transfers from the Juvenile Department, but no effort was made to tabulate them separately for this report. In regards to cancellations, we find that sixteen months after the campaign started a total of 324 members, 155 adults and 169 juveniles, have been cancelled. These figures, if based on the grand total of 5805, give us a cancellation rate of 5.6%, but, if based on new adult and juvenile members only (4421), the rate increases to approximately 6.7%, which is surprisingly low taking everything into consideration. We must not overlook the fact that this percentage will grow bigger as the months pass. If we can stay within the 15% cancellation limit, we can be well satisfied. It might also interest you to know that nearly 33% of the cancelled members dropped out of the Society prior to the expiration of the third month, while the period of membership for the balance of the cancelled is a fraction over six months, or sufficiently high in my estimation to cover all or most of the expenses involved.

The cost of the campaign, I know, will interest you. The figures I have gathered from the Society's record include every item except the traveling expenses and per diems of official speakers who represented the Society at various affairs and celebrations throughout the campaign. This amount, which is \$696.82, has been omitted because I feel that regardless of whether there were a campaign or not, the same speakers most likely would have been requested and approved. Exclusive of this amount, the total expenses of the Victory Campaign up to this writing are \$6,570.79 with several hundred dollars more almost certain to be added later. If the average cost is based on the grand total of members enrolled (5805), and we use in round numbers the sum of \$10,000 as the total cost, we find that each member cost about \$1.75, but if we base it on new adult and juvenile members only, the cost increases to slightly more than \$2.25 per new member. This latter method would not be entirely correct, however, because we paid awards also for transfers from the Juvenile Department insured for more than \$500 as well as increases of mortuary insurance.

The campaign, we stated before it started, would be self-sustaining, that is pay for itself through First Year Preliminary Term assessment payments. While the exact figures pertaining to Preliminary Term payments are not available as of June 30, 1943, I am quite sure, after checking the figures we now have, that the income from this source is already between \$9,000 and \$10,000. This amount, plus the First Year Preliminary Term assessment payments which will be made between now and the time that a full year of membership has expired, will very likely be approximately double the cost of the campaign, which means that there will even be a nice profit in the end that can be utilized by the Society for other good purposes, and this, let us not forget, all at the expense of newly enrolled adult members and a few juveniles, who are insured under Plan 3 (Twenty Payment Life), at a cost to them of only a few cents more per month than they would be required to pay under the previous form of certificates issued by the Society. Nor must we overlook the fact that we gained a lot of good publicity and stirred up new life and interest among the lodges and members, which also has a value.

The above facts, as pertain to membership increases, we owe to those loyal members and officers on the local lodge fronts, who worked long hours, mostly in the evening after their regular work was done and, of course, to the District Vice-Presidents, the Supreme President and the Editor, and other Supreme Officers who gave their time and effort to the Victory Campaign. We thank every member and every lodge for their splendid support and cooperation in making possible a great victory in these critical times and hope that, when

the next campaign gets under way, we will again have their loyal and steadfast support. With very few exceptions our athletic activities, particularly among the lodges, need no special emphasis at this time. Our expenses and donations, covering the entire first six months of this year, amount to only \$647.50, which, undoubtedly, is the lowest figure for a similar period in many years. Incidentally, nearly all of this amount was used for the promotion of bowling among the various SNPJ leagues and tournaments. Our summertime sports have come to almost a complete standstill. What activity there is is found mainly in the Juvenile Circles. For the first time since the inaugural of National SNPJ Day, national sports events will be missing from this year's program in Chicago. Instead, the celebration will be organized mainly around social and cultural attractions in which Juvenile Circles from Milwaukee, Waukegan and Chicago will be prominently represented. The Chicago Federation of SNPJ Lodges is to be commended on the progress it has made in bringing to the attention of local and nearby lodges the importance of supporting this annual affair, the success of which is virtually assured.

The social and cultural affairs, while suffering little in comparison with the athletic activities, nevertheless have shown a noticeable decline. It is gratifying to note, however, that a number of our lodges and federations celebrated or are going to celebrate the 30th Anniversary of the Juvenile Department. Many of our Juvenile Circles, likewise, have appropriately celebrated their 5th Anniversary about which some very interesting reports have been received and others read in the Prosveta or the Mladinski List. It is hoped that these celebrations continue throughout the remainder of the year. All of us must realize that the Juvenile Department is the main pillar of support for the Society, for it is from this source that 60 to 70 per cent of our new adult members come every month. The Juvenile Department and Circles deserve our fullest support and cooperation.

This concludes my report. Other matters will be brought to your attention during the course of this meeting. MICHAEL VRHOVNIK. Report accepted.

Report of Judicial Committee

For some time now the judicial committee has had few cases or complaints submitted to it. Those who predicted at the last convention that the merger would bring misunderstanding and confusion in the lodges and among members were wrong. Everything is going better than we expected even, and this is to the advantage of the organization. During the first half of this year our committee has had only one case before it—the complaint of a member whose application for special benefit was rejected by the lodge. In the past few days we received two complaints about sick benefit not allowed and we will present them to the supreme board for decision as soon as we have received all the necessary facts.

We have had considerable correspondence with members who write to our committee for information about various benefits. Of course we always reply, even if in the majority of cases the matters do not belong to our committee. Usually when it is explained what the by-laws provide, there are no further complaints. This is our joint report. ANTON SHULAR, Chairman; FRANK VRATARICH; FRANK BARBIC; ANDREW VIDRICH; JOSEPHINE MOCNIK. Report accepted.

Report of Auditing Committee

The three day examination of accounts and meeting of our committee was attended by all its members: Frank Zaitz, chairman, Milan Medvesek, Andrew Grum, John Olip and Fred Malgai. The chairman was present on July 7 at the examination of bonds deposited in the safety vault at Harris Trust & Savings Bank. The examination was conducted by public accountants Philip B. Heller & Co. in the presence of executive officers V. Cankar, F. A. Vider and M. G. Kuhel. The same firm prepared the financial reports for the first half of this year of all departments of the society, and submitted same to our committee on August 9.

Our records were examined also by the state insurance department examiners. It took them three months to do this work, at a cost of \$6,482.50 to the society. The last examination was made four years ago. It was customary for us to give comparative figures in our report, but this time we can only partly follow this practice because, on instruction of the state department, the assessment for June cannot be entered until July or after it is received. Formerly, this was entered as funds in process of collection. Receipts for this period are therefore one month's assessment lower than usual, and it will not be possible to give true comparative figures until after June 30, 1944.

Total assets of all departments as of June 30 were \$10,547,639.65. In addition, \$146,127.07 is liabilities such as unpaid death benefits, minor's beneficiary fund, etc. The adult mortuary fund increased in six months was \$126,088.97, juvenile, \$10,343.09. Sick benefit fund decreased \$3,512.73. However, it would have shown an increase if the June assessment could have been included.

The special fund balance on June 30 was \$125,978.14, or \$5,251.26 more than six months ago. The sum of \$5000 was paid from this fund to the American Red Cross, and \$1000 to the Slovene American National Council. Other donations were American Slav Congress \$50, Peoples Lobby \$25, American Civil Liberties Union \$100, Louis Adams' Bulletin \$100, and balance special benefits to SNPJ members.

The deficit of \$4,639.07 in this fund on Jan. 1 has been covered, and the credit balance on June 30 was \$95.83. The balance of this fund by the time of the next convention will be about \$22,000, on the basis of our present membership.

Assets and Investments: U.S. Government Bonds \$ 4,493,007.40 42.00%; Home Owners Loan Corporation Bonds 501,020.32 4.69; Canadian Govt' Bonds 61,067.50 .57; State Bonds 362,891.27 3.46; Municipal Bonds 3,149,577.33 29.45; Railroad Bonds 14,487.50 .14; Public Utility Bonds 252,756.25 2.36; Industrial & Miscellaneous Bonds 151,058.97 1.41; Matured Bonds Unpaid 30,800.00 .29

Certificates of Indebtedness 55,526.29 .52; Real Estate Acquired 51,988.00 .49; FHA Real Estate First Mortgage Loans 456,009.25 4.26; Other Real Estate First Mort. Loans & Contr'ns. 308,506.06 2.88; Real Estate Second Mortgage Loans 600.00 .01; Common Stocks 17,653.75 .17; Savings & Loan Association Shares 324,000.00 3.03; Cash on Hand 1,573.86 .01; Cash in Banks (\$451.71 less res. of \$395.25) 296,627.57 2.77; Certificate Loans 85,327.43 .80; Miscellaneous Receivables 258.59 .002; Other Assets: Newspaper and Printery—Net 7,727.55 .07

Increase in total assets in six months was \$139,480.57. Govt. bond investment has increased \$323,393.44 in this period, and municipal bond investment in \$90,685.03 less than on Dec. 31, 1942. Decrease in industrial bonds investment is \$73,655.00.

Interest from investments was formerly credited to the mortuary fund only, but is now credited proportionately to all funds.

Investments: The SNPJ has at present eight properties acquired through SSPZ with a book value on Dec. 31 of \$61,750.66 which was decreased to \$51,988.00 in this period. Two items previously listed at \$2000 were cancelled entirely from our books. The former Konda property on 27th and Pulaski road serves us as a storehouse on the first floor and its second floor flat is rented.

We had a \$50,000 investment in the Cleveland Terminal Building Co., which has brought us no interest since 1932—a loss of \$30,000 in 11 years. The company has reorganized and has issued new bonds in exchange for the old ones. We received \$26,220 new bonds for the \$50,000 old ones, and \$2,622.50 in cash. Our loss on principal is \$21,032.50 and 11 years interest.

Our \$30,000 Washington Gas & Electric Co. bonds are defaulted since September 1941. The company is in process of reorganization. Tenants in 255-57 W. 103rd St., Chicago, building owe \$295, collection of which is in the hands of our attorney.

We had \$50,000 Epply Hotels Co. bonds which we sold for \$40,000, our loss being \$9,400. For \$14,000 Transylvania Co., N. C. bonds, we received \$12,250. Total loss in bond transactions and reorganizations was over \$32,000 in this period.

In non-ledger assets we have over \$270,000 juvenile and adult department bonds which are listed as worthless. Stocks acquired through various reorganizations are also so listed. Our investment in government bonds comprises over 42% of our total assets, and almost 9% is invested in government guaranteed real estate mortgages. Investment in state and municipal bonds is over 33% of total assets.

Matured unpaid bonds were \$30,800 on June 30. Total investments of all departments were \$10,246,725.43 on June 30. In this sum are included listed assets only.

Administrative Fund: Disbursements from this fund were \$52,453.27, an increase of \$2,973.31 over the last half of last year. The sum of \$1000 death benefit should have been paid from this fund also, instead of from mortuary fund due to the convention decision that assessment of new members is paid into administrative fund during first year of membership, and if death occurs during first year benefit is paid from this fund also.

The increase in disbursements can be accounted for by item for SNPJ wall calendars paid this year, and cost of state insurance examiners as explained in the first part of this report. Balance of fund is \$61,949.99.

Expenses for athletics was \$647.50, as compared to \$1,315.37 in the previous six months. Expenses under campaign for new members were \$445.65, including \$14 for one speaker.

Employees: Salaries of executive officers were \$9,200, and of other employees \$6,831.57. Six officers and eleven clerks were employed in insurance department. This has been reduced by Bro. Rus' death, and the departure of one employee.

At the time of our audit, there were 25 employees in all departments of SNPJ.

Advertising: Advertising expense was \$695.00, which is \$1,105.94 less than in the previous six months. Adv. in Prosveta \$275.00; Adv. in other publications 177.50; Adv. program books 10.00; Adv. halls 45.00; Films 58.65; Emblems, circulars, posters, etc. 162.50; Campaign subsidies 25.00

Total advertising \$695.00; Advertising in other publications includes Cankar's Herald, May Herald and Fraternal Monitor.

Building Fund: This fund concerns SNPJ headquarters. Receipts for rentals of offices were \$3,600. from hall \$258.76, total \$3,858.76—an increase of \$36.90 over the previous six months. Expenses were \$5,801.25 or \$1,942.50 more than receipts, not including interest in amount of \$721.62 which reduces the actual deficit to \$1,320.88. Assets of building fund on June 30 were \$62,202.00—\$1,220.88 less than on Dec. 31, 1942.

Expenses were as follows: Fuel and supplies \$1,122.53; Custodian's salary 1,400.00; Depreciation 1,351.02; Water 12.71; 1942 real estate tax 1,249.26; Repairs and miscellaneous 665.73

Total building fund expenses \$5,801.25. We audited the custodian's accounts as usual and found them to be in order.

Minor Beneficiaries Fund: Liabilities of this fund are \$65,639.54, assets \$58,422.43—deficit on June 30 \$7,217.12. We reported at previous meetings on bond losses in this fund.

Publications: Prosveta and Mladinski List income was \$36,801.64, interest and collection \$570.52, total \$37,372.17. Disbursements were \$38,557.33. Income from members' subscriptions paid with June assessments is not included above as it could not be entered until July. For this reason the books show a loss of \$2,686.57 instead of a profit. Prosveta assets on June 30 were \$44,829.39 of which \$36,201.00 is invested in bonds.

Printery

Profit of Printery for this period is \$556.70. It was \$160.46 for the previous six months. Its assets are \$69,371.47 of which \$51,875.58 is invested in government and municipal bonds and first mortgages.

Audit

Our accountants audited the books of all departments and state that they are in order and the bookkeeping excellent throughout. The supreme officers and employees cheerfully cooperated with our committee. We met with Mr. P. B. Heller on August 9 at which time he reported on his audit and discussed various related matters.

SANC

We reported at the February supreme board meeting on traveling expense and per diems of supreme board members who attended the Slovene National Congress in Cleveland. Total amount was \$739.30 to Dec. 31, 1942, and in February and March this year the bills of the rest of the officers who attended were presented in amount of \$283.50. Total traveling expense and per diems was \$1,022.80.

As already mentioned, the SNPJ has paid the first installment of \$1000 to SANC.

Miscellaneous Funds

On August 11 we audited the records of various relief funds in the care of Bro. Cankar. At the time of our last audit on February 10, 1943 the total amount of these funds was \$3,468.18. From that date and to August 11, contributions were as follows:

Table with columns: Fund Name, Amount. Includes Slovene Relief fund (\$1,932.11), Russian War Relief (227.77), Red Cross (20.25), Slovene American Nat'l Council (816.28), Balance, Feb. 10 (3,468.18), Paid to JPO-SS (\$3,000.00), Paid to SANC (812.70), Balance, Aug. 11 (\$2,651.89).

The sum of \$2,220.73 of balance is JPO-SS fund, \$316.44 is Russian War Relief fund, \$31.25 is Red Cross fund and \$85.92 is SANC fund. \$2.45 is bank expense.

Miscellaneous

Our committee had no investigations in this period. The case of Jacob Mihelich of lodge 62 was reported at the February meeting, and concerns his claim for disability compensation for loss of sight. Reports on his claim were conflicting and we have recommended that the supreme secretary shall determine the true facts.

Bro. Mihelich informed us on July 26 that nothing was done in his case. At the February meeting Bro. Grum offered to investigate if he would be authorized to do so. We trust that the supreme office will take care of this matter promptly.

FRANK ZAITZ, Chairman
MILAN MEDVESEK
ANDREW GRUM
JOHN OLIP
FRED MALGAI

Report accepted.

Report of Finance Committee

We are herewith presenting to you a report of our activities, a review of new investments, and a record of other transactions which have taken place in our portfolio during the six-month period ending on June 30, 1943.

PURCHASES: The cost of securities purchased was \$386,957.19; which is a \$221,820.33 less than the cost of securities purchased in the previous six-month period. These funds were invested in the following types of securities:

Table with columns: Type of security, Amount, % of total. Includes U. S. Government Bonds (84%), Canadian Govt. Bonds (1.5%), Municipal Bonds (7.5%), Corporation Bonds (6%), Real Estate Mortgages (1%), Corporation Certificates (220.00).

As in the previous six-month period, the largest portion of our available funds was invested in U. S. Government Securities. With our Government borrowing billions of dollars to pay for war expenditures and lend-lease supplies, it is obvious that we shall continue to invest in this type of security for the duration. All our funds invested in U. S. Government Securities are long-term issues with a yield of 2.5%.

In the list below you will notice that an amount of \$26,000.00 was invested in Corporation Bonds of the Cleveland Tower Company. This, in fact, is not a new investment but merely an exchange of Bonds which we received for the old Union Terminal Company Securities. This Company was reorganized and is now called the Cleveland Tower Company. In this exchange, we have received in addition to the Bonds 230 Cleveland Tower Company Certificates, and 121 shares of \$1.00 par Common Stock. It is expected that the new Corporation will be in a position to pay interest on these Bonds regularly, but the future value of the Certificates and Common Stock cannot be determined at this time.

SECURITIES DISPOSED OF: Securities amounting to the value of \$236,862.07 were disposed of in the last six-month period for the following reasons:

Table with columns: Reason, Amount. Includes Sold (\$82,120.00), Called (\$80,110.00), Reorganized (\$47,252.00), Matured (\$41,550.00).

The disposition of these Securities represents a net loss of about \$31,000.00 to our Society. This loss was incurred mainly by the disposition of two issues, shown as follows:

1. Cleveland Union Terminal Bonds, with a loss of \$21,032.50. This loss may be decreased to some small extent by the probable future increase in value of the Participating Certificates, and the 131 shares of Common Stock.

2. A loss of \$9,400.00 incurred by the sale of \$50,000.00 Eppley Hotels First Mortgage 5% Bonds. These securities were on our eligible list. The State Insurance Department has often requested us to sell all of our securities which do not qualify as Legal Investment. Due to the fact that the Eppley Hotel Bonds would have to be sold at an extremely low price with a great loss to our Society, we have delayed this selling until this year. The following quotations will show you

that this delay was for the financial benefit of our Organization.

Table with columns: Year, High, Low, Sold at. Shows data for 1937, 1938, 1939, 1940.

FIRST MORTGAGE LOANS: Real Estate Mortgage Loans continue to be paid off in a very large volume, 20 loans amounting to \$44,575.46 being paid off during the last six months, thus steadily decreasing our investment in Real Estate Mortgages. The only Real Estate Loan made during the last six months was an amount of \$3,050.00 to the Veronians Club Building, Verona, Penna.

This is our joint report. If any Supreme Board Member desires additional information pertaining to the transactions as shown in detailed figures below, or any other information connected with our work, we shall be glad to furnish the same.

SECURITIES ACQUIRED JAN. 1-JUNE 30

Table with columns: Date, Description, Amount, Yield. Lists various securities acquired from Jan 1 to June 30.

LIST OF SECURITIES DISPOSED OF Jan. 1-June 30

Table with columns: Date, Description, Par Value, Book Value, Profit, Loss, Manner of Disposition. Lists securities disposed of from Jan 1 to June 30.

Report accepted.

Report of Medical Director

From January 1st to June 30, 1943, I examined 1,850 new applications for membership into the society. Of this amount 1,367 juvenile applications were approved and 437 adult applications.

There were 500 operation and disability claims made; 412 operations were approved for payment and 19 disability claims were paid.

The many letters received from members located in various parts of the country, requesting information, have been answered to the best of my ability.

I have had conferences with the president, supreme secretary and assistant secretary regarding settlement of certain cases, and appreciate the cooperation given me by the various members of the board. JOHN J. ZAVERNIK, M. D.

Report accepted.

Dr. Zavernik explains that he cannot attend all the sessions, but if necessary, will attend whenever he can find time. He will also resume publication of health articles in Prosveta as soon as he has more time. He answers various questions on operations and diseases, and states that compensation cannot be allowed for every operation according to the by-laws, but if a member is really in need, he should apply for special benefit.

President reports that the funeral of Bro. Rus will be on Saturday at 10 a. m. Vratarich moves that all supreme officers who can do so shall attend the funeral. Motion seconded.

There is some question about the services, and it is decided to vote on motion when the arrangements are definitely known.

SESSION AUG. 12-1 P. M.

President reports that he telegraphed Bro. John Klanchar, the duly elected alternate for office of assistant secretary, notifying him of Bro. Rus' death and asking him to report at once whether he is prepared to take office. Bro. Klanchar wired that because of present conditions, he is unable to take the office, and that the supreme board shall act according to the by-laws. For this reason, and as Klanchar was the only candidate at the convention for this office, the supreme board must fill the vacancy as provided by the by-laws.

Petrovich moves that according to section 11 of the by-laws an election for the office of assistant secretary shall be held; candidates shall file their intentions within 30 days from date of announcement of election; any SNPJ member who qualifies according to section 10, par. 2 may be a candidate; the executive committee shall submit a ballot with the names of all candidates to each supreme board member, and candidate receiving majority of votes cast shall be declared elected. Motion seconded by Olip.

Zupan moves, and it is seconded, that a special committee shall be elected to study the matter

Table with columns: Date, Description, Amount. Lists various transactions from Jun 24 to Feb 2.

MORTGAGE LOANS REPAYED JAN. 1-JUNE 30

Table with columns: Loan No., Location, Amount, Date. Lists mortgage loans repaid from Jan 1 to June 30.

LIST OF SECURITIES DISPOSED OF Jan. 1-June 30

Table with columns: Date, Description, Par Value, Book Value, Profit, Loss, Manner of Disposition. Lists securities disposed of from Jan 1 to June 30.

Report accepted.

MATT PETROVICH, Chairman, Finance Committee.

and prepare a report and plan of election at the next session.

Zupan motion receives 5 votes in favor, 13 contrary. Petrovich motion receives 21 votes in favor, 0 contrary and is carried.

Olip asks if a supreme board member may be a candidate without first resigning from his present office.

President states that some organizations require that an officer who is a candidate for another office shall resign from his office when he becomes a candidate, but this is not the general rule and he believes that it should not be applied in this case. Of course, it is obvious that if elected to the new office, he shall then resign from former office.

Vrhovnik points out that in that case there would again be a vacancy in the board, and the possibility of the present situation being repeated.

After discussion of secretary's office and his absence, Lisch motion carried that executive committee shall with approval of supreme secretary do whatever is necessary so that the work can be carried out promptly and efficiently.

Vrhovnik presents plan which executive committee directed him to prepare for a new membership campaign:

THREE MONTHS MEMBERSHIP CAMPAIGN COMMEMORATING THE 30TH ANNIVERSARY OF JUVENILE DEPARTMENT

Name: SNPJ Juvenile 30th Anniversary Membership Campaign. SLOGAN: Rejuvenate the SNPJ WITH juveniles.

LIMITATION: This campaign will be conducted in the Juvenile Department only, beginning Sept. 1 and ending Nov. 30, 1943. New juvenile members, admitted into the Society as of October, November and December 1, shall be counted in deciding the final winners of honors and awards.

CLASSIFICATION OF LODGES: All lodges of the Society are grouped into four classes according to their respective adult membership on June 30, 1943 and each class is designated by a letter of the alphabet A, B, C or D, as described below.

Table with columns: Class, Adult Membership, Quota of New Members. Lists classes A, B, C, D and their respective quotas.

CONTESTANTS: Any adult or juvenile member in good standing may participate in this campaign as a contestant. To qualify one must first enroll a new juvenile member, the application

for whom shall be accompanied by the name, certificate number and address of the contestant when it is forwarded to the main office by the local lodge secretary. Additional membership applications, thereafter, shall be accompanied by the name of the contestant for whom the credit is intended along with any other information desired by the Office of the Supreme Secretary.

SPECIAL CAMPAIGN AWARDS: The winners of the special Class A, B, C and D awards, of which there shall be two in each class, shall be determined in the following manner: The contestant having the highest number of new members in his class, over the quota set for his lodge, will receive the first prize and the contestant with the next highest total will receive the second prize.

The winners of the special All-Classes combined awards, of which there shall be four prizes, shall be determined in this manner: The contestant having the highest number of new members in the Society, over the quota assigned his lodge, will receive the first prize, the next highest the second prize, third and fourth highest, each their respective prizes.

As an inducement for Lodges and Circles to enter promising juvenile members as contestants in this campaign, four extra All-Class awards are offered to the four highest juvenile contestants finishing out of the special awards described above. Each such contestant must qualify by securing five or more new members.

MINIMUM QUOTA: The minimum quota of new members required by a contestant in order to be considered for a special prize is the same as that of the lodge to which he belongs, except as otherwise provided in these rules. This quota, however, remains the same whether a lodge has one or more contestants. (Example-If the quota of a lodge is fifteen new members and there are three contestants participating in the campaign, the individual quota of each is five. If one or two of the contestants fail to reach their share of the quota, the difference must be made up by the remaining contestant.)

IN CASE OF TIES: When a tie exists for a special award, the award involved shall be equally divided among the members concerned. The schedule of special awards:

Table with columns: A-B-C-D Class Awards, All Classes Combined Awards, Class, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, Place, Adult, Juvenile. Lists award amounts and places.

REGULAR CAMPAIGN AWARDS: The Society shall also pay the following regular awards for each new member enrolled during the campaign provided that at least six monthly assessments have been paid: For each juvenile insured under Plan I \$1.00, For each juvenile insured under Plan II 1.00, For each juvenile insured under Plan III 2.00.

PAYMENTS OF AWARDS: Awards shall be made payable through the local lodges six months after the conclusion of the campaign. All claims for payment shall be submitted on forms provided for this purpose on or before 1944.

MEDICAL EXAMINATION FEES: No medical examination is required for juveniles unless insurability is doubtful or questioned. In all such cases, the Society shall pay up to 50 cents for each juvenile examined.

CERTIFICATE OF MERIT: Every contestant, who enrolls the number of new members equivalent to or exceeding the quota of his lodge, will receive an attractive Certificate of Merit signifying that he has done his part in the SNPJ Juvenile 30th Anniversary Membership Campaign.

Each contestant shall receive credit only for the new members enrolled by him in the lodge of which he is a member. Credit for new members is not transferable.

Any juvenile, who is eligible for reinstatement into the Juvenile Department of the Society, cannot be credited to a contestant as a new member in this campaign.

A discussion of the plan follows, and especially of the last two provisions. Kuhel moves, and it is seconded, that second last paragraph shall read: Each contestant shall receive credit for every new juvenile member enrolled by him in any SNPJ lodge. Motion carried.

Zupan motion carried that executive committee shall set date on which campaign reports must be in the main office; campaign directors shall be the supreme president and juvenile director.

Mocnik moves that juvenile assessment shall be omitted for 3 months.

It is brought out in discussion that this cannot be done without careful study and examination of related considerations.

Lotrich moves that executive committee shall study this proposal and consult with actuary, and that it shall submit a complete report and actuary's opinion to the next supreme board meeting. Motion is seconded and carried.

Cankar presents matter of plan "G" certificates with clause which provides for payment of mortality assessment or reserve credit only for war casualties. Zupan moves that executive committee shall prepare a resolution granting the supreme secretary full power to pay the full amount of policy, but in no case to exceed \$1000, of fallen soldier-members insured in plan "G"; and that this decision shall be effective until amended or revoked by the supreme board. Motion is seconded and carried.

Cankar presents matter of SNPJ's 40th anniversary next year. Wartime conditions and restrictions make it difficult to make definite plans, and it is approved that the executive committee shall take this up and prepare a plan for a celebration according to current conditions, said plan to be submitted to the next supreme board meeting.

Bro. Malgai asks to be excused from the meeting as his leave is up. Motion to excuse him is carried.

Session adjourned.

SESSION AUG. 13, 9 A. M.

Minutes of opening session were approved as read. Minutes of second session were approved with correction.

Kuhel states that funeral arrangements of Bro. Rus have been completed, and that the family desires that SNPJ executive officers shall be honorary pallbearers. Lisch amends Vratarich motion to so state, and Vratarich accepts amendment. Motion is carried by 24 votes in favor, 1 vote contrary.

Medvesek motion carried that session shall begin at 8 a. m. on Saturday, and if business is not completed before funeral, the session shall be resumed in the afternoon.

On invitation of National Fraternal Congress to send delegates to its convention the last week in September, Lotrich motion is carried to send two delegates. Petrovich and Cankar are elected, and it is approved that they shall also attend the Ohio Fraternal Congress meeting which will take place prior to the convention.

Cankar presents matter of coordination of Prosveta's political policy in view of present conditions, and he moves that the supreme board shall endorse the program of the United Committee of Yugoslav Americans.

Molek states that convention resolutions of the stand and policy of Prosveta are a clear and definite, and will be adhered to; any changes in the resolutions can be put to referendum. He expresses doubts about the UCJA being representative of the majority.

Travnik, Medvesek, Petrovich, Zaitz, Gradisek, Vidrich, Lisch declare that Prosveta's stand on the European situation has caused deep dissatisfaction among members and readers. Prosveta must be aware of the present-day struggle and conditions, and its policy must be along the lines.

Kuhel explains that the UCJA program is similar to that of the Slovene National Congress.

Lotrich moves that a committee of three be prepared a resolution defining the policy of Prosveta, to be presented at the next session. Motion is carried.

SESSION AUG. 13, 1 P. M.

Debate is continued on Cankar's motion, which Zaitz moves that the supreme board endorse the UCJA program insofar as it is not in conflict with principles and resolutions adopted by the eleventh convention. Motion is carried 23 votes in favor.

Lotrich's motion receives 14 votes in favor, contrary, and is carried. Lotrich, Medvesek and Lisch are elected to committee.

Kuhel moves that the SNPJ shall support the third war loan campaign and cooperate with the United Committee of Yugoslav Americans in goal of 25 million dollars war bonds to be purchased by Americans of Yugoslav extraction. The supreme president shall publish an appeal to members and SNPJ lodges to buy as many bonds as possible and to report through the lodge as to the total amount of bonds purchased by each community by individuals, members and others. Motion is seconded and carried unanimously.

On recommendation of vice-president Kumer presented by Maglich relative to plan for election of soldier-members after the war, Grum moves that district vice-presidents shall prepare the necessary plan as outlined by Kumer, and that they shall hold a meeting for this purpose on day prior to next supreme board meeting. Motion is seconded and carried.

On Kumer's further recommendation concerning organization and subsidy of juvenile circles, Grum's motion is carried that district vice-presidents with approval of juvenile director shall prepare a plan to be submitted to the next supreme board meeting.

Lisch's motion is carried that Vrhovnik shall be the chairman of the committee of district vice-presidents.

Kumer and Travnik complain that they have not been receiving official matter from SN headquarters; Cankar explains that everything has been mailed to them regularly.

Approved to pay one per diem to each of the district vice-presidents who arrived on time at scheduled meeting which could not take place.

Zarnick presents matter of juvenile choruses in Cleveland which could be revived to the society's advantage in the juvenile circle field.

Zupan moves to refer this matter to the executive committee which shall in cooperation with our Cleveland lodges take action if it is convincing that it would be desirable for the SNPJ to give financial support up to \$50 monthly, and juvenile choruses shall become SNPJ juvenile circles. Motion carried.

Tomsic recommends more activity and publicity for juvenile circle organization.

Kuhel's request to be excused from the session is granted.

Session adjourned.

SESSION AUG. 14, 8 A. M.

Minutes of Aug. 13 sessions are approved and read.

President reads letter from alternate John Klanchar dated Aug. 11, 1943 in which he declines to accept the office of assistant secretary. Letter is placed on file.

Medvesek reports for special committee and presents the following as a motion:

Statement of SNPJ Supreme Board: In the present struggle against imperialism and fascism, the Soviet Union is fighting on the side of the Allies and has sacrificed and suffered more than any other nation, therefore

The SNPJ supreme board directs the editor Prosveta to write more favorably of the Soviet Union and Russian leaders, and not to restrain the writers who believe that Russia has been the most successful champion in the cause for humanity.

The supreme board takes the stand that the Partisans are the principal fighters in our homeland against the Nazis and Fascists, fighters who have risen from the ranks of the suffering workers and farmers, and therefore

The editor of Prosveta shall no longer express criticism and prejudice against these people fighters.

Motion is seconded by Olip. Zaitz moves that the special committee shall take more time to study this important matter, all its phases, and prepare a report and recommendations for the next supreme board meeting. Godina seconds the motion.

Travnik motion is carried to hold roll call on the motions.

Voting on Zaitz's motion: In favor, Cankar, Godina, Culkar, Spiller, Ambrozich, Petrovich, Shular, Barbic, Mocnik, Zaitz, Grum - total 18. Contrary: Gradisek, Travnik, Tomsic, Zupan, Lotrich, Lisch, Vidrich, Medvesek, Olip - total 14. Vrhovnik, Molek, Zupan, Barbic answered present.

Motion does not receive required majority and is not carried.

Voting on Medvesek motion: In favor, Godina, Mocnik, Zarnick, Travnik, Spiller, Tomsic, Petrovich, Lotrich, Shular, Vratarich, Vidrich, Mocnik, Medvesek, Olip, Grum - total 18. Contrary: Cankar, Culkar, Ambrozich, Zaitz - total 4. Vrhovnik, Molek, Zupan, Barbic answered present.

Medvesek motion is carried. Godina motion carried that supreme officers of Chicago and vicinity shall approve the minutes of the closing session, and that Cankar and Kuhel shall prepare minutes for publication.

Session adjourned.

MEETING TO APPROVE MINUTES

Present are Cankar, Godina, Zupan, Gradisek, Kuhel, Zaitz, Vrhovnik. Absent are Lotrich, Olip and Molek. Minutes of closing session are approved with correction. VINCENT CANKAR, President. PETER BERNIK, Recorder.