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Janko N. Rogelj,
gl. predsednik:

Narodni bratski
teden

Narodni bratski kongres, katerega članica je tudi nas Ameriška bratska zveza, je preglasil bratski teden v Ameriki, ki se je pričel dne 8. maja.

Amerika, dežela svobode in demokracije, lahko prostavlja teden bratoljubja, samopomoči, pirlanstva. Priseljeni, ki so prihajali v Jugoslavijo, so prinesli s seboj močno in neusahljivo življenje, da mu je vsak priseljene brat. Skoro steherni izmed priseljencev je imel iste izroke in namene, ko je stopil na ameriški tla; imeli so tako sorodne duše, da so lahko drug druga gaščili: Brat, pomagaj si sam!

Vsi ti izseljeni so bili odstrani od svoje lastne samopomoči, odsivni od tega, kar jim nastane in kar si prihranijo. Ta prekušnja jih je napotila, da skleniti med seboj bratski dogovor, kako bodo mesečno dobiti odločene prispevke v skupno blagajno ter iste deliti medsebojnem dogovoru, ko bolezen, nesreča ali smrt obisče koga, ki je spoštoval bratski dogovor.

Nasi bratje Čehi so bili med nimi v Ameriki, ki so po vzoru takih slovenskih zadruž našli tak bratski dogovor že več desetletij. Za njihovo prišli drugi narodi, končnati mi Slovenci.

Z veselje te bratsko udejovanje preko dvanajst milijonov v sestri, ki verujejo, da bo v samopomoč svojega dela varčevanja.

Razvoj bratskih podpornih organizacij je bil mogoč v demokratični Ameriki, ki spoštujejo iniciativi, katera prinašajo pomoč in blagostanje svetemu državljanom.

Kjer ni demokracije in svobode, tam tudi ni prostora za bratske podporne organizacije. Vseko je imelo svoje pravice in tudi vseko je imelo svoje pravice dobiti, da bo vrednost napravi le takrat, kateri iz svojega lastnega nagiba graditi večjo in trdnejšo podporno skupino.

Našek zaveden fraternalist je načrtovan napram svoji organizaciji. Pravica pa je sestra ljubezni, ki more živeti le v iskrenosti, bratoljubju do svojega sestra in sestre.

Ameriška bratska zveza ima predkonvenčno kampanjo. Na prekušnji je zopet bratstvo, ki izhaja iz naše amercanske iniciative. Koliko je bilo vrednosti v naših srcevih, bo izkazalo s številkami, skupno zaključena kampanja.

To ni kampanja samo glavnih odbornikov in porotnikov in delegatov, ampak kampanja vseh članov in članic Ameriške bratske zveze.

General Vladimir Velebit, vodja vojaške misije maršala Tita, ki je nedavno dospela v London, je izjavil, da se male skupine ameriških vojakov bojejo v zvezki s drugimi partizani, ki ga kontrolirajo na ozemlje, ki ga kontrolirajo partizani.

Po londonskem poročilu Associated Pressa, datiranem 5. (Dalje na 4. strani)

Z vojaško misijo maršala Tita, ki je dospela v London, je prišel tudi britiški general Fitzroy H. R. MacLean, ki je bil načelnik britiške misije pri partizanih od zadnje jeseni.

Medtem, ko v bližnji bodočnosti formalna potrditev zasednih sporazumov ni verjetna, so posamezni pakti med zamejnimimi vladami, ki se jih stvar tice, in med britansko in ameriško vlado. V primeru češkoslovaške, ki jo je rdeča armada dosegla, kakov tudi Norveške, ki more biti osvobojena s početkom Rusije, sta si češka in norveška vlada poiskali posebnih sporazumov s sovjetsko vlado.

Na splošno predvidevajo sporazumi tri razdobja, ki bodo sledila zavezniškemu izkrcanju v Evropi. Prva bo doba operacij, ko bo vse podvrženo vojaškim oblastim. Druga bo doba, v kateri bodo neposredne zone, za operacijskimi zonami izročene začasnim upraviteljem, ki bodo izvršili prvo pomožno reševalno in podporno delo in zagotovili notranjo varnost. Tretja doba se bo začela z vrnjanjem vlad dotičnih dežel, da bodo te prevzele uprave in ustavile ustavno politično življeno.

(Dalje na 4. strani)

RAZNA POROČILA IZ JUGOSLAVIJE

O ZAMEJNIH VLADAH

Zavezniški krogi pravijo, da bo general Eisenhower edini, ki bo presodil v vseh zahodnoevropskih deželah, kdaj se bodo ubegle vlade smele vrnil, kot pravne upraviteljice svojih dežel.

Sklep, da bodo poverili vrhovnemu zavezniškemu poveljniku to oblast, je bil dosežen na podlagi praktične presoje vseh eventualnosti.

Zamejni vlade, ki so prizadete, sedaj nerade priznajo, da je taka rešitev problema o času njihove vrtnitve najbolj praktična. Rastočje prepričanje, da zavezniški sporazumi z velikimi zavezniškimi vladami ne bodo dosegjeni, predno se bodo začeli izvrševati, je morda vplivalo na njihovo razpoloženje.

Medtem, ko so ureditve za vzpostavitev civilne administracije v njihovih deželah dejansko dovršene, se zdi, da jih je evropski svet, ki bi jih moral potrditi, položil na stran—brez upanja na rešitev.

En vzrok za te zapreke je dejstvo, da sta dva vodilna člena Združenih narodov, Anglija in Rusija, videla te sporazume kot politične po značaju, da spadajo v področje vrhovnega poveljnika. Zadržanje ameriške vlade bi se moglo razlagati navidezno z dejstvom, da vojaški sporazumi ne zahtevajo potrdila od senata, medtem, ko je politične treba predložiti sejmu.

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PRIHOD POMLADI

Po koledarju se na naši severni zemeljski polouibli pomlad začne 21. marca, toda dejansko se le malokje in malokdaj drži tega datuma. Zedinjene države se severno in južno raztezojo na tolke razdoblje, da pride koledarski datum pomladi malo v poštev, v kolikor se tiče prebujenja rastlinstva. V naših južnih državah se takoreč pozna jesen prelje v zgodnjino pomlad in pomladno cvetje se pojavi že v januarju in februarju. Na severu je pomlad poznata in isto velja za nekatere gorate kraje zapada, kjer se stope sneg šele konci maja.

V vzhodnih in srednjezapadnih državah imamo malo polnadi. Skoraj bi lahko rekli, da imamo le dva letna časa: zimo in poletje. V aprilu je dostikrat še malo znakov pomladi, maju pa včasih nastopajo, kar poletni dnevi. V severnem delu države

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Kampanjski bulletini

Poroča Anton Zbašnik,
gl. tajnik

Današnji bulletin posvečamo našemu staremu prijatelju in prvemu glavnemu porotniku ABZ, bratu Franku Mikecu, edinemu kandidatu, ki je pretečeni teden kvalificiral za konvenčno odlikovanje. S posiljavljivo prošenj za sprejem, ki smo jih prejeli v petek popoldne, je brat Mikec dosegel 11 točk in tako postal peti glavni uradnik, ki bo deležen posebnega konvenčnega priznanja. Cestitamo, Frank, pa še kaj poslji pred konvencijo.

Pričakujem, da bo moj prihodnji bulletin bolj ugoden in razveseljivo, ker so tudi poročila o društvu bolj ugodna in optimistična. Opaziti je nekaj več aktivnosti posebej na vzhodu, kjer so bili do zdaj več ali manj pasivni. Društva na vzhodu so se takem prvi dveh mesecov sedanje kampanje zelo dobro izkazala, kajti vpisala so mnogo več članov kot društva na vzhodu, dasi im a vzhod najmanj dvakrat toliko društv.

Aktivnih je zdaj 14 glavnih uradnikov in 87 društev. Za konvenčno odlikovanje je do zdaj kvalificiralo 11 članov in članic.

SLOVENSKE VESTI

Desetletnico ustanovitve bodo poslavili društvo št. 225 ABZ v Milwaukeeju, Wis., v nedeljo 14. maja z družabno zabavo in plesno veselico za člane in prijatelje. Zabava se prične ob dveh popoldne, ples pa ob 8. uri zvečer. Prostor: 737 W. National Ave., Milwaukee, Wis.

Plesno veselico za soboto 20. maja naznana društvo št. 75 ABZ v Meadow Landsu, Pa. Prostor prireditve: Bear's Hall, Meadow Lands.

Federacija društev Ameriške bratske zveze v državah Illinois, Wisconsin in Indiana bo zborovala v nedeljo 28. maja v Glenenkovi prostorji na 2246 Blue Island Ave., Chicago, Ill. Pričetek zborovanja je določen za pol deseto uro dopoldne.

Zborovanje federacije društev Ameriške bratske zveze v državah Colorado se bo vrnilo v Colorado se bo vrnilo v tujih jezikov. Angleščina se je zdela zadostna za vse potrebe. Vojne razmere so to spremene. Ameriški vojaki so danes razpršeni po vseh delih sveta, tudi v takih, kjer znanje angleščine ne zadostuje. Poleg tega imamo z latinsko Ameriko več diplomatskih in gospodarskih stikov kot smo jih imeli kdaj prej. Vojaške osebe kakor tudi osebe potrebne v diplomaciji in trgovini se učijo jezikov naših zaveznikov, pa tudi naših sovražnikov. To zahteva potrebu.

Uredništvo Nove Dobe je pretekli teden posetil mornariški motorni strojniki 3/4 Victor Tomsic, doma iz Walsenburga, Colo., in član tamkajšnjega društva št. 101 ABZ. Na poti iz Šile v Chicagu k nadaljnemu vežbanju v Dearborn, Mich., je porabil del svojega dopusta pri svoji teti Mrs. Lipold v Cleve-

landu in to lahko storimo, ker smo (Dalje na 4. strani)

ZASLUŽI PRIZNANJE

Pretekli teden smo čitali v listih in slišali na radio, da je korespondent Ernie Pyle dobil prvo Pulitzerjevo nagrado in priznanje kot najboljši ameriški vojni korespondent. Ustanova, ki deli tako zvane Pulitzerjeve nagrade, posluje od leta 1915. Njen ustanovitelj, ki je založil kapital, je bil Joseph Pulitzer, ameriški časnikar, ki je živel od leta 1847 do 1911, in je bil pred svojo smrto izdajatelj newyorskega lista "World." Pulitzerjeve nagrade se delijo vsako leto, in sicer za razna literarna dela, bodisi knjižna ali časnikarska. Ustanovo upravlja in nagrade deli univerza Columbia na priporečila svedovalnega odbora "Pulitzerjeve šole za časnikarstvo."

Korespondent Ernie Pyle, ki je deležen letosne nagrade v znesku pet sto dolarjev kot najboljši reporter, je nadvomno znan tudi mnogim slovenskim Američanom, ki čitajo ameriške liste. Njegovo kolono pričebuje dan za dnem stotine listov širok dežele in izčrpke iz iste pogostoma pričebujejo tudi razne revije in druge publikacije. Med čitajočim občinstvom vseh slojev se splošno priznava, da je Pyle najboljši reporter. Kdo začne čitati njegove kolone, jih enostavno ne more več pogrešati.

Ernie Pyle je že dolge mesece vedno tam, kjer so naši vojaki. Najprej je bil v Angliji, potem v Afriki, nato pa v Italiji. Zdaj je spet v Angliji, od koder se pripravlja velika zavezniška invazija evropskega kontinenta. Noben korespondent ne živi tako intimno z našimi vojaki, najnižjimi in najvišjimi, kot Pyle. Z njimi vred se izpostavlja vsem nevarnostim in vsem težkočam, ki so v zvezi z vojaškim življnjem na fronti in v bližnjem zaledju. Njegovi opisi življjenja na fronti in na fronto so tako nazorni, tako domači in tako prostodušni, da so vsakemu čitatelju lahko razumljivi. Slog njegovega pisanja je vedno zanimiv in privlačen, brez ozira na predmet opisa. To velja celo za opise neizogibnih tragedij, ki se dnevno dogajajo na fronti in za fronto.

Posebno značilno za vsebinsko njegovih kolon je, da skoraj nikdar niso brez dobrudnega humorja. Mnogokrat je opisan tudi humor vojakov v najtežjih okoliščinah in v največjih nevarnostih. Korespondent Pyle (Dalje na 4. strani)

UČENJE JEZIKOV

V Zedinjenih državah se je do te vojne le primeroma malo število ljudi bavilo z učenjem tujih jezikov. Angleščina se je zdela zadostna za vse potrebe. Vojne razmere so to spremene. Ameriški vojaki so danes razpršeni po vseh delih sveta, tudi v takih, kjer znanje angleščine ne zadostuje. Poleg tega imamo z latinsko Ameriko več diplomatskih in gospodarskih stikov kot smo jih imeli kdaj prej. Vojaške osebe kakor tudi osebe potrebne v diplomaciji in trgovini se učijo jezikov naših zaveznikov, pa tudi naših sovražnikov. To zahteva potrebu.

Bolj in bolj prihaja ameriško prebivalstvo tudi do prepričanja, da bo svet po tej vojni medsebojno mnogo bolj ozko povezan kot je bil prej in da bo znanje tujih jezikov marsikom zelo prav prišlo. Posebno (Dalje na 4. strani)

SPOŠNI TEDENSKI PREGLED

VOJNA SITUACIJA

Vojne operacije zavezniških v Evropi so večinoma omejene na letalske napade, ki se splošno smatrajo za predhodnike velike zavezniške ofenzive od leta 1915. Njen ustanovitelj, ki je založil kapital, je bil Joseph Pulitzer, ameriški časnikar, ki je živel od leta 1847 do 1911, in je bil pred svojo smrto izdajatelj newyorskega lista "World." Pulitzerjeve nagrade se delijo vsako leto, in sicer za razna literarna dela, bodisi knjižna ali časnikarska. Ustanovo upravlja in nagrade deli univerza Columbia na priporečila svedovalnega odbora "Pulitzerjeve šole za časnikarstvo."

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PREDSEDNIK DOMA

Predsednik Roosevelt se je preteklo nedeljo vrnil domov v Washington po širitedenskem oddihu nekje na jugu. Poroča se, da mu je oddih dobro učvrstil njegovo zdravje.

POTOP TRANSPORTA

Vojni departm. je nedavno naznani, da je bila v Sredozemskem morju potopljena transportna ladja in je v njo učinkovalo 498 ameriških častnikov in vojakov. V letosnjem februarju je bil naznjan potop transportne ladje nekje v evropskem vodovju, pri kateri prilikli je izgubilo življenje okrog tisoč ameriških vojakov. V lanskem februarju je na sličen način izgubilo življenje 850 vojakov in mornarjev nekje v severnem Atlantiku. To so bile do sedaj tri največje ameriške pomorske izgube. V pričo dejstva, da je bilo milijone ameriških vojakov prepeljanih v razne prekomorske kraje, so navedene izgube primeroma majhne.

E na največjih ameriških družbah, ki se bavi z izdelovanjem žvečilnega gumija, je načnala, da bo v bodoči vsej pravljico produkcija pošiljana našim vojakom preko morja. Vsekakor to za nas civiliste ne bo takva velika žrtve kot se zdi na prvi pogled. Letos je volilno leto in do novembra bom prežekovali politiko in govorance kandidatov.

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VOLITVE DELEGATOV

Letos v avgustu se bo vršila 17. redna konvencija Ameriške bratske zveze. Nekatera društva in posamezni člani so pred časom izrazili željo, da naj bi se konvencija zaradi vojnih razmer odložila za čas po vojni. To bi bilo mogoče storiti, če bi zavarovalniški department države Minnesota, kjer je naša Zveza inkorporirana, tako odložitev konvencije dovolil, in če bi potem tudi članstvo s splošnim glasovanjem odložitev odobrilo. Ko se je glavni predsednik obrnil s tozadavnim vprašanjem na zavarovalniški department države Minnesota, je dobil odgovor, da se MORA konvencija vršiti enkrat na vsake štiri leta. Dotični odgovor minnesotskega zavarovalniškega departmента je bil priobčen v uradnem zapisniku zborovanja glavnega odbora, ki se je vršilo v avgustu 1943. Ideja odložitve konvencije je s tem postala neizvedljiva, ker organizacija mora poslovali v soglasju z državnimi postavami.

Vsled tega je bil pretekli mesec izdan uraden poziv za 17. redno konvencijo Ameriške bratske zveze in za volitve delegatov in namestnikov. Dotični poziv je bil priobčen v Novi Dobi z dne 12. aprila 1944. Tam so navedene določbe pravil, tukajče se konvencije in volitve delegatov in namestnikov. Društva naj bi se strogo ravna na poti do volitv, da ne pride do nepotrebnih sporov in sitnosti.

Društva, ki imajo dovolj članov, da sama izvolijo svoje delegate in namestnike, volijo na sejah v mesecu maju ali v mesecu juniju. Društva, ki so v svrhu volitev delegatov in namestnikov združena, volijo na sejah meseca maja kandidate. Izmed izbranih kandidatov izvolijo združena društva delegate na sejah meseca junija. Kako so bila združena društva v svrhu volitev skupnih delegatov, je razvidno iz seznamka, ki je bil priobčen v Novi Dobi z dne 19. aprila.

Volitev delegatov za redno konvencijo je zelo važna zadeva. Delegati so tisti, ki določajo sistem in smernice poslovanja Zveze; delegati so tisti, ki sprejemajo pravila organizacije za prihodnjih štiri leta. Delegati so tisti, ki dojavojo, kdo naj vodi in upravlja organizacijo za prihodnjih štiri leta. Delegati z večino in s svobodnim glasovanjem sprejmejo pravila, ki jih smatrajo za najboljša; edina omejitev so državne postave. Pravila morajo biti v soglasju z državnimi postavami.

Kakor v vsaki demokratični skupščini te dežele, se konvenčni sklepi sprejemajo z večino. Za kar se odloči večina, tisto obvelja. Noben delegat ne more pričakovati, da bo vsaka njegova sugestija sprejeta. Sprejeta pa bo, ako bo zanje glasovala večina. Zato je važno, da društva izvolijo za delegate svoje najbolj zmožne člane ali članice in take, ki se res zanimajo za napredok organizacije. Vsako društvo ima dovolj takih članov in članic.

Člani in članice imajo na razpolago svoje uradno glasilo Novo Dobo, da tam, če želijo, seznanijo s svojimi pripomočki za izboljšanje pravil druge člane in članice. Čdaj je čas za take razprave. Po konvenciji se jeziti čez sklepe konvencije pomeni samo potrata časa in vzbujanje slabe volje. Konvenčni sklepi so obvezni za vse člane. Upoštevati jih morajo prav tako glavni odborniki kot vse drugi člani. Pravila veljajo za bodoča štiri leta, razen, če jih članstvo s splošnim glasovanjem izpremeni. Izkusnje pa so pokazalo, da članstvo v splošnem ne odobrava izpremenjanja pravil v medkonvenčni dobi. Društva pošljajo svoje delegate na konvencijo zato, da ustvarijo pravila, ki naj, razen v izrednih primerih, veljajo za štiri leta, to je, do prihodnje konvencije. Zato je važno, da pridejo na konvencijo naši najbolj zmožni in za organizacijo najbolj vneti člani in članice. Članstvo pri posameznih društvih jih pozna in jih bo nedvomno volilo.

Članstvo Ameriške bratske zveze bo imelo za prihodnjih štiri leta taka pravila, kakršna bodo sprejeli delegati na 17. redni konvenciji. Pravil ne dela glavni odbor, ki predstavlja komaj dobro desetino konvencije, ampak jih delajo delegati. To naj ima članstvo v mislih pri izbiraju delegatov. In, kot že omenjeno, člani imajo na razpolago svoje glasilo, da v istem navedejo svoje ideje o izboljšanju pravil. Iz mnogih takih razprav bo gotovo mogoče izluziti nekaj dobrih zrn. Ni dvoma, da vse želimo organizaciji dobro, nismo pa vsi enakih misli, kako bi se to doseglo. Več ljudi več ve. Zdaj je čas, da si člani izmenjajo ideje in mnenja.

VSAK PO SVOJE

(Nadaljevanje s 1. strani)

val že 141 odmerkov krvi, skupno več kot 60 litrov. Izraz ruski medved ni brez podlage. Ni čuda, da so se Nemci pred temi medvedi umikali skoro tisoč milj daleč. In se bodo še.

Obe zbornici zveznega kongresa sta nedavno soglasno odobrili izdatek 32 tisoč milijonov dollarjev za našo mornariško in letalsko silo. Če je Hitler mislil, da se bo Amerika ustavila na sredi poti, se je grdo zmotil.

Radar je čudovita iznajdba sedanja vojne, ki pokaže morski, cesar človeško oko ne more videti in uho ne slišati. Za enkrat se radar rabi le v vojne svrhe. Po vojni pa bo ta čudoviti instrument našel mnogo civilnih porab. Na primer, ribiči pravijo, da bo mogoče z radarjem določiti, kje v vodi so ribe, kako velike so in kam so namenjene. Ribiči v Zedinjenih državah iskreno želijo, da bi bilo kmalu vojne konec. Mitudi.

Vojne razmere so očitujejo na tisoče različnih načinov. Eden teh je, da še nismo čitali nobenega vabila na piknik, da si smo že skoro sredji maja.

Iz Washingtona nas pozivajo, da naj varčujemo z gasolinom. Poziv ima nedvomno dober in patriocičen namen, pa je povsem nepotreben, vsaj pri nas, ki dobimo le po dve galoni gasolina na teden. Dobri pice lahko pospravijo toliko žganja na teden, če ga dobijo.

V Angliji je bila proglašena generalna zaprtja. Nihče ne sme od tam odpotovati, z izjemo uradnih oseb Zedinjenih držav, Rusije in Anglije in njenih dominijev. Najlepši pri tem je, da je ostala tam zamrznjena tudi pisana skupina raznih kraljevskih veličanstev.

Nobena oseba in nobena država ni perfektna. Zato je prav tako nesmiselno poudarjati, da imamo radi Rusijo, toda ne njenne vlade in njenega sistema, kot da imamo radi Ameriko, toda ne njenega kapitalističnega sistema, njenih političnih strank itd. Amerika je imela od svojega odprtja naprej različne vlade in jih bo imela tudi v bodoči, toda Amerika je tu in bo 'ostala.' Tako je Rusija imela različne vlade in različne sisteme, toda Rusija je bila, je zdaj in bo v bodočnosti velika svetovna sila. Za obstanek malih slovanskih narodov v Evropi je pa važno, če se bodo zanašali na protekcijo velike slovenske Rusije ali na protekcijsko Nemcev in Italijanov.

Zadovoljni bodimo, da smo navadni plebisci in da nihče ne tehta naših besed na tehtnici za demante. Kar nas eden klepeče na shodu, na seji ali pri bari, se navadno pozabi in izgubi kot dim cigarete. Vse drugače pa je, če govorji oseba, ki jo je usoda potisnila na izpostavljenem mestu. Ko je nedavno mladi jugoslovanski zamejni kralj Peter gorivil pred neko skupino časnikarjev v Londonu, mu sicer ni nihče ugovarjal, toda neki visoki britiški državnik je pozneje dejal, da bi mladi Peter prav storil, če bi nekoliko počakal, da bo diktiral mirovne pogoje v Beli hiši v Washingtonu. Next!

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BOLGARSKE IZGUBE

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bodo potrebne še nadaljnje žrtve. Izgube so zelo visoke, če se upošteva, da ima Bolgarija le okrog šest milijonov prebivalcev.

KVIZLINGI DO KONCA

Francoska lutkarska vlada v Vichy, kateri načeljuje izdajalec Laval, je izdala povelje, da mora francosko prebivalstvo v primeru zavezniške invazije pomagati Nemcem. Kako bo francosko prebivalstvo navodila izdajalca Lavalu upoštevalo, je seveda drugo vprašanje. Poroča se, da je v Franciji mnogo tajnih gerilskih skupin, ki pa nima skupnega vodstva, in je organiziran odpor proti okupatorju nemogeoč.

NEMŠKA BESTIALNOST

Sovjetska komisija, ki sledi redči armadi v osvobojene kraje in preiskuje najbolj kričeče čine nemških grozodejstev, je pronašla, da so Nemci v nekaterih krajih Bele Rusije nameroma razširjali tifus med prebivalstvom. Na tifusu obolele osebe, posebno otroke, so namenom premeščali med zdrave ljudi, da se je bolezni širila.

A. J. T.

SLOVENSKE VESTI

(Nadaljevanje s 1. strani)

landu. Mladi mornar Victor Tomsic je sin sobrata Franke L. Tomsica, tajnika društva št. 101 ABZ v Walsenburgu, Colo.

Na dopust v Cleveland iz taborišča v Louisiani, kjer služi Strica Sama že nad tri leta, je pretekli teden priselj saržent Charles Hudina, član društva št. 173 ABZ. Sobrat Hudina je bil pred vpoklicem v vojaško službo uposten v uradu Avgusta Kollanda v Slovenskem narodnem domu v Clevelandu, O.

V Omaha, Neb., je umrl Michael Mravinec, dolgoletni član in mnogokratni uradnik tamkajšnjega društva št. 11 ABZ. Društvo je v prejšnjih časih tudi večkrat zastopal kot delegat na konvencijah. Zapušča soprogo in tri hčere.

SPLOŠNI TEDENSKI PREGLED

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metno izdelani gumij raznih vrst. Te dni smo čitali, da je znanstvenik uspel izdelati tudi umetni kinin, ki nič ne zastaja za pravim kininom. Kinin, kot znano, je edino uspešno zdravilo proti malariji in se izdeluje iz skorje dreves "činčona", katera rastejo na Javi, ki so jo Japonci okupirali leta 1942.

EN JAPONEC MANJ

Tokijski radio je pretekli teden naznal, da je bil ubit v akciji admiral Minejči Koga, poveljnik celokupne japonske vojne mornarice. Baje je ponesrečil z letalom, iz katerega je dajal direktive na fronti. Pred približno enim letom je na sličen način ponesrečil njegov prednik, admiral Isoroto Jamaromo, ki je bil zasnovan zahrbni napad na Pearl Harbor in ki je prerokoval, da bo diktiral mirovne pogoje v Beli hiši v Washingtonu. Next!

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"MOM" — PORTRAIT OF BRAVERY



*On Mother's Day we love to think
Of joys that we have known—
And all the happy memories
We owe to you alone.
And as we pause to dream awhile
Our hearts recall anew
Familiar scenes forever dear—
And sweet because of You.
—Selected*

Again we shall honor our Mothers, this year on May 14th. Today many Mothers' hearts are sad when they think of their boys "over there." In spite of her sorrow Mom is the one who keeps the home together, who remains strong although her heart is heavy with the fear that her G. I. Joe might not return. She calmly goes about her duties and finds time to contribute to all phases of our war effort in addition to the regular housework, made more difficult because of war time restrictions and ration regulations. But—she solves each problem with a smile on her face and a staunch resolve that she shall do her part in the best way possible. We see around us many mothers whose boys will never return. They go about their daily tasks with brave hearts—with wounded hearts—knowing that their boys have laid down their lives so that the world might remain free. Where could one find a more fitting portrait of bravery?

Again this year we pause to honor American mothers and all the fine things it represents. As Abraham Lincoln said, "All that I am or hope to be, I owe to my angel mother." Yes, it was her kind helping hand that guided us over life's rough road.

This year the American custom of honoring mothers will be observed throughout the world where ever an American G. I. Joe or G. I. Jane is stationed. On that day their thoughts will be centered on Mom and they will experience a feeling of nearness to their Moms although thousands may separate them.

We must not forget this year, the mothers of other sons who are going through so much suffering in this torn world and in our dedication of Mother's Day, also include all mothers throughout this world and their tribute for their sacrifices and heroism. Yes, mothers everywhere are portraits of bravery!

Thought For The Day

They that fight for freedom undertake —
The noblest cause mankind can have at stake.
— Wm. Cowper.

CAMPAIGN BULLETIN

Reported by Anton Zbasnik, Supreme Secretary

Today's bulletin is dedicated to our old friend and Supreme Judiciary of the AFU, brother Frank Michael, the only candidate who, during the past week, qualified for the convention honor badge. By sending us applications for acceptance which we received Friday afternoon, Brother Mikec acquired 11 points and became the Supreme Officer to be eligible for the special convention honor badge. Congratulations, Frank, and send more before the convention!

I expect my next bulletin to be more favorable and useful, for the reports of lodges are better and more optimistic. We note that there is more activity especially in the East which until recently was more or less passive. Lodges in the West during the first two months of present campaign showed up pretty well for they enrolled many more members than the lodges in the East. To date 14 Supreme Officers and 87 lodges are now present. Eleven members have qualified thus far for the convention honor badge.

**Office to All
members of Lodge
No. 47, AFU**

Lodge 203, AFU to
Elect Delegate
at Next Meeting

Cheswick, Pa. — Brothers and Sisters of Lodge No. 203, AFU are requested to attend the next meeting which will be held on May 18th at 2 p. m. At this meeting we will elect a delegate to the 17th Regular Convention to be held in Rock Springs, Wyo. We will discuss the by-laws and express your opinion on the changes which you should be made so that delegates shall know what should be done.

All ladies are especially invited to attend this meeting if possible. Fraternally,

Matt Pecjak, Sec'y
Lodge No. 47, AFU
Aspen, Colo.

Joseph Yohman Jr., Sec'y
Lodge No. 203, AFU
Cheswick, Pa.

Lodge No. 170, AFU to Discuss By-Laws at Next Meeting

Chicago, Ill. — This is a very important notice to all members of the Lodge Illini Stars, No. 170, AFU. Our next meeting will be held Wednesday, May 17th at the Golenko home, 2246 Blue Island Ave. at 8 p. m. sharp. At this time we shall elect a delegate to the AFU 17th regular convention which will be held in August. We will also discuss our by-laws.

Due to the above-mentioned reasons, our next meeting will be very important and every member should attend. In the meantime, every member should read the present by-laws and at the meeting state what in their opinion they think should be changed. The recommendations of changes to be made will then be presented to the convention by-laws committee through our delegate. In this way time will be saved and work made easier at the convention, which means that some of the convention expense will be decreased. Now is the time to criticize the by-laws, that is, to suggest improvements which we feel are necessary. Probably not all of our suggestions will be approved but from the many suggestions offered, the convention by-laws committee will be able to select the best. To criticize after the convention, when the by-laws will be accepted, approved and published, is useless. Now is the time for each one to state what he or she thinks about them.

At our next meeting we will also have to discuss how to reimburse our lodge treasury. The more members that will be present, the better the decisions will be made. Let us not forget the Pre-Convention Membership Campaign; let's see to it that we shall enroll some new members in our adult and juvenile departments at our coming meeting. Again let me remind you to attend the meeting on May 17th! Regards to all members.

The AFU Federation of Lodges of Illinois, Wisconsin and Indiana will meet Sunday, May 28th in Chicago, Ill. at Golenko's, 2246 Blue Island Ave. at 9:30 a. m.

Death Takes Faithful Member of Lodge No. 139, AFU

Cadillac, Mich. — Mr. Joseph Metesh, 60, long time member of Lodge No. 139, AFU passed away Feb. 22, 1944 after several weeks illness. He was buried with Catholic rites on Feb. 25th. The deceased was born in Yugoslavia in 1883 and came to America with his father, Mr. George Metesh at the age of 17 years. They settled at Calumet where he was married in 1911 to Miss Anna Kobe. He became a citizen of the United States in 1906. In 1921 they moved to Cadillac, Mich. where they lived ever since.

Mr. Joseph Metesh was president of Lodge No. 139, AFU for about 15 years. The family of the deceased thanks the members of Lodge No. 139 for their help in time of sorrow and for the prompt payment of the death benefit.

Besides his widow, Anna he is survived by his five children, Mrs. Mary T. Glynn of Mason; Rozalia Virginia of Washington, D. C.; Joseph M. of Center Line; John A. and Ernest D. at home, and six grandchildren. One daughter, Anna, preceded him in death Sept. 8, 1926.

The AFU Federation of Lodges of Colorado will meet Sunday, May 28th at the Slovenian Home in Pueblo, Colo. at 9 a. m.

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BRIEFS

Lodge No. 225, AFU of Milwaukee, Wis. will celebrate its 10th anniversary with a social and dance on Sunday, May 14th. The social will begin at 2 p. m. and in the evening at 8 p. m. dancing will be held at 737 W. National Ave. Members and their friends are cordially invited to attend.

A dance will be held on Saturday, May 20th as announced by Lodge No. 75, AFU of Meadowlands, Pa. at Bear's Hall. The public is invited.

A dance will be sponsored by

by united Slovene lodges of Moon Run, Pa. on Saturday, May 27th. The net proceeds will be donated to a fund for servicemen of that community.

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Death Takes One of the Most Active Members of No. 11

Omaha, Neb. — On April 11, 1944, following a long illness, our member of Lodge No. 11, AFU, Michael Mravinec, passed away. He was a member of our lodge for 39 years. He served in various lodge offices nearly 35 years as president, or secretary or treasurer. As a delegate he represented our lodge at the conventions in 1912, 1916, 1920 and 1924. As long as he was able to get around he attended every lodge meeting and participated in all lodge activities. The membership of our lodge will remember him as a very active and long-time member. The deceased was for many years employed as a fireman; the last years he lived in retirement. He leaves his widow, Margaret Mravinec and daughters, Mary Mirasky, Julia Kelly and Margaret Madden. He was buried April 14th with Catholic rites at St. Mary's Cemetery. May he rest in peace.

Members of Lodge No. 11, AFU are hereby reminded of the monthly meeting which will be held Sunday, May 21st. It is hoped that all the members who possibly can do so attend this meeting. Among other lodge business at that time will also be the election of a delegate to the 17th regular AFU convention which will be held in August in Rock Springs, Wyo. I'll be seeing you at the meeting on May 21st! Fraternal regards to all.

John Urek, Sec'y
Lodge No. 11, AFU
Omaha, Neb.

Notice to Members of Lodge 75, AFU

Meadowlands, Pa. — First I want to tell everyone that our last dance was a huge success and we wish to thank everyone who helped to make it so. It certainly was good to see so many members at the dance and I hope they keep coming as we have another dance scheduled on May 20th for that same old cause. This time Jackie Martinic's orchestra will furnish the music. So come on everyone and let's make this an even bigger success.

I want to make a correction. At our last meeting of Lodge No. 75, AFU I reported 72 members in our lodge but after checking at home I discovered we have 78 which makes our lodge eligible to send a delegate to our coming convention. I was requested to ask all members to come to our next meeting on May 21st as we have urgent business to discuss and will also elect a delegate to the coming convention.

Lodge No. 75 congratulates Sister Mary Pelan on joining the WAC and wishes her lots of luck and success. Her brother Joe Pelan, and also our member, has been in the South Pacific for almost 2 years.

Don't forget all you members, friends and neighboring lodges to come to the dance on May 20th at Bear's Hall in Meadowlands, Pa.

Joseph Murn, Sec'y
Lodge No. 75, AFU
Meadowlands, Pa.

The Chinese have no alphabet, they even haven't a word for spelling.

Napredek Notes

Euclid, Ohio — All members of Lodge No. 132, AFU are hereby cordially invited to positively attend the coming lodge meeting which will be held Friday, May 12th at 7:30 p. m. Included in the program will be the election of two delegates to the 17th regular AFU convention, which will be held in August and we will also discuss as how to improve our by-laws. The reports of the representatives to the AFU Federation of Lodges of Ohio meeting will also be given.

Following the meeting on May 12th we will hold a social for lodge members and their friends. There will be no admission charge and those attending will have the opportunity to dance and be entertained in various ways. The Napredek lodge members always enjoy themselves at our socials and we are in need of some recreation during these serious times. Members who have tickets are asked to turn in their stubs and money before the meeting. At the social after the meeting we shall see who will be fortunate enough to receive the War Bond.

I also wish to remind our lodge members that our lodge has never been among the last in any of our previous membership campaigns and I hope that it won't be among the last in this Pre-Convention Membership Campaign. If everyone tried to do their part we would have good results. Everyone has some friends, some neighbors and acquaintances, so why not enroll them in our adult or juvenile departments. Everyone should first concentrate upon his work and his activities and then upon other things. Therefore, let us strive, each and everyone, to do our part so the growth and future of our lodge will be assured.

In conclusion, members, attend the meeting on Friday, May 12th and the social which will follow. Invite your friends and acquaintances to attend our social too. Fraternal regards and I'll be seeing you.

Ludwig Prosen, President
Lodge No. 132, AFU
Euclid, Ohio

Lodge 103, AFU to Elect Delegate At Their Next Meeting

Cleveland, Ohio — Members of Lodge No. 103, AFU are invited to attend our coming meeting in as large a number as possible. The meeting will be held Sunday, May 21st in the usual place at 1:30 p. m. The AFU convention is nearing and it is necessary to elect a delegate. In addition, we must discuss our by-laws to decide what is good in them and what should be improved. The delegate must know about the opinions of our members for only in this way can she truly represent them at the convention.

Members who have any recommendations to make for the improvement of our by-laws should state them now before our convention meets. After the convention is concluded any bickering is a waste of time.

It would be advisable that our lodge, now in the summertime, show more life and activity. The campaign for new members is now in progress and it would be well if we also do

something in this respect. Do not forget to attend the meeting on Sunday, May 21st! Fraternal regards.

Lodge No. 116, AFU Reviews By-Laws

White Valley, Pa. — In my last article I reported that our Lodge No. 116, AFU has 21 members in the armed forces of the United States. Since April 11th we have already 22 now that Brother A. Bebar voluntarily enlisted in the Marines.

At our last lodge meeting, our lodge discussed the recommendation of the Supreme Board that the coming convention be concluded in four days. Our lodge does not agree with this recommendation but does agree with the statement of Brother Matt Vogrich of Lodge 124, AFU whose article was published in the Nova Doba of Mar. 29th. Even the annual and semi-annual meetings of the Supreme Board last for three days; how then could the convention, with so large a number of delegates, conclude in four days?

Our lodge also discussed certain sections of the by-laws and recommends for the future, the following changes: Section 52 should designate only two Supreme Vice-Presidents instead of six. The sick benefits should be paid according to the former system, that is, six months whole benefit and the next six months half benefit. Section 273 should be abolished and the full death benefit paid for our deceased soldier-members. These are our lodge recommendations.

It was further decided that members of our lodge insured for all benefits pay a 50 cent assessment for May and 50 cents in June. Those members insured only for death benefit to pay 25 cents in May and 25 cents in June. This assessment is to be paid in addition to the regular assessment.

The next meeting of our lodge will be held Sunday, May 21st and will begin at 2 p. m. Every member should attend for at this meeting we will also elect a delegate. Fraternal regards to all.

Jurij Previc, Sec'y
Lodge No. 116, AFU
Delmont, Pa.

Notice to Members of Lodge 44, AFU

Barberton, Ohio — All members of St. Martin's Lodge No. 44, AFU please take notice that I, the undersigned, was elected secretary of this lodge at the April meeting and that they may do all business pertaining to the secretaryship with me from now on. My residence and post office address is: 1078 Liberty Avenue, Barberton, O.

Jennie Okolish, Sec'y
Lodge No. 44, AFU
Barberton, Ohio

Siamese twin jeeps, linked back-to-back by a new device, can pull a 4,000 ton load where a single jeep can handle only 1,000 tons. The new hitch will enable jeeps to haul heavy guns to positions that could never be reached before.

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Anna Walter, Sec'y
Lodge No. 103, AFU
Cleveland, Ohio

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OUT ENUMCLAW WAY

By Mary G. Balint

The official convention call has been issued. Delegates to the forthcoming convention will be duly elected during the months of May and June. Lodge No. 162, AFU will elect its delegate and alternate at the meeting held on May 21st. This is the only notice to be accorded the members, so encircle the date on your calendar and then make every effort to be present to cast your vote for your favorite candidate. Members will also please take note of the fact that the plans for disposal of the lodge hall have been consummated. So, until further notice, lodge meetings will be held at the Karl Venishnik home. Once again—May 21st is your AFU "red letter" day!

The month of May has been set aside as the Fraternal Month of the year. Throughout the country, lodges are being urged to actively celebrate Fraternal Month with a special program, preferably patriotic in nature.

A genuine, concerted effort should be made by AFU lodges to participate in Fraternal Month celebrations. Unusual talent, musical or otherwise, can be found in every locality and this would be a fine opportunity to present it to the public. Programs should feature speakers telling the thrilling story of fraternalism. One fact that should be kept in mind is that our big job is winning the war and so the special meeting could make a contribution toward that end by sponsoring special Bond-selling projects, Red Cross work, salvage drives and other similar activities.

Here in Krain, the family and many friends of Lt. Eddie Klansnik were saddened by the news that he is missing in action. He was reported missing after a bombing raid over Austria. The bomber he was piloting was lost and needless to say, word of his destiny is very anxiously awaited.

Hello to Georgene Mary Potocnik, who last week became Lodge 162's newest member. Being only three weeks old she has the distinction of being our youngest member. Her proud grandmother is our very good friend, Mrs. Mary Potocnik of Cumberland.

Until next time, good bye.

Cash Awards

The American Fraternal Union pays awards for newly-enrolled members in both departments. They are as follows:

The awards are as follows for the Adult Department:

For Plan "D" insured for \$ 250 death benefit, \$ 1.50 award;
For Plan "D" insured for \$ 500 death benefit, \$ 2.50 award;
For Plan "D" insured for \$1,000 death benefit, \$ 5.00 award;
For Plan "D" insured for \$1,500 death benefit, \$ 7.00 award;
For Plan "D" insured for \$2,000 death benefit, \$ 9.00 award;
For Plan "D" insured for \$3,000 death benefit, \$12.00 award;
For Plan "E" and "F" insured for \$ 250 death benefit, \$ 2.00 award;
For Plan "E" and "F" insured for \$ 500 death benefit, \$ 3.00 award;
For Plan "E" and "F" insured for \$1,000 death benefit, \$ 6.00 award;
For Plan "E" and "F" insured for \$1,500 death benefit, \$10.00 award;
For Plan "E" and "F" insured for \$2,000 death benefit, \$12.00 award;
For Plan "E" and "F" insured for \$3,000 death benefit, \$18.00 award;

Awards for enrolling new juvenile members:

For Plan "JA" \$1.00 award; for Plan "JB" \$3.00 award; for Plan "JC" for \$500 insurance, \$3.00 award; for Plan "JC" for \$1,000 insurance, \$5.00 award; for Plan "JD" for \$250 insurance, \$1.50 award; for Plan "JD" for \$500 insurance, \$3.00 award; for Plan "JD" for \$1,000 insurance, \$5.00 award.

All members who enroll new members in the adult or juvenile departments of the American Fraternal Union are entitled to these awards. The awards will be paid when the new members have paid six months dues.

Lodge 225, AFU to Celebrate Tenth Anniversary May 14

Lodge 94, AFU to Elect Delegates On May 21st

Lodge 130, AFU to Nominate Candidate For Delegate

Milwaukee, Wis. — On Sunday, May 14, 1944 Lodge No. 225, AFU will celebrate its 10th anniversary. The celebration actually should have been in December but we postponed our affair to a more appropriate time.

We discussed at many past meetings as how to best celebrate this event and came to the conclusion that it is best that the members hold a social and dance. This affair will be held Sunday, May 14th at 737 West National Ave. At 2 p. m. a social will be held and at 8 p. m. the dancing will begin. There will be no admission charge. Every member will be requested to buy a ticket for 40 cents, which will take the place of a lodge assessment, whether they attend or not. The only exception being members who are serving in the U. S. Armed Forces. This money will go to the lodge treasury. Members are further asked to donate some kind of appropriate gifts which will help out our lodge treasury.

The social will be held at 2 p. m. at the home of Sister Frances Magister, 737 W. National Ave. At 8 p. m. the same evening a dance will be held. It is understood that we will provide appropriate service for the hungry and thirsty guests. Those members who can possibly do so, are asked to be at the hall at 1 p. m. to help arrange the tables and anything else which may be needed for the social. We are living in critical times. That is why it is very necessary that we meet once in a while with our brothers, sisters and friends to enjoy ourselves and enliven our lodge activities. This 10th anniversary celebration on May 14th will offer us the opportunity to do so. Come on, come all who can!

I wish to further remind the members of our lodge to attend the next lodge meeting which will be held Wednesday, May 17th at 7:30 p. m. At this meeting we shall elect a delegate to the 17th regular AFU convention which will be held in August. No one should be absent from this meeting. Members are asked to read through the by-laws and, if they have any recommendations to make in regard to improving our by-laws, to bring these recommendations with them when they attend our next meeting. At this time we shall also elect a representative to the AFU Federation of Lodges of Illinois, Wisconsin and Indiana meeting which will be held in Chicago, Ill. on Sunday, May 28th. Our representative will state our recommendations at the federation meeting. The representative must know all about the wishes of our membership so he can best represent them. At our lodge meeting of May 17th a report will be made of the success of our affair on May 14th.

Therefore, members, attend our 10th anniversary celebration on May 14th and bring your relatives and friends with you. Also attend our lodge meeting on May 17th to discuss the improvement of our by-laws and to elect a delegate to our coming convention. It is the duty of all to cooperate in this. I'll be seeing you at our affair on May 14th and our meeting on May 17th. Fraternal regards to all.

Pauline Vogrich, Sec'y
Lodge No. 225, AFU
Milwaukee, Wis.

She: "Undoubtedly soldiers make the best husbands."

Captain: "How is that?"

She: "Because they are accustomed to subordination."

Waukegan, Ill. — I wish to remind the members of Lodge No. 94, AFU that this year is AFU convention year and that at our meeting on May 21st we will elect two delegates to the 17th regular convention. Members should, therefore, attend this next meeting in as large a number as possible.

In our official organ much has been written and discussed regarding our future by-laws. This is usually done before the election of delegates. It seems, however, that there is very little attention paid to enrolling of new members by the persons who aspire to be delegates. It is not my intention to offend anyone but I feel that it would be well if those who maintain how much the AFU means to them, would actually show this to be true by enrolling new members in our organization.

Our lodge has to date, 40 members serving in the U. S. armed forces and more than half of these are in various overseas battle areas.

At our coming convention we will have to do something, in some way, in regard to paying the death benefit for our members who are war casualties. The by-laws will have to be altered in this respect if we want our organization to progress in the future.

In our lodge we had an unpleasant incident when our member, Brother Frank Gostisa was accidentally killed while serving in the American Air Forces. We hope there won't be any more of such occurrences. As I mentioned before, our by-laws will have to be changed in regard to paying the death benefit for our soldier-members. The delegates at our coming convention will have much important work to do in this regard. Fraternal regards to all and I'll be seeing you at the meeting on May 21st.

Anton Stanovnik, Sec'y
Lodge No. 94, AFU
Waukegan, Ill.

Lodge 61, AFU to Elect Delegate at Meeting May 13th

Reading, Pa. — Lodge No. 61, AFU will hold its regular monthly meeting on Saturday, May 13th in the usual place.

The meeting will begin at 7 p. m. Many important things are to be discussed at that time: among them the election of a delegate and alternate to the 17th regular AFU convention. It is hoped more members will attend this meeting than usually attend other meetings during the year. The meeting at which a delegate is elected is a very important one. Of course we still have time to elect a delegate at our June meeting but it is better to elect him in May so the delegate can talk over and hear the advice of members in regard to any changes necessary in the by-laws. This means that the members will also have more time, before the convention, to acquaint the delegate with their wishes. Of course no by-laws have ever been written which have pleased all the members and in the future this probably will still be true. However, the more members who cooperate in the formulating of the by-laws, the more possible it is that the greater number of members will be satisfied. Therefore, members, attend the meeting on Saturday, May 13th at 7 p. m. Fraternal regards.

John Pezdire, Sr., Sec'y
Lodge No. 61, AFU
Reading, Pa.

WASHINGTON NEWS FLASHES

By Florence D. Startz

Our nation's capital is one place in the country where envious suntans can be guaranteed very early—at present we are basking in a near ninety degree temperature.

Out here, all of a sudden, the weather forecasters decided that reports of "tomorrow's" weather should be more romantic or glamorous. Now, instead of telling the people it will be warm they say "moonlight and warmer." Or, instead of cloudy, it becomes "thickening cloudiness." Those are just a few examples—what do you think?

Many WAVES are now parading Washington in their new summer uniforms and very becoming they are, too. They say that women are joining the WAVES at the rate of 1,000 a week. Sometimes it seems to me that all the WAVES in the world are here; there are so many in Washington. It is the opinion of many that most young ladies join the WAVES because of the attractive uniform. At any rate, the majority of women in uniform in this city are feminine "Jack Tars."

Your reporter is still having a hectic time listening to the many Southerners in the capital talk. One day last week a Southern girl invited me to a dinner party at her apartment. She began to give me directions as how to reach the place. "Now, you get off at 19th," she said, "and then just go over yonder." She pointed in the direction. Finding the apartment would be comparatively easy I thought. However, came evening and I was in a predicament—no apartment was "over yonder." I noticed a girl coming up the street and stopped to inquire where the place was. But she asked me first; she was trying to find the same apartment. Together, after great length, we found "over yonder." By that time we had worked up quite an appetite and it was a good thing that our hostess was a superlative cook—we were really hungry!

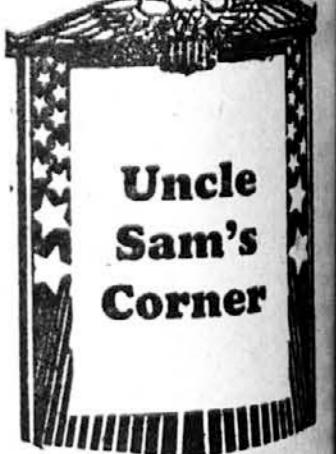
Yes, most of the Southerners I know in Washington are such good cooks that I can quite easily forgive them for their speech which is so often frequented by such words as the above mentioned "over yonder," "honey chile," "you all"—I think could go on forever.

The other day Vice-President Wallace, Mrs. Roosevelt, and scores of important public officials were just around the corner from my home here—services were being held for the Secretary of the Navy at a nearby church. But, I had to work and couldn't see them. Don't some people have all the luck? Well, one of these days I'll surprise you.

At the Army's giant salvage plant in Oakland, Cal., the Quartermaster Corps repairs damaged goods ranging from tents to typewriters. Of the salvaged material, 85% is put back into use. Some is reissued to troops in preliminary training, and much goes out in lend-lease shipments.

unnecessarily but we feel that the convention should convene as long as necessary to take care of everything properly; whether it be four days or one week or more. The convention is important and is held only once every four years. Fraternal regards and I'll be seeing you at the meeting on May 18.

Mary Zurga, Sec'y
Lodge No. 230, AFU
Chisholm, Minn.



Beef Supply to Remain Same:

Don't be disappointed if you don't find larger supplies of beef at the butcher shop next few weeks. Although WPA has cut down on the amount of beef that packers are required to set aside for purchase by the armed forces and war services, it doesn't mean that more will be available for civilians. This is the season of the year when there's a drop in cattle marketing and slaughter, so that total beef is less.

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New Passenger Car Tires:

Motorists eligible for passenger car tires are going to get a break. OPA has released new passenger car tires the grade known as "factory seconds" to put them in grade III along with used tires. These factory seconds, like the seconds in hosiery which some women buy, have slight imperfections, which the user can detect, but which nevertheless take them out of the premium class. They are just as

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News of AFU Yanks



Ely, Minn. — As usual the regular monthly meeting of No. 114, AFU takes place each month on every Sunday at 7 p. m. at the National Home. The meeting is to be held May 11. It might interest the members to know that again the AFU convention has come to select delegates to the AFU convention to be held at Rock Springs, Wyo., on August 1. The election will be held at this coming meeting. If for no other reason, alone should be reason for you all to attend meeting.

The main objective, naturally, is to elect two delegates from our lodge from whom you can expect the greatest efforts for the betterment and the expansion of our lodge and Union. Therefore, let us say that the attending members may be a good representative attending the May meeting.

This time of the year we think of the members of Lodge No. 114, AFU who are in the various branches of our country.

Members in Service

A. T. Bratulich at Ft. Bratulich at Ft. Sheridan, Ill.; Pvt. Albert over seas; A/C Frank at Denver, Colo.; A/C Kahan at Boca Raton, Fla.; Mo. M. I/c Joseph of the U.S. Navy; Pfc. Kastelic at Ft. Sheridan, Ill.; J. G. Ida Kotchevar at new Air Sta., Glenview, Ill.; Margaret Lambert, WAC at Boca Raton, Fla.; HA 1/c Albert Logar, Pacific Theatre; Lt. C. Logar, Army Nurse England; Mo. M. M. 2/c Roger Logar, U. S. C. G., Bay, Maryland; Pfc. Markovich Jr. in the Pacific; Sgt. Albert Mar-Australia; Cpl. Edward in Oklahoma; 1/c Fireman Petrich of U. S. N. over seas; S/Sgt. John Petrich, Brazil, So. America; Joseph Petrich now over seas; Petty Officer Louis of the U. S. Navy; Ph. J. Joseph Popovich, at Oakland, Cal.; Lt. Popovich at Dibble Gen. Menlo, Cal.; Pfc. Martin of the Air Transport Arabia; Sgt. John of the Air Corp in Lt. Katherine Skrad-Corp Nurse in the So. Pvt. Fred Startz at Howze, Texas; Cpl. Berlich, and Lt. Command Joseph Veranth in the Kingdom.

Thanks for the letter, Bill, and good luck to you over there!

Juvenile Voices

ELY REVIEW

By Margaret Startz

Ely, Minn. — May 14th is Mother's Day. Let's all try to remember our mothers, not only by buying them a gift, but by doing something which will take some effort to do to make her happy.

The girls' basketball season has drawn to a close and now they have begun their new project, baseball!

Miss Pauline Milkovich will graduate this month from the Garfield General Hospital of Chicago after having completed her three-year nurses' training course. Congratulations!

On May 1st, Ely lost two of its old-timers—Mrs. Andrew Stern and Mr. Joseph Seliskar, a business man who has been our neighbor ever since I was born. Both were very popular in Ely.

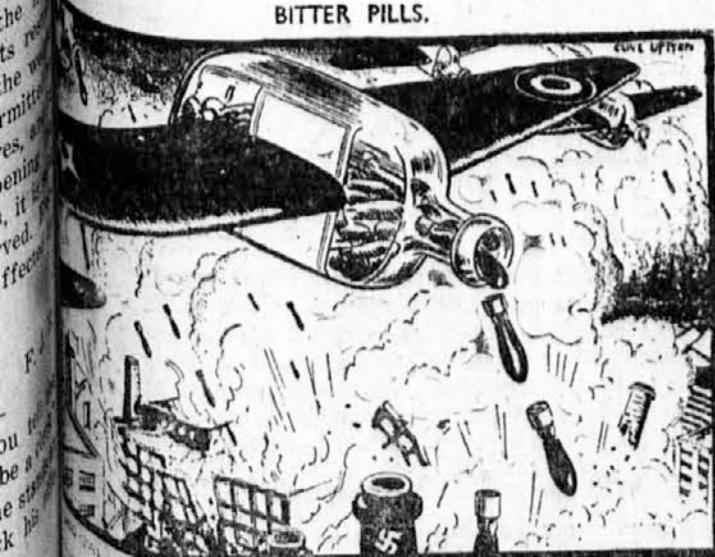
THREE WAR CAUTLIES:

Second Lt. Raymond Poljanec, bomber crewman, was reported missing over Germany. Pfc. Frank A. Toutoff was reported wounded in the battle for the Admiralty Islands. S/Sgt. Louis Mizera, bomber crewman, is missing presumably over Germany in occupied Europe.

DECORATED: Capt. Harry J. Anderson, ace dive-bomber pilot of the Marine Corps Air Wing, was decorated with the Air Medal and the Star, signifying a second similar decoration for courageous and determined attacks against the enemy in the South Pacific.

A chowhound is the Man Who Came to Dinner . . . for the duration and six months.

BITTER PILLS.



The Battle for the Balkans

A ROUND TABLE

Louis Adamic — Louis Dolivet — Josef Hane — Sava N. Kosanovich

Bogdan Raditsa — Gaetano Salvemini — Victor Sharenkoff

Rustem Vamberg — Basil Vlavianos — J. Alvarez Del Vayo

(Continuation)

Sgt. Bill Zbasnik, son of the AFU Supreme Secretary, Anton Zbasnik, is also stationed somewhere in England. He writes, "It's very nice here, the land is all green and the weather is beautiful. Conditions here are much different than in the United States. Things are very hard to obtain for most everything is rationed, even to soldiers. I enjoy reading the paper and hope you will continue to send it to me."

Thanks for the letter, Bill, and good luck to you over there!

Kosanovich—The liberation front movement in Yugoslavia offers the best example of that very thing (and when I speak of Yugoslavia I think also of Bulgaria). Yugoslavia had its own terrible quislings who worked to obstruct unification or any resurrection of Yugoslavia. But through the people's movements we are solving this problem. In that movement we have no Catholic question, we have no Moslem question, we have no Serbo-Croatian, no Yugoslavian, no Italian question. The underground movement has solved these problems. We've seen a most revealing thing happen: the Italian Bergamo Division policing Dalmatia and part of Croatia for Mussolini changed its name to the Garibaldi Division and joined the Yugoslav Army of Liberation. They have a counterpart in the Hungarian Petofi unit. We even have Germans and Austrians fighting together with us. All groups are fighting together. The underground movement is revolutionary but it is not communistic. It is an exaggeration to speak of it as such. You have priests, Orthodox, Catholics, Mohammedans, in that people's movement. Party and national frontiers disappear.

Vlavianos—Democratic.

Dolivet—I should like Professor Salvemini to comment on this question. If the peoples on both sides of this old dispute have democratic regimes will their government normally accept solutions in agreement with the will of the people, expressed in the freest form?

Salvemini—Mr. Adamic put his finger on the right spot when he stated that the question of boundaries between Italy and Yugoslavia must be settled "by a people who are honest." I should say by people who have learned from the Gospel that they must not do unto others what others should not do unto them. The problem of the Italo-Yugoslav boundary is a small, local problem which can be solved with no difficulty if common sense prevails among the leaders of the two neighboring nations and if foreign powers (in order to play the death-dealing game of the balance of power in a disorganized Europe) do not offer to one what belongs to another.

(To be continued)

Iz urada glavnega tajnika A. B. Z.

From the Office of Supreme Secretary

PREMEMBE V ČLANSTVU ZA MESEC MAREC 1944

CHANGES IN MEMBERSHIP DURING THE MONTH OF MARCH 1944

Odrasli oddelek — Adult Dept.

Novi član načrta "D" — New Members Plan "D"

Dr. st. 2: Louis Loushin 47038.

Dr. st. 20: Helen Indihar 47017.

Dr. st. 29: Helen Zidar 47018.

Dr. st. 36: Anna Mele 47039.

Dr. st. 44: Amelia Klancar 47020.

Charles Zagor 47019.

Sveti 25549, Robert Szucs 26540, Charles Urbas 26544, Mary Urbas 26545, Mary Virant 26541.

Dr. st. 21: Jean Levstik 26507, Carol Mauser 26509, Philip Mauser 26510, Patricia Rozman 26511, Frank Winters 26508.

Dr. st. 28: Richard Borino 26553.

Dr. st. 30: Kenneth Gierness 26512.

Dr. st. 42: Dennis Ceser 26585, Kathryn Okorn 26584.

Dr. st. 49: Charles Palcher 26587, Frank Simonich 26588.

Dr. st. 53: Doron Kovac 26555, Joseph Kovac 26556, Margaret Kramer 26554.

Dr. st. 6: Eleanor Mihelic 47026.

Dr. st. 11: Caroline Horvatich 47007.

Dr. st. 12: Martin Berdik 47044, Mary Dornik 47008.

Dr. st. 30: Francine Grahek 47045.

Dr. st. 37: Joseph Bergo 47030, Vera Branisej 47023, Julia Klaetic 47029,

Mary Milner 47027, Mary Mulec 47031.

Dr. st. 42: William Stefanich 47046.

Dr. st. 66: Margaret Dragovan 47010,

Dorothy Jevitz 47032, Raymond Zabel 47009.

Dr. st. 81: Helen Sustaric 47047.

Dr. st. 122: Emma Selock 47011.

Dr. st. 137: Marie Kopina 47033.

Dr. st. 149: Carl DeLoest 47012.

Dr. st. 170: Agnes Hranicek 47050,

Lillian Hrbay 47053, Veronica Johnson 47049, Lillian Pavlin 47054, Antoinette Pticek 47051, John Pticek 47052, Irene Riha 47048.

Dr. st. 221: Florence Wagner 47034.

Novi član načrta "E" — New Members Plan "E"

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Dr. st. 11: Caroline Horvatich 47007.

Dr. st. 12: Martin Berdik 47044, Mary Dornik 47008.

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Dr. st. 221: Florence Wagner 47034.

Novi član načrta "F" — New Members Plan "F"

Dr. st. 36: John Dremik 47035.

Dr. st. 43: Eleanor Skufka 47013.

Dr. st. 77: Anna Katish 47036.

Dr. st. 84: Clara Martini 47037.

Dr. st. 149: Martha Lesniak 47014, Josephine Medofe 47015.

Dr. st. 168: Barbara Clima 47016.

Zopet sprejeti — Reinstated

Dr. st. 1: Gretchen Webaver 43318.

Dr. st. 18: John Dolinar 37837.

Dr. st. 23: Athelene Galli 42703, Julia Fenn 41882.

Dr. st. 57: Anton Martinsek 35031.

Dr. st. 72: Alice Kerin 36035.

Dr. st. 138: Marie Bartkus 28214.

Dr. st. 173: Joseph Mersek 41428.

Dr. st. 188: Frank Berzin 42007.

Dr. st. 205: Thomas Lanke 43208.

Suspendirani — Suspended

Dr. st. 2: Joe Struna 45437, Pete Le-

katz 32456, Mike Lekatz 41273, Joe Le-

39045.

Dr. st. 12: Joan Grohar 43414.

Dr. st. 16: William Martincic 37765.

Dr. st. 21: John Perko 33293, Margarite Zupanic 44498.

Dr. st. 28: Ghislain Hankin 44360.

Dr. st. 39: Frank Koss 41237.

Dr. st. 43: Katherine Maruski 39555.

Dr. st. 44: Rosella Casserman 46068, Sylvia Casserman 42791, Steve Stell 42451.

Dr. st. 45: Joseph Kocjan 42650, Emma Tobler 35335.

Dr. st. 61: George Chernich 26700, John Chernich 39202, Paul Chernich 46083.

Dr. st. 66: Mary Baczk 42131, Stanley Kayfish 46701.

Dr. st. 13: Jacob Zagore 46663.

Dr. st. 149: Frank Jereb 25958.

Dr. st. 162: Rose Mantel 45413.

Janko N. Rogelj:

Poživite pomožno akcijo!

Glavni blagajnik JPOSS, brat Leo Jurjovec, mi je poslal poročilo za mesec aprila 1944. Zelo kratko je to poročilo, kar žalostno izgleda. Samo šest prispevkov je dobil v pretečenem mesecu. Da ni slovenska naselbina v Ely-u, Minn., poslala posnemanja vredni prispevki, bi bilo še bolj klaverno.

Prispevali so sledeli:

Ig. Musich, Brooklyn, N. Y., \$15.00; John Dolenc, tajnik podružnice št. 9 SANS, \$11.10; Louis Champa, blagajnik lokalnega odbora št. 6, Ely, Minn., \$500.00; Anton Zornik, tajnik lokalnega odbora št. 40, Herminie, Pa., \$10.00; A. Cedičnik, blagajnik lokalnega odbora št. 34, Detroit, Mich., \$90.00; in Cecilia Brodnik, tajnica lokalnega odbora št. 37, West Park, Ohio, \$12.00. — To je vse!

V blagajni JPOSS je sedaj \$71,431.94

Narodno zavedni Slovenec Alexander Skerlj iz Exporta, Pa., mi piše pismo, da je poslal na glavnega tajnika vsoto \$59.00, ne pa \$50.00, kot je bilo poročano v Prosveti. Tako mi tudi poroča, da je meseca decembra postal \$25.00 od Westmorelandske federacije SNPJ, in vsoto \$35.73 od postojanke št. 25 JPOSS, toda je bilo kreditirano baš obratno. Torej s tem popravljeni obe napaki.

Slovenci in Slovenke: Naša pomožna akcija JPOSS je stara tri leta. Kaj je storila v treh letih, vidite iz priobčenega računa. Premalo zavesti je v teh ševelkah. Kdo je tega kriv? Vprašajte samega sebe! Deset slovenskih podpornih in bratskih organizacij v Ameriki, pri katerih je včlanjen najmanj 90 odstotkov naših ljudi, so pozvale vse Slovence v Ameriki, da naj se odzovejo klicu trpeče Slovenije. Pravila JPOSS so dovolj jasna in nepristranska, odobrena so bila po vseh desetih organizacijah. Vsi smo se strinjali z njimi, nobenega ugovora ni bilo, dokler odbor JPOSS ni hotel kršiti svojih pravil.

Danes životarimo in čakamo, da bo rešena naša domovina onkraj morja. To nikakor ni prav, da zanemarjam najbolj človekoljubno akcijo, kar jih je imela do sedaj še slovenska Amerika. Vsa čast onim, ki so razumeli to veliko in samaritansko nalogo in dolžnost, ki je objela njih srca. Toda veliko jih je še med nami, ki tega niso storili. Ali so oni mrtvi za nas, mrtvi za svoje brate in sestre onkraj morja? Kaj je vsak drugi Slovenec v Ameriki Janez Nedam in ne ve, da je del tega trpečega naroda v domovini.

Ce smo že dali, dajmo še enkrat in večkrat, bodimo zavestni, narodni in veliki—v teh velikih in težkih časih, ko se piše največje poglavje Slovenstva.

DOPISI

(Nadaljevanje s 3. strani)

čas na konvenciji. Priporočilo se vzame na znanje.

Zastopnici društva št. 103 priporočata, da bi se plačala odškodnina za operacije krčnih žil in da bi se dovolilo nekaj več podpore za resnejše bolezni in novo pristopljam članom in članicam. Glede izplačevanja smrtnin za padlimi članovi jih je mnenje društva, da se zadeva prepusti razsodnosti delegatov na konvenciji; ako bo v tovrstno potrebna naklada, naj bi ne znašala nad 10 centov na mesec. Poročilo se vzame na znanje.

Zastopnik društva št. 108 priporoča, da naj bi se kaj izboljšalo glede plačevanja operacijskih odškodnin in bolniških podpor. Dalje meni društvo, da bi zadostovalo, če bi vsako društvo, ki šteje 75 članov ali več, poslalo samo po enega delegata na konvencijo. Društvo tudi meni, da je štiri dni premalo časa za konvencijo. Poročilo se vzame na znanje.

Po zadnjem ljudskem štetju v Združenih državah so našeli 178,640 Slovencev in Slovenek, tako poroča The World Almanac. Isto štetje pravi, da je od prejšnjega stivila Slovenec saj še 75,560 onih, ki so prišli iz Slovenije, 97,300 je tukaj poroča, da je po mnenju nje-

rojenih, kjer je bil samo eden izmed roditeljev Slovenec, in 5,780 je turojenih, kjer sta bila oče in mati, oba Slovenca.

Kako zanesljiva je ta statistika, si lahko sami predstavljamo, kako se vrši ljudsko štetje in kako odgovarajo na stavljena vprašanja.

Vse naše bratske podporne organizacije v Ameriki stejejo okoli 120,000 članov v odraslem oddelku. Tudi to številko moramo vzeti z rezervacijo, ker nas je mnogo članov, ki smo pri dveh ali treh organizacijah. Po leg tega imamo v mladinskih oddelkih okoli 40,000 otrok. V obeh oddelkih imajo naše organizacije okoli 160,000 članov in članic, kar dokazuje, da zadnje ljudsko štetje ni prav preveč oddaljeno od članstva naših organizacij.

In vti Slovenia in Slovenke so v treh letih prispevali v JPOSS okoli 71 tisoč dolarjev. To je naša lastna slika, to je naša lastno ljudsko štetje, kadar govorijo samo usmiljena sreca.

Ali ostanemo takšni baš ob času, ko se bliža tista odločilna ura upanja in tolažbe in pričakovanja, ko bo zmagača pravica in resnica, ko se umakne tema svitih svobodne zarje, ko zoper zadiha naš narod svobodno in prosti, toda lačen, bolan, raztrgan, sam, tepen in zazrt na pokopališču in pogorišču, na neobdelana polja in izsekane gozdove, na prazne hlevne in prazne kašče, ko bo naš narod stal na poteptani zemlji, a nad njim žarcē once, ki bo pripekalo na trudne roke in noge, da bo slabost pretresala zadnjo mišico, ko bo kri naše krv prošila usmiljenja in pomoči, a izči bo silila zadnja pekoča in nepopisno skeleča—solza.

Kaj bi dal prijatelj, da bi izbrisal to solzo svojemu rodnuemu bratu in rodni sestri? Ali ne čutiš v sebi več tiste rdeče kaplje krvi, ki se je ustavila v tvojem srcu, ko si se poslavljaj iz rodne zemlje. Vzbudi v sebi to slovo od doma, od očeta in matere, bratov in sester. Naj se zopet ta kaplja krvi ustavi v tvojem človeškem srcu, prečrtaj in prekrizaš ime Janez Nedam, ki je zapisano na tvojem čelu. Bodu mož, bodi žena slovenskega rodu, roka naj seže v žep po dolar, dva ali več, in daj brat, daj; pomagaj sestra!

In zahvali svojo živiljenjsko usodo, da te je pripeljala v Ameriko, da si v stanu dati in da lahko daš, ker imaš, a tvoji bratje nimajo in prosijo tebe, srečnega, zdravega in bogatega brata v Ameriki.

Ce smo že dali, dajmo še enkrat in večkrat, bodimo zavestni, narodni in veliki—v teh velikih in težkih časih, ko se piše največje poglavje Slovenstva.

Brat urednik A. J. Terbovec priporoča, da naj bi se člani v predkonvenčnem času posluževali svojega glasila v polni meri, da se na ta način izmenjajo mnenja in ideje. Glasilo je vsem društvom in vse članom na razpolago. Iz razprav v glasilu bodo delegati bodoči konvencije v znatni meri izvedeli za mnenje članstva in bodo mogli tako bolj inteligentno zastopati članstvo na konvenciji. S tem se bodo skrajšale razprave na konvenciji, kar bo prihranilo čas, in sprejeti zaključki bodo boljši. Na tozadovno vprašanje je tudi pojasnjeno, da je glavni odbor za letni seji sklenil, da se v glasilu brezplačno pričrtajo slike padlimi članovojakov. V izdaji pred Spominškim dnem bodo priobčene slike vseh dosedaj padlimi članovojakov, ki bodo pravočasno dostavljene uredništvu. Priporočila in poročila se vzamejo na znanje.

Brat urednik A. J. Terbovec priporoča, da naj bi se kaj izboljšalo glede plačevanja operacijskih odškodnin in bolniških podpor. Dalje meni društvo, da bi zadostovalo, če bi vsako društvo, ki šteje 75 članov ali več, poslalo samo po enega delegata na konvencijo. Društvo tudi meni, da je štiri dni premalo časa za konvencijo. Poročilo se vzame na znanje.

Nato je bilo sklenjeno, da se prihodnjem zborovanje federalce vrši v Slovenskem narodnem domu na St. Clair Ave. v Clevelandu zadnjo nedeljo julija, to je 30. julija. Začetek zborovanja je določen za 11. uro dopoldne. Na določeno zborovanje bodo povabljeni tudi vsi delegati društev Ameriške bratske zveze v državi Ohio. S tem je

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zgleda, da bi se konvencija izvršila v štirih dneh, in da želi, da bi Zvezda plačevala bolniško podporo do šestih mesecev. Poročilo se vzame na znanje.

Zastopnica društva št. 137 poroča, da njeni društvo želi, če bi bilo mogoče zvišati operacijske in bolniške podpore. Poročilo se vzame na znanje.

Zastopnik društva št. 173 poroča, da je njegovo društvo mnaj, naj se, če le mogoče, smrtnine za padlimi članovi-jaki plačajo v polnem, to je za tiste, ki so že dosedaj padli in ki še bodo. Ako je potrebno, naj se v tovrstno naloži primer na naklada. Poročilo se vzame na znanje.

Zastopnica društva št. 186 poroča, da je prejela predlog tega imamo v mladinskih oddelkih okoli 40,000 otrok. V obeh oddelkih imajo naše organizacije okoli 160,000 članov in članic, kar dokazuje, da zadnje ljudsko štetje ni prav preveč oddaljeno od članstva naših organizacij.

Zastopnica društva št. 229 poroča, da je po mnenju njenega društva priporočljivo, da bi se, če le mogoče, plačale polne smrtnine za padlimi članovi-jaki in da bi se operacije plačale tudi za krčne žile. Društvo tudi meni, da je čas štirih dni prekrat za konvencijo. Poročilo se vzame na znanje.

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