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## Western Jazz Quartet Plays in Slovenia

by TOM KNIFIC

I recently spent time with my father **Rudy Knific**, in Madison, Ohio, and was reminded to share the following information with the readers of Ameriška Domovina. I recently concluded a concert tour by invitation of the US Department of State to Slovenia. This is the second US Department of State sponsored tour I have done with my Western Jazz



Tom Knific

Quartet to Slovenia. In May, 2002, we did a week of concerts throughout the country and master classes at the Academy of Music.

I am truly proud of my Slovenian heritage and feel the connection in a most vicarious and soulful way when I am performing there and meeting with new friends and family. I was able to secure invitations for a dozen relatives to attend the Independence Day celebration concert at the Krizanke Theater. This was a special time. In addition, my cousin Miro Rismundo and wife Helene escorted me

throughout the country for concerts and sightseeing. As Miro is a head chef at The Union Hotel in Ljubljana, I had the benefit of his expertise when it came to the culinary aspects of this tour.

I am writing to let you know of an exciting tour recently completed by the Western Jazz Quartet.

The WJQ was invited to headline at The World Saxophone Congress which was held in Ljubljana, Slovenia. This concert was SRO, and held in a beautiful garden across from the National Gallery.

Recognizing our history as artistic ambassadors, the US Embassy arranged for a number of additional performances throughout the country. A highlight was performing for over 1,200 invited guests for the Embassy's Independence Day gala. Held at the Krizanke Amphitheater, which is built onto an original Roman wall. The guests included the highest echelon of the Slovenian government and society and the US diplomatic core. The WJQ enjoyed meeting with the US Ambassador, Tom Robertson, who coincidentally, was accompanying the Slovenian Prime Minister to the White House later that week.

The WJQ also performed at the Tartini Theater in Piran on the Adriatic Sea, and for students of the University in Grosuplje.

Personally, I was able to meet with a dozen relatives

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Watching the pig roast at St. Mary's (Coll.) outdoor picnic at Slovenska Pristava campgrounds in Harpersfield, Ohio on Sunday, Aug. 20, are, left to right, back row, Andrej Ribic, Zoran (visitor from Istra), Greg Frank. Front row, Matjaz Sedmak, Susie Music, Victoria Zalar, Tony Cerer, Jr., two young children, Kristina Mejac, Monica Zalar, and Sonja Domanko.

(Photo by PHILIP J. HRVATIN)

from my paternal grandparents' family, most of whom attended several of our performances and accompanied us on tour. Roots are roots.

Several photos are on line at [www.TomKnific.com](http://www.TomKnific.com) in the gallery section with headings of either the "Tartini Theater," or Slovenia."

I also met with the Cultural Affairs Officers of our Slovenian and Croatian Embassies to discuss additional tour possibilities in the future. The WJQ has a loyal following in this beautiful corner of the world.

Tom Knific has made three European concert tours in 2006. In March, he had a chamber music composition he wrote recorded at The Paris Opera House. He has had two CD's released this year - "Mayan Myths," with the WJQ, and the premiere recording of Frank Proto's Quartet for Piano and Strings with the Merling Trio. He is President of the International Society of Bassists, and hosted the world conference at Western Michigan University last summer which was an overwhelming success..

Tom Knific is Director of Jazz Studies, Western Michigan University, and President of International Society of Bassists.

## St. Mary Celebrates 100<sup>th</sup>

St. Mary's Parish (Collinwood) celebrates the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of its founding with a Solemn Mass of Thanksgiving on Sunday, Nov. 5 at 11 a.m.

Banquet, program and dance will follow in the parish center beginning at 1 p.m.

Reservations for tables and individual tickets are now being taken by calling the rectory office at (216) 761-7740. Donation is \$40.00 per person.

Note: No tickets will be sold at the door.

## 'Koline' Dinner at Pristava

The Slovenska Pristava Pensioners Club (SPPC) will hold its annual fall event "Koline" on Sunday, Oct. 8<sup>th</sup>. It is a traditional Slovenian custom of making homemade rice and blood sausage (krvave klobase and pecenice) at that time of year.

Serving will begin at noon and continue until 3 p.m. The dinner will include sauerkraut, fried potatoes, strudel and coffee.

The proceeds will go to many good causes, such as the beatification of Bishop Baraga, financial support for both Slovenian Saturday Schools of St. Mary and St. Vitus parishes, plus other numerous causes and community projects.

So, come and enjoy a delicious homemade meal in a beautiful autumn atmosphere at Slovenska Pristava.

--Frank Urankar

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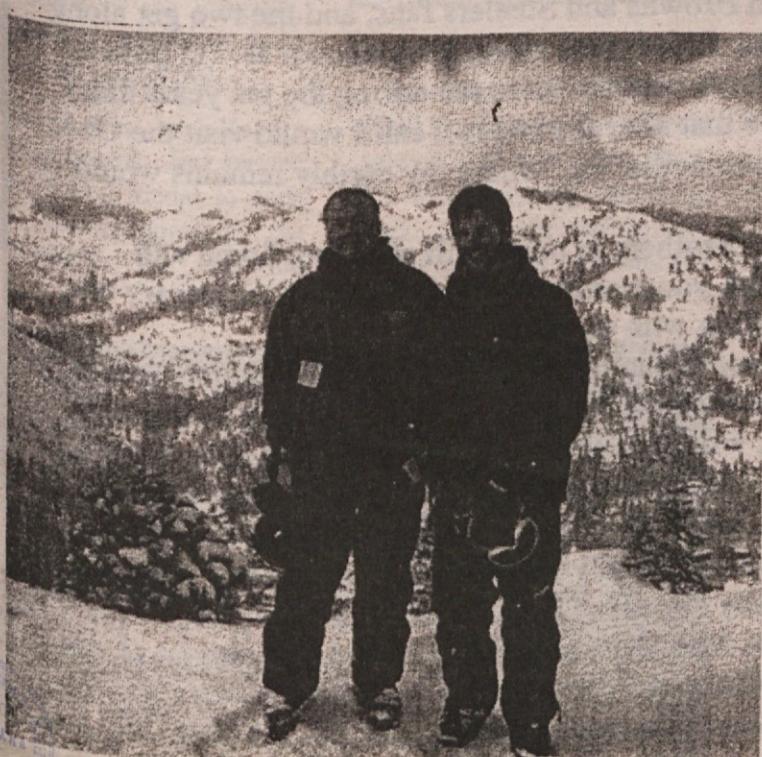
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My Brother Randy and nephew Chris

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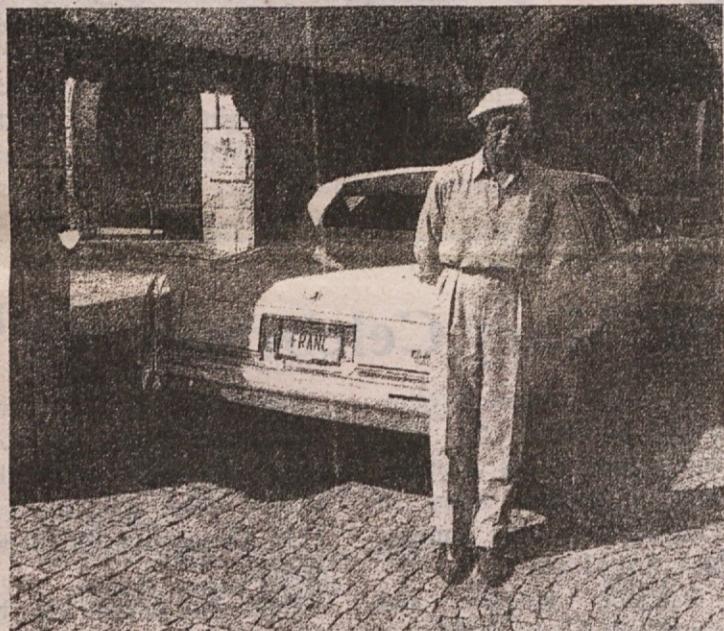
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## American Millionaire in Slovenia



Frequently visitors to Bled, Slovenia have noticed a white 1990 Cadillac with an American license plate that reads, "FRANC." Even more interesting, the car is usually parked in front of the prestigious Villa Bled. Who is Franc?

He is Franc Strgar. He went all the way from being a bricklayer to a businessman, to owner of a highly successful civil engineering company.

Now in his 70s, he is enjoying the fruits of his labors. He spends the warm months in Slovenia at Villa Bled, and the rest of the year in Scottsdale, Arizona. He is a native of Gorjuše near Bohinj.

He left for America soon after World War II for no particular reason, more or less just for an adventure. Eleven years after arriving in the USA he graduated with a civil engineering degree in Seattle. When his company sold one of its

subsidiaries in Minneapolis, Strgar bought a majority stake. His business flourished. The bridge his company built in Minneapolis was selected as one of the top 10 civil engineering achievements in 1987.

When he sold his shares in the company at the beginning of the 1990s it had over 100 employees and Strgar became a millionaire. However, despite the money he remains a down-to-earth man.

About his car. "This was my business car and the only thing I took when I sold the company. I shipped it to Slovenia from Los Angeles and I picked it up in Bremerhaven, Germany. It is interesting that many years ago my wife and I left for America from the very same port. I had never imagined that I would keep it for such a long time and that it would become an attraction without any intention."

## Ansambel Spev Plays for 3<sup>rd</sup> Alpine Evening

We invite all lovers of the Slovenian polka, waltz, and folk song to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Alpine Evening being sponsored by St. Mary's Parish on Friday, Oct. 6 in the Parish Hall. Guest musicians for the evening will be *Ansambel Spev* from Slovenia.

Never heard of this band? You surely will, as *Ansambel Spev* was voted the most promising Slovenian band of 2005. They began as three, then four, and are now a group of five young men, ages 25 to 31, from the Štajerska region. Some of the men knew each other from earlier years singing in the mixed chorus *Svoboda* (Freedom) in Šoštanj. The band first performed in Switzerland in September, 2002. Their name literally translates to melodic, lyrical "Song."

Their first album titled, "Klic ruševca" (Call of the Blackcock) had been released in 2004. Their song "V klasju skrit je čas žanjič," evokes the times of harvest maidens in the wheat fields, was chosen as the #1 song of the year 2005 by listeners of Radio Slovenia.

With their many awards at music festivals throughout

Slovenia, they are already among the top-ranked bands. Besides festival awards such as Best Debut group, Favorite Band, 1<sup>st</sup> place juried awards, Best Lyrics, People's Choice award, and First Place Overall, they have won the Šifrer award for Best Vocal Harmony. A crowd favorite is their medley of Lojze Slak songs.

They recently released their new album "Reci, da boš moja" (Say That You'll Be Mine) which includes a rendition of the famous Slak romantic waltz "Ne prižigaj luči" (Don't Turn the Light On) with the legendary zither-artist Miha Dovžan.

You can learn more about the group and even listen to MP3 snippets of music (click "naša glasba") at their Slovenian website [www.ansambel-spev.com](http://www.ansambel-spev.com).

The band is coming to America at the invitation of Pittsburgh's Slovenian radio program. We are looking forward to their only Cleveland performance at St. Mary's on Holmes Avenue in the Collinwood neighborhood of Cleveland.

The Alpine Evenings have become quite popular among previous attendees, for this is

where happy, spirited people, good music, authentic Slovenian cooking, and good "spirits" combine. Get a group of friends together and join in the fun. In keeping with the Alpine theme, don't forget to don your best edelweiss-decorated garb, lederhosen, and Alpine mountain hats.

The only reserved seating will be for complete tables of 10 persons. Call Elizabeth Žalik at 440-537-1941. All other seating will be sold only at the door, first-come, first served. Admission is \$10.

Doors open at 6 p.m. A short performance at 7 p.m. will be followed by music for dancing. The kitchen will feature Weiner schnitzel dinners and sandwiches among other Alpine dishes and desserts for sale. A selection of beers and wines from Slovenia and other Alpine countries will be offered at the bar. The hall is handicapped accessible. Security will be provided in the parking lots. All are heartily invited to join the fun of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Alpine Evening with *Ansambel Spev*. Yodel-lay-hee-huu.

--Sylvia

### 100 WORDS MORE OR LESS

by John Mercina ([johnmercina@comcast.net](mailto:johnmercina@comcast.net))

### HEAVENLY FAX

Date: August 31, 2006  
From: Jonathan Schroeder  
To: All U.S. residents  
Subject: My last roll call

This fax is being sent to you since the much-slower, heavenly internet connection via e-mail would not reach your earthly location in time for my burial on September 8, 2006.

I wish to advise you that my presence at this location was requested of our Supreme Chief by the 31 other police officers who have been tasked to come here from your country so far in 2006. Apparently, there was a need here of an ever-smiling soul that could get along with everybody. So the Supreme Chief picked me to make what you call "the supreme sacrifice". At the earthly age of 37, I was considered to be an average candidate for the "job" here. But please, do not consider this to be a "job" from an earthly view. It's hard to explain. Yours truly considered self to have been just an average person that cared for human beings and treated saints and sinners alike. As a matter of fact, I loved both Browns and Steelers fans, and the two get along superbly here. The Supreme Chief, who is aka (also known as...in police parlance) The Good Shepherd, watched over me during the ten years that I was on duty and made sure that after the last roll call I would visit the Good Shepherd Cemetery in Monroeville, Pa., where my earthly remains would be put to rest.

My earthly family and my "brothers in blue" will miss me. Some will understand that my stay with you was always meant to be a temporary one, sort of a visit, before reuniting with our Creator.

I would be remiss if I did not thank my wonderful, loving wife for the very short time that I enjoyed heaven on earth in her company. Our young son Eric, that we loved dearly, will have to take up the smile and love that will remind you of me. Please...take care of him. Eric, someday you will remember that your daddy loved you...before you knew him. To my loving parents and the rest of my close earthly family, I wish a peaceful time on earth and forgiveness for any and all of my youthful indiscretions. To my brothers and sisters in blue: May the Supreme Chief watch over you as you protect those that you are charged to protect. All my love...AJ.

## Circle 2 Travels Straight to Disney World

The Disney Corporation is known throughout the world for its high quality of entertainment. One can imagine the excitement the members of the Slovenian Junior Chorus, SNPJ Youth Circle 2, must have felt to perform at the Magic Kingdom at Disney World, Florida.

The morning of July 14, the 24 singers and parents were invited to a private breakfast with Mickey Mouse and to hear what was expected of guest performers. There were a few other groups on hand, who were scheduled to perform that day.

The children listened to one of the Disney entertainers, a young woman whose dream was to be a performer at Disney. Her dream came true for she works at Disney World. The Circle 2 singers were inspired to do their best and uphold the high standard expected at Disney.

After breakfast, the choir was met by Disney talent coordinator, Jeri, at an unmarked door in the park that

would take the group backstage to the dressing rooms.

In a short walk on the back lot, the children were privy to view what it looks like behind the scenes at the complex.

The choristers changed into Slovenian costumes. A chartered bus came to take the choir to backstage at Galaxy Palace Theatre in the Magic Kingdom. The stage was ready with risers in place and a keyboard for the accompanist.

The young singers were prompted to put on a happy face and wow the audience. With a rainbow of spotlights centered on the stage, the Circle 2 singers sang their best for the next half hour. All the songs were sung in Slovenian, except for "Cleveland, the Polkatown."

The youngsters' voices rang out and could be heard very well — good audio and good singing. The audience was made up of park visitors who heard of the program, and family members who were along on the trip.

Then it was back to the dressing rooms. Jeri passed out a Disney medal to each child commemorating the performance. She said that



Circle 2's singing was very enjoyable and the smiles came through beautifully.

The choir members were from ages 6 to 17. The experience gained in participating at Disney will last a lifetime. The memories are priceless.

Accompanists for the choir were Frank Culkar, accordion, and Anthony Culkar, piano. Assistant Circle Director Agnes Turk and Lauren Penko helped with the

costume change. This writer directed the choir.

In a letter from Disney, which thanked Circle 2 for participating in "Disney Magic Music Days," there was a personal note from Jeri. She said, "The show was wonderful and brought Disney magic to our guests. Looking forward to your next visit."

--Cecilia Dolgan  
Director

## Slovenian Art Guild News

We will NOT have our usual Art and Craft Show this year, but instead members have been invited to be part of the Slovenian Women's Union Heritage Festival.

The SWU will be holding

their second Slovenian Heritage Festival at SNPJ Farm on Sunday, Oct. 1<sup>st</sup>. Activities will include a Polka Mass and arts and crafts displays. Admission will be \$3 in advance, and \$4 at the door.

## Old QUIZ

by James V. Debevec II

What TV series won more Emmys than any other series in TV history?

No one has submitted the correct answer so we will continue this quiz for a little while. "Frazier," and "Mash," answers were given, but they are not correct. Looks like James may stump everyone with this puzzler.

Send answers to Jim ah@buckeyeweb.com or mail to Jim, American Home, 6117 St. Clair Ave., Cleveland, OH 44103.

## Krofe Sale

St. Mary Altar Society (Coll.) will sponsor a krofe sale on Friday evening, Sept. 15 and Saturday morning, Sept. 16 in the parish hall. Come and pick up some delicious Slovenian donuts.



## NY's St. Cyril Marks 90<sup>th</sup>

NEW YORK, NY — St. Cyril Church, 62 St. Marks Place will be celebrating its 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary as well as the 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Slovenian Independence on Friday, Sept. 22, Saturday, Sept. 23, and Sunday, Sept. 24.

**Friday, Sept. 22**

**7:30 p.m.**, Opera on the Hudson with Rosalie Olinski, director. Professional opera singers performing a gala opera benefit concert at St. Cyril's Church. Admission \$20 in advance; \$25 at the door. Reservations call: Rosalie Olinski (718) 543-1273. Following concert: Opening of exhibit by Slovenian artists and social gathering in the church hall.

**Saturday, Sept. 23**

**1 p.m.** — Solemn Mass in St. Cyril Church. Bishop Bizjak from Slovenia honorary celebrant.

**3:00 p.m.** — Concert at Ukrainian Hall (2<sup>nd</sup> Ave., and 9<sup>th</sup> St.). Vokalna Skupina Gloria from Slovenia will perform in concert and provide music for dancing.

**4:30 p.m. — 9 p.m.** — Dinner Dance. Donation: adults \$75.00; students 7 to 18 years \$35.00; children 6 and under admitted free.

Proceeds used for continuing renovation and maintenance of St. Cyril's Church.

Reservations call Father Krizolog Cimerman at (212) 674-3442, or Ivan Kamin (718) 424-2711.

**Sunday, Sept. 24**

**10:30 a.m.** — Mass in St. Cyril Church. Bishop Bizjak from Slovenia honorary celebrant.

**11:30 a.m.** Social gathering in church hall prepared by Mia Branc.

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# Korotan's Salute to Slovenia

DOMUVINA DOMUVINA, SEPTEMBER 14, 2006

From the Korotan pamphlet "Pozdravljena Zemlja" – concert tour of Slovenia from 28 June to 10 July, 2005. Produced by Marjan Kosem.

Near the end of the Second World War in the spring of 1945, a sad procession emerged from Slovenian villages, valleys and fertile fields: Slovenians were fleeing the oncoming communist terror. The multitude crossed Alpine passes and reached freedom in a foreign land, only to live through a profound injustice and a horrible betrayal, until it was finally dispersed by time throughout the entire world.

But wherever they settled, their love for the lost homeland lived with them: in their speech, in their families, in their homes, in their songs, in their faith, within their shrines to Blessed Mother of Brezje – and in their hopes for eventual return.

For most, these hopes remained unfulfilled.

Six decades after those difficult days, however, a flock of Slovenian souls descended upon our shining city, to profess their love for Slovenia and her people. Some of them – as children – crossed the mountains in 1945, others were born abroad and there they learned of the far-away native land.

Now they all wanted to sing the song of their longing and unshakeable loyalty to their heritage and to the land of their fathers.

This publication, therefore, stands as a worthy and precious memento of those blessed moments, when they were – free souls in their free homeland, able to express their sentiments and confirm the ideals that guided their parents for six decades.

## Slovenian Tragedy

After centuries of foreign occupation, the Slovenian nation emerged after the First World War with its own identity. In spite of a sad realization that many of its people were now excluded by new geographical boundaries, the national spirit began to thrive along with cultural and economic development.

It was not long before three new ideologies enveloped all of Europe: fascism, nazism and communism. The small Slovenian nation was soon affected by all three, but by far the worse consequences were left by communism.

When the Second World War started in 1939 with a nazi and fascist takeover, Slovenians were convinced that Germans and Italians



No photo of Korotan's 2005 tour of Slovenia was submitted to the American Home, so we found this one dated Nov. 17, 1985 when they sang for Senator Frank J. Lausche's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday banquet at the Slovenian National Home on St. Clair Ave., in Cleveland. Korotan at the time was under the direction of Rudy Knez, left.

(Photo by Jim Debevec)

would eventually lose, but only after a long war. German and Italian tyranny awoke resistance. As early as spring of 1941, first underground groups began preparing a national resistance. At that time, Slovenian Sokol, and National Legions were organized with the purpose of preparing all that was necessary for an armed uprising when the proper time came. The communist party of Slovenia, comprised then of merely a few hundred members, banded a leftist group of intelligentsia with leftists in Sokol and with Christian Socialists, to form the Anti-Imperialist Front – the group opposed to Western Allies. When Hitler attacked the Soviet Union in June, 1941, Slovenian leftists led by Communists, renamed the Anti-Imperial Front to *Osvobodilna Fronta* (Liberation Front) and with the direction of Moscow began an armed resistance in Slovenia against Germans and Italians. In retaliation for the attacks, occupation forces shot hostages and burned villages.

*Osvobodilna Fronta* (referred to as OF) soon, however, proclaimed itself the primary resistance movement and began removal by terror and murder of all who did or who might possibly oppose it. First murders were committed in December 1941, followed by an ever-increasing number in winter, spring, and summer of 1942. It was not long before Slovenians, especially in the Ljubljana region, recognized the real goal of OF: introduction of communist rule in Slovenia.

Because Italian authorities did not know how nor actu-

ally wished to prevent the killing by OF, people tried to help themselves. They organized *Vaške straže* (Village Guards), whom the Italians eventually accepted as an auxiliary police force. *Vaške straže* succeeded to a certain degree in keeping the rural population safe from communist terror.

It was evident the Communist Party took advantage of the occupation for its own political purposes. After capitulation of Italy, attacks on *Vaške straže* were brutal, especially after their tragic defeat along with Chetniks in Grčarice and Turjak castle. Most surviving anti-communist forces were immediately convicted of war crimes and executed. Thus it became clear that a national anti-communist defense force was necessary. This was the beginning of *Domobranci* (Home Guard) under the leadership of Gen. Leon Rupnik – better organized, better armed, and better trained. Domobranci quite successfully defended Ljubljana and surrounding areas extending into Gorenjska by mid summer of 1944.

When it became clear toward the end of the war that Western Allies were not going to liberate Slovenia and help Domobranci defense forces, Domobranci, with thousands of civilians, fled to Carinthia in lower Austria which was then under British rule. Marshal Tito, who came into power in 1943 with Soviet backing convinced Winston Churchill to stop Allies advance through Slovenia. Allies stopped at the Morgan Line and thus left Slovenia east of the line to communists. The Slovenian nation thus became an

integral part of communist Yugoslavia.

British disarmed Domobranci in Austria and under the guise they were going to take them to Italy, betrayed them by turning them over to communist Partisans. Partisans took over, loaded Domobranci onto freight trains and transported them to two regions in Slovenia – Gorenjska and Štajerska. Gorenjska transport stopped at a staging area in Šentvid where they were interrogated and tortured and then taken to Kočevski Rog where they were brutally tortured and shot in mass graves. Štajerska transport was destined for Teharje staging area, Domobranci were interrogated and tortured, and then transported by truck to various mass graves in the region. Hrastnik, an abandoned mine, became a grave for the majority of Teharje victims.

In the meantime, civilians left behind in an open field camp in Ventrinj-Austria, awaited their hopeless fate. A few men in domobranci forces escaped from transports bound for Slovenia and returned with news of betrayed destiny of their comrades. When Dr. Valentine Meršol learned of this, he approached the British and convinced them to spare civilians and promise them they would not be forcibly repatriated. It is through his initiative that these civilians survived communist atrocities, spent the next few years in various camps, and later emigrated to Argentina, United States and other western countries.

*Z Bogom so stopali v smrt*  
God accompanied them  
to their graves  
Domobranci and civilians

repatriated to Partisans at the Bleiburg-Austria railroad station were transported to concentration camp at Teharje, except for about 300 who were killed by Partisans en route at Mislinja.

The camp was situated on the outskirts of a village to the east in the woods below the hill where St. Ann's church is located. It was built by Slovenian nazi prisoners of war, and used by Hitler's youth. After the Nazi retreat it was taken over by Partisans.

All those repatriated from Vetrinj and those captured fleeing were sentenced to death. The Party feared their inability to stay in power once their Soviet allies withdrew and prevented their opponents from working with the Western allies during the period of new tensions between them and the Soviets. This was their revenge against and hatred for anti-communists.

The area of the compound and its surroundings were leveled and plowed under many truckloads of garbage and dirt in an attempt to camouflage reminders of atrocities committed here. Of approximately 8000 prisoners tormented at Teharje, a few survivors were given a second chance in life – but with a special mission – as witnesses to the world.

In addition to the visited sites, over 400 mass graves have been discovered throughout Slovenia. Investigations continue today.

After crossing the border to Slovenia, repatriated Domobranci were conducted to several prisons. One of them was the bishop's school in Šentvid near Ljubljana. The communists took most prisoners from the converted jail in Šentvid by the trainload to Kočevje. Each train consisted of 40 to 60 cattle cars which had to be pulled by three locomotives. The prisoners were placed into two school buildings in Kočevje. From there they took them by trucks into the nearby forests of Kočevski Rog, lined up the bound prisoners, after more torture along the rims of the natural caverns or man-made mass graves, and shot them. Many of them were only wounded and consequently buried alive. Approximately 14,000 Slovenian soldiers and civilians (including many Chetniks) were buried in these mass graves. Kočevski Rog is, without doubt, the largest single mass grave of the victims of communist atrocities.

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# Salute to the Homeland

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Ljubljana – Carkarjev

Dom 3. julija 2005

"We've come to share with you our songs that have a special meaning for us, the members of our choral group Korotan. These songs explain a painful past where lives were forever changed by the war. We've been very dedicated to these songs for many years as we've passed them on from generation to generation in hope that our songs will never die."

"Naša pesem" was written by our poet Marjan Jakopič and put to music by our former director Franček Gorenšek. The lyrics reflect on the beauty of our homeland and our love for it."

## Our Song

Marjan Jakopič

Muši Pogačnik Coffelt:

Do not die, our song! Conceived at the cradle, you are like the prayer for our life's journey. In you is love, happiness and pain; as violent storms shake our homeland.

Our generation, at home from the rivers of Sava, Drava, Soča and Mura; our generation, tempered by the thunder of our sea. You alone accompanied us to an unknown new land; when everything abandons us, you remain faithful. As our home's bell from our villages and cities, you bring us greetings from our homeland.

Our generation, scarred by tragic days, was not defeated at the worst hour!

Do not die! Blossom like the white hawthorn, so our blood shouts into the skies, and finds in her the charm of our beloved homeland!

Do not die, our song, do not die – the song of our homeland.

Translated by Bernardka Jakopič Waid

"For more than 50 years we've carried the pain of exile, the pain of knowing the fate of those tortured and murdered whose martyred bodies lie scattered in numerous caverns throughout Slovenia. Their passage to heaven was accompanied by unheard of and unthinkable torture and horror.

For more than 50 years, our songs have reminded us of our homeland, as we re-

member it in that month of May in 1945. In times of silence we've relived this sad story and still cannot believe that it actually happened. How do I explain to my child who he is and that he is immeasurably strong because he is a result of life over death?

All of the above is explained in our next song "Pozdravljenia zemlja," a cantata composed by Metod Milač to the poem by Pavle Boršnik.

Music and song both have the power to heal such wounds, comfort us with hope and happiness and like a blessing from above, finally save us."

## Our Blessed Land

Pavle Boršnik

A melody floats softly through the air... my heart stands still in joyous rapture; this is the song my mother hummed Leaning over me in my cradle.

Bless you, oh melody of old, bless you my native homeland, far-away, though stranger among strangers, my thoughts are with you every day.

Bless you, bless you, my land beyond the seas. All of a sudden angry hatred fell upon you; its bloodied hands marked you for death,

the sword of evil opened tragic wounds, your people fought it in despair. Their peaceful past forever broken, by bombs and rockets in the night, blood soaked their fertile fields, their forests turned into graveyards...

A lonely mother waits in vain, a frightened maiden weeps, gone is the husband and the boy shall never knock again on his beloved's window.

Who is to dry our tears? Who is to resurrect the slaughtered thousands?

When will these memories subside?

When will our grieving end?

Oh, God. Thy will decides on everything, do not judge by the sins of those alive,

but for the sake of sacrifices of the dead – forgive.

And spread again your blessing o'er our roofs and land, that blessed land beyond the seas, that it may find its way to new horizons.

Our blessed land beyond the seas.

Translated by Pavle Boršnik

## Pevski zbor Korotan

Director – Janez Sršen

### --Soprano --

Burgar Marija

Coffelt Pogačnik Muši

Cup Likozar Kati

Dempsey Katarina

Dempsey Marija

Gorenšek Ana Liese

Jakomin Kristina

Jakomin Martina

Kermavner Cirila

Krištof Verena

Petelin Marija

Petelin Teja

Rihtar Blažena

Rihtar Cvetka

Snyder Antonija

Sršen Kristina

Špehar Tillie

Žakelj Ana

Župančič Antonija

### --Alto --

Dolinar Pavla

Kosem Mira

Lavriša Meti

Lekan Anuška

Maurice Katja

Novak Andreja

Ovnič Milica

Pivik Marie

Pogačnik Maruša

Saylor Stanka

Sršen Tončka

Stropnik Milena

Štepec Urša

Zakrajšek Zdenka

Zalar Metka

Zupan Megan

Žalik Elizabeth

### --Tenor --

Gorenšek Milan

Gorenšek Tomaž

Klesin Karl

Kovačič Franc

Lovšin Frank

Novak Zdravko

Rihtar Milan

Sršen Johnny

Vegel Jože

Žakelj Janez

Zupan Jerry

### --Bass --

Coffelt Andrej

Coffelt Matjaž

Cup David

Jakomin Johnny

Jakomin Marko

Kosem Marjan

Lončar Lojze

Rihtar France

Slak Nejči

Sršen Tone

Zupan Ivan

## KOROTAN 1951 – 2005

Metod Milač, recognizing the need for a Slovenian chorus, started Korotan in 1951 and led the group for 11 years. The pinnacle of his musical contributions is the composition "Pozdravljenia zemlja," first performed in 1961 and in 2005 carried to Slovenia on the occasion of the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Slovenian exodus as well as performing concerts in Celje and Kranj.

Rešenci iz grobov  
Mass grave survivors



Milan Zajec

France Dejak

France Kozina

him was Lado Lempl, unfortunately for only a year, because of premature death. The chorus was then inactive for two years.

In 1967, Franček Gorenšek, reestablished the chorus and conducted the group for 16 years. He composed the music for "Naša pesem," arranged many compositions for chorus and often performed as a distinguished soloist. After him, Rudi Knez took the helm of Korotan and continued his cultural contributions especially dedicated to Slovenian youth in Austria and later in America. He selflessly led the chorus until his retirement in 1997.

Korotan was then fortunate in obtaining our present conductor Janez Sršen. As Metod Milač affirmed, "Janez Sršen comes to you with longtime experience as a conductor and a soloist with an extraordinary sense for the interpretation of traditional and popular Slovenian music." Under the leadership of this young and enthusiastic conductor, Korotan is assured of a bright future and hope, that singing will unite the young generations born in America for many years and remind them of their rich heritage.

From the chronicles of Korotan, we note performances in Washington, Toronto, Chicago, Philadelphia, Bridgeport, Barberton. The chorus also carried Slovenian singing internationally to Slovenian minorities in Italy and Austria in 1981 and three times to Slovenia. The first two trips to Slovenia were on the occasion of Pope John Paul II visits. During the last papal visit the chorus participated at the beatification of Bishop Anton Martin Slomšek. This year Korotan was invited and participated in commemoration of the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Slovenian exodus as well as performing concerts in Celje and Kranj.

The choral group Korotan is proud of the fact that it remained true to the ideals of those who, betrayed and humiliated, gave their lives for

a better and brighter future of the Slovenian nation. We are grateful to the Almighty for the grace given to us to walk in the steps of our martyrs and sing their and our hymn, "Oče, mati, bratje in sestre..." (Father, mother, brothers and sisters...").

### --Acknowledgements --

Stemming from the conviction that realization of this disc is necessary for the faithful supporters of Korotan and especially for our descendants, we want to share our pilgrimage "On the Way of Martyrs" with you. We hope our experiences will also touch your hearts as you spiritually accompanied us on the journey to the mass graves of martyrs and commemorate the ceremonies of the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

We are grateful to organizers of 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Slovenian Exodus -- Slovenians Abroad and Ministry of Culture -- for the invitation and material help of this commemoration; and especially for the moral support and extraordinary professional contributions from Jože Možina and Jože Jagrič.

### Music Director:

Janez Sršen

### President of Korotan:

Cvetka Rihtar

### Video Director:

Jože Možina

### Videographer:

Jože Jagrič

### Producer:

Marjan Kosem

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Maruša Pogačnik

Bernardka Jakopič Waid

### Sponsors:

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For further information about obtaining a CD and brochure of the 2005 Korotan Concert Tour of Slovenia call (440) 256-8993.

## 6 Newburgh Wine & Cheese Fest

We're back.

After a three year hiatus the "Wine and Cheese Festival" is back. It will be held at the Slovenian National Home on East 80<sup>th</sup> Street on Saturday, Sept. 23.

Since good times were had by the patrons in attendance, they asked us to have it again.

We have planned many special events for the evening.

- Sample wine from five different regions of the world — and you get to keep the glass.

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## Alpine Night

St. Mary (Coll.) parish Alpine Nite will be held on Friday, Oct. 6 in the parish community center. Doors open at 6, short program and dance begins at 7 p.m.

Kitchen will be open for schnitzel dinners, sandwiches and other assorted foods.

Ansambel Spev from Stajerska region of Slovenia will play music.

Tables or individual tickets may be reserved by calling Elizabeth Zalik at (440) 537-1941. Tickets are \$10.

## Wine Festival at Pristava Picnic

The Board of Trustees of Slovenska Pristava is hosting the last picnic of the season, the Wine Festival, on Sunday, Sept. 17 after 2 p.m.

Cevapčiči dinners will be available and other good food and refreshments will also be offered for sale.

The Stan Mejac band featuring Eddie Mejac on trumpet will entertain from 3:30 p.m. on.

Come and taste some local wines and grapes, and we will also press grape juice for our youngsters.

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**-Milan Ribic  
President**

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# Coming Events

**Friday, Sept. 15**

Dance at West Park Slovenian Home, 4583 W. 130 St., Cleveland, 7:30 to 11:15 p.m. Music by Dan Peters.

**Sunday, Sept. 17**

Wine festival (Stan Mejac Ansambel after 3:30 p.m.) at Slovenska Pristava. Last picnic of season. After 2 p.m. Čevapčiči dinners available and other good food and refreshments. Baked goods desired from members.

**Wednesday, Sept. 20**

Annual Social of Slovenian National Home, 6409 St. Clair Ave., Cleveland in Main Hall. Tickets \$60 for main board and dinner; \$20 for additional dinner, family style prepared by Julie Zalar. Doors open at 6:15 p.m. Call 216 - 361-5115.

**Thursday, Sept. 21**

St. Mary's School Alumni (Collinwood) final planning meeting for October Homecoming Mass and Banquet, 1:30 p.m. in St. Mary's Community Center Building, 15519 Holmes Ave. Doors open 1 p.m.

**Friday, Sept. 22**

Dance at West Park Slovenian Home, 4583 W. 130 St., Cleveland, 7:30 to 11:15 p.m. Music by Frank Moravcik.

**Sept. 22, 23, 24**

90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of St. Cyril Church, New York City and 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Slovenia Independence: --

**Friday, Sept. 22** — Opera on the Hudson, 7:30 p.m., Rosale Olinski, director at St. Cyril Church, 62 St. Marks Place. \$20 advance, \$25 at the door. (718) 543-1273.

**Saturday, Sept. 23** — 1 p.m. Solemn Mass in St. Cyril Church, Bishop Bizjak from Slovenia. 3 p.m. Concert at Ukrainian Hall (2<sup>nd</sup> Ave and 9<sup>th</sup> St.) Vokalna Skupina Gloria from Slovenia. 4:30 p.m. Dinner/dance \$75 adults, \$35 students 7 to 18. Call (212) 674-3442.

**Sunday, Sept. 24** — 10:30 Mass in St. Cyril Church. Bishop Bizjak from Slovenia. - 11:30 a.m. Social Gathering in church hall.

**Sat., Sun., Sept. 23-24**

Baraga Days in Calumet, Michigan: -- **Saturday, Sept. 23** - Slovenian Mass 4 or 4:30 in St. Paul Church, 301 8<sup>th</sup> St., followed by social in parish hall. Musical concert honoring Bishop Baraga in Calumet Theater 7:30 or 8 p.m. Theater built in 1900. -- **Sunday, Sept. 24**

- 1 or 1:30 p.m. Mass in Sacred Heart Church, Calumet followed by banquet and annual Baraga Association meeting at Michigan Technological University Ballroom, Houghton, MI. Banquet tickets \$20. Roast pork dinner. Noon to 3 p.m.

**Saturday, Sept. 23**

Slovenian National Home Co., Newburgh, 3563 E. 80 St., Cleveland, Wine and Cheese Festival, 6:30 p.m. Music by Al Battistelli from 7:30 to 10:30. Donation \$15. Call (216) 662-3339.

**Sunday, Sept. 24**

Slovenian Grape Festival, parade and dance at SNPJ Farm featuring Joey Tomsick Band with Phil Hrvatin on tenor sax.

**Sunday, Sept. 24**

St. Joseph Lodge 146 KSKJlife, Cleveland Third Annual Hayride at Maple-side Farms in Brunswick at 4:30 p.m. Includes hot dog roast. Non-members: \$5.

**Friday, Sept. 29**

Dance at West Park Slovenian Home, 4583 W. 130 St., Cleveland, 7:30 to 11:15 p.m. Music by Fred Ziwich.

**Sunday, Oct. 1**

Slovenian Heritage Festival at SNPJ Farm on Heath Road in Kirtland, OH. Noon polka Mass with Bishop Pevec and the Joey Tomsick Orchestra. Festival from 1-5 p.m. Advance \$3, \$4 at gate.

**Sunday, Oct. 1**

St. Mary (Coll.) Altar Society Benefit Dinner from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in church community center. Adults \$12, children, \$6. All are welcome.

**Friday, Oct. 6**

3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Alpine Evening at St. Mary's (Coll.) Guest Ansambel Spev from Slovenia. Doors open 6 p.m. Admission \$10.

**Friday, Oct. 6**

Dance at West Park Slovenian Home, 4583 W. 130 St., Cleveland, 7:30 to 11:15 p.m. Music by Bob Kravos.

**Sunday, Oct. 8**

St. Joseph Lodge #146 KSKJlife matching funds roast beef dinner 12 - 6 p.m. to benefit Assumption of Mary Parish, Brook Park, OH. \$7 adults, \$4 children. Tickets at rectory (216) 267-0630.

**Oct. 8**

Slovenska Pristava Pensioners Club annual fall "Koline" (krave klobasce and pecenice). Dinner includes one big rice or blood sausage and one link of fresh garlic sausage with sauerkraut, fried potatoes, strudel, coffee, dinner. Noon to 3 p.m.

**Friday, Oct. 13**

Dance at West Park Slovenian Home, 4583 W. 130 St., Cleveland, 7:30 to 11:15 p.m. Music by Eric Noltkamper.

**Saturday, Oct. 14**

St. Lawrence School & Friends Reunion Dinner-Dance. Mass 5:30 in St. Lawrence Church by Bishop Edward Pevec. Nash opens at 6:30. Donation \$15. Music by Joe Novak. Reservations call (440) 243-0312.

**Sunday, Oct. 15**

St. Mary's (Coll) School Alumni dinner in new parish center.

**Sunday, Oct. 15**

Collinwood Slovenian Home Music-fest honoring Wayne and Mark Habat from 1 to ? Free admission.

**Friday, Oct. 20**

Dance at West Park Slovenian Home, 4583 W. 130 St., Cleveland, 7:30 to 11:15 p.m. Music by Wayne Tomsick.

**Saturday, Oct. 21**

Stajerski-Prekmurski Klub Martinovanje, 6:30 p.m. Dinner Dance, Slovenian National Home, St. Clair. Veseli Godci. (216) 531-4817 or (440) 256-6716.

**Sunday, Oct. 22**

Annual meeting of Slovenska Pristava.

**Sunday, Oct. 22**

St. Mary's Slovenian Regional Heritage Day in Parish Center, Holmes Ave. A journey through 7 regions of Slovenia. Exhibits, food sampling, full dinner menu with regional dishes and pastries. Begins 11 a.m. Free admission.

**Friday, Oct. 27**

Dance at West Park Slovenian Home, 4583 W. 130 St., Cleveland, 7:30 to 11:15 p.m. Music by J T O Joey Tomsick.

**Sunday, Oct. 29**

Slovenian National Home Co., 3563 E. 80<sup>th</sup> St., Newburgh, Annual Clambake catered by Maple Hts., Catering from 2 to 4 p.m. Music 3:30 - 6:30 p.m. Donation \$25.

**Sunday, Oct. 29**

St. Vitus Alumni Honoree Day, 12 noon Mass, Dinner, Celebration. Reservations call Ray Gobec 440 285-2359.

**Friday, Nov. 3**

Dance at West Park Slovenian Home, 4583 W. 130 St., Cleveland, 7:30 to 11:15 p.m. Music by Frank Moravcik.

**Sunday, Nov. 5**

Zarja Singing Society celebrates 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary at Slovenian Society Home in Euclid, Ohio.

**Sunday, Nov. 5**

St. Mary's (Coll) Parish celebrates 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary with 11 a.m. Mass, followed by 1 p.m. banquet. Music by Veseli Godci. Adults: \$40; children: \$20.

**Friday, Nov. 10**

Dance at West Park Slovenian Home, 4583 W. 130 St., Cleveland, 7:30 to 11:15 p.m. Music by Eric Noltkamper.

**Saturday, Nov. 11**

Belokranjski Klub Dinner Dance at Slovenian National Home, St. Clair Ave.

**Sunday, Nov. 12**

Concert, Slovenian Junior Chorus at Slovenian Society Home, 20713 Recher Ave., Euclid, OH.

## Death Notices

### JULIA MEJAC

Julia "Julka" Mejac (nee Erzar), age 88, wife of the late Jakob; beloved mother of Zdenka (Ivan) Zakrajsek, Stan (Linda) Mejac, Bernadette (Tony) Ovsenik, and Ed (Sonja) Mejac; cherished grandmother of Robert, Marko and Tomaz Zakrajsek, Katja Koprowski, Linda Manns, Daniel and Julie Mejac, Nick, Lisa, Tony and Pam Ovsenik, Kristina and Eddie Mejac and great grandmother of eight; sister of four deceased all of Slovenia.

She was born in Mosti pri Komendi, Slovenia and lived in the St. Clair and Collinwood neighborhoods. She recently resided at the St. Vitus Village.

Julka was a member of St. Vitus and St. Mary Altar Societies, Slovenska Pristava, Slovenska Pristava Pensioners, and KSKJ St. Joseph Lodge No. 169.

Friends were received at The Dan Cosic Funeral Home, 28890 Chardon Rd., Willoughby Hills, Ohio on Wednesday, Aug. 30 from 2 - 9 p.m.

Mass of Christian Burial was held on Thursday, Aug. 31 at 10 a.m. in St. Vitus Church celebrated by pastor Rev. Joseph P. Bozner and concelebrated by Rev. Victor Cimperman and Rev. John Kumše, pastor of St. Mary Church in Collinwood. Burial in All Souls Cemetery.

Family suggests donations in her name to the Hospice of the Western Reserve, St. Vitus Village or St. Mary's Church Building Fund.

### ANTHON A. MARTINCIC

Anthon A. Martincic, 94 passed away on Sept. 2, 2006 at Hospice of Western Reserve in Cleveland, Ohio.

Mr. Martincic was born on Nov. 30, 1912 in Cleveland. He had lived in Euclid for 60 years.

He was a member of KSKJ Lodge #25 (St. Vitus), and AMLA Lodge #4, (St. Anne). He was a Tool Room Foreman for Parker Hannifin Corp., of Cleveland, retiring in 1977. After retirement from Parker, he worked part-time for Zaluric Mfg. and Clesco until 2001.

Mr. Martincic is survived by children Eleanor (John) Spyak, Michaeline "Mickey" (James) Steele, and Anthony "Skip" (Laurie) Martincic;

six grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren; and a sister Josephine Bradach.

Deceased family: Siblings are Molly Frank and Stanley Martincic; and one great-grandchild.

Friends were received Monday, Sept. 4 from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. at The Dan Cosic Funeral Home, 28890 Chardon Rd., Willoughby Hills, OH.

Mass of Christian Burial was at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 5, 2006 at St. Paul Catholic Church, 1231 Chardon Rd., Euclid, OH. Interment in Whitehaven Cemetery, Mayfield Village, OH.

Memorial contributions to the Hospice of the Western Reserve, 300 E. 185 St., Cleveland, OH 44119.



### VID ROVANSEK

In loving memory of Vid Rovansek, 94 years, of Sudbury, Ontario who passed away on Saturday morning, August 12<sup>th</sup>, 2006 at St. Joseph's Health Center.

Mr. Rovansek was born in St. Vid, Slovenia, and married Maria (Grebenc) in 1941 in Slovenia.

He was the beloved husband of Maria (Grebenc) Rovansek of Sudbury; loving father of Sister Vida Maria of North Carolina, Vid Jr. (wife Magdalena) of Sault Ste. Marie, and John (wife Sherry) of Spruce Grove, Alberta. Cherished Stari Ata of Anne (Scott), Michael (Meredith), Andrew (Andrea), Jessica, and Matthew. Sadly missed by relatives in Slovenia.

Vid was a longtime and well loved Donovan resident. He came to Sudbury in 1948 working at INCO for 30 years retiring in 1977. A devout Roman Catholic, he actively participated in the ministries of his beloved parish Holy Trinity Church. During his life Mr. Rovansek had been the church organist, helped with the building maintenance and beautification and faithfully attended the eucharistic celebration.

He was also a member of the Holy Trinity Men's Club.

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He now brings his beauty and light to God's garden. On behalf of the family we would like to thank all the doctors and nurses who gave our father such excellent care.

Mr. Rovansek rested at the Jackson & Barnard Funeral Home, Sudbury. Funeral Mass was in Holy Trinity Church, 426 Burton Ave., Sudbury; on Wednesday, Aug. 16, 2006 at 10 a.m. Cremation at the Park Lawn Crematorium. Prayer was 8 p.m. Tuesday. Donations to Dom Lipa (Slovenian Nursing Home) Toronto or Charity of your choice would be appreciated.

### RAYMOND MIKOLIC

Raymond Mikolic; husband of Carol (nee Koestler); father of Mark (Bernice), David, Raymond, Thomas and Scott; grandfather of five; great-grandfather of five; brother of William, Charles, Elsie Single and nine deceased.

Private funeral services held Friday, Sept. 1, 2006.

Zelete Funeral Home.

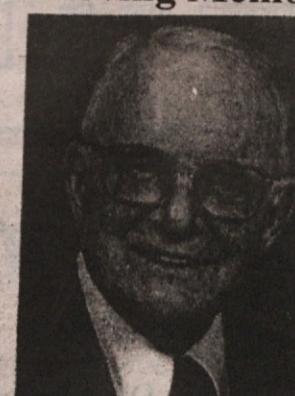
### JOSEPH T. MOENIK

Joseph T. Moenik, age 43, passed away on Sept. 9, 2006 in Hillcrest Hospital in Mayfield Hts., Ohio.

Mr. Moenik was born on June 4, 1963 in Cleveland, Ohio. He resided in Chesterland for 10 years; prior to that in Eastlake. He was a member of St. Clair Hunting and Rifle Club, and NRA. He was an avid fisherman and hunter.

Mr. Moenik was a machinist for Cleveland Steel and Tool Co., for six years.

### In Loving Memory



### Joseph A. Jerse

Fifth Anniversary  
Died Sept. 20, 2001

Still with us in spirit

Wife: Mary E.  
Father Bill, Joe and Nella  
Ed and Shannon -  
and Grandchildren

He is survived by his wife Debra (nee Matlock); daughter Jessica; mother Lois Moenik, siblings Fred, Robert, his twin Frank, William, and Laurie Domingo; and many nieces and nephews.

His father Fred Moenik is deceased.

Friends called Wednesday, Sept. 13 at The Dan Cosic Funeral Home, 28890 Chardon Rd., Willoughby Hills.

Funeral at 10 a.m. on Thursday, Sept. 14 at The Dan Cosic Funeral Home. Church: Calvary Assembly of God in Willoughby Hills, Rev. David Welle officiating. Burial in All Souls Cemetery in Chardon, Ohio.

### In Memory

Thanks to Mrs. Dorothy Swank of Plano, TX who submitted a \$15.00 donation in memory of her mother and father, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Fortuna.

### Donation

Thanks to Matthew and Stani Grdadolnik of Euclid, Ohio who attached a \$20.00 donation to their subscription renewal.

### In Memory

Thanks to Mimi Hocevar of Chardon, Ohio, who enclosed a \$50.00 donation in memory of husband, John Hocevar.

### In Memory

Thanks to Josephine L. Leufkens of Mentor, OH who renewed her subscription and added a \$15.00 donation in memory of her parents, Josephine and Frank Jazbec.

### In Memory

Thanks to Sophia Skopitz of Euclid, Ohio who renewed her subscription and added a \$50.00 donation in loving memory of her husband, John Skopitz.

### Donation

Thanks to Michael Antonlin of Fort Collins, CO who renewed his subscription and added a \$50.00 donation.

### Donation

Thanks to Vili and Rela Zadnikar of St. Vitus Village in Cleveland, who renewed their subscription and added a \$25.00 donation.

### Donations

Thanks to the following for their donations to the Ameriška Domovina:

Olga Bajec, Richmond Hts., OH -- \$15.00

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## In Loving Memory of

# Mary Delost

Died Sept. 9, 2001

5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Death



Dear Mary,

Sometimes in life, you find a special friend:  
someone who changed your life by being part of it.

Someone who makes you laugh until you can't stop:  
someone who makes you believe that there really is good in the world.

Someone who convinces you there is an unlocked door  
just waiting for you to open it.

This is a forever friendship. And if you find such a friend,  
you feel happy and complete,  
because you need not worry.

You have a forever friend and forever has no end.

Your lifelong friend,

Angie Shine

# Latest News From Triglav Park

Ah, remember the good old days? This is a familiar saying we hear or use ourselves quite often. To me, those were just words until I recently reached the big "50." I now can use this expression for I have lived long enough to recall the "good old days." Back when I was young, our lives were carefree and happy. Going to Triglav Park every weekend with our parents was just the normal thing to do. On Saturday there was always work to be done, but come Sunday it was time to have fun. This meant swimming in the lake, playing volleyball, baseball or table tennis, while the adults played bolinca and sang all the old favorite Slovenian songs.

As evening approached, we kids would head on down to the lake where my brother would get out his accordion, and then, it would be our turn to do the singing and just lay back on blankets and watch for shooting stars. Life was great.

**The Fourth of July** was always a great time at Triglav. In 1984 we held our first Triathlon. Competitors came from Chicago to join in the grueling task of swimming, biking and running. At the end of the day's events, medals were presented to the winners. That first year, Mr. Kolman did the honors. I can still hear his distinctive voice telling us all about the Olympics and how proud he was of all those who participated in the events. As the gold, silver and bronze medalists took their places on the podium, we all joined in singing the National Anthem. Twenty plus years have gone by, and even though the competition may not be as fierce as it once was, the spirit of that first triathlon is still ever present.

This year the gold medal was awarded to Matt Mejac, the silver went to Brian Strmsek. The Olympic torch will be back next year so don't wait too long to start training for this fun event.

I would like to send our congratulations to Sr. Mary Coffelt, who on July 2 celebrated 25 years as a Daughter of Divine Charity. Her jubilee Mass was held at the motherhouse in Akron, Ohio. The day was very joyous as Sr. Mary once again took her vows before God, her fellow sisters and her family, proclaiming her love and devotion to God and her community. Fr. Bill Hubmann, who attended grade school with Sr. Mary at St. Augustine in WI was the homilist, and what a touching homily he gave.

Happy Birthday to those of you born in the year 1956,

this is a milestone in your lives. *Vse Najbolje* and Best Wishes go out to all those turning 50 somewhere along the way this year. Congratulations to: Maryanne Cimermanic, Cindy Kluge, Dan Mejac, Marge Menchak, Tom Smolic, Gary Stupek, and Keith Ziolkowski. I hope you all have wonderful memories of your special day.

Unfortunately, there are many of our members who are unable to join us at Triglav Park. Please keep them in your thoughts and prayers, for it is because of them that Triglav is what it is today.

I would also like to welcome my cousin Irena Mejač from Slovenia who will be living in Milwaukee for the next two years. She is studying/teaching at Marquette University, while earning her Masters Degree in Chemistry. We all look forward to enjoying her company and at the same time we will be improving our Slovenian.

**July 23<sup>rd</sup>** was the date of the annual Mission Day Picnic. God blessed us once again with beautiful weather and many patrons who religiously have attended this picnic to show their support for the over 70 missions throughout the world that the Mission Aid Society helps. The day was once again a big success and thanks go out to the many workers who helped in any way to make this most worthy cause a huge success.

Our hearts were saddened when for the first time in over 35 years, Mara Kolman and Maricka Kadunc were not at this picnic and they were deeply missed. Mara has been our choir director since the death of Mr. Ernest Majhenic in 1983, and it was definitely not the same without her. Maricka, has for countless years, sold the raffle tickets and then called out the winning names in the way that only she can do. They did not want to miss the Mission Picnic, but Mara had been struggling with her health and her long-time friend Maricka knew she needed to be with her.

Sadly to say, Mara could no longer hold on and God called her home on August 3, 2006. Funeral services for her were held on August 7<sup>th</sup> in Waukegan, IL. Her eight children, Joseph, Maria, Frank, Ludwig, Gabriella, Margaret, Alena and John, along with her grandchildren and many friends from all around, came to pay their respects to this exceptional woman. The Mass was held at St. Dismas Catholic Church and the presiding priest was Fr. John Ryan,

pastor of the parish. Co-celebrating Mass were Mara's cousin, Fr. Vendelin along with family friends, Rev. Dr. Joze Gole and Fr. Bernardin Sušnik.

The grandchildren showed their great love for their grandmother by being very much involved in the Mass. Nathan played the organ with such passion for his grandmother. Teresa, Leah, Nina and Lily did the readings and after Communion, Chloe sang the Ave Maria and there was not a dry eye in the church. In closing, Mara's sons Joseph and John gave the final eulogy. Mara, you will be deeply missed by all. Your enthusiasm for life was ever present; your longing for song and your warm smile will be remembered always. Now, as your son Joseph said so beautifully at your funeral, "May you rest in peace and say Hi to Oči from all of us." Mara, *Pocivaj v Miru.*

**Sunday, August 20<sup>th</sup>** was the setting for another Triglav Picnic. If you have ever visited Slovenia, hearing church bells throughout the villages is very common. Keeping with tradition, Mr. Bambic rang the bells at our St. Cyril & Methodius chapel to let everyone in the park know that it was time for Mass. We are very fortunate to have Rev. Dr. Joze Gole with us, so that our Slovenian language is still spoken and heard by all who attended.

The August picnic was always known as the "Sportni Piknik." It was easy to see why it was named this. At this picnic we would have volleyball matches against teams from Chicago, Cleveland, and even as far as Canada. At the time we may not have realized it, but this was the beginning of many friendships that still continue today. My nephews from Cleveland are eager to start this tradition again and so we hope that next year at this time there will be a lot of noise generating from the volleyball court.

The remainder of the afternoon gave way for music, dancing, bolinca and even some volleyball.

Our last picnic of the year will be our annual Vinska Trgatev or Wine Festival on Sunday, Sept. 17. We invite all to join us for this event, but be aware, that should you steal some grapes the police just may have to put you in jail for awhile.

As always, please visit our website at [www.triglavpark.com](http://www.triglavpark.com) for the latest news on our society and enjoy what is left of this beautiful summer.

--Helena Frobna

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# This and that from Emilee

by EMILEE

Don't forget to vote on Nov. 7.

September birthday (Alan Krane, the retired policeman in the St. Clair area.

With children starting school, be wary of them. They play and dart into the street without looking, so be alert.

Ann Kern, resident of St. Vitus Village, Stella Rupe, Gina McGinnis of Green Bay, Wis., are all celebrating September birthdays. Many happy returns.

David and Theresa Marie™ Vegh are having a September wedding anniversary.

Congratulations and blessings to each and every one of the above honorees.

Our bingo sessions at the SH Aged have come to an end for this year. I want to thank the following for all their time and good spirits and being there each Wednesday during the months of June, July, and August: Agnes Koporc, Danielle Avsec, Ann Arhar, Carmen McBrayer, Steffie Segulin, Frank Koenig, and the one and only terrific caller "Danny Reiger." Thanks all; you are the best. See you next year.

Just read about my fellow reporter, Ray Mlakar had an accident on his shinbone. What an ordeal. Glad to hear you are on the mend, Ray. I also had cataract surgery. It's a snap. You go through it with shining colors. Ray, you take care. My thoughts and prayers are with you for a speedy recovery.

Belated August birthdays to Ivanka Matic, Ed Kotar.

Get well wishes to Ed Arhar. Hopefully he'll be coming home real soon to convalesce under the expert care of his wife, Ann who will give out with all the TLC.

Get well wishes to Angie Zabjak, one of the SWH kitchen angels.

Somebody clue me in on the Ward 13 Democratic Club's Boat Ride for fun day.

My friend Ernie Luzar and neighbor whom we were growing up on Kildeer Avenue, has passed on Aug. 18, at his home in Venice, Florida. He is survived by wife Gladys, daughter Kathleen, son Ernie Jr., and grandson. We will miss you.

Pauline Dodge passed away this past month. A memorial Mass was held Aug. 21 in St. Vitus Church. Our deepest sympathies to husband and children.

September birthdays: Carmen McBrayer and Rose Intihar, both very loyal members of the American Slovene Club.

Pensioners of St. Clair will have a "Picnic in the Park" on Sept. 21. All members please attend.

FYI SWU #25 had a meeting on Aug. 23 at the St. Vitus Village at 1 p.m. Nine members attended. We discussed the future of the club. A Christmas Party was discussed and a fund raiser. We will keep you posted as to any future news of #25. If any questions, please call me (216) 261-3427.

The St. Mary's (Coll.) yearly summer picnic was very well attended. The weather was just perfect. thank you, Lord. the dinner prepared by Julie Zalar was fabulous. The cook of all cooks did her usual great job.

Saw many friends, Prof and Milena Gobetz. Milena was at the pastry table. What an excellent assortment of goodies. I sat with Rich Zele and friend Lou Sadar and Dan Reiger. Enjoying the day was Ray and Lil Novak, all the way from Strongsville. Also chatted

with Dorothy Urbancich, Jim and Madeline Debevec, and Jo Anne Kaifesh.

Get well wishes to Pat Ambrosic who is convalescing at home after surgery. Best wishes for a speedy recovery.

The place to be: Slovenian Workmen's Home on Waterloo Rd., where the elite meet to eat and socialize. Met many friends on Aug. 25. John (Hunzie) Paulich with wife Joanne, spending the summer here in Cleveland. Paulich Specialty is located in Mentor, Ohio. He tells me that Rocco Scotti is still with the Specialty Co. Rocco was a neighbor of mine on East 185 St., when we were growing up. He has a wonderful voice. (To Be Continued)

## St. Mary's Alumni Meets

St. Mary's School (Coll.) Alumni will hold their final planning meeting for their October Homecoming Mass and Banquet on Thursday, Sept. 21 at 1:30 p.m. in St. Mary's Community Center Building at 15519 Holmes Ave., Cleveland, OH 44110. Doors open at 1 p.m.

## St. Mary Slovenian School Begins

St. Mary (Coll.) Saturday Slovenian Language School for youngsters from kindergarten to 8<sup>th</sup> grade begins on Saturday, Sept. 16 with registration at 9 a.m.

Any and all youngsters who are interested in learning about Slovenian heritage, culture and language are welcome. No previous knowledge of Slovenian language is necessary.

## Altar Society Benefit Dinner

St. Mary (Coll.) Altar Society benefit dinner will be held in the parish hall on Sunday, Oct. 1. Dinner tickets may be purchased from Altar Society members. Donation is \$12.00 for adults and \$6.00 for children under age of 12.

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1 lb. farfalle (bowtie) pasta

Peel and remove the seeds from the tomatoes. If using fresh tomatoes, place them in the boiling water you are going to cook the pasta in for 2-3 minutes, remove and place in ice water to loosen the skins. Before starting the sauce, bring a large pot of water to a running boil.

Heat a medium sauce pan over high heat for 1 - 2 minutes. Add the vegetable oil to the pan. Immediately add the chopped garlic and remove from heat. Do not let the garlic turn brown or it will become bitter. Add the chopped tomatoes and return to low heat. Season with fresh basil, sugar, salt and pepper to taste. Cook pasta al dente and drain, saving ½ cup of cooking water. Place cooked pasta in a large bowl and mix in extra virgin olive oil. Mix ½ cup cooking water in the sauce, pour over pasta, mix and serve.

--Brother Richard

## Pensioners Club of Euclid

on Dec. 6. Dinner will be prepared by Jose Cerar and her crew. Music will be by Al Batistelli. Details will follow.

Please note that the club is always looking for new members. Our meeting day is held every first Wednesday of the month at 1 p.m., at the Slovenian Society Home on Recher Avenue in Euclid, Ohio. Entertainment is scheduled every month by our president Lori Sierputowski.

Before closing and to our members: Learn to care and then to share.

--Carolyn Janezich  
Rec. Sec'y.

Feed a hen with mere thanks, and she'll lay you no eggs.

---Bob Hopkins

## St. Vitus Adult Slovenian Classes

The St. Vitus Adult Slovenian Language class will begin on Saturday, Sept. 16 at 9:15 a.m. in St. Martin de Porres High School (formerly St. Vitus School.)

New students are most welcome.

Students will continue to expand on vocabulary, grammar and conversation. Presentations will also be given on Slovenian history and culture.

For further information, please call Marie Burgar (216) 432-1193 or Lillian Centa (216) 289-7253.

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We will stop to see the remnants of the coal mines that employed many Slovenians prior to WWII.

In LaSalle we will stop to see the former Slovenian church Sv. Rok which is now a Catholic Charities facilities for the Peoria Diocese. Expected return is around nightfall.

Please contact John Vidmar at 708 485-8412 for further information.

# SWU Slovenian Heritage Day

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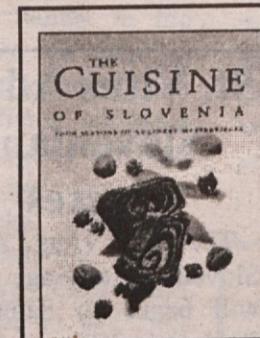
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MORNING NEWSPAPER

## — Vesti iz Slovenije —

Resno nesoglasje med Slovenijo in Narodnim svetom koroških Slovencev oz. podpredsednikom Karlo Smolletom

Močno in boleče je na tisti del slovenske javnosti, ki spremišča najpomembnejše, kar se dogaja v vrhovih politike in oblasti odjeknila izjava zunanjega ministra dr. Dimitrija Rupla, ki je v pismu predsedniku parlamentarnemu odboru za zunanje zadeve Državnega zbora Jožefu Jerovšku in sicer, "da imajo posamezna dejanja aktualne politike daljnosežne in škodljive posledice, nekatera pa imajo celo značilnosti politične zarote, ki naj bi omajala vlado in vplivala na ugled Slovenije".

Rupel je razčlenil afero, v kateri je podpredsednik Narodnega sveta koroških Slovencev Karel Smolle, domnevno na osnovi zaupnega gradiva, ki ga je na nepojasnjem in nezakonit način pridobil v slovenskem zunanjem ministrstvu, v nekem intervjiju dejal,

"da je slovenski veleposlanik v Avstriji Ernest Petrič na sestankih s predsedniki avstrijske vlade, koroških Slovencev in drugih pomembnih akterjev v zgodbi reševanja problema dvojezičnih kažipotov na avstrijskem Koroškem zastopal stališče, da bo Slovenija namenila več denarja iz državnega proračuna tistemu delu manjšine, ki bo podprt za manjšino sporen predlog avstrijske države".

Rupel je naštete navedbe odločno zanikal in dodal, "da je Smolle skoval konstrukt o izdaji slovenske manjšine v Avstriji iz lastne domišljije in nasilne ambicije". (Iz članka Marijana Drobeža v Novem glasu 31.8.2006.)

Medtem pa koroški glavar Jörg Haider nadaljuje s svojim aktivnim in tudi iznajljivim nasprotovanjem dvojezičnim napisom.

Janez Drnovškovo vmešavanje v krizi v sudanskom Darfurju ima negativne posledice in škoduje ugledu Slovenije

Zadeva se vrati okrog humanitarnega aktivista in strokovnjaka za rasne zadeve v Afriki Toma Križnarja. Predsednik Slovenije Janez Drnovšek ga je imenoval za svojega pooblaščenca, ki naj bi posredoval za prenehanje nasilja v sudanski pokrajini Darfur. Pri tem pa Drnovšek ni opravil postopka, ki je za imenovanje takšnega predstavnika predviden. Križnarju tudi ni zagotovil diplomatskega potnega lista, kakor se tudi posvetoval z zunanjim ministrstvom ali ga o zadevi vsaj seznanil.

Tomo Križnar, ki ni brez krivde v aferi, je nezakonito vstopil v Sudan, ker pač ni imel vizuma, bil je aretiran in se znašel na sodišču, kjer je bil obsojen na dve leti zapora zaradi prekoračitve meje brez dovoljenja in tudi zaradi vohunjenja.

Slovenska oblast se je znašla v zadregi in menda tudi osramočena pred javnostjo. Nastalo je obtoževanje drug drugačem med zunanjim ministrstvom in uradom predsednika države. Drnovšek in predsednik vlade Janez Janša baje ne komunicirata direktno.

V Sloveniji je zadnje čase kar precej težav zaradi duhovno spremenjenega Drnovška. Državni poglavlar menda pojasnjuje svoje poglede in stališča glede mnogih vprašanj, tudi tistih, ki zadevajo bližnje lokalne volitve, vendar izključno prek svoje spletne strani. Vsaj nekateri časnikarji zaradi tega stanja omenjajo možnost ali celo nujnost, da Državni zbor Drnovška obtoži pred ustavnim sodiščem, ki bi mu lahko odvzelo funkcijo. Ker pa bo Drnovškov petletni mandat potekel prihodnje leto, čeprav pozno v letu, bodo najverjetneje odlašali.



FRANCE ARHAR, NEKDANJI GUVERNER BANKE SLOVENIJE KANDIDAT pomladnih strank za župana v Ljubljani. Na fotografiji France Arhar na predstavitvi svoje kandidature v okviru gibanja Zbor za Ljubljano. Podpirale naj bi ga tri vodilne pomladne stranke SDS, NSi in SLS. Arhar je postal znani kot guverner Banke Slovenije, kasneje je postal predsednik uprave Zavarovalnice Vzajemna, sedaj je predsednik uprave Bank Austria Creditanstalt Ljubljana. Leta 2002 se je pojabil kot neodvisni kandidat za mestno predsednika Slovenije in bil smatrani kot resnejši tekmeč dr. Janezu Drnovšku, na koncu je levičarskim medijem uspelo ga spodkopiti, tako da ni prišel v drugi krog volitev in sta se tako pomerila sedanja generalna državna tožilka Barbara Brezigar – ki naj bi sicer danes bila skoraj pričakovana zmagovalka na ponovnih predsedniških volitvah, ki bodo prihodnje leto – in Drnovšek, zmagal pa je Drnovšek.

## Iz Cleveland in okolice

### Avtobus za Baragove dneve

Tisti, ki bodo potovali na Baragove dneve z naročenim avtobusom, so opozorjeni, da bo avtobus odpeljal v petek, 22. septembra, ob 8h zjutraj od mestečne hiše v Euclidu na E. 222 St. Ob 8.15 zj. bo avtobus pobral romarje pri St. Vitus Village. Za več informacij, pokličite Ivanko Matič na 216-481-1515.

### Krofi pri M. Vnebovzeti

Oltarno društvo fare Marije Vnebovzete bo delalo krofe ta petek in soboto in bodo naprodaj jutri, v petek, od 3h do večera, v soboto pa zjutraj in dopoldne.

## Novi grobovi

Joseph T. Mocnik

Dne 9. septembra je v Hillcrest bolnišnici na Mayfield Hts. na posledicah prometne nesreče z motocikлом umrl 43 let stari Joseph T. Mocnik, rojen 4. junija 1963 v Clevelandu, zadnjih 10 let živeč v Chesterlandu, pred tem v Eastlaku, mož Debre, roj. Matlock, oče Jessie, sin Lois Mocnik in že pok. Fred-a, brat Fred-a ml., Roberta, dvojčka Franka, Williamsa in Laurie Domingo, zaposlen 6 let pri Cleveland Steel Tool Co., vnet lovec in ribič, član St. Clair Hunting & Rifle Club. Pogreb je danes, 14. sept., v oskrbi Cosicevega zavoda, kjer bo pogrebne obrede opravil Rev. David Welle iz cerkve Calvary Assembly of God na Willoughby Hillsu, sledil bo pokop na Vernih duš pokopališču.

Edward C. Pecjak

Umrl je 93 let stari Edward C. Pecjak iz Euclida, kjer je živel zadnjih 50 let, pred tem v Clevelandu, vodovec po Justine, oče Lynn Pecjak in Denisa, 1-krat stari oče, brat Helen Tomsic ter že pok. Rose, Josie Gerbeck, Josepha in Anthonyja, veteran služenja v ameriški mornarici, član AMLA. Pogreb je bil 12. septembra s sv. mašo v cerkvi sv. Janeza Vianneyja v Mentorju s pokopom na Vernih duš pokopališču.

Margaret M. Skufca

Dne 2. septembra je umrla Margaret M. Skufca iz Louisville, O., prej živeča v Solonu. Pogreb je bil 7. septembra s sv. mašo v cerkvi sv. Lojzeta v Louisvillu s pokopom na pokopališču Roselawn v Solonu.

### Vinska trgata na Pristavi

Že se bliža konec sezone na Slovenski pristavi! Tako bo to nedeljo, 17. sept., na Pristavi zadnja veselica – Vinska trgata. Začetek bo po 2. uri pop. Postreženi boste s čevapčiči, kranjskimi klobasami, hamburgerji in še kaj. Gospodinje so naprošene, da priskočijo na pomoč z domačim pecivom. Od 3.30 pop. dalje vam bo za ples in zabavo igral ansambel Staneta Mejača. Pridite!

### Pristavski upokojenci

Klub upokojencev Slovenske pristave vabi vse člane na mesečni sestanek v sredo, 27. septembra, pop. ob 1.30, na Pristavi. Že danes pa klub vabi slovensko skupnost na vsakoletne "Koline", ki bodo na SP v nedeljo, 8. oktobra.

### 3. Alpsi večer

Ta bo v petek, 6. oktobra, v župnijski dvorani pri Mariji Vnebovzeti. Gostoval bo Ansambel Spev, ki ga sestavlja pet mladih štajerskih fantov. Ansambel je v Sloveniji žel veliko uspehov. Mize izključno za 10 oseb lahko rezervirate pri Elizabeth Žalik na tel. 440-537-1941. Posamezne vstopnice boste dobili pri vratih na večer prireditve. Vrata bodo odprta ob 6h zv., nastop in nato ples se prične ob 7h. (Dopis prihodnjic)

### Martinovanje

Letošnje že tradicionalno martinovanje, ki ga prireja Štajersko-Prekmurski klub, bo v soboto, 21. oktobra, v Slovenskem narodnem domu na St. Clairju, s pričetkom ob 6.30 zv. Za ples in zabavo bo igrал ansambel Veseli godci. Za vstopnice (\$25) in več informacij: Tonica na 440-256-6716 ali Mimi na 216-531-4817.

### Festival slov. dediščine

V nedeljo, 1. okt., sponsorirajo podružnice Slovenske ženske zveze v Clevelandu festival slovenske dediščine, ki bo na SNPJ farmi na Heath Rd. v Kirtlandu, Ohio. Opoldne bo sv. mašo daroval škof Edward Pevec, od 1. do 5. pop. bo igral Joey Tomsick orkester. Imeli bodo razne demonstracije in razstave, odprtih bosta kuhinja in bara. Vstopnina \$3, pri vratih pa \$4, otroci do 12. leta pa prosti.

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## TRŽAŠKI PISATELJ ALOJZ REBULA

## Govor ob 15-letnici slovenske države

(Mirenki grad, 24. junija 2006)

Spoštovani,

praznovanje praznika 15-letnice slovenske države presega našo individualnost. Je praznovanje širše skupnosti. A vseeno mi dovolite, da začnem ta svoj nagovor z osebnim spominom.

Nižešolce v malem goriškem semenišču so nas, v tridesetih letih prejšnjega stoletja, vodili na sprehod tudi vzhodno od Gorice, proti Panovcu in Vrtojbi. No, do Mirna je bilo predaleč. Vsekakor smo hodili več ali manj tam, kjer danes teče državna meja med republiko Italijo in republiko Slovenijo.

Ko bi mi tedaj kdo rekel: "Hodiš ob meji, ki bo nekoč tekla med Italijo in Slovenijo," bi ga ne bil vprašal, ali sanja, ampak s katerega konca Lune prihaja. Slovenska meja pri Vrtojbi in Mirnu? Nekaj ne-predstavljlivega. In če bi se to kdaj zgodilo, bi bilo zunaj normalne zgodovinske dinamike, bilo bi nekaj čudežnega.

Ja, če pomislimo, kako zelo težko se premikajo meje, kako se države zagrizeno borijo tudi za vsako ped zemlje (kako na primer naši slovanski bratje Hrvati visijo na vsakem litru svojega jadranskega vodova), lahko govorimo o čudežu. Ja, kot o nečem, kar je bilo videti zunaj predvidljivih zgodovinskih možnosti.

Slišati je tu pa tam besedo, da je slovenska država nastala kot uresničitev zgodovinskih sanj slovenskega naroda. Sam bi rad videl, da bi bilo tako. Pa ni. Zgodovina, če jo berem tako, kakor je zapisana, mi tega ne potrjuje. Kar vprašajmo se: kdo izmed naših velikih je sanjal slovensko državo? Sanjali je niso ne Prešeren ne Slomšek ne Cankar ne Župančič, da o politikih niti ne govorim. Prišlo je celo do česa nasprotnega tej sanji, do tega na primer, da se je v dvajsetih letih prejšnjega stoletja skupina kulturnikov celo vdajala v možnost, da Slovenci prevzamemo jezik obe vodilnih narodov v Jugoslaviji, namreč srbohrvaščino. Če hočemo biti do kraja resnični, moramo reči: neodvisna slovenska država je bila morda sanja slovenske podzavesti, nikakor pa, vse do polovice prejšnjega stoletja, jasne slovenske zavesti.

Kolikor je ta ideja vsaj v embriju zaživel, se je zgodilo šele tik pred začetkom druge svetovne vojne, in sicer v katoliški sferi, konkretno v zamisli velikega slovenskega domoljuba dr. Lambert Ehrlicha. To slovensko državniško usmerjenost moramo njegovemu glbanju priznati, tudi če smo rezervirani do njegove ideološke linije. Učenci dr. Ehrlicha v emigraciji so potem njegovo intuicijo dalje razvili v zavestno politično opcijo, kakor dokazuje naslov njihovega glasila "Slovenska država", ki je izhajalo v Toronto v Kanadi. A tisti glas je bil osamljen tudi v emigrantskem svetu, saj je celo glavno jedro emigracije v Argentini vztrajalo pri kontinuiteti jugoslovanske federacije. Tista ideja je še manj odmevala med Slovenci v Evropi, še najmanj v manjšinskih okoljih. In vendar je v povojskih letih prav v Evropi, v Trstu, živel velik bojevnik za idejo slovenske države: štajerski Slovenec in emigrirani krščanski socialist Franc Jeza.

Pošteno moram priznati, da se, čeprav njegov prijatelj, za njegovo idejo nisem mogel ogreti. Zakaj? Iz istega razloga, iz katerega se danes ne morem ogreti za idejo kakšnega drugega prijatelja, namreč za mednarodni jezik esperanto. Zakaj torej? Ker se mi je zdela Jezova ideja utopična, se pravi povsem nerealna. Da bi tudi ob maloverjetnem razpadu Titove Jugoslavije mala Slovenija zmogla kaj sredi geometriziranja velikih sil?

Skratka, z nastankom neodvisne države Slovenije se je po mojem zgodilo nekaj, kar je bilo onkraj vseh racionalnih pričakovanj (kakor je bil zunaj realnih pričakovanj padec komunizma).

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## Mejačevi mami v slovo

CLEVELAND, O. – V soboto, 26. avgusta, zvečer se je v starosti 88 let za vedno poslovila od nas vzorna žena, mati, stanovalka zgledno urejenega doma St. Vitus Village, zvesta faranka župnije svetega Vida in zavedna Slovenka, gospa Julija Mejač.

Premnogi smo jo poznavali in imeli radi kot veselo, vedno prijazno in dobrosrčno Mejačovo mamo. Kako zelo je bila med rojaki priljubljena, se je izkazalo, ko smo se v velikem številu poslavljali od nje v Cosičevem pogrebem zavodu in dan pozneje, 31. avgusta, ob množični udeležbi pri sveti maši, ki jo je v cerkvi sv. Vida daroval g. župnik Jože Božnar, ob somaševanju g. Janeza Kumšeta in g. Viktorja Cimpermana.

V kot za praznike polni svetovidski cerkvi, ki je po izjavi nekdanjega nadškoфа in sedanjega kardinala dr. Franceta Rodeta "prava katedrala", se je v lepi in globoki pridigi poslovil od pokojnice domači župnik g. Božnar.

S čudovitim slovenskim petjem so ji pokazali svoje spoštovanje in hvaležnost številni pevci na koru. V duetu pa sta prekrasno zapeli stari mami posebno priljubljeno pesem "Angelček varuh moj" še vnučkinji Lisa in Pamela Ovsenik. Preneko oko se je spet orosilo, ko je po obhajilu takole spregovoril še vnuk Marko Zakrajšek:

*Zbogom, stara mama!*

*Ko se poslavljamo od Tebe, stara mama, obujamo tople spomine.*

*Kako radi smo Te obiskali na Tvojem domu v St. Vitus Village. Tako domače smo se počutili tam! Nismo imeli občutka, da si osamljena, ker si bila obdana s prijateljstvom sostanovalcev, kjer ste se pomenili po domače in obujali lepe spomine iz preteklosti. Kar*



pa je še večje vrednosti, je bila možnost, da si bila prisotna pri dnevnih sveti maši in rožnem vencu.

*Zanimalo nas je, kako si doraščala doma na Gorenjskem in kako si spoznala starega ata na trgu v Ljubljani. Najraje pa smo poslušali, kako ste morali zapustiti svoj dom in oditi v neznano in deliti bedno usodo z mnogimi, ki so bili istega prepričanja kakor Vidva. Zapustila sta vse zaradi Boga in ljubezni do svo-*

*je domovine. Včasih smo težko razumeli, kako je bilo takrat, ker mi živimo lagodno in brez skrbiv v deželi svobode.*

*Četudi naša slovenščina ni najboljša, s Teboj smo se vedno potrudili, ker smo vedeli, koliko Ti to pomeni. Vedno si rekla:*

*"Marko, kar po slovensko povej, nič zato će malo narobe." Ko postajamo starejši, mnogo bolj razumemo važnost teh*

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**† Vid Rovanšek**

SAULT STE. MARIE, Ont.

– Po kratki bolezni in okrepcanju s sv. zakramenti nas je zapustil in odšel k svojemu Stvarniku, ljubi mož in stari ata Vid Rovanšek. V starosti 94 je preminul 12. avgusta 2006 v Sudburyju, Ontario, Kanada. Rojen je bil 16. junija 1912 v Št. Vidu pri Stični, v Sudbury prišel leta 1948.

Dragi Vid, počivaj v Gospodovem miru. Uživaj večno srečo z njim, ki si ga vztrajno ljubil.

Žalujoči: žena Marija, hčerka s. Vida Marija, sinova Vid ml. in John z družinama.

spominov za nas in naše družine.

Tvoja ljubezen do nas, Tvoja skrb, da ostanemo verni in zavedni, da ne pozabimo, od kod sta prišla Vidva s starim atom in zakaj, to so modri nauki, ki nam bodo ostali v srcu skozi vse življenje.

Tebe, ljuba stara mama, pa bomo ohranili v trajnem in ljubečem spominu za vedno.

Tako se je vnuk Marko, ob premagovanju joka, ganljivo poslovil od preljube stare mame.

Tu pa naj navedemo vsaj še nekaj podatkov o Mejačevi mami.

Rojena je bila leta 1918 v Mostah pri Komendi. Doma so imeli mlin in mlada "mlinarjeva Julka" je s kolesom vozila moko na trg v Ljubljano. Na tržnici se je spoznala z Jakobom Mejačem, rojenim leta 1912 v Dolu pri Ljubljani, v mladosti izučenim mizarjem, ki je bil takrat uslužben kot finančar. Poročila sta se 2. februarja 1940.

Oče Jakob je bil že od otroških let dober prijatelj z Janezom Janežem. Tako je znameniti zdravnik dr. Janež na poti domov v Dolsko pogostokrat obiskoval mlado Mejačevu družino na Šmartinski cesti v Ljubljani, česar so se starši radi spominjali.

Med drugim so pripovedovali, kako je triletna Zdenka posvarila priljubljenega gosta, da "mama ne pusti naslanjati noge na tisto palico spodaj na štokarlu." Dr. Janež, ki se je nevede tako "pregrešil", je skupaj z Zdenkinimi starši izbruhnil v smeh.

Znano je, kako je pozneje dr. Janež s transporta zadnji trenutek pobegnil, se vrnil v taborišče in končno prepričal vodstvo, da Angleži vračajo domobrance v Jugoslavijo. Tako je skupaj z dr. Valentinem Meršolom pomagal rešiti preostale domobrance in civiliste na Koroškem pred vrnitvijo v Titovo Jugoslavijo in grozno smrtjo v množičnih grobovih, on sam pa je pozneje postal mednarodno slaven laični misijonar na Kitajskem in na Tajvanu.

Oče Jakob je bil vedno navdušen za slovensko katoliško prosveto in kot tak sumljiv partizanske-

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## KRES – Slovenski plamen v Clevelandu

CLEVELAND, O. – Ob koncu poletnih dni – vendar še ne poletja –, po končanih šolskih počitnicah, je folklorna skupina Kres tudi letos postavila na oder delo svojih mladih članov-plesalcev.

Mladih, ker je članstvo te plesne skupine sedaj res mlado. Plešejo otroci tretje in četrte generacije nekdanjih plesalcev, vnuki in vnučki, pravnuki in pravnukinje nekdanjih emigrantov-beguncev, ki so pred petdesetimi leti ustanovili Kres. Le nekaj članov je še del druge generacije. Tudi ti spadajo k "mladim", vendar veliko teh nastopa v vlogi učiteljev in koreografov.

Iz plamena nekdanjega Kresa, plamenice slovenskega naravnega in folklornega plesa v Clevelandu, sedaj gori žarišče novega naraščaja. Ne le iskre temveč pravi, vzplameti Kres. Majhni plesalci, tisti, ki so se komaj naučili štiritaktnega poskoka, so zaplesali prisrčne kratke plese, nekoliko starejši, do desetega in dvanajstega leta pa so se že predstavili z bolj zahtevnimi in zapletenimi plesi. Mladi najstniki so tudi pokazali, da znajo plesati elegantne valčke in poskočne novodobne ameriške plese.

Letos so se člari Kresa tudi postavili z drugimi kategorijami: s petjem slovenskih pesmi, z igranjem na harmoniko, s pripovedno in igralsko spretnostjo. Mogoče so to bodoči člani Fantov na vasi, Korotana in collinwoodske Lilije? Kot skavti moramo tudi mi 'gledati daleč', na daljavo, v prihodnost našega slovenskega življenja v Ameriki.

Gotovo gre vse priznanje in velika zahvala požrtvovanim učiteljem in koreografom Kresa: Theresi Kosem, Mojci Prayner, Margie Koerwitz, Lisi Ovsenik, Pam Ovsenik, Mariji Plečnik, Metki Gobetz, Veri Maršič, Marti Gaser, Mary Ann Zakrajšek, Cilki Kusold, Sonji Domanko, Martini Jakomin, Kristini Mejač, Olgi Merela, Gregoryju Polyak, Kristini Sedmak, Marku Tomcu in Urški Wein.

In ker nobena predstava ni mogoča brez spremnega zakulisnega dela poklicnih in amaterskih prostovoljcev, se moramo ozreti na vse pomagače, ki so letos omogočili nastop Kresovcev: Frank Ažman, Jože Gaser, Stane Zalar, Martin Maršič, Tone Ovsenik, Stane Teskač, Slavica Cindrič, Pavla Dolinar, Marjanca Domančko, Lynette Radišek in drugi.

Res uspešen večer, v katerem je bilo povezano in predstavljeno vse delo različnih sposobnosti in dobre volje – in velike požrtvovalnosti.

Mara Cerar Hull

## Mejačevi mami v slovo

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mu partijskemu vodstvu. Na srečo ga je prijatelj iz partizanskih vrst še pravočasno zaupno posvaril, da ga namereavajo komunisti ubiti in ga ne bo več mogel rešiti kot dotlej.

Tako je mlada tričlanska družina 7. maja 1945 s težkim srcem zapustila ljubi dom in se pridružila reki beguncem, ki so se umikali pred krvi in oblasti žejnimi komunisti v Avstrijo na Koroško.

V Borovljah je na poti v begunsko taborišče mlada mati Julka rodila Staneta. Kako ta pogumna begunka in brezdomka spominja na trpečo Begunko in Brezdomko, Jezusovo mater

Marijo in Mater vseh matur!

Štiričlanska družina je do meseca julija 1949, živila v begunkem taborišču Spittal ob Dravi, potem pa se izselila v deželo svobode, Ameriko, najprej k Julkini teti na Florido in leta pozneje v Cleveland. Tam sta se rodila še hčerka Bernarda in sin Edi.

Mama Julka je imela polne roke dela z družino in še z "borderji", ki so pri Mejačevih poleg hrane in stanovanja našli tisto toplo družinsko domačnost, ki je bila za samske begunce največja dragocenost.

Mejačevi so se drug za drugim vživiljali tudi v

slovensko skupnost. Oče je poleg napornega poklicnega dela rad pomagal kot odrski mojster. Nekoč ga je učiteljica slovenske šole gdč. Anuška Lekan prosila, če bi napravil nekaj butaric in pomagal naučiti izdelovanja te slovenske dragocenosti še šolsko mladino, kar je z velikim veseljem storil.

Posebno pa ostanejo v spominu po njem organizirane povorke v okrašenih vozovih in ob spremljajočih konjenikih na Slovenskih dnevih in ob raznih slovesnostih na Slovenski pristavi in njegeve lične razstavne stojnice, kjer je marsikaj dragocenega iz slovenskega društvenega življenja razstavila hčerka Zdenka, sicer znana kot odlična pevka zboru Korotan in svetovidskega cerkvenega zboru ter igralka dramskega društva Lilija.

Hčerka Bernarda si je spleta neprecenljive zasluge pri folklorni skupini Kres in slovenski šoli. Stane je ves v glasbi in je znan kot izvrsten igralec klavirske harmonike in po svojem priljubljenem orkestru. Sin Edi poleg prepevanja v Korotanu odlično igra trobenito, zdaj pa že nad deset let kot naslednik nadvse zaslužnega dr. Milana Pavlovčiča zelo uspešno vodil slovensko radijsko družino Pesmi in melodije iz naše lepe Slovenije.

Žal je oče Jakob umrl februarja 1996, tako da je samo delno videl dozorevanje prosvetnih semen, ki jih je ob pomoči blage žene Julke tako vztrajno in spretno sejal v mlađa srca.

Kako vesel bi bil vseh svojih zavednih in tako agilnih otrok in njih dobrih družin ter osem vnučnj in vnučkov, ki so ostali zvesti slovenski dedičini, še posebej slovenskim pesmim in folklori.

Kako bi se veselil vnučkov, ki vsako leto pripravijo jaslice v prelepi svetovidski cerkvi!

Mejačeva mama Julka, ki smo jo v četrtek, 31. avgusta, množično pospremili na pokopališče Vernih duš, se je vse do smrti ponosna veselila ljubezni in vnetega delovanja svojih otrok in vnučkov. Odslej pa bo skupaj s svojim dobrim možem Jakobom pri Bogu in Mariji molila za obilje Božjega blagoslova

svoji dobrji družini, sorednikom in prijateljem in vsej slovenski skupnosti.

Kot ji je v cerkvi pri pogrebni maši zagotovil

vnuč Marko: vsi jo bomo ohranili v trajnem, ljubečem spominu.

Hvaležni prijatelji

## Alojz Rebula: Ob 15-letnici slovenske države

(NADALJEVANJE s str. 12)

Dejansko je nastanek te naše ljube slovenske države tako malo uskladljiv z realnostjo zgodovine, da marsikateri kristjan pri tem pomisli na neko nadzgodovinsko pomoč, ki je s krščanskega vidika povsem možna, če pomislimo, koliko krščanske krvi je slovenska zemlja popila med zadnjo vojno. V večnosti bo znano tudi to, ali morda neodvisna in demokratična slovenska država ni bila kratkomalo izprošena. Koliko je narodov, večjih kot slovenski, ki svoje države še nimajo?

Vsekakor je danes tu s svojo zastavo, svojo himno, svojim parlamentom, svojo vlado, z že več univerzami, z akademijo znanosti in umetnosti, s svojo narodno škofovsko konferenco, s svojo dobro telovadno in slabo nogometno reprezentanco.

Slovenska neodvisna in demokratična država je tu. Morda bolj dar zgodovine (ali Previdnosti za tiste, ki verujejo) kot naše prizadevnosti, čeprav naporov Demosove vlade s predsednikom Lojzetom Peterletom nočem niti malo zmanjševati.

A da je zgodovina ali Previdnost lahko poklonilo Slovencem ta dar, namreč države, je morala imeti nekaj, kamor je mogla ta dar položiti: morala je imeti narod, slovenski narod.

Pred državo je bil narod in zato je narod nad državo. Država črpa svoj obstoj samo iz naroda. Narod je lahko brez države, država brez naroda ne more obstajati.

Narod ne sovпадa z državo. Zunaj Slovenije danes živi kakega pol milijona Slovencev, praktično četrtina našega naroda. Slovenska narodna zavest državnih meja ne more priznati, čeprav jih politični realizem seveda prizna. V svojo ljubezen ta zavest vključuje celotno slovensko narodno telo, od porabskega do primorskega in koroškega zamejstva, do slovenske diasporje v Evropi, Kanadi, Avstraliji in še posebej do najbolj konzistentne in ustvarjalne v Argentini.

Gre torej za dva darova, s katerima nas je obdarovala zgodovina oziroma Previdnost. Za dar naroda in dar države. Brez daru naroda bi bili utonili v močvirju zgodovine, kakor so se vanj pogreznili Iliri in Kelti, Huni in Langobardi. Brez države bi bili danes skupek manjšin, začenši z osrednjo, matično, zapisano počasni ali morda celo hitri balkanizaciji.

Ta dva darova – narod in država – sta danes en sam dar: Slovenija.

Za dar moraš biti hvaležen.

Naša narodna zavest zmore tudi očitek zgodovini, česa vsega nam ni dala.

A kaj, če bi enkrat obstali pred tem, kar nam je le dala? Kar nam je dala, začenši s tem zemljepisnim Edenom, v katerega nas je položila, deželo zelene Soče, mogočne Save in Drave, srebrnih Kamniških in Julijskih Alp, sanjskih dolenskih gričev in kanaanskih vipavskih vinogradov? Kaj, če bi pomislili, da nam je zgodovina dala pesnike kot Prešerna in Kosovela, svetnike kot Barago in Slomška, može kakor generala Maistra, arhitekta Plečnika, politika Pučnika, človeko-ljuba Opeko?

Bodimo torej hvaležni zgodovini in Prasili nad njo. Za hvaležnost pa je dovolj ljubezen. Ljubi in delaj, kar hočeš, je rekel veliki Avguštin. Naj ga modernizram: ljubi Slovenijo in delaj, kar hočeš.

Hodi po Evropi in povej, kje je med Baltikom in Sredozemljem kaj lepšega. Uči se tuje jezik in povej, ali je v njih več pristnosti, kot je je v slovenščini.

(DALJE na str. 14)

Slovenska zgodovina brez očitnih ideoloških ali političnih predznakov?

## Intervju: Dr. Peter Vodopivec, zgodovinar

### II. del – konec

Tony Judt v svoji zgodovini povojne Evrope na koncu pravi, da je Auschwitz točka, za katero moraš vedeti, če hočeš biti Evropejec. So pripadniki vojaških enot, ki so prisegli zvestobo Hitlerju, vedeli, komu prisegajo in da so za tem koncentracijska taborišča?

Kaj so o Auschwitzu in koncentracijskih taboriščih vedeli domobranci vojaki, ki so prisegali na stadionu za Bežigradom, je težko reči. Rupnikov zet in sekretar Stanko Kociper pa piše, da je imel Rupnik sam težave s prsego, saj se je zavedal, da je problematična. Popustil je, ker ni imel izbire, saj je bil povsem v nemških rokah.

**So zagotavljali normalno delovanje okupacije?**

Seveda. Toda za mno-  
ge med njimi to ni bil glavni motiv za vključitev v domobranci vojsko. Mnogi so bili prepričani, da rešujejo predvsem sebe, kar pa se je na kon-

Vsaj posamezniki so torej vedeli, da je to,

kar počno, vprašljivo, in na to so jih ves čas opozarjali tudi Slovenci iz emigracije. V domobranci vojsko so se pri tem seveda vključevali mnogi mladi fantje, ki so se hoteli izogniti mobilizaciji v nemško vojsko ali v partizanske enote. Prepričani so bili, da bodo slovenske kraje ščitili pred napadi partizanov, potem so pa z Nemci sodelovali v protipartizanskih bojih.

**Kaj torej lahko rečemo? Res je prišlo do upora proti okupaciji, komunisti pa so ga med drugim izrabili za revolucijo?**

Da. In to z nasiljem in likvidacijami političnih nasprotnikov. Mogoče je seveda uglibati o tem, ali bi do kolaboracije prišlo tudi, če bi bila komunistična politika manj nasilna, saj je bil prepad med levico in tradicionalnimi strankami na Slovenskem že pred vojno globok.

Ob priložnosti so mi tudi slovenski emigranti v Clevelandu potrdili, da je bil prepad med tradicionalnimi strankami in nestranskim narodnim obrambnim gibanjem, ki se je povezovalo s komunisti, že v tridesetih letih tako globok, da konsenz o skupnem nastopu proti okupatorju leta 1941 ni bil več mogoč.

Delitve med vojno so bile rezultat politične polarizacije, ideološkega ekskluzivizma in nestrnosti v slovenskih tridesetih letih. Iskati krivce za notranjeslovenski spopad med drugo svetovno vojno samo na eni ali na drugi strani je tako dokaj nepreprečljivo.

Komunisti so jih videli samo v meščanskih strankah, tradicionalne stranke jih vidijo samo v komunistih. Eno in drugo je

## REBULA: Ob 15. obletnici...

(NADALJEVANJE s str. 13)

Beri tuje knjige in povej, ali se slovenska beseda mora res skrivati pred tujo. Opazuj druge narode in povej, ali se mora slovenski človek sramovati svojega človeškega profila. Pozanimaj se po bivših taboriščih, ali so se Slovenci v njih najslabše izkazali.

Z eno besedo: ljubi Slovenijo in potuj, beri, opazuj, delaj, kar hočeš!

Naj končam.

Katero slovensko srce more reči danes topleje od izmučenega primorskega: Naj živi Slovenija?

*Ponatisnjen uvodni članek iz tržaške revije "MLADIKA", štev. 5-6, julij 2006*

enostransko. Za spopad sta vedno potrebna vsaj dva.

**Kje pa vzroke vidite vi?**

V skrajni ideološki in politični polarizaciji pred vojno in tudi med njo.

**Državljanska vojna se je potem takem začela pred svetovno vojno?**

Državljanska vojna ima korenine v tridesetih letih in v tedanjih skrajnih političnih delitvah. Bogo Grafenauer je to leta 1991 nazorno pokazal na podlagi volilnih rezultatov.

V drugi polovici tridesetih let je že prišlo do radikalne razdelitve slovenskega volilnega telesa na dva bloka. En del se je, razočaran nad meščanskimi strankami, nezaupljiv in celo sovražen do njihovih voditeljev, vključil v tako imenovano narodno obrambno gibanje in celo približal komunistom. Drugi del pa je bil zavezан tradicionalnim strankam oziroma je podpiral predvsem Slovensko ljudsko stranko.

Dedičino takšnih razmer na svoj način čutimo vse do današnjega časa, saj med političnimi tabori še vedno ni pravega dialoga in pripravnosti na konsenzualne politične odločitve.

Po koncu vojne so Angleži predali ljudi, ki so zbežali v Avstrijo, jugoslovanskim in slovenskim oblastem, večina pa jih je bila pobita. Koliko?

Gledano s širšega jugoslovanskega vidika ne vemo točno koliko, ker število predanih hrvaških domobranov še ni natančno ugotovljeno. Slovencev so predali okoli deset do dvajset tisoč, skupaj s tistimi, ki so jih pozaprlji v Sloveniji, jih je bilo potem likvidiranih več kot trinajst tisoč šeststo, morda štirinajst tisoč. To vemo.

**(DALJE na str. 15)**

## V BLAG SPOMIN

Ob sedmi obletnici smrti nam dragega moža, očeta in starega očeta



## LOJZE JAREM

Umrl 15. septembra 1999.

Kako smo srčno Te ljubili, prezgodaj smo Te izgubili, preljubi mož in oče Ti, naj Ti večna Luč gori. Lepo nam je misel na Te, na prijazni Tvoj nasmej, na besede ljubezni, ki imel si jih do vseh.

Žaluoči:

Štefka, žena  
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Z globoko žalostjo v srcih sporočamo vsem sorodnikom, znancem in prijateljem, da je dne 3. avgusta 2006 po težki bolezni na svojem domu Fox Trail, Madison, Indiana, za vedno zatisnila svoje blage oči in odšla po večno plačilo



### Stephanie Zidar Petroff

Rojena je bila dne 24. februarja 1957 v Clevelandu, Ohio, hčerka pokojnega Williama in Steffi Kotar Zidar.

Zapustila je moža Leslie Petroff, s katerim je bila poročena 25 let, hčerko Joy S. Coleman, sinova Peter in Philip, mater Štefi, sestro Marijo Minick in njen družino, strica Jožeta in teto Lojzko Kotar ter še veliko sorodnikov.

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Lepa nam je misel na Tebe, Steffie, na Tvoj prijazen nasmej, in na besede ljubezni, ki si jih imela do nas vseh.

Žalujoča mama Štefi; Lojze Hribar, očim; mož Leslie Petroff (Madison, Ind.); hči Joy S. Coleman, njen mož Joe, sinova Peter in Philip ter nečaka Dylan in Logan; sestra Marija Minick in njen mož Philip ter veliko sorodnikov.

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### FRANK ORAZEM

Umrł dne 14. sept. 1986.

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## DR. PETER VODOPIVEC...

(NADALJEVANJE S STR. 14)

V zgodovinskih knjigah je bil ta pogoj dolg izbrisani.

To je bila vse do propada Jugoslavije in komunizma najbolj strog tabu tema.

Je bilo Mitji Ribičiču nerodno? Če njega kot preživelega visokega funkcionarja vzamemo kot zgled.

Mitja Ribičič o tem marsikaj zanimivega večto sem prepričan, seveda pa Ribičič ni pobijal ljudi. Lahko bi pojasnil mehanizem odločanja in pokazal na dejanske odgovorne za pogoje. Odločitev o likvidaciji vrnjenih beguncov je padla v Beogradu, slovensko politično vodstvo pa se je z njo strinjalo. Brez pristanka in sodelovanja slovenskih voditeljev pogoj – vsaj v tako množičnem obsegu – ne bi bil mogoč.

Sicer pa pobiranja ni bilo mogoče povsem skruti. Pri taki množici pomorjenih je to čisto logistično nemogoče. Toda komunistični voditelji so vztrajali pri molku, ker so se bali. Zmago nad fašizmom in okupatorji so vse od leta 1945 prikazovali v izrazito svetli luči in osvoboditeljsko-zmagovalni mit spremenili v enega ideoloških temeljev povojske Jugoslavije. Če bi resnica o pogojih prišla na dan, bi takšno sliko neizogibno postavilo pod vprašaj.

Končno se je to res tudi zgodilo.

To zdaj nam komplira življenje. Drugo svetovno vojno smo si ogledali v ameriških filmih. Na čigavi strani smo bili Slovenci v drugi svetovni vojni? Na strani Johna Wayna in Seana Connerya, ki sta

v Najdaljšem dnevu osvobodila Francijo, ali na strani Kurta Jürgensa in mladih fantov, ki so z mislio na Schillerja in Goetheja neko jutro pred plažo Omaha zaledali tisoč ameriških ladij? Kaj je naša zgodovinska dedičina?

Smo bili na strani Auschwitza ali teh, ki so se izkrcali v Normandiji?

Kot narod smo bili na več straneh. Tukaj slovenski narod – kot že rečeno – nima ene same zgodovine. To je jasno.

Mene je po svoje presenetilo, da se o pregnjanju Judov in Romov ter o koncentracijskih taboriščih med pripadniki protipartizanske strani skoraj ni razmišljalo ali govorilo. In nekaj je bilo znanega že na Štajerskem, kjer so na primer psihiatrične bolnike odpeljali in pobili takoj na začetku vojne.

Vseeno je bilo ljudi, ki so zares simpatizirali z nacional-socializmom, na Slovenskem zelo malo. Tudi Rupnika je fascinirala predvsem nemška vojska in gospodarska moč.

Vendar so Slovence vozili v taborišča.

Ne samo to. Domo branci so nasprotnike zapirali in jih predajali Nemcem, ti pa so jih poslali ali v Begunje, kjer so jih streljali, ali pošljali naprej v taborišča.

Kaj so pri tem razmišljali, ne vemo. Vseeno ni mogoče reči, da so bili na strani Auschwitza ali taborišč, je pa jasno, da so bili povezani z okupatorjem.

Slovenci kot narod smo bili tako na strani tistih, ki so branili Normandijo, in na strani tistih, ki so prišli čez morje.

Predstavniki tradicionalnih strank in domobranksih enot sedaj lahko govorijo, da so bili vsi za zavezniško zmago. Vendar ni povsem jasno, kako so si to predstavljali, saj so jih iz Lippa večkrat kritizirali zaradi kolaboracije.

Bili smo tudi na strani sovjetskih enot.

Komunisti so bili ideo loško ves čas na strani Sovjetske zveze. Ni pa bil Stalin enako vnet podpornik odpora v Jugoslaviji, sploh pa ne njegov pod budnik in organizator. Stalin je bil do avtohtonih odporniških gibanj v splošnem zelo nezaupljiv. Jugoslovanski komunisti so se med vojno čutili bliže Stalini, kot pa se je Stalin čutil blizu gibanju, ki so ga tukaj organizirali.

Revolucija se je začela med vojno. Povojske likvidacije so bile brutalno nadaljevanje revolucije.

Tega ne pripisujete vojni?

Ne. Revolucija se je začela leta 1941 z likvidacijo nasprotnikov, ki so bili politični nasprotniki, vendar se še niso z orodjem postavili po robu komunističnim idejam o organizirani odpore.

Narod je imel smolo. Nekako se je prebil skozi vojno in potem dobil stalinizem?

Vojna je bila zelo brutalna. Med prebivalci na ozemlju današnje slovenske države je bilo – kot vemo danes – okoli sto tisoč žrtev. Ogromno je bilo razrušenega. Velik del ljudi je pričakal partizansko vojsko kot osvoboditeljsko vojsko. Finžgar jih je lepo pozdravil: "Pridite v miru. Tisto o zlatu, ki ga prinašate, pa pustimo, ker je globoko zakopano in ga bo treba še izkopati."

Izkazalo se je, da je bilo obljudljeno zlato res zelo globoko zakopano. Večina ljudi je obnovu domovine pričakala mirno ali pri njej celo sodelovala z navdušenjem. Zmagovalci pa so prišli bolj z ognjem in mečem kot s pripravljenostjo na mir.

Vseeno lahko o stalinističnem obdobju v slovenski politiki govorimo le do leta 1949 ali 1950. Potem se je začel sistem spremnijati. Jugoslavija je bila res vse do konca av-

toritarna, v marsičem celo policijska država, toda označevati celotno obdobje od leta 1945 do 1990 za stalinistično ali boljševistično za zgodovinarja ni prepričljivo.

Jugoslovanski komunisti so, ko so se leta 1948 odmaknili od Moskve, iskali drugačne oblike organiziranja, kot so bile sovjetske. Organizacija gospodarstva je počasi postajala drugačna, organizacija države in politike tudi.

Partija pa je še naprej funkcionalala po boljševiških zgledih – od zgoraj navzdol. Težko je govoriti tudi o neostalinizmu v sedemdesetih letih. Takrat sta se jugoslovanska država in družba že močno razlikovali od države, družbe in gospodarstva v Sovjetski zvezi, Vzhodni Nemčiji ali drugih državah vzhodnega bloka.

Ko začnete pisati o sedemdesetih in osemdesetih letih, spremeni te ton. Fokus obrnete na državotvorne Slovence, podcenite Radio Študent, Mladino in druge sorodne institucije in močno poudarite Novo revijo.

Moje pisanje je sintetično, družbena in kulturna gibanja, ki niso posej artikulirala političnih ciljev ali zahtev, sem zavestno obravnaval v poglavju, ki se ukvarja s kulturo.

Moj namen ni bil teleološko pripeljati zgodbo v osamosvojitev. Sam sem bil od začetka član uredništva Nove revije, vendar do trenutka, ko so bili tanki okoli Ljubljane, nisem verjal v zgodbo o osamosvojitvi.

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Pri tem nisem bil sam. Tudi 57. številka Nove revije v tej luči ni program slovenske osamosvojitve. Nekateri pisci so sicer pisali o slovenski državnosti, toda glavni zahtevi večine med njimi sta bili zahteva po demokratizaciji in po preoblikovanju jugoslovanske federacije v ohlapnejšo skupnost, ki bo posameznim enotam dopuščala večjo samostojnost.

Kot pri drugih družbenih gibanjih je bila tudi pri Novi reviji začetna vodilna misel demokratizacija. Nacionalni program se je nato oblikoval postopoma, pod vplivom povsem drugačnih, centralističnih in še vedno komunističnih teženj v srbski politiki in rastočega srbskega nacionalizma, vendar razmišljanja o slovenski samostojnosti na Slovenskem do konca osemdesetih let še niso imele večinske podpore prebivalstva.

Še leta 1989, ko se podpisujejo Temeljna listina in Majniška izjava, podpiše Temeljno listino trikrat več ljudi kot Majniško.

Do preobrata v javnem razpoloženju je prišlo šele konec osemdesetih let. To je bil radikalni preobrat glede na slovensko nacionalno ideologijo in celotno prejšnjo slovensko zgodovinsko izkušnjo. Za marsikoga je to pomenilo skočiti v prazen bazen. ■

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**LUCIJA HORVAT**

(Demokracija, 10. avg. 2006)



**Ljubljana** — Restavriranje Quaglijevih poslikav na ladijskem oboku in zahodni steni ljubljanske stolnice sv. Nikolaja je interdisciplinarni projekt, saj so pri njem sodelovali različne stroke pa tudi sodelavci iz tujine.

Z ZVKDS, Restavratorskim centrom so sodelovali italijanski restavratorji Nevyjel & Ragazzoni, akademski slikar restavrator Dare Tratar, SER.CO.TEC iz Trsta, Zavod za gradbeništvo, Institut Jožef Stefan, Fakulteta za arhitekturo, Akademija za likovno umetnost, Narodna galerija, Fakulteta za kemijsko tehnologijo, ZRC – SAZU in Geodetski inštitut Slovenije.

**V devetih mesecih**

Stolnica sv. Nikolaja je bila zgrajena po idejnem načrtu teaj najslavnnejšega rimskega arhitekta, sli-

karja in teoretika Andrea Pozza v l. 1701 do 1707, poslikana pa je bila med letoma 1703 in 1706.

Ladijski strop je lombardijski baročni slikar Giulio Quaglio, ki si je svoj ugled utrdil s poslikavami palač in cerkva po Furlaniji, poslikal v okoli devetih mesecih, od maja do oktobra 1705 in od aprila do julija 1706; zahodna stena je bila poslikana avgusta 1706. Delo je Quaglio izvršil ob pomoči svojega učenca Carla Carloneja in drugih pomočnikov.

Obočna poslikava ladje ljubljanske stolnice je pomembna za razvoj iluzionističnega stenskega slikarstva v Sloveniji in hkrati sodi med najboljša in najzrelejša Quaglijeva umetniška dela.

V središču poslikave je podoba Boga v nebeški glori, okoli nje pa je apoteoza sv. Nikolaja, zavetnika stolnice, ki preganjam kristjanom v času Dioklecijana in Maksimilijana v utehu kaže

na Zmagoslavje sv. Križa. Poslikavo dopolnjujejo angeli, puti in apostoli, občudujemo pa lahko tudi prisopobe krščanskih kreposti in različne baročne dekorativne motive.

Na zahodni strani sta upodobljena tudi dva prizora iz čudežev sv. Nikolaja: *Sv. Nikolaj se prikaže roparjem in Vandal tepe sliko sv. Nikolaja*, ter prizor *Izvolitev sv. Nikolaja za škofa v Miru*. Na slednjega je vkomponiran tudi portret stolnega dekana Janeza Antona Dolničarja (1662 – 1714), ki je bil glavni pobudnik za graditev in poslikavo nove baročne stolnice. Ta poslikava je danes nedostopna, ker je skrita za srednjo orgelsko omaro.

**Poškodbe so bile hude**

Priprave na restavriranje stolnice sv. Nikolaja so se začele že leta 1997, ko so začeli z raziskavami, načrtovanjem programa. Poslikave so bile močno poškodovane predvsem zaradi vlage, ki je povzročila odstopanje in mehurjenje barve.

Zaradi krčenja in raztezanja materialov so nastale na njih tudi široke razpoke.

Restavratorska dela so se začela, potem ko so leta 2002 postavili velik oder, ki je omogočil restavratorsko delo in hkrat

ti nemoteno opravljanje obredov v stolnici.

S sondiranjem in preizkušanjem so najprej določili metode restavriranja, potem pa se je začelo mehansko in kemično čiščenje poslikav, utrjevanje barvnih plasti, polnjenje razpok, sanacija poškodb in retuša poslikav.

Vse raziskave, ki so bile narejene v okviru del, so pomembno pripomogle k večjemu poznavanju in vrednotenju Quaglijevih poslikav ter njegovega slikarskega opusa nasprotni.

Obnova poslikav v ljubljanski stolnici pomeni tudi uvod v praznovanje tristote obletnice njene posvetitve, ki bo 8. maja 2007. ■

## Novo mesto – 400 novih zaposlitev

**Novo mesto** — V novomeškem Revozu so v začetku septembra objavili širšo oglaševalsko akcijo za 400 novih delavcev, ki jih nameravajo zaposliti za določen čas najmanj enega leta z možnostjo podaljšanja delovnega razmerja.

Predvideno delo v večinoma v nočni izmeni, nekaj novih delovnih mest pa je predvidenih

## ISKRENA ZAHVALA...

CLEVELAND, O. — ...prav vsem, ki ste bili kakor koli udeleženi ob našem romanju k svetišču Žalostne Matere božje, ki ga poznamo tudi kot romanje v Frank, Ohio.

Zahvala vsem vam, ki ste javno vabili in oglašali, ali po radiju, časopisu, cerkvenih bulletinih. In, na dan romanja, tudi vsem vam, ki se niste ustrašili deževnega vremena, ki pa se je obrnilo in tako smo imeli lep dan, četudi malo bolj na toplo. Tako pa smo lahko opravili vse pobožnosti, kakor vedno: sv. mašo v odprtih cerkvih, sv. križev pot na prostem in, za zaključek, pete litanijske Matere božje in z blagoslovom Najsvetejšega.

Hvala gre vsem pevcem pri maši in litanijsah, prijateljem iz Kanade, zvestemu organistu in pomičnikom, še posebej pa č.g. Pavetu Krajniku, za svete obrede.

Najlepše se zahvalimo vsem vam, ki ste darovali več kot je bila voznila. Ves preostanek bo porabljen v dobre namene.

Naj bo vse to v večjo čast Bogu in v spomin naših mučencev, v kateri namen so ta romanja!

Za odbor DSPB: v t

tudi v obeh dnevnih izmenih. Nočno izmeno bo do uvedli novembra.

V Revozu so za pridobivanje novih delavcev, predvsem za potrebe proizvodnje novega vozila, že vzpostavili konkretnejše sodelovanje z zavodom za zaposlovanje, kar pomeni, da nove delavce iščejo s pomočjo območnih enot zavoda za zaposlovanje, ne izključujejo pa niti možnosti prezaposlovanja določenega števila delavcev iz krške družbe Vipap Videm, kjer v teh dneh zapirajo vrat za proizvodnjo celuloze.

Ker so zahteve Revoza za sprejem na delo v nočni izmeni dokaj visoke, tako ni izključeno, da bi se ponovil primer, ko zaradi premalo kandidatov, bi vzeli v službo delavce iz Slovaške.

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