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On January 5th, Ohio State Representative Ed Jerse (D-Euclid) took his oath of office for the 122nd General Assembly in Columbus. Shown standing before the Speaker's chair are, left to right: former U.S. Attorney John T. Martin of Euclid, who administered the oath, Ed's wife, Shannon, Ed Jerse, Shannon's mother, Mrs. Maurine Fogarty of Youngstown, and their two children, Mairin and Teddy.

Slovenian Ski Jumper Primoz Peterka Leads Circuit in Money Earned

by Novica Mihajlovic

LJUBLJANA Jan. 17 (Reuters) — When it comes to celebrating victories Primoz Peterka is already a champion — as his father has found out — somewhat to his consternation.

After claiming the coveted Four-hills trophy this season, Slovenia's new teenage ski jumping hero set to work on his dad's facial hair.

"The deal was that (if I won) I could do whatever I wanted with my father's mustache and that he would keep it that way for a week," Peterka said. "I gave him a Hitler-style mustache and, obviously, that was too much for him. He shaved it off the next day."

Peterka, it seems, is enjoying his second season on the World Cup circuit, having already recorded five victories.

Shortly after topping the podium for the second time, in Harrachov in the Czech Republic, he was down at the local disco dancing into the early hours of the morning.

The following day, Peterka proved he does not need a full night's sleep to perform by finishing second on the same hill.

Coach Jelko Gros is the man with the job of keeping the exuberant 17-year-old

from the village of Moravce, near the Slovenian capital Ljubljana, in check.

"I am still the one who decides when we celebrate or not," Gross said. "that night must have definitely cost him his hard-earned pocket money."

Keeping teenage ski jumping sensations on the straight and narrow is no easy task as Finns Martti Nykanen and Toni Nieminen have shown in the past.

Nykanen, the most successful ski jumper ever with four Olympic golds, was never far from the headlines for his off-hill activities. Twice married and twice divorced, he was constantly at loggerheads with officialdom and suffered from a persistent drinking problem.

After fading out of the sport, he was forced to sell his medals when his business activities failed.

Nieminen won two Olympic golds as a 16-year-old but found the pressures of media attention too tough to handle and soon vanished from view.

Despite his laid-back approach to his sport, Peterka, who began ski jumping around six, currently holds a 162-point lead over Germany's Dieter Thoma and 260 over Austria's Andrea Goldberger.



Primož Peterka

He was the first Slovenian to clinch the Four-hills tournament — one of the three most prestigious events in ski jumping next to world championships and the Winter Olympics.

In it, Peterka finished seventh and first in the German resorts of Oberstdorf and Garmisch-Partenkirchen and then kept his nerve to take second and third places in the Austrian legs at Innsbruck and Bischofshofen.

"I am delighted that I won the Four-hills. But it wouldn't have been the end of the world if I would have lost," he said.

But despite his current form, Peterka is still not (Continued on page 4)

Polka Mass Reminds Reader of Wonderful Slovenian Family

By Rudy Flis

I love to pray the Mass, and I love to hear polkas and waltzes played, but not in church. Or so I thought.

A few years past, a friend talked my wife and I into attending a Polka Mass-Dinner-Dance.

The church, one of the larger churches in our diocese, was packed for the Polka Mass. The entrance hymn started. In an instant, my two loves, my faith and my Slovenian heritage became one great love. I sang like a Protestant. I sang with a lump in my throat and a tear in my eye. I didn't want the Mass to end, and I'll tell you why.

For years I went to Sunday morning Mass, came home to the smell of Mom's good cooking. At 10:30 a.m. a Slovenian announcer named Martin came into our living room with beautiful polkas and waltzes.

Only an hour since I left Mass, the tantalizing smell of my mom's cooking, the beautiful Slovenian tunes dancing from our Philco ra-

dio, put me in a great mood, or nourished Christian charity in my heart.

Do you remember anything like that?

The Polka Mass-Dinner-Dance is the combination of Sunday morning, mixed into one event.

I can't say "Hey, mom, when's dinner?" My mom can't say, "Rudy, take the garbage out."

But the distance time is so close, so real, and it feels so good.

God, Mom and Dad, Brother and Sister, good food and the good life. Does it touch you that way?

From 5 p.m. until 11 p.m. when the last note is squeezed from the accordion, I am reminded of what was and what is.

The Polka Mass is unique, the way it sings the praises of the Lord.

If Jesus ever appears at a Polka Mass, I'd check His feet. Do you think they'll be still?

Our Polka Mass is this weekend. Here I go again!

Protecting Perishable Foods When the Power Goes Out

With winter storms causing problems in Northeast Ohio and throughout the nation, Dr. Peter Somani, Ohio State Health Director, has issued reminders about how to protect refrigerated and frozen food if power goes out.

Refrigerated Foods

✓ How food looks is not a reliable way of telling whether or not it is still good. If you have doubts, throw it away.

✓ Do not open the refrigerator door unless absolutely necessary.

✓ Throw away the following foods if they are kept at temperatures of more than 40 degrees for more than two hours: raw or cooked meat, poultry, seafood, milk, cream, yogurt, soft cheeses, fresh eggs, meat-topped pizza, and lunch meat; casseroles, stews or soups, cream-filled pastries, mayonnaise, and tarter sauce.

✓ Foods that should keep

in a closed refrigerator for up to three days are: butter and margarine, fresh fruits and vegetables, dried fruits, hard and processed cheeses, fruit juices.

Frozen Foods

If temperatures outdoors are low enough, it may allow for temporary storage outside. The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) recommends food be stored at 40 degrees or less. If food is stored outdoors, it should be kept in clean, covered containers not accessible to animals and safe from contamination.

✓ Keep freezer door closed if at all possible. If you have a home thermometer, place it in the freezer to check temperature.

✓ If the freezer is not full, group packages together to form an "igloo" or larger mass.

✓ If power is restored within 24-48 hours, there should be no problems.



Have you ever noticed how many people claim to be in need nowadays – but actually, they aren't?

In previous times – before everything became “politically correct” we used to say what we meant. For example, I was in the bank the other day when the temperature outside was 30 degrees *below zero* (with the wind-chill factor – whatever that means – again, some new terminology that mostly benefits weather prognosticators, thereby confusing the rest of us – but what the heck, it sounds ominous, which the weather forecasters love to be), but where was I? Yes. The reason I was in the bank, and not out of the bank -- in the teller-window line was because being a good Slovenian, I figured it would be too cold for the average depositor/slash/withdrawer to get out of the car and brave the 30 second frigid walk inside.

And I was right. There was no other customer inside. My appearance so startled and consternated the tellers that they let me stand around and think about things for about five minutes before they allowed me do business with them.

But, being an astute Slovenian (nosy), I heard the auto-teller girl said to the customer in the car while giving her check back through the little sliding drawer, -- “Ma'm, I need you to endorse your check.”

Now I thought about this for a while. Where was the *need* here? Did the teller *really need* the check to be signed. I didn't think so. I thought the *customer* needed the check to be signed otherwise she wouldn't get her check deposited, her bills paid, and a few bucks left over to buy groceries, and the Ohio lottery.

When did this nonessential – supposedly -- *need* become part of our language? Why didn't the teller say, for instance, “Will you please endorse your check?”

Why does the *need* in the last few years suddenly shift from the actual need-ee to the uninvolved, passive, non-needee? If you follow my drift?

You hear this all the time. A few months ago I was at the doctor's office. The doctor-trainee said to me as she called my name, “I *need* you to step on the scale.” I thought to myself, “If she needs it so badly, why doesn't *she* step on the scale?” Then I could stand there and slide that little weight-hickey sideways until the scale balances out and mark *her* weight on a notepad.” See how she'd like that!

I mean, what's the *need* on her part? Why doesn't she just say, “Step on the scale, please.” Why should the trainee claim my weight to be *her need*? It doesn't make sense.

On the other hand, suppose I didn't get on the scale, which in turn would cause sirens to go off, lights begin to flash, and the doctor come running out of his office with a baseball bat and start chasing the doctor-trainee down the hall. Now in that case – yes – she definitely would *need* me to get

on the scale. But other than that scenario, there is not much of a need.

Then – eventually, you're sitting in the examining room in a flimsy white sheet, freezing for the last half-hour when the doctor comes in. You can tell he's been talking to the doctor-trainee – because he says, “I *need* you to roll up your sleeve so I can shove this horse-hypodermic needle through your arm.”

You see the need term a lot on television shows. The cop catches a bank-robbing red-handed with the loot. He/she says to the crook, “Sir, I *need* you to lie on the floor and put your hands behind your back.” Every time they say that I go bananas. Why don't they just say, “Listen scumbag, get on the floor and put your hands behind your back or I'll blow your (bleep-ing) head off.” It makes sense that way. And the actual *need* is on the shoulder of the robber, otherwise he's going to be having lunch with the *homicide*.

Anyhow, let's put the term “*need*” back where it belongs—as a burden of the deprived.

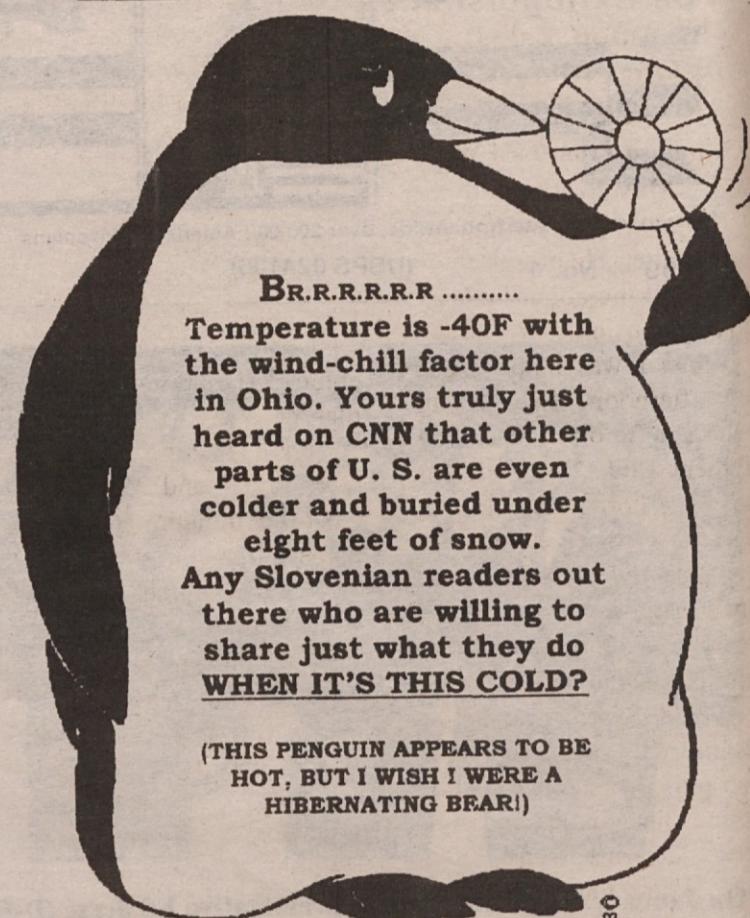
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Maria Frank
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100 WORDS MORE OR LESS by John Mercina



BR.R.R.R.R.R.

Temperature is -40F with the wind-chill factor here in Ohio. Yours truly just heard on CNN that other parts of U. S. are even colder and buried under eight feet of snow. Any Slovenian readers out there who are willing to share just what they do WHEN IT'S THIS COLD?

(THIS PENGUIN APPEARS TO BE HOT, BUT I WISH I WERE A HIBERNATING BEAR!)

Due to snowed-over mail boxes and the usual “snail mail”, the only response may be sent through E-Mail: jim@buckeyeweb.com for retransmission to John Mercina.

Joke

Patient: Doctor, how did I make out with my physical examination?

Dr.: Well, Sir, I have good news and bad news. What do you want to hear first?

Patient: Give me the good news.

Dr.: You have two weeks to live.

Patient: If that's the good news, what's the bad news?

Dr.: I was supposed to tell you last week.

Submitted by:
Lou Trebar

It is not the going out of port, but the coming in, that determines the success of a voyage.

—Henry Ward Beecher

HAPPY NEWS

Marie and Milan Dular, Lilian Perez, Jean and Jeffry Pike, Frank Tercek, and Mary Znidarsic. To all these individuals we say, “Dobro došli.” We sincerely hope you will actively participate in our organization and enjoy the friendship and activities that it provides.

What better thing to do on a frigid winter afternoon than make plans for trips and parties in the warmer months ahead! Matt Kajfez presented an itinerary for a 4-day/3 night, mid-July trip to New York City, which includes a guided tour of the city, trips to Ellis Island and West Point, a Hudson River-boat Tour, winery and candy factory visits, 3 dinners, 3 breakfasts, lodging, tips and bus refreshments – all for \$389 per person. Matt explained that an exact date will be determined as soon as a sufficient number of people express interest.

There was no doubt that we all felt terrific by the end of her presentation and just about everyone agreed that nothing would be better than starting every meeting with a strong dose of Sister Barbara Jean. We thank her for putting joy and laughter in our hearts and giving us such sound advice for the year ahead.

Another highlight of the meeting was the introduction of seven members. They are

gambling trip to bring their final payment (\$100) to the February meeting.

Closer to home, the HAP Spring Dinner Dance will be held on April 6th. Tickets are \$12.00 for members and non-members alike. Remember Sister Barbara Jean's advice to choose to be happy? Here's your chance. Not only will you be treated to another fabulous meal prepared by Julie Zalar and her crew, but you'll also get to dance to Dan Peter's music and socialize with friends old and new. Is that happiness or what?! Tickets are available from any officer or call Matt Zabukovec at 943-3784.

On a sad note, a moment of silence was observed in memory of Frances Somrack who recently passed away. We extend our sympathy to her family and friends.

Next month we celebrate Valentine's Day and to mark that sweet event, William Malley, Jr., from Malley's Chocolates will speak to us. See you then.

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Starting Over in America

By Anton Žakelj
translated and edited
by John Žakelj

(Continued From Last Week)

May 26, 1950

I'm anxiously waiting for Karl's letter. He promised he would tell me about his new job and housing.

When I was home alone this afternoon, two young men came to our house. One of them said, "We will cut the cows' horns." I told them that John wasn't home, but they said they had talked to him. They went directly to the barn, bound two heifers with ropes and led them out. In the farmyard, one heifer became wild, but one of the men pulled the ropes tighter around her snout and between her hind and front legs. When the animal fell down, the other man sawed off her horns. It happened in seconds. When they had finished with the other heifer, the men led them back into the stable. The wounds were bleeding profusely. For a couple of days after, those heifers lost their appetite, but when their wounds healed, they started to eat and drink again. I decided I was glad I wasn't taking the veterinarian correspondence course.

Sunday, May 28

John took us on a Sunday drive. He showed us a big round structure, like a tent, with a roof but no walls. The inside was fenced off and full of cattle. They moved around freely and ate hay from the pile in the middle of the structure whenever they wanted. John said, "That's the barn of a learned man." The owner was a teacher.

The next curiosity was a small, almost new house in the middle of nowhere. There was no path to it, no garden around it, nothing. John explained that this

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house was built hundreds of yards away. On a hot day, a tornado rushed by, lifted the house from its base and transferred it via air to its new location, undamaged.

May 29, 1950

Karl writes that this is the best time to get work in Cleveland. If I'm going to come, I should come immediately.

In the afternoon I worked with Frank and asked him what he thought about my leaving the farm. "If you don't help yourself, nobody will," he said.

In the evening I walked to where Sršen was living. He wasn't there, but his family agreed that we should all leave together next Wednesday. At 9:30 I returned home and told Mary we would be leaving.

May 30, 1950

It's Decoration Day, but we are not celebrating. John promised to drive our belongings to Greenwood tomorrow, even if it takes 5 trips. I packed all morning and then helped load "junk" in the afternoon.

At night I dreamed that only Johnny and I were moving. I dreamed I was carrying him across the quicksand, and I saw a church with two steeples in the distance, just like St. Martin's church in my hometown of Ziri. Cilka was not with us, so I became worried what would become of her.

May 31, 1950

When I was milking the cows, John started telling me how to do it, as he usually did. Mary said that wasn't necessary, since we were leaving. A heated argument followed, worse than the one three months ago. Mary threatened to leave him.

At 9 o'clock we took 2 crates and one bag to Greenwood. Cilka went to the doctor. He said her bleeding was not dangerous, gave her 12 brown pills for three days, and said we could go to Cleveland. But if the bleeding doesn't improve, she'll need to go to the hospital. We left the crates at the train station (478 lbs.). I wrote to Karl and told him we would come in three days.

In the afternoon, John and I pounded 9 fence-posts around the garden. In the evening I pruned the linden tree. Cilka is in bed, not feeling any better.

June 1, 1950

John tried to convince me that it would be better if we stayed. When I wouldn't believe him, he went looking for another hired man, but he came back drunk. Frank disked the field for corn and started planting in the afternoon; but the planter crushed the seed instead of planting it. John smelled of alcohol like never before.

Cilka is bleeding more. Mary prepared some food for our trip to Cleveland, but

it looks like we're not going. Johnny was so upset tonight, we didn't get to sleep until midnight.

June 2, 1950

Cilka just isn't getting any better. Helen talked with the doctor by phone. At 9 a.m. Helen drove Cilka to the doctor. When they didn't return at noon, we knew they had gone to the hospital in Marshfield. That means we can't go to Cleveland.

John is drinking. Mary cried again this morning. Mary asked Helen and Me, what should she do? Should she leave John for a while or forever? She can't live with him alone.

John promised to buy me a tractor and pay me \$50 a month even during the winter. I decided to leave even if he gives me the whole farm. It was a hard decision, but after I made it, I was not willing to reconsider. John said we can stay here weeks, months or years. He suggested I demand that the packages I had sent to Cleveland be returned. I asked him if there was enough income from the farm to support two families. He told me exactly what he paid for fertilizer, seed, taxes, etc.; but he didn't say anything about income. He proposed we run the farm 50/50.

John told me that, if he sold me the farm, he would

still retain the right to manage it. I said I would be thankful for the advice, but I kept the last part of my comment to myself, namely that the final decisions would be mine.

Earlier, I had sought advice from a highly respected person about buying the farm. He told me the Brezic farm was far too small to support two families. I did consider it very seriously, but I always came to the same conclusion - the annual income would hardly cover necessities, with nothing left for savings.

The longer I waited to move, the worse it would be. With every passing year, I would be less able to move and obtain work in a factory or a mine.

Meanwhile, people were starving back home in Slovenia and expecting me to send help. Even so, my father still had his sense of humor - he wrote me, "If you see a bag of flour lying by the road, pick it up and send it to us. But you don't need to send us a yacht until you have one yourself."

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11 a.m. - 1 p.m. Polka Fun With Al & Harry

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Slovenian Ski Jumper Primoz Peterka Leads Circuit in Money Earned

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thinking about the overall ski jumping title.

He has decided to skip events in Japan (in Sapporo on Jan. 18 and 19) and in Hakuba on Jan. 25 and 26), to prepare for the world championships in Trondheim, Norway, from Feb. 21 to March 2.

"It will be difficult for him to keep the overalls if we don't go to Japan," Gros acknowledged. But there are some 30 athletes who are capable of winning it so it will be difficult in any case.

"We still have a lot of time before we start thinking about the overalls. We have other goals at the moment.

"I have decided to first concentrate on the world championships, then on the ski flying (in Tauplitz, Austria, on Feb. 8 and 9) and only then will I start thinking about the overalls," Peterka said after impressive back-to-back wins on the Titlis hill in Engelbert, Switzerland last weekend.

An economics student

when he is not ski jumping, Peterka, who was named Slovenia's sportsman of the year in 1996, will not have to worry about money this winter.

He is currently the highest earner on the circuit with 119,500 Swiss Francs (\$86,600) in prize money. His closest rival, Thoma, has earned 65,000 Swiss Francs (\$47,500).

"He is the best paid ski jumper at the moment and all his awards go straight into his own pocket. It is not true that his money is taken away from him," said Gros, denying rumors Peterka was not allowed to keep his prize money.

Gros brushed aside fears Peterka could become blinded by success and go the same way as Nykanen and Nieminen.

"He (Peterka) is still as modest and calm as he was before his success," Gros said. "He is a very stable person and this is to his advantage. I don't think he will be spoiled by glory. He still acts the same as before."

Gus Gselman prepared meat-loaf and oven potatoes for all, at no expense to the club. We appreciate his generosity and culinary talents.

Mary Grilc gave a short report on the Christmas tree presented to the Pope by the Slovenian people.

January birthday celebrants are Mary Thieme, Tillie Hocevar and Ruth Hoover.

Friendships are not easy to form, especially after retirement; and with South Florida's diverse transient population, it becomes difficult. Our club provides a common denominator of Slovenian heritage to build on. So come join our group of congenial members, eager to welcome you into the fold.

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WATERLOO PENSIONERS CLUB NEWS

By Grace Marinch,
Recording Secretary

The Waterloo Pensioners Club is off to a good start for 1997 with the following elected officers: President, Don Gorjup; Vice President, Pat Nevar; Treasurer, Ralph Urbancek; Recording Secretary, Grace Marinch; Auditors: Tillie Vranekovic, Dorothy Gorjup and Al Marinch.

In addition to the officers, the following members were elected and agreed to volunteer their services in various capacities at our monthly meetings: Tony and Dorothy Silc, Fred and Jean Skolaris, Eleanor Godec, Josie Kapla, Mitzi Yeray, Loretta Yano, Dorothy Gorjup, Jean Urbancek, Jo Minello, Elsie O'Hara, Alice Bozich, Lou Prebevsek, Caroline Lokar, Angie Zabjek, John Vicic, Frank Sadar and Al Marinch. As we are all aware, it takes a lot of people to volunteer their services to have a successful organization.

Thanks to all of you and to Frank O'Hara for a job well done as Vice President during the past year.

Our Christmas party was a huge success due to the delicious meal and the fantastic entertainment which was provided by our own musician members for our enjoyment. On the accordions were Lou Prebevsek, Fred Skolaris, Joe Zgong,

Adolph (Cappy) Kapla and Don Gorjup.

We were also honored to have our two very talented songbirds in attendance, namely, Florence Unetich and Angie Zabjek who sang a number of Slovenian and American songs for us, accompanied by Joe Zgong on his German chromatic accordion. This was a real treat and enjoyed by all.

Don Gorjup did a great job as Master of Ceremonies keeping the party going. Fred Nevar even sang a song for us in Russian. Thanks to all who made this possible.

Congratulations to Don Gorjup who has been selected as "Slovene Man of the Year" from the Slovenian Workmen's Home (Waterloo Hall). This award could not be given to a more deserving person than Don. We can't say enough good about him; it would take too long to mention all his undertakings and accomplishments throughout the years. I am sure that anyone who knows Don would agree that he is a devoted and hard-working Slovenian who leads numerous organizations and does an outstanding job in all of them. The Waterloo Pensioners Club members are pleased to have him as our leader and are very proud of his receiving this award.

A banquet will be held on Sunday, March 16 at the St.

Clair Slovenian National Home to pay tribute to all the men and women from all of the halls who have earned the title of "Man" or "Woman of the Year." Tickets for this event were purchased by our members and the club, splitting the cost of \$18.

On a sadder note, we would like to extend our sincere condolences to the families of Mary Furlan, Helen Vukcevic, Frank Videmsek, Ursula Branisel, Joe Primc, Paul Trenell, Mary Kaeferle, John Eppich, Hermine Strancar, Bob Price, Millie Sanders, Fran Mausser, Rudy Krall, John Bonach and Joe Plemel. We were saddened by the loss of these members and they will surely be missed by their many friends.

We would like to thank all the ladies on the calling committee for their utmost cooperation in calling members to advise them of the time and place of the eulogy which is given for every member who has passed on. This is most appreciated by all of our members; some longtime members are no longer able to attend meetings but still appreciate hearing a friendly voice and still feel a connection to the club. Our sincere thanks goes out to all of you.

WPC meetings are held the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 1:00 p.m. at the

Slovenian Workmen's Home, 15335 Waterloo Rd. Please join us if you are interested in belonging to a friendly, fun-loving group of seniors. We hope to have a fun-filled year in store for our members, and would like to extend our best wishes for a Happy and Healthy New Year to all.

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Making wine the Slovenian way

By
Robert M. Debevec

Recently my wife and I shared a bottle of *vino* with some neighbors at Debevec's Chalet Debonne in Madison, Ohio and we got to talking about some of the good old days -- as senior citizens are wont to do. We talked about how it was during prohibition days (1918 to 1933) and some of the ways people managed to have a bottle of wine or two on hand during those times.

It brought back memories to me of how wine making was a community affair in the old Slovenian neighborhood of East 61st Street and St. Clair Avenue. Of course, at that time I was not familiar with the nuances of the law but I think it was legally permissible for an individual to make a certain amount of wine each year for home use.

Anyway, this is the way it worked, to the best of my knowledge: (How come I can remember things that happened 70 years ago but can't recall where I left my glasses last night?).

These Slovenians were an ingenious lot and rigged up a contraption which made

grape squeezing and pressing a pretty simple operation. It consisted of a Model T Ford truck on jacks, hooked up to a wine press with a pulley belt around one of the truck's wheels and connected to the wine press wheel.

When the truck's wheel turned, *Voila!* The wine press wheel also turned and somehow or other pressed and squeezed the grapes. This resulted in a river of pungent, frothing, sparkling juice flowing out of the business end of the press.

The hopper on the wine press was loaded from a dump truck filled with grapes purchased by the neighborhood group at wholesale prices from farmers in the Madison or Euclid grape growing areas. Several men wearing rubber boots and wielding huge coal shovels, stood by and helped the process along, by shoveling the mounds of grapes into the hopper. Every once in a while, one of the men grabbed a handful of the grape clusters and threw them out to the kids (including me) standing around.

As the roaring Model T and the grinding wine press

did their respective duties, the flow of juices was diverted into a rubber hose through a series of valves and pipes. The stream from the hose was directed to one of the large wooden barrels standing in a row by one of the men assigned to that task. His job was to insert a wooden plug (a bung?) into a hole at the top of each barrel as it became full. He would then hammer the plug in with a wooden mallet and move on to the next barrel.

With the noise of the press, the chattering roar of the four-cylinder Model T, the kids hollering and screaming and the grownups laughing and having a good time, it became quite a noisy but fun-filled affair.

I can still remember the anticipation and excitement as the men worked on their contraption to hook it up properly and testing it to see if it was OK. Then we would stand around and wait for the first grape-loaded dump truck to drive across the empty field from East 62nd Street. It would turn around, back up to its proper position and then the truck body would raise up and the luscious looking blue grapes would come cascading out.

Without knowing the exact number, I do recall that there were a number of trucks involved and we would sit around and wait and munch grapes until someone sighted the next load coming in and we would watch the process all over again.

Without knowing any of the details at the tender age I was during that period, I assume everyone in the neighborhood shared in the expense and the fruits of their labors in more or less equal amounts.

The old Slovenian method was a far cry from the modern pressure tanks, controlled heat and fermenting processes they use now. However, I think we had a lot more fun, even though we weren't as efficient.

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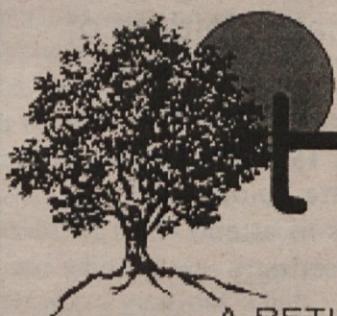


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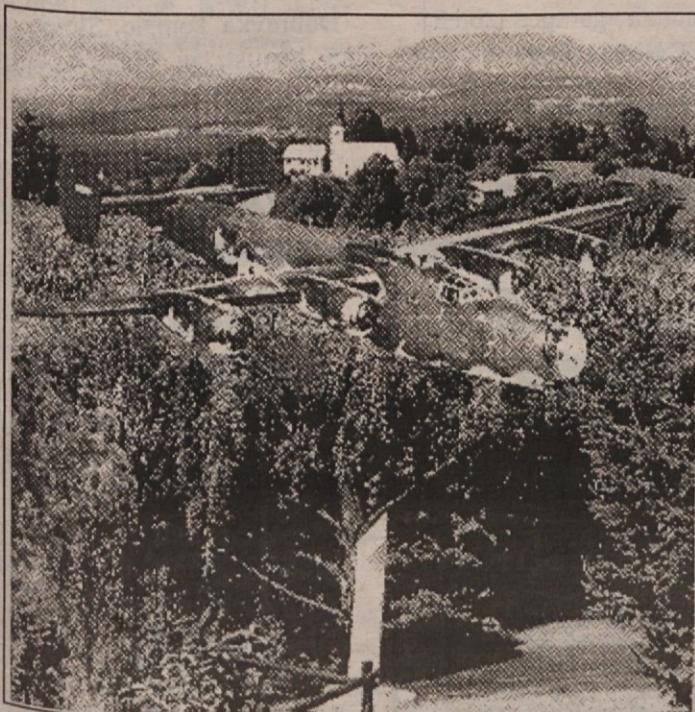
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The dinner consists of either roasted chicken or roast beef. Included is home-made soup, side dishes, and home-made pastry. Dinners will be served cafeteria style. Take-out dinners are available the same day by the parish social room. Cost is only \$10 adult and \$5 child.

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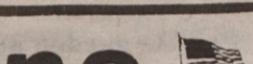
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Coming Events

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Saturday, Jan. 25

Slovenska Pristava benefit dinner/dance at SNH, St. Clair. Contact 676-0526.

Friday, January 31

Dance at West Park Slovene Home, 4583 W. 130th St., Cleveland, 7:30 p.m. featuring Dan Peters.

Saturday, Feb. 1

Winter Polka Dance at Slovenian National Home, 6417 St. Clair Ave. featuring Joe Fedorchak in auditorium; Lake Erie Button Box in Kenik Room from 7:30 to 11:30 p.m. Tickets available from Slovenian Home, 6409 St. Clair, Polka Hall of Fame, 291 E. 222 St., Ann Opeka (531-7850) or Larry Hocevar (361-5115). \$8 at door.

Sunday, February 2

Chicken or Roast Beef dinner sponsored by Mission Aid Society, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in St. Vitus Auditorium. Adults \$10.00; children \$5.00.

Friday, Feb. 7

Dance at West Park Slovene Home, 4583 W. 130th St., Cleveland, 7:30 p.m., featuring Eddie Rodick.

Sat., Sun., Feb. 8 and 9

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Saturday, February 15

Polka Dance at Slovenian National Home, 6417 St. Clair Ave., featuring Jeff Pecon in auditorium; Homesteaders in Kenik Room from 7:30 to 11:30 p.m. Tickets available from Slovenian Home, 6409 St. Clair, Polka Hall of Fame, 291 E. 222 St., Ann Opeka (531-7850) or Larry Hocevar (361-5115). \$8 at door.

Feb. 15-16

KSKJ National Basketball Tournament in Brecksville, Ohio. Contact: Joe Hocevar 881-9586.

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Saturday, March 8

Polka Dance at Slovenian National Home, 6417 St. Clair Ave., from 7:30 p.m. to 11:30 p.m., featuring Jeff Pecon Orchestra. Tickets available from Slovenian Home, 6409 St. Clair, Polka Hall of Fame, 291 E. 222 St., Ann Opeka (531-7850) or Larry Hocevar (361-5115). \$8 at door.

Sunday, March 16

Federation of Slovenian Homes Banquet SNH St. Clair SNH. Main honorees: John Pestotnik and Sister Rosemary Hocevar.

Sunday, April 6

Holmes Ave. Pensioners Spring Dinner Dance, at Collinwood Slovenian Home, 15810 Holmes Ave. Music by Dan Peters orchestra. Donation \$12.00. Tickets call 943-3284 or 531-2088.

Saturday, April 12

Jadran Concert at Slovenian Workmen's Home. Contact: 481-3187.

Sunday, April 13

Super Button Box Bash 15 - SNPJ Circle 2 from 1 to 9 p.m., Slovenian Society Home, Euclid, Ohio - 20 orchestras.

Tuesday, April 15

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Death Notices

MIROSLAV CELESTINA

Services were held for Miroslav Celestina, 71, of Richmond Heights, Ohio on Monday, January 6, 1997 with Mass celebrated by Rev. Fathers John Kumse, Joseph Boznar, and Victor Tomc.

There were over 500 people in attendance.

Miro was born in Zavine, Zagorje Obshui, Slovenia on April 25, 1925.

He was a 40-year member of St. Mary's Holy Name Society. He also belonged to KSKJ, Slovenska Pristava, Pristavski Upokojenci, and Liliya. He was retired from Caterpillar Co.

Mr. Celestina is survived by his wife, Mary (nee Kosem); sons Peter (wife, Barbara) (Az.), Joseph (wife Terri), Mark (wife Joanne), Andrew (wife, Annette), Charles (wife Tracy) of Columbus, and Thomas of Slovenia; daughter Mary Ann Krevh (husband Erik). He was the grandfather of 11; brother of Marija Jenko (of Slovenia) and Milka Skale (Canada).

He was preceded in death by the following brothers and sisters, Slavko, France, Viko.

HERBERT ZALLER

Herbert Zaller, 81, passed away in Gateway Health Care Center on Friday, 17, 1997.

Mr. Zaller was a longtime resident of Collinwood. He operated the Collinwood Bakery on Waterloo Road from 1945 until he retired in 1970.

He was a WWII U.S. Army veteran who served in the Pacific Theater.

Mr. Zaller was a member of KSKJ lodge No. 193, Veterans of Foreign Wars No. 1056, and the Holy Name Society of St. Mary's Church.

He was the son of John L. and Frances Zaller (both deceased); the brother of Raymond (wife, Lucille), Eileen (husband Paul), Leonard (deceased) (wife Ann Marie); uncle and great uncle.

Visitation was held at Zele Funeral Home, 452 E. 152 St., Cleveland. A Mass of Christian Burial was held on Tuesday, Jan. 21 at St. Mary's church. Burial was in Calvary Cemetery.

Donations to St. Mary church in his memory would be appreciated by the family.

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WILLIAM E. CAHILL
Services for William E. Cahill, 75, of Willoughby Hills, Ohio, a retired regional sales manager, will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 23, at St. Jerome Church, 15000 Lake Shore Blvd., Cleveland.

Mr. Cahill died Jan. 20, 1997 in Willoughby.

Born Feb. 8, 1921, in Cleveland, he lived in Cleveland before moving to Willoughby Hills six years ago.

He was a member of Cleveland Traffic Club and Cleveland Trucking Association.

Mr. Cahill was formerly employed by White Star Trucking.

Survivors are his wife, Dennye M. (Healy); daughters, Geraldine (Frank) Spisich and Alice (Kevin Hickey) Cahill; son James (Gail); 10 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

His parents, Thomas F. and Alice E.; and brother, Robert J., are deceased.

Burial in All Souls Cemetery in Chardon.

Karel Mauser- Slovenian Writer/Poet

On January 21, 1977 perhaps the most prolific Slovenian emigree writer and poet, **Karel Mauser**, passed away after a ten-hour open heart surgery that occurred on January 18, 1977. Twenty years have come & gone since Karel's passing from the American Slovenian communities.

In February 1997 **Slovenska Šola pri v. Vidu** (St. Vitus Slovenian Language School) will sponsor, with friends, a special four-page tabloid supplemental insert in the **American Home/Ameriška Domovina** in honor of this occasion. A gifted writer and poet Karel provided a vision in life of respect for God, dignity for human beings, a love for his native and adopted countries (Slovenia and USA), love of language and culture and genuine interest in young children and people. His work on behalf of the minority Slovenians in Carinthia (ie., Koroška) during and after the displacement period of 1945-1950 is well-documented. Karel wrote thousands of articles, commentaries, as well as over 20 novels and books. He also wrote various dramatic plays, including "**Kaplan Klemen**".

The insert will be in English and Slovenian. Any person, business, or organization interested in this cultural endeavor please contact Mr. Kuhar at 585-1360 (after 6PM). May this readership keep Karel and others in your daily prayers.

In Commemoration of Miroslav Celestina

The following eulogy of Miro Celestina was delivered by youngest son, Tom, an attorney presently employed at the American Embassy in Slovenia, on Monday, Jan. 6, 1997 at his father's Funeral Mass in St. Mary's Church in Cleveland:

Before we leave this church today and lay our father to rest, I would like to share with you a little about this man we called *ati*.

Our father was born in Zavine, Slovenia. He lived on a farm in a house known as "Mikš". He was one of nine children, the others being Viko, France, Slavko, Rozka, Micka, Otto, Jože, and Milka. He was the youngest son, as I am.

Presently, I am living in Slovenia. I love visiting the relatives in Zavine where *Ati* grew up. I often take walks around the farm and along the hillside and look at the magnificent and peaceful view. I can imagine him as a young child running through the same fields to meet his mother or help his older brothers harvest the crops or till the soil. *Ati* enjoyed the farm life but that chapter of his life closed with the onset of World II.

At the age of 17, *Ati* was drafted into the army. He left his home never to see his mother and father again. He was unable to return to Slovenia which was then still part of Yugoslavia. This began the second chapter of his life.

After his service in the army, *Ati* set his sights on America with a desire to begin a new life. But entry into America was not yet possible. So with many of his fellow Slovenian friends, he went to Argentina and lived there for six years. Although he enjoyed his life in Argentina and its large thriving Slovenian community, it was still his dream to come to America.

Finally, in 1954, he left Argentina and came to New York with the clothes on his back and a few dollars in his pocket. From there he took a train to Cleveland where he settled and met our mother, Mari Kosem. They were married in 1955. Their dream was simple: a homestead and a family where their children could grow up with the knowledge of the traditions of their heritage.

Mari and Miro quickly began turning their dream into reality. In 1956, their first child, Peter, was born. In rapid succession, he was followed by Joseph, Mark and Andrew. Finally, after the birth of their fifth son, Charles, came the special

moment of the birth of their daughter, Mary Ann. In fact, the news was such a surprise to my father that he even called the doctor back after hearing the news to verify that he had heard, "It's a girl!" then, in 1966, the last son, Thomas, was born. The family was now complete with a lot of work still to be done.

For the next 30 years, our parents dedicated themselves to the task of raising a large family. In order to do this, they were forced to become resourceful to make ends meet. Their love and companionship served as an example as they provided the necessities for a good life - food, clothing and shelter. And above all this, they continually stressed the importance of an education and encouraged us to do our best.

For 20 years, we lived in a two-story brick home on East 157th Street. In 1974, *Ati* began building a home in Richmond Heights with the help of many friends. And just as soon as it was built, his sons and daughter began to leave for college and start their own families. But the house never seemed empty, for we continued to return home whether to eat a meal or to hear words of encouragement. They were always there to hear about our families or careers.

Ati was a simple and humble man whose greatest pleasures were family gatherings, working in his garden, going to church, praying the rosary, or traveling with his family. Most of these trips took us to Canada to visit his sister, Milka, and her husband, Vinko. Often, *Ati* would find pleasure in the hours he'd spend just picking cherries or peaches. There was no doubt that my father had a special bond with his sister, Milka, for he was forever grateful for the special care and devotion she showed for their mother at home while he was away.

Ati was a generous, kind-hearted man, always willing to lend a hand, whether for the church, school, his family, or dear friends.

I think one of the happiest moments of our father's life was in July of 1995 when our parents celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary. After months of secret planning, we surprised them with

a party that we will never forget. As a gift to them, we prepared a video which highlighted their life together.

Ati passed away this first Friday, January 3rd. Six months ago he suffered a massive stroke while vacationing with his family. He was lovingly cared for by our mother. She refused to accept his cruel fate and made him feel loved as she tried to provide him with a meaningful life. After three months of intensive hospital care, my father came home only to return to the hospital a number of times. Throughout this difficult period of time, our family was forever grateful for the kindness and support we received.

On behalf of my mother and the entire Celestina family, we would like to thank all of you who stopped by to see him, provided words of encouragement, or remembered him in prayer. Your thoughts and expressions of sorrow will ease the pain of our loss.

Se enkrat hvala Vam vsem. Tebi ati pa Bog dal večno in veselje v Njem in Mariji. Nakazal si nam pot.



In Memory

Enclosed is a \$100.00 donation for Ameriška Domovina in memory of our dear mother **Francka Gazvoda** from her children: Mark Gazvoda, Martina Stepec, and Fran Gazvoda.

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In Memory

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2 tbsp. sugar

1/3 cup milk.

Heat oven to 400°

① — Mix apples and raisins in square pan, 9x9x2 inches.

② — Blend 2/3 cup sugar the cinnamon, nutmeg, salt and water; pour over apple mixture.

③ Stir baking mix, 2 tablespoons sugar and the milk to a soft dough. Roll dough into 9-inch square on lightly floured cloth-covered board. Place dough on apple mixture.

④ Bake 30 minutes or until topping is golden brown.

Makes 8 servings.

—Submitted by

Tony Colnar and

Frances Barman

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* Almost all married people fight, although many are ashamed to admit it. Actually, a marriage in which no quarreling at all takes place may well be one that is dead

Telichs on the go

John R. Telich, Sr., of Sun Life of Canada, with office in Euclid, Ohio, reports some interesting events that happened last year:

Following two years of medical ailments he is now driving around town and is playing golf (although the handicap is not quite where he would like it, but he says it never was). He is very **thankful** for his recovery and is now able to venture on down to the ice arena and do some curling and even ice skating recently.

In October John and his lovely wife, **Jan**, attended the American Society of CLU and ChFC's Annual Forum in Dallas Texas. From there, they flew to Hawaii and stayed at their timeshare condo in Maui.

There is more. John is proudly telling friends he did some jitterbugging with singer Anita Bryant during her show in Branson, Missouri.

Besides traveling the country and hob-nobbing with famous people, Mr. Telich is busy raising money for Case-Western Reserve University's building fund, and working with the Euclid Rotary Club which is in alliance with Hospice of the Western Reserve. We all know that is a heart-warming and worthy cause.

John and Jan are the parents of Channel 8 Sports-caster **John Telich**.

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**Frank J. Godic**

January 28, 1991

*God watched you as you suffered,
He knew you had your share;
He gently closed your weary eyes,
And took you in His care.*

*Your memory is our keepsake,
With that we'll never part;
God has you in His keeping,
We have you in our heart.*

Sadly missed by

Rev. Frank Godic and
Roger - sons
Bonnie Simmons and
Clare Miller,
daughters
and families

In Loving Memory**Ann Trebar**

Died Jan. 22, 1996

We lost the sunshine and roses,

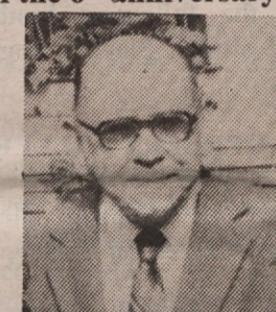
We lost the heaven so blue
We lost the beautiful rainbow,

We lost the morning dew.

We lost the angel that gave us summer the whole winter through.

We lost the gladness that turned into sadness,
When we lost you.

*Our everlasting love,
Husband - Lou
Children - Lois,
Donald, Ann & Bob
Son-in-law, Bruce*

In Loving Memory
of the 6th anniversary of**Michael M. Kolar**

Jan. 29, 1991

*It broke our hearts to lose you,
But you did not go alone;
For part of us went with you,
The day God took you home.*

Sadly missed by
Mary Kolar - wife
daughters, sons
grandchildren and
sister Anne Larko
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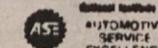
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VESTI IZ SLOVENIJE



Pretekli teden se je v Sloveniji mudil Richard Schifter, ameriški svetovalec za državno varnost in posebni odposlanec predsednika Clintonja. V srečanjih s premierom Janezom Drnovškom (zgoraj), predsednikom Slovenije Milanom Kučanom in predsednikom parlamenta Janezom Podobnikom, je Schifter seznanil sobesednike s podrobnostmi ameriškega načrta oziroma pobude za sodelovanje v jugovzhodni Evropi. Pobuda je znana po šifri angleškega naslova kot SECI. Vključuje države jugovzhodne Evrope od Slovenije in Madžarske na severozahodu do Moldave in Turčije na vzhodu oz. jugovzhodu. Vključene so tudi vse iz nekdanje SFRJ izišle države ter vse balkanske države z Grčijo vred. Schifter je poudaril, da je Seci predvsem »forum«, ki bo povezel države po gospodarskih in okoljevarstvenih interesih, cilj pa sta razvoj in stabilizacija regije. Schifter je na dokaj skeptične sobesednike poudaril, da lahko Slovenija veliko k pobudi prispeva in da je končno tudi v njenem interesu, da sodeluje v njej. Čeprav je izrecno zanikal politično vsebino Secija ali ameriškega sponzoriranja pobude, je Schifter rekel, da bo gotovo slovenska udeležba oz. sodelovanje »pozitivna prvina« pri presojanju kandidatka za članstvo v Natu in Evropski zvezi. Clintonova vlada in Nato države bodo do sestanka julija letos v Madridu odločile, katere od srednje- in vzhodnoevropskih držav bodo povabljeni k pogajanju o eventuelnem polnem članstvu v severoatlantski zvezi.

Malo možnosti za široko vladno koalicijo — Pomladniki niso sprejeli Drnovškove ponudbe — Vlada lahko ima le en glas večine

Prizadevanja mandatarja za sestavo slovenske vlade dr. Janeza Drnovška, da bi pritegnil k sodelovanju v vladi vsaj eno od pomladnih strank, če že ne vseh treh, niso rodila uspeha. Torkovo *Delo* poroča, da so predsedniki treh pomladnih strank v ponedeljek Drnovška obvestili, da jim njegova pobuda o vladni koaliciji ne ustrezata. Drnovšek je rekel, da ta odklon pomeni, da bi bilo nadaljnje pogovarjanje z njimi »izguba časa«. Mandatar je pa tudi rekel, da je še vedno možna širša koalicija. Pripravljen je sestaviti vlado torej iz tistih strank, ki so ga podprle pri njegovi kandidaturi za mandatarja.

Drnovšek je v ponedeljek govoril po telefonu z Marjanom Podobnikom, predsednikom SLS, ki je novinarjem nato povedal: »Odgovor ne pomeni dokončne zavrnitve ponudbe, ampak da ta ni ustrezna, ker programska ne pokriva področij, ki bi jih po naše morali dobiti, ko gre za oblikovanje vladne narodne enotnosti.«

O situaciji se je Lojze Peterle v ponedeljek izjavil takole: »Razmere so povsem zrele za to, da imamo jasno pozicijo, pa četudi z glasom večine. Kar zadeva krščanske demokrate, bodo utegnili biti tudi v opoziciji državovorni, ne bi pa želeli sodelovati v igri, v kateri zadeve ne bi bile jasne in bi mandatar dobival točke za dobro izpeljane zadeve, ministri pa bi bili krivi za tisto, kar ljudem ne bi bilo všeč.«

Na tiskovni konferenci poprejšnji torek je Drnovšek trdil, da bi širša vlada, še bolj pa vlada narodne enotnosti, omogočila dosego za Slovenijo najpomembnejših ciljev. Ti cilji po Drnovšku so: nadaljevanje vključevanja v Evropsko unijo in Nato, ureditev odnosov s Hrvaško in kompleksa gospodarskih in socialnih vprašanj, poleg tega bi zagotovila potreben konsenz ob vprašanjih, ki zahtevajo dvotretjinsko podporo v državnem zboru (spremembe volilnega zakona, poslovnika državnega zборa, ustave itd.).

Parlamentarna telesa konstituirana — Odbor bo vodil tudi iz SKD odišli poslanec Ciril Pucko — Novi parlament torej le oblikovan

Pretekli četrtek je poslancem novembra lani izvoljenega državnega zboru le uspelo oblikovati delovna telesa. Odslej bo delovalo deset komisij in enajst odborov. Pomembno komisijo za volitve, imenovanje in administrativne zadeve (znana po šifri Kviaz) bo vodil Igor Bavčar iz LDS (med 20 članji sta Janez Janša iz SDS in Miroslav Mozetič iz SKD), komisijo za evropske zadeve bo vodil Lojze Peterle, njegov nekdanji ožji sodelavec v stranki Ciril Pucko pa mandatno-imunitetno komisijo.

Zavidljiv uspeh za slovensko SKB banko

Včeraj je SKB banka, ta je druga največja v Sloveniji, sporočila, da ji je Banka Slovenije dala dovoljenje za prodajo svojih delnic v tujini. Če SKB banki to uspe, bi bila prva slovenska banka, ki bi imela svoje delnice registrirane na tujih borzah.

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»Pristavska noč« to soboto

Tradicionalna »Pristavska noč«, ki jo prireja odbor SP, bo to soboto zvečer v SND na St. Clairju. Za listke, pokličite MaryAnn Vogel na 383-9307. Večerja bodo začeli deliti ob 6.30, za ples bodo igrali glasbeniki Staneta Mejača. Prisrno vabljeni!

Kosilo MZA

V nedeljo, 2. februarja, bo letno kosilo Misijonske Znamkarske Akcije, to v avditoriju pri Sv. Vidu. Postreženi boste s piško ali govejo pečenko, po vaši izbiri. Cena kosila je \$10 za odraslo osebo in \$5 za otroško. Serviranje bo od 11.30 dop. do 1.30 pop. Nakaznice dobite pri članih MZA, seveda pa tudi pri vhodu na dan kosila. (Gl. dopis na str. 13.)

Izredna podpora

Dr. in ga. Joseph Meršol, North Lima, Ohio, sta darovala lepo vsoto \$220 v naš tiskovni sklad. Za res velikodušen dar in večkratno podporo se jima najlepše zahvalimo!

Novi grobovi

Herbert Zaller

Dne 17. januarja je v Gateway Health Care Center v Euclidu umrl 81 let stari Herbert Zaller, rojen v Clevelandu kot sin že pok. Johna in Frances Zaller, brat Raymonda, Eileen in že pok. Leonarda, veteran 2. svetovne vojne, od leta 1945 do svoje upokojitve vodil Collinwood Bakery na Waterloo Road, član KSKJ št. 193 in DNIJ pri Mariji Vnebovzeti. Pogreb je bil 21. januarja v oskrbi Želetovega zavoda s sv. mašo v cerkvi Marije Vnebovzete in pokopom na Kalvarije pokopališču. Družina bo hvalježna za darove v pokojnikov spomin župniji Marije Vnebovzete, 15510 Holmes Ave., Cleveland, OH 44110.

John Zavrl

Dne 21. januarja je na svojem domu na Willoughby Hills umrl 60 let stari John Zavrl, rojen v Clevelandu, mož Joanne, roj. Zalewski, oče Johna, Jamesa in Joni Magruder, 7-krat stari oče, brat Frances Arko in že pok. Helen Austin, zaposlen 42 let pri General Motors, vse do svoje upokojitve lani. Pogreb bo danes dopoldne iz Želetovega zavoda v cerkev Our Lady of Mt. Carmel ob 9.30 in od tam na Vernih duš pokopališče.

Elsie Tekaucic

Umrla je Elsie Tekaucic, rojena Mas, vdova po Franku, mati s. Elizabeth Francis OP, Betty DiBianca in Franka, 8-krat stara mati. Pogreb bo iz Fortunovega zavoda na Fleet

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Maškarada

Dramatsko društvo Lilija vabi na maškarado, ki bo v soboto, 8. februarja, začenši ob 7h zvečer, v Slovenskem domu na Holmes Avenue. Vstopnice dobite, če pokličete F. Gaserja na 381-2602 ali pa Metko Zalar na 943-3844. Vstopnica vključuje večerjo in ples, za katerega bodo igrali Veseli Godci. Vsi lepo vabljeni na to tradicionalno predpustno predelitev!

Upokojenci Slov. pristave

Klub upokojencev Slovenske pristave ima mesečni sestanek v sredo, 29. januarja, ob 1.30 popoldne v Slovenskem domu na Holmes Ave. Vsi člani lepo vabljeni.

Delo prihaja

Ta teden je pričel prihajati z običajno 4- ali 5-dnevno zamudo dnevnik *Delo*, ki bo nadomeščal časnik *Slovenec*, ta je pred meseci prenehal izhajati in je podjetje samo v likvidaciji. V zadnjih tednih je sveže podatke preko faxa že dvačrat posredoval g. Vinko Levstik iz Gorice, informacije iz sedeža SKD pa g. Anton Oblak. Obema se urednik najlepše zahvaljuje.

Odzvala se je

Ga. Paula Pustotnik, Geneva, Ohio, se je odzvala prošnji in prispevala \$125 za kritje večjega dela poštne za pošiljanje AD na naslov argentinskega tednika *Svobodna Slovenija* za eno leto. Urednik SS g. Tine Debeljak je bil za to prosil. Najlepše se ge. Pustotnikovi zahvaljujemo.

V Rožmanov sklad

Za študente, ki so v oskrbi Mohorjevih domov v Celovcu, so darovali: Ponovno \$50 g. Stanko Ferkulj. V spomin na pokojna Miro Celestina in Paulo Adamič pa so darovali: Ga. Paula Pustotnik, Geneva, O., \$30, prav tako \$30 g. Janez in ga. Marija Prosen, \$10 pa g. ga. John Petrič. Za darove se lepo zahvaljuje pov. Mohorjeve J. Prosen.

Ob zlati poroki

G. in ga. Florijan Sekne, Wickliffe, O., sta poklonila \$50 v podporo našemu listu, to ob njuni nedavni 50. obletnici poroke. Iskrena hvala! (Gl. str. 15)

Spominska darova

Družina Celestina, Richmond Hts., O., je darovala \$25 v podporo listu, to v spomin na pok. Miroti Celestina.

Ga. Mary Champa, Euclid, O., je podarila \$50, v spomin na Anthonyja Ziherala, ki je preminul 22. januarja 1984.

G. Arnold Pistrernik, Rockaway, N.J., je daroval \$25, v spomin pokojne žene Elene.

Darovalem se za njih naklonjenost zahvaljujemo.

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ANTON STRES

Izposojeni komentar

Čemu smo potem sploh volili?

V kratki zgodovini naše mlade demokracije se je že zgodilo, da so poslanci zamenjali ali vsaj opustili svojo pravno strankarsko pripadnost. To se dogaja tudi v nekaterih drugih državah. Ko je pred tedni v Nemčiji prestopil neki poslanec iz ene stranke v drugo, je to povzročilo veliko javnih razprav o umestnosti in dovoljenosti takega koraka. Upravičeno. Pri nas pa ljudje to sprejemajo veliko bolj ravnodušno, kar samo kaže, da je naša politična kultura nizka in se zato sploh ne zavedajo, kaj to pomeni. Ce tako ravnanje zagovarjajo tisti, ki jim to trenutno koristi, ker so brez volje ljudi pridobili enega poslance, to še nič ne pomeni. Tudi sklicevanje na poslančev vest tukaj ne pomaga veliko. Gotovo je vest človekovo najvišje vodilo, iz tega pa še zdaleč ne sledi, da lahko človek enostransko prelamlja sklenjene dogovore ali pa »se poživžga« na izkazano zaupanje.

Dejstvo je, da poslance volimo v glavnem zaradi njihove strankarske pripadnosti, ne glede na morebitno siceršnjo osebno prepričljivost. V našem proporcionalnem volilnem sistemu, kjer ima vsaka stranka v parlamentu toliko poslancev, kolikor glasov je dobila na volitvah, je to še posebno očitno. Malokdo se odloča za določenega poslanca samo zato, ker ga osebno pozna in ker ga poslanec zgolj kot oseba prepiča. Ce bi naši izvoljeni poslanci ne bili na seznamu kandidatov svojih strank, jih velika večina ne bi bila izvoljena, oziroma jih ne bi izvolili tisti volilci, ki so jih. Med našimi izvoljenimi poslanci ni nobenega, ki ne bi pripadal kaki stranki.

Zato lahko mirno rečemo, da je izvolitev poslance nekakšna nenapisana, tiha, a vendar zelo resnična pogodba med poslancem in njegovimi volilci. Poslanec se predstavi kot zagovornik programa in ciljev svoje stranke, zato mu določeni volilci, ki jim je tista stranka blizu, dajo svoj glas. Ko se poslanec predstavi na seznamu svoje stranke, v resnici obljublja, da bo njegovo prizadevanje v parlamentu v soglasju s splošnim prizadevanjem tiste stranke. Zato je izvoljen. Že od srednjega veka naprej so mnogi teologi, pravniki in politični filozofi videli celo v izvolitvi vladarja nekakšno nenapisano pogodbo med njim in ljudstvom. Nekaj podobnega lahko rečemo tudi za izvolitev sedanjih poslancev.

Seveda je mogoče, da pride poslanec v spor s svojo stranko in po vesti ne more več slediti njenemu ravnaju. Sicer je bolj malo verjetno, da bi se to zgodilo že nekaj tednov po volitvah. Lahko pa si predstavljamo, da se to zgodi po določenem časovnem obdobju, ko nastopijo nove okoliščine in pride do nepredvidenih sprememb na eni ali drugi strani. Za tak primer bi morala volilna zakonodaja najti kako drugo ustrezno rešitev, da bi zavarovala voljo volilcev.

Prestop poslanca v drugo poslansko skupino zato ne more biti drugega kakor nekakšna prelomitev pogodbe. Tisti njegovi volilci, ki so mu dali glas zato, ker je veljal za privrženca določene stranke, se torej lahko upravičeno počutijo opeharjene, zlorabljeni in ogoljufane.

Zivimo v družbi, kjer skoraj na vsakem koraku sklepamo
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MATE ROESMANN

Ob jubileju dr. Milana Pavlovčiča

V torem, 21. januarju, je dr. Milan Pavlovčič praznoval svoj osemdeseti rojstni dan. Dr. Pavlovčič ni poznan le med slovenskimi rojaki v Clevelandu in okolici, ampak ga poznajo rojaki širom Amerike, v Kanadi, v Argentini in slovenski domovini. Njegovo javno delovanje se je raztezalo na široko in imelo povsod svoj odmev.

Dr. Milan Pavlovčič se je rodil 21. januarja 1917 na Brezovici pri Ljubljani, kjer je obiskoval osnovno šolo. Po končani osnovni šoli se je vpisal na klasično gimnazijo v Ljubljani, ki je slovela kot najboljša gimnazija ne le v Sloveniji, ampak tudi v vsej takratni državi Jugoslaviji. Nudila je odlično klasično izobrazbo in se odlikovala s svojim profesorskim zborom, kakor tudi s svojimi študenti.

Dr. Pavlovčič je maturiral junija 1935. Na jesen istega leta se je vpisal na pravno fakulteto Ljubljanske univerze. Leta 1941. je promoviral kot doktor pravnih ved. 5. julija 1941 je nastopil prakso kot notarski pripravnik na okrožnem sodišču v Ljubljani.

Že v svojih študijskih letih je začel nastopati na ljubljanskem radiu in na predstavah franciškanske prosvete v središču mesta. K radijskim oddajam ga je pritegnil prof. Niko Kuret, etnograf in slovstveni zgodovinar, kasnejši član Slovenske akademije znanosti in umetnosti, ki je takrat začel predstavljal koroškega bukovnika Andreja Schusterja-Drabosnjaka in njegove predelave nabožnih in posvetnih iger in bogatil radijski program s slušnimi igrami.

Igralski dar in ljubezen do gledališča sta nagnila dr. Pavlovčiča, da se je jeseni 1941 vpisal na Glasbeno akademijo, ki je imela rank fakultete, in sicer v gledališki oddelku, ki se je ravno takrat ustanovil. Tako je začel svoj gledališki študij pod vodstvom direktorja Cirila Debevec, enega stebrov slovenskega gledališča v času med obema vojnoma.

V tretjem letniku mu je Ciril Debevec zaupal režijo Linhartove komedije »Veseli dan ali Matiček se ženi«. Komedio je uprizoril z vidnimi dramskimi igralci in člani Dramatske Stu-



Dr. MILAN PAVLOVČIĆ

Dr. Pavlovčič je tudi ustanovni član Slovenske kulturne akcije v Argentini. Za publikacijo pri SKA je izbral in uredil pesniško zbirko pesnika Marjana Jakopiča, ki je živel in deloval v naši slovenski skupnosti velikega Cleveland.

Ko se je ustanovila Slovenska pristava, je postal tudi njen zvest član in ji v radijskih oddajah veliko pomagal.

Bil je tudi dopisnik »Glasa Amerike«, ki se je obračal nanj s posebnimi nalogami za svoje oddaje.

Ob vsej predanosti slovenski besedi, slovenskemu slovstvu in gledališču, se je dr. Pavlovčič ves čas zanimal tudi za slovensko glasbo in likovno umetnost ter slovensko kulturo na sploh, v najširšem pomenu te besede. Njegovo zavzetost za likovno umetnost izpričuje njegova umetniška zbirka, ki predstavlja predvsem emigrantske slikarje in kiparje.

Na koncu zadnjega letnika, tik pred diplomo, pa je v začetku maja 1945 dr. Pavlovčič moral kot politični begunec zapustiti domovino. Med svojim gledališkim študijem in udejstvovanjem je bil tudi član Radijske igralske družine in seveda nastopal pred mikrofonom.

Kot begunec se je preko Avstrije umaknil v Italijo, kjer je preživel šest let v begunskih taboriščih. V taboriščih je poučeval na slovenski gimnaziji, bil zaposlen pri taboriščni upravi. V taborišču Barleta pa mu je uspelo uprizoriti »Matička«.

Ko pa je že glavnina begunec odpotovala iz taborišč v Argentino in druge dežele, se je tudi on odločil za emigracijo v Združene države, kamor je odpotoval januarja 1952. Prisel je v Cleveland, kjer se je takoj začel udeleževati kulturnega in prosvetnega dela med povojsnimi naseljenimi.

Pridružil se je akademskemu klubu »Krog«, ki je v petdesetih letih prirejal pomembna predavanja, srečanja, prireditve in umetniške razstave. Bil je soustanovitelj in član »Združenih igralcev«, ki so pripravili nekaj gledaliških predstav na zavidljivi višini. Od takrat je tudi masker številka ena za vse oderske prireditve novonaseljencev v Clevelandu, predvsem »Lilije« in Slovenske šole pri sv. Vidu.

Slovensko radijsko oddajo v Clevelandu »Pesmi in melodije iz lepe Slovenije« sta začela dr. Stane Šušteršič in Rado Menart. Prva oddaja je bila 11. oktobra 1953. Od vsega početka sta pri posebnih oddajah pritegnila k sodelovanju tudi dr. Pavlovčiča, na katerega ramena je s časom padlo vse delo za to oddajo.

V letu 1960 je dr. Stane Šušteršič odšel v Washington k Glasu Amerike, njegovo место v Clevelandu je prevzel dr. Pavlovčič. 9. aprila 1961 je radijska postaja WXEN postala postaja narodnostnih oddaj. Slovenski program se je razširil na vsakodnevni enourni program. Pri poročilih je priskočil na pomoč Pavle Boršnik, ki je leta 1970 tudi odšel v Washington k Glasu Amerike. Leto prej pa je Cleveland zapustil še Rado Menart, ki je pri postaji upravljal tehnične posle.

Tako je vse delo in breme oddaje prešlo na dr. Pavlovčiča. Delo je opravljalo in breme je nosil ob pomoči soproge Barbare in sina Mitja vse do 14. aprila 1996, ko se je razbremenil in oddal oddajo v mlajše roke, radijski družini pod vodstvom Edija Mejača.

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Pred leti so številne organizacije dr. Milana Pavlovčiča in ženo Barbaro počastili za požrtvovalno delo pri oddaji Pesmi in melodije iz lepe Slovenije. Dr. Pavlovčič je na desni na sliki, nato je Cilka Švigelj, ki je predstavljala folklorno skupino Kres, nato ga Barbara Pavlovčič, Mojca Slak, ki je predstavila Dramatsko društvo Lilija, pri mikrofonu pa je bil Feliks Gaser.

Prof. dr. JOŽE VELIKONJA

ALI JE VREDNO BRANJA?

Leta 1996 je v Sloveniji izšlo nekaj knjig o slovenski preteklosti in sedanosti, ki bi jih bilo vredno poznati. Ameriška domovina jih od časa do časa omenja, vendar pripombe naletijo na gluhu ušesa, ker večina bralcev knjig ne pozna in zato ne ve prav, kaj naj bi s komentarji. Naj bralci lista ne bodo presenečeni ali užaljeni. Saj je v Sloveniji podobno. Za povprečnega Slovence so danes morda televizijski programi bolj pomembni vir informacij kot knjige. Ker teh programov v Ameriki ne vidimo, smo v zadregi in si pogosto ne moremo prav tolmačiti dogodkov. Časopisi nas dosežejo z zamudo. Nekaj nam v tem pomagajo knjige, če seveda do njih nekako pridemo. Običajno s pomočjo priateljev.

Dotaknil se bom samo petih izbranih novih knjig, v upanju, da bo kdo drugi dodal še nadaljnja opazanja. To so:

Dr. Janez Drnovšek. *Moja resnica*. Mladinska knjiga, 1996.
Tamara Griesser Pečar in France Martin Dolinar. *Rožmanov proces*. Založba Družina, 1996.

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Dve dobi slovenske preteklosti sta predvsem predmet teh obravnav; doba druge svetovne vojne in čas po osamosvojitvi v devetdesetih letih. O vmesni dobi 45 let (od 1945 do 1990) se malo piše.

Postaja običaj, da politiki in javni delavci opisujejo svoje delo in svoje dejanske ali umišljene dosežke. V Ameriki je to navadno, ko odidejo s svojega političnega mesta. Saj jih je cela vrsta, od vojaških polveljnikov, do bivših predsednikov in njihovih sodelavcev, od upokojenih uspešnikov ali športnikov do političnih aktivistov in časnikarjev.

V Sloveniji pišejo podobne spominske knjige ljudje, ki so še vedno na vodilnih položajih v politiki, v kulturi, ali pa si svojo vodilnost le umišljajo.

Tako kot v Ameriki so tudi v Sloveniji te knjige sicer dokumentarni prispevki, vendar jih navadno ne spremljajo dokumenti (nobena teh knjig nima imenskega kazala) in je zato nam prepričeno, ali naj trditvam verjamemo ali ne. Seveda skoro vsaka taka knjiga zagotavlja, da bo razkrila polno resnico, ki je nihče drug ne pozna in ne more razkriti. Seveda bo samo naivnež verjel takim trditvam.

Naj začнем s sodobniki. Knjiga, ki bi me predvsem zanimala, bi bili spomini »očeta naroda« Janeza Stanovnika, ki živi kot upokojenec v Ljubljani - in ne piše spominov. Škoda. Njegovo pestro življenje, njegovi sprehodi po političnem odru povoju Jugoslavije, in v njenem imenu v mednarodnih ustanovah, bi lahko seglo preko lokalnih drobnarjev svet svetovnega gospodarstva in političnega šahiranja. Sodeloval je kot slovenski

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»Moja resnica«

Svoj obračun je napisal eden od usmerjevalcev nove Slovenije: Dr. Janez Drnovšek (*Moja resnica*. Mladinska knjiga, 1996).

Naj gledamo na to resnico kakorkoli, v njej bomo zamenkali novosti. Drnovšek opisuje svoje delo od leta 1989 do 1992, torej razpad Jugoslavije in ustvaritev nove slovenske republike. Pozorni opazovalci bodo predvsem pogrešali odkritij, vendar je knjiga za razumevanje osebne vloge Drnovška privlačna. Povprečnemu bralcu se predstavlja politični voditelj brez napak, brez neuspehov. O njih je treba brati kje drugje.

Občudoval bo sposobnost vladnega predsednika, ki je iz gospodarskega izvedenca prešel - proti lastni volji - v predsedstvo Titove Jugoslavije in v njej bil eno leto predsednik, predno se je vrnil v Slovenijo in po nekajmesečni zakulisni vlogi sledil Peterletu kot predsednik vlade. Včasih si v dvojih, ali naj občuduje njegovo dalekovidnost - ki je pač kasnejša rekonstrukcija - ali naj občuduje njegovo zavzetost, kako bi se izognil državniškim odgovornostim - ki naj bi se rešile brez njega.

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Prispevek Italije in Madžarske k težnjam Slovenije za njeno vključitev v zvezo Nato

Trst/Gorica — Slovenski obrambni minister Jelko Kacin je v zadnji številki revije *Slovenska vojska* objavil članek o vojaških in političnih vidikih sodelovanja slovenske države z zvezo Nato. Poudarja, da bodo v letu 1997 nekatere države povabljeni, da posatno članice omenjene vojaške obrambne organizacije.

To republiki Sloveniji ponuja novo in realno perspektivo. Biti povabljen, piše minister, pomeni izpolnjevati merila, biti uspešen, biti zaželen, biti enakopraven, biti v družbi enako mislečih držav, ki so se združile zaradi skupne obrambe, ohranitve miru, stabilnosti in varnosti.

Slovenija se zaveda pozitivnih posledic svojega članstva v Nato na varnost in stabilnost v Srednji Evropi. V čezatlantskem prostoru vidi lasten strateški interes, svojo varnost in prihodnost. Prihodnost pa se je že začela in izhaja iz bližnje preteklosti ter sedanosti. Skupna prizadevanja v letu 1996 so prispevala k uspešni promociji Slovenije in njeni vključitvi v krog najbolje pripravljenih in kvalificiranih kandidatov za sprejem v Nato.

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Obrambni minister je tudi navedel, da Slovenija nabavlja samo tako orožje in opremo, ki sta v skladu z normativi zvezze Nato. Tudi vojaške vaje izvajajo po Natovih postopkih. Vzporedno se nadaljuje šolanje pripadnikov slovenske vojske v tujini. Skratka, v teku je popolna preobrazba slovenske vojske.

Uresničuje se oblikovanje poklicne enote za sodelovanje v skupnih mednarodnih in multinacionalnih dejavnostih. Poveljevali ji bodo častniki, ki so se izobraževali doma in pri oboroženih silah držav članic Nata. Prvi pripadniki omenjene enote bodo v letu 1997 že lahko izvajali bojne naloge v tujini. M.

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Zavrnjena zahteva za obnovo Rožmanovega procesa

Ali se revolucionarne metode ponavljajo?

O odločbi ljubljanskega okrožnega sodišča

Ljubljana — Slovenski katoliški tečnik Družina je bil pred leti med pobudniki zahteve za obnovo kazenskega postopka zoper ljubljanskega škofa dr. Gregorija Rožmana, ki je bil obsojen pred Vojaškim sodiščem IV. armade leta 1946.

Državno tožilstvo je našo pobudo sprejelo. Zgodovinarji dr. Tamari Griesser-Pečarjevi in dr. Francetu M. Dolinarju je naročilo zgodovinsko študijo o novih dejstvih in dokazih v zvezi z delovanjem škofa Rožmana. Konec leta 1995 je generalni državni tožilec pri Okrožnem sodišču v Ljubljani vložil zahtevo za obnovo kazenskega postopka. Založba Družina pa je v sodelovanju z Zvezo zgodovinskih društev Slovenije poročila obeh zgodovinarjev v nekoliko spremenjeni obliki lani izdala v knjigi z naslovom Rožmanov proces.

V začetku letosnjega leta je v javnost prišla novica, da je Okrožno sodišče v Ljubljani v senatu pod predsedstvom okrožne sodnice Vesne Žalik in okrožnih sodnic Darje Novak-Krajšek in Alenke Grosek zavrnilo zahtevo po obnovi kazenskega postopka zoper

PAVLE BORŠNIK

»Sence slovenske zgodovine«

— I. del —

Današnji apoleti komunistične revolucije na Slovenskem radi prenašajo to debato na neko višjo, akademsko ravnen, v dostikrat upravičenem upanju, da se jim opozicija na tej ravni ne bo znala in zato ne bo mogla približati, kar naj bi priporoglo, da bi obveljala njihova teza.

Tako je največkrat tudi drugi slovenski kmečki upor v zgodovini, ko se je slovenski kmet uprl tistim, ki so kradli njegovo premoženje in mu stregli po življenju, prikazovan kot funkcija nekih ideoloških tokov, skrivnostnih teženj in nagibov raznih mračnih sil, kot npr. naklepov katoliške Cerkve, ki da sploh nima drugega namena, kot izjemati naivno ljudstvo itd.

Ti apoleti, ki po večini niso živeli tistih strahotnih dni, skušajo zdaj prepričati same sebe, da komunistične revolucije na Slovenskem ne gre presojati samo v črnem in belem, temveč, da gre za svetlejše ali temnejše odtenke sive barve; govorijo se o različnih resnicah, nekako v smislu kitajskega pregovora, da je resnica kot reka: nobena ne teče naravost.

Dober primer je članek »Sence slovenske zgodovine« Jožeta Pirjevca, ki so ga po objavi v *Zgodovinskem časopisu* januarja 1996 ponatisnili *Razgledi* (oktobra 1996). V članku Pirjevec ocenjuje že leta 1993 izšlo knjigo Janka Pleterskega, z naslovom »Sence Ajdovskega gradca«. Naslov se nanaša na Ajdovski gradec v Bohinju, o katerem piše France Prešeren v svojem Krstu. Torej naj bi to bile tiste sence, ki jih med Slovence meče druga državljanjska vojna. (Prva naj bi bila Črtomirjev boj z Valhunom.)

Knjiga Janka Pleterskega je zbirka trinajstih člankov, ki jih je objavil v letih osvoboditve in osamosvojitve in so po svoji vsebinai, kot navaja Pirjevec, da kot celota predstavlja eno »najbolj vznemirljivih knjig, kar jih je v zadnjem času produciralo naše zgodovinopisje«. Zbrani članki obravnavajo problem razkola med slovenskim odporništvom in »kolaboracionizmom« med drugo svetovno vojno.

Pleterški tega dogajanja ne označuje za državljanjsko vojno — in Pirjevec tega ne osporava —, češ, da je za ta pojmom »bistven konflikt med državljanji iste države v sporu za isto pravico do suverenosti«. Kje je Pleterški dobil to definicijo državljanjske vojne, ne pove. Običajno velja, da je državljanjska vojna, kot pravi Websterjev slovar: »vojna med ljudmi iste države ali dežele«, brez ozira na vzroke in razlage.

Kljub temu je definicija, ki jo navaja Pleterški, po svoje zanimiva: konflikt med držav-

Ijani iste države za isto pravico do suverenosti. Torej ne za suverenost kot tako, temveč samo za pravico do nje.

Kako je s to pravico do suverenosti? Ko so nekateri posamezniki ustanovili tako imenovano Osvobodilno fronto slovenskega naroda, so to pravico takoj in brezpogojno prisali sebi. Ducat ljudi! Kdor tega ni sprejel, je bil kaznovan. S smrtno.

Ko so se nekateri temu dekretru le uprli in nastopili proti Osvobodilni fronti, je bil torej sprožen konflikt za isto pravico do suverenosti. S tem pa je bila vendar izpolnjena Pleterskega definicija državljanjske vojne! In ker je ta konflikt sprožila Osvobodilna fronta s svojim arbitarnim prevzemom tiste imaginarni pravice do suverenosti, nosi vso odgovornost za izbruh državljanjske vojne na Slovenskem ona sama, odnosno ljudje, ki so jo priklicali v življenje.

Pleterški pa s svojo definicijo tudi dopušča, da bo v naredu izbruhnil konflikt za isto pravico do suverenosti. S tem potrjuje, da je bil odpor nasilju Osvobodilne fronte upravljen celo v nekem abstraktnem pogledu, ne le v kravni praksi, za katero je spet odgovorna Osvobodilna fronta.

Pleterški — pravzaprav je to Pirjevec, kajti je v članku težko razločevati, kje gre za pravotne izjave Pleterskega, kje pa za Pirjevčeve razlagi teh izjav — potem skuša dokazati odsotnost tega konflikta za pravico do suverenosti, in pravi: »za tiste mešanske in katališke sile, ki so se od leta 1941 dalje povezovale v boju proti OF z italijanskimi in nemškimi okupatorji, pa ni mogoče reči,

da so se borile za suverenost slovenskega naroda, saj niso mogle ignorirati, kakšna bi bila njegova usoda, ko bi zmagaše sile Osi. (Konflikt pa njegovem torej ni bilo.)

Toda na italijanskem zasedenem ozemlju, je bil položaj vse do pomladi 1942, ko je OF pričela »osvobodilno akcijo«, povsem drugačen kot na nemškem ozemlju. Vse italijanske deklaracije iz tistega časa, objavljene v takratnem dnevnom tisku, so polne zagotovitev in oblub o avtonomiji Ljubljanske pokrajine, in obstajajo dokazi, da naj bi si fašistični (!) komisar Grazioli, poročen s Slovenko iz Tolmina, res prizadeval, da bi te deklaracije izpolnil. Partizanske akcije pa so izviale spor med italijansko civilno oblastjo in vojsko, v kaferem je slednjič zmagal general Robotti in — na slovenskih tleh se je pričel krvavi ples.

Pomanjkanje »jasnovidnosti katoliških in mešanskih krogov«, o katerem govori Pirjevec, je torej razumljivo, če že ne opravičljivo, vsaj do pomladi 1942. Pa še kasneje. Navsezadnje: ta ista politična mešanska in katoliška drugorazredna ekipa tudi ni imela pojma, da igra OF na tako visoke karte in da namerava po zmagi totalno in absolutno, fizično uničiti vse, kar se ji je držnilo postaviti po robu, v »konfliktu za isto pravico do suverenosti«.

V tem »konfliktu« moramo zato — na obeh straneh — ločevati med vodstvom in moštrom. Slovenske Vaške straže so nastale povsem spontano: ljudem na vasi je bilo slednjic dovolj partizanskih akcij in rezervicij ter njim sledenih italijanskih represalij, zato so prijeli za orožje, ne pa zaradi kakšne pravice do suverenosti.

Sele potem so se prikazali politiki ene in druge vrste in pričeli to spontano energijo napeljevati na svoje mline. Isto velja za kasnejše domobranstvo: ko je naivni general Rupnik opravil svoje delo, so ga nagnali in osramotili. Rezultat je bil na eni strani Kočevski Rog, medtem, ko se je politično vodstvo rešilo, na drugi pa prav tako — Kočevski Rog, za katerega nosi vso odgovornost tedanje politično vodstvo Komunistične partije, medtem, ko je pri dejanskih pobojih sodelovalo le nekaj izbranih partizanskih edinic.

Pleterški označuje to »usodno kolaboracijo« za »narodno izdajstvo«, za katero tudi v »antiboljševizmu« ni opravila, ... kajti »očitno ni mogoče pritrjevati pogubni in za ves narod usodni odločitvi (za »kolaboracijo«) s strahom pred še neznano prihodnostjo«.

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Pismo misijonarja

CLEVELAND, O. - V božični pošti je prispelo tudi naslednje pismo misijonarja p. Lovra Tomažina, ki deluje v Zambiji. Zanimivo je in veliko pove:

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Pri nas v Mumbwi je v decembri precej razgibano. Imamo šolske počitnice, zato je mladina prosta. To izrabimo za verouk. Tri tedne od ponedeljka do petka za one, ki še ne prejemajo zakramentov. Te sem razdelil v pet skupin. Vseh skupaj jih je čez sto. Učijo jih laični katehisti prostovoljci. Sam grem od skupine do skupine in razložim predmet, ki je na dnevnu programu in jih skušam navdušiti.

En teden pa bomo imeli verski tečaj za ono mladino, ki prejemajo zakramente. To delo je za našo župnijo lep uspeh, če upoštevamo, da je versko stanje vernikov nizko in da je ta veroučni tečaj prవikrat v župniji. Poleg tega imamo na programu duhovne obnove in spokorna bogoslužja za odrasle in mladino, sestanki laičnih organizacij in še kaj.

Bolj malo pa morem narediti na postojankah. Na oddaljene sedaj v deževni dobi ne morem iti, ker so poti neprevozne. Bližnje, ki so dostopne, obiskujem in naredim, kar se da, drugo pa prepustim Go-

spodu, naj On v svoji vsemognični ljubezni in usmiljenju uresniči njihovo zveličanje. Zdravje je malo boljše (v avgustu in septembru je bil v bolnici, op. ML), tako, da lahko v glavnem naredim, kar je na programu.

Morda vas zanima, kako je finančno stanje naše župnije. Kratko povedano, tako revno, da če ne bi bilo pomoči od zunaj, to je od vas, bi morali »naše podjetje« kar zapreti. Zakaj je tako revno? Prvič, stroški na podeželski župniji so mnogo višji kot v mestni župniji, predvsem zaradi transporta in postojank. Drugič, ljudje na podeželju so na splošno bolj revni, kot v mestih. Tretjič, misijonarji, ki so bili tu pred menoj, vernikov niso vzbujali, da bi se za vzdrževanje duhovnika in župnije žrtvovali in po svojih močeh prispevali v ta namen.

Ta element je zelo važen, predvsem z duhovnega vidika. Čim več se za svojo Cerkev žrtvujejo oziroma prispevajo, tem bolj jo cenijo in duhovno rastejo.

Po drugi strani jih je treba pripraviti na to, da bo prej ali slej župnijo prevzel duhovnik domačin, in ta ne bo imel podpore od zunaj. Sam jih skušam s pomočjo župnijskega sveta v tej smeri vzbujati, a to gre počasi. Zato sem vam zelo hvaležen za vašo finančno pomoč.

Kako z vami? Zelo sem vam hvaležen za vso vašo pomoč in sodelovanje na duhovnem in materialnem področju. Naj vam Bog stotero povrne v tem in v večnem življenju. Dnevno se vas spominjam v svojih molitvah in pri sv. maši. Prisrčno vas pozdravlja vaš v Gospodu Lovro Tomažin, SJ

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Ali je vredno branja?

(nadaljevanje s str. 11)

utemeljene teze.

Četudi avtorica navaja obtožnico in daje odgovore, se pogosto spušča v obrobne razprave, kjer je njena roka dokaj nezanesljiva, bodisi zaradi prepovršnega poznavanja dogodkov, ali zaradi prehitrega prelistavanja zapiskov drugih raziskovalcev.

Že na prvih straneh zapade v vabljivo črno-belo barvanje stalinistične revolucije in vsega, kar je nanjo navezano. Avtorica ne zanika Rožmanove soudeležbe pri sestankih, sprejemih, parada, proslavah, domobranci prisegi, vendar jih poskuša opravičiti ali prenesti krivdo na druge.

Za pravno utemeljitev Rožmanove krivične odsodbe je malo pomembno, ali sta bila Ehrlich in Rožman dobra prijatelja ali samo duhovniška sodelavca, ali je škof na stacionu samo maševal ob domobranci prisegi ali ne; ali je z besedilom prisegi soglašal ali pa med ožjimi znanci izražal svoje pomisleke. Vse to so drobnarije, ki dokler nimamo zanje podprtih dokazov za ali proti, ostajajo samo ugibanja.

Besedilo bi mnogo pridobil, če bi bila avtorica pozornejša na imena in datume. Tako bi ne zamenjala Župca z Emmerjem, bi vedela za vlogo Straže v odnosu do Mihailove skupine, razumela bi, da stnovskih društev na univerzi ni

Rožmanov proces...

(nadaljevanje s str. 12)

sovje politične organizacije. Bil je ljubljanski škof, cerkveni voditelj. Boril se je proti komunizmu kot družbeni zmoti in proti zločinom, ki so jih v imenu komunistične revolucije nad civilnim prebivalstvom izvajali komunisti in pri tem zlorabljali osvobodilni boj.

Podobnih nesprejemljivih stališč je v obrazložitvenem besedilu Okrožnega sodišča v Ljubljani še veliko.

Zakaj se je omenjeni senat odločil za takšno stališče? Se je ustrašil, da bo potrebno obnoviti ali razveljaviti še veliko podobnih sodb?

Kakršenkoli že je odgovor, za boljše razumevanje je potrebno povedati še nekaj. Senat je svoj odklonilni sklep sprejel na seji 25. septembra 1996. Iz zanesljivih virov smo izvedeli, da je Državno tožilstvo Republike Slovenije sklep dobilo šele 30. decembra s samo tridnevnim pritožbenim rokom. Zdi se, da je nekdo hotel, da bi se sklep pomešal med novoletno pošto in da ga do konca praznikov nihče ne bi opazil. Rok za pritožbo je namreč potekel že 3. januarja. Ravnanje spominja na znane metode iz polpretekle dobe, ki se v demokratični družbi ne bi smeles ponavljati.

Izvedeli smo, da se je Državno tožilstvo v roku pritožilo zoper sklep o zavrnitvi obnove kazenskega postopka zoper škofa Rožmana.

Janez Gril
Družina, 19.1.1997

ustanavljal profesor Tomec in podobno. Res je akademski klub Danica postal društvo pravnikov, morda bi bilo primerno dodati, da je bil profesor Tomec njen član kot študent na dunajski univerzi, vendar je društvo obstajalo pred njim in tudi brez njega.

Zgodovina sloni na nespornih dokumentih. Dobra volja je za tako resno delo premalo. Zato je v dokumentarnem pogledu delo nezanesljivo.

Bold trden je drugi del Franceta M. Dolinarja, ki obdelava isto gradivo z odmakenjenostjo zgodovinarja. Oba avtorja sta imela dostop do obsežnega arhivskega gradiva, ki sta ga le delno uporabila. Skoraj načrtno sta se izogibala vsemu, kar je bilo o škofu Rožmanu napisanega v povojni Jugoslaviji.

Končno še uporaba jezika in jezikovnih izrazov. V pravnem tekstu ni »sovražnikov« in v pravnem tekstu so »zločinci« samo tisti, ki jim je bil zločin dokazan. Skrbno bi bilo treba paziti, da v takem besedilu niso vsi nasprotniki označeni za komuniste, da niso vsi nepridipravi, da nimajo vsi podtalnih in zločinskih namenov. O tem lahko pišejo politični pisci, ne pa pravni zagovorniki. Pri skrbno zapisanem besedilu, se je nujno izogibati superlativov. Vsi, največji, edini, najskrajnejši, pogubni, nepošteni - teh izrazov v tekstu ne bi smelo biti.

Škof Rožman bi zaslužil resnejšo predstavitev. V knjigi so odstavki, iz katerih žari Rožmanova dobrota, njegovo iskanje poti iz nejasnosti, a se ti odstavki prepletajo z njegovo nespravljivo ihto nad vsem, kar so delali »komunisti«.

Tisti pa, ki smo ga osebno poznali in ga srečevali ne le ob uradnih avdijencah, ampak tudi na sprehodih po škofijskem vrtu pri Šempetu - vrta danes ni več - ali se z njim pogovarjali na sprehodih od škofije do Marijanšča, govorili z njim v škofijskem dvorcu, ali končno v sprejemnici v župnišču pri Svetem Lovrencu v Clevelandu - smo čutili njegovo mehko dobrohotnost, ter si žeeli, da bi se navzel vsaj nekaj. Jegličeve odločnosti in politične spremnosti. Vendar smo ga sprejemali takega, kot je bil.

V knjigi ne najdem opisa, kako smo za 1. december 1941 čuvali škofijo - in škofa, ker smo se bali zanj; kako smo bili oboroženi samo z odločnim prepričanjem, da nam je dragocen in da ga je treba varovati. Manj razumljive so nam bile apokaliptične pridige, kjer je v svetopisemskem pisanju našel prispolobe za takratna medvojna dogajanja. Odobravali smo rakovniško procesijo, a nam ga je pokvarilo italijansko vojaško spremstvo.

(Konec prihodnjic)

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SENCE...

(nadaljevanje s str. 13)

O vprašanju »narodnega izdajstva« bomo govorili kasneje. Ustavimo pa se ob »pogubni in za ves narod usodni odločitvi«, in pri »strahu pred še nepoznano prihodnostjo«.

Pleterski zapada v tradicionalno slovensko pretiravanje: odločitev za »kolaboracijo« naj bi bila »pogubna« za ves narod. Slovenski narod je štel takrat okrog milijon in 750 tisoč ljudi. Od teh jih je v Ljubljanski pokrajini pod italijansko zasedbo živelok samo okrog 300 tisoč. Tam, v Ljubljanski pokrajini, pa je bila napravljena tista »za ves narod« pogubna odločitev.

Če danes povprašamo npr. po Štajerski, bomo ugotovili, da ljudje po zaključenih izseljevanjih po večini, razen novičenja za nemško vojsko, niso imeli dramatičnih težav z okupacijo; štajerske vasi niso gorele kot šentjanževski kresovi. Na Gorenjskem se je šele v zadnjem letu vojne začel »konflikt za isto pravico do suverenosti«, na Primorskem so ga ljudje od vsega začetka odklanjali.

In celo v sami Ljubljanski pokrajini je bila odločitev za »kolaboracijo« v svoji neposrednosti vse prej kot pogubna, prej obratno. Statistike, ki jih zdaj ne manjka, kažejo, da je število žrtev komunističnega nasilja nenehno padalo potem, ko se je ta »kolaboracija« začela. Brez ozira na to, kakšni ljudje so obstali pri življenju, obstali so Slovenci. Pogubna pa je bila za Ljubljano dokončna prevlada Osvobodilne fronte, ko se je Kočevski Rog napolnil s trupli slovenskih ljudi.

Res je nemški nacizem obenem z italijanskim fašizmom predvideval in tudi napovedal fizično uničenje slovenskega naroda, toda ker je bilo vse slovenstvo tudi od samega začetka prepričano, da bodo v vojni zmagali zahodni zaveznički, je ta strah pred nacističnimi in fašističnimi načrti še toliko bolj bledel. Zato pa je tudi bila prva in največja zapoved in dolžnost tistega časa: obstat pri življenju, ne pa se samo uničevati. Žalostno toda resnično je dejstvo, da se je pojmu fizičnega uničenja slovenskega naroda od vseh njegovih zavojevalcev med drugo svetovno vojno še najbolj približala — Osvobodilna fronta sama.

Kolikor bolj pa je usihal strah pred uresničenjem nacističnih in fašističnih načrtov s slovenskim narodom, toliko bolj je v mnogih ljudeh rasel strah pred možnostjo, da bodo po odhodu enih totalitarcev obstali drugi, domači. To pa tudi ni bil noben strah pred »še nepoznano prihodnostjo«, kot piše Pleterski (Pirjevec).

Pleterski sam v naslednjih poglavjih odnosno v enem svojih člankov, razлага, zakaj tako: Cerkev je poskrbela, da je bilo slovensko ljudstvo, vsaj tisto, ki ji je sledilo, dobro poučeno o »prihodnosti«, ki ga

Pomembna arheološka najdba iz prazgodovine na primorskom Nanosu

V javnosti zbuja veliko zanimanje in najrazličnejša ugibanja novica, da so Anton Mislej iz Lozic in njegovi sodelavci iz tamkajnjega jamarskega kluba Lozice v osrčju Nanosa odkrili jamo, ki so jo poimenovali Lončena jama. V njej so našli razne predmete velikega arheološkega pomena, ki jih je prevzel in jih hrani Narodni muzej v Ljubljani.

Pri kopanju so že v vrhnji plasti močno »pepelne« sestave našli lončenino in živalske kosti, nato pa so v globini, kjer so izkopom prenehali zaradi pojavljanja arheoloških najdb, naleteli na še en sloj lončenine in živalskih kosti. V tej globini so našli tudi izredno kvalitetno in redko kamnito orodje, t.i. pahljačasto praskalo.

Ko so jamarji spoznali, da odkrivajo izrazito arheološke plasti, ki pričajo o poselitvi Jame v prazgodovini, so kopanje prekinili. Lokacija Lončene jame je še zmeraj v glavnem prekrita, ker se bojijo, da bi nepoklicani zakopali v njene sedimente, s čimer bi poškodovali ali celo uničili izjemni in bogat arheološki vir. Dosedanje najdbe obsegajo omenjeno kamnito orodje, 109 kosov lončnine, več neobdelanih odlomkov peščenca in živalske kosti.

Vodja arheološkega oddelka Narodnega muzeja v Ljubljani Drago Svoljšak opozarja, da je Lončena jama v masivu Nanosa povsem novo arheološko najdišče, ki vnaša v arheološko podobo Vipavske doline nekatera izrazito nova spoznanja. Predvsem je to prvo jamsko najdišče v Zgornji Vipavski dolini in je že zaradi tega vredno vse pozornosti in v prvi vrsti stroge zaščite.

Dosedanje najdbe iz omenjene Jame sodijo v obdobje eneolita (bakrena doba, od 2700 do 1700 let pred Kristusom) in bronsko dobo (1700 do 800 let pr. Kr.). Še neprekopani sedimenti v jami pa obsegajo tudi starejša zgodovinska oz. arheološka obdobja. Lončena jama in najdeni predmeti bodo seveda predmet nadaljnje raziskav.

Marjan Drobež
NOVI LIST, 9. jan. 1996

lahko doleti, če bi prišel na oblast komunizem ali, če smo doslednejši, stalinizem.

Ta prihodnost ni bila prav nič nepoznana, gotovo pa ne nepoznana do take stopnje, da bi to vplivalo na kakršnekoli »usodne ali pogubne« odločitve. Da se bodo nekoč pobrali iz naše domovine tako nacisti kot fašisti, o tem smo bili prepričani vsi Slovenci. Nismo pa bili edini v tem, kakšna prihodnost bi bila za nas najboljša. Tista, ki nas je doletela in je obstala polna štiri desetletja, je — tako je bilo tudi napovedano — močno spremenila značaj slovenskega človeka.

(Drugi del prihodnjic)

KOLENDAR

JANUAR

25. — Odbor Slovenske pristaže priredi »Pristavsko noč«, v SND na St. Clairju.

FEBRUAR

2. — Misijonska Znamkarška akcija postreže s kosiom v avditoriju pri sv. Vidu. Serviranje od 11.30 do 1. pop.

8. — Dramsko društvo Lilija priredi maškarado v Slovenskem domu na Holmes Ave. Pričetek ob 7. zv. Igrajo Veseli Godci.

8., 9. — Smučarski vikend v Ski Windham, N.Y. Informacije: Ivan Kamin (212) 983-3830, Karl Klesin (216) 361-4337.

MAREC

2. — KSKJ društvi št. 25 in 162 sponzorirata golaž s polento kosiom v dvorani sv. Vida. Serviranje od 11. do 1. pop.

9. — Slovenska šola pri sv. Vidu postreže s kosiom v farnem avditoriju. Serviranje med 11. dop. in 1.30 pop.

9. — Dramsko društvo Lilija

poda igro v Slovenskem domu na Holmes Ave. Pričetek ob 3h pop.

16. — Federacija Slovenskih domov priredi letni banket v SND na St. Clairju.

APRIL

5. — Tabor DSPB priredi spomladanski družabni večer z večerjo in plesom v Slovenskem domu na Holmes Ave.

12. — Pevski zbor Jadran ima spomladanski koncert v SDD na Waterloo Rd. Igra Fred Zichich orkester.

13. — Kr. št. 2 SNPJ ima Super Button Box Bash 16 v SDD na Recherjevi ulici, od 1. do 5. pop.

15. — Izredno: Koncert svetovno znane pianistke Dubravke Tomšič v dvorani Severance Hall v Clevelandu.

19. — Slovenska šola pri sv. Vidu priredi Materinsko proslavo v farni dvorani. Pričetek ob 6.30 zv.

19. — Primorski klub priredi »Primorski večer« z večerjo in plesom v SND na St. Clair Ave.

26. — Pevski zbor Zarja ima koncert z večerjo in plesom v SDD na Recher Ave.

27. — Klub upokojencev St. Clair Ave. ima večerjo v SND na St. Clair Ave.

MAJ

3. — MePZ »Emil Adamič« iz Ljubljane ima koncert v SND na St. Clair Ave.

25. — Društvo SPB Cleveland sponzorira spominsko sv. mašo ob 12. uri pri Lurški Mati božji na Chardon Rd. v Euclidu.

JUNIJ

14. in 15. — Tabor DSPB ima spominsko proslavo pri Spominski kapelici na Slovenski pristavi. Dne 14.6 zv. molitev

(dalje na str. 15)

Dr. Vojku Bratini v spomin

TORONTO, Ont. - V soboto, 18. januarja, je v Torontu preminul dr. Vojko Bratina, star 80 let.

Prvič sva se srečala v Bologni v Italiji leta 1946. Tam je v zelo kratkem času postal duša skupine mladih študentov. Večina teh je dokončala svoje študije, delno po njegovem vplivu, in končala v Severni Ameriki. Mi študenti smo ga vikali, bil je pač deset let starejši od nas in smo ga prijateljsko imenovali žolnir. Takrat je bil Vojko že dokončal študije in to je bila velika zadeva za nas bruce, ker smo bili polni dvomov in nismo vedeli, kako bomo uspeli na univerzi.

Kljub že takratnemu njegovemu statusu, je bil vedno dostopen in pripravljen z nasveti in čisto konkretno pomočjo pri reševanju integralov ali razumevanju kemičnih formul.

Leta 1948 je Vojko odšel v Kanado. Moral je sprejeti zelo ponizevalno pogodbo, ko se je zavezal, da bo eno leto delal na železnici in pri kmeith v zahodni Kanadi. Ni rad govoril o tem, zaznal pa sem, da je bila to zelo trda doba v njegovem življenju. Par let po tej preizkušnji je bil že zaposlen na torontski univerzi, kar dokazuje, kako je bil s psihološkega vidika težak ta intermezzo dela na železnici.

Pisec tega članka sem prišel v Kanado še leta 1958. Ves ta čas sva imela z Vojkom pismen kontakt. Ta pisma še hranim, kajti so dragocena in zelo realistična sodba o Kanadi ter o možnostih v tej deželi. Ravno ta pisma so me prepričala, da sem prišel v Kanado in ne v ZD, kamor bi tudi lahko šel.

Takoč ko sem prišel v Kanado, sem vzpostavil stike z Vojkom in je bil ponovno pripravljen z nasveti in pomočjo, kljub temu, da je bil izredno zaposlen.

Pred kakimi desetimi leti je Slovensko-Kanadski Svet začel organizirati seminarje v zimski dobi. Dr. Bratina nam je večkrat predaval na teh seminarjih. Večina drugih predavatev smo se predstavljali z napisanimi predavanji, da ja ne bo kakih težav. Dr. Bratina je vedno govoril prosto, izredno originalno in zanimivo. Kmalu potem, ko se je Slovenija osvobodila, je imel eno od teh predavanj. Naznačil je, kako smo srečni, ponosni itd., ob naši suverenosti. Spomnil nas je pa tudi na gotovo negativne aspekte. Dejal je: »Izgubili smo Dubrovnik.«

Dr. Bratina je bil dolga leta profesor fizike na torontski univerzi in istočasno »research scientist« pri Ontario Research Foundation. Napisal je veliko število razprav in jih objavil v mednarodnih znanstvenih revijah ter često zastopal Kanado na znanstvenih mednarodnih kongresih.

Nekajkrat sva se zgovarjala, kako bo suverena Slovenija navezala stike s slovenskimi znanstveniki po celi svetu. Do tega ni nikoli prišlo, ker je

v slovenskih znanstvenih ustanovah vse tako vrhunsko in istočasno neizmerno provinciально, da tam ni bilo prostora za izrednega dr. Bratino. Ravno tako kot v Narodni galeriji v Ljubljani ni prostora za ustvaritve briljantne in univerzalne slikarke Bare Remec.

Starši Vojkota so bili Primorci. Zapušča sopogo dr. Glorio Bratina, sestro Branko

Bratina ter veliko sorodnikov v Torontu in v Sloveniji.

Vojko, najlepša hvala za vse, kar si naredil za slovenske študente, za ime, ki si ga ustvaril za vse Slovence, in za luč, ki si jo posredoval vsem ljudem sveta, s katerimi si prišel v stik. Za vse tvoje nesobično delo naj ti bo Bog dober plačnik!

P.K.

Mag. Marjan Schiffrer

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Ko sem tam v zgodnjih petdesetih letih zapuščal domovino, sem bil trdno prepričan, da je to za vedno. Spominjam se še, da sva s prijateljem Slovencem stala na palubi francoske ladje Farmose in se nama je pristanišče Bordeaux vse bolj oddaljevalo; končno so ostali le galebi. Šepnil sem spremlijevalcu: »Zbogom Slovenija, zbogom Evropa!«

In so tekli dnevi in leta in so se dogajale čudovite stvari. Milenarij, kateremu smo dejali pač tisoč let, se je pričel rušiti, povsod, tudi v Sloveniji. Spet sem bil v domovini in to na tisti enkratni večer in čudovito noč, ko se je porajala nova država. Takrat sem bil že uradno, kot delegat Svetovnega slovenskega kongresa. Žal se je kongres predčasno končal, toda odšel sem s pozdravi: »Nasvidenje, Slovenija!«

V dolgih letih združstva sededa politično delo med izseljenci ni mirovalo. V izgnanstvu so se znašli politiki starega kova kot dr. Krek, Stare, Smersu, dr. Bajuk, Kremžar, Debeljak in š kdo ter takoj nadaljevali s Slovensko ljudsko stranko, ki so ji po evropskih primerih kmalu dodali ime Slovenska krščanska demokracija.

Ob njih smo rastli mlajši. Čeprav brez večjih perspektiv in pravzaprav samo, da smo kljubovali času, je stranka živila in nabirala članstvo in hodila na volitve. Starejši gospodje so odhajali, umirali, končno je bil kot predsednik stranke izvoljen dr. Marko Kremžar in to prav v času, ko se je

bližala odjuga. Prav on je bil tisti, ki se je prvi povezel z Lojetom Peterletom, predsednikom SKD v Sloveniji in tako je prišlo do zlitja obeh strank.

Zanimivo je, da je bil Lojze Peterle skoraj edini, ki je preko trenutnih lokalnih problemov videli dlje, mogoče zelo daleč in pravilno ocenil, da ni zanemarljivo število Slovencev v izseljenstvu in da je to skupina, ki potrebuje le primerne pozornosti.

Zakaj pišem to? Ker se mi je zdelo, da sem v tistih prvih treh letih svojega začasnega vodenja parlamenta videl z odra prav te ljudi, te predvojne politike, sedeče tam v klopeh, ki so s tako neskončno požrtvovanostjo in takim upanjem, ki je presegalo vse meje, pričakovali, da bodo doživelni ta čudež, da bo nekdo od njih sodeloval v svobodnem slovenskem zboru.

Predsedovanje zboru tistih nekaj dni zame ni bilo nekaj travmatičnega. Že vsa leta izseljenstva smo imeli svoja društva, svoje občne zbole (seveda v manjšem obsegu, toda na podoben način) in z nekaterimi dodatnimi okoliščinami, ki sem jih tudi izrabil (npr. pozdrav ob prihodu in odhodu predsednika Republike). Pri nas seveda nismo pozdravljali predsednikov, ampak kake krajevne župane ali argentinske osebnosti.

Čisto nekaj drugega pa je simbolika, ki je to dejstvo spremljala. Predvsem gre tu zahvala stranki SKD in njemu vodstvu (tu naj omenim

Vsem se najlepše zahvaljujeva

Na tem mestu bi se midva: Florijan in Marija Sekne rada zahvaljuje vsem, ki so nama na en ali drug način pripomogli, da je praznovanje naše zlate poroke lepo uspelo in bo ostalo v trajnem spominu do konca njenih dni.

Nedvomno gre prva zahvala Stvarniku, ki je naju ohranil zdravje do današnjega dne. Nadalje prisrčna hvala g. župniku fare Marije Vnebovzete za opravljeno, nepozabno zahvalno daritev sv. maše in za vse iskrene besede, ki so bile nama izrečene. Prišrčna zahvala vsem, ki so z nama pri tej zahvalni daritvi molili in po opravilu v cerkvi z nama praznovali s slavnostno gostijo. Vsem tem neštevilnim prijateljem tisočkratna zahvala za odziv na vabilo, za krasna voščila in bogata darila!

Januar 1997

Florijan in Marija Sekne

Anton Martin Slomšek: „Zlati časi“

*Oj zlati čas!
minuta ki minila
ne bo se povernila,
kar časa zamudiš,
ga vekomaj zgubiš.*

*Oj zlati čas!
Je v mladih letih setev,
bo v starih dobra žetev.
Le pridni bodemo,
nam nikdar žal ne bo.*

Oj zlati čas!

V mladosti kdor praznuje

na stare dni zdihuje;

lenuha brat je glad

in potepuha tat.

*Oj zlati čas!
Le danes si pomagaj,
na jutri ne odlagaj,
ne ves če doživiš
kar danes zamudiš.*

*Oj zlati čas!
Kdor čas svoj prav obrne,
s čednostjo se ogrne
lepota sivih las
je prav obrnjen čas.*

Oj zlati čas!

Vse žive dni se trudi,

in časa ne zamudi;

*počivati sladkó
potem v nebesih bo!*

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Sicer pa naj pripomnim, da

me je presenetila izredno gibčna politična telovadba nekaterih strank, ki so, priznam, razmeroma hitro dosegle izvilitve predsednika Državnega zabora, kar je bilo državi, ob vseh težavah, ki jih ima, vsekakor v prid. Morda bo kaj podobnega tudi glede mandatarstva? Slovenija mora biti nad ozkimi strankarskimi pozicijami.

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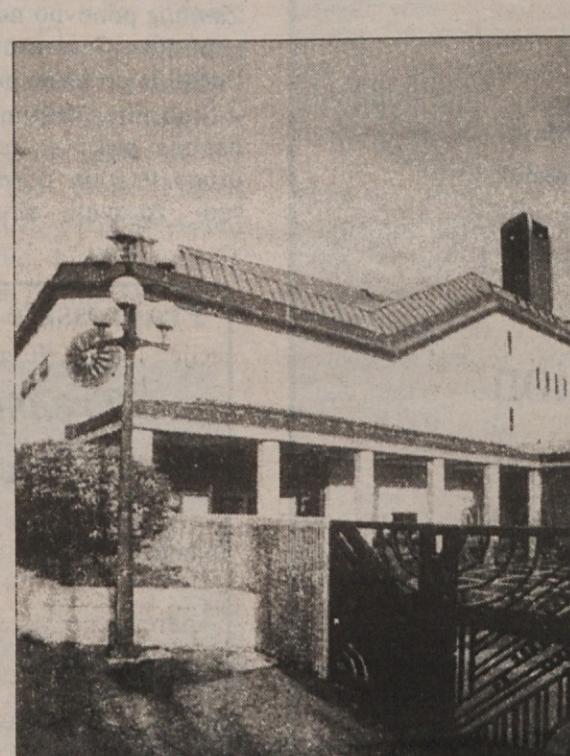
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prešel v roke Rdeče Kitajske. Angleži bodo zapustili eno še redkih kolonialnih področij in komunizem bo slavil, kljub njegovemu propadu, veliko zmago v juliju letos. Molimo za mnoge, ki v njem že trepetajo. Naša kanosijanka s. Anica Miklavčič in salezijanec Stanko Pavlin, šibkega zdravja, sta med njimi, se za MZA 1996 pomoč zahvaljujeta in prosita molitve.

Fidel Castro s Kube je imel avdienco s papežem v Rimu, stoe gledal v Sikstinski kapeli Michelangelo poslednjo sodbo nad seboj in povabil Janeza Pavla II. v njegovo deželo, kar bo verjetno v januarju 1998. Molimo za Kubo.

Predsednik Milan Kučan je po volitvah pooblastil dr. Janeza Drnovška, da sestavi v Sloveniji novo vlado, kjer sta imeli levica in pomladanske stranke vsaka po 45 poslancev po novembriških volitvah. Pri nadškofa dr. Alojzija Šuštarja sv. maši v stolnici, za blagor domovine, je bilo prisotnih okrog 25 poslancev; zadostno znamenje, da božje varstvo tudi za večino nanovo izvoljenih poslancev veliko ne pomeni. Dobri Bog jih je verjetno pričakoval veliko več od 90 dobro plačanih zastopnikov, svobodno izvoljenih od slovenskega ljudstva.

Da se je tragika poglobila, je nepričakovano iz SKD prestopil k levici poslanec Ciril Pucko. Izdajstvo, tako podobno enemu apostolov, ki je Kristusa poljubil za 30 srebrni-

kov. Kadar bomo spet imeli priliko na televiziji gledati na Veliki petek slavnega Franca Paula Claudele monolog Judežev, ko pol ure sebe prepričuje, kako da je on najbolj popolna osebnost, bo vsakega pretresel konec, ko se Judež v bližini obesi na drevo in veter, ki močno veje, ziblje njegovo truplo in gledalca prepusti mislim v njegovi duši. 'Et tu mi Brute', smo v klasični latinščini že študirali, da je izdajstvo strahovit zločin za vsakega, ki se tako daleč spozabi. Molimo za domovino.

Maryknollec David Ohmann

poroča iz Lukole Camp, Noara, Tanzanija, in začenja svoje pismo takole:

»Če je mogoče imeti tvoj najbolj srečen in najbolj žalosten božič obenem, potem sem ga letos jaz imel. Vsi begunci iz Ruande so bili vojaški spremmljeni nazaj v svojo domovino. Neverjeten je pogled na 300.000 beguncev, ki se premikajo istočasno. Silno je žalosten. Mnogi so tavali in živelji v strahu dva tedna v gozdovih. Armada jih je končno prisilila, da se vsi vrnejo v Ruando. Skušali so zbežat v Tanzanijo. Dejansko je potrebno, da se vrnejo, vendar obenem silno žalostno.

Zivljenje v taborišču ni za človeka vredno življenje. Tako se morajo vrniti. Diabolično pri vsem tem je, da so prisili vsakega, da se pridruži.

V mnogih krajih so begunci ušli v krajevno cerkev zaradi varnosti. Vojaki so jih notri zaklenili in potem vrgli v cerkev granate. Vsi, ki so potem v cerkvi še vidno stali, so bili ustreljeni. Potem so sklicali prebivalce kraja skupaj in so jih prisili, da so rezali ude od mrtnih tel, tako da so se vti potem čutili sokrivi. Kdor je pri tem početju odklonil sodelovati, je bil pri priči tudi ustreljen.

In to je glavni razlog, da se



Rev. DANIEL OHMANN, M.M., misijonar v Tanzaniji, doma pa iz Minnesota, deli sv. obhajilo za Božič v begunkem taborišču.

večina ni hotela vrnila v Ruando.

Mir in odpuščanje sta tako težka v takih razmerah. Vzelo bo veliko časa.

Hvala za velikodušni dar MZA \$500. Uporabil ga bom za begunce iz Burundija, ki so še v Tanzaniji. Bog Vas vse blagoslovi. Molite, prosim, zame in begunce.«

Foto misijonarja Ohmanna, ko v taborišču deli sv. obhajilo, bomo priobčili prihodnjič.

MZA pomoč v Ruando in Burundi je bila lani zelo znana in velikodušna, posebej našim usmiljenkam (4) preko s. Bogdane Kavčič in trem salezijancem.

Muslim ta hip na naša taborišča leta 1945 v Trevisu in kasneje v Serviglianu ter seveda vrsto drugih taborišč v Avstriji in Italiji. Kaj vse smo tam skupno preživili in kako nas je božja Previdnost varovala, da smo ostali živi in Bogu hvala vekomaj, svobodni. Včasih Boga sprašujem, kako da ni med nami več misijonskih dobrotnikov?

Ceprav je naša pomoč kot kaplja v morje, skušajmo pomagati po svojih močeh.

Mati Terezija se odpoveduje

vodstvu Kongregacije 'Missionaries of Charity', ki jih je sama ustanovila; ima veliko poklicev in ustanov krščanske ljubezni po vsem svetu. Začetku februarja bo nadškof Kalkutte nadziral volitve za njeno naslednjico. Molimo, da izberejo sestre izmed nad 2000 sestra najboljšo za bodočo rast M.C.

Lazarist Jože Časl, dolgoletni pionir med rojaki v Montrealu in Torontu, bo slavil 10. marca biserno sv. mašo (60-letnice ordinacije). Znan po veliki ljubezni do bolnikov in trpežih, meni pa posebno kot moj prvi župnik na Kitajskem, ko sem sam pripravljal poslopja za novo ustanovljeno farino šolo in dispanzer in je on čistil zanemarjen misijon, ki smo ga prevzeli od kitajskih duhovnikov. Ker mački ni bilo in so se podgane skrivale med kupi konzervnih praznih škatelj, je imel težko delo, da smo se jih znebili. Pa je končno lepo uspel.

Jezuit Jože Cukale in brat Jožko Kramar sta poslala

lepi pismi in bomo v glavnem kmalu obojno objavili.

Lazarist Lojze Letonja građi novo cerkev na Madagaskarju in prosi za pomoč. O. Stanko Rozman, S.J., iz Zambije pošilja glasilo *Iz sončne Zambije* ponovno na moj farni naslov v Scarborough, Ont. Počasi le do mene priroma.

Studentje medicine so spet nanovo prišli v Zambijo in drugo leto bo prišel z njimi tudi zdravnik dr. Andrej

Trampuž, da uredijo program sodelovanja med Kliničnim centrom v Ljubljano in Zambijo in bolnico v Nangomi.

Brat Zdravko Kravos iz Argentine hvaležno vrača ček MZA in dodaja: »Ne bodite jezni, če vam ček vrnem. Sam živim v uboštvi v komuniteti, vendar nimam stika z reveži. Uporabite raje denar za semešče. Molim za Vas.

Vaš priatelj, brat Zdravko.«

Kdo bi ne bil vesel take iskrenosti, velikodušnosti in ljubezni do ubogih?

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