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Za "Enakopravnost" piše
GEORGE W. SANFORD

Zupan H.
H. Burton je izdal proklamacijo, s katero je 11. februarja, ko se objava obletenica rojstnega dneva pokojnega Thomasa A. Edisona, označena kot "Narodni dan izdajitev" v Clevelandu, teden po 17. februarju pa kot "Teden rodnega napredka."

Vse Clevelandčane se pozivajo na župana, "da se tekom razenih dnevov razmišlja in izrajejo, ki smo jo dolgum vremenu in ustvariteljemu duhu naših iznajditev." Ustavite se za trenotek in poselite, kako sta živila vaš dedinka in koliko se današnji razlikuje od tedanjega. Več in morda celo bolj osupljivo spremembe so pred nam. Zednjih državah se vsako registrira povprečno 50 novih patentov. Ampak noznajde običajno ne prineha sprememb. Mnogi žentiti se pozabijo in so le predradovednosti, dočim oni se pozneje začno izrabljati, da skozi proces eksperimentiranja in sprememb. Vendar tega teh iznajdb končno poteka popolno spremembo na socialnega ustroja.

Avtomobil se često nazičuje št. 1, zaradi velikih sprememb, ki izhajajo iz njegovega veliko več kot pa stori. Izrauditelj avtomobila naši vojaški heroji. Delajo v neposredni bližini tovornih delatnosti, dočim oni se več razpršenje preprečijo, imeli bomo več "vrtne," več sonca in zraka, avtomobil daje prebivalstvu obnovljivost.

Admiralitet poroča o dejstvu, ne poroča pa o kraju napada ter ne navaja imena rušilca.

LONDON, 9. februarja. — Angleška admiralitet naznanja, da je en sam njen rušilec pogrenil dvoje nemških podmornic, ko sta slednji napadli "convoy" angleških parnikov. Admiralitet ne naznanja, kje sta bili pogrenjeni podmornici, niti ne, kateri rušilec ju je pogrenil.

Angleški letali pa so sestrelili eno nemško letalo, dve so poškodovali, ostale pa pregnali ven na morje.

Oficijelno poročilo iz Berlina pa naznanja, da je bilo pogrenjenih ali poškodovanih osem angleških ladij, ki so jih spremjevale angleške bojne ladje. Njihova vlada priznava, da so Nemci izgubili eno letalo. Sestreljeno nemško letalo je treščilo v bližini Edinburga na zemljo.

Novi odborniki

Novi direktorj Novi direktorj Slov. del. doma na Waterloo Rd., že sledi: J. E. Lokar, predst.; M. Petrovič, podpredst.; V. Coff, tajnik; L. Levstik, blag.; L. Sanabor, zapisnik; J. Kozel, predst. nadzornega odbora; A. Zigman in T. Prime, nadzorniki; J. Lokar, F. Kalin, Al Prime, gospodarski odbor; J. Pugel, T. Laurič, nadzornika bowling alley; Harry Prince, M. Jakin, J. Pugel, re-creation com.

Hrvatski radio program Danes ob 5:30 uri zvečer se prične na WADC radio postaji hrvatski radio program, namesto ob 9. uri v nedeljo.

Rojak prosi Ubog rojak prosi, če ima kdo peč na petrolej. Je brez dela in mu zaprli gas. Sporočite v našem uradu ali poklicite Hender son 5311.

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LJUBEZEN IN ZLOČIN

ROMAN

Znanost je dognala, da nista Muller in gospa Mullerjeva dočela odgovorna za zločinsko dejavnost, katerega ju dolžijo. Zlasti ne smejo pozabiti dejstva, da sta se nazadnje prostovoljno predala justici. Vseeno je, kakšni etični razlogi so ju pripravili do tega, da sta razkrila policiji svoj skriveni zločin, ki ga ni slutil noben človek: ti razlogi ne bi mogli vplivati na njegovo sodbo v tem primeru, marveč potruje ta korak le še bolj, da je njegova teorija pravilna. Zločinci, ki imajo v oblasti svojih pet čutov in ki ravna z nekako mero odgovornosti po svoji svobodni volji, bi logično prikrili svoj zločin. Ista sila, je dejal profesor Langbein, ki je pogna la ljubincu Muller v zločin, ju je pogna tudi v roke justicne neodgovornosti.

Ko je profesor Langbein končal, je sedel poleg Breitenwyla, ki je razglabil pred se.

"Upajmo, gospod doktor," je zamrmral von Breitenwyl na uho, "da sem bil v svoji razpravi dovolj poljuden, upajmo, da so vaši okorni bernoški porotniki razumeli, kar sem povedal."

"Za osnovno bo služilo," je pominil von Breitenwyl. "Zdaj bom temeljito izprasal župnika Straubua."

Gutenberg je govoril medtem s sodnimi uradniki o "akademskem zavijanju"; posmehljivo je pogledal von Breitenwyla. Porotniki so klepetali med seboj.

Ko je zdaj Teo pričal, so ga vprašali o Gottfriedovem duševnem stanju v Baselu. Kmalu je pojasnilo, da je bil Gottfried takrat vse prej kakor duševno normalen. Porotniki so dobili novo podobo študenta Gottfrieda: Mlad mož, ki ga je trpljenje oropalo skoraj poslednjih moči, ki se je poslužil vseh močnih sredstev, da bi ušel svoji strasti, vendar z edinim uspehom, da je vedno bolj in bolj zalez vanjo. To vse je poslušala Tereza s kar najbolj pozornim obrazom: nič vsakdanjega, niti banalnega ni bilo v Gottfriedovi ljubezni do nje. Končno so podali resnično njegovo podobo in vse njegove bridkosti so se ji zdele neskončno povečane. "Da, vi uboga, neznačna bitja," je premisljevala, "vi človečki v sodni dvorani, kaj pa razumete nadznej o vseh teh stvareh? Zbrani ste tu, da bi našli sodil, in niti ne veste, kdo sva prav za urav!" Občutila je skušnjava, in paznica je javila, da želi z njo da bi se zagrohotala, toda ni se govoril njen odvetnik.

Nenadoma so se odprla vrata in pažnica je javila, da želi z njo. "Prosile ga, naj vstopi," je vprašal skriveni vodilni motiv njene celice. Bil je mrtvaško resen.

"Prevladuje mnenje, da je Gottfried nedolžen," je pričel. — "Cutm pulz javnega mnenja, ki navadno zrcali mnenje porotnikov. Najhujše pri tem je, da i mam navsezadnje tudi jaz isti občutek. Bojim se, Tereza, kakor bi rad jutri obema pomagal: ničesar več ni mogče doseči! Jutri bom koncentriralo svojo obrambo na Gottfrieda. Breme zločina bo padlo na vaše rame. Vpliv profesorja Langbeina je odločil: On se je pečal pretežno z Gottfriedom in manj z vami. Obstaja neovrgljiv dvom o Gottfriedovi krividi. To berem iz obrazov porotnikov. Prizadeval si bom torej, da bom dosegel oprostilno sodbo za Gottfrieda. Prišel sem, da vam povem to iz čistega prijateljstva."

"Ce pa bo Gottfried vztrajal na svojem sodelovanju?" je vprašala.

"Je kljub temu še rahlo upanjen!

"Toda fa lopovski Gutenberg? Najbolj trdovratno se je spravil nad Gottfriedom!"

Nenadoma si je segla z obema rokama v lase.

"Za boga!" je vzkliknila. "Ali ničesar, kar bi lahko storila, da bi rešila Gottfrieda? Vse porotnike sem si ogledala in prizadevala sem si, da bi prebrala njihove misli. Samo eden med njimi mi ugaja. Mlajši mož s tem, rdečo brado, ki je kakor jetcen Kristus. Mislim, da bo glasoval za Gottfriedovo oprostitev. Da, prepričana sem! Tajen sporazum je med njim in menoj: sodelovali sva se med razpravo. Toda ostali! Ti veliki, rejeni, samozadovoljni Bernci — in vsakdo misli na svojo ženo. Ce naju oprostijo, jim bodo sedeti in strneti predse, otopelo, skoraj brez življenja, z živalsko blečino v telesu. Zopin!

Nenadoma se je domislila, da so po kazenskem zakonu lahko sodbe ne le širideset let, marveč tudi doživljenjske.

Čez nekaj časa je Tereza vstala, sedla je na leseno klop in si neotesani mizi iz desk in si prizadevala, da bi nekaj malega pojedla. Črn kruh, maslo in sir, krožnik mrzlega mesa in salata. Zmešala si je nekoliko vina in vode in z grozo je pojedla svoj samotni obed. Da, zdaj je še pličevala svojo hrano; kasneje pa tako so ji priovedovali, ko jo bodo porotniki obsodili, bo prisla v drugo jetnišnico, kjer si ne bo mogla naročevati lastne hrane, niti ne jedi niti ne drugih stvari; tam bo morala živeti prav tako kakor drugi jetniki. Nato je Tereza spletala svojo črno obliko in si ogrnila zeleno domačo haljo. Potihem se je vpraševala, ali nosi danes poslednjikrat to obleko. Pazljivo je ogledovala svoj smaragdini prstan, ki je bil enake barve kakor domača halja.

Nenadoma so se odprla vrata in pažnica je javila, da želi z njo. In kako je to sprejela. 'Neverjetna ženska!' je pomisli. Zmedeno je motril njen zmečkan domačo haljo, popolno lepe oblike njenega telesa.

"Ko bi le hoteli povedati vso resnico! Koristilo bi mi."

"Katero resnico?"

"Pravi motiv umora. Kakšen je bil?"

Tereza ga je resno pogledala. "Povedala vam ga bom, če mi daste častno besedo, da ne bo ste svojega znanja porabili niti jutri niti sicer."

Von Breitenwyl je za trenutek okleval; nato je dal besedo.

Tereza mu je priovedala skrivno zgodovino otroka in kako ni mogla, da bi bila žena enega moža in ljubimka drugega. Pazljivo je poslušal. Ko je končala svojo izpoved, je dejal:

"Gatenberg je poskušal že v prvem delu svoje obtožbe nekaj takega namigniti. Predsednik ga je prekinil in izjavil, da poreklo vašega otroka ne sme biti predmet razpravi: Takrat nisem vedel, kakšni vplivi so bili na delu. Morda dr. Schneelli? Zdaj pa vidi v tem jedro vse stvari. Dal sem vam svojo besedo ... toda vprav tu bi bilo treba poprijeti, da bi dokazali Gottfriedovo nedolžnost!"

"Da," je rekla, "nemara mnogo pomeni, toda ostalo bo skrivnost. Dali ste mi svojo častno besedo?"

"Pa recimo, da bi z razkritjem te skrivnosti lahko rešil Gottfrieda?"

"Celo takrat morate molčati!" je rekla. "Moj otrok naj ne trpi zaradi najihin pogreškov bolj, kakor je nujno."

Skoraj prestrašeno je pogledal von Breitenwyl Terezino. Prvič v življenu se je zavedel, da ni nikdar resnično ljubil nobene žene. Terezino vedenje ga je spravilo iz ravnotežja. Pričakalo mu je sen nadzemskih nežnosti, skoraj idealne čistosti, ki jo je obdajal skrinvnosti dih. Njene ustnice je že jalo poljubovnjene roke so si želete prijema ljubezni; njeni elastični belo meso, okroglo in trdo, rahlo odeneto z jetniško bledico, ki je pričela o tako neštetnih bridkosti, je klicalo po svobodi in odresili moški sili. In kako čudovit je bil njen duh! Prežet nežne obzirnosti za dobrobit otroka — in vendar se ni plašila umoriljega človeka, uničiti življenje! Kako je ne bi zagovarjal? Moral jo je zagovarjati!

"Poslušašte!" je nenadoma začakala Tereza. "Idejo imam. Ali

V najem

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lahko napišem Gottfriedu pismo?"

"O čem?"

"Vseeno je! Ali bi mu lahko izročili moje pismo?"

"Da. Toda o čem boste pisali?"

"Tako ga bom napisala," je rekla in sedla k mizi. Vrstice so bile značilne za njo.

"Gottfried! Od vsega srca te lepo prosim, da prekličeš vse izjave, ki si jih doslej podal. S tem bo spremenil svojo usodo. Ven, da me bodo obsodili, nobenega razloga pa ni, da bi moral tudi tebe obsoditi. Pomisli na našega otroka! Tako ko prejmeš to pismo, moraš sodnemu dvoru priznati resnico. Prepriča na sem, da ti bo porota verjela. Ukažujem ti, da to storis."

Tereza."

Pismo je podala von Breitenwylu; prebral ga je in vtaknil v prsní žep.

"Če vas bo poslušal," je dejal, "po njegov korak vzbudil senzacijo. Nihče si ne more zamisliti možnih posledic." Tereza ga je pogledala, v očeh je imela solze.

"Veste," je pripornila nenašoma, na pol smehljaje, na pol jokaje, "nocoj bom srčna, ker bom imela resnično upanje."

"Prejel bo vaše pismo danes zvečer," je reklo von Breitenwyl. "Čudovit človek ste. Zares škoda, da ste umorili svojega moža!"

Tereza, ki je bila precej navorjena njegovih navad in govorjenja in ki je razumela globlji smisel njegovih besed, je naskriveno občudovala njegov značaj. Naglo je prijela njegovo roko in jo impulzivno poljubila.

V Obwylu je mrgolelo vročekrvenih gorovic. Napetost sodne razprave je spravila iz ravnotežja in marsikatero glavo.

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Iz zaspanega, poletnega sonraka se je zbudil Obwylov v krasno jutro. Tenka, modra meliga se je bleščala nad temnozelnim jezerom in po ostrom oborlandskih gorah so se vile viličaste megle. Na tisoče oči se je takoj, ko so se jim odpri veke, ozroč proti grajskemu griču.

Rano zjutraj je vstopil v Terezino celico von Breitenwyl. Bila je že pokoncu, oblečena v rjavovileno obliko, ki ji je kupil Anton Jakob na potovanju v Plombieres v Muhlhausen. Blede modrikaste sence so ji ležale okoli oči; ponosni tilnik je bil nekoliko sklonjen.

(Dalej sledi.)

ENGLISH SECTION

Opposition! Does It Pay?

The stockholders' meeting of the Slovene Workmen's Home got under way last Friday night. The meeting was opened by the president of the board of directors, whereupon the nominations for president of the meeting were opened. Brother Matt Petrovich and Frank Barbic accepted the nomination and the vote was as follows: Bro. Petrovich 139, and bro. Barbic 39.

During the meeting a motion was made that whoever received the least votes automatically became vice-president; thereby bro. Barbic was automatically elected vice-president in order to save time. Sister Matko was elected recording secretary. A lengthy report was given by president bro. Lokar who in detail revealed the hardships of the new accomplishment, the opposition and its present condition. Bro. Coff, secretary, made a fine report on the financial success which showed that the SDD grossed \$68,143.00 the past year and a net profit of \$15,359.51. Reports of the remaining officers and board of directors were also given.

The second evening was taken up by the report of the by-law committee. An entire new form of by-laws were adopted. The third evening several discussions were made for the betterment of the Home and for the election of a new board of directors. However, five, namely: Lokar, Coff, Levstig, Lauric and Kozel were not candidates for election, since they were elected to the two year term last year. The new board of directors elected for the two-year term were: Sanabor, Petrovich, A. Primc, Pugel, and Kulin. For the one-year term are: Zigman, Lampe, H. Princ, Jaklin, Princ.

As president of the SDD it is my duty to give you readers a short report relative to the condition of the new annex. Last June I prepared a "preliminary financial report" as to what the new addition would bring. This report caused a lot of confusion and also showed the sum of \$6,400.00 as clear profit for one year. Most everyone considered the report a smoke screen and didn't believe it. The actual report for the first 3½ months' operation of the bowl-

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SPARTANS TAKE SERBIANS, IN FIRST TITLE TILT

LAST PERIOD RALLY ENABLES SSPZ MEN TO WIN OVER FOES

Saints Prove Tough Opponents In Terrific Battle; Both Teams Resort To Rough And Tumble Tactics In I-L's Biggest Season Thriller; Spartans Remain Unbeaten In 12 Cage Mixups. No Game Wednesday—Second Championship Scrap To Be Played On Wed. Feb. 21, At 8:00 O'clock.

Playing basketball of real championship caliber, the SSPZ Spartans and the St. Lazar Serbians sparred across the hardwood at the St. Clair Recreation Center last Wednesday night in one of the fastest, roughest games that cage fans in this community have ever seen.

The game was the first of a three-game series to decide the champion of the I-L League and was fought with every bit of fight that either team could muster up. Both teams resorted to the roughest and most vicious type of basketball allowed on the courts.

Referees who officiated the game were Joe Kubilus, regular Inter-Lodge referee, and Herb Eisele, head athletic coach at Cathedral Latin. Both were kept busy all evening blowing whistles and separating tangled cagers. Twenty-seven personal fouls were called on the players during the 82 minutes of play.

The Spartans, victors in ten successive league scraps and undefeated in the I-L circuit in regular loop games and exhibitions, were put to their stiffest test of the entire year in facing the hard fighting Serbs, but rallied in the final frame to forge ahead and emerge triumphant with their unmarred record still minus a defeat.

Things looked bright for the warriors of the blue and gold when they hopped into a 4-1

I-L FANS NOTE

There will be no game this coming Wednesday because of the Inter-City Cage Tournament which is taking place this week and next. However, the next I-L championship game will be played on Wed., February 21, at 8:00 o'clock at the St. Clair Recreation Center. Admission is ten cents.

Line-Ups

Spartans	Pts.	Pos.	Pts.	Serbs
Prebil	8	11	7	Yanchar
Koncan	4	1g	3	Vujanic
Hocevar	9	c	6	Zak
Korman	7	rg	4	Jerse
Jalen	4	rf	0	Bostick
Jurca	3	lg	6	N. Opalich
Levec	0	rf	0	G. Opalich
Totals	35		26	

INTER-CITY BASKET-BALL

Julius Kemeny, Assistant Recreation Commissioner and Chairman of the Greater Cleveland Basketball Commission's Tournament Committee, was busy putting the final touches to the 21st Annual City-Wide Tournament schedule.

It was back in 1919 that the Greater Cleveland Basketball Commission was formed with the sole purpose of organizing all basketball in the Greater Cleveland area. All the heads of the various leagues met and adopted a set of rules which have lasted for the past 21 years. It is this Commission's duty to see that all players and backers of basketball teams in Greater Cleveland do not cross each other and live up to their contracts.

In order to satisfy the championship claims of these separate leagues, the Commission also formulated the idea of an annual city-wide tourney so that the question of the better league may be settled each and every year.

Last year the Muny Basketball League walked off with four championships out of a possible seven, — the Chase Brass winning in A, the White Motors in the Industrial Loop, the Ann's Lunch in B, and the Tino Modic's in D.

They also took five places in the runners-up division: the May Co. taking second honors in A; while the Magic Chef Stoves in Industrial, the Perry B. Jacksons in Senior B, the Mitchell Tailors in B and the Hlavacek's Markets in C did likewise.

Beginning tonight through Saturday Feb. 17th, another war will take place, — a basketball war in gyms throughout the city in order to determine which league is the best in Greater Cleveland. If you want

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Peter Witt - Cleveland's Verbal Volcano

By August J. Valentine

At first glance Pete Witt appears a sombre, almost a stern man. But in conversation, his face beams with intelligence and understanding, especially if he is talking to one who belongs to the lower strata of society, for he himself has gone thru the mill and knows the ups and downs—mostly downs—of the average man in his struggle for an existence.

Coming up from the ranks of labor—he started out in life as a molder—he had experienced the "brutalities of our industrial system and long to free his fellow workers from its baneful power. The injustice made him vindictive. He became a Populist and later a Single Taxer.

And, today, at seventy, get him aroused, he can still thunder like the Niagara. He is still the embodiment of devotion to the cause of mankind...

Tiger-like, he can scrap as no one half his age. Recently, when he spoke on the crisis of the Cleveland street car situation,

he made it easy to listen as he traced the history of the city of Cleveland from Moses (Cleaveland) to the present day, stating that he will fight this fight until it is settled right, and it will not be settled right until the street car railway will be in the hands of the people thru public ownership.

He said that public ownership was natural for all functions that benefitted the public at large.

Graphically, he described the development from private to public ownership of various functions of government which are taken for granted today.

"Highways," he said, "had their origin in the toll gates. The fire department grew out of the bucket brigade; the police department had its origin in the private watchman."

Public schools, water supply, sewage and streets—all had been privately operated at one time..."

In his early youth, Pete went to one of Tom L. Johnson's political gatherings for the expressed purpose of "capturing" it for the Populist movement, of which he was a fire-brand at that time, but when Johnson lashed the social wrong of inequality of opportunity which was the result of poverty, and when he suggested to restore this equality by securing to each worker the product of his own labor by depriving the privileged few from monopoly which belonged to the many, Witt teamed up with Johnson in his fight of the people again.

The fight was rough and furious. Tom L. Johnson was elected Mayor, while Pete Witt went in as City Clerk, then Traction Commissioner and still later as Councilman. Just recently he was elected to the Board of Directors of the Cleveland Railway Company. We can expect plenty of fire-works from now on.

Cleveland has a graden of Nations where each nationality has set up a memorial to its achievement and culture. To Pete Witt fell the task of reminding America, that, it too, should be represented here. He organized a Lincoln Memorial Committee to erect a replica of the cabin in which Lincoln was born. Here again, Pete Witt was there, if that any consolation?

Until next week, this is your little dirt-digger saying, "I guess, I'll go out and eat worms!"

Free Dance Tonight

The Slovenian National Library on St. Clair Ave., will give a free dance to its friends and patrons tonight in the lower hall of the 8ND on St. Clair. A well-known orchestra will furnish the music for the occasion. Admission is free.

Receive Camera

In a novel method two cameras were given away at the Roust-A-Bouts Dance, held Jan. 27, 1940 at the Twilit Ballroom. The recipients were Frances Kern, 1207 E. 60 street and Frank Sereika, 1323 Gidding road.

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coln," to use the words of FDR, Witt delivered his tribute to "Lincoln, the Man of Sorrow," at the City Club of Cleveland and over station WHK, and repeated each year since with a coast-to-coast hookup.

At the recent celebration of Pete Witt's seventieth birthday, he was eulogized for "keeping Cleveland's politics on the alert with his caustic criticism of whatever he thought was wrong," and for having stuck to his "principles and ideals" to win or not."

And that is a good summary of Pete Witt in a nut shell. I admire him as a friend; I should hate to have him for an enemy.

Barons Have Final Chance To Beat Indianapolis

The Cleveland Barons will have their last chance to turn in a victory over the Indianapolis Capitals when the two teams meet tonight at the Arena.

It is the final game of the season between the two teams and in seven previous encounters the fast-skating Capitals have won five times while the other two contests ended in a deadlock.

Facing the Capitals for the first time as an enemy instead of a teammate will be Don Deacon, aggressive and high-scoring center, who was acquired by the Barons last Monday in exchange for Bob Gracie and an unannounced cash sum. Gracie, too, will be playing against the Barons for the first time and there should be plenty of fire.

Deacon, who is 26 years old, set a new International-American league scoring record last season with Pittsburgh by chalking up 65 points. He is considered a great competitive performer and has divided his playing this season between Indianapolis and the Detroit Red Wings of the National league.

The Cleveland icers displayed a hitherto secret scoring punch over the week-end, battering Syracuse at the Arena Saturday night, 6 to 3, and holding Indianapolis to a 2-2 tie at the Hoosier capital the following evening.

Back at full strength after a series of injuries which seriously crippled the club, the Barons are in the stretch drive to land a place in the playoffs and defend their championship.

TRAFFIC CLAIMS MORE DEATHS THAN WAR

The contention that the automobile can be just as dangerous and deadly as a gun is well demonstrated by a report received from war torn Europe. On the battlefields the British fighting forces lost 2,100 men during the first three months of war being waged. During the same period in England, traffic accidents climbed a higher toll—two thousand nine hundred and seventy five persons were killed by autos in the same three months. Blackouts, of course, were an important factor in causing this traffic toll but nevertheless a comparison of the casualties shows that bumpers are more deadly than bayonets.

In our country the loss of life in auto accidents has also been greater than the death list resulting from war. More Americans have been killed in traffic during the past fifteen years than in all of the wars that this country has ever fought.

Most people agree that war claims a frightful and tragic toll, that it is a useless and senseless loss of life. Isn't also true about traffic accidents?

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ENGLISH SECTION

Carries All Official News of
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THIS WEEK

By Louis Jartz

Sometimes I can't understand how it is that so many people hate each other on racial and nationality lines. I used to feel that there was something wrong or queer with me since most people of my acquaintance had a certain dislike for this or that race or nationality group. At times I even went out of my way to search for a hate so that I could feel in harness with the rest of the world by uttering my disgust at the Dago or the Jew.

A long time ago I thought that I had a solid case for hating the Wop. A friend of mine hated these people and confided that he just couldn't stand the sight of 'em. His reason was that his parents hated them because they knew too many ugly things about the "Eyetalians" and also, he claimed, that the Dagoes were yellow and gangsters who would fight only in gangs. I thought, "Well, here's a good hate, and since I've discovered a new hate I'll refer to these people as Wops instead of Italians." But since then, I've met Italians who were decent, brave, and honest. They also fought their battles alone.

In spite of Mussolini, Al Capone, and the petty racketeers, the Italians are as good and as intelligent as any other people. A race that is easy to hate is the Jew. In old Austria, a person who decided to become a free thinker was labeled with the reproach that he was a Jew. It isn't any wonder that Adolf Hitler raised the Jew as a political scapegoat for his purposes.

Some say that they hate the Jew because he's so tight, shrewd, and scheming, etc. They forget quite often that the Jewish race has given the world some of its outstanding idealists and reformers.

"Oh yeah," claim some, "the Jew doesn't do any hard work, instead he exploits the gentiles." There are Jews without money and on relief, yet no one wants to recognize this fact. Why? They just go on insisting that the Jew must be an object of hate and if he doesn't fulfill the category they've placed him in, they stir up their imagination about the unfortunate Jew. Here is something good about the Jerusalem friend. In Cleveland we can boastfully say that our outstanding religious leaders are Jews since most other religious leaders strike me as stuffed shirts. Of course, there are Jewish capitalists who rob the people; but then there are gentiles who are just as professionally inclined and perhaps even more so.

The object of severest scorn is the lowly Negro. One almost insults himself by stooping to say a good word for this son of Ham. However, this race has produced the inventor, George Washington Carver, whose discoveries have enriched this country and the world.

Reading John Funther's "Inside Asia," I am informed by him that the Chinese people are the most intelligent he has ever met. This statement was made by John Gunther, a man who traveled around the world and who also related many facts both about the various cultures interesting and instructing.

I would like to see more tolerance used in judging race and nationality groups. All that we read in the papers is hate and suspicion which aggravates the race prejudice problem all the more instead of trying to solve it.

I know that it is fruitless to try to do anything about any sort of salvation for much greater men than I are trying to do the same thing. However just think how brave it would be to challenge the world and to tweek it by its tail.

SPARTANS NEWS

By Elsie M. Desmond

Last Sunday the members of Ivan Cankar dramatic society presented their masterpiece "Smuk-Smuk" under the direction of Mrs. Antoinette Simcic, who, incidentally, was sweet enough to donate yours truly a few complimentary tickets. Thank you, milady! Now to get back to earth again. Let's see, here's the cast:

Josie Mocnik was the sweet and loving wife . . . her husband, a mischievous fellow, was enacted by Anton Eppich . . . the money-mad son was none other than Frank Drobni . . . our hero, Rudy Widmar, affirmed the adage, "Two can live as cheaply as one," by marrying Ivanka, enacted by Frances Tavcar . . . Olga Marn was the vivacious, red-haired siren . . . the forever-famished madam was portrayed by Bertha Erste . . . Mary Kramer had the role of Mary and her husband, a hired worker, was enacted by John Lube . . . Mr. J. Steblaj had the role of an innkeeper, which he portrayed magnificently . . . the skiers were none other than Rudy Germ, Stanley Skuk, Max Traven, Katie Jerman, Pauline Tavcar, Mercede Smuk, John Cech, Al Kupore and Ed Slabe . . . Mollie Plut assisted at the piano and Jean Turkovich arranged the costumes. All in all, the play was a tremendous success and congratulations are in store for all those who participated in the affair.

Today we would like to discuss two causes of fires in residences. If everyone could be persuaded to use considerable caution in the home, with regards to fire, most of the residence fires could be avoided. The first cause of trouble with fires, in homes, is the practice of using kerosene to start fires quickly in stoves or furnaces. The kerosene starts the fire quickly alright, but sometimes with very bad results. Kerosene is apt to cause an explosion, throwing fire about the room, setting fire to the clothing of the fire builder, setting fire to the furniture and hangings, and of course the house has caught fire and the lives of every person in it are endangered. When starting a fire in the stove or furnace, use a safe and sane method but do not use kerosene.

Carlessness with matches is another cause of fires in homes. Sometimes matches are left within reach of small children. Most children are inquisitive and want to find out what happens when a match is lighted, so they explore and experiment. When a match is the object of the experiment, a fire most always results in serious or sometimes fatal burns. Keep matches out of the sight and reach of children. Never leave small children alone, you can never tell what mischief they might get into. If parents must leave their small children to attend to some business, they should leave them in care of an older person who realizes his or her responsibilities.

Herbert W. Snider, Herbert W. Kilmogen, Chiefs of the 12th Battalion.

Novak Announces Candidacy For Sheriff

The following letter was received from the former councilman, John M. Novak, of the 23rd ward:

Dear Slovenian and Croatian

Voters of Cleveland, Ohio,

and Cuyahoga County:

This notice will announce publicly my candidacy for Sheriff of Cuyahoga County on the Democratic ticket for the primary election to be held the 14th of May, 1940.

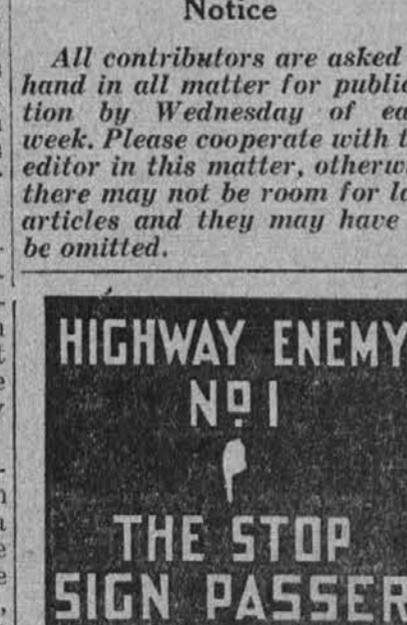
The above announcement will also be the means of notifying the many friends that have urged my candidacy that a Campaign Committee is now being formed from the various wards and section of the County who will handle all campaign matters.

Petitions for my candidacy are available for the time being at my home address, 1125 E. 71 Street, Cleveland, Ohio.

Respectfully yours,

John M. Novak, Democratic Candidate for Sheriff of Cuyahoga County.

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