

AMERIKANSKI SLOVENEC z dne 15. junija citira v uredniški koloni par stavkov iz nekega članka znamenitega ameriškega znanstvenika dr. Millikana, v katerem je slednji izpovedal svojo vero v Boga. Ampak A. S. citira le tiste stavke, ki so voda na mlin ortodoksni religiji, prezrl pa je — namenoma seveda — druge stavke, ki jasno pričajo, da dr. Millikanova vera v Boga je vse drugo, le ortodoksna — dogmatska ni. Z bistvom dr. Millikanovega nazora se lahko strinja vsak resničen svobodomislec. On piše n. pr. med drugim:

"Ne briga me, da li moj pojem (Boga) soglaša z vašimi ali ne, kajti oba pojma, vaša in moja, morata biti po značaju vprašanja nejasna in nedoločna. Še najmanj pa sem se pripravil pretekati s človekom, ki navdaja z duševnostjo prirodo ter pravi, da on Boga pojmuje kot dušo vesoljstva."

A. S. je tudi prezrl "znanstvenikov pojem" o Bogu oziroma prirodi dr. Einsteina, katerega dr. Millikan z odobravanjem citira ter sprejema za svojega. In dr. Einstein je vendar znan svobodomislec!

Manire gospodov pri A. S. utegnejo biti dobre za profesionalne teologe, ampak pošteni časniki, še manj pa mislec, se takih metod ne poslužuje!

"METROPOLA" ALI — METROPOLA?"

GOSTE - KONVENCIJE smo imeli v Clevelandu. Lepo število jih je bilo. Nekateri so bili že prej med nami. Mnogi so bili prvič tukaj. In zdaj pišejo in poročajo.

Bili so po večini zadovoljni, mnogi presenečeni. Nekateri se celo divijo razgibanosti in pestrosti našega izživljanja, zlasti jih je presenetila višina kulturnega nivoja. Globok vtis je napravila nanje mladina, ki poje, govori in igra slovensko.

Lagali bi, če bi rekli, da nam hvala ne ugaja. Morda nam celo pomaga izbiti nesrečni inferiornostni kompleks, ki je od nekdanj notoričen privesek slovenskega Clevelanda, pa da bomo metropola začeli pisati celo brez narekovajev.

To bi bilo zdravo za vse. Saj Cleveland se bo moral naučiti nositi čim dalje večjo odgovornost. Logika razmer ga direktno sili v to. Če temu ne bo kos, bo kriv greha, ki se bo maščeval nad vsemi naprednimi Slovenci v Ameriki — vsi bomo trpeli.

HILLMAN O DELAVSKI STRANKI

SIDNEY HILLMAN, predsednik organizacije oblačilnih delavcev, Amalgamated Clothing Workers of America, je imel pred par dnevi na zborovanju new-yorške Labor party v New Yorku govor, v katerem je analiziral današnji položaj in potrebe z delavskega stališča ter poudarjal nujno potrebo nadaljevanja dela za samostojno delavsko politično akcijo.

V "Napredku" smo zadnji teden objavili uredniški članek o tem vprašanju. Ob čitanju Hillmanovega govora smo bili presenečeni nad podobnostjo utemeljevanj in argumentov, ki smo jih navajali mi v tem in drugih člankih, objavljenih v preteklosti, in Hillmanovi izvajanj. Omenjeni delavski vodja, ki je obenem odločen pristaš C. I. O., je med drugim rekel:

"Delavstvo je pri zadnjih predsedniških volitvah prvič spoznalo, kako važna je njegova (Dalje na 2. str.)"

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Zvezna vlada posegla v jeklarško stavko

Apel, ki ga je naslovil vodja C. I. O. gibanja John L. Lewis na predsednika Roosevelta, da zvezna vlada poseže v položaj, ki je nastal vsled stavke jeklarskih delavcev proti štirim neodvisnim korporacijam ni bil brez uspeha. Predsednik je pretekl tork na konferenci s časniki izjavil, da ne more rezumeti, zakaj se korporacije, ki pravijo, da so pripravljene pogajati se z unijo ter skleniti z njimi ustmeni dogovor, zoperstavljajo podpisanim pogodbam. Priznanje unije v obliki podpisanih kontraktov je namreč poglavitna zahteva jeklarske unije. Kompanije se temu upirajo z izgovorom, da Wagnerjeva delavska postava tega direktno in izrecno ne zahteva. Najbolj zagrizeno opozicijo proti priznanju unije v obliki pisanih kontraktov vodi predsednik Republik korporacije Tom Girdler iz Clevelanda, ki nastopa kot vodja jeklarskih baronov.

Že naslednji dan je delavska tajnica Perkins po naročilu predsednika imenovala odbor treh oseb za posredovanje v stavki. Osebe odbora je tako, da vzbuja upanje, da njegovo posredovanje ne bo zaman. V odboru so: Charles P. Taft, sin pokojnega predsednika Tafta; Lloyd K. Garrison, ravnatelj pravne fakultete na univerzi države Wisconsin in pravnik slovesitega Williama Lloyda Garrisona, ki je bil vodja za odpravo suženjstva, ter Edward F. McGrady, ki je bil unijski organizator, ki je bil Samuel Gompers predsednik A. F. of L. tedaj pa je pomožni delavski tajnik in je kot tak v zadnjih letih pomagal razvozljati že na stotine delavskih sporov.

Odborniki C. I. O. so naznanili, da bodo s posredovalnim odborom z veseljem sodelovali. Člani odbora so se nastanili v Clevelandu ter v ponedeljek že začeli s svojim delom. Jeklarski magnati sicer imenovanja tega odbora niso prav nič veselili, ampak dvomljivo je, da bi se zoperstavljali njegovemu pozivu za pogajanje.

Vladni odbor ima v smislu zakona tudi moč nastopiti v vlogi razsodnika, ako bi obe strani pristali na to ter se zavezali, da bosta odločitev sprejela za merodajno.

Governer Earl proglasil obsedno stanje v Johnstownu

Bil pa je že tudi skrajni čas, da se je zganila zvezna vlada, kajti nevarnost je bila, da se v Johnstownu, Pa., ponovi tragedija, ki se je na Spominski dan odigrala v South Chicagu. Bethlehem Steel Co., kjer je unija pred tednom dni in pol oklicala stavko, je namreč vztrajala na "postavni pravici" do obratovanja ter s pomočjo župana Shieldsa, ki je proti stavkarjem organiziral vigilante, grozila izzvati novo prelante, grozila delavske krvi. Zupan je livanje delavske krvi. Zupan je med drugim pozval Roosevelta, med drugim zvezno vojaštvo v Cambria okraj, toda predsednik je odgovoril, da za to ne vidi nobenega vzroka, kajti gov. Earl ga še ni vprašal za pomoč.

Napetost na johnstownski fronti je priklopela na vrhunec, ko je John L. Lewis kot odgovor na izzivanje vigilantskega župana naznanil, da se bo v nedeljo 20. junija vršil v mestu masni protetni shod, na katerega se je med drugim imelo vdeležiti 40,000 unijskih premogarjev iz okoliških krajev. Bati se je bilo, da bodo vigilanti napadli delavski shod, narkar je šerif Boyle, apeliral na governerja, da poseže v akcijo. To se je tudi takoj zgodilo, darsiravno ne tako kot so delali pennsylvanski governerji nekoč. Earl, ki je demokrat newdealskega kalibra, je odredil 525 moč državne policije v mesto, ter proglasil v mestu in okolici delno obsedno stanje, obenem pa je ukazal takojšno razoroženje vigilantov in zaprtje vseh obratov Bethlehem korporacije v okraju. Župan je s tem izgubil oblast nad mestno policijo. Medtem ko je sprva grozil, da se bo governerjevemu ukazu zoperstavil, pa se je hitro premislil ter pristal na višjo oblast. Godrnjaje je to storil tudi predsednik jeklarske korporacije Grace. Čim se je to zgodilo, je Lewis napovedani protestni shod prekalcal.

Dva stavkarja ubita, več ranjenih v Youngstownu

V istem času, ko je pametna akcija gov. Earlea preprečila skoro gotovo krvilje v Pennsylvaniji, pa je na ohijskem stavkarskem sektorju v soboto zvečer tekla krk. Šerif Mahoning okraja Elser je z deputiji naskočil stavkarje, ki so masno piketirali pred obrati Republic korporacije, in ko so delavci in njih žene le vztrajali na pravici do piketiranja, so deputiji začeli streljati. Na licu mesta je padel mrtev neki 38-letni delavec z imenom John Bogovich, očitno naš človek, Hrvat ali Slovenec. Ranjenih je bilo sedem oseb, med njimi neki stavkar z imenom James Esperjesi tako resno, da je že naslednji dan podlegel ranam.

Pred Republic tovarno v Cantonu je v petek prišlo do spopada med stavkarji in skupino stavkolomcev, v katerem je bilo sedem oseb ranjenih.

V soboto je število pokolja, ki ga je policija vprizorila 30. maja v So. Chicagu, narastlo na deset, ko je umrl za ranami neki zamorec z imenom Lee Tesdale, ki zapuša vdovo in štiri otroke. Unijski odvetniki so obenem začeli s pripravami za civilne tožbe proti posameznim policistom, ki so povzročili strahoviti masakr.

Senatni odseki preiskujejo obtožbe, izvirajoče iz stavke

Zadnji teden je senatni odsek za civilne svobodščine, kateremu predseduje senator La Follette, v Chicagu preiskoval omenjeni masakr. Zastopniki odbora so zaslišali celo vrsto prič in si ogledali tudi filmski posnetek, katerega je napravila

POLITIČNI NEMIRI STRESAJO SLOVENIJO

Sklepajoč iz vesti v ameriških listih, se je politična napetost v Jugoslaviji zadnji čas zopet zelo povečala. Poročila tudi govore o resnih nemirih v Sloveniji, ki so jih izzvali jugoslovanski fašisti, očitno takozvani "Pofovci". (Ime izvira iz začetnih črk organizacije "Patrijski omladinski front", v kateri so organizirani ekstremni jugoslovanski nacionalisti.)

Prva vest pred dobrim tednom dni je javila, da je bil v Celju s skupino tovarišev general Peter Živković, ki je bil za časa vlade kralja Aleksandra po suspendaciji ustave fiktivni diktator v Jugoslaviji. Glasom omenjenega poročila je moral Živković bežati v bolniškem vozu. Sledili so baje nemiri v Ljubljani, v katerih je bila ena oseba ustreljena, več pa je bilo ranjenih. Mnogo oseb je bilo aretiranih.

Par dni za tem je iz Bukarešte prišla nepotrjena vest, da je v Beogradu izbruhnila revolucija, vodena od levega vladnega krila, ki je izsilila odstop ministrskega predsednika Stojadinovića. Ta vest ni bila nikoli potrjena, a par dni kasneje je prišlo poročilo, da je bil Maribor pozorišče resnih spopadov med jugoslovanskimi fašisti in protifašisti, v katerih je bila ena oseba ubita, mnogo pa je bilo ranjenih, in da je bil sokolski zlet vsled izgrediv prekalcan.

JUG VABI INDUSTRIJE

Južne države se zadnja leta jako trudijo, da bi privabile industrije iz severnih krajev. Navadno se poudarja, da so delavci na ameriškem jugu z manj zadovoljni ko na severu in da so tudi bolj krotki. Država Louisiana pa je lansko jesen sprejela zakon, da bodo industrije, ki se naselijo v državi, skozi deset let proste vsake davka. Kot posledica so razne družbe v teku zadnjih 6 mesecev podpisale pogodbe za zgradnjo tovarn v državi v vrednosti 18 milijonov dolarjev.

Paramount filmska družba. Film, katerega družba ni hotela dati gledališčem za predvajanje, rekoč, da bi to utegnlo izzivati nove izgrede in nemire, namreč nudi strahotno sliko policijske brutalnosti ter neizpodbito dokazuje, da je policija hladnokrvno izstrelila salvovo na neoborožene pikete in njih simpatičarje, jih živalsko pretepala in pobijala ter naravnost zverinsko nastopala proti ljudem že potem, ko so bili na begu.

Senatni poštni odsek pa je v četrtak začel preiskavo glede obtožb od strani korporacij, da so stavkarji cenzorirali poštno pošiljatelj, ki so bile namenjene stavkolomcem v tovarnah, in pa glede unijskih obtožb, da jeklarski magnati brezobzirno kršijo Wagnerjevo delavsko postavo. Jeklarske korporacije tudi dolžijo poštni departament, da je v zvezi s stavkarji in da njim na ljubo noče sprejemati živilskih paketov za stavkolomce.

NOVICE IZ ŽIVLJENJA NAŠIH LJUDI ŠIROM AMERIKE

Aktivnosti SSPZ

—Kot smo že zadnjič na kratko poročali, je društvo Lunder-Adamič št. 20 SSPZ v Clevelandu tekom kampanje Kolesa napredka določilo posebne nagrade, ki jih bodo deležni oni, ki bodo šli na delo za pridobivanje novih članov, poleg onih, ki jih je razpisal gl. odbor. V današnji izdaji Napredka je priobčeno tozadevno podrobno poročilo, na katero opozarjamo zlasti člane omenjenega društva.

Razne vesti

—Ena najstarejših naseljenk v Ameriki je Mrs. Ulavec, (Dalje na 2. str.)

Ogledalo:

Tragedije, komedije in zanimivosti iz življenja

Adria, Italija — Italijanska kmetica Teresa Verzoto, katere mož se nahaja kot prostovoljec v Afriki, je v teku zadnjega leta rodila pet otrok. Preteklega junija je imela trojčke, te dni pa dvojčke. V 13 letih zakona je rodila 11 otrok, od katerih jih živi 9.

Los Angeles — Sredi predstave v nekem tukajšnjem kino gledališču je neki 15-leten deček s krikom planil iz sedeža in začel dirjati proti izhodu. Vzrok: v hlačnico mu je zlezla 15 palcev in pol dolga podgana. Fant je podgano v hlačnici zadržal, ampak poprej ga je na mečah hudo ogrižala.

Moskva — Sovjetska ekspedicija, sestojča iz štirih mož, ki biva na Severnem tečaju, je zmerila morje ter dognala, da je 14,070 čevljev globoko. Dognalo se je, da je dno morja pokrito s sivo-zelenkasto sluzovino.

Pariz — Tukaj se poroča, da da se namerava sovjetski diktator v kratkem iznova poročiti in sicer z Ireno Sobijevo, ki je načelnica nekega departmanta za težko industrijo. To ima biti Stalinova tretje žena; obe prvi ženi sta mu umrli. Stalin se je seznanil s Sobijevo, ko mu je predložila neko tehnično poročilo in njena inteligenca je baje takoj naredila nanj velik vtis.

Pariz — Z vdovo nekega inženirja se je poročil znani nacionalistični politik Andre Tardieu, ki je 60 let star, toda ni bil že nikoli oženjen.

Sofija — Bolgarska kraljica, ki je bila pred poroko italijanska princesa, je porodila sina. Bolgarija je s tem dobila prestolonaslednika.

Amsterdam — Nizozemska prestolonaslednica Julijana, ki se je preteklega januarja poročila z nekim nemškim princem, je te dni sama po radiju naznanila, da bo postala mati. Ko je namreč prejela povabila na razne slavnosti, je na radiju odgovorila, da bi se vabilom rado odzvala, da pa "radi dobrodušnih zdravstvenih razlogov," o katerih upa, da jih vsak razume in odobrava, tega ne more storiti.

Pokojni člani

—V Homer City, Pa., je 14. junija preminula Agnes Bostjančič v starosti 49 let. Pokojna je bila rojena v vasi Veliki Podluban pri št. Mihaelu na Dolenjskem. Tu zapuša sooproga Franka. Spadala je k društvu šte. 103 SSPZ.

—V Yukon, Pa., je 11. t. m. umrl 12-letni William Vodopivec, sinček družine Franka in Mary Vodopivec. Bil je član Vrtača št. 81 SSPZ. Družini izrekamo naše sožalje!

—V Butte, Mont., je 10. t. m. umrl Joe Toej, v starosti 54 let. Bolehal je dalj časa za boleznijo na pljučih. Doma je bil iz Klobuka, okraj Mostar v Hercegovini. Bil je član društva št. 149 SSPZ v Butte, Mont., kjer zapuša družino.

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INOZEMSKA KRONIKA

Premijer Blum resigniral

Vlada premierja Bluma, ki je bila na krmilu skozi eno leto in petnajst dni, kar je za francoske vlade že dolga doba, je v nedeljo položil ostavko, potem ko je senatna zbornica drugič zavrnila njegovo zahtevo za širšo oblast v svrhu reševanja čedalje bolj perečih finančnih razmer.

Blum, ki je 65 let star in zdovskega pokolenja, je bil prvi socialistični premijer v Franciji. Imel je od vsega početka skrajno težavno pozicijo, kajti ob njegovem nastopu je izgledalo kot da je dežela na pragu civilne vojne. Njegov kabinet se je moral neprestano loviti med desničarskim krilom ljudske fronte, ki jo predstavlja takozvana radikalna socialistična stranka (francoski liberalci), in pa levičarskim, katero tvorijo komunisti. Izbruh civilne vojne v Španiji je vladni položaj napravil še bolj težaven. Največja zavira vseskozi pa je bil konservativni senat.

Vendar je Blumova vlada izvršila veliko važnega dela. Na njeno inicijativo je bilo sprejetih celo vrsto zakonov za protekcijo delavca in konzumenta ena njenih največjih zaslug pa je podpravljenje municijske in orožne industrije.

Predsednik Lebrun je sestavil novega kabineta poveril radikalnu Chautempsu, ki je bil v Blumovem kabinetu notranji minister. Ako se mu posreči sestaviti novo vlado, bo imel v nji kak ministerski portfelj najbrže tudi Blum.

Triumf sovjetske aviatike

V nedeljo zjutraj (zgodaj popoldne po vzhodnem času) so pristali v Vancouverju v državi Washington trije sovjetski letalci, Valerij Čekalov, Georgij Bajbukov in Aleksander Beljakov, ki so preko Severnega tečaja prileteli iz Moskve v Zed. države. Bili so samo 50 milj od Oaklanda, Cal., ki je bil njihov cilj. Ta drzni polet je brez dvojne večjega pomena kot je bil Lindberghov polet iz New Yorka v Pariz. Podvzet je bil, da se preizkusi možnost redne zrakoplovne službe med Rusijo in Ameriko preko pokrajn, kjer vladata večni led in sneg. Pomniti je treba, da se je polet vršil preko arktičnih poljarin, katerih še ni videlo človeško oko. Neuradno je ugotovljeno, da so drzni aviatiki prileteli razdaljo 5,420 milj.

Letalo, ki je bilo od vrha do tal izdelano v Rusiji, je bilo v zraku 63 ur in 17 minut. Glavni pilot, 33-letni Čekalov, je ves čas sam vodil letalo, ne da bi kaj zavžil, medtem ko sta Beljakov in Bajbukov zavžila malo čaja z limono. Po naročilo sovjetskega poslanika se je instrumente letala takoj zapечатilo in poslalo v Washington v svrhu uradnih in znanstvenih ugotovitev. Letalci so izjavili, da so imeli dovolj gasolina še za 750 milj, ampak ko so prišli v Oregon, so naletekli na meglo in neugodno vreme, narkar so se vrnili in spustili na zemljo v Vancouverju.

Smrtno trudni letalci so bili sprejeti na domu gen. Marshalla kot prejšnje leto. (Dalje na 3. str.)

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NAŠE FEDERACIJE

BILA JE DOBA v življenju našega naseljevanja v Ameriki, ko so društva med nami rastla ko gobe po dežju. Naselbina, ki ni štela vsaj toliko družtev kot je imela saloonov, je bila resno na sumu, da ni posebno napredna. Sicer pa razmerje med salooni in društvi ni bilo čisto slučajno. Lastnik saloona, ki je spadal med bolj "kumštne" in podjetne ljudi v naselbini, je bil v mnogih slučajih organizator družtev. Imel je navadno kako posebno sobo ali malo dvorano, kjer je društvo obdrževalo svoje seje. To je bilo priročno za društvo. Ko pa je bila seja končana, so imeli društveni bratje suha grla in so stopili k bari. To je bilo priročno in koristno za saloonerja.

Biti društveni uradnik — zlasti še predsednik — je bila tiste čase velika čast in na račun te časti se je nekada med nami "predihalo" marsikak sodček piva in druge pijače in tudi cigare so kadili društveni bratje, za katere je plačal novoizvoljeni predsednik društva. Če je bil kak vpliven društveni uradnik na letni seji poražen in je bil na njegovo mesto izvoljen kdo drugi, se je marsikdaj zgodilo, da je bilo naključno ustanovljeno novo društvo, s čemur si je poraženec ohladil jezo in razžaljenost in tako je bila domovina rešena.

Te razmere so trajale nekako do časa, ko je izbruhnila svetovna vojna. Takrat je bil dotok naseljencev ustavljen avtomatično, nekaj let pozneje pa zakonito. Kmalu po tem so ljudje začeli uvidevati, da mnogoštevilnost družtev, zlasti še, ako gre za društva, ki pripadajo eni in isti organizaciji, ni vselej znamenje napredka, temveč da preveč družtev lahko pomeni škodo za organizacijo. Na akru zemlje je mogoče posaditi ali vsejati le toliko krompirja, fižola in karkoli že, kolikor praktične skušnje kažejo, da je pametno, ker drugače se bo pridelek sam udušil. Nekaj odvisi seveda od rodovitnosti zemlje in pa kako pridno se jo obdeluje, ampak vsaka stvar ima svoje meje in prav tako zemlja. In s človeškimi prizadevanji ni prav nič drugače. Ako v kraju, kjer je prilika za obstoj dveh ali treh družtev, obstoji deset družtev, je nemogoče, da bi vseh deset družtev dobro shajalo. Ni dvoma, da je bolje, ako ima organizacija v gotovem kraju eno ali dvojico krepkih in živahnih družtev, kakor pa če jih ima več, pa ni niti pri enem pravega življenja.

Pod vplivom tega spoznanja so se marsikje društva začela družiti, medtem ko so druga enostavno prenehala, ko jim je zmanjkalo članov, ki so se razšli, prestopili ali se preselili drugam.

Druga posledica spoznanja, da mnogoštevilnost družtev, ki so brez enotne gonilne sile, prinašajo mrtvilo v društveno življenje, se je pojavila v obliki federacij t. j. pokrajinskih zvez družtev, spadajočih k isti organizaciji. Če se ne motimo, so bila baš društva SSPZ v Clevelandu, ki so pred dobrimi desetimi leti prva sprožila idejo federacije; ta ideja se je od tedaj razširila po drugih krajih in kopirale so je tudi druge slovenske organizacije. Vsekakor so danes federacije priznan in uvaževan faktor našega bratskega podpornega gibanja. Pravila SSPZ jih tudi uradno priznavajo, določajoč njih delokrog in smernice.

Nikakega dvoma ni, da je s pomočjo federacij mogoče storiti mnogo koristnega za napredek organizacije. Pod zmožnim in razumnim vodstvom omogoča federacija društvom uspehe, ki bi jih posamezno ne imele nobeno društvo. Federacije lahko razvijajo samostojne agitacijske programe, ki so najbolj praktični za razmere v njih teritoriju, stopajo kot celota v akcijo, kadar so v teku kampanje, prirejajo skupne veselice, oderske programe in piknike ter na razne druge načine jačijo zavest skupnosti. One dajejo pobudo in pogum društvom, ki iz enega ali drugega vzroka zapadejo mrtvilo, in federacije so najbolj kompetentne in merodajne, da odločajo, kdaj in kje bi bilo morda umestno pričeti z novim društvom. Ena njihovih prvih in najvažnejših nalog pa je, ali vsaj biti bi morala, da podvzamejo iniciativno za organiziranje angleško poslujočih družtev, kjerkoli se vidi, da obstoje pogoji za uspeh takega društva.

Pri SSPZ je bilo razmerje med organizacijo kot tako oz. gl. odborom in posameznimi federacijami vedno najboljše in v resnici bratsko. Tudi v federacijah ni nikoli prišlo do konfliktov, ki bi vzružali članstvo ali na en

ali drugi način ustvarjali slabo voljo. Naše federacije so bile konstruktivne in so veliko koristnega dela izvršile. Na ta rekord smo lahko ponosni.

Zeleti je, da bomo v tem duhu delovali tudi v prihodnosti; da bomo federacijam posvečali vso pozornost, ki jo zaslužijo, in prepričani smo lahko, da bomo na ta način pomagali k večjemu napredku in razmahu tako organizaciji kot posameznim društvom. Korist od tega pa bomo imeli vsi.

DOPISI IN POROČILA ČLANSTVA

KAMPANJSKI NAČRT DRUŠTVA LUNDER-ADAMIČ

Cleveland, O. — Dne 15. junija zvečer se je vršil na domu tajnika društva Lunder-Adamič, št. 20 SSPZ br. William Candona sestanek, katerega so se vdeležili: br. Krist Stokel, Ludvik Medveshek, Anton Wapotich in Erazem Gorshe.. Sestanek se je vršil v svrhu določitve nagrad kontestantom, agitatorjem za nove člane v društvu št. 20 in v Vrtec št. 5 na podlagi dovoljene svote \$100.00 v agitacijske, oziroma nagradne svote.

Br. Gorshe priporoča, da se določi gotova nagrada za vsakega posameznega novega člana, poleg teh pa še posebna nagrada za večja števila pridobljenih novih članov v odrasli ali mladinski oddelku. Po vsestranski razpravi se je odbor zedinil za sledeče nagrade po lestvici kot sledi: Društvo Lunder-Adamič št. 20 SSPZ plača iz društvene blagajne predlagateljem novih mladinskih članov, pod pogojem, da ti člani mladinskega oddelka plačajo vsak vsaj 6 rednih mesečnih asessmentov u pravitelju Vrta št. 5 ali blagajniku tega društva, po sledečem redu:

Za pridobljene tri nove člane mladinskega oddelka \$2.00.
Za pridobljenih pet novih članov mladinskega oddelka \$3.50.
Za pridobljenih osem novih članov mladinskega oddelka \$6.50.
Za pridobljenih deset novih članov mladinskega oddelka \$9.00.
Za pridobljenih petnajst novih članov mladinskega oddelka \$14.00.
Za pridobljenih dvajset novih članov mladinskega oddelka \$20.00.
In za vsakega nadaljnjega novega člana po \$1.00 neglede na število nad 20.

Vse te nagrade so dodatne k že objavljenim nagradam, ki jih je razpisal glavni odbor Slovenske svobodomiselnice podporne zveze in so bile objavljene v glasilu.

Za odrasli oddelk za nove člane pa se plača predlagateljem nagrade pod pogojem, da ti novi člani plačajo skozi dobo šest mesecev redni mesečni asessment društvu nemu blagajniku, po tej dobi sledeče nagrade:

Za pridobljenega 1 novega člana v odrasli oddelku \$1.00.
Za pridobljene 3 nove člane v odrasli oddelku \$4.00.
Za pridobljenih 5 novih članov v odrasli oddelku \$7.00.
Za pridobljenih 10 novih članov v odrasli oddelku \$15.00.
Za pridobljenih 15 novih članov v odrasli oddelku \$25.00.
Za pridobljenih 20 novih članov v odrasli oddelku \$35.00.
Za pridobljenih 25 novih članov v odrasli oddelku \$50.00.

Pod "novimi člani" so mišljeni kandidati moškega ali ženskega spola in pristopiti morajo k društvu št. 20 SSPZ. Predlagatelj pa je upravičen do nagrade po šestih mesecih od dneva, ko njegov kandidat postane član SSPZ in plača šest mesecev redni asessment pri društvu. Vse nagrade se izplača v gotovini.

Navedene lestvice so soglasno odobrene od vseh navzočih uradnikov društva.

Kampanjska doba se smatra od 1. junija do 31. decembra, 1937, in nagrade se bodo p navedenih lestvicah izplačale le za novopristopile v tem času, kar se naj upošteva.

E. Gorshe, zapisnikar.

PIKNIK IN PROSLAVA DRUŠTVA OBLETNICE

N. Braddock, Pa. — Društvo št. 238 SSPZ vabi vse člane in nečlane iz okolice Pittsburgha, da se vdeležite našega prvega in zadnjega piknika te sezone, ki ga priredimo dne 27. junija na Church Hill pikniških prostorih v Turtle Creek, Pa.. To je na ravno tistih prostorih, kjer smo imeli federacijsko sejo in piknik. Gotovo se še spominjate, kako lušno smo se imeli, čeprav nas je malo zeblo.

Za tiste, ki še niste bili na tem prostoru, bomo napisali pise ob cestah "To SSPZ piknik", da boste lažje našli kraj. V slučaju pa da ne bi mogli najti, vprašajte za Church Hill Turtle Creek, Pa., kjer se obdržujejo pikniki.

Za plesalce bo igral dobro poznani Joe's Trio, ki so znani po svojih nastopih na radio postaji WWSW v Pittsburghu. Za drugo bo pa skrbel odbor, tako da bo vsega dosti.

Vožnja na busu iz North Braddocka točno ob 1:30 popoldne od Grandview ave. Iz Braddocka, Pa., točno ob 1:45 izpred Hrvaškega doma ter bo vozil bus skozi East Pittsburgh okoli 2. druge. Člani in prijatelji, pridite pravočasno, da ne boste prepozni.

Torej bližnja društva, klubi in člani SSPZ in prijatelji, na svidenje dne 27. junija v velikem številu na Church Hillu.

Z bratskim pozdravom,
Louis Karish, tajnik.

NOVICE IZ WHITE VALLEY

White Valley, Pa. — Dne 17. maja je porodila dvojčke Mrs. Mary Fisher, obadva fanta, čila in zdrava. Rojena sta bila v bolnišnici v Pittsburghu, dne 31. maja pa so jih pripeljali domov. Vse je slo po sreči, a 13. junija so ju morali pa kar na hitro odpeljati nazaj v bolnišnico in njun oče Rudolf Fisher je moral dati svojo kri, da so jo vbrizgali enemu izmed sinčkov. A vse ni nič pomagalo. Dne 15. junija je eden izmed sinčkov umrl. Njuna mati, Mary Fisher, je članica društva št. 218 SSPZ ter hčerka tajnika Jurija Previca. Ko je bil 13. junija Mike Vrhovnik tukaj, sem mu še obljubil, da ju dobi Vrtec; žal, da bo sedaj eden manj.

Ko se je sobrat Vrhovnik omenjenega dneva mudil pri nas na White Valley, se je najprej vdeležil seje angleško poslujočega društva št. 218 SSPZ, potem se je vdeležil pa tudi naše seje društva št. 142 SSPZ in Vrta št. 103 SSPZ. Po seji je jermal slike Vrta in starejših članov društva št. 142.

Ob 7. uri zvečer je Vrtec priredil igro in po igri je br. Vrhovnik imel precej obširen govor v angleškem jeziku, v katerem je pojasnil, kaj je naša SSPZ in kaj so vredni naši certifikati sedaj in kaj so bili stari. Po govoru je kazal premikajoče slike, kar je trajalo skoro celo uro. Potem se je razvila zabava in ples. Tako smo imeli jako lepo prireditvo, vsaj jaz tako mislim, kaj misli br. Vrhovnik, seveda ne vem. Prišlo pa mi je tudi na uho, da se je neki sobrat izrazil, da on ni nič vedel za našo prireditev. Jaz mislim, da ne-

kateri člani nalašč nočejo vedeti za take stvari. Saj je bila vendar naša prireditev trikrat oglašana potom dopisov v našem glasilu Napredku. Po tem bi bilo soditi, da nekateri člani glasilo zelo slabo čitajo.

Dne 17. junija, se je morala kar na hitro podati v bolnišnico članica našega društva št. 142 SSPZ, Mary Primožič, ki se je morala podvreči operaciji na slepiču. Želim ji, da bi skoro okrevala.

Z bratskim pozdravom,
Jurij Previc, tajnik št. 142.

POJASNILO IN OPOZORILO

Moj soprog in naš oče Frank Klemenčič, rojen 1. 1879 v fari Sv. Lovrenca na Dolenjskem, je preminul dne 12. marca, 1937, previden s sv. zakramenti. Bolehal je za majnarsko boleznijo skoraj dve leti. Zapušča mene ter pet hčera.

Rajniki je bil član društva SSPZ skoro celih 28 let ter se na tem mestu prav lepo zahvaljujem za tako točno izplačano posmrtnino in še posebna hvala tajniku tega društva, ki je redno vsaki mesec prišel obiskat rajnika ter je skrbel, da smo imeli mesečno plačano za to društvo. Dosti se govori, da je to društvo, oziroma organizacija SSPZ brezverska ter da se človek ne more zanesti nanjo, a izkazalo se je, da je bila bolj poštena in pravična kot pa katera druga.

Za vzgled vam navajam, kaj sem doživela te dni.

Rajniki je pristopil k društvu sv. Lovrenca v oktobru 1904. Plačeval je včasih pa tudi za šest; imam izkazilo na knjižici. Torej vse je bilo dobro do leta 1936. Plačano je bilo za mesec avgust 1936, toda v oktobru, ravno ob obletnici njegovega vstopa v društvo, so ga pa vrgli ven iz tega društva in ter brez vsakega opomina in naše vednosti. V resnici smo mislili na kakšen način pomoto in da ne bomo izgubili, ker so jim bile znane naše razmere in da smo bili v pomanjkanju. Meseca maja 1936 je prenehala zadnja bolniška podpora omenjenega društva in od tistega časa ni nobeden prišel pogledat pokojnika. Ko je rajnik umrl, sem vprašala tajnika o tem in on mi je rekel, da lahko pravi predlagajo vsaki mesec in kdor ne plača, ga vržejo ven brez vsakega opomina.

Tukaj se zrcali očitna surovost in dokaz, da je potrebno, da vsak človek dobro premisli, v kakšno društvo bo stopil, ker rajnega so vrgli iz omenjenega društva ravno pred pragom smrti.—To je vse resnično do besede.

Marija Klemenčič in otroci.
Forest City, Pa.

PIKNIK DRUŠTVA PRIJATELJ, ŠT. 215 SSPZ

Euclid, O. — Kot je bilo že omenjeno v kolonah Napredka, bo imelo zgoraj omenjeno društvo svoj piknik v nedeljo 27. junija na prijaznih Stuškovih prostorih v Wickliffe, O. Tem potom vabimo cenjeno občinstvo iz Clevelanda in okolice, da nas posetijo v obilnem številu. Posebno apeliramo na člane SSPZ, da nas gotovo pridejo malo pogledat.

Postreglo se bo vsem s hladno pijačo in okusnimi jedili, za polke in valčke bo pa skrbel godba Vrta št. 11. Ti dečki znajo tako dobro igrati, da so bili pohvaljeni že od več strani. Pridite in prepričajte se sami, da je to resnica.

Oni, ki morda ne vedo za pot na Stuškov prostor, naj se pe-ljejo po Euclid ave. do Wickliffa, pri prvi prometni luči se obrnite na desno in vozite do ceste št. 84; tam krenite na levo in vozite miljo in pol, nar-kar pridete do našega znamenja. — Na svidenje!

Odbor.

Vesti z industrijske in politične fronte v Zed. državah

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Medtem ko je predsednik Republic korporacije Tom Girdler pred odsekom trdil, da unija pri vršitvi piketiranja "gazi vse zakone", pa je Philip Murray, predsednik Steel Workers Organizing Committee, izjavil, da so jeklarski magnati v nekaterih mestih faktični vladarji in da so s pomočjo privatnih po-bojniških armad zatrli vse civilne svobodščine.

Vladni delavski odbor je v pondeljek začel z zaslišanji v Chicagu z ozirom na obtožbo unije proti Inland Steel Co., da je kriva kršenja Wagnerjeve delavske postave, ker pospešuje organiziranje kompanijske unije, kar zakon izrecno prepoveduje, ter odklanja pogajanja z zastopniki prave unije. Odbor ima pred seboj tudi pritožbo unije, da je Republic Steel Co. na protizakonit način preprečila kolektivno pogajanje.

Senat proti Rooseveltu

Zadnji teden je senatni pravosodni odsek obelodanil obširno poročilo, ki breobzirno žigosa Rooseveltov načrt za reorganiziranje vrhovnega sodišča. Najbolj značilna stran tega poročila leži v tem, da so demokratski senatorji, ki so v večini, prav tako strupeni proti Rooseveltu kot republikanski. Poročilo pravi, da načrt ogroža neodvisnost pravosodja in demokracijo ter zahteva, da ga kongres tako odločno porazi, "da si ne bo noben predsednik nikdar več drznil priti na dan s slinčnim programom."

Administracijski krogi so na delu za kompromis, ki bi rešil vsaj del reorganizacijskega programa, toda izgled za uspeh vsaj v senatu je zelo slab. Roosevelt ni z ozirom na pekočo obsodbo senatnega odseka izjavil nič drugega kot da želi, da pride predloga čim prej na glasovanje.

Zakonodajce tare vročina

Zakonodajno delo v kongresu zadnje čase zlo počasi napreduje. Deloma je temu kriva silna vročina, radi katere slovi Washington. Kot izgleda, se je misel za sprejem novega zakona za pomoč farmerjem, ki naj bi zavzel mesto razveljavljene postave AAA, že opustilo, da bi se zasedanje čim bolj skrajšalo, ampak rešitve še vedno čakajo razne druge predloge: predloga za standardiziranje delovnih ur in mezd, Wagnerjeva predloga za gradnjo cenelih stanovanj, načrt za reorganiziranje eksekutivnega oddelka vlade in še več drugih važnih zadev.

Demokratje piknikujejo

Ta teden se bo vršil na otoku v Chesapeake zalivu, 30 milj od Washingtona, nekaj izlet in piknik za demokratične zakonodajce, ki bo trajal tri dni. Prireja ga neki demokratski klub, čigar pristopnina znaša \$100 in ravno toliko letna članarina. To priliko za oddih bodo porabili kongresniki in senatorji in izletnike bo obiskal tudi Roosevelt, o katerem se pričakuje, da bi "piknik" porabil za neuradne razgovore, ki naj bi olajšali pot raznim administracijskim predlogom skozi kongres.

Značilni odmevi iz Evrope

Zadnji teden je zakladniški department zopet prejel uljudna naznanila od dvanajstih evropskih držav, da ne morejo plačati polletnega obroka na svoje vojne dolgove v Ameriki, medtem ko je Finska kot običajno zopet poslala svoj obrok v znesku \$163,141. Vojni dolg evropskih narodov v Ameriki znaša 10 milijard dolarjev brez obresti. Da bi bil ta dolg kdaj

plačan sploh nihče ne verjame.

Koncem minulega tedna je dospel v Ameriko belgijski premijer Paul van Zeeland, ki bo imel posvetovanje s predsednikom Rooseveltom, katerega bo skušal pridobiti za idejo nove mednarodne gospodarske konference, ki naj bi pomagala odpreti pot mednarodni trgovini. Kot se razume bo belgijski diplomat neuradno zastopal tudi Anglijo in Francijo, in opozarja se, da je imel šele pred kratkim pogovor z nemškimi gospodarskim večščakom Schachtom.

NAŠI PO AMERIKI

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ki živi na Ely, Minn. Nedavno je poteklo 60 let, odkar je stopila na ameriška tla. Pijonirka slovi kot izborna kuharica ter je kuhala svoj čas za svatbe mnogih rojakov. Stara je 77 let in je doma iz Podbrezja na Gorenjskem.

—Kot je razvidno iz oglasa, ki je priobčen v tej izdaji Napredka, jo poznani clevelandski rojak John F. Perko postal član nove firme z imenom Perko & Zink, katere urad se nahaja v 1173 Union Trust Building. Mr. Perko, ki je rodom iz Tržiča, se že dolgo let bavi z investicijami.

—Na obisk v staro domovino je odpotovala iz Latroba, Pa., v Ameriki rojena Slovenka Jane Fradel, ki bo obiskala sorodnike na Primorskem in ogledala si bo tudi razna evropska velemesta.

—V nesrečah so v zadnjem času izgubili življenje trije rojaki. V Luzerne, Pa., je bil pri delu v premogovniku ubit 39-letni George Benec, doma iz Metlike v Beli krajini, ki zapuščal ženo in tri otroke. V Gowandi, N. Y., je bil od avtomobila ubit Stephen Andolšek, samec, star 39 let, rojen v Ameriki, ki zapuščal starše ter več bratov in sester. Na enak način je našel smrt v Oregon City, Ore., Frank Mastnjak, star 62 let, doma od Senčurja pri Kranju.

Od tedna do tedna

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va vloga zanj in za deželo. Organiziralo se je, da se zoperstavi silam privilegija in izkoreninjanja in da pospeši program, ki pomeni napredek za deželo. V oni kampanji je bila na tehtnici bodočnost delavstva.

"Danes ni nikogar, ki se ne bi zavedal, kaj bi pomenilo za delavstvo in demokracijo, ako bi bili lansko jesen zmagali Liberty ligaši in open shoperji."

"Dasiravno je ljudstvo pri zadnjih volitvah dalo svoj mandat, pa se ne smemo varati, da je veliko vprašanje že rešeno. Sile, ki so vodile boj proti nam preteklo jesen, z bojem niso prenehale. Te sile še vedno upajo, da se jim posreči poraziti rezultate zadnjih volitev."

Hillman je nato navajal marsaker v Chicagu in industrijske nemire v Harlin okraju, Ky., in drugod po deželi kot dokaz, da so reakcionarni industrijalci odločeni, da delavstvu zanikajo njegove pravice. Potem je nadaljeval:

"Naše veliko prizadevanje stremi za tem, da prinesemo demokracijo tako v industrijo kot politično življenje. Bitka je še vedno pred nami. Uspeli bomo šele, kadar bo industrija definitivno priznala, da ima delavstvo pravico do organizacije."

"Mi smo na delu za upostavitve trajne stranke, ki naj izraža želje delovnega ljudstva in progresivnih skupin širom dežele. Delati moramo v državi in v deželi in obče za novo opredelitev političnih sil te dežele."



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Spremembe v članstvu pri društvih SSPZ za mesec Changes in Membership by SSPZ lodges for the month of MAY, 1937

Table with columns for lodge names and membership counts. Includes Novopristopili, Črtani nazaj sprejeti, and Umrl.

Črtani nazaj sprejeti črtani. Prestopili od drugih društev in umrli. Črtani nazaj sprejeti: Anna Mladic, 18, c. 10145; Frank Jeraj, 18, c. 9002; L. Zeleznik, 22, c. 10181.

INOZEMSKA KRONIKA

(Dalje s 1. strani)

shalla, poveljnika armadne posadke v Vancouverju, kjer so se omili in obrili, malo jedli in pili, potem pa so šli spat.

Bilbao padel v roke fašistom

V soboto je Bilbao končno padel v roke fašistom, ki so ga zasedlo, potem ko se je baskiška lojalistična armada umaknila ter zavzela nove postojanke zapadno od mesta. Lojalistična vlada v Valenciji se vsled padca Bilbao ne vznemirja ter pravi, da je bolj ko kdaj uverjena, da je končna zmaga ljud-

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SPARTANS LOSE EXHIBITION GAME TO THE UTOPIANS BY A SCORE OF 10 TO 9

Playing on rough, uneven grounds, the Spartans on Sunday lost an exhibition game to their friendly rivals, the Utopians after garnering a 9-3 lead at the end of the fifth inning. Utopians came back in the sixth to stage a seven run rally which enabled them to take the game away from the Spartans by a one run margin. Outstanding player for the Spartans was Zagar who had two singles and a triple. For Utopians, Mesojedel had two triples.

BOX SCORE table for Spartans vs Utopians. Columns: AB, R, H, E. Spartans: 24, 9, 6, 2. Utopians: 26, 10, 9, 2.

Spartans scored in the first when Zagar, lead-off man singled, stole second, took third after Koman filed out, and scored when Moze filed out to deep left. Utopians tied the score in the second when Mesojedel hit a three bagger and scored when Menilo doubled to left.

In the third, Spartans forged ahead when J. Gorisek walked, stole second and scored on Zagar's single. In the fourth, Utopians again tied the score when Jerse tripled to left and scored on Mesojedel's triple. For the Spartans, Moze doubled. Spehek was safe at second on an error. Moze going to third. M. Gorisek then tripled to left scoring Moze and Spehek. Matitch then filed out. Gorisek scoring after the catch.

In the fifth Utopians scored one run when Laznik was safe at first on an error. Zorman forced Laznik at second, then scored on Bohinc's single. For Spartans Bolka walked and scored on Zagar's 3 bagger. Koman singled. Moze took three bases on an error scoring Koman. The score at the end of the fifth was 9-3 in favor of Spartans.

In the sixth, Stokel replaced Spehek in the pitcher's box. Pizmoht walked and scored on Pekauc's single. Jerse and Streeter both drew walks. With two out and bases loaded, Laznik tripled scoring three men, then went home on Zagar's bad throw from left. Zorman singled and Reya hit a home run scoring Zorman ahead of him. The game ended as the Spartans were held scoreless in their half of the sixth.

By Stan Zore

out trying for third. Vidmar doubled and Ed Potech survived on a bad throw by Berger, pulling Tome off the bag. Rosol sent both of them home with single to short left. They scored two more in the seventh inning when both Kalan and Vidmar whiffed, F. Pouhe walked, Ed Potech reached first for the third straight time by singling over second and Rosol brought both of them home with a double over third base. He stepped off the base during a pitch, and the side was retired. Trail Blazers were as tame as lambs until the ninth inning. Vic's were leading 9 to 5. Tome, the first man up, singled just inside the first base. Berger's fourth futile attempt was a fly to right field. Then Okleshen pulled one over the third base, and while the ball was being retrieved, he scored behind Tome. Carlig followed with a single between second and short, held the bag while Brolick fouled to pitcher for the second out, and reached third on Jacksi's single to right. Joe took second on the throw in. For a minute it appeared that the game was over, when Willie Trsar, a Trail Blazer Junior, sent a wicked grounder to F. Pouhe at short. Pouhe trapped the ball, but instead of tagging the runner going to third, he attempted to get the man at first. While stretching his arm for the throw he stuck it right at Jacksi racing for third, dropping the ball. He claimed interference, and while arguing with the ump, Bill Trsar raced all the way around and home with the fifth run of inning making the score 10 to 9 in favor of Trail Blazers. The stars of the game were Carlig at third and Ernest Vrhovnik catching for Trail Blazers, while for Victorians Venisnik was outstanding with several good catches in left field.

2 base hits—Moze, Menilo. 3 base hits—Zagar, M. Gorisek, Mesojedel (2), Jerse, Laznik. Home runs—Reya. Struck out by Spehek—7, by Stokel—1, by Bohinc—7. Walked by Spehek—1, by Stokel—3, by Bohinc—6.

The Spartan-Polish Falcon game was called off account of rain after 4 1/2 innings of play. At the time the game was called off, the Spartans were leading 15-0. Hostnik pitched for the Spartans, while Newadamy did the hurling for the Falcons.

Next Friday, July 2, Spartans play Utopians.

Spartanology

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A Picnic Outing

The Spartans, Utopians and the Vrtec lodges spent a very enjoyable day (in spite of a few raindrops) at Surtz's farm Sunday, June 20th. We all wore clothes that were appropriate for a picnic. The Spartans and Utopians indulged in an exhibition game which for the first time this year the Spartans were beat. But only by one run folks! Going out to the farm the fellows kept dodging each other's cars. Playing "follow the leader" Stan Somrak was being teased as he could not attend. Eddie Centa playing "lone wolf" but not for long! Antonia Zagar and Anne Opeka being given such nice cool seats! On the ice folks! Another "lone wolf"—Myra wanderin' off in the woods just by her own self. Bob and Joe had two pretty gals (Josephine Kotnik and Sophie Ponikvar) to keep them company all thru the day. Josie got quite wet, but Joe's jersey helped a lot! Whoa! did you see Myra run away so suddenly? Don't worry I won't give you away. Joyce Gershe getting kicked by — Oh, oh! Adolph and Helen having a lover's quarrel—just for fun. Rudy comin' to the farm early in the afternoon all dressed up in white flannels. They weren't white very long. By the way Rudy how does it feel to be in a wrestling match with all girls. That's not all either, he had to get his shoes from up a tree, and then to top it off he begins to play with a rubber ball! Hank, Stella, Myra and Eddie exploring the grounds had quite a few adventures. Michael Vrhovnik seeking beautiful scenery and also pretty gals—seemed to be quite enthused in three Spartan Jr. gals! Chuck being told to take care of the kids but to me it seemed he needed somebody's care! Frances getting plenty of swats. And did they hurt too. Just celebrating a birthday. Myra Gorisek taking a walk with pretty Elsie Koss. Stakel teasin' Zagar but it seems Zagar can't take it. Conflict over Myra Vrhovnik. Stan Zorc feeling quite blue for a while. Mr. Cannon attended the affair much to our surprise! What kind of power has Chuck over women —young or old? You're quite an attraction!

HIT-BITS

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music world were shocked by the sudden death of Val Garvin, well known and loved band leader. Val Garvin's sudden death of pneumonia at the Mercy Hospital on June 8, deprived a young and ambitious maestro of some day climbing to international heights in musical fame. Val Garvin and his band were due to play for our Mardi Gras Ball some time this September.

Special Notice

To all athletic minded members of the Challengers lodge 255, who are interested in the formation of a softball team for local competition and participating in our coming 5th SSPZ National Athletic Meet in Cleveland September 4, 5 and 6, are requested to be present at our monthly meeting Sunday, June 27 at the SNPJ Hall, Strabane.

4th of July Celebration

On the 4th and 5th of July, the Challengers are sponsoring a mammoth picnic at Stone Quarry Park, Meadowlands, Pa. All efforts are being made to fill the afternoons with several base ball games and soft ball games in order that you may enjoy yourselves. Dancing will be featured in the evening. Music will be furnished by Frank Wasick and his Rhythm Kings Orchestra.

The Nerve of Some People

Just the other day our local funeral director who is known to the boys as Spare-Ribs stopped Marion Pellegrini and asked him how he felt. At the present time, brother Pellegrini was suffering the ill feelings of the morning after the night before. Well, Spare-Ribs, replied Marian, to tell you the truth, I feel like finding a nice comfortable place where I can lie down and die.

SYGAN HILLS VRTEC

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the stage with beautiful flowers. This reminded us of a flower garden. In the middle of all these flowers sat the officers of Vrtec No. 72, brother Vrhovnik, Director of Vrtec Lodges, brother Kvartich, Supreme President of SSPZ, and brother Mur, our Administrator. Brother Kvartich opened our program by greeting all members and friends, who attended the performance. After he greeted them he introduced the officers to the audience. Then the program began. Henry Ursic, our treasurer, gave a speech. Frank Dolinar, our president, played his accordion. Paul Shappel, our vice president, played his guitar. Junior Krek played his accordion. Our program was short, because we had little time to prepare for it. I am sure bro. Vrhovnik excused us for not having a larger program, but for the next time he will visit us, we will have a better one. Then bro. Kvartich introduced bro. Mur, our Administrator, who also gave a short talk. At

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I remembered not to forget them... In a few minutes we were driving up "meandering" Sygan Hill and, shortly, welcome hands were being squeezed in mine... Among the first to be introduced to me were the Kramzars (it was at their home I first visited)... I met Julia, the Vrtec secretary, and Julia, her mother and Vrtec supervisor, who has already done so much to help make the SSPZ popular in this vicinity... Others of the family were soon entered in my book of new faces... Sister Mary Visnikar and all the Vrtec officers and members were next... The attendance here was as nearly perfect as one could wish and certainly it was among the finest and neatest looking groups of boys and girls I've had the pleasure of meeting... In a little while, their pictures were taken... Then the program of the evening opened... The welcome address was given by the Vrtec treasurer, Henry Ursic... Three instrumental solos, one each by Paul Chappel, Junior Krek and Henry Ursic, followed in rapid order... Short talks by brothers Leo Mur, John Kvartich, Supreme President, and myself came next and then the movies... Warm-as it was, few people left the hall before the program was completed... As reward for their excellent behavior, performance and work in recent months, an appetizing lunch was served in the lower hall to all Vrtec members... At 11:30 we left Sygan for Strabane, but not before having a chat with Julia Kramzar, Dorothy Usnic, Frank Dolinar, Henry Ursic and Paul Chappel, all of whom are active officers of one of our most thriving Vrtec units... Congratulations to brother Mur and sisters Julia Kramzar and Mary Visnikar who have been largely responsible for the commendable work that is being done in Sygan among our Vrtec members... May the future yield even greater successes.

Photography

First let us put our subjects in groups.

F. R. L.

We have sometime or other heard the expression that "so and so," has great luck with his camera, or that at one particular time you had good luck with your pictures. Is there really such a thing as luck in making pictures? I doubt it, because all it takes is a little planning before each exposure, and some common sense and you can never fail.

GROUP 1—Marine, Beach, Sky, Distant Landscapes and Snow.

Shutter speed 1/25th of a second, f stops F. 22; U. S. stops U. S. 32; #3 stops on box camera.

GROUP 2—Ordinary landscapes with sky, with principal objects in foreground, or light colored building etc.

Shutter speed 1/25th of a second, f stops F. 16; U. S. stops U. S. 16; #2 stops on box camera.

GROUP 3—Nearby landscapes showing little or no sky, groups and street scenes.

Shutter speed 1/25 of a second f stops F. 11; U. S. stops U. S. 8; #1 stops on box camera

GROUP 4—Portraits in the open shade, (not under trees or on the porch, and shaded near by scenes.

Shutter speed 1/25th of a second f stops F. 8; U. S. stops U. S. 4

With a box camera, you will have to give it a time exposure of one second, and you must use the smallest stop.

When the day is cloudy the exposures should be about twice as long and when very dull about four times. Always steady your camera against the body, and hold your breath when you are going to click it. Rest camera on a solid support when making a time exposure.

Get yourself a note book, small enough to fit in your vest pocket or purse, in this book keep a record of all the pictures you make, the subject, the light conditions, lens opening used, time of day, the exposure and the type film used.

All these things may be abbreviated in your own code letters. After your film and prints have been made, make additional remarks to the above entries such as, "under exposed," "slightly over," "excellent," etc. think of the great amount of information you will have accumulated, by the end of the summer. You will be surprised to find how valuable your note book will be in helping you make good pictures.

Okrim

FRATERNAL TIP: To make your Lodge Secretary your best friend, pay your dues as soon as you can. Don't wait until the last minute. If he can help it no secretary will list you among the suspended members, but you must cooperate. It will also save him a lot of work and—worry.

All South Side members wishing to make the trip to Milwaukee next Sunday by bus should communicate immediately with bro. Stanley Tisot. It is expected that a busful of members from Roseland-Pullman district will take the advantage of this excursion.

Next week complete details of the events at the Federation's picnic will be disclosed. There will be prizes for ball-naw winners, a number of prizes for Vrtec members, awards for various contests among the adults, men and women, and, of course, a nice prize for the winning ball team. There will be two games played between Trail Blazers, Balkanites from Milwaukee and Victorians. This will be a return match for Balkanites, whom Trail Blazers meet in Milwaukee on June 27th.

From what we read in NAPREDEK lately the softball competition at the forthcoming National Athletic Meet in Cleveland over Labor Day holidays will be the best in the history of athletics in SSPZ. With SPARTANS on warpath in Cleveland and UTOPIANS burning up

last bro. Kvartich introduced bro. Vrhovnik, who also gave a nice talk. Not only did the members of SSPZ enjoy his talk, but the outsiders also. If bro. Vrhovnik lived near Sygan, I am sure Vrtec No. 72 would be one of the best Vrtec's in U. S. A. After he gave his speech, he showed his movies. I am sure all the people enjoyed very much.

After the movies refreshments were served. We all welcome bro. Vrhovnik to visit Sygan very soon again.

I also wish to express my thanks to the Junior Literary Contest judges for the prizes I have received for my monthly articles in the "Napredek."

Julia C. Kramzar, Sec'y Vrtec 72.



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"PROBLEM CHILDREN"

(A talk delivered at a symposium by FRANK SODNIKAR, Editor, English Section of "Enakopravnost")

Around the S.S.P.Z.

By Michael Vrhovnik

Come — join again with me on my tour of the SSPZ — Leaving the Challenger Juniors at Willow Beach on the afternoon of June 5th, where and when they were having another of their celebrated outings, we will now take you to Sygan, the home of Vrtec No. 72 and Lodge No. 89 — But, before we arrive there, let us first see what took place in the meantime . . . Now, this may not seem interesting to most of you, but just for the sake of variety and because I feel that it is in order, let's see just what did happen between the time I left Willow Beach and when I pulled in at the home of brother Leo Mur, secretary of Lodge No. 89 and the administrator of the Vrtec at Sygan, in the little town of Presto.

In order to cover a lot of ground in this second installment of my "Juvenile Month" tour, I'm forced to write what I call a "skip and jump" column. . . There will be plenty of skipping and certainly quite a bit of jumping, so if I fail to mention your name or some incident you were connected with during the course of my visit in your community, don't think it was done intentionally, but rather blame it on the "heat" and the "amber fluid" which first dazzled and then dimmed the eyes and numbed the "cogs" of memory.

Saturday afternoon with the hands of an ancient "ticker-tocker" fast approaching 4 o'clock . . . There, in the "sitting-room" of "Ye Old Mansion," I sat, hurriedly, jotting down a few notes on the day's events — My shirt was off, for it was hotter than the devil, himself, that afternoon. . . I hadn't quite finished writing when the "toot" of a horn and the hum of a motor broke the silence. . . Then someone was heard to address "Uncle" Charley Koman — The sound of a bevy of mixed voices and laughter followed almost immediately, and before I had time to get up out of my chair I was surrounded by "Uncle" Charlie, Joe Zorman, Eddie Deitz, Stan Zagar, Eddie Centa, Bill Perusek, Celesta Deitz and her sister, and several others whose names I can't recall at this writing . . . They were all in a hilarious mood and full of wide-awake devilment . . . And there I stood, caught with my shirt off and exposed, perhaps, more than I've ever been, to the joking "stabs" of a fun-hunting group of Spartans and Utopians who, in company with fifteen or sixteen others came all the way from Cleveland to attend the Challengers' 3rd Anniversary Rose Dance . . . They stayed only a few minutes before moving on to Canonsburg's "downtown" and other points of more or less importance — Stopping an hour at Drenik's Colony Grill where a bite of something to eat and a swallow or two of a combination of fluids was had to wet and appease their parched "whistles" and warm and fill their thundering stomachs . . . When they were gone, I made ready for my visit to Sygan an hour hence . . . I saw and heard no more of them until late that evening upon my return.

Scheduled to appear at Sygan at 6:00 o'clock, I rushed things so that I was nearly half way there before I discovered that the movie films had been left behind. . . Turning around, the distance was soon re-negotiated, but not without having a second "tardy" mark credited to my report, making it twice in a row on consecutive days . . . If this were going to school, the sting of a paddle would warm the seat of my pants ere the evening sun sank behind the Western hills . . . But thanks to my lucky stars and advanced years, my "flailing" adventures (wherein I was the unhappy recipient) are, I hope, permanently ended . . . But this is roaming off the subject, again . . .

At Presto, we stopped at the home of brother Leo Mur where we found him and his family anxiously and patiently watching for my arrival, and wondering between questionable doubts whether I would keep my promise to stop there first or go right on to Sygan . . . Being distantly related to the elephant,

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Biggest Outdoor Affair of the SSPZ in Years

Chicago Will Be Host to Balkanites From Milwaukee. Two Ball Games on Program of Chicago SSPZ Day on July 5th

Chicago, Ill. — Red Gate Grove (Sterzinar's), at Willow Springs, will be the scene of the SSPZ Day Picnic given by the Chicago Federation of SSPZ Lodges, on Monday, July 5, 1937.

Following several years of inactivity in the social field, this picnic will be the Federation's first large affair and promises to be not only a picnic, but a gigantic family gathering of loyal SSPZ members and their friends. The last picnic that was held by the Federation, it will be remembered, was the talk of the town, but this coming affair, from all indications, will be larger, full

of entertainment and by all means it will be more novel. The program that has been arranged will contain continuous dance music by Gradisek's orchestra, games and races for Vrtec members as well as for the adults, and last but not least, a lawn bowling (balina) tournament for all those that care to enter. Prizes will be awarded to outstanding participants in all events.

The Balkanites from Milwaukee, the Victorians and the Trail Blazers from Chicago, have signified their intention to appear in two fast ball contests. There is much enthusiasm being expressed among

the ball players for these games especially the game between the Victorians and the Trail Blazers, where the lodges will battle for Chicago SSPZ honors.

The picnic grove will open at twelve o'clock noon, and the admission is only fifteen cents for adults. All Vrtec members and children of grammar school age will be admitted to the grove without charge. Watch this page on June 30th for a complete program of entertainment and events that will take place on SSPZ Day, at the Red Gate Grove, on July 5th!

Sell More Tickets

What's the News?

FLASH - FLASH

A very successful picnic of Lodge No. 19, SSPZ, held last Sunday in East Side Forest Preserve was terminated about 6:30 in the afternoon by rain and thunderstorm. More than 200 people still remained on the premises, when a high wind and the first drops of rain scattered the people back to their cars and sent them scurrying towards home. Later on the picnic terminated in a social held at Starc's.

Several balina contests were scheduled, Trail Blazer girls losing to the ladies of No. 19 by the tune of 10 to 24, while Trail Blazers scored a last minute 8 points to nose out Lodge No. 100 boys 24 to 23. Lodge No. 100 led at one time by the score of 16 to 0, but TB's kept on trying and succeeded to bring the score 23 to 16 in favor of their opponents. Then the unexpected 8 point splurge and an unexpected victory. V. Tome, Ernest Vrhovnik, Tony Ule and M. G. Kuhel led for TB's, and P. Vrhovnik, J. Puzel, Ed. Arko and Andy Zadnik for No. 100. Dolly Tisul, Zora Knudsen, Pauline Kuhel and Valerie Putz of Trail Blazers played against Mrs. Rus, Mrs. Puzel, Mrs. Orazem and Mrs. Vrhovnik, representing No. 19 (the last three really belong to No. 100). The aforementioned storm spoiled the finals.

In a practice ballgame Trail Blazers nosed out Victorians 10 to 9, climaxing a 7th inning rally with 5 runs with two out. Victorians scored the first run in the first inning when J. Pouhe singled, Joe Patsch was safe on a boot by Okleshen, and walks to Kalan and Vidmar, forcing in Pouhe. Trail Blazers came back with 4 runs in the same stanza. Ernest Vrhovnik doubled over short-stop's head, L. Tome walked, so did Carlig. Bill Brolick brought all three in with a double over left fielder's head and scored himself on another bingle by Joe Jacksi, the pitcher. Carlig made the score 5 to 1 against Vic's by piling a long homerun in the third. Victorians went to town in the fourth inning, scoring 6 runs on 5 hits. J. Pouhe singled, J. Patsch doubled to left, sending Pouhe to third. Venisnik brought both of them across the home plate by doubling in the same direction, but was

Spartanology

Howdy folks, here is Moe with her news from here, there and everywhere! Spartans next meeting will be on the Sunday afternoon of July 18th in Room 3 at SNH. This meeting will begin promptly at one o'clock. All members are urged to be in attendance. Plans for the outing on July 25th at the Nelson Ledges are to be discussed. Also two dollars will be given away. Jean Gorshe would have been the lucky winner had she been present at the June meeting. So come one, come all and fill up those empty chairs. Who knows you might be the proud possessor of the two dollars. Be seeing-u-at the meeting!

Local Anesthetics Have quite a bit of news around the SSPZ circle this week! —Congratulations are in order, the Hooevars and Kalisters are celebrating their first wedding anniversary on June 27th.

—Among the Spartan group we have three high school graduates. Joyce Gorshe from East High and Stanley Zorc and Johnny Verhovnik from East Technical High. Luck be with you in your future days!

—The parents of the Vrhovnik clan celebrated their twenty-fifth wedding anniversary on June 17th. May they live to celebrate their fiftieth.

—Caroline Ahcin is going to take a trip to Europe on her vacation.

—More congrats. John Nosse is going to be married on August first. He's not paying any attention to the warning of the love bug!

—Oh, oh, what a mixup! That ever-pleasing personality Rudy Lisch is in

Utopians Second Barn Dance

Sponsored by the Baseball Team

It's a sure sign that summer is on its way when plans for the Annual Barn Dance is now in progress. The Utopians baseball team is planning to dance its way to success for the National SSPZ Olympics.

This affair is to be known as the Utopians Second Annual Barn Dance and it will be held on Saturday, June 26 at Manchutta's Farm, one mile from Green Road.

Noteworthy is the fact that this is one organization in which both young women and young men will participate in showing you a fascinating evening.

They have gone their utmost in the way of having a gigantic supply of the good old standby — BEER — for those dry whistles; hot dogs galore to appease that immense appetite; soft drinks for the ones who cannot indulge in the other mentioned above.

After your hunger and thirst have been well satisfied those who do not care to dance can go strolling down the winding paths with their sweethearts and enjoy the full moon surrounded with the silvery stars. The dancers can enjoy the melodious tunes of Johnny Pecon's orchestra and dance until the sun starts creeping from the horizon.

So don't forget, folks, make that date with the Utopians for a big day of fun, for just a small sum of twenty five cents.

Elsie Pucel, Sec.

The Comets Column

AMBRIDGE, Pa. — The June meeting of the Comets was very well attended. At this meeting Michael Vrhovnik was present and took pictures of all the Comet members present. He also took pictures of our officers and was ready to take pictures of the Comets' mushball team when something went wrong with the film. Brother Vrhovnik gave a speech and later showed us movies which were enjoyed by all.

Ambitions of the Comets are: R. R.—Would like to be a radio announcer.

J. S.—Would like to be a great boxer. F. T. and F. S.—Would like to be great musicians.

B. V. and F. R.—Would like to be nurses.

F. S.—Would like to be an actor.

Comets' Sports The Comets' mushball team had a good team winning the first half of the Ambridge City Jr. League. The Comets hope to buy uniforms after the dance that was held on June 19. We wish the mushball team good luck for the second half.

For further developments watch for this column. Till again, Frank Tekstar (Age: 9)

NOTICE — More English will be found on page 3.

the midst of a love triangle. Better watch your steps Rudy!

—Hear that Tonia Zazar (that ever-likeable Spartan lass) is planning a trip to New York during her vacation.

At the Challengers' Rose Dance, the lights went out for Chuck Koman and later, but soon after Chuck, Eddie Centa, faded out of the picture too! You just can't take it boys! Jake Zagar havin' quite a job, lookin' for lost people. Stan Zorc finding quite an attraction in Burgettstown. Anne Opeka claims she can look up to one fellow only. One guess is enough and you can't be wrong either!

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HIT BITS

By MARION G. PELLEGRINI

The end has come as come it must. Even to anniversary dances which for a short while make life seem a wee bit gay and beautiful to the greatest majority of us. The end too has come as come it must. For those beautiful pure white "Lilley of the Valley" and ting pink "Rose Bud" corsages, which so vividly graced the lovely chiffon and taffeta evening gowns worn by charming young lady members of the Spartans, Utopians, Progressors, Pirates and Challengers on the magnificent night of our Third Anniversary Rose Dance.

Merited Credit

Merited credit for the success of the Rose Dance is due largely to the Spartans and Utopians of Cleveland.

Whenever we Challengers stop to think of these loyal members, numbering 25 or more—who journeyed one hundred and fifty miles of highway just to be present at our anniversary dance, words fail to come to express our sincere appreciation. However, to the Spartans and Utopians of Cleveland we Challengers send this message:

Our personal feelings were never more meant.

We Challengers would like to send you both power,

Power so almighty, that nothing on universe can overthrow;

Power to smile and laugh awhile,

As journeying thru fraternal life you go.

These, however, are only fanciful wishes.

We would much rather send you Our whole-hearted friendship instead.

We'll clasp you by the hand whenever we meet,

Meaning a great deal more to us than any fancy words that can be said.

Your hearts proved loyal;

Your spirits proved true;

Just keep them both alive,

And we'll warrant the best shall come back to you.

Sad News

Members of the Challenger entertainment committee along with the

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SYGAN HILLS VRTEC

Sygan, Pa. — Well, here I am again with more news, concerning Sygan's Vrtec.

We have a change to make concerning the time of our meetings. Instead of having our meetings every 3rd Wednesday of every month at 7, it has been changed to every 3rd Wednesday of the month at 8:00.

Now that the beautiful month of May is over and our worries of school are over, we will have to work just as hard for our Vrtec, as we did in school, to make our Vrtec a big success and try to enjoy working for our Vrtec as we enjoyed doing our school work. If we work hard for our Vrtec, I am sure we can have good times such as picnics, going on hikes, etc.

Sygan has organized a mush-ball team. The boys have practiced nearly every night to get in good shape for their future games. If the boys will obey and cooperate with Eddie Zupancik, I am sure they can become star players in the future.

About 2 months ago brother Kvaritch told us that brother Vrhovnik, Director of Vrtec Lodges, would visit us and bring his movies with him. We were all anxious to meet brother Vrhovnik. At last brother Mur told us he would be here on June 5th. We thought he would fail us by not coming but he was here about 7:00. After meeting the officers and a few of the members, he took our pictures.

About 8:30 the program began. The Ladies Sr. Lodge of Sygan decorated

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WHEEL OF PROGRESS CAMPAIGN AWARDS

INDIVIDUAL AND COLLECTIVE

The following awards are currently effective and shall remain so to Jan. 1st, 1938.

ADULT DEPARTMENT

Table with columns for Certificate Value and amounts for Ordinary Life, Endowment At Age 70, Endowment At Age 60, Twenty Payment Life, 20 Year Endowment.

JUVENILE DEPARTMENT

Class "A" Certificate—\$50 to be awarded to the proposing member Class "B" Certificate—\$50 to be awarded to the proposing member In addition to the individual awards the Society will pay to the: Leading Lodge (Nationally) . . . \$100.00 as a Grand National Prize Leading Vrtec (Nationally) . . . \$100.00 as a Grand National Prize Leading Lodge in each Group . . . \$50.00 as a Grand Group Prize Leading Vrtec in each Group . . . \$25.00 as a Grand Group Prize

The Society shall pay \$35.00 for the organization of a Lodge having 10 or more new members.

The Society shall pay \$10.00 for the organization of an ACTIVE VRTEC having 50 or more members.

The Society shall pay \$5.00 for the organization of an ACTIVE VRTEC having 25 or less members.

The medical examination fee shall be paid by the Society.

The SSPZ emblem shall be given free to each new member.

If articles are preferred to cash, choice of a selected list may be had. No awards shall be made prior to the expiration of six months of goodstanding membership.

Lodge secretaries and Vrtec administrators are advised to keep a separate record of the names of the proposing members. All checks shall be issued in the name of the Lodge treasurer or Vrtec administrator.

(For further particulars, read the rules of the Wheel of Progress Campaign)

This situation today points to an early mistake of the ESL movement—the failure to develop in their potential members through organs and other mediums, a consciousness above that of a social program and athletic competition. As long as members were attracted into the movement by this dual program, no one bothered to analyze it to see that it was just surface attraction and top-heavy so that some day it might topple over. It did, as soon as it was given a start by the depression.

Lodges were organized for something more than social and sports. Their goal should be to organize their members into groups which will be powerful in community and civic endeavors. They should educate and help their members. They should put their money to work in civic and cultural lines and not leave it accumulate in some bank book which may later be worth half of what it was intended to be. They should bring out the fact that they are a vital force in community life and not just an insurance agency. They should be the center of community life—the pioneers in building national homes and this, so why shouldn't our lodges continue in that direction. With this in mind, they will still attract the younger crowd which today is spending its good energies on social clubs, which are here today and gone tomorrow. Show them that you have the power of the community, and they will respect you. Take this power from the politicians and you will be doing yomem work.

But this decline in the English speaking movement should not be despairing in. The movement is still plenty strong and will gain strength. Today more members of English-conducted lodges sit on supreme boards than ever before. Their promotional activities are far from dead. Take the yearly SSPZ National Athletic Meets, the SNPJ Idora Park affair last year, in Cleveland take the Inter-Lodge league which regularly breaks attendance records at the Slovene Home and with the money made, carries on a civic program second to none, take the movement of the Croatian Fraternal Union — "To have one ESL in every community." Take the annual Serb basketball tournament which is sponsored by the Serbian National Federation.

Even the fact that the ESL movement is only 10% of the total should not alarm one. It is to be expected that the younger people will not join the lodges in as great numbers as their fathers. To the old-timers it was a necessity and the only place they could turn for protection was the lodge. Today you have scores of insurance companies bidding against the lodge, and you have to take it—some of the seed will be lost.

This smaller number of the younger people in the lodges will tend some day to an amalgamation of the various Yugoslav fraternal organizations. This will strengthen the movement, when it does come, to exist, just as easily as the Moose, Elks and Ma-cabees of today.

Another bright light on the horizon is the organization of strong junior lodges. These will tend to bring in the coming generation. Perhaps it should have been done before with us and this would make our ESL stronger today. But it will do some work even if it is late in starting.

In conclusion I need not stress too much the importance of creating about the lodges the impression that they are more than insurance agencies which have sports and socials as attractions. They should become strong bodies of people, that can use their strength to better their members in civic, cultural and labor ranks. They should educate their members in the problems of today. Let them become strong in the labor field. Incidentally, one or two of our organizations have developed a strong labor consciousness, but somehow it seems that the individual units have failed to catch on to this.

They should promote other activities, if members want to do so. Make savings clubs, earmarked for trips, scholarship start libraries, etc. Any number of activities that are vital to the community and are of a civic nature, even if these don't follow the old Slovene line.

The old problem of members not attempting to come to meetings could be ironed out by following the example set by the Inter-Lodge League. This organization is the most irregular for meetings, yet when it does hold them things are accomplished. Be like the municipal government—hold board meetings and committee meetings when necessary. Do not call a business meeting just because its the second Monday of the month. Have a reason for it and a program with it. Hold less meetings, but make them so darn interesting and accomplish so much that everyone will get interested and come.

COMETS NEWS

AMBRIDGE, Pa. — Hi, everybody. — Well here I am coming back with more of the Comet news. At our monthly meeting held on June 17, we had a visitor at Ambridge. This visitor was none other than brother Vrhovnik, the Director of the Juvenile Department of the SSPZ. The attendance at this meeting was very good and we were also very glad to see so many senior members of lodge 41 present. Before the meeting of all Vrtec members present, pictures of the Comets' officers, and then take pictures of the mushball team but after the pictures were taken we held our meeting. At the close of the meeting brother Vrhovnik gave us an interesting talk which I know was appreciated by all who were present. Following the talk he showed us moving pictures that were of great interest to all.

Agnes Tekstar, Secretary Vrtec 44

Bro. Vrhovnik's Visit to Center, Pa.

CENTER, Pa. — Dear Editor of the Comet News:— To let you know that brother Vrhovnik gave us a visit on June 5th at Center Slovene Hall. When he arrived he took moving pictures of all the members and the administrators of Vrtec 77. After he was through with the movie pictures, the members took a prize for brother Vrhovnik, who was interested in it. After he was through with the speech, he showed us some moving pictures. We were glad to see because they were very interesting. All were very glad that brother Vrhovnik paid us the visit. We thank you! Helen Knafelic, Sec'y of Vrtec No. 77

Old lady (to boy standing head): "Don't you know that do that, you'll never get to be dent?" Little boy: "That's all right I'm a Republican."—Punch